



# Yavneh Academy

## ידיעות יבנה

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF YAVNEH ACADEMY

December 5, 2008

ח' כסלו תשס"ט

begins with יעקב running away from פרשת ויצא. יעקב falls asleep and has a dream that angels are going up and down a ladder that reaches to שמים. He wakes up and ה' tells him that He'll always be with יעקב, and therefore, יעקב names the place בית אל. When יעקב gets to לבן's house he works for 7 years to marry לבן. יעקב tricks לבן and so יעקב ends up marrying לבן instead. יעקב works 7 more years to marry לבן, and then works as a shepherd for לבן for 6 more years. יעקב then has his first 11 sons. Then יעקב asks לבן what his wage will be. יעקב says it will be the speckled, spotted and brown sheep, and speckled and spotted goats and לבן agrees. Once the deal is made יעקב takes peeled sticks and puts them in front of the strong sheep and they change to his favor. When לבן realizes how many good sheep יעקב is getting, he keeps switching the deal and then יעקב does the same thing each time. יעקב finally gets annoyed that לבן is keeping him so long and runs away.

Are we really supposed to believe that the sheep changed color just because of a few sticks? Also why is there so much detail about what he did?

יעקב didn't believe that what he did would work, but he knew that his only option was to use what he had. There are so many פסוקים used to describe what עקב did to show that there is something to learn from it. The תורה is teaching us that people have to take action even though they know that what they're doing won't work without help from ה'.

This is similar to when בני"י were at סוף. קריעת ים סוף. They were supposed to start walking into the sea before it was split. ה' wouldn't make the miracle until he saw that בני"י were taking action on their own.

Shabbat Shalom,

Ari Abramowitz

Josh Bock

### CALENDAR CORNER:

Sat., 12/6	ECD Havdalah Pajama Party	6:15 P.M.
Mon., 12/8	ONE STEP AHEAD for grade 6 parents TOPIC: "Now that is what I call Loshon Harah"	7:45 P.M. in room 500
Tues., 12/9	YPAA Book Dinner	7:45 P.M.
Sat. night, 12/13	Supper Quiz	8:00 P.M.
Mon., 12/15	2B Chumash Celebration ONE STEP AHEAD for grade 8 parents TOPIC: "What are our true roots?"	7:45 P.M. in room 500
Tues., 12/16	2C Chumash Celebration Faculty In-Service	3:20 dismissal for Middle School
Wed., 12/17	2A Chumash Celebration	
Mon., - Wed., 12/22-24	Chanukah	3:20 dismissal for Middle School
Thurs., 12/25	Middle School Yom Iyun and chesed program Lower School	No Sessions
Fri., 12/26	Chanukah Vacation	No Sessions

**The last day of collection for the Chanukah toy drive is this coming Monday, December 8.**



פרישת השבוע - ויצא



הדלקת נרות - 4:10 P.M.



סוף זמן קריאת שמע - 8:50 A.M.



INFORMATION ABOUT  
**YAVNEH ACADEMY**

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, HOMEWORK, UPCOMING  
EVENTS, MENUS, & YEDION YAVNEH**

ARE JUST SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ITEMS AVAILABLE  
ON THE WEBSITE. LOG ON TO

**WWW.YAVNEHACADEMY.ORG**

**Please remember to check your email daily  
for  
important messages.**

***CHECK IT OUT! DON'T MISS OUT!***

**INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**

In the event of inclement weather, the decision to close Yavneh Academy will be made by 6:00 a.m. and information will be posted on our website, [www.yavnehacademy.org](http://www.yavnehacademy.org).

Alternatively, you may call the school directly for a taped message about the status of school opening/closing.

**If there will be a change in a student's regular transportation on a particular day, a written note must be submitted to the education office in the morning. All notes must include the child's full name, class, bus number, and new method of transportation.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

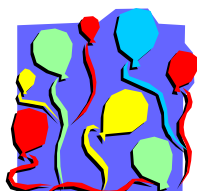
- **SWITCHING BUSES IS ALLOWED ONLY ON BUSES WITHIN THE SAME TOWN.**
- **STUDENTS MAY NOT GO HOME ON A DIFFERENT BUS ON DAYS WHEN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL IS DISMISSED AT THE SAME TIME (2:00 P.M. AND 3:20 MIDDLE SCHOOL DISMISSALS).**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.***

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FUN**

In order to be sensitive to your child's classmates when planning a party, please:

- Do not distribute invitations in school.
- If you are inviting half of the classmates (or half of the boys or girls), invite them all. Please don't leave a few out!
- Serve refreshments in accordance with rules of kashrut.
- Plan suitable, age appropriate activities so that guests will feel safe and enjoy.



