



# HIGHLIGHTS OF YEDEI CHESSED



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## Annual Therapists Conference

Step Forward hosts a yearly therapist conference for all therapists working for their early intervention department. They meet to review agency policies and any new regulations from the Department of Health. This year the conference was held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Yedei Chesed offices. A delicious lunch, catered by Eli's Bagels was served. Mr. Ben Lieman from Dynavox Technologies also gave a presentation on Augmentative Communication Devices; Language and Literacy for the Child with Speech Impairments.



## WORKPOINT

Where Work Is The Point

Workpoint's Day Hab. program has been busy and involved with both Yedei Chesed and surrounding community. First of all, we want to congratulate Avraham, one of our Day Hab. consumers on becoming an official employee of Yedei Chesed. Avraham is responsible for the cleanliness and upkeep of all the offices within our building. He is doing an excellent job, and with his smile and friendly greeting, he makes for a great coworker.

Our C.O.S.T (Computer and office skills training) for women is growing and improving. We recently welcomed in a new participant, and she's quite pleased with the nature of the program.

Both our men and women's program have been busy getting ready for Pesach. In addition to a fun and exhausting day at the matzoh factory, we have been visiting our community's senior citizens both at the nursing home, and within individual homes. Our consumers are always greeted with welcoming smiles,

and are much appreciated for their friendliness and words of encouragement.

For information on any of Workpoint's varied programs, please contact Dr. Shmuel Abramson at extension 249.



## Purim At Magic Moments

Purim was celebrated with joy and festivities in the Magic Moments programs. The teenage boys had a wonderful time making their own mishloach manos and delivering them to Fountainview. On Shushan Purim, the boys participated in the College Road Purim party where everyone enjoyed the delicious food, singing and dancing. Several of the boys went on stage and told jokes to everyone's enjoyment.

The younger children in the Magic Moments programs also kept in the spirit of Purim with a carnival and Purim puppet show. Everyone came in costume and the children played "who's who" with their counselors. Additionally, the boys went to a pet shop this month and were able to see and pet the different animals. Much to everyone's delight, they all went home with a goldfish!

And of course with Pesach just around the corner, the children went to a matzah bakery to learn and see first hand how matzos are made. The exciting trip culminated in a visit to Fruity Shake.



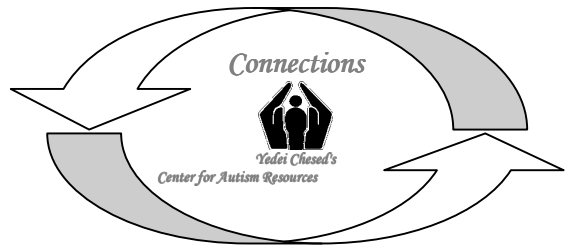


### **Purim Celebrated in the Group Homes**

The young men living on Albert Drive had a wonderful time one Sunday baking cookies and cakes with Mrs. Fisher to send for Mishloach Manos. They also enjoyed an exciting Purim party with a lot of guest who danced and sang with the boys.

Mrs. Ben Chaim, the housemother on College Road shopped and packaged personalized Mishloach Manos with the boys for all the staff and for each boy to take home for Purim. They also had a great time at the Purim Party on Shushan Purim where the Teen Boys After School Program joined and added to the fun!

The young women living on Thomas Court truly had a *lebidige* and *freilichin* Purim. Firstly, the house was decorated with exciting posters and streamers lending a colorful purim'dige atmosphere. Then a group of Bais Yaakov girls came and danced with the girls, keeping them happy throughout the day. They also sent beautiful Mishloach Manos to their parents!



Connections - Yedei Chesed's Center for Autism Resources was pleased to present an interactive lecture on Augmentative Communication Devices. Ben Leiman from Dynavox gave an engaging presentation on the myriad devices available to a group of interested parents. He spoke of the different devices, their functions and funding options. There was plenty of time for the many questions that the parents had.

On May 9, 2006, Connections is pleased to welcome Shira Richman, MA to speak to all interested parents. Mrs. Richman is a highly regarded ABA Therapist, the author of two books geared to parents of children on the autism spectrum and a consultant to many ABA programs. Mrs. Richman will answer all your questions about behavioral issues and any other questions you may have. To RSVP, please call Mrs. Meghnagi at (845) 425-0887 x273. The conference will be from 8:00 to 10:00 PM.



#### **Points of Interest:**



Yedei Chesed would like to congratulate Mrs. Sarah Gargir on her new position as the coordinator of our Family Support Services Department. We wish her much Hatzlocha in her new position



Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Friedman (our EI receptionist) upon the birth of a baby boy! May Hahem help that they should see much nachas from him.



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