What’s New in Marom Olami?
A few highlights from around the world.

Europe:
UK: The Kelim program took place a few weeks ago. This is a new summer program that began in London and ended in Jerusalem. The participants spent a month learning at the Conservative Yeshiva with a combined faculty from the Yeshiva and Masorti UK Rabbis, with a special emphasis on Hazzanut sessions, covering everything from basic Nusach to the history of Jewish music. The Kelim students have all pledged to bring the learning culture of this month to their home or university communities and will complete a project over the coming year.

Budapest: Last weekend, Marom Budapest headed the annual Jewstock festival - Bankito. The festival attracts people from all around Europe for three days of celebrations, music, art and learning in a Jewish atmosphere. Click here to watch Marom Budapest’s promotional video and here to watch highlights from Jewstock 2008.

AMLAT (Latin America):
Chazit Hanoar Seminar Madrichim: The mid-year seminar recently took place in order to plan the big events of the end of the year, among them the “50 years of Chazit Hanoar Sao Paolo” celebration and the month-long Chazit celebrations that took place throughout AMLAT with competitions, games and cultural events between all the chapters.

Shnat Hachshara: 47 participants came to Israel this past year. They took part in the Machon Madrichim – the Jewish Agency’s counselor training course – and got an award for best group. They are now learning Hebrew at the Ulpan in Kibbutz Revivim in the beautiful Negev desert. They are busy making connections with the Israelis on the Kibbutz, and these friendships will last them a
Here is a video Chazit Hanoar's Shnat 2009 group made for Yom Hazikaron – Israel’s Soldiers Memorial Day – and Yom Haatzmaut – Israel’s Independence Day.

**Nofim:** On August 11, a leadership course opened at Kehillat Bnei Israel, Santiago for young leaders in the Jewish community. The Nofim activities will use Jewish sources, promote Jewish values of leadership, while at the same time focusing on practical leadership skills and on increasing the participants own Jewish values. This will give Marom the opportunity to strengthen the connection between the different centers in Chile and the leaders will have better tools to make their visions for Marom a reality.

**Mexico:** The Beit El Mexico program has just started its new session. This year for the first time, the program is recognized as a MASA program by the Jewish Agency, which means more opportunities for the program and Marom participants! The 49 participants will be spending their time volunteering and learning Hebrew in Israel for the next 7 months.

Our *Shaliach* in AMLAT, Yoel Schwartz, has been keeping busy. He has been to Chile to run a MASA event; organized a special group and prepared them to come to Israel on the Shnat Hachshara program; and he built the new Nofim program that so far proves to be a success.

**Event in Honor of Udi Givon**
A few weeks ago, Marom Olami held an evening in honor of Udi Givon. In Udi’s long history with the Masorti Movement, he held the position of head of Noam, the Masorti Youth Movement in Israel, and was one of the founders of Marom Olami. After years of working for the Masorti Movement, Udi has moved on to work on his academic career. Marom Olami would not be the movement it is today without Udi’s help, and we thank him for it. Thank you also to those who sent in kind words, pictures and video clips for the event!

**Marom Shabbaton – Hagshama**
Marom Olami and Marom Israel are holding a Shabbaton on the topic of
Hagshama – fulfillment. The Shabbaton will take place on the weekend of the 25th-26th of October 2009, Shabbat Parashat Vehaazinu, in Kibbutz Hannaton in the lower Galilee. Kibbutz Hannaton is the Masorti Kibbutz in Israel and now in the process of being rejuvenated and resettled. Our Olim come from the UK, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, and they all come from Masorti backgrounds. This Shabbaton will give them the opportunity to meet each other and Israelis from MAROM Israel, in a Masorti Shabbat environment with much educational content. If you would like more information or to register, please contact marom@masortiolami.org.

MAROM Olami wishes a big MAZAL TOV to Lucas “Pato” Lejderman and Jessica Landes on their wedding! Congratulations! Parabéns!