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DROR**

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AN UPDATE ON THE  
ACTIVITIES OF BRITISH  
*HABONIM - DROR*  
SPRING 1993

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*'Building the future'*



## **1) INTRODUCTION:**

After our successful Veida and Winter Machanot, British Habonim-Dror has been implementing the changes mandated by the Veida and continuing with our work so successfully executed in the Autumn and Winter terms up and down the country. As we approach the Summer, we are preparing for the **TEN MACHANOT** on offer to Jewish Youth in Great Britain.....

## **2) SUMMER MACHANOT:**

This summer, Habonim-Dror will take over 550 Chaverim on Machaneh: 160 places on **FOUR** Machanot Yisrael filled up in just four days indicating the reputation we have earned over the past few years; Machaneh Lomdim (17yrs) to Eastern Europe is now oversubscribed with 50 applications; Machaneh Rishonim (14yrs, French Alps) and Sayarim (15yrs, Holland) are almost full with eighty Chanichim each; Machaneh Ofarim (11-13yrs, Snowdownia, Wales) is slowly filling up and we have just launched our new project for Amelim (8-11yrs).....

### 3) THE 1993 AMELIM ROADSHOW:

In the past we, like all other Youth Movements, have been unable to run Machanot for this age group primarily because parents are unwilling for their children to go camping for two weeks. Therefore, this year, we are offering our services to any community in this country for a DAY SCHEME based on Jewish Identity and Israel.

We are hiring a minibus to travel around the country for two weeks offering children an opportunity to participate in a Jewish environment. We are focusing specifically on small, provincial communities who have no other activities planned for this age group. We hope to touch 300 Jewish Children who, without our Roadshow, would have had no Jewish activities this summer. This, we hope, will become a regular feature of our calendar.

### 4) STAFFING AT MACHANOT:

The Va'ad Tsivut (Personnel Committee) has already chosen all the Madrichim for our Summer Machanot. However, the growth in the size of our Movement has not been accompanied by a proportionate growth in the number of Staffing places. Therefore, over DOUBLE the amount of Madrichim applied for places this summer. Inevitably, many had to be let down, especially Junior Madrichim.

However, Junior Madrichim have the opportunity to go on their own Machaneh (Lomdim) to Eastern Europe which began for the first time last summer with tremendous success.

5) WOMEN'S MOVEMENT:

As mandated by our Veida, Habonim-Dror has launched their own Women's Movement as a response to the growing number of Madrichot who felt the need for such a forum. Their first meeting in London was attended by some 30+ Madrichot and included a speaker from the National Abortion Campaign. More Women's activities will follow north of London.

6) STUDENT MOVEMENT:

Habonim-Dror, in conjunction with Mapam and Avodah, have agreed to the founding of a new Labour/Left Zionist Student Movement. This will be launched in September 1993 and will be co-ordinated by a full-time fieldworker based in Manchester.

The aim of such a movement is to provide Students with an educational, political and ideological vehicle upon which they can clearly express the voice of the Zionist Labour/Left.

## 7) SHICHAVOT WEEKENDS:

In mid-February, we took 275 Chaverim to Derbyshire for four separate weekends. Each weekend was based on a relevant theme, most notably the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto. As a Zionist Youth Movement, and specifically as the members of Dror, we are educating our Chaverim about the important role played by Youth Movements and especially about the resistance as one of the most positive aspects of the Shoa. Consequently, we are sending a number of delegates to Poland and Israel on Shoa Seminars.

## 8) PUBLICATIONS:

Koleinu, volume 13 No. 2, hit the streets last week and is the written testament of the news and views of the Ma'apilim of British Habonim-Dror. The feature "Zionism in the 1990's - Game Over?" is a subject constantly challenging us as Zionist Youth. The articles convey hope and a commitment to fulfill our dream.

Ma Pitom, volume 1 No. 2, concentrates on three issues relating to our three ideological pillars, and provides Hadracha and Chinuch materials on these subjects for our Madrichim. This issue focuses on Pesach, Homelessness and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Ma Chadash, our monthly publication for Senior Ma'apilim, continues to inform them on crucial news in Israel and in the Tnua.

The first edition of D'vash Ve'Oketz, our Aliya Choveret, received a great response from our Mizgeret and Kvutsat Aliya. This issue concentrates on higher education in Israel and is compiled from materials given to us by the Aliyah Department of the W.Z.O.

9) Mizgeret and Kvutsat Aliya:

Our Mizgeret met last month with over 35 Senior Chaverim addressed by Community Shlichim Dani Peleg (Glasgow) and Yanki Tepler (Leeds). Many Chaverim felt the need to discuss the implications of the recent deportation of over 400 Palestinians (Hammas) from Israel. Whilst this was not a strictly "Aliya Issue", our Chaverim believe in addressing wider issues relating to Israel and OUR future.

The Kvutsat Aliya of Twenty-Four Chaverim committed to Aliya by 1995, met at our Central Shaliach's house for Shabbat Dinner to discuss the practical implications of their own Aliya. It was a kind of "open heart" session where everyone expressed their fears and hopes about their futures. The first Shlav will arrive in Israel in September.

#### 10) THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT:

Chaim Herzog, President of the State of Israel and BOGER of DUBLIN HABONIM, was welcomed by over 500 Chaverim from all Tnuot. Almost 100 Chaverim in Chultzot greeted him at the King David Suite in London. He is the ultimate Dugma for all of our Chaverim and we ensured that our presence did not pass him by unnoticed.

#### 11) CHAFIFA SEMINAR:

With next year's Tsevet already chosen, we are beginning to prepare them for Movement Work. Instead of waiting until the summer, we are having a two-day seminar in London to plan our strategy for the coming year. Having to choose four people from seven equally qualified candidates was no easy task, and undoubtedly, the movement next year will continue to grow from strength to strength.

