



Welcome to the JANUARY 2019 edition of The Boys Clubhouse newsletter. There have been so many new developments over the last few months that we have barely had a chance to catch our breath, but let us give you a brief peak into some recent major achievements.

DAILY LIFE AT OUR CENTRE: IF you are ever in Hendon near Hendon Central with a few minutes to spare, why not pop in to our HQ? There is literally never a dull moment at 240 Hendon Way! You will see some of our boys testing their talents in the music studio, while others are working feverishly in the Ebay Office. Some will be engaged in life coaching discussions with counselors whilst others just chill in the games room. Fully equipped with a Playstation, Pool Table, Table Tennis and now a new library you are unlikely to be bored. One of the boys even uses a room as a base for a highly successful nearby construction project. All in all, it's always very busy.

DINNER 1ST APRIL 2019: Plans are now underway for our 10th anniversary Dinner that will be held at The Savoy on the 1st April 2019. Brochure forms and invitations will be ready mid-January.

E BAY UPDATE AND STATS: With sales nearing close to a whopping 25,000, things have been busy in our CBE (Clubhouse Business Enterprise). Our personalized gift eBay Shop has been working overtime the last few weeks from Black Friday to Xmas sales. We now have 4 Boys working on the shop and looking to expand in the new year. Boys working on the Project see the need to access education and we thank Gateways for their long term support in providing education in this field to our boys.

14 HOUR CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH: The Year 11 students at Hasmonian High School held a 14 hour charity Football match to raise funds for the Boys Clubhouse. The boys played right through the day on Sunday 23rd of December and have received many messages of support from well-known football players to push their fundraising drive. The initiative came from the boys themselves, after they heard about some of the wonderful work that the Boys Clubhouse does, from Rabbi Chissick who teaches at Hasmonian and also mentors at the Boys Clubhouse. Some of our clients are well known to these boys and they are aware as to how vital our work is. The funds will be used to set up a clothes fund for our less fortunate clients. They raised £2800. To donate please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amichai-lerer2>

ISRAEL BRANCH: Hillel Frickers our indefatigable operations manager is single handedly running all operations smoothly over in Jerusalem. As a satellite department to our main center, the Clubhouse Israel Programme is so important for some of our clients who just want to start afresh. The Israel branch networks with high schools, universities, army and the ambulance service and offers a range of opportunities often not available in the UK. Hillel has also established "The Cave" – a center for the boys to relax and unwind and to have "a home away from home". Hillel is experienced in handling difficult situations and sometimes crisis that arise in a foreign country.



NEW LIBRARY: A large volume of educational and therapeutic books has been donated to The Boys Clubhouse. This has now been organised into a mini reading library, located in the main room at The Clubhouse. With so many of our clients spending so much time on our premises, meeting counselors and taking part in programmes, it is hoped that this will encourage the boys to read and further their development.



MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING PROGRAMME: This has been a steady feature of our programs for over 15 years now, but we have started programmes for early teenage boys and have also introduced new speakers and entertainment to inspire the boys. This month we were treated to a visit from a musical genius with an amazing life story. Daniel Ahaviel is a world famous violinist from Hampsted who now lives in Israel. He spoke to the boys about his incredible life journey and how he found direction in his own life after struggling as a teenager with an abundance of potential. The boys were then treated to a violin master class, as he took their breath away. The singing and dancing went on till past midnight!

HORSE-RIDING WEEKLY: We are currently offering horse riding and horsemanship lessons to some of our clients who are around during the day and not in work. The boys are learning how to tack up a horse as well as care for them and ride them. We are seeing many benefits from these lessons, with the boys being able to connect to their inner self and reflect on life situations away from the busy hectic world. We are also looking to engage some of the boys in equine therapy once they are more comfortable around the horses for a number of sessions. We are extremely grateful to the Jewish Child's Day for their support to help this happen.



SUCCESS STORIES: We stay very much below the radar, so we don't often get the credit for our successes. However in the last few months alone we have seen 3 huge success stories. 2 of our older clients have married and settled down, when many years ago this would not have seemed possible. One of them had been heavily involved in gambling, but has now been clean for over 6 years. The other, had spent some time in prison after being involved in drugs and crime but is now completely rehabilitated and is mentoring others. The third one almost committed suicide only a few years ago but now oversees a highly successful construction project with barely any time to eat during the day! This is just a small glimpse into progress at the Boys Clubhouse.

FUNDING: Our projects could not continue without the much needed and valued support of our donors and grantors. Many trusts, including the Charles Wolfson Foundation, helped fund the infrastructure development of The Cave, Jerusalem. Continued support from the Kirsh Foundation, the Shoresh Foundation and Oxford and St Georges and Space2Grow has helped us develop new business training programmes over the past twelve months, alongside longer term core funding provided by the Sam and Bella Sebba Charitable Trust and Jewish Childs' Day. Some help has also been awarded by the Henry Ford Foundation. Much thanks must be given to Mrs Jordana Brayam for continuing seamlessly the work of Harris Rosenberg who has now made Aliyah.

THURSDAY NIGHT WEEKLY INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION: This has just been launched at the home of Rabbi Nooky Chissick. Aimed at our young focused entrepreneurs, this program gives them a forum to discuss topics relevant to their lives as developing young adults and aims to develop in them good business ethics and morals in the tough business world. Some of these boys are involved in fantastic start-up companies and are sometimes working 14 hour days, yet they engage with this programme and wouldn't miss it for the world.