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of life of these children," explains Yarden Haimovitz, Israel's southern supervisor, "Not only are the children taught mobility and reading and writing skills in Braille in the pre-school, but they are given a vital headstart to prepare them for first grade."

We try and teach these children as much as possible," she says, "literally trying to open their eyes to the world." The playground of the pre-school will be designed to be a mini-cosmos, providing the youngsters with shapes, textures, and physical variations. Mobility and road safety will also be taught here. A generous donation for the playground was made possible by Mr. Peter G. Kaufmann of Pully, Switzerland on behalf of his family.

In the pre-school, skills are taught in both Hebrew and Arabic, and there is a full time translator or Arabic speaking worker. The children will master reading and writing skills in Braille by the time they are five years of age. "We are trying to provide the best we can for these children, and with the help of the Jewish Institute for the Blind, we are realizing our dream."

## Recent Visitors to the Institute



### ENGLAND

Mr. Arieh Handler London



### FINLAND

Rev. Ari Suutarla, Eucree – accompanied by the following group:

Arvi & Maija Lusa Halhunen	Helsinki
Aulikki Hulkko	Helsinki
Aino Kallio	Pomarkku
Mirja Kallio	Helsinki
Inkeri Kantel	Launra
Ulla Krichi	Vantaa
Ecia Kulmanen	Helsinki
Raija & Olavi Kylmanen	Oulu
Kerttu Laakkonen	Turku
Eila Lehtonen	Vantaa
Aulis Nurmi	Turku
Mari Ojala	Tampere
Vuoriaho Orvokki	Laitila
Lauri & Sirkka Parviainen	Jyvaskyla
Anne Pumtti	Helsinki
Kaarina & Raimo Suni	Espoo
Eila Tatila	Santtio
Asta & Oira Uuzivaara	Helsinki
Ritva & Pekka Valtanen	Rauma

Raimo Vesanen  
Sanni Vesanen  
Harri & Maila Vihinen

Leppavirta  
Varkaus  
Helsinki



### FRANCE

Dr. Belaiche	Paris
Mrs. Jacqueline Bittoun	La Varenne
Mr. & Mrs. Moise Cohen	La Varenne
Mr. Elkoubi	Paris
Mrs. Gaby Levy	Paris
Mrs. Myriam Nathan	La Varenne
Mr. & Mrs. Sayada	Paris
Mr. Segal	Paris
Mr. Zenouda	Paris



### NORWAY

Mr. Oystein Egeland Skien



### UNITED STATES

Rabbi David E. Lapp Fair Lawn, NJ  
Mr. Barry A. Mahler NYC

## News Flash

The Jewish Institute for the Blind has taken the initiative to organize sports' programs for the blind in various parts of Israel. Fifteen blind sportsmen are participating in goal ball and table sports in Petah Tikva in activities organized by the Institute. A new league will also soon be organized in Rishon Le'tzion. The players will come for games and competition with the Jerusalem league at the Institute's Sports Center at

least once a month.

Of course the blind and partially sighted can hear radio and television programs, but if they would like to explore the news or editorials in depth, the Institute supplies an active newspaper 'clip service' of articles on tape. Just recently the service has been expanded to English speakers as well, and it is hoped to also provide this valuable service in Russian and Amharic.



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## Insights from Abroad

In the past few months the Institute has had visits from groups of blind tourists from both Germany and Finland. We welcome fact-finding visits like these, and we are proud that these tourists come to see the Institute during their stay in Israel.

The annual gala evening to benefit the Jewish Institute for the Blind was held in La Varenne, France in early February. The evening, organized by Myriam Nathan was a huge success and as well as being entertaining, it helped to raise money for the blind of Israel.

In conjunction with the Friends of the Institute from Sweden, a colorful brochure was printed for the Swedish Jewish community showing that the Institute is helping the blind and partially sighted. Just as we are reminded at this season of Passover that the Jews were taken from slavery to freedom, so we hope to help the blind and partially sighted develop the independence which will assure them freedom of choice.