

We have interviewed our Moadon ladies about the new center

With help from Above, after much effort, we have completed the entry floor of our new Center. We endeavor to transfer all our activities to the new Center asap. In anticipation of the welcomed change we have asked several ladies from our Moadon to share their thoughts:



Batya Marian:

I am happy to attend the Moadon. It's fun to be with friends and family:

to laugh together and to enjoy various activities. I would like very much to see and to try new things at the new Center. I would like to stay later hours in the Moadon, because so often it is so boring to be at home.



Miriam Mazor:

I have been coming to Ezrat Avot for already 24 years. My children live in Tel Aviv

and it is difficult for them to visit. I enjoy attending the Moadon, to see my friends and to participate in all the activities. But, after all these years, it will be good to have better conditions, to come to a permanent and big place with fresh air, windows and sun. So then we can have more things to do and stay for a longer time each day.



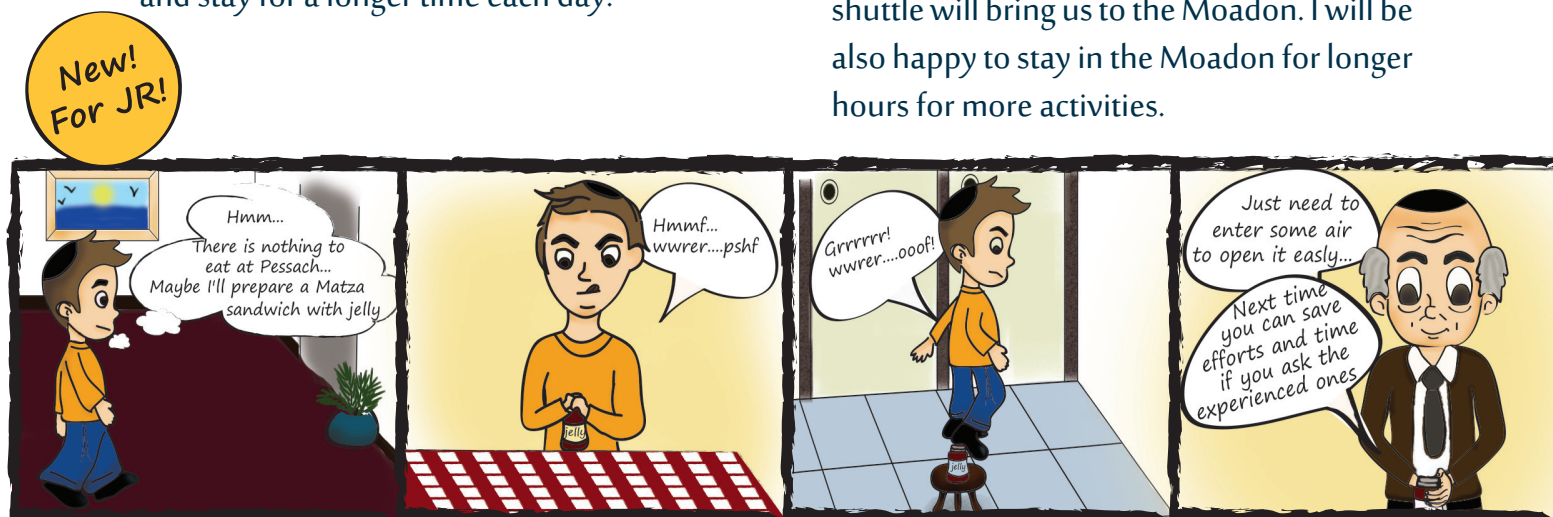
Miriam Marian:

I have been coming to the Moadon for five years already. It is pleasant to

enjoy various activities with my friends and my sister-in-law as a day passes. I will be happy when we move to a new building for a number of reasons, but especially because my stepmother lives in that area and would like to participate in the Moadon. I'll be happy to see her every day then. She just can't come to Ezrat Avot's present location.

Edna Yerushalmi (former policewomen):

I have been attending Ezrat Avot for seven years. It's fun to come here and to laugh with my friends. Unfortunately because of my health problems it's very difficult for me to travel to Ezrat Avot. There is no transportation to Ezrat Avot in its present location due to parking problems. I look forward to move to the new Center, so the shuttle will bring us to the Moadon. I will be also happy to stay in the Moadon for longer hours for more activities.



