



# HIGHLIGHTS OF YEDEI CHESSED



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## Exciting News! "Sibs" Weekend Retreat!

With great excitement and enthusiasm, Yedei Chesed is announcing another Magic Moments event! A "Sibs" Weekend Retreat for girl siblings between the ages of 7-18. The girls will spend a Shabbos in the Catskills. The camp setting will create an atmosphere in which the girls will be able to participate in fun activities, sports, swimming, bonfires and games. It will give the girls the opportunity to get to know other siblings of special needs children, build new friendships and share feelings. This retreat will take place over the Labor Day Weekend, on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate to make this a fantastic and memorable weekend for siblings!

If you are interested in having your daughter/s participate in this program, please contact Mrs. D'vora Adler at 845-425-0887 ext. 269.



⇒Connections←



*Yedei Chesed's Center for Autism Resources*

Connections, in conjunction with Magic Moments Summer Camp is excited to offer the first ever separate division designed specifically to meet the needs of children on the Autism Spectrum. The children joining this division will benefit from being a part of the amazing leisure programs at Magic Moments while working on a modified schedule that will emphasize structure and academics.

We are also busy working on a new lecture series starting this Fall. Our first lecture is tentatively scheduled for September and will be on the topic of "Maximizing Academic Success for Your Child on the Autism Spectrum."

A panel of speakers will present, followed by a question and answer period. This lecture will be free of charge and open to all parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.



On the one free afternoon between school and camp this summer, an Erev Shabbos, Yedei Chesed providers and clients alike hurried to a R.E.A.C.H. barbecue/carnival. They found seats at gaily-colored tables laden with goodies - grilled meats salads the works - scattered under shade trees and an enormous banner proclaiming the event. It was a rare opportunity to socialize and exchange ideas.

Then, every child with their ResHab provider visited a number of activity stations waiting in the sunshine: sand art, bubble streams, sidewalk chalk, parachutes, marble hunts and more, each stocked with prizes.

For the grand finale singer Shari Sofair, appeared on stage, together with a guitar and loud speakers, captivating the crowd with original songs and stories. Both children and grown-ups kept time with percussion instruments and twirled with brightly colored ribbons. Many joined hands in lively circle dances. As they rushed home to prepare for Shabbos, guests agreed that the event was worth the effort.



## Social Skills Program

Yedei Chesed's Social Skills Program is gearing up for the Fall. This Fall we

will have three groups running. One for teenage girls, one for boys ages 7-9 and one for boys ages 10-12. We are looking forward to another year of great social skills groups!

For more information, call Mrs. Bassie Meghnagi at ext. 273.



### *Musical & Art Encounter*

The seven consumers residing at the group home on 2 Thomas Court were pleased to present an exciting musical and art encounter. The event took place on Thursday evening, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The program included a display of all the beautiful paintings done by the girls. There was also music and songs sung about each individual girl as well as an awards assembly, where each girl received an award highlighting her particular midda or talent. The girls had a wonderful time and were extremely proud of their artwork and songs!



## **WORKPOINT**

**Where Work Is The Point**

Workpoint is excited to introduce a new program called **C.O.S.T., Computer, Office Skills Training**. This program will teach people with a developmental disability how to use the computer and other related office skills including answering phones, operating a copy and fax machine. If you are interested in signing up to join C.O.S.T., please call Mr. Eliezer Schwadron at ext. 248.

If you or someone you know has finished school and is interested in joining Workpoint's Day Hab program, please call either Mr. Schwadron at ext. 248 or Dr. Abramson at ext. 249.

We, at Workpoint are looking forward to start our Wednesday night groups again. Many interesting and exciting learning experiences are being planned!



### **Points of Interest:**



The Teenage After School Program has instituted an exciting summer camp! The first two weeks of the camp were from June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>; after school had ended and before their regular summer camps started. The boys were treated to a program which consisted of indoor and outdoor activities and interesting trips including a bowling alley and a farm where they were able to pet the goats and feed the chickens. They also enjoyed arts & crafts, different games and swimming lessons. The boys are looking forward to camp resuming at the end of the summer from August 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The young men living on College Road took a 2 1/2 day break from their regular summer routines to visit Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. While there, they explored old boats still from the time of the Revolutionary War and even went to a museum featuring the Boston Tea Party.

A second group went to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania and enjoyed the different attractions there! Both groups had a wonderful time and enjoyed their separate vacations!



The young men living on Albert Drive had a wonderful Shabbos in a hotel in the mountains. On Sunday, they went speed boating and joined a Yeshiva camp for a barbecue!



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