As the weather is getting colder, all students in grades 1-5 must bring a coat or jacket to school or they will not be allowed outside for recess.



Thank you for your cooperation.

**The following students completed the Parsha Questions last week. Kol Hakavod!!!**

Noam Aharon	Benjy Feintuch	Chava Hosseinof
Adam Ashenberg	Akiva Feit	Zak Klinger
Dvir Assraff	Shoshana Fogelman	Avi Lebovic
Omer Benharush	Rachel Fried	Yael Mermelstein
Rotem Benharush	Beth Gononsky	Sammy Penn
Adam Bromberg	Yonatan Gordon	Efrat Putterman
Leora Dallas	Benjamin Greenbaum	Brian Racer
Eitan Dukas	Sammy Greenberg	Ahuva Ross
Mia East	Amanda Hanauer	Shmuel Ross
Kira Elbaum	Seth Hanuer	Benjy Schwartz
Annie Feiler	Izzi Hirschman	Binyamin Tyler
Abby Feintuch	Danielle Holler	

**REGISTRATION REMINDER**

**Registration for:**

- **New siblings entering Yavneh's pre-k or kindergarten**
- **Current students entering kindergarten or grade 1**  
**is due on December 12, 2008.**

**If you have any financial questions, please contact Joel Kirschner at ext. 307 or [yavneh1@aol.com](mailto:yavneh1@aol.com).**

Are you planning a  
Bar or Bat Mitzvah?

Please check our calendar in order to  
avoid conflicts.

Call Rebecca Gordon or Elana Samad at  
ext. 303. Thank you.

### *Shabbat Flowers for Sale*

\$14 for roses bouquet

\$16 for mixed bouquet

All orders must be in  
by Thursday of the  
week you are ordering.



Cash or check made out to Yavneh Academy  
and given to

Mrs. Jordana Baruchov

Sponsored by Yavneh Student Council

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO PARKING ON  
CAMPUS. ALL SPACES ARE ASSIGNED TO  
FACULTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



Want to see what's been  
happening in school?

Log on to [www.yavnehacademy.org](http://www.yavnehacademy.org) and click on  
Yavneh Gallery.

Homework requests for absent  
students must be called into the  
Education Office by 10:00 A.M.  
Thank you.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

PURCHASE

**YAVNEH EDUCATION SCRIP.**

CALL MARCI IN

THE BUSINESS OFFICE

AT EXT. 311.

Chanukah is coming!

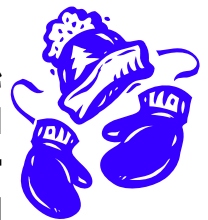
SCRIP is available for  
many vendors. Don't  
forget to place your  
order! Please see the



attached form for the complete list of  
vendors. If there is a retail store you are  
interested in purchasing from but do not  
see it, please ask.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Thank you to Debbie  
Haramati for sorting and  
returning many items in our  
lost and found. Please label  
all items sent to school so they can be  
returned to their owner.



The new podcast episode on "Instilling  
Spirituality in our Children" by Rabbi Dr.  
Abraham Twerski is now available on  
the Yavneh podcast website. On the  
home page click on homepage click  
on News and Events and "listen to the  
lecture now."

Help make Yavneh's Tzedakah Box Campaign a big success!

Please send in your filled Tzedakah Box to the school office.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



# EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

I am orange  
I am large  
I have a stem  
I have seeds  
What am I?



These were clues that appeared daily alongside a mystery bag while Gan Daled was learning that fall is a time of harvest. After four days, the children wrote their predictions of what the mystery bag contained. Many children accurately predicted a pumpkin. The pumpkin afforded us many hands on math activities as Gan Daled measured the circumference of the pumpkin and estimated the number of seeds inside it. When the children realized that they could not measure the circumference with a standard ruler, they turned to a tape measure and string. This unit concluded with a sensory experience as the class tasted the roasted seeds and pumpkin.



