



Quarterly Newsletter  
**July 2016**

Dear friends and supporters,

As the days are getting hotter and summer is almost nearing its peak, I invite you to relax with an iced cold drink and read all about the new and exciting developments in Chiburim.

### Engagements.....Marriages.....



Adir Salhov

I am happy to share with you three new weddings of Chiburim members: Nicole K., Tali R. and Adir S. all got married during the last three months. Nicole, is about to complete her BA in psychology and is now considering "returning the favor"- she wants to join our team of volunteer facilitators. Adir was very impressed with the dating opportunities he received in Chiburim and said to us: "It is heartwarming to know that such an organization exists and that there are such good people out there who care about us – the singles. I can't wait to hear about more weddings to come!"



Dana B. and Fiance

Dana B. has been a member of Chiburim for less than 6 months and soon after she completed her facilitation process with her volunteer facilitator, Chaya, she got engaged! When Yossi H. (32) decided he was going to propose marriage to Reut, one of the first people he shared this with was Nurit Cohen our longtime volunteer facilitator. That was no surprise as Nurit was instrumental in the personal process Yossi went through in Chiburim. In Yossi's own words: "Nurit was the best present I could have asked for myself! She was the right person in the right place for me and she helped me to overcome personal obstacles which otherwise would have left me far behind and with no chance of meeting Reut and establishing the meaningful relationship we have. I can't thank Nurit or Chiburim enough!"

### Farewell Rotem....Welcome Liel!



Liel Harel

Last month we held a farewell party to say goodbye and thank you to Rotem Sameach, who has been our training director at Chiburim for almost two years. Rotem started out as a volunteer facilitator at Chiburim and when the organization grew was offered the training director's position. Rotem developed the current Chiburim facilitation model and training sessions and was highly appreciated by the many volunteers whom he trained and mentored. Rotem has decided to move on to the next step in his career and we wish him good luck!

At the same event we introduced Liel Harel, a social worker by profession and a life coach for singles, who comes to us with both managerial and training experience, and a passion for working with single people who are in their journey to finding love. Liel is married to Yossi and together they are raising their four beautiful children. Welcome aboard Liel – we are happy to have you with us!



### Events

At the initiative of Rosalind Elbaum, one of our dedicated volunteers, we decided to spread the word of Chiburim to all the singles out there.....and going by the words of "כי מציון תצא" תורה ודבר ה' מירושלים we started with the Jerusalem singles scene. Wow! What a success! Over 90 singles from all walks of Jewish life in Jerusalem showed up to what turned out to be a fun and engaging evening! Good wine, good food, good programming and good company proved to be the right combination. Three couples went out on dates from that evening and many decided to go online and register to Chiburim, bringing us now to the wonderful number of 613 members (and counting...!)

Apparently we are answering a true need, since we have been getting many requests from people who could not make it to the first event asking that we hold another one and also people from the Tel-Aviv area who are interested in a Chiburim singles event for them.



In the upcoming months we are planning to expand these initiatives and establish collaborations with professional vendors in order to create new and exciting opportunities for Chiburim community members to meet each other, and... Who knows? Perhaps find their One?

As always, I welcome your responses and feedback. Your belief in our dream and mission is what keeps us going and you have a personal stake in the happiness of these wonderful people whose lives we touch every day.

Thank you!

Yours,  
Judi Stern,  
Founder and Chairperson.