

Prince Edward at the Centre

The Israel Youth Award, which is affiliated with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, organized a two-day visit to Israel for His Royal Highness Prince Edward. As part of his visit, Prince Edward attended a major event at the Daniel Rowing Centre in September 2007, during which he presented the Gold Award to each of the two hundred Jewish and Arab teenagers who have participated in the programme.



Debka folk dancing group from Yafia Community Centre performing at the event



HRH Prince Edward with IYA Chairman, Nathan Wolloch, Joanna Landau and Linda Streit

The Centre takes part in an International Programme

The DRC collaborated with the British Council and the Israel Youth Award in an international project that brought together youth from Israel (from the Centre and from the Israel Youth Award), Azerbaijan and the UK. This project is part of the British Council's global programme leading up to the London 2012 Olympics. Using water sports as the foundation, the programme was designed to empower young people and build understanding between different nationalities and cultures. The young representatives visited Israel in August and took part in a water sports festival at the Centre.



Right to left: Dame Shirley Porter, HE Mr. Tom Phillips, British Ambassador and Assistant Director of the British Council, Ms. Caron Sethill at the water sports festival

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What's New? at the Daniel Rowing Centre

Beijing, here we come!

The nine disabled athletes from the DRC team achieved impressive results at the Hgelregatta in Essen, Germany in May and at the World Rowing Championships in Munich, Germany in August, assuring the participation of the Israeli adaptive rowing team in the Paralympic Games in Beijing 2008.

The athlete Eli Nawi scored outstanding results in both competitions and brought home a gold medal from the Hgelregatta and a bronze medal from the World Rowing Championships.

Left to right: Coach Alexander Skoblo, Eli Nawi, DRC Managing Director Eitan Gluzman, Reuven Magnagey and Gilat Abadi after the awards ceremony in Munich



In the Spotlight: Eli Nawi

Even though Eli Nawi (40) from Neve Monoson has been rowing for less than a year, he has assured the participation of an Israeli single scull in the Paralympics in September 2008. It was Nawi's swimming prowess which brought him to the attention of one of the DRC coaches, who took him under his wing and encouraged him to start training at the Centre.

"I find it difficult to be in a framework that demands discipline, but I proved to myself that I can accomplish a goal with quite good results", he says. Eli recalls his feeling on the podium in Munich when he won the bronze medal: "There I was together with the English and the Australian rowers. We all congratulated each other and I wrapped the Israeli flag around myself. I was up there as a winner..."



Coach Alexander Skoblo and Eli Nawi

The Israel Rowing Championship at the DRC

The Centre's rowing team, Hapoel Daniel Tel Aviv, took part in several competitions in 2007, and won many medals. The team achieved impressive results in the Israel Rowing Championships and won nineteen medals, including eleven in the gold category.



Joanna Landau awarding medals to the Hapoel Daniel TA athletes

The Tel Aviv open Regatta in Memory of Daniel 2007

The Tel Aviv Open Regatta in memory of Daniel, which was held on 7-8 September 2007, is an annual event organized by the Daniel Rowing Centre and supported by the FDRA. Athletes from the four rowing clubs in Israel, including Hapoel Daniel Tel Aviv, took part in the competitive events at the Centre. The medals were awarded to the winners by Daniel's family, in front of an enthusiastic audience.



Youth champion Artium Vostroilov

The Sea of Friends Programme

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each activity day is planned according to the specific needs of each group. Among the groups were soldiers training to be police officers, teachers, youth leaders, victims of terrorist attacks, children at risk and many other groups. The Centre puts special emphasis on the issues that each particular group would like to develop and discuss. These issues include the meaning of responsibility, teamwork, the relationship between the group and the individual, and leadership qualities.

Two of the groups, Arab and Jewish children at risk, came from “youth homes” in Tel Aviv and Jaffa. Both groups came to the Centre several times and the ongoing sessions created a unique experience both for the children and for the team at the Centre. Four of these children have since been coming to the Centre on a regular basis to learn rowing. We hope they will eventually become a part of our young rowing team.

The Sea of Friends programme has been very successful this year. Twenty-eight different groups have taken part in the activities, exposing seven hundred and thirty children, teenagers and adults both to the Centre and to nautical activities.

The groups come from all over Israel, and



Dragons in Tel Aviv

The Centre is the first facility in Israel to purchase Dragon boats. The four new colourful boats are a great success and many groups of children, teenagers and adults have already enjoyed using them.

About Dragons...

Dragon boats are very long and narrow human-powered boats. For racing events, dragon boats are always rigged with decorative Chinese dragon heads and tails and are required to carry a large drum aboard. At other times the decorative regalia is usually removed, although the drum often remains aboard for training purposes.

Dragon boat races are traditionally held to commemorate the death of Qu Yuan, a famous Chinese patriot poet, making dragonboating the only sport to be celebrated as a national holiday.

A Message from Daniel's Family



A Message from the Chairman

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are delighted with the continuing success of the Centre in various fields – the numbers of academic rowing classes are gradually increasing, there are more and more children who are being introduced to the sport of rowing, and the dragon boats are a colourful addition to the Tel Aviv scene. Only a couple of years ago, people had little idea about what was taking place on the large site with the 'upturned boat' on it, but now the Daniel Rowing Centre has become a well-known feature of Tel Aviv. We are extremely happy that a member of the British Royal Family saw fit to visit The Daniel Rowing Centre, and HRH Prince Edward's presence was a huge inspiration for the hundreds of excited youngsters. We are also very proud of the various social programmes that take place, which give a ray of hope to the youngsters that participate, but also give tremendous satisfaction to the staff members who facilitate the projects.

We wish our adaptive rowing team all the best of luck at Beijing – it will be a winning combination of skill, hard work, good coaching and team work that will produce the best results. That is what the DRC is all about – working together to extract the best – in whatever you are participating in.

Thank you all for your continued support for our wonderful centre in Daniel's memory,

Wishing you all the very best,

Shirley, Linda, Joanna and John

Dear Friends,

The FDRA received several generous donations during 2007, enabling us to support the Daniel Rowing Centre and contribute to its increasing activities.

In 2008, we shall continue to support the Centre's activities and athletes, and this includes assisting the disabled team who are preparing for the Paralympic games in Beijing in 2008. We plan to continue supporting underprivileged youth and disabled athletes and to continue awarding scholarships for outstanding achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends for their generosity and our members for their cooperation. Special thanks to the committee members (events, P.R. and fundraising) for the good work.

Yours sincerely,

Arie Brosh

Chairman of the Association

Join the vision of the Daniel Rowing Centre through the FDRA

The Friends of Daniel for Rowing Association is an Israeli registered charity (no. 580 419 349) with the aim of furthering the sport of rowing in Israel. The FDRA is governed by a board of directors, has an external auditor and complies with all of the rules and regulations relating to charities in Israel.

For any further information about the FDRA and about the ways you can contribute, please contact the FDRA Director, Ms. Renata Shmueli, on +972-3-7419023 or by e-mail: amuta@drc.org.il.

Additional information about the Daniel Rowing Centre may be found on its website, at www.drc.org.il.