Continuing with our study of fall, Gan Daled adopted a tree and named it Woody. We have been observing Woody as the school year progresses. In the early fall, Woody had beautiful, colorful leaves. After doing some research, we learned that Woody is a maple tree. Now Woody's branches are quite bare. The class tried to console Woody on his loss of foliage by drawing beautiful pictures and hanging them on the tree. Woody looked happier and so did the children!

## SUPER SUNDAY!

**Make a Call!      Make a Difference!**

**sign up now and join the team at the**

**UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey**

50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus, New Jersey

**December 7 ~ 9 a.m.-9 p.m.**

For more information, contact Allison Halpern at [AllisonH@ujannj.org](mailto:AllisonH@ujannj.org) ~ 201-820-3900 x. 249



Participating in Super Sunday or answering the call and making a donation to the annual campaign are ways that people can help make a difference.

As in the past, there will have a **blood drive from 11am-5pm**; blood donors should contact Ruth Siev or Alice Blass to reserve a time slot.

Also, the **Kosher Food, Baby Basics and Toiletry** drives will continue through Super Sunday.

**The need for callers is the greatest during Shift 3 (3pm-6pm) and Shift 4 (5:30pm-9pm).** Shift 1 is 8:45am-12:30pm and Shift 2 is 12pm-3:30pm.

Please sign-up or register online at [www.ujannj.org/supersunday](http://www.ujannj.org/supersunday).

*Yavneh Academy is a beneficiary agency of the UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey*



# LOWER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## ELLIS ISLAND

As a culmination of the study of immigration, Yavneh's fifth graders visited Ellis Island. Ayal Yakobe expresses his feelings as well as that of his classmates:

### My Trip to Ellis Island by Ayal Yakobe

Going to Ellis Island was an exciting experience, one that I will never forget. When the bus left the turnpike and we saw the Statue of Liberty, my classmates burst into a resounding "Star Spangled Banner." I got the same feeling that my family had after a tiring journey to an exciting new world of opportunities. The ferry was fun because we could explore the ship and talk about what it must have been like on a similar ferry to Ellis Island 100 years ago. The best part of the ferry ride was seeing Lady Liberty. Her strong hands holding the torch symbolize the hope of freedom in America.

Our tour guide, Doug, explained to us about the treatment of the immigrants and the time it took to pass the many tests the immigrants took before being admitted. The museum had pictures of real people and their stories. I loved asking questions about the many artifacts. I can only imagine how the people from many different countries felt, nervous, hopeful, sad, and happy, whatever feelings united people in Ellis Island.

After the tour, we played a Jeopardy-type game. Each of us had a buzzer and we had to buzz in the right answer. Our class did exceptionally well on questions about waves of immigrants and their experiences.

I loved the trip to Ellis Island, and I thank Yavneh for this.



## SIX FLAGS READING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

*Earn a ticket to Great Adventure as you read!*

Yavneh students from Kindergarten through sixth grade have the opportunity to earn tickets to Six Flags theme parks by doing six hours of recreational reading. Last year 112 Yavneh students participated; our goal this year is to exceed that number of students. Mrs. Elaine Weisfeld is coordinating the program and will supply any additional information or forms.

The program requires that students submit records of six hours of leisure reading, verified by a parent to their classroom teacher by February 18th. The program maintains a strict deadline. The forms and information describing the program to parents have been distributed to teachers in grades K-6. Students must keep track of the books they read and the time spent reading. Teachers submit forms listing those students who have satisfied the six hour requirement. Participants experience the intrinsic joy of reading while they earn theme park tickets which they can use during the summer.

# פירושת ניצח

Students can answer the questions on a separate piece of paper and bring it to the office. Nekudot will be awarded!

