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On Thursday of Chol Hamoed Pesach, Yedei Chesed hosted another exciting Family Magic event at Sportstime USA, in Elmsford, NY. Over two hundred children and parents of Yedei Chesed families had the opportunity to experience the rides, games and ball park in an environment created especially for them. Every child that participated was able to use their tokens to compete for tickets that were turned in for prizes at the end of the day. Yedei Chesed also provided light snacks in the way of fruit and drinks. A great time was had by all! Much thanks goes out to Mrs. D'vora Adler and her staff in the Family Support Services Department of Yedei Chesed for putting this memorable experience together.



The dates May 15-17, 2005, are engraved as **days to remember** in the minds of the 30 mommies who have attended Camp Mommy! Laughing with Rachel Marter, playing Break the Ice Bingo, Family Feud, the fun at the beach, and of course, Picture Perfect, are just a few of the fun times shared by all. Let's not forget to mention Mrs. Lauren Roth, who gave a sibling's view of growing up with a sibling with special needs; Stretch & Kvetch aerobics class; and the *Pampering! You Deserve It!* spa and makeover treat. From the hotel and spa treatments to the activities and food, this year's camp was a true success! Many thanks to Mrs. D'vora Adler and Mrs. Tziri Frank who coordinated this event. She not only planned every detail, but was also there to ensure a great time for all!



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Yedei Chesed's Center for Autism Resources

With summer coming and camp around the corner, many questions arise for your child with an autism spectrum disorder. How will they get along with the other children in camp? Will they have an easier time making friends when they go back to school in September? What will it take for them to read the "social cues" they just seem to miss?

Connections is pleased to announce that it will be offering social skills training groups this summer. For more information, please contact Mrs. Bassie Meghnagi at 425-0887 ext. 273.



WORKPOINT

Where Work Is The Point

At Workpoint, things keep moving forward. We are continuing our weekly men's group every Wednesday night. Recently, we had a learning session at Ohr Somayach, which was great as always, and our Friends Night where social skills are stressed.

Our Day Habilitation, or "Day Hab", programs are growing and this month we welcome Yosef and Chaya to our groups. Our Supportive Employment Program is also in full swing. We would like to congratulate Chaim on his new job. Keep up the great work!

As summer approaches, we are planning summer learning and outdoor fun. Please call Dr. Shumel Abramson at 425-0887 ext. 249 or Eliezer Schwadron at ext. 248 for more information and to join the excitement of growth.



New Boys Program

The older boys attending Magic Moments Respite Programs (ages 7-10) now have their own division. They even do their own special activities. They have recently designed mini wooden boats. Sports Day at the park, where they popped popcorn for snack, was another special treat just for them. They love being a group by themselves!



☞ Magic Moments Older Division ☞

The older children at Magic Moments Sunday Respite Program went on a trip to Chuck E Cheese. They had a fabulous time on the rides!

The teen girls keep practicing their baking skills and love every minute of it. One week they baked black & white cookies. Another week they made chocolate covered pretzels. It

is very exciting for them to take the delicious baked goods home and show everyone what balabustas they are becoming!



Exciting News!

Camp Magic Moments is now accepting applications! Camp will run from Aug. 22 thru Sept. 2nd, 2005. We are accepting girls from age 3 and boys ages 3-12. The children will be grouped into the following bunks: the Cutie Pies, Middle Leagues, Chevra Boys and Shining Stars for teenage girls. Our loving and dedicated staff will provide 1:1 supervision. Many exciting events and fun activities are in plan for this year! If you would like to get an application mailed out to you, please call Mrs. Renee Rubinfeld at ext. 303.



Points of Interest:



Yedei Chesed would like to welcome Mrs. Leah Roberts as the new MSC Supervisor. Her extension is 205. Mrs. Chanie Reisman is now the full time Director of Residential Services. We would like to wish both of them lots of Hatzlocha on their new jobs.



The Boys Teen After School Program has gone on an outing every day of Chol Hamoed. Thanks to Mr. Shabsi Yvsitzky, their counselor, they enjoyed ball games like basketball and soccer at different parks each day!



Magic Moments took the children to Clarkstown Park on Chol Hamoed. The staff/child ratio was 1:1. The beautiful weather enhanced the fun! The children played different ball games, jumbo frisbees and enjoyed the swings and sliding ponds.



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