

HOPE

YOUR UPDATE FROM TIKVA UK

OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

As is the case for many students around the world, academia might not be the best pathway for some of Tikva's high school graduates who are unable to continue onto higher education. Many of these students have learning and developmental delays due to the severe emotional and physical abuse, trauma and neglect they faced in their early years.



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It is important to us that all the children we support from our homes and the wider community receive every opportunity to enable them to build the futures they want and deserve.

In 2020 Tikva finalised the purchase of a large property in an ideal location, close to our other educational facilities and Homes.

The new school complex, which you will read more about, will host a plethora of academic, social, and vocational spaces, providing every child and student with a pathway that suits them in an encouraging environment.

Our Vision

Alongside the new elementary and boys' school, we plan to build a state-of-the-art facility to enable the majority of our students to complete their vocational or technical training in-house. Currently the students are accessing their lessons offsite.

The building is vast and has a footprint of over 1,100 square metres, with the potential to expand upwards to a second-floor gallery at a later stage. This in turn will expand the number and type of courses we will be able to offer. The students will also have access to the other facilities onsite including the kitchen, dining room, synagogue, three science laboratories, gym, music rooms, art studios, sports field and much more.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH (CONTD)

In Odessa, our employment team at Tikva have finalised the vocational and technical courses we will be focusing on in the new facility. The courses that will be offered have been decided based on the current employment market and trends both in Odessa and in Israel, as well as the abilities, interests of our students and what is logistically possible for the building. For stage one we will be offering the following vocational and technical courses:

Vocational Courses:

- Travel Agent (systems, booking tickets, hotels, cars, etc)
- Advanced dressmaker & sewing courses
- Beautician – Manicure, pedicure (basic & all advanced skills)
- Course on film making
- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Chef
- Electrician (basic & apprentice)
- Food decoration & presentation

Professional technical college:

- Computer Servicing
- Electrician (advanced & licensed)
- Technologies of producing bread, pasta, pastry products & food concentrates
- Installation and servicing of HVAC systems (air conditioning etc)
- Business Management
- Pedagogy – Elementary and pre-school education
- Navigation (merchant navy)
- Basic Cooking Course

We are excited to be working with award-winning architects Walters & Cohen Architects, who have a reputation for designing innovative and contemporary educational facilities to design and plan this new build.

This project comprises of three buildings around a courtyard.

The building with the yellow outline, which is on the main road, will house the elementary school and boys’ high school, as well as some common areas, such as the kitchen, dining room and hall.

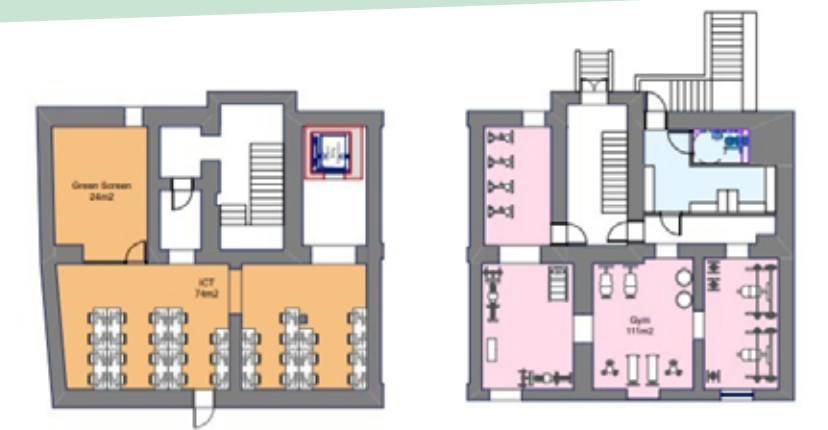


The blue outlined building will house the technical college and science labs.

The red outlined building will house staff apartment(s) and some more of the common areas – primarily involving arts.

Our current focus is on the main building of the schools. The building itself requires little external structural work.

The latest, and almost final, set of plans for this building are below. We are very excited with what is being planned. These plans are now with the contractor, who is in the process of checking their viability with structural engineers, the fire inspectors, etc. This should not be a long process, and in theory construction could start within weeks.



Basement gym and photography/videography/IT rooms



Ground floor with kitchen, dining room, elementary school lobby and street accessible medical centre on left, music room, music rooms off boys’ school lobby on right



First floor with elementary school on left, including classrooms, breakout rooms, social spaces, staff rooms. Taking up three quarters of the floor. Art rooms on right for use of both schools.



