



## Message from the Headteacher

The Spring Term started with the happy news that Mrs Plein had given birth to a baby boy during Chanukah. Then last week we were delighted to learn that Mr Marcus had been awarded the NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headship).

The January Year 8 Shabbaton was a resounding success, with pupils participating in an exemplary manner and having a great time, concluding with a nighttime laser battle on *Motzei Shabbat* involving pupils and staff; including Mr Carter the caretaker manning a sniper position on top of A Block.

It seems like only yesterday that our first cohort of nervous, excited, Year 7 pupils walked through the gates of Yavneh College. Now Year 9 veterans, they and their parents attended our first GCSE options evening last week to hear about the courses on offer this September. As well as the core GCSEs (English language, English literature, mathematics, sciences, religious studies), pupils can choose from the following list: geography, history, Modern Hebrew, French, Spanish, PE, art & design, design technology resistant materials, design technology systems & control, ICT, business studies, music and drama. Some pupils will also have the opportunity to study GCSEs in business communication, Latin and statistics.

We have now received 498 applications for the 150 places available in Year 7 next year; a new record for Yavneh College. We look forward to welcoming the successful applicants to the school in September.

### Sixth Form Students UJIA JLEC Leadership

Mr. Marcus

UJIA Jewish Life Education Centre ran an eight week course for our Sixth Form students, exploring aspects of leadership from a theoretical and practical perspective. The aim of the course was to prepare the students to lead residential Shabbat experiences for our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. We have been able to create, in partnership with UJIA, a cadre of young leaders within our school community which we will continue to support and develop.

The students who received certificates were:-

*Ezra Dulberg, Joseph Lubinsky, Ben Gordon, Zak Bentley, Simeon Daniel, Sam Sinclair, Matt Nickells, Johnny Barker, Georgia Sacks, Josh Levy, Josh Richman, Hannah Green, Hope Allsuch, Natasha Arno, Sarah Levy*



The Sixth Form students were Madrichim at the Shabbatons and they did an excellent job. We hope they will use their new-found skills to participate in other youth work in the future.

### LRC NEWS

Mrs. Kaiser

Two recent additions to the LRC have attracted a great deal of interest.

A large magazine display unit has been acquired and a wider range of periodicals are now available. These include 'National Geographic', 'New Scientist' and 'Scientific American', 'Jerusalem Post', 'Jerusalem Report' and 'Time', a variety of computer, history, Modern Hebrew publications and not forgetting the 'YC'! We hope that these new resources will be enjoyed and be useful to our pupils.

A set of 'security gates' was recently installed at the entrance/exit to the LRC. The gates are linked to the LRC computer. This will help us monitor future loans. All LRC resources are being 'tagged' and there has been no shortage of volunteers offering to trigger the alarm as a demonstration!

Year 7 parents should have now received information about the forthcoming trip to Jewish Book Week. Books by the authors who will be talking to the children at this event will be on display at the Parents' evenings as part of a Bookfair. It will be possible to buy or order copies of these books and we hope parents will take the opportunity to browse the selection on display.

Thank you to all those parents who are sending in Nestle 'Boxtops for Schools' and Times newspaper 'Books for Schools' tokens. Your continued support is appreciated.



## YEAR 9 ENTERPRISE DAY Wednesday 28 January 2009

### 'The Interview'

Year 9 took part in an amazing day's events where they had the opportunity to consider their future career plans with Hertfordshire Connexions, produced a CV with Mr. Last (Head of ICT), wrote a letter of application for a job with Miss George (Head of Business) and had interview practice together with body language training with Mrs Saunders (Drama Department).

The day culminated in a one-to-one interview with an adult volunteer. Our deepest thanks go to:-

*Ms Rachel Stone, Caterplus    Mrs Tina Son, Parent*  
*Mr Norman Epstein, Sponsor    Mr Daniel Rinsler, Parent*  
*Mr Andrew Leigh, Governor    Mrs Debbie Ingram, Parent*  
*Mr Tony Moss, Governor        Mr David Gaunt, Parent*  
*Mrs Sue Nyman, Governor      Mrs Debbie Unerman, Parent*  
*Mr Richard Katz,*  
*Mr Chris Watts, Rotary*  
*Mr Fred Thomas, Rotary*

Mr Slater said 'We had a vision for Business & Enterprise within the school and Miss George, supported by Mrs Wilson and all the staff involved have turned this vision into a reality'.

