

# Celebrating Sefer Bereishis

Sefer Bereishis ended with great flair at the Hollander Early Childhood Center. The children of the Hollander ECC dressed up as different characters and articles from Sefer Bereishis as they enjoyed our annual Sefer Bereishis Siyum.

Throughout the entire week leading to the grand *siyum* the children reminisced about the *parshivos* and shared their favorite parts of the stories.

In the nursery, standing around a sensory table filled with lentils, the children found puppets of Yaakov and Eisav, as well as other toys that were key reminders of parts of the parsha: a camel, a cow, a rainbow, a teiva. During free play dramatic discussions took place with the nursery as one child told Eisav "Eat your lentils now!"

#### The children then proudly remembered which parsha the picture was from.

The Kindergarten and Pre-1A children worked individually throughout the week or in small groups to artistically recreate their favorite parts of each parsha.

At our school-wide siyum assembly the children had the opportunity to present their pictures and describe what they drew. The children then proudly remembered which parsha the picture was from.

With the help of the acting of our young rising actor, Netanel Mann (who was dressed like a cow), our Pre-1A Rebbe, Eli Herzberg shared the story of the cow who wouldn't work on Shabbos. This Sefer Bereishis experience encouraged creativity, self esteem, group work, public speaking, strengthening memories and of course engendered fun.

# at YOSS

YOSS welcomed Mrs. Fitzpatrick, our new Walder Science Lab Coordinator, in September 2015. Mrs. Fitzpatrick has a Master's Degree in Elementary Education- N-6, along with a Biology specialty background for Grades 7-12. She previously taught science and science enrichment programs for many years in West Hempstead, and in Rockville Centre.

Our students show an amazing enthusiasm when it is

time for them to attend science lab classes. Mrs. Fitzpatrick arranged our lab to be very student friendly, organized and colorful. She consistently engages the children in hands on activities in order to encourage a kinesthetic approach to the scientific world. With the latest equipment and technology afforded through the gracious support of CIJE and the Gruss Life Monument Funds, the Walder Science Lab has become a center for extraordinary learning and exploration that engenders a

desire and excitement for scientific study that makes our children so eager to learn. Mrs. Fitzpatrick's success is not only her passion for science, but also her compassionate and caring ways toward the children that allow her to succeed with our boys in the classroom.



What would you do with \$100,000? Our students research the markets and news as they simulate a real marketplace experience. Starting with a virtual cash account of \$100,000, students strive to create the best-performing portfolio using a live trading simulation. Working in teams, we see leadership, organization, negotiation, and cooperation emerge as they compete for the top spot. Hedge Fund managers, take note!

Guest speaker Mr. Gavriel Glass, a business analyst and parent in the Yeshiva introduces the course to the students by discussing how the economy functions overall.

## **STEM Initiative**

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math amalgamate as our students solve problems through structural activity. Using Excel based formats to calculate data, engineering-based design principles, the students have designed and built functional elevators, transporters and weight systems. They are gaining an applicable understanding of the basic

> principles of the physical sciences, such as work, energy, force and mechanical advantage.



**Creative Writing Club** 

Talent is flourishing in our Creative Writing Club where students collaborate with each other as they write

poems, stories, narratives and various types of essays and then share and critique each other's work. Under

the guidance of our superstar ELA instructor, Mrs. Adina Cohen, these budding authors will soon publish

a fascinating and equally creative journal of their

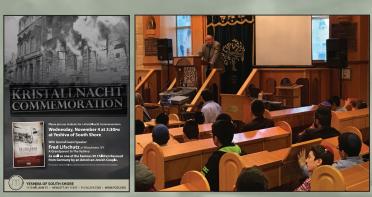
work! Look for it on the best seller list!

#### **E2K** Excellence

YOSS All-Star

Always thinking outside the box when it comes to educating and motivating our students, YOSS has entered its eleventh year of partnering with the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education with E2K math and science enrichment after-school program. Under the guidance of Mrs. Elisheva Pinsky, the students develop logic and reasoning skills through exposure to hands-on curriculum designed to stretch their imagination beyond their classroom offerings. The subject algebra, physics and statistics are introduced within the context of a storyline and a challenge which the students must solve by designing solutions. A most anticipated and oft repeated unit, titled Sky Rocketing into Space, explores Newton's Laws Of Motion wherein each student builds and tests his own rocket. The students not only have fun and enjoy, but are able to explain the physics behind why their rocket goes up!