Second floor with gym, hall, synagogue, boys’ high school – including classrooms, social spaces, offices, etc.



Third floor more classrooms for high school, collaborative spaces, staff rooms, etc.

AREA	ITEM	STATUS
Exterior	Naming of Building and Campus	SOLD
Exterior	Basketball Court (Outdoor)	
Boys High School		
Second	Naming of Boys High School	
Second Floor & Third Floor	Large Classrooms 1-3	
Second Floor & Third Floor	Small Classroom 1-6	
Second Floor	SEN Classroom	
Second Floor	Group Rooms 1 & 2	
Third Floor	Meeting Room	
Third Floor	Staff Room	
Second Floor	Head Teacher Office	
Third Floor	Deputy Office	
Second Floor	Tuck Shop	
Second Floor	Social Space	
Third Floor	Resource Space	
Elementary School		
First Floor	Naming of Elementary School	
First Floor	Large Classroom 1-8	
First Floor	Small Classroom	
First Floor	Staff Room	
First Floor	Head Teacher Office	
First Floor	Presentation Space	
First Floor	Group Room	
First Floor	Library/Resource Space	
Shared Space Between Schools		
Ground Floor	Lobby	
Second Floor	Hall	
Second Floor	Synagogue	SOLD
Ground Floor	Dining Room	
Basement	Fitness Gym	
Ground Floor	Kitchen	
Shared & With Public Access		
Ground Floor	Large Medical Room	SOLD
Ground Floor	Small Medical Rooms 1-2	SOLD
Vocational College		
Ground Floor	Naming of Vocational College	
Ground Floor	Workshops 1-5 (various vocations)	SOLD
Basement	Drama	
Basement	Music	
Basement	Music Peripatetic	
Ground Floor	Art Studio	
Ground Floor	IT Lab	
Ground Floor	IT Breakout/Collaboration Space	
Ground Floor	Science Lab - Chemistry	SOLD
Ground Floor	Science Lab - Physics	
Ground Floor	Science Lab - Biology	
Ground Floor	Science Prep Rooms 1-2	
Ground Floor	Offices 1-2	
Ground Floor	Group Rooms 1- 2	
Ground Floor	Tuck Shop	
Ground Floor	Design and Resource Space	
Ground Floor	Social Space	
ESTIMATE		

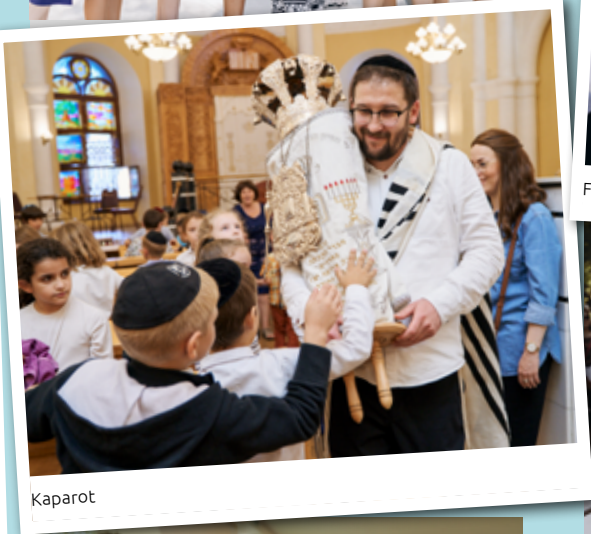
If you are interested in investing in the education of Tikva’s students by purchasing any of the outstanding rooms available for the new Elementary, Boys’ School and Technical College please contact Karen Bodenstein at Karen@tikva.org.uk

YEAR IN REVIEW

Just a small handful of photos from the past year



First Day at School



Kaparot



Sound of the Shofar



Rosh Hashanah



Bar Mitzvah – Davi Schelnitskiy



Tashlich Elementary School



Bar Mitzvah – Viner Benyamin and Yosef



Arts and Crafts



Wedding of Sarah Marinkovskaya



Koblevo Summer Camp



Koblevo Summer Camp



Koblevo Boys Summer Camp

A WORD FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Dear Friends

In this latest edition of our newsletter, you will see, that despite Covid-19 life of course goes on. We have celebrated weddings, births, Barmitzvahs, Batmitzvahs, Chagim, summer camps, first days at school, last days at school, virtual events & reunions. You will also read

about two of the many children we have rescued this year.

