



Message from the Headteacher

Although this has been a short month, made even shorter by half term, February has seen Yavneh pupils once again involved in a wide variety of projects. As well as the usual busy programme of sporting fixtures, gifted and talented Year 7 pupils have been taking part in a creative writing project with Year 7 Hertswood pupils, Year 8 pupils had a morning of lifeskills workshops, Year 9 and Year 10 mathematicians took part in the national Intermediate Mathematics Challenge, Year 12 participated in an environment day for A level biologists, Year 8 pupils heard a moving address from a Holocaust survivor, Year 9 pupils concluded their series of weekly careers assemblies with a GCSE options evening and pupils drawn from across the school have continued to rehearse hard for our forthcoming production of *Evita*.

Thank you for your patience over the past few months while we have been trialling a number of different arrangements for parents' evenings to find out how we can best accommodate our much-enlarged school roll and teaching staff. We have concluded that the most efficient system is to hold all of the consultations in the sports hall, with teachers positioned around the perimeter and a central seating area for parents and pupils waiting for appointments. Using this as the basic model for parents' evenings next year, we will be trialling further improvements to aspects such as appointments, seating, signage and heating.

Catering arrangements, too, continue to be reviewed as the school roll grows. During the autumn and spring terms, our caterers Caterplus have been working with us to speed up service times by trialling different menu options, re-deploying the catering staff, changing the layout of seating and food service points in the dining hall and re-organising the queuing system. Progress has been made, but further trials are planned for the next few weeks, which should speed up the service still further.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Pala', is written over a white background.

National Science and Engineering Week

Mrs. Shiradski

12-21 March 2010

This year's theme is 'Earth' in support of International Year of Diversity. The activities for NSEW are well underway with three different competitions that are open to all students in all year groups.

The **Crystal Growing Competition** started in February under Ms Falola's guidance. The best three crystals grown have just been posted off to the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge and will be on display at the Cambridge Chemistry Department Open Day during Science Week along with lots of other types of crystals showing different structures. The Yavneh winners judged on both quality (clarity) and size were: 1st Alexander Bright, 2nd Jake Hirschowitz and 3rd Miri & Dassa Shiradski. We hope that one of their crystals make it to the final!

Many pupils are already working on their display for the **Yavneh College Science Museum**. Pupils have a chance to show their creative abilities by highlighting the dangers faced in our environment and the technological advances that are being developed to combat them. The entry (model/ poster/ display) should aim to communicate to as wide an audience as possible. We look forward to seeing a museum full of your creations! The deadline has been moved to Friday 12th March.

The final competition, in addition to the *Inter-Form and Year Science Quiz*, is creating a poster that highlights endangered species around the world. **The Endanger Rangers Competition** draws upon pupils creative abilities to create a poster. Detailed guidelines can be obtained from your science teachers plus there are colourful posters around school! The deadline is Wednesday 17th March.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming Professor Ron Douglas who will give a talk entitled 'Can my Goldfish see in colour?' to the Year 12 scientists on Wednesday 9th February.

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS 2010

Year 9 and 10 pupils took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge competing nationally against pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved certificates in the Intermediate Maths Challenge:

Best in school:

Yohanan Ben Gad

Silver Certificates:

Yohanan Ben Gad David Shaw Harry Moss Natasha Banks Mendel Brawer	Daniel Greenblatt Michael Krisman Helena Raymond-Hayling Lydia Aaronson
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Bronze Certificates:

Max Gooft Shira Amir Oliver Davis Talia Album Ben Hilsenrath Jamie Nagioff	Aron Carr Sam Massias Adam Leverton Sam Levy Ben Schapira Lara Son Rebecca Harris Sam Stern Toby Susman Trisha Reisman Victoria Selwyn Alex Zur Abigail Compton Guy Gitlin-Leigh
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Congratulations also to the following pupils who were extremely close to a certificate:

