

CHABAD'S CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL

CCOC Bat Mitzvah Program



Miryam (left) celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with CCOC's Mila.

Mazel tov to Miryam and Mila, our latest Bat Mitzvah girls! Miryam decided that she wanted to include CCOC in her upcoming celebration. She took it upon herself to invite our very own Mila, also of Bat Mitzvah age, to celebrate this special

occasion together! Miryam took Mila shopping, and the two Bat Mitzvah girls wore matching dresses to their party. It was an incredibly moving Bat Mitzvah. While at first Mila was shy and embarrassed, she later smiled from ear to ear thanks to Miryam and her friends' attention. In fact, they wrote a song for both of the girls and gave Mila a present. Not only did Mila's friends and the CCOC staff attend, but Mila's mother and older sister came to partake in the celebration as well. **Contact us if you would like to join CCOC's Bat Mitzvah program.**

Mark Lyons to be Honored at 2015 Children at Heart Gala



As President of The Fulcrum Group, Mark Lyons is a recognized leader in the Building Commissioning and Energy Services Industry documenting more than \$200 million of energy savings and having commissioned over 20 million square feet of complex building types.

Prior to founding The Fulcrum Group, Mark spent 25 years assisting corporate, industrial, government, and non-profit clients. The values of hard work, integrity and his passion for technical diagnostics were instilled in him as a young boy by his immigrant father as he carried his toolbox through the urban centers of northern NJ.

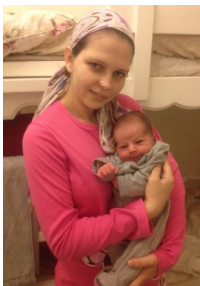
Mark's greatest opportunity arose when he was contacted by Jody Durst for his assistance in the technical planning, commissioning and operational turnover of One Bryant Park. From this project, the foundation of The Fulcrum Group was born. The primary mission of The Fulcrum Group's partners and staff is to bridge the gap between complex design and advanced technology with building operations personnel, providing its clients with smarter buildings from the inside out and the ground up.

In his personal life, he greatly values his wife Donna's personal talents and her ability to recognize and uncover his best qualities. Together, they are very proud of their four children, Justine, Paige, Jack and Sean – each of whom continues to exceed all expectations as they contribute to society and fulfill their own dreams.

On Monday, November 23, 2015, Mark will accept his much deserved honor at the *Children at Heart Gala* in recognition of his dedication to CCOC over the past 10 years. Congratulations Mark on your upcoming honor!



The Next Generation: Watch Them Grow



Yana with her newborn baby, David.

As our children grow, we watch with pride and joy as they overcome obstacles and achieve success. Without the care of CCOC, many of these children would remain in their contaminated hometowns in the Ukraine and what has now become a war-

torn region, with over 5,700 killed. 13 years ago, Yana was rescued by CCOC during which time we provided her with a nurturing and safe environment and extensive medical care. Yana has drastically improved, is now married with a Bachelor's

Degree, and is pursuing her Masters while caring for her newborn baby, David (pictured left). Mazel tov! We at CCOC are so proud of our children, and we look forward to celebrating many more joyous occasions together.



Happy Passover from the children of Chernobyl

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will.i.am Accepts Award at Children at Heart Gala Dinner



Alexandra Fructuoso Guttmann, Jessy Katz, Sue Spielberg, Leah Adler, Nancy Spielberg, Elie Tahari, and Joanna Blessinger



Simi Schwartz accepts the "New Leadership Award" presented by Jon Voight.



CCOC's President Alan Clingman speaks on behalf of the Underwriters.



will.i.am accepts his "Song of Hope Award" from Jon Voight.



Cellist duo Emil and Dariel from America's Got Talent perform at the event.



Jon Voight, Nancy Spielberg and will.i.am watch one of the many fabulous performances.



Elie Tahari surprises dear friends and CCOC Underwriters Norman and Julia Bobrow with a cake on stage for their anniversary.

Children at Heart 2014 Recap in Pictures

On Monday, November 24, 2014, CCOC hosted the *Children at Heart Gala Dinner and Celebrity Fantasy Auction*. It was an incredible event which helped raise the necessary funds to rescue the Chernobyl children from the devastating situation in war-torn Ukraine.

