From Westchester to Jerusalem

A Thanksgiving weekend "chesed" project by students from the Westchester Day School put smiles on the faces of Boys Town Jerusalem students thousands of miles away. The diligent Westchester kids—including fourth through eighth graders—volunteered to make colorful bookmarks for less fortunate children, under the auspices of the "Areyvut" Chesed Fair held at the Westchester Day School on November 27th . Less than one week later, a group of seventh grade students at Boys Town Jerusalem was delighted to receive the bookmarks of friendship.

Rabbi Ezra Berenholz, director of development for the Boys Town Jerusalem Foundation, explained, "When Daniel Rothner and Rabbi Einzig gave me these handmade gifts to send to our students in Jerusalem, I was lucky enough to be able to hand them to a visiting Boys Town executive on his way back to Israel the next day. He reported that the students were absolutely thrilled with their gifts and quite touched at the kindness of the American kids."

Rabbi Einzig, Head of School of Westchester Day School, is familiar with Boys Town and spent time on the campus when he was studying in Israel. Special thanks to Helene Schonbrun and Alex Roth Kahn of the PTA for coordinating the Chesed Fair and the many families who came to learn more about Boys Town.

Our boys enjoying their book marks.

Boys Town Jerusalem, founded in 1948, offers an outstanding technological and religious education to young boys from across Israel. Nearly 100% of the student body, which includes new immigrants and a growing number of Israeli students from difficult socioeconomic backgrounds, require financial aid. In addition to the academic program, Boys Town provides meals and dormitory housing for the students, plus a rich program of extra-curricular activities.

"The Boys Town students are looking forward to keeping in touch with the caring youngsters from the Westchester Day School, and hope to greet them personally when they visit Jerusalem," Yossi Cohen, BTJ Principal said.