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RE: Magic Moments 2010

The community is delighted, once again, to be hosting UJIA, MAGIC MOMENTS 2010 with teenagers from two moshavim, Avivim and Livnim, both in the turbulent north of Israel between 15 – 22nd April 2010. The delegates are aged between 15 – 17 years old and very busy at the moment, in between all their school studies rehearsing a Yom Hazkaron ceremony, which they will present to our community. During the week they are here, they miss vital school work, which they have to catch up during their free time on their return to Israel.

The Yom Hazkaron ceremony remembers Israelfs fallen. Within their region everybody knows somebody, which is why the ceremony is particularly emotional. Those of you who have attended past events will know how moving this ceremony is.

Whilst here the teenagers are given an insight not only to this community, which has by far the largest youth element of all the united synagogues, but also to show them a little of London itself and how the Diaspora works. During the week they are here they will also be spending time at local schools and have involvement in some voluntary work.

In order to facilitate this week, we are looking for sponsorship of £1750, of which the sum of £500 has already been donated, to cover the cost of some of the planned events.

These will include, an event on Motzei shabbat, a daytime event on sunday (to be decided), an end of week dinner for the teenagers, Shabbat lunch, a visit to the Jewish Museum, 'Sustenance' during their preparations for Yom Hazkaron (which has kindly been sponsored by 'Let's Meat') and a small gift on their departure.

We urge you to please support this worthwhile cause by supporting all or part of any event.

If you would like further information, please contact: vicechair@borehamwoodshul.org

We look forward to seeing you all at the Yom Hazkaron ceremony, which will be followed by Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations to mark Israelfs 62nd anniversary of independence.

Best wishes

Judy Woolf

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Vice Chairman BES

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Dear Community,

Shalom, we are the Magic Moments group of 2010. Six youth, from the area of Merom Hagaili in the North of Israel, on the Confrontation Line border.

The Merom Hagaili Regional Council is spread across a beautiful green 200,000 acre area; from the northern border with Lebanon to Tiberius in the south, Tsfat in the east and Carmiel in the West. The regional council is combined of 24 villages, making up around 13,000 residents.

Most of the area is based on agriculture, and most of its residents work in that field. Produce of the Moshavim (agricultural villages) includes chickens for egg production, cattle, raising different animals, and more. In the last few years there has been development both in the tourist industry and other industries in the area.

The area is made up of a mostly traditional religious community, but there is a wide variety of religions too; Druze and Circassians, who are both religious and originally from other countries.

There are also a lot of youth activities in the area, including youth groups such as Bnei HaMoshavim and Bnei Akiva.

Merom Hagaili is situated in one of the most beautiful areas in Israel, surrounded by mountains and amazing views, which are breathtaking.

Our group, who will be visiting Borehamwood and Elstree, is made up of 6 youth, 3 boys and 3 girls. They are all from either the villages of Amirim or Livnim. Amirim is a very special village as it is a vegetarian community. Nearly all of the community won't eat meat and in our group we have 2 girls who are vegetarians. Livnim is based high up on the western side of the Kinneret, 15 minutes from Tiberias.

We hope to arrive in England on the 15th of April 2010, and our stay is until the 22nd of April. We see a great importance in strengthening the relationship between the Jews in Israel and the Jews in the Diaspora, especially for the continuing existence of Israel. We look forward to sharing with you the realities of our community, and telling you about our everyday experiences based on our love for our country, respect, giving and hope.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for hosting us. We look forward to meeting you with the hope that it will open up new, real and strong connections for the future.

Looking forward to meeting you all, this will be a great opportunity for all of us!

We are proud to represent Magic Moments 2010.

With Love,

Hila, Kedem, Shai, Eran, Shir, Ella and Advia

We are the 6 youth looking forward to meeting you!