#### 12) SOUTHGATE KEN:

Whilst all the other Kinim across the country continue to welcome new Chanichim into our Tnua, we are extremely excited to announce the opening of a NEW KEN in SOUTHGATE, North London this sunday (March 21st).

After months of negotiation and preparation, we will open our doors to over 50 brand new previously UNAFFILIATED Chanichim. This project was in response to a request by Parents in the area concerned about the welfare of their children.

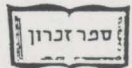
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## Habonim answers Southgate parents' plea

Habonim-Dror — a Zionist youth group — is opening a Southgate branch in response to requests from local parents anxious for their children to be involved in Jewish activities.

The first meeting will be held in

Barnet Synagogue on March 21. Soon after, the group will transfer to Southgate's new Hillel Primary School.

This is Habonim-Dror's 11th branch and will cater for 8-16-year-olds. The group will be run by local

junior leaders and supervised by southern field worker Mark Freedman, 23.

Mr Freedman has also received inquiries from children from the surrounding areas of Hadley Wood, Cockfosters and Enfield. Until now, many of the children had been travelling to Elstree or Finchley.

Activities will be based on the group's national educational programme, but Mr Freedman said: "We do not believe in sitting the kids down and lecturing. We've found it far more effective to watch a video, or work on a play together, which starts them thinking."

Until seven years ago, Southgate had one of the most flourishing Habonim-Dror branches, but it was forced to close when its building had to be demolished.

UN worker accused of ignoring attacked settler

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT JERUSALEM

Jerusalem this week complained to the UN relief agency, UNRWA, alleging that one of its employees had failed to help an Israeli settler, Yehoshua Weissbrod, as he was being attacked in Gaza last week.

The Israelis claimed that Katherine Striker, an American who has worked for the agency for two years, could have intervened when she and her Gazan driver encountered a crowd of Palestinians stoning Mr Weissbrod's vehicle.

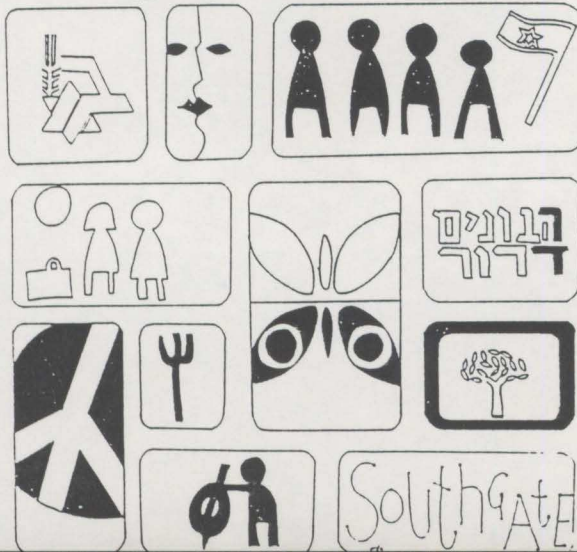
He was later killed by Palestinian gunmen.

Violence continued to flare in the territories this week, with one Israeli and two Palestinians killed — one of them by a settler, who later

**GRAND OPENING**  
**MARCH 21st**  
Barnet Synagogue,  
Eversliegh Road, EN5.  
4pm - 6.30pm/Ages 8-16  
price....£1.50

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## IN SOUTHGATE



Phone Mark on 071 435 9033 for further info

### 13) EUROPEAN CONNECTION:

In the past year, we have made concerted efforts to foster links with our comrades across the Channel. Habonim-Dror Holland have been sending participants on Shnat Hachshara for a number of years now and will continue to do so. Last month, we sent two Senior Madrichim to help Habonim-Dror Sweden run their Winter Skiing Machaneh.

As the oldest Habonim, we are helping one of the newest branches - Habonim-Dror Hungary. Machaneh Lomdim (17yrs) goes to Eastern Europe each summer and our Chaverim meet their Hungarian counterparts. We are also starting a campaign to send Jewish/Zionist books to Habonim-Dror Czechoslovakia.

Having attended a European Kinnus of Mazkirim in Amsterdam in November, it was apparent that the British Movement has a lot to offer the other European Movements in terms of educational/hadracha materials and experience. We will be taking some Swedish Chanichim on our Sayarim (Holland, 15yrs) and hopefully they will send a couple of Chaverim on our Shnat Hachshara. We are also using the same camp site for our Rishonim Machaneh in France and may link the two Machanot for a day.

Finally, our Central Shaliach has been involved

with Habonim-Dror Turkey and has visited them for a weekend seminar. Three Bogrim arrived in London during our Kvutsat Aliya meeting and introduced us to the underground world of Turkish Habonim-Dror.

#### 14) CONCLUSION:

Once again, this is clearly another indication of the growing nature of British Habonim-Dror. Whilst growth is accompanied by problems, they are of a different nature and pose no threat to the existence of our Tnua - only the kind of existence we lead. As we approach the Summer months we are looking forward to celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut with the wider community and then gearing all of our energies towards our TEN SUMMER MACHANOT.

Prior to them, however, we celebrate ourselves and our existence at "SABABA", the ONLY weekend for everyone in the whole Tnua under canvas in the countryside. This weekend represents the end of one Movement year and the beginning of another and ends on Sunday with YOM TNUA - a celebration of OURSELVES.

"AL TIKRA LANU BANAYICH.....  
.....ELA BONAYICH"

"CALL US NOT THY CHILDREN....  
.....RATHER THY BUILDERS"

Aleh Ve'Hagshem,  
Dan Goldberg and Jes Wilkins  
Mazkir and Mazkir-Elect