### Questions for 1st - 3rd Grade

1. Upon what did Yaakov lay his head to rest? ( 28:11)
2. What did Yaakov do that the other shepherds were not able to do? (29:10)
3. How did Lavan greet Yaakov? (29:13)
4. What did Yaakov say he wanted in return for working for Lavan? (29:18)
5. How many daughters did Lavan have, and what were their names?
6. How did Lavan trick Yaakov? (29:24)

### Questions for 4th and 5th Grade

1. What two promises did Hashem make to Yaakov in his dream? (28:13-14)
2. How many additional years did Yaakov work to marry Rachel? (29:27)
3. "Rachel was jealous of Leah" (30:1)- What did Rachel find enviable about Leah? (Rashi)
4. What was the name of Leah's daughter? (30:21)
5. What are Teraphim? Who stole them (Rashi 31:19)

**BONUS - How long did Yakov need to wait until he married Rachel? (Look closely at 29:28)**

**Yavneh Academy Lower School presents:**

## **After School Chanukah Program**

**Monday December 22, 2008**



**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Chanukah**

**כ"ה כסלו תשס"ט**

**For all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**From dismissal until 5:00 pm**

**Cost \$5**

**Fun**

**Sports**

**Games**

**Chanukah Snacks**



Please send registration with \$5 to Mr. Sussman in the Education office.

Deadline: Dec. 19, 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent pick up at 5:00 pm

For more info contact Mr. Sussman at [csussman@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:csussman@yavnehacademy.org)

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

## PARENTING POINTERS

### Y.A.P. Happenings

**By: Dr. Aliza Frohlich**

November has been a busy month in our Y.A.P. (Yavneh Advisory Program). Each grade's programming is specifically fine-tuned to fit the "current events" or "*inyanei d'yoma*" in the lives of our students.

Our sixth graders have been focusing heavily on transition skills. We first helped them realize the different organizational skills they need this year as they enter Middle School. Systems that worked for them in the past, may not work this year. They had the opportunity to assess their own skills in that area, and identify target areas on which to work. They all learned a technique for organizing their bookbags and lockers. Aside from the academic transitions in their lives, they are also entering a new social era- that of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. We walked them through a Bat/Bar Mitzvah celebration and discussed appropriate comportment at each aspect of the day. We ended the month, appropriately, through speaking about how to truly be grateful all year round for what we have and how that gratitude can make us happier people.

The seventh grade spent much time preparing themselves for the Frost Valley experience so that they could benefit the most from every moment. We highlighted with them some of the skills they would need to succeed on the trip. When they returned, we "debriefed" the experience with them so that they could concretize for themselves what they learned about their peers, their teachers and themselves. We then embarked on a unit on not standing idly by when injustice or wrong is happening around them. What is their responsibility? When should they get an adult involved?

Our eighth grade began the year by thinking about what type of high school student do each of them want to be, i.e. whom do they want to become in the next four years, and how will their choice of high school affect that development? We then walked them through the application process which can be daunting for some- What should the photograph I choose look like? What type of

responses do they want in the essay? Students then had the opportunity to gain tips on the interview and to even practice. As it got close to the BJE exam, we shared with them some of the "unknowns" about how the day will run, and what they can expect. And, they learned some test-taking strategies that are applicable to most tests they will take in their lives. The goal of this unit was to minimize stress through sharing with the students what they can expect.

Stay tuned to next month's Y.A.P. update!

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## YAVNEH HOCKEY NEWS

The Yavneh Avalanche played this past Wednesday night against our rivalry YNJ, resulting in a score of 3-0. David Roth, even with being jetlagged, earned his first shut out of the season, great job David! The goals were scored by Gabi Stone (2) and Ariel Hochman. I want to commend the entire team on their outstanding sportsmanship and Achdut throughout and after the game. We are all very proud of you.

Our next game will be on Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, against YNJ (again), at YNJ at 7:30. We hope to see you all there!

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## Chesed Corner

**Hi! My name is Ariela Katz and I'm in sixth grade. I will be celebrating my Bat Mitzvah in Israel on January 18, 2009 at Bayit Lepletot, Girls Town Orphanage. I'm so excited to be celebrating with the girls there. For my chesed project, I found out the girls are in need of toiletry kits. I am hoping that many Yavneh families and teachers will help me out with this most worthy cause. There will be a bin to place them in the education office.**

**Thanks for helping me make this project a great success!**

**Tizku Lmitzvot!**

***Ariela***



## **CHESED FAIR 2008**

On Wednesday morning, the Middle School had the honor of listening to Rabbi Krohn speak about chesed. This was our kick-off to the night program, "Chesed Fair 2008." Rabbi Krohn engaged the children through stories and words of Torah. He expressed the importance of being "united" and not "untied" as a nation. He explained that true cruelty is when we treat our fellow Jews as strangers and one never knows how far an act of chesed will go. He stressed that chesed begins in our homes and the importance of thanking our parents and helping around the house comes first. All the students were riveted by his words and stories. At the end of his speech the students received a card with a quote from his talk, "Anyone can count the seeds in one apple but only Hashem can count the apples in one seed." With these words Rabbi Krohn truly inspired many students to start, or continue, planting many seeds of chesed.