We'll be happy to receive your email address. Needless to say, it's another effort to be kind to the environment! We welcome you in becoming part of The Ezrat Avot family! Join us in bettering the lives of Jerusalem's elderly & poor. For credit card donations, call (972) 25825107 or make a donation through our website. Tax deductible donations by check can be mailed to our Jerusalem address. May you always be on the giving side!

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Let us retain the thought again this year that each of us personally left Egypt and made the journey to stand at the foot of Har Sinai. Let us truly internalize deep gratitude for our freedom and the privilege of returning to our Land. Pesach Kasher v'Sameach.

Dedicating Ohel Feiga Synagogue, Study Hall and Sefer Torah



What a beautiful way to honor the cherished memory of his wife, Feiga Dreisinger, and what an extraordinary gift Dr. Albert Dreisinger has provided the seniors of Jerusalem. It is truly a gift that will continue to bless for generations to come. Those who escorted the Torah to the Synagogue and all who entered the Synagogue for the first time to pray Maariv were deeply touched by the beauty and significance of this event.



The Dreisinger Family -daughter, son in law and 6 grandchildren

The Seudaht Mitzvah was well attended. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal while entertained by the exceptional violinist, Israel Geterer. You are invited to visit our new website to view all the pictures of the event. www.ezratavot.org Pictures can be found under the heading of 'the Center.'



Dr. Dreisinger carried the Torah to the Aron with the help of his son-in-law.

Project Hope

Project Hope introduces a personal touch to your support of the elderly in Jerusalem.

To preserve their dignity some may not want us to use their actual name, however, we will send you a profile of the person or family that you have chosen to support.

A donation of \$56 provides daily meals for one week, \$224 provides meals for 4 weeks \$728 provides daily meals for 13 weeks (3 mos.) weeks and so on.

Please let us know if you wish to include a message for the recipient.

A brief excerpt from the testimony of one of our Seniors

My name is Eli and I was born in the Middle-East. In 2012 I was injured in a traffic accident as I was on my way from my place of work to attend Mincha Prayer. Instead I was taken to the hospital where I remained for a long time followed by a long period of rehabilitation. Now I remain crippled and am bedridden. The Social Welfare Institution has granted me a small pension because I am 70% disabled. It is not sufficient to my need and I require supplement aid which is provided to me by the Chesed Organization known as Ezrat Avot. I am so grateful to our Creator for the help I receive from this wonderful organization.

Our Moadon



On Purim this year it was decided that the ladies would create their own 'noise-makers' to drown out the name of 'H-whirrrrr-n' when Megillah Esther is read. The ladies enjoyed a Purim party again this year and welcomed a special guest who introduced celebratory activities encouraging their participation. It is not enough to be spectators, each must become active. At the Seniors Health and Life Enrichment Center there will be many more activities available to members of the Moadon, and all who visit the Center, as we progress in fulfilling our goals.

Purim Cards



Jane and Jonathan Medved donate our Purim cards each year encouraging a gift to the elderly in place of the personally delivered 'Misloach manot.' Thank you to all who purchase these lovely cards to send to their friends. The cards serve a twofold purpose, first to let friends know they are remembered and secondly to introduce the charitable efforts of Ezrat Avot for the elderly.

A Surprise for Abba and Savta



Shira created this picture for her Abba (father) and Savta (grandmother) and it made them both so happy.

There are many Grandmas and Grandpas in Israel who are feeling lonely. Would you like to cheer them up?

You can send us a handwritten note or create a picture as Shira did and we will send you a photo of their smile as they receive your greeting.

Next Steps for the Center

Encouraged by the addition of activity rooms, library, synagogue and study hall our next immediate focus is to complete a state-of-art kitchen facility to serve the expanding need, a separate dining room for the elderly members of the Moadon and, of course, an elevator to bring our seniors to the forthcoming therapy rooms, activity rooms and garden areas.

