

# The YC

Yavneh Chronicle



Our second term draws to a close, marked by the first set of parents' evenings at Yavneh College. We hope that you found these evenings useful. If you have any comments - positive or negative - please let us know.

It would also be very helpful if you could find time to complete the enclosed questionnaire about the Enrichment Programme. Your feedback, together with that of the children, who have also completed a questionnaire, will help us to ensure that we continue to improve the range of activities on offer.

We are pleased to announce that there will be a production of 'My Fair Lady' at the end of the Summer Term, to which every pupil will contribute in some way. Huge numbers of children have signed up for auditions!

The Yavneh College Association is holding its first function soon - more details in this newsletter. We hope that you will take up this opportunity to meet other parents, have an enjoyable evening and help raise funds for additional teaching resources.

On behalf of all my colleagues, I wish you all a very happy Pesach!

### YAVNEH COLLEGE BUILDING UPDATE



Windows are now being installed in the new block and the external brickwork is being completed.

Tuesday 6th February  
Girls' football training session with Arsenal player and England Captain, Faye White

Yavneh College girls were treated to a one-off training session with Faye White, Arsenal player and England captain. The girls were put through their paces in various training drills to test and stretch their skills.

#### Assembly

Faye White also talked to the whole school on Wednesday 21st February in assembly where she described her route in sport from a young player to now. The pupils seemed very impressed as were many of the staff. Faye is a great role model for all our students.

#### Hertfordshire Youth Games

Many of our girls also attended trials for the Hertfordshire Youth games girls' football team last Tuesday at Borehamwood FC. We are hopeful that some of our girls will make the team.

Ms Smith



### Yavneh College Boys' Basketball Rally

On Monday 30th January, Yavneh College boys played their first-ever basketball rally. Daniel Kraines captained the squad. It was hosted by Mount Grace School and Dame Alice Owens, Stanborough, Hertswood, Chancellors, Onslow and Mount Grace Schools.

The standard of play was high but I am pleased to say the boys found their feet and rose to the challenge. The boys quickly congratulated Josh Weiner on scoring our first basket in the history of Yavneh College. We lost our first game against the home side but went on to draw against Dame Alice Owens and a win against Stanborough. The competition was very close with little separating the teams. We finished equal second with the same number of wins, draws and losses. However, as we had lost the match against the other team, they progressed into the play-offs for 3rd and 4th positions.

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and our boys gained valuable experience.

**Nirvana Mitchell, Zach Cohen, Sam Singer,  
Lee Stern, Max Gooft, Adam Isaacs, Daniel  
Kraines, Harry Moss, James Nagioff, Josh Weiner**

Ms Smith



### Invitation to Mayor's Council Chambers

By Adam Isaacs

My name is Adam Isaacs and I am Chairman of the school council for Spring Term 2007. My responsibilities are to prepare the agendas and manage the council meetings. Everything that people on the council have to say, goes through me - which is great fun, at times!

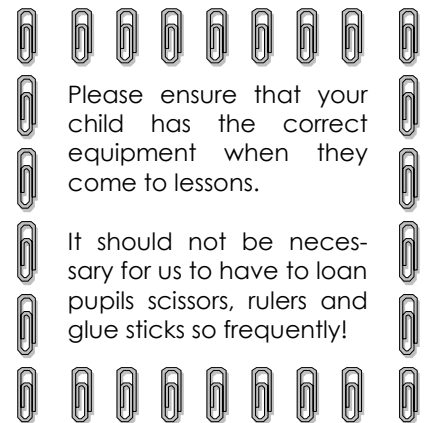
On Monday 5th February, all school council members were invited to the Mayor's chambers and we had a meeting there with the Mayor. He talked to us about the chamber and I sat with the Mayor high up and wore his chains for the meeting. The council members sat in the chamber's benches with microphones. It was nerve-racking but also exciting.

Someone asked whether we could have floodlighting on the football field. He said 'not until it goes through my planning committee!'



