

TSW FORMAT
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INFORMATION GATHERING
"Ideas that Work"

Type of Project: Communication.

Project Name: Speaker Meeting through Skype, and Greetings from around the World of OA.

Project Goal: To hear from OA members from afar, using modern technology.

Organizing Service Body: NSB of Israel, Region 9.

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Resources Needed (budget, volunteers, materials, etc.): No cost involved, just need computers/lap tops, and digital cameras or cellphones or...

Implementation Process (including length of time for planning and implementation): We had a speakers meeting celebrating Region 9 Week, where we had 3 different speakers through Skype. OA members from 3 different countries in Region 9 were contacted through email and agreed to speak on a given day. It was suggested, to the 3 speakers, what to talk about. A specific hour was given to each speaker with the amount of time for each speaker. Everyone knew the skype addresses ahead of time. As the speaker spoke, it was translated for the OA members in Israel, from English to Hebrew. In Israel, we saw and heard each speaker, and the speakers saw us, too. In between each speaker, there were some fun, OA activities.

Greetings from around the World of OA - we were celebrating Israel's 30th OA birthday. We contacted OA members, in the United States, and received, in English, video clips. They were wishing us a happy birthday. Each video ran for a couple of minutes. Some were taped using a digital camera, one using a cellphone, one from a computer. They were all sent to a computer in Israel. The day of the event they were projected onto a large screen and were shown and heard, many times, throughout the day.

Additional Comments (including things of which to be mindful): For the Speaker Meeting through Skype - many people were not hooked up to skype. Therefore, many who were approached to be a speaker, were not able to give that service. *Greetings from around the World of OA - this proved to be very difficult, technologically, for many people. For others, it was easy to make a video and send it to us.*

Results: Fun and excitement. To see and hear OA members from other countries added more meaning to the phrase "We Are Not Alone!".