Our Website has an entirely new face



Take a look at our newly created website, www.ezratavot.org. The basics are in place with room to grow and it will become more interesting with time. We are extremely pleased to have adopted the secure PayPal method to receive donations. PayPal has been tested and tried to earn the reputation for trouble free and secure transfer of funds. We hope you will enjoy the changes.

Like us on Facebook



Most people understand this phrase but some of us seniors need an introduction. Our social media platform is Facebook. It allows participants to 'like' 'share' and 'comment' on what they see or read. The more 'likes' that appear creates wider coverage and many more people will learn about the work of Ezrat Avot. When people like what they see on a Facebook page it can spread globally which is what they call 'going viral.' Many Facebook participants desire to support the elderly through a Safta and Saba program.

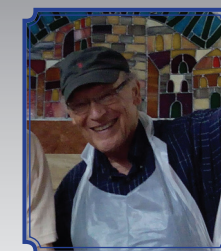
Mazal Tov!



Irving and Grace Abramowitz of Baltimore, Maryland and Jerusalem celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this March with Ezrat Avot.

They have lived their lives by the motto that living is giving. Along with their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren they packed 65 Kosher for Pesach food boxes for our Ezrat Avot families. We wish them continued good health and many more happy years together.

Spotlight on one of our volunteers: This time: George Gluck



George Gluck, one of our most dedicated volunteers made 'Aliyah' with his wife Ellen almost nine years ago from NY. They decided to come to Israel mainly because of their grandchildren.

George is not only loyal he has a good sense of humor and has cheered us at Ezrat Avot for 6 years. We look forward to many more years with our good friend George. Ellen also helps out from time to time, especially when we are shorthanded, Ellen volunteers her time.

George heard about Ezrat Avot through his good longtime friend Bob Schwell. They volunteered together at a soup kitchen and George was looking to do more 'Chessed' after he and Bob finished their tasks at the soup kitchen.

Whenever George has an opportunity and wherever there is a need it is certain George will be there to help. He decided to spend his volunteering time at Ezrat Avot because, as he said, "here at Ezrat Avot it is true 'Tzedaka', they give food to homebound and it's appealing to me..."

Now that George is retired he is glad to volunteer and give of himself to help people in need.

To the question 'how will he describe Ezrat Avot to a person who is not familiar with us', George responded: "Ezrat Avot is a place of 'Chessed' which gives food to the elderly homebound and dry goods to the needy. And it is a special place where very elderly people are given the chance to meet friends and have activities instead of being alone at home. Being a part of Ezrat Avot gives them a purpose".

We also asked George how he envisions the future with Ezrat Avot and he replied: "now that Ezrat Avot has a new Center I'm sure that its admirable goals will continue to expand."

Ezrat Avot thanks you from the bottom of our heart for your devotion and infectious spirit! May 'Hashem' grant you and yours many happy healthy years of giving.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Supporters

Shalom Kadosh, world renowned Chef of the Fattal Group of Hotels has been a major source of encouragement through many years. He provides Shabbat meals for the needy and is ever ready to prepare tasty treats for senior events.

Dr. Scott and Mindy Lippe who head the Friends of Ezrat Avot office in America have worked tirelessly to support our elderly in Israel for many years, strengthening all our efforts.

Mrs. Chaya Devorah Leibowitz is now nearing 32 years of support for the elderly of Jerusalem. What marvelous and faithful friends we have received.

By now you probably know the names of our vendors by heart. You have been reading their names for years. Their faithfulness is truly amazing and we are so grateful to each one.

Latet, Beit Hama'afe and Angel Bakeries, Pe'erli Fruits and Vegetables, Bridges for Peace.

Our Local Volunteers - always cheerful and never failing. We love them and depend on them.

George and Ellen Gluck, Sam and Matilde Guttentag, Bob and Sue Schwell, Rivka Avraham and special thanks to Sydelle Spero who at age 89 doesn't miss a day cutting vegetables. 'People need their food!' she declares.

This year's weekly volunteers come to us from the following schools:

Kivunim, Midreshet Eshel, MMY, Netiv Ariyeh Yeshiva, Shaalvim and Tomer Dvorah.

They shower us with enthusiasm, cheerfulness, and efficiency. We look forward to their arrival each week and appreciate their job well done.