Jessica Tray Richard Reback Gabrielle Levy Georgia Goldberg Elkie Ben-Hur Laura Abels Rachel Kass Susanna Fantoni Lauren Shrier	Abby Album Zara Shaw Ben Halmer Joshua Peters Omri Shirion Alex Jacobs Gemma Kay Samuel Gordon Jake Videlefsky	Kezia Brown Samuel Stead Adam Heath Francesca Moss Leanne Hour Lewis Feingold
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The dates for Yr 7 & Yr 8 Shabbatons for the next academic year are:

Yr 8: 14th-15th January 2011
Yr 7: 4th-5th February 2011

The dates for Yr 7 & Yr 8 Shabbatons for 2012 are:

Yr 8: 13th - 14th January 2012
Yr 7: 3rd - 4th February 2012

Singing and piano teachers required!

Due to the high demand of instrumental lessons at Yavneh College, we require another singing teacher and another piano teacher to join our successful team of peripatetic teachers from September 2010. The posts will be part-time, with days and times negotiable. If you are interested in either of the above posts, please contact Miss Landsman via the school office for more information.

LRC NEWS

Mrs. Kaiser

The book fair at Year 7 parents' evening in February was very popular; thank you to all those who visited the stalls.

As it is 'World Book Day 2010' on 4 March, all pupils should have received a £1 book voucher, which may be used to buy special £1 books published for WBD, available from most bookshops, or to obtain a discount on other books in store. The voucher must be spent before the end of March. The voucher may also be used as partial payment towards purchases from the March Scholastic book club catalogue. These magazines have been distributed to pupils (further copies available from me in the LRC). Please send completed order forms and payment (all cheques should be made payable to 'Yavneh college') in before the end of term.

We are still collecting **Nestle cereals 'Box Tops for Schools'** which will enable us to obtain some extra excellent new resources for the LRC. Please would you send these in to school before the end of term, as we must submit them by the last week of March. Thank you to those families who have already sent 'Box Tops' in.

PARKING IN HILLSIDE AVENUE

We have been receiving numerous complaints from our neighbours that parents are continuing to drop off and collect their children by car in Hillside Avenue.

We have had particular complaints that parents are increasingly doing so when collecting their children from after-school activities. May we remind any parents who are driving down Hillside Avenue to collect their child after 5.00pm that they **must** use the school car park, showing their car park passes that have been provided by us for use for this specific reason.

Thank you.

Motsei Shabbat



Careers Ideas

Mrs.Segal

Year 10 were treated to some fabulous careers speakers last half term.

Constable Joseph Hines widened pupils' horizons, showing them life as a Jewish police officer and the varied pathways that one can take in policing. Pupils heard about the mounted police, policing with dogs, catching criminals and about rising through the ranks of the force. Try real challenges as a police officer and find out more about policing at <http://www.policecouldyou.co.uk/officers/overview.html>

Mrs Saragoussi spoke to Year 10s about her work in the healthcare and risk arena, advising large corporates on how to keep employees at work, and the different insurance policies corporates can purchase in order to cover their liabilities should an employee be unwell.

Mrs Adams widened pupils' horizons beyond medical careers as a doctor or nurse when she talked to them about her career as a pharmacist. She showed them numerous opportunities, from dispensing in a shop, to working in a GP surgery or hospital, to carrying out medicines' training to carers in homes.

If you would be able to spare 20 minutes on a Thursday morning to speak to Year 10s at one of their careers assemblies, Mrs Segal would be delighted to hear from you via the school admin e-mail address.

Evita box office now open!

Yavneh College proudly presents our production of Evita on 22nd and 23rd March 2010 at 7pm. Please support your family and friends by coming to see one of the performances that the pupils have worked so hard to prepare.

An email will be sent to parents shortly as to how to apply for tickets.



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School Production	Mon 22 March
School Production	Tues 23 March
School ends at 1.15pm	Wed 24 March
Summer Term begins	Tuesday 13 April

Summer Fridays will begin on 19 March

Should parents ever have any concerns about security in the vicinity of the school please contact the CST on
020 8457 9999