As the UK continues with a successful vaccination programme, and life gets back to normal, I wanted to give you an update on the situation on the ground in Odessa. With less than 15% of the population having had any kind of vaccination (the lowest in Europe), the number of infections has risen, and despite the relatively good place the community is in with regards to Covid, there are fears of another lockdown. The situation is being monitored closely to ensure that the team in Odessa are as prepared as possible for any restrictions that will come into effect.

The devastating economic impact of Covid is ongoing. The rate of inflation in Ukraine has doubled beyond the government's prediction. Couple this with the strength of the Ukrainian Hryvnia and the ongoing conflict with Russia, and we have seen energy costs increase beyond any prediction or expectation.

On a more positive note, all our Schools and Universities opened at the beginning of the academic year and are full of children and students hungry to learn and happy to socialise.

The girls' school underwent a small refurbishment making the classrooms brighter and airier. They also received some new furniture, which has done wonders for the girls' concentration and motivation in class.

We also have two exciting capital projects that are gaining momentum. A new innovative boys' elementary school and technical college, which you can read more about in this newsletter, and our new Infants' and Boys' Home. The build of the home is progressing extremely well and we are now ready to start moving some furniture in. Our vision has become a reality! Whilst the current home is a far cry from where and how these boys started in life, the increased number of children we are bringing in means that we are outgrowing the current space. The new Infants' and Boys' Home will be modern and spacious, with bedrooms, bathrooms, a new gym, basketball court, Boys' meditation and play areas, a synagogue and much more.

The past year and a half has been challenging for all of us. At Tikva in particular we have seen both our budget and staff stretched to breaking point. We have rescued more children than we have ever done before and have devastatingly lost one of our beloved students to Covid.

We are forever grateful to you our loyal donors who have supported us during these most difficult times. I am hopeful that 2022 will be a better year for all, and that with new direct flights into Odessa the children, staff and students at Tikva can start to welcome visitors once again.

With very best wishes

KAREN BODENSTEIN
CEO, Tikva UK



OUR WORK IN ACTION

Sisters, Anna 12 years old and Katya eight years old, are from a city called Kherson in Ukraine. Their father abandoned them when Katya was a newborn. He has never tried to contact them and doesn't have an interest in being part of their lives.

Their mother isn't in contact with any of her family. She doesn't care about her children. She is unemployed and has no desire to get a job. She is unable to look after herself let alone her children. She is often found begging - everywhere from the streets to public transport to restaurants and would regularly send the girls out alone on the dangerous streets to beg too.

When Tikva rescued Anna and Katya, they were severely malnourished, were dirty and had holes in their clothes and shoes.

Both the girls suffer from extreme behavioural and psychological problems and have no interest in studying. The Educational team at Tikva have concluded that the girls have never been to school before to learn properly and are working closely with them to ensure a smooth transition into their new school life.



TIKVA UK'S INAUGURAL MEN'S BBQ



Hosted at the home of
GRANT & DEBBI KURLAND
Thursday 8th July
55 guests
RAISED OVER £180,000

TIKVA'S ART COMPETITION

We are excited to be launching our inaugural young people's art competition. Please submit a photograph of your entry along the theme of 'Tikva'/ Hope, together with your name and age to art@tikva.org.uk. Categories are under 7's, 8-12's and 13's and up. Winning entries will be published on Tikva's website and in future publications.

THE KENTON COMMITTEE PLAYS ON

The pandemic didn't stop our wonderful Kenton Committee from hosting a series of events. Throughout the past year they have hosted a harp recital and a quiz via Zoom and most recently, they were delighted to welcome people back for a live concert which raised £1,000.

THE BNAI BRITH SHOE PROGRAMME



In August 1997, Bnai Brith's Abraham Lewin Unity Lodge visited Odessa and went to the Or Sameach (now known as Tikva) home for homeless Jewish children. Many of these children had been living on the streets and some had run away from State orphanages.

60 children were living in a recently purchased old state school, in the very bleakest, poorest conditions imaginable with very few facilities. Bnai Brith UK, decided to embark on a major charitable programme to provide the children in the home with new shoes, just before Rosh Hashana. This would mean the children would have proper footwear for the coming winter. Thus began The Shoe Programme which has continued ever since – as Tikva became established and has grown and flourished in the region.

The programme's main source of funding was from the money we raised from our classical concert outings at the Royal Festival Hall; now well known throughout BBUK and beyond. In the early days, two or three concert outings a year raised enough money to provide shoes for the 60 children in the home.

