

Friends of ELIYA-USA Communiqué!

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 innovative program is being piloted in synagogues around the country to engage Jewish youth in philanthropy and making a real positive change in the world.

Over the course of the year, teens come together to learn about philanthropy from a Jewish perspective. Their efforts are focused on raising funds and learning about an important cause.

"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; this makes a huge difference for visually impaired and blind children in Israel," said Nora Tahvili.



Kol Tikvah Tzedakah Teens presenting ELIYA-USA Director with a check to support Eliya-Israel programs for blind children in Israel.



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. Roksar'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

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.