Jon Voight, who serves annually as Master of Ceremonies, took stage and entertained the 500+ guests in attendance. He also presented music sensation and entrepreneur, will.i.am, with the "Song of Hope Award" in recognition of his work assisting underprivileged children.

Read more about this year's *Children at Heart* gala at www.ccoc.net.



Lawrence Benenson, Chippy Meta, Nancy Spielberg, and Sue Spielberg are recognized in a Tribute to CCOC's Underwriters.



The evening featured incredible auction items which captivated the attention of guests including Mitchell Marks.



Cellist duo Emil and Dariel from America's Got Talent pose with Rohan Marley and Nancy Spielberg.



Designer Davidson Zanini, Shimon Katz, Alexandra Fructuoso Guttmann, and former NFL player Bret Lockett



Performers from FAO Schwarz play the autographed BIG Piano that was created especially for CCOC and donated to the auction by its inventor, Remo Saraceni.



Consul General of Israel, Amb. Ido Aharoni shares remarks.



CCOC's Executive Director Esti Herman addresses the crowd.

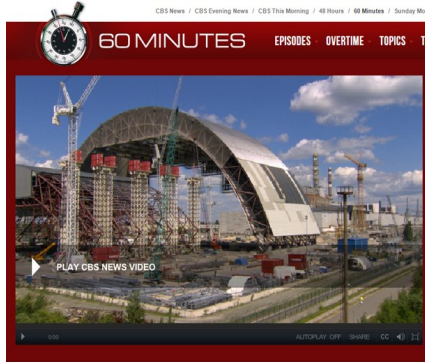


Ethan Stein leads the dinner program with the Hamotzi prayer on stage.

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Chernobyl Featured on 60 Minutes

On Sunday, November 23rd CBS's *60 Minutes* aired a segment about Chernobyl and the ongoing effects of the world's worst nuclear disaster titled, "Chernobyl: The Catastrophe That Never Ended". This 3-part series explores the questions that many people have concerning Chernobyl and how "the nuclear meltdown at Chernobyl in the Ukraine was 30 years ago, but the crisis is still with us today."



CHERNOBYL: THE CATASTROPHE THAT NEVER ENDED

Nearly 30 years after the explosion, Bob Simon travels to Ukraine and discovers the reactor still has the power to kill

Simon explains that to this very day "Chernobyl's crippled reactor still has the power to kill."

One of his interviewees goes on to say, "There certainly is evidence that... genetic damage that occurs at the level of the DNA can be transmitted from one generation to the next... There will be areas that will be contaminated for thousands, if not millions, of years."

To watch this incredible *60 Minutes* segment and to understand

CCOC's crucial mission, visit: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/chernobyl-the-catastrophe-that-never-ended>.

It goes on to explain, "radiation virtually never dies."

In one of his last segments before he tragically died, correspondent Bob Si-

Auction Experiences Come to Life for Donors



Thrilled donors Judy Brener and Concetta Ferrari enjoyed the experience they won at a Children at Heart Gala. They had a fabulous day in Los Angeles beginning with breakfast with Larry King. The afternoon continued with lunch with Steven Spielberg's mother, Leah Adler, at her restaurant, The Milky Way.

Chernobyl Survivors Find Answers Through Social Media Years Later

CCOC's New Leadership member Ethan Stein was recently contacted by a friend with roots in Chernobyl. YOUR involvement can connect and inspire others, including those who were personally affected by the Chernobyl disaster. Please like us on Facebook.



Annual Purim Benefit Bash a Major Success



On Thursday, February 26th CCOC's New Leadership division hosted its 8th Annual Purim Benefit Bash. The fundraiser took place at HAUS in NYC and

attracted several hundred young professionals— all in costumes for a cause!

This year, social media guru "Girl With No Job" (Claudia Oshry) hosted the costume contest. Special thanks to our host committee, donors, and event sponsors for making this year's event such a tremendous success and special recognition to Joshua Chaitovsky (Lake Como Pizza) who generously donated and catered the entire evening.

Learn More About Planned Giving

A bequest to Chabad's Children of Chernobyl (CCOC) helps save the life of a child. Please remember CCOC in your will, insurance policy, and/or living trust, etc. This is your legacy — to you and your family— that will help others. For more information or for assistance with proper wording for the bequest to CCOC, please contact Sara in the CCOC office at (212) 681-7800 or sarak@ccoc.net.

