

FRIENDS OF SHAMAYITA MATH

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Dear members and friends of Friends of Shamayita Math

I am writing to you in such a good mood after this weekend's annual summer party. We gathered more than 80 people to enjoy a colourful day full of talented dancers, lovely food and nice conversations. We are a small organization and I think it is very special that we can facilitate this kind of gatherings in a Danish Garden a Saturday in summer. We worried about rain, but once again we had luck and the dancers from Deeps Dancing Divas showed us all they have learned under a blue sky with lots of sun. Thanks to all who could join us on the day and for the rest of you, you can see a few pictures in this letter from the day.



Deepshikha enjoys the performance of the youngest dancers

Our organization have existed since 2010 and I have been a part of it since the start. But this year brings something special for me. At our General Assembly in March, Lars Fynbo chose to step back as chairman after holding the position for 11 years. Luckily, he has chosen to stay as a regular member of the board together with last year's board members; Deepshika Daga, Verner Villensgaard and Bente Hagelund. At the following board meeting, the board constituted itself again. They pointed to me as the new chairman, and I look forward to continuing the good work of bridging India and Denmark that we started all those years ago. I also wanted to take this opportunity to say thanks you to Lars for his work and our collaboration so far.



The board met to prepare for the summer party.

This year we will spend time on working together with volunteers again. During the COVID-19 pandemic we have had a break, but previously we have been very engaged in sending volunteers to Shamayita Math. We would like to do that again. Do you know anybody or would you yourself like to have an untraditional and unforgettable experience as a volunteer, see here: <https://frivilligjob.dk/job/110272/bliv-frivillig-i-indisk-ngo>. You are also welcomed to contact the board directly on kontakt@friendsofshamayita-math.dk.

Besides our efforts with the annual party and volunteers, we are collecting funds to end to Shamayita Math. We have always let them choose how they want to spend the money, we sent out. From the start Shamayita Math have chosen that our contribution goes to supporting a local village school in the very poor area near Shamayita Math. Our annual collection of funds is being used to pay teachers, give the children a nourishing meal and buy school supplies- We send about 20.000 DKK to Shamayita Math each year. It helps very concretely the children in the village of Marang Buru going to school instead of going to work with their families.

We hope you will continue supporting this work. It costs 100 DKK per year to be a member, but many of our members contributes more, because they want to. You can always support with additional funds, or you can join our annual party next year, where all surplus is going to the cause. This year we collected more than 5.500 DKK, and I think that is really nice.

Thank you for that!

Lise Meinicke Hagelund, Chairman