On Wednesday evening, the Chesed Fair took place, but there was plenty of chesed in Yavneh prior to Wednesday. So far this year, we have participated in Mitzvah Day and three different Sports Nights with the Friendship Circle. In order to get ready for our Chesed Fair our very own seventh graders, Rebecca Fischer, Abby Greenbaum, Rebecca Raab, Ally Margulies, Dafna Secemski, Hadassa Bendavid, and Mikayla Rosenbaum produced beautiful art work that was used to greet and beautify the Fair. They also helped our 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers with setting up, greeting, and running different crafts in the cafeteria. Thank you to Danielle Silber, Binyamin Zirman, Ariel Hochman, Ruthie Solomon, Jordana Fremed, Sara Wilen, Annie Zagha, Josh Stavsky, Marty Spiewak, Noa Herman, Esther Kruman, Lauren Tuch, Yehoshua Krantz, Nachum Fisch, and Leor Leben.

The evening was a two-fold event. In the gym 15 different agencies were hosted. The students had an opportunity to visit each booth and hear about the different organizations and how they can get involved. In the cafeteria, students participated in 6 hands-on activities such as making tzedaka boxes or Shabbat candles, which were later donated to different organizations. Everyone was busy at work and enjoyed the chance to help and partake in this evening dedicated to chesed. While the students did their crafts, parents had a chance to see a quick film in the Bet Midrash on the importance of "Doing Good."

The evening was a true success with the help of Areyvut and the wonderful staff and students of Yavneh Academy. To quote several parents: "This was a lovely evening" and "Every time I come here I love each program more and more!" That says it all!





## **YAVNEH BASKETBALL NEWS**

**PRACTICE: Monday, December 8**  
**Girls: 4:30-5:45      Boys: 5:45-7:00**



### **BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Yavneh Team</b>	<b>Visiting Team</b>	<b>Home Team</b>	<b>Game Time</b>
Monday	1/5/2009	GIRLS	YAVNEH	JKHA	6:30 PM
Wednesday	1/7/2009	GIRLS	YAVNEH	ASHAR	7:30 PM
Thursday	1/8/2009	BOYS	SSBC	YAVNEH	7:30 PM
Sunday	1/11/2009	BOYS	YAVNEH	HILLEL	11:00 AM
Tuesday	1/13/2009	BOYS	YNJ	YAVNEH	7:00 PM
Tuesday	1/27/2009	GIRLS	YAVNEH	BDS	7:00 PM
Thursday	1/29/2009	GIRLS	YAVNEH	WDS	6:30 PM
Sunday	2/1/2009	GIRLS	RPRY	YAVNEH	12:00 PM
Monday	2/2/2009	BOYS	YAVNEH	YNJ	7:00 PM
Tuesday	2/3/2009	GIRLS	MORIAH	YAVNEH	6:15 PM
Tuesday	2/3/2009	BOYS	MORIAH	YAVNEH	7:45 PM
Thursday	2/5/2009	GIRLS	HILLEL	YAVNEH	7:00 PM
Monday	2/9/2009	BOYS	YAVNEH	JEC	7:00 PM
Thursday	2/12/2009	BOYS	RPRY	YAVNEH	7:00 PM
Tuesday	2/17/2009	GIRLS	JFS	YAVNEH	6:30 PM
Tuesday	2/17/2009	BOYS	JFS	YAVNEH	7:45 PM
Thursday	2/19/2009	GIRLS	JKHA	YAVNEH	6:30 PM
Thursday	2/19/2009	BOYS	JKHA	YAVNEH	7:45 PM
Tuesday	2/24/2009	GIRLS	YAVNEH	MORIAH	6:15 PM
Tuesday	2/24/2009	BOYS	YAVNEH	MORIAH	7:30 PM

