



Greetings



I am pleased to let you know that we have started a new school year for Eliya's children in all our centers. I am confident that this year, as in past years, our partners, friends and families will continue to support us in providing the very best programs for our children. On behalf of Eliya's children, staff and management board, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

Michael Segal - Chairman, ELIYA-Israel



One of ours: Rivki Schwartz, Jerusalem Branch

Rivki, a sweet two and a half year old girl, was diagnosed at birth as having Cortical Visual Impairment. When she arrived at Eliya, we realized that Rivki was not using her residual vision at all. For two years, with the hard work of Eliya's professional and paramedical staff alongside private treatment in a pressure chamber in the afternoons, we can now say that we can witness Rivki's functional use of her vision in light as well as in the dark. Rivki's curiosity and desire to explore and examine objects show that the intensive work with her did actually yield the desired results.



Renewal and specialization



In the framework of ongoing efforts to further upgrade our professional status, there are some important new developments in the coming year. We shall this year be providing an advanced training course for all our preschool teachers. Eliya is about to publish an instruction booklet on independent mobility and the acquisition of orientation and mobility skills for blind and visually impaired children up to age 6. In parallel, an article, based on a joint research project regarding the development of tools for assessing infants before entering the water, is about to be published. Besides Eliya's children, there are now over 150 additional children receiving guidance from our professional rehabilitation teachers. We hope to continue expanding this program in future years.

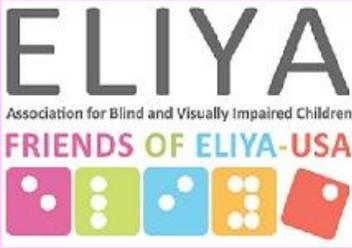


12 years of our graduates' Summer Day Camp!

Eliya's important tradition of having a summer day camp for graduates continued this year, thanks to the commitment of many partners. L'Occitane, the Israel Center for the Blind, and a lot of good friends along the way, helped our children to experience another summer full of adventure, excitement and pleasure.

This tradition will not stop - we'll see you again in July 2014!





ELIYA-USA featured on the Fauna Hodel Charity Sizzle show

Due to air Tuesday, July 9th at 8:30 AM and 8:30 PM at www.awoptalk247.com and www.FaunaHodel.net



Are you a teen between the ages of 11 -17 seeking a meaningful community service project?

ELIYA-USA hosting its first **teen "Ambassador for the Blind" workshop** with the National Federation of the Blind. Teens earn 4 hours of community service hours.

Spots still available! RSVP today! Info@eliyausa.org or 818 865 8722.

CPK fundraiser benefiting ELIYA

Where: Westwood Village - 1001 Broxton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024. 310.209.9197

When: All day! **July 31st, 2013**

Hours: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm.

How: Print or show flyer on your smart phone and 20% of your check will be donated to ELIYA.



Temple Kol Tikvah Tzedakah Teens Award Grant to ELIYA

Woodland Hills, CA-Temple Kol Tikvah's Tzedakah Teens award ELIYA nearly \$1,600.00. Tzedakah Teens, Temple Kol Tikvah's new teen philanthropy project supported by the Jewish Teen Funders Network for 7th to 12th graders was launched in 2012.

"This is an incredibly meaningful program with long-reaching benefits to the participants and the community at large, said Hannah Greenberg, the group's Director. The program culminates with a Shabbat dinner and awards ceremony, where recipients of the grants are honored and the community can celebrate the hard work of all participants involved.

This year the group was able to raise enough funds to support two organizations, one being ELIYA. "I think this organization does awesome work and I'm so happy that Kol Tikvah's Tzedakah Teens was able to support them," said Tyler Noble, Age 15.

"Friends of Eliya is an amazing organization, helping so many children and their families in Israel," said Alexa Wishner, age 13.

Nora Tahvili, ELIYA's USA Director accepted the award on behalf of children of ELIYA. "I congratulate Tzedakah Teens and the entire Temple Kol Tikvah community for their efforts. Thank you for your generosity; your support will make a huge difference for visually impaired and blind children in Israel," said Nora Tahvili.



Cocktail Reception in New York-a Huge Success

Kings Point, NY-Dr. Arman and Mrs. Yas Rhoksar, host an elegant cocktail reception honoring ELIYA-Israel's Chairman, Michael Segal. Thirty guests attended the reception which included a presentation on ELIYA's work in Israel for blind/visually impaired children.

Dr. and Mrs. Rhoksar have been supporters of Eliya for several years now. Mrs. Rokhsar's parents, Morris and Valentin Eshaghpour have been board members for over a decade, and introduced them to the organization. Dr. and Mrs. Rokhsar also help host an event for ELIYA in New York two years ago.

"ELIYA is a wonderful organization for the visually impaired and we want to do our part to help the children," said Yaz Rhoksar. Over \$3000 was raised as a result of many generous first time supporters. "We are so pleased with the outcome and hope to have additional hosts for future events in the New York area, said Dalia Moghavem, Chairwoman.