Year 9 pupils will have a further opportunity to utilise these essential skills when they will apply, via letter and interview, for their GCSE Options.



### Elstree & Borehamwood Rotary

Mr. Slater has joined the membership of the local Rotary.

Mr. Slater said 'this is a great opportunity for the school to be involved with an organisation whose work for the local community is superb. I personally will benefit by being part of such a worthwhile organisation'.

## LATIN STUDIES

Mrs. Ginsburg

The following Year 8 pupils have completed the first part of Book 1 of the Cambridge Latin Course and passed the corresponding test with honours:-

**Tami Colletts, Zara Stern, Brooke Gross,  
Guy Gitlin-Leigh, Helena Raymond-Hayling**

They were all presented with a certificate in assembly.

Congratulations to the following girls who have completed Book 1 of the Cambridge Latin Course and passed the Book 1 Graded Test:-

**Darcy Golding and Elkie Ben Hur, Year 9  
Deborah Misan, Year 8**

Unfortunately, Charlotte Pearlman and Natasha Greene were both absent for the test.

The test was written and marked by the Cambridge Latin Course and tested the pupils on their knowledge of Latin grammar and vocabulary as well as Roman lifestyle and culture. We are very proud of the pupils, who all achieved a high standard and we look forward to hearing more about their successes in the future.



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### Music Theory Results

Miss Landsman

In November 2008, fourteen Gifted and Talented music pupils from Year 7 - 12 took part in Yavneh College's first cohort of ABRSM Music Theory exams.

All the pupils involved worked extremely hard, and I am delighted to be able to announce that thirteen pupils came away with a Distinction; results of 90% or higher.

*Gal Cohen, Louis Brooks (Year 7), Elia Loewenstern, Jessie Weiner, Jess Franklin, Tory Selwyn, Leanne Hourri (Year 8), Gabi Symons, Nicole Grossman, Rachel Kass, Talia Album, Anna Gray (Year 9), Alex Grant, Ellie Grant (Year 12)*

Congratulations to Leanne Hourri and Victoria Selwyn who both achieved 100% in their exams.

This is an amazing achievement and we look forward to more results like this from our talented Yavneh College pupils!

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**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION**

Consultation on school admission arrangements for Year 7 and Year 12 entry in 2010 is open until 1 March 2009.

For Yavneh College, there are two aspects to this consultation:-

- ◆ Our own Admission Rules and Supplementary Information Forms
- ◆ Hertfordshire LA's admission arrangements

For full details, including how to respond, please refer to our website [www.yavnehcollege.org](http://www.yavnehcollege.org) and follow the 'Consultation' links.

**EMAIL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

We would urge those parents who have not yet registered their email address to do so, as from January 2009. This system will be 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.**

Having checked with NHS Primary Care Trust, tetanus inoculations will take place in Year 10. The forms from the NHS will be sent out this time next year (January/February 2010) and inoculations will take place in school, sometime during March/April 2010.

**Important dates for your diary!**

Yr 7 Parents' Evenings

Yr 8 Parents' Evenings

Gifted & Talented Music Concert

Public Speaking Competition - Years 7 & 8

School Production 'High School Musical'

Term ends

Summer Term starts

Mon 2 February *cancelled (snow)*  
to be re-scheduled & Tue 10 February

Mon 2 March & Wed 11 March

Wed 25 February (evening)

Tues 24 March 2.00 - 4.00pm

Evenings of Tues 31 March, Wed 1 and

Thurs 2 April

Fri 3 April

Wed 22 April

**Please note that for the school year 2008/2009, Summer Fridays (school ends 3.00pm) will start on 20 March 2009**