### **FROM YPAA**

1. Join YPAA for an evening of friends, food and great discussion at our upcoming Book Dinner on Tuesday, December 9th. We are reading "The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World" by Eric Weiner. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact Shannon Gononsky at 201-836-4644, [sgononsky@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:sgononsky@yavnehacademy.org) or Judy Gellerstein at 201-287-1524, [jgellerstein@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:jgellerstein@yavnehacademy.org).
2. Please join us at our fun-filled Supper Quiz, "ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A YAVNEH STUDENT II?" on Motzei Shabbat, December 13, 2008, 8:00 p.m., at Yavneh Academy. For more information, contact Bonnie Silfen at 201-862-1377 or [bsilfen@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:bsilfen@yavnehacademy.org).
3. Save the Date for a Melava Malka for girls, grades 3-5, on Motzei Shabbat, January 3rd.
4. Thank you to Naomi Knopf for all of her work on the recent Box Tops for Education Competition. Thank you to Freda Bak for her help and thank you to all the participants.
5. Special thanks to Ria Levart for once again doing such a great job with the book fair guessing game. A belated thank you to Wendy and Dahlia Schudrich for their help with the book fair.
6. Thank you to Elissa Yurowitz for coordinating Yavneh apparel sales at the recent Parent-Teacher conferences. Thank you to Rebecca Zirman and Freda Bak for generously volunteering their time that day.
7. Look out for the very helpful and popular Yavneh Directory which will be sent home with your children within the next few weeks.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CHESED AND LEARNING PROGRAM  
ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2008**



*Parents are invited to join us for  
tefillah, breakfast, and learning*

**8:15 A.M. Tefillah**  
**9:00 A.M. Breakfast**  
**9:45 A.M. Rabbi Allen Schwartz presents**  
**"Olam Chesed Yibaneh"**

*Rabbi Allen Schwartz became the spiritual leader of Congregation Ohab Zedek in 1988. He is an alumnus of Yeshiva College and received his Master of Arts Degree in Bible, Rabbinics and Halacha from Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School, where he continues to work on his doctoral thesis on Rashi's methodology. Rabbi Schwartz was granted Smicha from the University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He currently holds the Raymond J. Greenwald Chair in Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University, where he has taught since 1983.*

**Parent volunteers are needed for the breakfast.**

**If you can help, please contact Rabbi Ross at [aross@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:aross@yavnehacademy.org).**

**11:00 A.M. –1:00 P.M.**

*(Pick up at Yavneh at 10:30 A.M. for those not bowling, or at Bowler City at 1:00 P.M.)*

**Students will be transported by bus from Yavneh to**

**Bowler City**

**in Hackensack to participate in**

**Bowl-a-Thon**

**to benefit**

**Yavneh Scholarship Needs and Project Ezra**

**To participate in bowling, students must bring a minimum of three sponsors  
or a flat rate of \$18 donation.**

**Student pick up will be from Bowler City.**

**For more information contact**

**Mrs. Baruchov at [jbaruchov@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:jbaruchov@yavnehacademy.org)**

# Yavneh Academy Student Council Sponsors



**Vs. MIAMI  
HEAT**

## Saturday, Dec 20th!!!!

Game Time: Saturday, Dec. 20th @ 8:00 pm

Sign up:

Bus will take you from and bring you back to Yavneh  
after the game.

Cost per ticket - \$36 (Make check out to Yavneh)

Pick up at Yavneh is 6:30 pm

For Middle School Students Only

Space is limited, first come first served!!!





# Yavneh Academy Participates in the 16<sup>th</sup> Bergen County Chanukah Toy Drive



**WHEN WE'RE COLLECTING:** Our deadline is December 5<sup>th</sup> so that they can be delivered to the children in time for Chanukah. Please drop off toys in the Education Office.

The annual Chanukah Toy Drive, a unique opportunity to bring the joy of Chanukah to Jewish children less fortunate than our own, is underway. Presents are distributed in our area at Chanukah parties held by organizations such as Tomorrow's Children Institute, Jewish Family Services, Project Ezra, Tomchei Shabbos of Bergen County, JADD, Bikur Cholim, Bris Avrohom, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, Ohel Children's Home, OTSAR, Tikva-Odessa, The Ukraine, Sharsheret, Emunah, Shaare Zedek Hospital, Chai Lifeline, Shelter Our Sisters and more.

**WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING:** As many new, unwrapped items that can fit in your car (or within your budget!) Electronic and board games, arts and crafts supplies, books, dolls, sports equipment, and toys with Jewish themes and content. While this is called a "toy" drive, please keep in mind when selecting presents that many recipients are older children and young teenagers. Ideas for this age group include portable tape players, radios, jewelry, watches, stationery, diaries, books, posters and sports equipment (e.g., baseball gloves, hockey sticks, footballs), etc. Hebrew music tapes are especially appreciated for all age groups. Gift cards (Macys, Old Navy, Gap) are great and can be purchased through the Scrip office. Remove all price tags and, please, no used items!

Remember -- this is a terrific mitzvah for your kids to participate in -- they'll love picking out the toys to give away and learn the true meaning of chesed, at the same time!

*In Teaneck, Zoldan's Judaica Center and Judaica House will take 10% off the price of any non-sale item bought for the Toy Drive. Special collection boxes will be set up in both stores. Animations will offer a 10% discount on merchandise bought for the Toy Drive only; purchases must be left for pickup in the store and may not be combined with any sale merchandise or Animations Express.*

*We thank you in advance for participating in this important Mitzvah.*

## **Happy Chanukah!**

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**YPAA PRESENTS...**

# **"ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A YAVNEH STUDENT II?"**

**Join us at the fun-filled Supper Quiz!**

**Motzei Shabbat, December 13, 2008, 8:00pm, Yavneh Academy**

Featuring a friendly and competitive team trivia challenge,  
prizes, raffles, dinner and dessert

Cost: \$25 per person

Make your own table of 10 people or allow us to place you at a table!

**Reservations required by Friday, December 5, 2008**

Any questions call Bonnie Silfen @ 201-862-1377, or  
[bsilfen@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:bsilfen@yavnehacademy.org)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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Make Check Payable to: YPAA (Registration form MUST be accompanied by a check) and mail to: **Bonnie Silfen**, 827 Country Club Dr., Teaneck NJ 07666.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Supper Quiz attendees (\$25 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-purchase raffle tickets (\$5.00 each, 3 for \$12.00, 5 for \$20.00):

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed \$**\_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_Please seat me with the following people (attach list of people or write on back).

\_\_\_Please place me at a table.

# YAVNEH ACADEMY Y.E.S. ORDER FORM



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery options: \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my YES order from the school office

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send YES home with my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_.

*I understand that once given to my child, YES is the responsibility of that child and Yavneh will not be responsible for lost scrip.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Best Glatt	any amt.	_____	_____
Butterflake	\$25	_____	_____
Food Showcase	\$20	_____	_____
Glatt Express	any amt.	_____	_____
Glatt World (does not accept on Fri.)	\$20	_____	_____
Glatt World (does not accept on Fri.)	\$50	_____	_____
Glatt World (does not accept on Fri.)	\$100	_____	_____
Kosher Experience	\$25	_____	_____
Kosher Experience	\$50	_____	_____
Ma'adan	\$20	_____	_____
Pathmark*	\$25	_____	_____
Pathmark*	\$50	_____	_____
Pathmark*	\$100	_____	_____
Petaks	\$20	_____	_____
Shoprite*	\$20	_____	_____
Shoprite*	\$50	_____	_____
Shoprite*	\$100	_____	_____
Starbucks	\$10	_____	_____
Starbucks	\$25	_____	_____
Stop & Shop*	\$25	_____	_____
Stop & Shop*	\$50	_____	_____
Stop & Shop*	\$100	_____	_____
TCBY	\$5	_____	_____
Wesley Kosher / Monsey Glatt	\$20	_____	_____
*(can be used in all their stores, not just Bergen county)			
CLOTHING RETAIL	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	_____	_____
Banana Republic / Gap / Old Navy	\$25	_____	_____
Bloomingdale's	\$25	_____	_____
Brooks Brothers	\$25	_____	_____
Destination Maternity (Motherhood)	\$25	_____	_____
Dress Barn	\$25	_____	_____
Express	\$25	_____	_____
Finish Line	\$25	_____	_____
Footlocker Stores	\$25	_____	_____
JC Penney	\$25	_____	_____
JC Penney	\$100	_____	_____
L.L. Bean	\$25	_____	_____
L.L. Bean	\$100	_____	_____
Lands' End	\$25	_____	_____
Lord and Taylor	\$25	_____	_____

