



# HIGHLIGHTS OF YEDEI CHESED



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Camp Mommy, a time to relax! Once again, Yedei Chessed provided a relaxing and fun-filled 2 1/2-day stay at the beautiful Hudson Valley Resort & Spa. The Mommies that participated in this event enjoyed many exciting games and activities. They also were thrilled with the chance to sleep late and to be served delicious meals that was cooked by someone else! All the mothers left refreshed, having made new friends and gained a lot from sharing experiences with one another. Many thanks to Mrs. Sarah Gargir for your tireless efforts on behalf of Camp Mommy! Additional thanks to Mrs. Leah Roberts for all your help.



## Sibshops

There is always something exciting going on at Sibshops! This month, the first through fifth graders decorated aprons for their mothers and grandmothers! Buttons, pompoms, markers and sequins filled the tables and the girls cut and glued to their liking! The girls also enjoyed a pizza party lunch and then a surprise ICE CREAM SUNDAY dessert! Each girl got to choose their favorite flavors and toppings and really enjoyed the cool summer *sundae* treat!

The two older groups had fun trying to be 'Pastry Professionals' with Baily Adler, a cake and cookie decorating professional. She brought along many different cookie decorating tools and colors and the girls had a great time learning, experimenting and sharing ideas of their own! The girls also got to decorate their own aprons - we didn't want them to get dirty of course!

Please be advised that the June Sibshop will be the last of this school year. Look forward to the sibs weekend scheduled for Labor Day Weekend!



## WORKPOINT

Where Work Is The Point

Workpoint's Day Hab program has been working hard to create a beautiful outside area both for planting and animal care. On the premises of our beautiful Scotland Hill site, trees have been cut and the ground has been leveled for our new endeavor. Our young men and women are really looking forward to developing both their gardening and nurturing skills, as is the entire staff. - Just another encounter with growth and development at Workpoint!

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



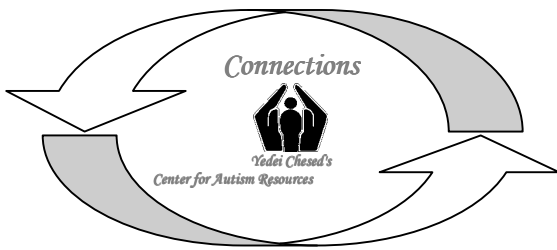
## Magic Moments Had a Farm...

One Sunday, Magic Moments entertained a big petting zoo! Wow, so many animals came to visit the children and they had a lot of fun petting and feeding them! The highlight of the day was the pony rides! Right before the animals went back to their home, the monkeys performed a good bye show.

The teen girls decorated beautiful ceramic plates at Jill Ceramics. Then the girls took them home to hang them on the wall. They also made breathtaking three-dimensional flower arrangements for Shavuuous! On a baking day, they baked delicious cigar miniatures and dipped them into chocolate. They sure tasted great!

If you would have passed a field on Lag B'omer and seen boys who were having a great time, then you've met our Teen boys at another great program! On Lag B'omer, our big boys enjoyed a bon fire and played with their bow and arrows. After that, they played a fantastic game of basketball! All the bachurim had a fabulous time on this trip!





Connections – Yedei Chesed’s Center for Autism Resources is excited to offer its summer respite program for the second year. Two distinct programs will operate, one offering three weeks of respite for younger children on the autism spectrum and one offering two weeks of respite for pre-teen boys. Both programs will be designed to meet the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorders. They will be highly structured, academic placed programs with recreational activities built in throughout each day. The hand picked staff will benefit from training both before and during camp. If you know of a child who may benefit from such a program or an exceptional young lady who may wish to work in this camp, please contact Mrs. Meghnagi at 425-0887 x273.






On May 9, 2006, Connections – Yedei Chesed’s Center for Autism Resources welcomed the acclaimed author and ABA

specialist, Shira Richman for an informative and entertaining evening of questions and answers about behavioral strategies for children on the autism spectrum. Mrs. Richman entertained the crowd with her many amusing anecdotes and offered sound advice and great solutions to the problems many parents and caregivers are facing. If you would like a tape of the evening’s lecture, please call Mrs. Rosner at 425-0887 x202.

Yedei Chesed’s Social Skills Department is excited about the many groups being planned for the summer. As the structure of the school year winds down, this is the perfect opportunity for children to work on their social skills as they develop the many different skills they need in their various summer programs. If you know of a child who may be a candidate for a social skills group, please contact Mrs. Meghnagi at 425-0887 x273.



#### Points of Interest:

-  Yedei Chesed would like to welcome Chana Malka Geldzahler as the new Special Events Coordinator in our Family Support Services Department. We wish her much Hatzlacha in her new position!
-  Mazel Tov! to Mrs. Toby Wieder on the birth of a baby boy. May she, together with her husband see much nachas from him and his older sister!
-  The young men living on Albert Drive invited the bachurim from College Road for a barbecue dinner on Lag B'omer. There was a live band there and the boys enjoyed the singing and dancing. Later that night, both groups went to see the neighborhood Lag B'omer fires!
-  The Thomas Court group home has hired an arts and crafts teacher, Rina Margolis. The girls are making fantastic projects and can't wait for her to come each week!
-  For anyone interested in van modifications, we would like to arrange a demonstration and discussion to explore your options. Please contact Mrs. Jordana Weisz at 425-0887 x 210 as soon as possible.



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