

## Jim Riola In Sderot



Our president, Jim Riola, who is passionate about both Israel and the JNF (Jewish National Fund), recently returned from a JNF mission to Israel. The purpose of the mission was to view various JNF projects in Israel.

One of places visited by the mission was Sderot. There, they toured the Sderot Indoor Recreation Center, which was funded by a contribution from JNF USA. This is the largest protected recreation center in Israel. In its protected space, the children of Sderot and the vicinity can enjoy games, sports and leisure activities. Among its attractions are: inflated equipment, a climbing wall, a jamboree, computer games, ping pong, dance floors, Playstation, game

tables, basketball courts and many games for all ages. There are also after school activities, performances, birthday parties, celebrations and assorted events. While the children are having fun, their parents can sit comfortably in the cafeteria and watch them.

Jim said: "I was visiting here in February, when the place was still under construction. A few weeks later I came back for the official opening. There were more than two thousand children here celebrating an incredible Purim carnival. It was the first time in years that Sderot had a Purim carnival. It had been simply unfeasible beforehand, because there was no protected place where they could hold such an event."

