

## **Likud Reaching out to Anglos in Advance of Upcoming National Elections**

by Eli Bennett

With national elections for the Knesset quickly approaching, the Likud party is working to reach out to the Anglo community, particularly in areas like Modiin. Through the work of Likud Anglos, a division of the campaign dedicated to enlisting the support of English speakers, a series of events and a media drive are taking place in advance of the February 10<sup>th</sup> election. In a recent press briefing for journalists who serve the English speaking public, Benny Begin, son of the famed Prime Minister and fifth on the Likud list, said his party should be viewed as particular interest to voters from the West who appreciate the value of longer lasting governments.

“People who truly understand our political situation are realizing that we should seek out stable governments which most comes through support of larger parties,” he said. The son of past Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Dr. Begin invoked his father’s messages numerous times during his remarks particularly regarding his positions on the sanctity and unity of Jerusalem was an issue to be addressed. “The message that our nation’s capital is indivisible is one that must be told and retold.”

Shalom Helman, Director of Likud Anglos, said that Western immigrants to Israel represent an important sector of the voting community. “We bring an informed appreciation for the democratic process and have a great deal to contribute to Israel’s political system,” he said. “ Many Anglos see in the Likud a party that embraces the very same values and approaches that are championed in the West . The Likud strongly believes the experience and leadership of Benjamin Netanyahu are key to restoring the competitive edge that our country has lost in recent years.”

Over the past year and a half that Likud Anglos has been in operation, the group has mobilized hundreds of volunteers all over the country and set up seven active chapters including in Beit Shemesh and Modiin. More information about the group and how to get involved can be found at [www.en.netanyahu.org.il](http://www.en.netanyahu.org.il)