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Festive Evening – Exposing Fidel's Activities

At the beginning of June Fidel held an exciting and festive evening in Petach Tikva, exposing the organization's activities attended by 350 guests: Mr. Yaacov Ben Simchon Deputy Mayor of Petach Tikva, MK Shlomo Mula, Mr. Pesecha Asgedom – Ethiopian Ambassador, donors, public figures and friends of the Association, pe'ilim? – check, parents and youth. The aim of the evening was to empower the youth and to provide them an opportunity to expose their activities and display their talents in the fields of music, dance and theatre. Two of the youth from the Kiryat Gat Youth Centre, successfully MC'd the evening (Einat FYI MC = master of ceremonies) and at the evening's end all of the participants sang a song together for a grand finale. The evening was both exciting as well as a great success.



Kiryat Gal Youth Centre Reopens

After a long, continuous and arduous struggle of the Kiryat Gat youth to prevent the closing of the Kiryat Gat youth center, which was recently opened and closed by City Hall, the center was reopened, a move sanctioned by Mayor Aviram Dahari. The reason for the struggle, demand on the part of the Deputy Mayor, a member of the Ethiopian Community, Ms. Shulamit Sahalo, to use the center for "Chozrei beteshuva", those returning from secular life to religious life.



Educational and Social Mediators Project in danger of closing/ending

In August 2008 26 Educational and Social Mediators lost their positions/were let go due to Ethiopian National Project budget cuts. The ENP continues to finance 3 Mediators in Ashkelon and Kiryat Gat



Youth Leadership Program

A new project in collaboration with Paamei Tikvah, Final and the Ministry of Absorption is underway and successfully running in Petach Tikva, Netanya and Or Yehuda. 45 youth from the ages 14-18 take part in the project/program. The project's goal is to empower





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and strengthen the capability of the youth to cope with the reality in which they find themselves, **and to provide them with necessary tools and skills to cope with changing life circumstances**, difficulties and challenges, exposure to a varied range of personal and group experiences aimed at strengthening their feelings of capability and self confidence, as well as encouraging them to be responsible and involved in communal life. In July all of the participants in the program took part in a Seminar at Neot Kedumim.

Scholarship Awards Ceremony

On the 9th of March, 2009 a Scholarship Awards Ceremony took place at the Motorola, Zisrael offices. Motorola representatives Mr. Yehuda Porat – Deputy Human Relations Officer, and Ms. Aimee Schutzman – Community and University Relations Manager took part, alongside Fidel's CEO Roni (Dessie) Akale

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