



# HIGHLIGHTS OF YEDEI CHESED



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## Evening Of Chizuk

On Wednesday, June 2, our mothers' support group met for an evening of *chizuk* at L'Chaim Manor. Sixty mothers attended this meeting. The tone for the evening was set by Mrs. Leah Sigal who sang a moving song she wrote. Mrs. Esther Baila Schwartz, renowned speaker, gave an inspiring lecture on facing life's challenges. Refreshments and great raffles rounded off the event. It truly was an evening enjoyed by all! Yedei Chesed would like to thank Mr. Margareten for making this event possible!



### Shavuous Arts and Crafts Projects

All the children attending the Sunday Respite Program at Magic Moments brought home beautiful wooden Torah picture frames for Shavuous. They practiced their fine motor skills by lacing up the frames themselves. The teenagers crafted their own project. They painted a wooden flower pot and put flowers into them. They were extremely proud of their handiwork especially of the fact that they were able to choose the colors of the paint and flowers, making each one unique.



### The Sunday Respite Program Learns All About Safety

Wendy, a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital visited Magic Moments and gave a hands-on lecture on safety. Some of the topics she discussed with the children were bicycle safety, walking safety, pool safety and when

to call 9-1-1. The children gained much from this lesson and they all went home with a safety coloring book with stickers and a tube that Wendy gave them.



### Funny Tidbits

😊 When Wendy from Good Samaritan Hospital was teaching the children at Magic Moments about helmets, she called the foam in the helmet a brain, it's soft and needs to be protected by the outer frame of the helmet. One little girl cutely piped up and said " I don't have one of those brains at home!" (She was referring to her helmet at home which was missing the foam part.)



### Pizza Party at Jerusalem Pizza Shop

Morah Renee let the children from the After School Program know that if everyone cleans up nicely they will be treated to a pizza party. Sure enough the premises at Magic Moments got cleaned up beautifully and the children went to Jerusalem Pizza to celebrate. Everyone enjoyed the delicious pizza, french fries and ice cream. Mr. Greenbaum was so impressed with the children's behavior that he invited them to come back at any time.

Back at Magic Moments the children "baked" a thank you pizza pie, where each child decorated their own slice to show *Hakoros Hatov* to Mr. Greenbaum for the wonderful time they had at his pizza shop. Morah Renee placed all the slices in a real pizza box and gave it to Mr. Greenbaum. This pie is hanging in Jerusalem Pizza Shop for everyone to see!





**Where Work Is The Point**

Workpoint's Pre-Voc program is up and running. The group is focusing on developing vocational and social skills. Projects have been completed by the Pre-Voc group for the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, as well as for Partners-In-Health Bikur Cholim. They are also doing stock work, unpacking and stacking the shelves with goods, at Amazing Savings and Klein's Grocery Store. In addition, they have put together many pizza boxes for Jerusalem Pizza Store. All the members of the group are learning many different skills needed to keep a job and the owners of these stores are quite pleased with their work!

The program is growing and slots are available in the men's group. We would also like to begin the women's group this summer. To sign up for any of these groups, please call Mr. Eliezer Schwadron at ext. 248.



 **After School Employment**

**Club Chinese Dinner** 

Workpoint is planning a Chinese dinner for all the members of its After School Employment Club. The dinner is scheduled for Monday, the fourteenth of June. It will take place at Glatt Wok to celebrate the end of its first successful year!



**Points of Interest:**



The Mothers' Support Group for mothers of children with Aspergers, Autism and P.D.D. will meet on Tuesday, June 15 at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will take place at the Weismandl's home at 1 Park Lane in Monsey. The topic to be discussed is **"Current Topics in Autism,"** which will be presented by Michelle Steinhart, M.S.Ed.



We would like to congratulate Mrs. Tziri Frank, Spirit! Magazine columnist ("Frankly Speaking") upon receipt of the American Jewish Press Association's 2004 Simon Rockower Award for Excellence in Personality Profiles. This award, combined with the popularity of her column among our readers attests to the fine standard she consistently sets with her writing.



**MAZEL TOV! MAZEL TOV!** Mrs. Sarah Altman, Service Coordinator at Step Forward, gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. We all wish her much simcha and nachas!



Mrs. Robin Goldstein attended a Neuro-Linguistic Programming training workshop given by Alexander Zaiontkovski. Neuro-Linguistic Programming is a therapeutic technique that helps people to consciously access and master their subconscious to overcome problems such as anxiety, phobias, low self-esteem, depression etc.



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