Today, 24 years later, the home under Tikva, has greatly expanded and now cares for 298 children. We are proud that the Bnai Brith UK has managed to raise more than £120,000 over the past 24 years to fund the shoe programme for this wonderful Tikva Home in Odessa.

Malcolm Factor,
Bnai Brith UK

HANGING OUT WITH IMMANUEL COLLEGE - VIRTUALLY

Over the past three years, the relationship between Tikva and Immanuel College has grown into something very special. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the 2021 trip to Odessa couldn't go ahead, which was disappointing for both the students at Immanuel College and the children at Tikva. Therefore, we had to get a little creative and were delighted to host a Tikva Zoom reunion for all the students who have been on the trip over the past three years.

On Thursday 28th January 2021 around 50 Immanuel College students logged into see a special recording of the Kindergarten Kabbalat Shabbat, live performances from both the girls' and boys' homes had some quality time for the students and children to catch up.



LUXURY RAFFLE

In May, we ran our first ever online Luxury Raffle. The coveted prize was an exquisite, one of a kind, 'G' By Glenn Spiro, white diamond and pink sapphire snake bracelet worth \$12,000. This timeless piece was generously donated to us by 'G' By Glenn Spiro, amazingly helped us raise over £30,000. We are so grateful for 'G' By Glenn Spiro's support.



BAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

(Left to right) Skyla Spiro, Ciel Clauson & Lyla Kearsy put on an impromptu bake sale for Tikva

ASK THE TEAM



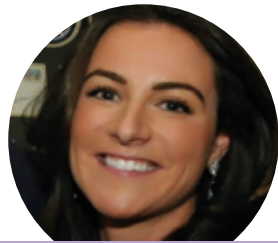
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QUESTION

“How can people support charities like Tikva during the pandemic?”

Guy, from London

ANSWER

Guy, thank you for your question and your support. It has been a challenging time globally, with the impact of the pandemic felt far and wide, whether its from a health, social or economic perspective. Tikva is no exception.

The way that people can support Tikva during this challenging time, is very simply, every single penny of which we are truly grateful for.

Although we acted swiftly by implementing a multitude of precautions to safeguard the most vulnerable in our care and who rely on our services, the challenges we faced around every corner were those no one could have predicted. The measures we put in place to ensure our life-saving services continue throughout the pandemic are wide and varied and include:

- Regular sanitisation of school buildings and Children's Homes
- Supplies of basic food, cleaning, sanitising products, and PPE

- The purchasing of extra toys, games, and educational materials to keep the 300 + children occupied during the height of the lockdown
- The purchasing of laptops, televisions and tablets for children who come to our schools but don't live in our homes to continue home schooling and to keep connected
- Thousands of weekly food & necessities packages for the elderly and disadvantaged children
- Structural changes to facilities to accommodate social distancing, such as splitting classrooms
- Extra school buses and staff chaperones due to reduced capacity
- Regular Covid-19 testing for all children and staff

The above are just a handful of measures that we have implemented. This, together with the increase in the number of children we have rescued due to the rise in domestic abuse and poverty during the pandemic, means the financial impact of the pandemic on Tikva has stretched our budget to breaking point and we now find ourselves with over \$400,000 deficit.

Jeremy Posen

CFO Tikva Odessa

THEIR PERFECT FIT



Nastya is 21 years old. She has been through the Tikva educational system from Kindergarten until she graduated the vocational programme, where she studied design. Nastya, is a great success story of our vocational programme. Nastya, has always had an interest in fashion and is extremely talented in art and design, it was clear that for her to achieve her dream of becoming a fashion designer that the vocational pathway was the best route for her. After she graduated, she started her own business and now has her own clothing line. A dream come true, and one that wouldn't have been achieved without the Tikva Vocational Programme.

Kolya is 21 years old. He came to Tikva in 2005 at the age of six. His mother an alcoholic and a prostitute, his father's whereabouts unknown. Their 'house' was barely a house, it had no running water, electricity and had blankets for doors. When Tikva found Kolya he was on the streets, begging for food.



Kolya graduated from the Tikva school but wasn't academic enough to go onto higher education at University. Following meetings and conversations with his guidance counsellor, Kolya decided, due to his love of meeting new people and the fact that he didn't want to be in an office 9-5, that he would like to become a minicab driver. With the help of Tikva he took a driving course and his driving test. He is now a licensed cab driver working for a reputable taxi company. He currently rents his cab, but is saving each month in order to buy his own car. With his own car he will be able to earn more money. He is thoroughly enjoying his job, which gives him a sense of purpose, independence and security - a far cry from how Kolya started in life.

