



SHALOM CLUBS

PARAGUAY



The Shalom Club, Paraguay organized an impressive event to commemorate Israel's 60 years of Independence. Club members, representatives from Amisrael (The Cultural Association of Friends of Israel), and distinguished guests joined together for the "Great March for Peace," a colorful walk through the



streets of the capital, Asuncion, which ended with a festive gathering at the Ñu Guazu Park. Among the respected guests was the Vice-President of the Republic, Federico Franco, who mentioned his recent visit to Jerusalem, and expressed his commitment to peace and friendship.

Also present were Israeli Honorary Consul to Paraguay, Max Heber; Dr. Eduardo Zaracho, president of Amisrael; representatives and members of B'nai B'rit; representatives from the Cultural Institute Israel-Paraguay; and many more.

PERU



The Shalom Club, Peru members organized a large "Medical Campaign" in May 2008 in a local elementary school, as part of the events organized to commemorate the Independence of the State of



Israel at 60. Shalom Club members arrived at the school in the District of Comas and organized helpful, healthy activities for both parents and children, including a healthy breakfast, general medical attention, distribution of medicines, eye-sight check ups, psychological and legal counseling and beauty treatments. The National Police Corps was also present, and its members organized an impressive Canine Show.

A large team of club members, together with the Israeli Embassy staff, coordinated the successful event at which many distinguished guests were present, including the Israeli Ambassador to Peru H.E. Walid Manzur; and the president of the Shalom Club, Peru, Ms. Luzmila Canal.

PHILIPPINES



The Shalom Club, Philippines (SCP) celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. SCP acquired its legal status in July 1998 under the Philippine laws that govern private corporations, and is a registered Volunteer Organization with the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency of the National Economic and Development Authority. Guided by this organization's vision, the Club's mission and primary objective is to promote peace through volunteerism. The theme chosen for this year's anniversary celebration is Institutionalizing the Role of SCP in Philippine Society, via the "Ambassadors of Peace" Program.



"Share a Lunch Project" in action: Israeli Ambassador to the Philippines Zvi Aviner-Vapni (center, last row); Deputy Chief of Mission Yaniv Revach (center, second row); Shalom Club president Zenny Ubaldo (standing, third from left); and fellow Shalom Club members during the event.

Presently, Shalom Club Philippines has 639 members, active in 27 local chapters. One of the Club's latest activities, organized jointly with the Israeli Embassy in the Philippines, was the "Share a Lunch and Gift" project, which included distribution of hot meals to destitute children.

COTE D'IVOIRE



Shalom Club members and distinguished guests gathered at the residence of the Israeli Ambassador in Cote d'Ivoire, H.E. Daniel Kedem, to present the design plans for the new Shalom House which is being built in Abidjan. Established in 1960, the Shalom Club in Cote d'Ivoire has over 700 members, all of them graduates of MASHAV's professional training courses.

