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To whom it may concern

Sylvie Curtis volunteered for Meketa from 10th December 2019 to 3rd March 2019

She worked in our After school club assisting the head of the club with English practise and also helping with organising and creating teaching materials and with advise and mentoring in terms of teaching practise. She also assisted with a little Hebrew teaching, creative art teaching, and some Jewish festival support. She coped extremely well with adapting her plans and her lessons to the sparse resources available.

In addition she undertook regular Adult English conversation lessons with some of the local trustees who wanted to improve their spoken English.

She was very attentive to our requests to work alongside local staff adding to what we were able to offer but not taking over from staff and empowering them rather than replacing them. She listened well in preparatory sessions to advice about local conditions and a request to pass any suggestions and recommendations through our system and not make local staff feel threatened or criticised.

We felt that she made very good use of her time on the project and learnt much about local conditions and teaching in an informal and less structured framework – while contributing from her enormous previous knowledge of language teaching.

I would highly recommend her willingness and ability to volunteer and to adapt to the situation she was presented with.

Do feel free to ask us further about her volunteer period with Meketa in Gondar, northern Ethiopia.

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Hila Bram
Meketa Project and Volunteer coordinator