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L'Hitraot, Not Good-bye

By Adi Rodavsky, 2014-2015
Community Shlichah

I can't believe a year went by so quickly. It seems like only yesterday I came to Charlotte for the very first time. I met so many wonderful people during this year and while I am certain I taught a lot about Israel, I learned just as much about life in the United States. During this year, I had the privilege of working with individuals from all ages, from kindergarten kids to my lovely Oasis group. I visited many public and private schools in Mecklenburg County as well as in Union County. My visits to those schools helped me teach many pupils about Israel and also to have a wonderful time learning from them and from their teachers.

I had many expectations and dreams before coming to Charlotte and I feel they have all come



Adi Rodavsky, center, with some of the friends she made here in Charlotte.

true above and beyond. I had a great time spending all the holidays with my host families and the friends that I made here, who all made Charlotte my home away from home.

I want to thank everyone for making my time here so memorable. First and foremost, I'd like to thank the staff of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, a team of devoted, passionate ladies who looked after me and cared for me every single day. I would also like to thank my host families, Risa and David Miller, Elise and Jaime Kosofsky, and Shana and Oscar Suris, for letting me into their homes and their lives and for making sure I had everything I needed and never felt lonely. I would also like to thank everyone who worked with me and let me teach them and learn from them. I feel that this year has been the most meaningful one of my life, mostly because of the people who truly made it special.

I wish all of you the best and I hope to visit you soon. ☆

Our New Israeli Shlichah



Inbal Ozeri

By Inbal Ozeri, 2015-2016 Community Shlichah

My name is Inbal Ozeri, and I will be your new Shlichah. I feel honored and excited to become a part of your community for this upcoming year. I just can't wait.

Until then, here's a little information about me.

I'm 22 years old, I was born in Tel Aviv, grew up in a lovely Yishuv called Kochav Yair. It is a small community located northeast of Tel Aviv. Growing up in my Yishuv, everybody knows everybody, the closest city is 10 minutes away by car and children run around alone even at night. It is a place surrounded by green trees and natural beauty. I feel very fortunate to have grown up here.

My father is a wonderful and amazing man. His name is Ilan. The meaning of his name is "a tree." My father has the deep and powerful roots that hold our family together tightly. My father's parents immigrated to Israel when they were adolescents from Yemen.

My mother, Efrat, passed away when I was seven years old from breast cancer. I have many fond memories of her and she was an

incredible mom. My mother's parent immigrated to Israel from Iraq.

I have one younger sister, her name is Sharon and she is 19 years old. She is currently serving in the IDF. Sharon is very different than me. She doesn't look like me at all, our personalities are completely opposite, and that is the beauty of my family. My dad always says he loves the fact that we're so different, because it gives him challenges and opportunities as a parent. I'm always curious about her and I guess that's one of the many reasons why we are not only sisters, but friends too.

When I served the IDF, I was a network administrator at the Hatmar Efraim Army base. The base is located outside of the "green line" in a very sensitive and complex part of Israel. My specialty was computer management or "IT" support.

I think all Jews, even outside of Israel should join the IDF. It is a special and unique experience. No place else in the world, would an 18 year old in a short amount of time, be given the enormous responsibility and opportunity to protect their homeland.

I currently live and work at a youth village called Wizo Gan VaNof as the learning coordinator. I help the boarding school students raise their average scores and improve their chances to acquire their matriculation certificate.

I am fluent in Spanish and I am also a Latin dance instructor. I love dancing.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you when I arrive in Charlotte.

Feel free to email me with any questions you may have. You can reach me at shaliach@jewishcharlotte.org.

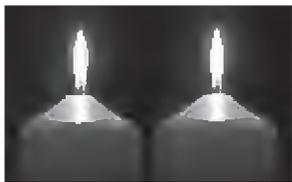
Until we meet, l'hitraot. ☆



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