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PaL is dedicated in lasting memory
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Dear Friends

I have just returned from a special trip to Israel where I have presented the concept of PaL to Jewish British students currently learning in the Holy Land. This has become an annual trip as we get invited back each year and the overwhelming response and positive vibes were once again very inspirational. It is incredible to see the thirst of the students who look forward to returning to the UK with the opportunity to continue their Jewish learning through PaL when they come back home and often on to university.

During my presentations in the seminaries, many students from UK, Europe, South Africa and Australia, registered their interest to learn with PaL, either as a tutor or as a partner. Some students said they would like to give over some of the knowledge they acquired over the past year to someone who may not have had the same learning opportunity. Others wanted to continue exploring a topic that they had enjoyed learning during their year in Israel.

Between the presentations I was able to have a coffee with a UJA representative, speak to various contacts in Ohr Somayach, and visit the Heritage House in the Jewish quarter. I was also able to visit the Partners in Torah office based in the Old City. Our organisations have been working closely together since PaL began nearly 10 years ago! It was great to see first-hand how Partners in Torah copes with enormous number of American Jews registering on their website.

With memories of a special trip and having met some great people, I look forward to catching up again with my new PaLs when they return soon.

RIVKA (Rivka Graham - PaL Programme Coordinator)



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SHABBAT UK - 24/25 OCT '14

On Shabbos Parshas Lech Lecha 5774, a significant majority of South Africa's 75,000 Jews kept Shabbos. 'The Shabbos Project' was the brainchild of Rabbi Warren Goldstein, Chief Rabbi of South Africa. Following that special Shabbos, amazing stories poured in from all over South Africa, and leaders of Jewish communities around the world contacted Rabbi Goldstein to try and implement 'The Shabbos Project' in their own cities. Shabbos Parshas Noach 5775 (24th/25th October) has been earmarked as the International Shabbos Project.

This exciting project presents the opportunity to unify Jews from across the spectrum of Anglo Jewry. Through communal Challa Baking events, Motzei Shabbos Havdala concerts, or communal Shabbos meals, Shabbat UK will promote active engagement with Shabbos.

At **PaL** we are encouraging all our tutors and partners to add a Shabbos related topic to their weekly learning sessions in the run up to Shabbat UK. Alternatively you may want to focus all your learning sessions on Shabbos until then. Please contact Rivka at the **PaL** office on 08000 553 276 or rivka@phoneandlearn.org if you would like some ideas or inspiration for different Shabbos-related learning resources to study with your **PaL** partner. ☺

Raising Pounds for PaL

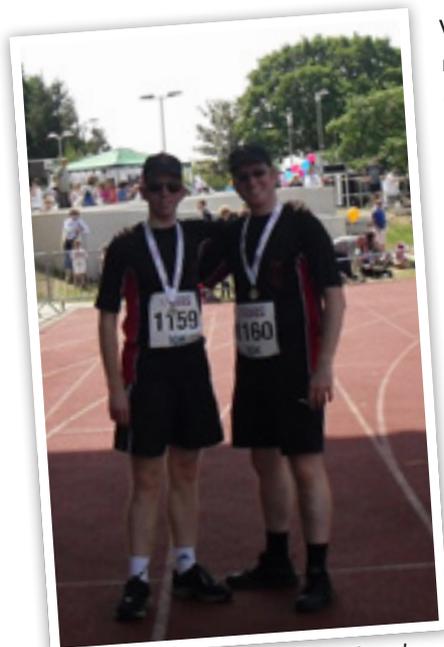
PaL, Phone and Learn, maintained a very high profile at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run. The event attracted thousands of runners and spectators to Allianz Park from across the spectrum of the Anglo-Jewish community, who were running either 1km, 5km or 10km to raise money for one of the 43 Jewish charities participating in the event.



PaL Programme Coordinator Rivka Graham, Judy Silkoff and **PaL** Follow Up Coordinator Beth Franks

The **PaL** stand featured a fun Jewish learning hub for the many children who attended the event, provided by Jewish Interactive. Our stand was crowded with people asking questions about the programme, while collecting their goody bags and their children working on the Jewish Interactive ipads. It was great to hear positive feedback from the many **PaL** tutors and partners who visited the stand.

PaL Trustees, Dov Harris and Danny Binstock ran 10km, and **PaL**'s former Programme Coordinator Judy Silkoff ran 5km.



PaL trustees Danny Binstock and Dov Harris at the finish line

Wearing their eye catching, bespoke **PaL** running outfits they completed the course in excellent time. **PaL** Programme Coordinator Rivka Graham commented: "It was very exciting to be part of the Maccabi Community Fun Run which brought together so many different communal organisations. Many thanks to our runners for their hard work, training before the run, and getting sponsorships to raise money for **PaL**." Over 70 people sponsored our runners raising over £9000. For those of you that still want to, the JustGiving pages are:



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