



The Matanel Foundation

December 16th, 2012

Dear Joëlle and Gad,

On behalf of ALMA – Home for Hebrew Culture, I am proud to submit our **Hanukah events overview**. This year we held 2 Hanukah events:

Hanukah: "Light & Miracles"

On December 11th 2012 **Alma** held a Hanukah celebration in **Be'er-Sheva** with approximately 30 participants.

This year, according to our agreement with the Matanel Foundation, the event took place outside of Tel-Aviv. In order to bring Hebrew Culture to students in Be'er-Sheva we collaborated with a well known café in the city.

Alma held an intimate evening of traditional candle lighting and prayer. A special discussion was held regarding the concept of **"Light" in the book of Zohar and in Art**. Dr. Ruth Calderon and Prof. Haviva Pdaya talked about myths of light. The evening was accompanied by a musical performance of Chen Rotem, Alma's graduate.



On December 13th, **Alma** held a Hanukah celebration in **Tel-Aviv Museum of Art** with approximately 80 participants.

This special event started with the Matanel award ceremony. Professor Tsibi Geva announced the winner – Ayelet Albenda – and explained the judge's ruling. Mr. Meni Shtinzaltz added important words regarding the award on behalf of the Matanel Foundation.

Following the award ceremony and the traditional candle lighting, we held a discussion regarding the appearance of light in miracle stories in Judaism and Islam. Representatives from the two religions shared stories about the theme of 'light': Rabbi Michael





Melchior, Dr. Ahmad Igbaria and Dr. Ruth Calderon. The evening was accompanied by a musical performance of Mira Awad and Shai Alon.

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Matanel Foundation for its ongoing commitment and support in our innovative approach to the revival of the Jewish bookshelf and Hebrew Culture in a contemporary and meaningful manner to broader constituents in Israel.



The partnership between Alma and the Matanel Foundation encouraged and inspired us to be greater and we are thankful for that.

Alma's next event, Tu Be'Shvat street party, will take place on Friday, January 25th 2013, and we would be happy to see you there as our guest. We will send you a more detailed invitation closer to the event.

Sincerely yours,

Uri Ellis
Director of Alma School for Hebrew Culture

Cc: Ami Bouganim