

NEWSLETTER N° 12 January-May 2023 During the Ramadan period (March 23 - April 25) the association closed its doors.

Beneficiaries

ALL PUBLIC

* **French classes :** Mariam resumed teaching French after her maternity leave with two groups of beginners (A1.1 and A1.2), and Chantal continued conversation sessions with five students until the end of January.

At the end of April, volunteer Oona and trainee Merlin arrived. They are running conversation sessions with ex-students and **the five people who will be leaving for a cultural trip to France** in early July, hosted in the Le Mans and Tours area by the local **AFPS**.

* **The Club Francophone** is once again run by these two young people, who have organized an afternoon snack and are preparing other activities (music, language café, cinema).

CHILDREN

* Library: Razan leads a reading workshop three times a week, attended by young pupils (mainly girls). Forty books have been donated to the library by the Tamer Institute, fifty-four by the Ministry of Culture and eighty-three by Mohammad Amro, a Jordanian author.

The **Tamer Institute** organized thirteen workshops in three months, including one on the importance of reading time, one on the protection a library offers children, one on puppet-making and one on children's rights.

* Handicrafts: 210 participants took part in the three months of activities. Lantern making, wooden boxes decorated with leaves, pottery painting, oil painting, making key rings, etc. Some of these activities, led by Lina, attract boys of around ten years old, but the girls remain the most loyal.



* **The toy library,** run by Razan and Lina, has only been able to open at irregular intervals due to their part-time presence. We hope to be able to acquire new games and complete the furniture in the coming months. This area, which is also used for tutoring, requires a number of acquisitions.

* Interventions by local NGOs : DCI (Defense of Children International) spoke to the children about their rights and responsibilities, and ran a stress-relief activity for the children. The Center for Women's Psychological and Social Guidance and the Women Association for Research also took part in the workshop, including mothers.



* School support : The 80-day strike led by some teachers in the majority of public schools makes it even more urgent to take care of children with educational difficulties. It should be noted that parents, even those on modest incomes, tend to place their children in private schools, sometimes at considerable cost. Two school years amputated by Covid and a virtually "blank" semester, results in a significant drop in academic standards.

Demand for our association is therefore very high, especially as the courses are provided free of charge to the 30 children enrolled, for three hours a week.

Some schools that were on strike are now holding classes on Saturday mornings, which complicates our tutoring program. Adaptability needed!

WOMEN

A group of women from the **Protégez mon avenir** initiative have been made aware of all the acts prohibited by law and which can be committed by children because they are unaware of the dangers and consequences for individuals and society.

Heba Sharif, a volunteer with the association, set up a **cross-stitch embroidery** training workshop for four weeks, with two sessions a week. The results are impressive!





YWCA spoke on the dangers of electronic games and cyber-crimes, as well as three sessions with a lawyer on certain provisions of the civil code.

The Federation of Women's Committees ran a workshop on parental guidance and started a new crochet workshop.

Other sessions on early marriage, its dangers as well as harassment also brought together around twenty women.



The **Al Usra** association ran a workshop on intra-family violence, while the **Ministry of Health** organized an information session on skin diseases and another on inter-family violence.

71 people were interviewed by the association's social workers. Social and economic problems were the main reasons cited. Some 50 children also benefited from stress-reducing games sessions run by the association's two social workers.

For Eid el Fitr, thanks to private donations, 10,500 ILS (approx. \leq 2,600) and thirty-five chickens were distributed to needy families identified by the association.

HERITAGE AND TOURISM :

101 tourists (individuals or via travel agencies) visited Hebron with our guides. A dozen of them spent a night in a local home.

A small delegation from the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem, led by the Consul General, was guided by Anwar and Chantal in the Old City (H2).



PARTNERSHIP

The AECHF will be partnering **AL KAMANDJATI** in a 3-year project (starting June 1) designed to strengthen music teaching in schools and with out-of-school children and children with disabilities. This program is financed by the Belgian cooperation **ENABEL**.

MEETINGS

With a view to the **August workshops** planned by M.L. Mangin (**e-hikaye** association) and intended to produce a complete booklet (content and cover), a meeting took place at the Aïda camp with **Abdelfattah Abu Srour** to clarify how the workshops at AECHF and Al Rowwad would be run.

A group of people from the **Bages-Jalboun twinning** met with us to discuss the possibility of exchanging practices during the July visit of young French, Spanish and Palestinians.

During the **Assises de la Coopération Franco-palestinienne** in Ramallah in May, we had the opportunity to meet or meet again with various interlocutors with whom collaboration and/or partnership projects were discussed (notably the towns of **Rezé** and **Colombes**).

SUPPORT TO SOLIDARITE HEBRON

SASH continues to fill orders for TOPOLY, which were in high demand following reports by France Info and RFI.

Pour les écouter, cliquez ici !

Topoly, the Palestinian Monopoly game - https://rfi.my/9ZkN.W

SASH will hold its annual general meeting on July 3, in Arcueil and via zoom (details by the end of June).

SASH has been able to support Solidarity Hebron financially thanks to donations and sales of TOPOLY.

TO LISTEN

https://www.radiofrance.fr/franceinter/podcasts/interception/interception-du-dimanche-14mai-2023-3677952

https://www.france.tv/france-5/la-case-du-siecle/4811620-hebron-palestine-la-fabrique-de-l-occupation.html

Seen in the Old City

The new elevator installed by the Israeli authorities along the cross-wall of the Haram el Ibrahimi to allow Jewish pilgrims to reach the part converted into a synagogue, in defiance of UNESCO rules.





Settlers' version of the closure of stores on Martyrs Street (renamed King David Street).



And to finish with a smile, the Solidarity Hebron women's team, almost complete, surrounded by the younger generation!

