

## FPF JANUARY NEWSLETTER

### Rapid Response Team Report

A letter from one of our scholarship recipients: My name is Shlomit and I am 26 years old. In 2009 I decided to take the first step towards a degree and on 1 September 2009 I began a course to improve my Bagrut [mandatory] scores at the Netanya College. I was very excited and highly motivated. However, to my sorrow, after 5 and a half months, on 14 January 2010, I was forced to abandon the course of study in order to support and care for my mother, Z"l. My mother fought cancer but her condition worsened and became most difficult. In the end, the cancer won and she passed away on 10 November 2010.

Today I live with my brother under the same roof, but I don't receive support from anybody. I don't think that one has to pity me because of the terrible blow I received, as hard as it was. I have always been very industrious and I do the best I can to cope with my daily difficulties. I aspire to excellence and advancement and want to see myself in a better place in life. You obviously can comprehend how my financial situation does not permit me to obtain a profession and to become a teacher. Work with children has always been my dream.

I am turning to you with a request for understanding and assistance. Your help will be enormous and unforgettable for me. Hopefully you will understand my situation and will assist me to obtain an education.

Yours truly, Shlomit



Shlomit and RRT member Wendy

**Short takes:** In the last 2 months the RRT has awarded 15 scholarships for a total of NIS23,810. Four of the scholarships were to people from families we have helped in the past. There were three nursing scholarships and one for a computer networking course through Cisco. Y.S. from Welfare submitted a request for help with tuition for a two year course of continuing education that costs NIS7000. After some discussion it was decided to award him a scholarship of NIS2500. A shoe project has been completed after receiving a \$1000 donation from J. K. Fifteen pairs of shoes were given out.

If you would like to help Shlomit, and others like her, please visit our website ([www.fpf.org.il](http://www.fpf.org.il)) or call Anne Silverman 09 862 2243.

### PURIM cards now available!

Board member Rachel Ginsbury has designed beautiful new Purim cards for FPF to distribute. The cost will be 8 for NIS50 or 18 for NIS100. They are suitable to send by themselves or to accompany a Purim basket. There are four different cards available, including the two below. A flyer will be sent out soon with facsimiles of all the cards. They can be purchased from Anne Silverman or Rachel Ginsbury at [rachel@nr-ginsbury.com](mailto:rachel@nr-ginsbury.com).

**Check Our WEBSITE for the latest news and to DONATE**

Forgotten People Fund, Netanya, Israel <http://www.fpf.org.il> The fund for needy Ethiopian families in Israel  
(Israel Registered Charity No. 58-032-322-8)

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**LUNCHEON:** Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1:00 pm at the King Solomon Hotel, Netanya. Speaker: Yossi Katz , who has taught at the Alexander Muss High School (Israel) since 1980. Yossi will speak about his book, "A VOICE CALLED - STORIES OF JEWISH HEROISM." This riveting book is a collection of articles about some of the great Jewish heroes of modern times. The book is a collage of role-models and inspiring makers of Jewish history. Just a few facts facts about Yossi: he made Aliyah to Israel in 1978 and served in the IDF for over 25 years as a combat soldier in a Reconnaissance Unit of the Israeli Tank Corps. He has also served as Assistant Commander of the Jerusalem Information Unit where he lectured on Jewish and Arab history and the military history of the Israel Defense Forces. Yossi is a former Israeli National Boxing Champion and has represented Israel in international competition. He is also an experienced boxing instructor and has coached youth in Israeli prisons and community centers.

Members: NIS 65, Non Members: NIS 80. **Please reserve your place!** Contact Anne Silverman 09 862 2243 or [hihosilv@netvision.net.il](mailto:hihosilv@netvision.net.il)

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Forgotten People Fund (FPF) and Netanya AACI are proud to announce the showing of Gloria Z. Greenfield's excellent documentary **Unmasked: Judeophobia**, which was shown at the Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival and is now being presented around the world. See this important film in Netanya, on Sunday, February 12th at 5:00 PM in the auditorium of Young Israel Synagogue, on the corner of Shaul Ha Melech and Shlomo Ha Melech. The very reasonable price is NIS 50 for tickets bought in advance and NIS 60 at the door. In addition, Gloria Greenfield will be with us to introduce the film and answer questions about it after the showing. Download the trailer:

<https://rcpt.yousendit.com/1327052656/2387eec64b4351517e334aad7d3d5b59>

**Reservations a must!** Contact Anne Silverman 09 862 2243 or [hihosilv@netvision.net.il](mailto:hihosilv@netvision.net.il) or Aida Miller at [Yosaida@netvision.net.il](mailto:Yosaida@netvision.net.il), 052-230-8266. Tickets also available at

**WIN A CRUISE:** details to follow about a limited raffle for a fabulous cruise for two!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Tuesday May 8th The FPF Kosher Dining Experience is planning for a trip to Nachalat Binyamin by bus, together with a late lunch at the Goshen Restaurant.