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## **Beneficiaries**

### **ALL PEOPLE**

#### **French Courses**

The beginners' course (A1.1) took place during the first two months of the year. A new group of the same level started at the end of February.

Conversation sessions were also held in February and March, led by Mariam Safi.

#### **Heritage: visits and meetings**

Visitors are gradually returning: a group of 20 people from the *Maison d'Abraham* (Jerusalem) and a delegation from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs led by R. Troccaz, Consul General of France in Jerusalem, visited the Old City and a group of 9 people spent the night in a local house and took a walk in Wadi Taffuh. In addition, a group of 35 members of the *Institut des Hautes Etudes du Monde Religieux* visited Abraham Mosque with A. Abu Eisheh.



Since February we have been participating in the **tourism and archaeology course at Hebron University** in the person of Lubna Abu Turki, tour guide, journalist, and member of the AECHF board. Lubna leads the students through the old Hebron and shows them the most important but also the least known and yet emblematic places.



**Environment**

The AECHF implemented, together with the Anna Lindh Foundation, a programme entitled "Engaging Youth in Environmental Protection" from 20 February to 31 March. 160 young people aged 14 to 29, girls and boys from Hebron University, Palestine Polytechnic University, sports clubs, and schools benefited from awareness-raising workshops on various themes: global warming, greenhouse gases, biodiversity, pollution (waste, acid rain) with the participation of an agricultural engineer.



In the association's garden, 15 children aged 14-15 planted flowers and shrubs. The 15 "ambassadors" will be asked to plan future activities on these themes and continue the planting.

These young people also went on a hike in the surrounding countryside and about 50 of them took part in a waste collection day in the Wadi al-Quff valley (2500 ha).

On this day of 18 March, initiated by Anwar Abu Eisheh, in cooperation with the Tarqumia Aajmal ("Tarqumia more beautiful") association of the town adjacent to the forest, about 150 people collected the rubbish left behind, mostly by walkers, and had the opportunity to discover the Safa cave, home to many bats!



**The next edition is scheduled for 13 May. If you are in the area, please join us!**

## **WOMEN**

In addition to the weekly sessions run by the social workers for about twenty women from the old town, aimed at reducing stress and providing psychological support, various local NGOs held **information sessions** on our premises.

The Palestinian Working Women Association on women's participation in Palestinian society and the value of unpaid work, the Union of Women's Committees on the status of the person in the civil code and family law, Ma'an on positive parenting practices, the Social Welfare Centre and its psychiatrist on building self-confidence, the Ministry of Health on adolescence and the physiological changes it brings, menopause, osteoporosis and nutrition.

Several of these sessions also involved children who, while their mothers were attending the workshop, benefited from specific activities on the same themes.

**Consultations with social workers:** 7 were for social problems, 25 for economic problems, 19 for health problems and 9 for psychological problems.

## **CHILDREN**

### **Library**

9 drawing and reading workshops were held in the old town. One of them was aimed at promoting group cohesion.

The facilitators took part in 3 preparatory sessions for the **Reading Week** organised in March by the Tamer Institute ("Together we will find the house and the fishing rod").

During this week, the children read, listened, and drew on the theme of dreams and plants. Their work is to be put together to produce a story. They also made mini books out of crepe paper and foam.

About 160 children participated in these activities.



98 books were borrowed. 8 were donated by the Tamer Institute and presented to the facilitators.

### **School support**

The school support courses (maths, Arabic, English) are always a success with parents, teachers and... children!

They took place every Saturday except for the few days of snow and extreme cold that we experienced until the end of March.

### **Manual activities**

In addition to the activities linked to Reading Week, 94 participations in activities designed by Lina Awad were recorded. Over the months, the children have made kites, Ramadan lanterns and crescents, cotton sheep, pencils from tree branches and cardboard penguins.

**SOUTIEN A HEBRON-FRANCE: The next General Meeting of SASH will be held on 3 May at 7 pm (French time) on Zoom.**