

FRIENDS OF SYL

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of a newsletter which reports on the activities of SYL (Sderot Young Leaders).

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide the friends and supporters of SYL with greater insight into our current and future activities.

Growing our leaders from within

SYL's program was designed to build leadership skills within its members. Those who succeed in developing these skills for themselves go on to teach the next generation.



Yael Angadya

MEET THE EXECUTIVE TEAM



left to right: Zachi Avatichi, mickey mouse , Nitza Bulka, Sahar Ziv ,Herb Levine

Youth Leadership Organisation

Yael Angadya – CEO (Ra-an) of SYL reporting to Sahar Ziv (Chairman). Yael joined SYL at the age of 13 because she was passionate to do something more with her life. She wanted to make a difference and SYL provided the platform. She has been with us for 4 years and during this time has finished her Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, is involved with the Dance Group of Sderot, and has been promoted through the organisation due to her continuous commitment to the development of other kids within the programs. She has shown outstanding leadership skills which have led to her taking on the role of CEO.



Ron Peretz

Ron Peretz – Manager of the computer lab, reporting to Yael Angadya. Ron joined us in 2010 at the age of 14 and has been instrumental in helping Zachi Avatichi build the computer club. Ron developed his computer skills at SYL, coming twice a week to the club and working at home. He realised that these skills would be of great use to him for his future career. Ron has developed strong leadership skills coupled with excellent technical skills in computer hardware maintenance.

Our Managers (Ramadim). This year we have an excellent group of young managers. They lead the activities with the help of the Reshatzim (see below) and are the backbone of the organisation. This year our Ramadim are: Ron Markovitz, Stav Huato, Adi ben-Or, Eden Malka, Afik Paryentte, Ido Azriel, Maayan Gal and Raz Elekim.

Our Team leaders (Reshatzim). These are members who have been in SYL for at least one year and have shown leadership potential. The Rachatzim work in groups of two with a manager to help them run activities. This year's Rashatzim are Almaz Pikado, Shoam Ezra, Sufa Cohen, Lior Levy, Yuval Levy, Noy Belikon, Maayan Froim, Idan Pikado, Tal Dahan, Mai Cohen and Hoshen Sharvit.



Top row from Left to right: Yaron Yarusky, Raz El-kayan, Afik Paryentte, Dana Hunang, Adi ben-Or, Elen Mytzou, Yuval Levy, Noy Bclokon, Shoam Ezra, Tzur Pledstein, Sufa Cohen, Almaz Pikado, Lior Levi, Her Levine, Zachi Avatichi

Bottom Row from left to right: Sahar Ziv, Boris Halfin, Yael Angadya, Ido Azriel, Tamar Alon, Maayan Gul, Nitza Bulka, Tahir Barsheshet

**MEET ONE OF THE
EXECUTIVE TEAM:
BORIS HALFIN**



Boris was born in 1982 in Chernovtsy in the Soviet Union. Boris made aliyah in 1990 with his family and lived in Bat Yam initially. He went to the Israeli naval academy aged 14 where he studied electronics for four years. He gained a first degree in Industrial Engineering from the Open University and a Masters degree in Construction Engineering from The Technion. Boris served his national service in the Ministry of Defence.

When I was volunteering for the IYA in 2008, I was introduced to the kids in Sderot. There I found a town that was traumatised by the constant threat of rocket fire from Hamas in Gaza whose border is only 3km away.

With the help of Herb Levine and other volunteers we started with just 8 kids to form SYL. This program has always been a youth led program and the original team did a fantastic job starting a youth club, embracing the Israeli Youth Awards (IYA) and setting up programs to visit Jewish communities in the USA, Hungary and the UK. This year we plan to have 130 kids in the main youth movement and the computer club. We now need to take a more strategic approach to our funding if we are to continue to grow rapidly in the future. My role as Chairman was passed this year to Sahar Ziv and Yael Angadya has taken over Saha's role of CEO. This is a great testament to our organic growth and frees my time to work with our friends around the world to ensure the long term security of SYL.

L' Shanah Tovah
Have a sweet year!



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