Macy's	\$25	_____	_____
Macy's	\$100	_____	_____
Payless Shoes	\$20	_____	_____
Talbots	\$25	_____	_____
The Children's Place	\$25	_____	_____
SERVICE	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Shutterfly	\$25	_____	_____
Spa Finder	\$25	_____	_____
ENTERTAINMENT	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Blockbuster Gift Card	\$10	_____	_____
Loews Cineplex Entertainment	\$25	_____	_____
National Amusements	\$25	_____	_____
Sam Goody	\$25	_____	_____
SPECIALTY RETAIL	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Sunglass Hut	\$25	_____	_____
Barnes & Noble Bookstores	\$10	_____	_____
Barnes & Noble Bookstores	\$25	_____	_____
Bath and Body Works	\$10	_____	_____
Bath and Body Works	\$25	_____	_____
Bed Bath & Beyond	\$25	_____	_____
Borders / Waldenbooks	\$10	_____	_____
Borders / Waldenbooks	\$25	_____	_____
Brookstone	\$25	_____	_____
Build-A-Bear Workshop	\$25	_____	_____
Claire's / Icing	\$10	_____	_____
Crate and Barrel	\$25	_____	_____
Crate and Barrel	\$100	_____	_____
HomeGoods, Marshalls, TJ Maxx	\$10	_____	_____
HomeGoods, Marshalls, TJ Maxx	\$25	_____	_____
Judaica House	\$25	_____	_____
KB Toys	\$20	_____	_____
Linens 'n Things	\$25	_____	_____
Office Max	\$25	_____	_____
Pier 1 Imports	\$25	_____	_____
Pottery Barn (all) / Williams Sonoma	\$25	_____	_____
Pottery Barn (all) / Williams Sonoma	\$100	_____	_____
Restoration Hardware	\$25	_____	_____
Staples	\$25	_____	_____
Staples	\$100	_____	_____

Food sub total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other sub total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total scrip order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make check payable to YES)*

**Please note:**

1. Food orders, except Starbucks and TCBY, can be filled on a daily basis.
2. Protect your scrip certificates like cash.
3. Retail orders, other than food, are due by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of every month. If these dates fall on a weekend or holiday, the order is due by 10:00 A.M. of the next school day. Please expect a five day turn-around from the date of order.
4. If you have any questions please call Marci Jerome in the business office at ext. 311.



# Join YPAA for an Evening of Friends, Food & Great Discussion!

What we're reading:

## *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World*

by Eric Weiner

Weiner, a journalist with NPR, was the quintessential Grumpy Guy. Like most journalists, he spent his career traveling to many of the world's unhappiest places. He set out on his journey to find out where in the world there are happy people and what makes them happy. In the process, he found himself asking some questions that didn't have any easy answers. The Geography of Bliss is about travel, but it's also about place: what it means, how it defines us. And it raises some big questions about happiness: what makes us happy? What are the essential ingredients for a good life? How do our surroundings shape who and how we are...?

Sit down with The Geography of Bliss and enjoy the trip. Then, join us for what is sure to be a lively--and perhaps inspirational--conversation, including some *discussion points shared with us by Eric Weiner*.

The discussion will be led by Jill Zaklow, MA, Creative Writing

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 9, 2008; 7:45 pm

Location: The home of Betsy and Lenny Levy  
609 S. Forest Drive, Teaneck, NJ

Cost: YPAA members \$8.00; Non-members \$10.00\*  
(A light supper will be served)

For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact:

Shannon Gononsky at 201-836-4644, [sgononsky@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:sgononsky@yavnehacademy.org)

Judy Gellerstein at 201-2871524, [jgellerstein@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:jgellerstein@yavnehacademy.org)

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1 Dozen .....	\$18	4 Dozen .....	\$68
2 Dozen .....	\$36	5 Dozen .....	\$85
3 Dozen .....	\$50		

For larger orders, please contact your Noah's Gifts representative for pricing.

### ORDER FORM

Please return by: ASAP - Dec 10

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/synagogue: Yavneh

Teacher: class section

Noah's Gifts contact person: jforlife@optonline.net

Delivery Date: Dec 18 to school

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Dozen

Please make checks payable to: Noah's Gifts Foundation

Checks and order forms ~~will only be accepted if you~~ can mail to: Noah's Gifts Foundation, P.O. Box 176, Hillsdale, NJ 07642.

Please mail them in ASAP but no later than Dec. 10 Thank you!