



Message from the Headteacher

It was with great sadness that we learnt this week of the death of our Year 12 student Jonny Arnold. The tragic and untimely loss of a young man with so much to look forward to has touched the whole school community. In the short time that he was with us, Jonny had settled well into Yavneh College and he had recently been made a prefect. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Jonny's parents, sister, brother, family and friends.

Yom Hazikaron was marked with a special remembrance assembly, where *Kaddish* was recited for Israeli's fallen soldiers. In contrast, Yom Ha'atzmaut provided an opportunity for a celebration of the establishment of the modern State of Israel. A fuller report on both of these events appears overleaf.

End of year school exams for pupils in Years 7-9 are fast approaching, the dates for which are elsewhere in this newsletter. Pupils are advised to begin drawing up revision timetables in order to avoid last minute panic. Year 12 students will soon be sitting their AS modules; we wish them every success in achieving – and hopefully exceeding – their target grades.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Miss Landsman

NORTH LONDON CHOIR COMPETITION Wednesday 29 April

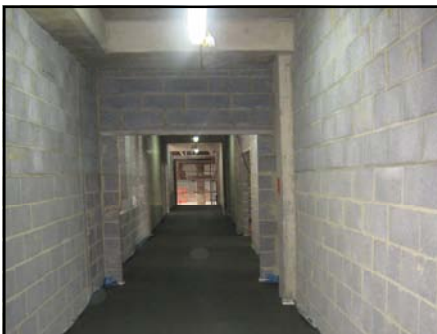
'An enthusiastic response for an enthusiastic performance'



On Wednesday 29 April the Yavneh College singers competed against other Youth Choirs in the North London Music Festival. They sang with 'concentration, attention and musical expression' according to the judge's comments and were awarded **first place!** The choir was conducted by Miss Landsman and Mr Stephen Levey and accompanied by Daniel Liubarsky (Year 7) and Miss Landsman. The choir has worked exceptionally hard since being established in January 2009, and this fantastic achievement is a testament to their hard work and dedication.



YAVNEH COLLEGE BUILDING UPDATE



A corridor inside the new block



One of the design technology workshops (and Mr Slater!)

KIPPOT

This is a reminder that boys must wear plain black kippot at all times in school. Please could parents support the school in reminding their sons to bring in appropriate kippot. Boys who forget their kipa are issued with a temporary white paper one.

We would like to extend this polite reminder to all Jewish male visitors to the school, that kippot must be worn when entering the school and for the duration of your visit.

Politics Society visit to Hertsmere Borough Council

Mr Brodtkin

Wednesday
1 April



During this visit, the Politics Society took part in a realistic session of the Council led by Leader of the Council, Councillor Morris Bright, and Mayor of the Borough, Sandra Parnell, in which they asked questions to the Councillors about issues that were important to them. Previously, the pupils had learned about the difference between local and national politics including the specific responsibilities which councillors might have. It may well be the case that some members of the Politics Society could one day be councillors in the Borough of Hertsmere.

A big thank you to Cllr Morris Bright, Mayor Sandra Parnell, and everyone at Hertsmere Borough Council who made Yavneh College pupils feel so welcome.



LRC NEWS

Mrs. Kaiser

Thank you to all those parents who have already sent in The Times 'BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS' tokens. We have sent off our free book order for the spring term and hope to receive many more tokens this term for our summer order.



Tokens will continue to appear in The Times and Sunday Times until 11th July (and will appear again in September 2009).

We have also sent off our Nestle 'Box Tops for Books' orders. If you have more of these tokens on your cereal packets, please continue to send them in as we will 'bank' them for next year.

The new editions of the Book Club magazines have been distributed to pupils today. Any orders (with payment) need to be returned to school by 1st June. Tokens and book club orders may be handed in to the school office or to the LRC.

BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE NEWS

Mr Slater



Community Learning Event

Yavneh College is proud to announce the start of a Community Learning programme within the school. In partnership with Hertsmere Worknet, we are running evening courses for adults. Courses range from basic ICT, literacy and functional maths to specific courses for the workplace.

After a launch night last week, a number of interested members of the community have started their courses. The courses run from 6.00 - 9.00pm every Wednesday during term-time.

For more details, please contact Alison Overington on 020 8236 7614, drop into the Post Office on Shenley Road in Borehamwood or come to one of the sessions and talk to the tutor.

Year 8 Work Shadowing

Year 8 parents have received information about an amazing B & E opportunity for their children.

On Tuesday 14 July, pupils will spend the day learning the skills required to be successful in the world of work with hands-on experience.

Unlike work experience, which has lots of health and safety requirements, work shadowing allows pupils as visitors to an organisation, experience a day in the life of someone they aspire to be like.

If any parents feel that they may be able to offer such an opportunity, please contact Mrs Wilson on the school number or email admin@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk.

We need shoe!



The forthcoming Year 7 Enterprise Days require contributions from parents. So if you have any old pairs of shoes, please bring them into the school office so that they can be put to good use!

**Yom HaShoah Assembly
Tuesday 21 April**

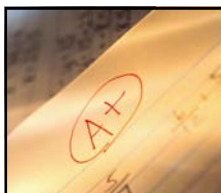
On Tuesday 21 April Yavneh College held a special assembly where we commemorated Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. This day was chosen for the Jewish Community to remember the Holocaust because the Hebrew date coincides with the date of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Our special assembly included special poems and readings read by our Year 12 students, who recently returned from a Poland Trip learning about the Shoah, together with the Headteacher lighting a Yahrzeit candle and the entire school observing a minute's silence.

