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World Bnei Akiva conducts leadership seminar in Vienna for 130 Jewish youth from across Europe

World Bnei Akivas educational 'Dream Team' conducted its first official seminar this past weekend at a European leadership seminar in Vienna, Austria.

130 participants from Austria, Finland, Germany, Holland, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey gathered for an intense 3-day program aimed at developing their leadership skills. The educational sessions of the Dream Team, led by Daniel Winer, Tamar Glauber and Naftali Gross, focused on the psychology of games, the basics of being a *madrich*, the future of European Jewry and the importance of being a young Jewish leader in Europe.

"The seminar in Vienna was an amazing experience for me", says Erol from Turkey. "I have met so many teenagers from around Europe and had an amazing Shabbaton with them. The Dream Team were really awesome people and they thought us such great tips for being a mad rich. I will always use them for my chanichim and I hope to be a better link to Judaism for them."

The Dream Team is a new flagship project of World Bnei Akiva with the objective of assembling a team of its best alumni educators in Israel in order to educate, strengthen and empower the *madrachim* of Bnei Akiva around the world. This effort will infuse Jewish Diaspora communities with a further trained young leadership, which in turn will reinforce and enhance Jewish and Zionist informal education benefitting thousands of Jewish children around the globe.

This project conducted a pilot trip in December 2015, when three top educators flew to South Africa in order to help train the leaders at the Dor Shelanu Camp. Further Dream Team sessions are planned for North America this coming summer, and in Australia and South Africa in December 2016.

High resolution photos are attached with this media release.

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