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Fathers' Support Group Meets Again

On Motzei Shabbos, February 18, Yedei Chesed hosted a Yiddish speaking fathers' support group at our office building on 48 Scotland Hill Road. Rabbi Zishe Horowitz from Eretz Yisroel spoke to the parents about dealing with the challenges of raising a child with special needs. Thirty men attended and each of them gained tremendous chizzuk from Rabbi Horowitz and from each other.

To join our Yiddish-speaking fathers' support group meetings, please contact Mr. Sternhill at ext. 260. Tapes of this support group meeting and of other support group meetings are available at our Resource Center. Please call ext. 201 to request a copy, or to make an appointment to visit the Resource Center.



Monthly Sibshops

This month the long awaited Ballooner Rebbe came to entertain the girls from the younger division of Sibshops. Not only did they have fun watching the balloon artist make fun shapes and prizes out of the balloons, but they also learned how to sculpture a cute bumblebee balloon on their own!

The older groups were treated to an evening of song, dance and drama. They attended Bais Yaakov of Monsey's annual play. The theme of the play was one of survival and triumph. This conveyed a positive message of renewal and hope to the girls. Stay tuned for upcoming exciting events at Sibshops! A total of 48 girls attended the 2 groups.



WORKPOINT

Where Work Is The Point

We at Workpoint have been very busy this past month! Firstly, our C.O.S.T.

Program (Computer and Office Skills Training) for women has increased its curriculum to include interviewing skills, i.e. how to sell and promote yourself as employable in the most appropriate and productive way. Our men's day program has enjoyed working on their special photography classes and exciting woodworking projects.

For more information on the above projects and for other Workpoint programs and ideas, please contact Dr. Shmuel Abramson at ext. 249.



Tu B'Shvat Celebrated in the Group Homes

Beautiful Tu B'Shvat Seudos were prepared for the bachurim living on Albert Drive and College Road. The boys not only enjoyed the nicely arranged fruit platters, but they were also given an explanation of how each of the fruit grows, and where they come from. The young men had a wonderful time and found the information on the fruit quite interesting.



Fun in the Snow

The young women living on Thomas Court had fun during the blizzard. They played with the snow and one girl even helped a staff member get her car cleaned off! A hair stylist also came down one night and gave each of the girls a haircut. They loved watching her cut and style everyone's hair and are quite pleased with their new looks. Some of the girls have attended the Bais Rochel play and enjoyed it immensely. Bais Yaakov girls have also come to the home one night to sing and dance with the girls. There's always something exciting going on around Thomas Court!



★ ★ **Magical Moments** ★ ★

All the groups at Magic Moments are continuously having moments that are magical! Uncle Moishey's concert was the highlight for all the children. They got front row seats and had a ball dancing with Uncle Moishey. They even took pictures with him - How exciting!

The boys group went on many exciting outings this month. They enjoyed a trip to Chuck'e Cheese where they received tokens for rides and games. They also had a good time at the bowling alley and enjoyed a picnic lunch at the park. They were also treated to a delicious pizza lunch.

The teenaged girls are really busy learning different skills and designing pretty crafts. They each made beautiful potpourri hats to take home this month! They learned many different skills and had a good time designing the hats with ribbons, lace and sequins.



Yedei Chesed's Social Skills program is in full swing this winter. It is a very exciting semester for the program as it is the first time ever that there are four classes running in one semester. This

also marks the first time that Yedei Chesed has opened up these classes to the general public, better enabling us to serve more Yedei Chesed clients. If you are interested in having your child participate in a group this summer or next fall, please contact Mrs. Meghnagi at ext. 273.



**Exciting Summer
Camp Opportunity**

Yedei Chesed is pleased to announce that we will be working in partnership with the Lower Hudson Valley Challenger Center to offer an exciting summer camp program for boys ages nine to thirteen. A six-week program will allow your child to be an astronaut. Your child will be challenged to allow their imagination to soar as they chase a comet, visit the moon and explore Mars. There will be challenging academic sessions learning about conditions in space as well as exciting simulated space travel! Teamwork and social skills will be stressed throughout. There will be supervised davening in the mornings. The cost of the program is approximately \$2050 plus the cost of a shadow should your child require one. For more information please contact Mrs. Meghnagi at 425-0887 x273.



Points of Interest:



Yedei Chesed would like to congratulate Mr. Eliezer Schwadron on his new position as Director of Staff Training and Dr. Shmuel Abramson on his new position as the Director of Workpoint. Mr. Schwadron's new extension is 231 and Dr. Abramson's extension is 249. We wish both of them much Hatzlocha on their new positions!



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