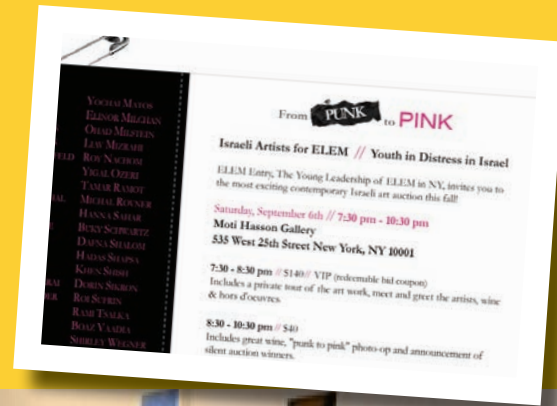


Rescued Teenage Girl Inspires a New York City Auction with Top Israeli Artists



Prominent and emerging Israeli artists donated their artwork in a collective effort to raise funds for ELEM/Youth in Distress in Israel.

Last fall an art exhibit and auction inspired by the personal story of Ana, a rescued ELEM teenager, was held at the Moti Hasson Gallery in Chelsea. "From Punk to Pink", was part of the efforts of "ELEM Entry", the young leadership group of ELEM/Youth in Distress in Israel in New York to raise funds for "Hafuch al Hafuch" a network of counseling and information centers throughout Israel.

The evening included a lecture about the history of Israeli art, by curator **Ayelet Danielle Aldouby**, a meet and greet with some of the artists, a silent auction, and a public auction of pieces led by well-known Sotheby's auctioneer, **Jennifer Roth**. The muse and inspiration for the artwork that was donated is a 16-year-old named Ana, one of ELEM's children, who, with the help of the organization went from being a rebellious street punk at high-risk to a vibrant, healthy young woman.

"From Punk to Pink" included artwork in a variety of mediums—from painting to sculpture, photography, drawing, and prints. Critically acclaimed artists include **Michal Rovner**, who has been featured both at the Israeli Pavilion during the 50th International Art Exhibition at the Venice Biennale (2003), and at a 2002 mid-career retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. **Barry Frydlander**, who had a

solo exhibit at the MOMA in 2007, and **Boaz Vaadia**, whose sculptures adorn the Time Warner building. Other established artists included Buky Schwartz, Yigal Ozeri, Miriam Cabessa, Yehuda Forbokrai, Eliahu Eric Bokobza, Joseph Dadoune and Tzibi Geva. Up and coming Israeli talent included: Rona Yefman, Khen Shish, Rami Tsalka, Know Hope, Yochai Matos, Liav Mizrahi, Maya Zack, Anat Litwin, Hanna Sahar, and Leor Grady. The auction also included artwork donated by ELEM's teens. The evening was hailed a great success, raising \$40,000 for ELEM's "Hafuch al Hafuch" centers. ■



Oren Heiman, Chairman of ELEM Entry, the young leadership group of ELEM, organizes the Silent Auction at Moti Hsson Gallery.

The 27th Annual Gala Dinner

ELEM will host its 27th Annual Gala Dinner on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Jewish Museum in New York City. This year's honorees are:

The Hon. Judith Kaye and **Phyllis Korff**, of the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLC. Both of whom have illustrated a deep commitment to Israel, and have a strong concern for strengthening opportunities for troubled youth. **Dan Abrams**, Chief Legal Analyst, NBC News will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. There will be a special musical performance by young Israeli musicians and vocalists.

Last year, the honorees included, ELEM Board member **Karen Gantz Zahler**, an attorney-at-Law and literary agent; **Eric Zahler**, former president, Loral Space & Communications and **Randi Rahm**, couture fashion designer. **Alec Baldwin**, film, theater & TV actor, star of NBC's 30 Rock presented a special



Ann Bialkin, ELEM/America, President, center, with the 2008 honorees: Randi Rahm and Karen Gantz Zahler

award to honorees. All of the honorees were chosen both for their strong commitment to Israel and in promoting a healthy future for Israel's youth.

A teen from ELEM's "**Derech Hamelech**" vocational training and mentoring program in Ramle attended the event with his mentor. The youth spoke about the positive effects of his relationship with his mentor and ELEM's support in terms of "turning his life around".

The evening's festivities culminated in an emotional performance by **Kimberly Grigsby**, musical director & conductor of the 2007 Tony Award winning 'best musical' **Spring Awakening** and **Emma Hunton**, who starred in the role of "Ilse".

The evening raised \$375,000 for ELEM's programs in Israel.



Alec Baldwin was the special guest at ELEM's 26th annual gala dinner

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ELEM Entry, the young leadership group of ELEM will hold its annual Yom Ha'atzmaut party at the Mansion.

