

Shalom Haverim,

We have met many wonderful people on our journey towards turning good intentions into actions (and activities), who believe in the importance of Maestro as a program that can contribute to Israeli society as a whole, and especially to towns which are geographically distant from the central areas of the country.

These wonderful people have joined together and formed The **Israeli Friends of Maestro**, a group that combines the practical and the spiritual, and offers support and encouragement in bringing our ideas to fruition.

The members of the group each bring their unique experience and capabilities, professionally and socially, emphasizing once more, that the sum is greater than the value of the parts.

Members of Israeli Friends of Maestro met for the first time on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005. In the course of the evening, the participants were shown a presentation detailing the various developments that have taken place since Maestro gained recognition as a non-profit organization. In addition, members outlined their expectations and goals:

1. Spreading the word about Maestro and the goals of the organization.
2. Support of the organization, with an emphasis on members' professional orientation and relevant contribution.
3. Aid in fund raising.

**Dr. Eitan Machter** accepted the position of Chairman of Israeli Friends of Maestro. Dr. Eitan Machter is Head of the Department of Education in the Academy of Design and Education at Wizo Haifa as well as Chairman of the research committee of Wizo at the MOFET Institute.

Our thanks and best wishes to Dr. Machter and all of the members of Israeli Friends.



We are pleased to announce that the first round of activity will take place between December 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Ma'alot.

Detailed plans for the week will be forwarded to you in the coming days.