



A Voice for Women and Children - A Voice for Israel

WHAT'S UP WITH NA'AMAT ?



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NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Dear Friends,

Although the official date of our 90th Anniversary Year for NA'AMAT USA is this fall, the National Board is already busy making plans for events all across the country, campaigns and special fundraising opportunities as ways to join in the celebration.

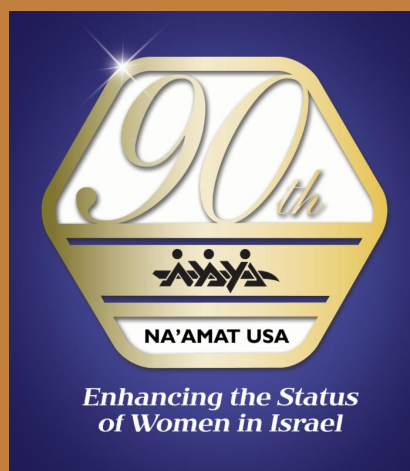


(l to r- Hilary Botchin, Doris Katz, Chellie Goldwater Wilensky, Liz Raider, Ivy Liebross, Deb Kohn, Gail Simpson, Jan Gurvitch, Marcia Weiss, Sandy Silverglade, Raena Zucker)

Here is a sneak peek at what is coming up:

- Our third circle, the Circle of Life, is featured in the summer edition of NA'AMAT Woman which will be arriving in your mailbox later this month.
- Watch your e-mail and snail mail for the "Chai Five" Campaign, a chance to see your name in print!
- The National Board, in cooperation with NA'AMAT Israel, will be launching a National 90th Building Fund Project.
- More to follow...

Here is the new logo we are using during this Anniversary Year. The National Office is producing 90th materials and 90th stickers which will be sent to all Areas, Councils and Clubs as soon as they are ready.





Spotlight: Orly Bitty

Developing the future leaders of NA'AMAT.

Orly Bitty is a board member of NA'AMAT Israel and oversees the organization's multicultural and young generation programs. A lawyer specializing in labor law and collective agreements, she is a lifelong political activist and a long-time member of Israel's Labor Party. She describes herself as "a lawyer by profession, but a politician by addiction." Currently, she leads a program to teach leadership skills to young women.

Recently, Orly Bitty spoke with NA'AMAT USA about her work with the organization and her commitment to women's issues. Shirli Shavit is the Director of the International Department of NA'AMAT, a position she has held for 17 years. As such, she serves as the lynchpin connecting NA'AMAT Israel with its sister organizations around the world. Here in the first part of a two-part interview, Shirli describes her career with the organization and the work that it is doing in Israel. She also discusses the Scholarship Fund, which was initiated 40 years ago by NA'AMAT USA and has since benefitted thousands of young Israeli women.

NA'AMAT USA: You have been an activist for your entire adult life, what issues are important to you?

ORLY BITTY: I am interested mainly in three issues. The first is peace. For many years, I have been involved in the Peace Now Movement and the Labor Party. I am also anxious to promote a shared society of Arabs and Jews. Peace and a shared society go together.

Secondly, I work to promote unionism, collective agreements, workers' rights and equality in the workplace. Third, I am interested in feminism and women's issues. Of course feminism is part of the first two points.

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NA'AMAT Awards University Scholarships

Program supported by NA'AMAT USA and NA'AMAT Canada provides more than \$100,000 in scholarship and grants annually to female students in Israel.

Nearly 200 female students received university scholarships to study engineering, science, medicine and other fields at the annual NA'AMAT Scholarship Ceremony held last week in Israel. Sponsored by NA'AMAT USA and NA'AMAT Canada, the program helps women of merit from every level of Israeli society complete their degrees. Scholarships are designed to help them escape poverty, attain promising careers and become contributing members of Israeli society.

"The scholarship program has contributed to the advancement and empowerment of hundreds of young women," said NA'AMAT USA President Elizabeth Raider. "It helps women complete their educations and find meaningful careers especially in areas where women have traditionally been under-represented. We are very proud of our support for this program and congratulate this year's exceptional group of scholarship recipients."

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Big Sale on Life Membership

In celebration of our 90th year we are putting our Life Membership on SALE!

Life membership is now \$180 (down from \$250)
for this year, July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

Life membership for Friends of NA'AMAT (men) is also \$180.00!

Make your grandkids Affiliate Life Members (under 18 years old) for \$180.00!

Life membership for those 90 years young and counting is ONLY \$90.00!

Don't be left out of the celebration!



To become a Life Member or gift a Life Membership, pay on-line at www.naamat.org or complete and mail in the form in the up-coming issue of NA'AMAT WOMAN magazine.

Your Donations at Work

NA'AMAT USA works in partnership with NA'AMAT Israel to provide vital educational and social services for women, children and families in Israel. When you donate to NA'AMAT you are investing in programs and resources that improve lives and promote gender equality. Your support makes all of these things happen!

Here are some of the current projects NA'AMAT USA has supported in the last couple of months.



WOMEN'S SERVICES

- Women's Health Center in Karmiel

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- Rikiel, Soroka and Givat Olga Day Care Centers - renovations and equipment

HIGH SCHOOLS

- Kanot Youth Village - renovations
- Technological High Schools - renovations and equipment
- Tech H.S. in Rishon Le'tzion - equipment

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Professional scholarship Fund
- Scholarships for Veterinary students
- Scholarships for Nursing

Community Action

San Fernando Valley Council Hosts Celebration for Formerly Homeless.

More than two dozen formerly homeless residents of the Day Street Apartments enjoyed an afternoon of good food, door prizes and fun at a special celebration marking the residential facility's one-year anniversary. The San Fernando Valley Council of NA'AMAT USA hosted the July 19th event on behalf of LA Family Housing, which operates the contemporary 45-unit housing complex. Opened last July in the Los Angeles suburb of Tujunga, the Day Street Apartments provide permanent homes to single adults affected by chronic homelessness.



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Keep cool on these hot summer days with a refreshing drink with or without the booze!

MOSCOW MULE

1. Ingredients

- 1 ounce lime juice
- ½ cup ginger beer
- 1 tablespoon simple syrup
- 2 ounces sparkling water, tonic or club soda
- (to be alcoholic, add 2 shots of vodka)
- ice cubes- 3 to 5 depending on your preference (a little lemon and ginger beer in the ice cube slots works well to keep the drink from getting watered down)

Instructions

1. Add all ingredients in a glass and stir well.
2. Garnish with a slice of lime and a small slice of ginger.
3. Don't use a shaker for the non alcoholic version- all the sodas will cause too much carbonation!
4. For the Alcoholic Version-
5. Add all ingredients and stir well.
6. Omit sparking water/soda/tonic
7. Garnish with a slice of lime and a thin slice of fresh ginger
8. Pour into glass and stir in ginger beer.

Sit back and relax!



UPCOMING EVENTS

For a listing of events in your area, please visit our website under Areas

[@www.naamat.org](http://www.naamat.org).

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"A huge part of being a feminist is giving other women the freedom to make choices you might not necessarily make yourself."

Lena Dunham
Actress