For details go to: www.elem.org

Second Annual Israeli Wine and Jazz Festival



Despite the snow and winter winds, over 200 people attended ELEM's second annual "Israeli Wine and Jazz Festival" on February 3, 2009 at the Prince George Ballroom in New York City. Guests had the opportunity to sample some of the finest Israeli wines from both well-known and boutique vineyards, listen to live jazz, and support ELEM's programs for at-risk youth.

The festivities began with ELEM's "Grand Tasting Event" and a brief lecture on the history of Israeli winemaking. Following the "Grand Tasting", a presentation about ELEM's work in Israel inspired guests, reminding everyone of their shared commitment to the empowerment of Israeli's at-risk youth. To that end many participated in the final component of

the night, a silent auction. The silent auction allowed guests to purchase cases of assorted wine as sampled at the event. No one left empty handed, however, as the entranceway was lined with a build-it-yourself gift bag station. When the music died down and the wine bottles emptied, everyone was encouraged to take a reusable ELEM bag filled with Israeli snacks and goodies.

The funds raised will go towards ELEM's projects in the city of Sderot, including the Outreach Van, Hafuch al Hafuch Counseling and Information Center and Café Yael, a business initiative for youth-at-risk. ELEM would like to thank the Israel Economic Mission and all the volunteers for their help in the organization and execution of this event. We would especially like to thank

our donors, for without your continued support, ELEM's programs would not be possible. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Third Annual "Israeli Wine and Jazz Festival!" ■



The success of the "Wine and Jazz" event was due to the efforts of ELEM Volunteers. (l. to r.) Aya Inbar, Gal Zohar, Co-chair, Amit Marom, Director of ELEM's International Business Development, two ELEM Entry Volunteers, Avi Ashman, Co-chair. Seated: Oren Heiman, Chairman.



Have any questions about ELEM? Visit www.elem.org, or call (212) 787-3337 today.

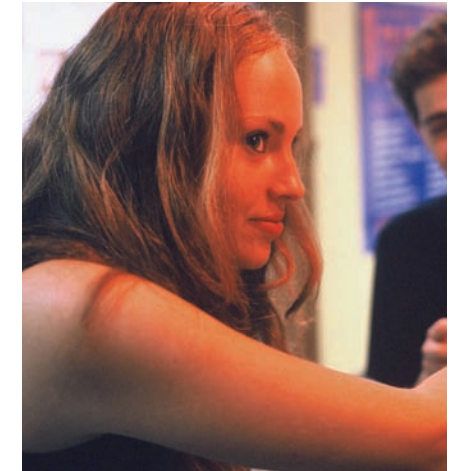
Pass it Forward

Youth Make "Aliyah" to Israel and Volunteer in the Community

"Pass it Forward" is a project that was designed for a group of girls who recently immigrated from the Former Soviet Union. When the girls arrived at ELEM's Migdalor center in Bat-Yam, they were known to the staff and volunteers as "girls at-risk or "in-distress". After receiving individual and group counseling and participating in a variety

of activities there, they are now volunteering through the ELEM center in the city of Bat-Yam. The girls have found unique ways to contribute to both the Migdalor center and to the community.

The group's first challenge was to come up with creative activities for the teens to participate in every evening at the Migdalor center. When they saw the positive and enthusiastic reaction they got from their peers, they decided to expand their activities to institutions outside of the center. Today, the girls are active in hospitals, centers for youth who made aliyah, centers for abandoned animals and various other



projects. The girls meet with their group counselor every two weeks to discuss new ways they can contribute to their community. ■

Lights of Hope: ELEM's project on Israel's Independence Day



The sixth annual "Lights of Hope" project was launched on April 4th by Israel's President Shimon Peres and ELEM President, Nava Barak. The project has proved successful in raising public awareness of youth in distress and in raising funds for ELEM's activities.

A flag made of 600,000 light bulbs is built on the Azrieli Center Tower in Tel Aviv and will be lit for each donation that is given to ELEM. ■

To make a donation go to: www.give2gether.com/projects/lights-of-hope-flag/

Youth seminar

ELEM emphasized teen volunteering

This year, ELEM emphasized teen volunteering at its "Hafuch Al Hafuch" centers. At these centers, youth have the opportunity to come in for coffee and talk with ELEM professionals and volunteers and receive information on a variety of subjects that is pertinent to them.

The project's aim was to promote ELEM's youth volunteering in the community with the idea that youth who are more involved in the community are less likely to be involved in dangerous and illegal activities. It is also believed that the teens can help other youth in distress in a unique way.



ELEM volunteer talks with teen