**Yom HaZikaron
Tuesday 28 April**

On Tuesday 28 April Yavneh College commemorated Yom HaZikaron, the day when Jewish People across the world remember the fallen soldiers of Israel and those killed in terrorist attacks in Israel. In order to commemorate this day a Neir Zikaron (Memorial Candle) was lit and a special Mincha and memorial assembly took place with the entire school observing a minute's silence followed by the recital of the Memorial Prayer.

**Yom Ha'atzmaut
Wednesday 29 April**

On Wednesday 29 April, the school came together to celebrate the 61 years since the establishment of the State of Israel. Pupils participated in a Tefillah Chagigit (a festive Shacharit) followed by a number of fun and educational activities about Israel, including Israeli Dancing, Machanayim (an Israeli sports game that used to be played on Kibbutzim) and iced biscuits. Pupils dressed in blue and white and enjoyed a special Israeli lunch which include shawarma, falafel, Israeli muffins (and, as a special treat, chips!).



**DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL EXAMS!
START REVISING!!**

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| Year 9 Science exam | Thurs 7 May |
| Year 12 AS Level exams begin | Mon 11 May |
| Year 7 & 8 JS exams | Mon 8 June |
| Year 9 exams | Tues 9 - Fri 12 June |
| Year 7 & 8 exams (except JS) | Mon 6 - Thurs 9 July |

**SCHOOL COUNCIL TRIP TO
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

Ms.Seamark



School Council representatives had the opportunity to visit Parliament on 22 April - and what a day we picked! Before even entering Portcullis House, pupils were able to witness first-hand, the effect of a mass public protest which had brought Parliament Square to a standstill. Once through security, pupils were whisked away in their small groups to find out how laws are made and were given the opportunity to role play the process from the spark of an idea through to royal assent.

Parliament was a hive of activity throughout our visit and Rabbi Cohen's group were lucky enough to get a rare glimpse of Gordon Brown himself as he made his way to be grilled by the opposition in Prime Minister's Questions. Pupils learnt so much as they were given a tour of the amazing building where our parliamentary business takes place and arrived back at Yavneh slightly later than expected, hungry, tired but a lot more knowledgeable about political life than they had been six hours earlier.

Wanted by the Science Department

Vegetable oil bottles please. . If you use interesting and different vegetable/cooking oils, made from nuts or seeds, please can we have the empty or nearly empty bottles? In Year 10 chemistry we shall be looking at the chemistry of mineral and vegetable oils, and noticing the origins, values and differences between them. Please bring your bottles to your science teacher, any time between now and the end of the Spring term.

Thank you.

Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!

Many pupils come to school unprepared, with the most basic tissues or handkerchief so sneezing becomes a problem that others have to resolve. Please could you remind your children to bring tissues into school with them and use them, remembering to throw them away afterwards and wash their hands as soon as possible thereafter.

Important dates for your diary!

Year 9 Science exam
 Year 12 AS level exams begin
 Half term
 Year 7 & 8 JS exams
 Year 9 exams
 Year 12 Higher Education Evening
 Sports Day

Year 7 & 8 exams (except JS)
 Year 6 Induction Day & Parents' Evening
 Year 8 Work Shadowing Day
 Year 7 Enterprise Day in France
 Term ends at 1.20pm

Thurs 7 May
 Mon 11 May
 Mon 25 May - Fri 29 May
 Mon 8 June
 Tues 9 June - Fri 12 June
 Tues 23 June
 Tues 30 June
 (Boys a.m./Girls p.m.)
 Mon 6 July - Thurs 9 July
 Thurs 9 July
 Weds 15 July
 Thurs 16 July
 Thurs 23 July

Movie Madness calling all aspiring Spielbergs!

26, 27, 28 May Half-term Scheme
Ages 11-13 & 14-15

A packed 3 day movie-making programme with tuition by professionals from *J-doc* and *Time to Shine*. If you have a real passion for film-making or performing this could start you on the road to the Oscars! Learn to develop a film screenplay, design sets, costumes and props then use professional cameras to shoot your creation.

Each session is a half-day
£50.00 for 3 half days

Age 11-13 Yrs 7 & 8
Mornings 9.00am - 12.30pm
Age 14-15 Yrs 9 & 10
Afternoons 1.30pm - 5.00pm

**Please call Laurence Field on
0208 457 5000 or email
Laurence@ljcc.org.uk
London Jewish Cultural Centre
94-96 North End Road
NW11 7SX**

EMAIL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

We would urge those parents who have not yet registered their email address to do so, This system is used to send out information in order to reduce costs of printing and photocopying.

**Please find the time to register
your email address if you have
not already done so.**

Thank you.

**The school health team will be visiting on
Thursday 14 May to give the final HPV
vaccine to Year 8 girls.**

**Year 7 pupils will be sent home with
BCG forms for completion as
necessary. Please return to school
as soon as possible.**

Thank you.

Should parents ever have any concerns about security in the vicinity of the school,

Please contact the CST on

020 8457 9999



Lose weight now.

**Please call Davina
based in Elstree on**

07962 032965

May we remind all pupils to leave any valuables in the lockers that are provided.

If you leave valuable items in an unattended bag at any time during the school day, this is at your own risk.

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