

## AALFJ President's address during the start of the year coffee on

September 8th 2017

The Association des Amis du Lycée Français de Jerusalem (AALFJ) or Les Amis welcomes you to this coffee and wishes you all the best for this new schoolyear. Here in front of you are the committee and core members for this year.

President Annemieke

Treasurer and canteen coordinator Heidi

Secretary Delphine

After school activities Valérie

Website and Facebook page Emilie

Hélène

However, Les Amis always runs with the participation of many extra helping hands throughout the year during the organisation of the events like Caroline, Michelle, Béatrice, Ragnar, Yousef, Muhamed, Nihal, Philippe, Sabine, Rachida and many others.

Les Amis closely collaborates with Mr Bittmann and his team, his teachers as well as with the youngsters of le Conseil de Vie Lycéenne (CVL) . We also keep good relations and communications with the Comité de Gestion.

We already presented ourselves during the Newcomers Coffee organised on August 30. We were very happy to see so many families. A very warm welcome to you. Les Amis is there to make you and your children feel at home in this school as soon as possible.

This year we plan to organise the fast becoming traditional events like the Xmas party, the carnival, the Teen dance and the parents ball. In addition we will participate in the marking of the 50 years of le Lycée Français de Jérusalem that will be celebrated in the beginning of November. Those events are always very festif.

But Les Amis is not only partying. We will this year have several big projects running throughout the year.

We have indeed be busy this start of the schoolyear with reorganising the canteen service. You might have notice this through communications and posters. You still can enroll your child for this service today during the meeting. Linked to that is the making over of the kiosk and its provided services.

The pedagogical garden project will be continued from last year. Henri will continue having his sessions in all classes of both KG and elementary . It was indeed a great success last year.

We have written a new ambitious project proposal 'Propreté' that we aim at being very participatory at all levels : students, administration, teachers and parents. You will surely hear and read more about it in the coming months.

And of course the organisation of the after school activities. We are happy to have here with us a good number of activity leaders who will present themselves and will answer all your questions in order for you to make the best choice for your children. We will get back to that in just a moment

Les Amis is an association, families with children enrolled in the French School are its members. The projects mentioned earlier are partly financed by the membership fees ( which is 100 nis per family). It is therefore crucial that all families whether they have children in KG, elementary school or highschool, enrolled in after school activities or not pay their membership fee. During this coffee morning , you will be able to do so. This will also be possible next week at the times scheduled for payment of activities. A little gift awaits each child of families that have duly paid their membership fees.

The events that les Amis organises are also fundraisers for the school. Raised monies are reinvested for a better learning environment. You perhaps recall the picnic tables and the class painting project for the middle and high school or the Ipads for the students in 6ieme. That was all funded by les Amis. Furthermore during the last General Assembly it was decided to donate 20 000 nis for the replacement of computers in elementary school and purchase of videoprojectors. 8000 nis has been given for the purchase of KG Montessori material and 12000 has been set aside for purchase of KG class furniture in the near future.

This fund raising is possible thanks to everyone's mobilisation, either by participating, a thing we don't need to encourage, by offering assistance for the organisation of the event or by donations. All help is very much welcomed : a pair of hands, a car, a talent or an idea. Please write down your name and contact details as well as any suggestion you might have if you would like to play a more active role in the association this year.

Let me now introduce to you the activity leaders. We thank them all for committing time for this school year and thanks to them we are able to offer a wide range of activities. Today is not the day to enroll your kids, that will be possible next week during the announced times. However after the presentation you are invited to approach any activity leader and ask him or her your questions. A short summary of each activity has also been uploaded on to the Amis website. On the site you will also find the subscription form that we kindly ask you to fill in before coming to pay. And please do not forget to carefully read the letter explaining the procedures and rules. It is available in english and french and will also be uploaded in arabic in the coming days.

I am presenting to you

Alain	Taekwando KG and primary school
Alessandra	Biodanza KG, primary school and middle school
Sylvie	Music, Hebrew and Story telling KG
Valérie,	Art and crafts, KG, primary and secondary school
Michelle	Lego building and Lego robotics KG, primary and middle school
Melissa	Coding and website KG, primary and middle school
Rachida	Tiny tots gym KG

Barbara	Spanish for spanish speakers KG and primary school , spanish as a second language, primary school
Tim	Fun in English, primary and secondary school
Emilie	Homework club, primary school
Romain Gary	Drama/ Acting, primary and secondary school
Raeda	TDrama/ Acting in arabic, primary and secondary school
Soline	Creative writing, secondary school
Stéphane	Basketball, primary and secondary school
Nathalie	Dance, primary school
Alix	Field games, primary and secondary school