## Kristallnacht Commemoration



In the spring of 1939, only a few months after Kristallnacht, Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus embarked on a risky and unlikely mission. They traveled into the heart of Nazi Germany, and rescued 50 Jewish children from Vienna and brought them to the United States. Young Fred Lifschutz, now a zaide in our Yeshiva, was one of them.

To commemorate the anniversary of Kristallnacht, Fred and his wife Beverly came to the Yeshiva where the students and parents viewed a documentary about the heroic rescue and discussed the events surrounding the fear of those months and the daring rescue with Mr. Lifschutz.

# ומי <mark>שנותנים נר למאור...</mark> הקדוש ברוך הוא ישלם שכרם...

### AH EHLIGHTENING

After weeks of investigation and consultation with Michael's Electric, one of the largest distributors of electrical components, the Yeshiva has installed new integrated LED fixtures.

Though initially costing more, the new integrated fixtures will give us more light and larger savings over the long term.

With a PSEG rebate of 80%, the initial outlay of the Yeshiva will be \$21,000, but will result in savings of approximately \$20,000 each year!

Better light for the students.

**V** Lower electrical bills.

A win-win impact – because of YOU!



The Yeshiva's Motzei Shabbos learning program continues to grow with the addition of its latest satellite location, Kehillas Ahavas Yisrael of Woodmere. It now boasts an attendance of over 350 boys that come to learn with their fathers each Motzei Shabbos at the Yeshiva, the Shteeble of Cedarhurst, Aish Kodesh, Tiferes Tzvi and now, Ahavas Yisrael. It's truly a beautiful sight to behold, fathers and sons starting with kodesh

To honor those with consistent attendance, the Yeshiva has presented 260 boys with a beautiful sefer. During the January blizzard, which dropped almost 20 inches of snow over Shabbos, forcing all cars to remain stationary, some boys would not be held back and were seen trudging or sledding towards the yeshiva to learn.

YOSS has had many prominent *rebbeim* addressing the Motzei Shabbos crowd over the years. Recently they had the zechus to welcome Rav Yeruchem Olshan, shlit"a to address the assemblage. The boys realized that they were in the presence of a Gadol as Rav Olshan spoke passionately about the importance of *Limud HaTorah*.

These days when asked, "What are **YOU** doing on Motzei Shabbos?" To so many in the Five Towns, Baruch Hashem the answer is simple. "I'm going to learn!"





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#### **OUR DIVISIONS**

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# YOSS Advancing

# Legacy Dinner

Sunday, March 13, 2016 – 5:30 pm The Sands Atlantic Beach

Hillel; and Shalva, a TAG preschooler. Dovid, a member of our

Yeshiva's Board of Education, is a neurologist at Winthrop

University Hospital and vice president of Congregation Bais

attending Rabbi Ralbag's shiurim.

support of the Yeshiva.

of her strong support for our brethren in Israel.

Ephraim Yitzchok. Batsheva, a CPA at a Baltimore firm, uses her fiduciary acumen as the treasurer of our PTA. Dovid's

greatest pride is the time he sets aside each week to

We are also honoring the legacy of our dear

supporters and renowned philanthropists,

memory, whose generosity has been

for sustaining the legacy of their parents,

Congresswoman Kathleen Rice, the United States

Representative for New York's 4th Congressional District,

will receive the Leadership in Government Award, in recognition

Our dinner is not just a joyous occasion; it provides scholarship

forward to personally greeting you on March 13th at The Sands.

funding for many families who cannot afford the full cost of

tuition. We therefore turn to you to make a generous contribution to provide education for all children. We look

Joseph and Faye Tannenbaum, of blessed

perpetuated by their grandchildren Mr. and

Mrs. Yaakov Kaplan, of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs.

