



The Living Bridge



I got to make lots of new friends! - **Alex**



Spending time with my Dad in an amazing country was fantastic! - **David**



An amazing once in a lifetime experience! - **Hannah**



Everybody made us feel so welcome! - **Leah**



It was a great experience to visit the Kotel and put our notes in! - **Megan**



A once in a life time experience that helped me gain even more love of the Galil, Israel and the people! - **Oliver**



friends for life

I've been to Israel before but this time was the most special visit! - **Rebecca**



The hospitality of the people in the Galil region is unique! - **Rhianna**



A jam packed adventure of fun! - **Sam**



One of the best experiences of my life! - **Simone**



Dear Clore Tikvah Parents and Pupils,

We are very pleased and proud to welcome you to our very first newsletter. This is following our successful trip in May, to visit our school partner: the Ma'ale Hagalil Kerner School based in Northern Israel.

Whilst being very enjoyable, it was a very intensive week. We met with our host families, their children from the Kerner School and spent a magical Shabbat at their houses, living as an Israeli. We learnt about their lives and visited various local entrepreneurial establishments that support and enrich this thriving and developing community.

The visit was organised through the Jewish Agency and supported by the UJIA as part of the School to School Partnership Programme that encourages connections between Jewish communities in the UK and Israel. Throughout the school year, our children share activities with the Kerner School and gain further awareness, that we are all part of a larger Jewish world and have a joint heritage and tradition. This partnership is a family affair and involves the whole community both here and in Israel.

We hope that you will find this newsletter enlightening and enjoyable. It will show you the friendships and on-going relationships that have developed between our two communities.

This is a 'snap-shot' of our visit and hope that you enjoy reading.....

Seeing my son's face in Jerusalem was a joy. - **Lorraine:**

The greeting we all got at the Kerner School was beautiful and it was so lovely to see all the children playing together. - **Gill:**

The way the group bonded was amazing, a great way to make new friends. - **Paul:**

It was pure emotion - the welcome at the Kerner School was amazing. It was so lovely to spend special time with my daughter Hannah and to share this experience with her. - **Mark:**

I loved the whole experience and it was great for my child to experience the Israel that I first experienced 24 years ago. It was a very emotional trip for me. The people at the Kerner School were so friendly. It was an experience to see a different side of Israel. - **Barry:**



The group that travelled together all helped and supported each other – we had a great time together. - **Mandy:**

I had a brilliant time. I was very hesitant about doing the trip, but I am so glad now that I did it. - **Michelle:**

It was fantastic to see a project come to life – it really is now a Living Bridge between two schools and two communities. - **Sue:**

A wonderful experience to meet the teachers at the Kerner School. I have made new friends, through the delegation and now that we are home, I know they will stay my friends. - **Denise:**

'It was wonderful to get to know the parents of the children and make this partnership grow further by making it a family affair.'. - **Libby:**

It was an extraordinary trip with many magical moments. One of the highlights was going to the Kotel, with my son, but the best part is what we are taking home with us. - **Jonathan:**



Come and meet the Clore Tikva Families:

- Leah & Mandy
- Alexander & Lorraine
- Oliver & Jonathan
- Rebecca & Gill
- Rhianna & Paul
- Simone & Barry
- Megan & Denise
- Sam & Michelle
- Hannah & Mark
- David & Alan

Future 'Living Bridge' newsletters will provide an insight into the journey and the activities we were involved in during the trip to Israel.

Such as:

- Further information about each of the places visited
- Feedback from the delegation about the trip
- Why the north of Israel is so important
- What you can do to support the Galil
- Bridging the gap between England and Israel

Hold the Date!!!

Sunday 26th September



You are invited to a Chavurah lunch and have the chance to learn more about Israel. A fun filled day with sessions for adults and wonderful sessions for children. Learn more about the Kerner school and the Galil.

**Find out about hosting. and-
Meet the families who were lucky enough to go to Israel.**

Gilad Shalit



4 years in captivity

Gilad Shalit is an Israeli soldier, who was captured on 25th June 2006 by Hamas and has been held as a prisoner in the Gaza strip by Hamas since then.

Gilad Shalit grew up in Mitzpe Hilla in the Galil with his family and was educated in the Kerner School.

We all pray for Gilad`s release!

