Welcome to British Emunah's Newsletter









OUR ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL

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With our fundraising events in the UK and our work in Israel, we are continuing to change the lives of children and families in need.

NEW BRITISH EMUNAH CEO

Lynda Dullop, formerly Immanuel College's director of admissions and operations, joins British Emunah as chief executive on 25th March. She replaces Deborah Nathan who is taking up a post with World Emunah in Israel. "It is a fantastic opportunity and I am very excited," said Lynda. "Emunah is a charity that touches people's hearts."

Before starting, Lynda went on British Emunah's mission in January and saw our Israel projects for the first time. "It has helped me begin to truly understand the tragedy and the trauma that children have endured and how Emunah helps and

improves their lives, often 24/7." Born in Newcastle, Lynda came to London in 1984 where she met her husband, Graham. They lived in South London where she was on the Catford and Bromley Synagogue board and ran the cheder and a toddlers' group. She is looking forward to meeting Emunah supporters across the UK and Israel.

British Emunah chair Rosalyn Liss said: "Lynda is a highly-experienced Jewish communal professional and we wish her every success in her new role."



BRITISH EMUNAH'S MOTHER & DAUGHTER TOUR IS A "MEMORABLE, PRECIOUS WEEK"

Senior policy advisor Shuli Davidovitch addressed the British Emunah Mother and Daughter Israel trip participants at the President's residence in Jerusalem. The briefing was an added bonus for the pre and post-Bat Mitzvah girls and their mothers on the tour led by British Emunah co-vice chair Sharon Dewinter and events executive, Alison Cohen.

"It was wonderful to see the pride the mums have for their daughters as they watched them having fun, enjoying and learning from their new experiences," comments Mrs Dewinter.
"As well as going to the Kotel and places such as the Bar Kochba Caves and Beit Guvrin

National Park — we visited Emunah high schools, day care centres and residential children's homes — places that you wouldn't normally see on a trip to Israel."

Mrs Dewinter cited the staff at Emunah centres in Israel who were "like angels" helping to care and support children from disadvantaged backgrounds and breaking the cycle of distress. Tour activities had also included a drama session and a chocolate making workshop.

Shelly Simons, mother of Bina, 11, said it was "special to see the work Emunah does."
The last word goes to Sara Selby (mother of

Maya, 11) who said: "We have all had the most memorable, precious week with our daughters and a fantastic group."



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SDEROT

The mission included a ground-breaking ceremony on the site where the expanded premises of Emunah's Sarah Ronson Family Crisis and Intervention Centre is being built in Sderot. Centre director Tami Beck and Israel advocate Adele Raemer spoke of living near the Gaza border – and the increased need for Emunah's services to support children and adults suffering from PTSD and anxiety.

Family members Amanda and Sidonie Ronson, the granddaughter and great-granddaughter of the late Sarah Ronson, came along. Amanda stressed the need for "Jews living outside of Israel to support Emunah in any way they can."

Earlier in the week, participants met World Emunah president Dina Hahn and director Shlomo Kessel – with Emunah Afula graduates explaining how the charity had cared for them and helped them to gain further education and careers.

They visited Emunah's Neve Landy Children's Village, a home for boys with severe social or emotional problems, many of whom have special educational needs and a multi-purpose Day Care Centre where very young children who have been identified as being at-risk are cared for all day with the support of an in-house social worker. Mission participants attended a fashion show at the Doris and Bertie Black Vocational High School for girls at Beit



Weinstein and received a financial briefing on Israel Emunah's budget at the Necha Sara Wolfson High School. There they also met one of Emunah's therapeutic clowns and learnt about this innovative therapy being piloted at Emunah's residential homes and later heard about Emunah's work promoting the status of women in Israeli society.



NEW BOYS' DORMITORY AT EMUNAH AFULA

Mission participants attended the opening of the renovated Beit Rothschild dormitory at the Emunah Sarah Herzog Children's Centre in Afula. Guests included the Mayor and Chief Rabbi of Afula; Israel Emunah CEO David Hadari and family members of some of the donors. "These beautiful new rooms will give the teenage boys who live in this building a home they can truly be proud of. We are grateful to all the donors whose generosity ensures Emunah can provide our life-changing services in Israel" said Rochelle Selby, chair of the British Emunah trustees."

In Israel, Emunah runs a network of more than 200 social welfare projects of which 37 are supported by British Emunah.



SEEING IS BELIEVING – ISRAEL MISSION 2019

British Emunah chairman Rosalyn Liss was delighted with recent developments at Emunah projects in Israel during the charity's four-day mission which took place at the end of January. "We have seen the transformation of our projects from our oldest in Afula to our newest in Sderot, each made possible by the generosity of our wonderful supporters in the UK," said Mrs Liss.







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