Stanley Jaspan, of Milwaukee, will be honored

Joseph and Roslyn Jaspan, of blessed memory,

founders of our Yeshiva, through their continued

learn with his sons and his father, as well as

With great pride, we announce the **59th Annual Banquet of** the Yeshiva of South Shore to be held on Sunday evening, March 13, 2016 at The Sands Atlantic Beach.

The passing of our beloved **Rebbetzin Tzirel Kamenetzky**, of blessed memory, a paradigm of chesed and love for Torah was a great loss for our community. The Rosh Yeshiva, shlit"a, Rav Binyamin has inspired us to establish a special Scholarship Fund in her memory and a Legacy Award, to be accepted by her daughters: Reb. Surrie Knobel, Reb. Esther Wilhelm and Reb. Shani Lefkowitz, each who proudly follow in her footsteps, in their own respective communities.

Our Guests of Honor, Mr. & Mrs. Dovid & Faygie Meisels are the dedicated parents of five children including: two alumni, Yitzchok and Yehuda; current students, Yoni and Yaakov and Devorah who is studying in Israel. Dovid, a YOSS alumnus, is a CPA in practice with his father. He is a member of our Board of Directors and Board of Education. Faygie holds a Master's in Special Education and leads the Learning Center at the HALB ECC. She has been an active force in our PTA for many years. The Meisels family are a model of Torah and chesed in their participation in learning and activities at Congregation Anshei Chesed and their unwavering support of Israel.

Dr. & Mrs. Dovid & Batsheva Friedman, our Parents of the Year, are the devoted parents of our talmidim: Eliyahu, Ezra and









Dr. Dovid & Batsheva Friedman | Joseph & Faye Tannenbaum

## **Bircas Tzirel Project**

initiative "Bircas Tzirel" named in memory of Rebbetzin Kamenetzky, a"h, bracha. Cookies, a fruit, a vegetable and some chocolate. Holding the food which stresses the importance of saying the appropriate brachos clearly and with kavanah.

monthly Rosh Chodesh assemblies with special local Rabbonim

Growing in our Mechina

The ruach in our Mechina Division has been one of

great excitement and enthusiasm, with great

Our Monthly Midos Initiative this year has been

accomplishments in learning, mitzvos,

and middos tovos including initiatives in

Shnayim Mikra, making Tzitzis, Krias

Tefillah Power, Siyumim on Sedarim of

Shema Al Hamita, Hilchos Brachos,

Mishnayos, and other remarkable

projects.

At a special assembly the boys had the zechus to hear Divrei Torah from the Rebbitzen's brother, Rav Dovid Spiegel, shlit"a, the Ostrove Kalushineh Rebbe of Cedarhurst, who encouraged the boys to recite every bracha loudly and to try and make sure that someone can answer Amein as well.

Rabbi Spiegel related how his sister, the Rebbetzin, would always insist on saying brachos loudly and clearly and to make sure that someone says Amein.

Our elementary division has embarked on special *brachos* awareness To put this into action, each boy was given four foods each with a different

as guest speakers, introducing a *Middah* focus for each month.

From *nekiyus* cleanliness *zerizus* acting quickly or sensitivity to friends, the boys have shown marked improvements in many areas manifesting with on time arrivals to classes, clean and organized classrooms and work and students sharing

encouraging words out of class in work and play.

Our monthly speakers have been a

tremendous highlight, getting to meet and

Tzvi Ralbag, Rabbi Mordechai Yaffe and

Brafman, Rabbi Yisroel Kaminetsky, Rabbi

hear inspiring words from illustrious

Rabbonim including Rabbi Aaron

Rabbi Yaakov Trump to name a few.

in their right hands the boys thundered in unison the appropriate brachos. They followed this with the bracha that is said after eating, al hamichya and borei nefoshos.

Each student received a specially designed and laminated bracha card "Bircas Tzirel" with al hamichya and borei nefoshos. which is used daily by scores of talmidim.

The mechina students made a siyum on Seder Moed in the Rebbetzin's memory and presented a plague to her husband, the Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Binyamin, shlit"a.