As it was Georgia Inerfield's birthday, it was proposed that we all sing happy birthday to her which we did.

After the meeting, we treated the Mayor's office to kosher refreshments and we presented the Mayor with a bottle of whisky to thank him.



Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment when they come to lessons.

It should not be necessary for us to have to loan pupils scissors, rulers and glue sticks so frequently!

### Boys' Rugby Festival Wednesday 22nd February

Ms Smith

Ms Smith, Mrs Travis and 14 boys from Yavneh College made their way to an Emerging Schools Rugby Festival at Verulam Rugby Club near St Albans, organised by the RFUW. The boys' team seemed excited about playing contact rugby!

They played well and fought hard in all three games but were out-classed by their opponents who had clearly played a number of games previously and their experience showed.

The man of the match and sportsmanship award went to Yoel and Richard who both received a rugby ball for their efforts and conduct in all games.

The boys were treated to a training session after their matches with Jamie, a Saracens player. He took the boys through various tackling drills and offered to follow up with more sessions at school.

I was extremely proud of the boys' attitude throughout the day. I am sure the boys will agree it was a fun (and very muddy) experience!

A big thanks again to Mrs Travis and the catering staff for their help.

Joel Huberman, Louis Pampel, Joshua Brennan, Max Gooft, Harry Moss, Adam Ingram, Daniel Kraines, Jordan Rinsler, Harry Rothband, Ben Sandford, Richard Reback, Jack Stern, Josh Weiner, Evan Shapiro, Jamie Nagioff.



### Girls' Rugby Festival Wednesday 7th February

Ms Smith

The girls' team had a mixture of excitement and apprehension about playing contact rugby! One pupil asked me 'Does that mean we have to jump on top of each other?'. When the other teams arrived it became clear our pack made up of only Yr 7 girls were on the petite-side. No fear; Michaela was there!

The organiser set up various stations led by coaches to show the girls various skills such as tackling.

One station which Mrs Travis and I found particularly interesting was where the girls were asked to hold a tack bag and the others ran at them screaming 'arghhh' to make a tackle. Our girls quickly learnt that a low strong stance was crucial when absorbing a tackle or you could find yourself being pushed over backward only to land embarrassingly on your bottom!

The first game was spent finding our rugby feet and working out these strange rules like throwing the ball backwards! However, as the games progressed, the girls began to shine with impressive scrums, line outs, brave tackles and tries!

I was extremely proud of their attitude and conduct throughout the day. I am sure the girls will agree a fun and muddy time was had by all!

Sarah Cook, Elkie Ben Hur, Orli Gilmore, Gaby Cohen, Anna Gray, Bronte Snow, Jessica Tray, Susanna Fantoni, Michaela Green, Rosie Stain, Elvira Trup, Rachel Kass, Nicole Grossman, Dani Travis.



### Young Ones

Dedicated Doctors, sponsors of Ethics House, are delighted to announce that Young Ones will be opening shortly. Their new building, Chase Lodge Heath, is in its final stages, building and design works are almost complete and we hope to open the doors in the next 4-5 weeks.

Young Ones is London's only dedicated centre for babies, children and teens. They have put together a bespoke team of highly experienced and well known Children's Specialists, covering every aspect of your child's health and well being. Upon bringing your child to Young Ones, they will be assessed by a GP and then referred on to the appropriate team of specialists. The team work in such a way that each child's case can be discussed and therefore have the advantage of being passed on to another specialist if necessary.

Each child will be given their own progress booklet to encourage them to become involved with their medical care. They will receive stars and points every time they take their medicine, or follow similar instructions given to them by their doctor.

If you wish to make an appointment with any of their Young Ones team or require some more information, please contact Louise Bennett, the Practice Manager on 08454 023320.

Yavneh College wishes Dedicated Doctors every success in the future.

### Science Enrichment



On Monday 19th February, Eirian Shama from Setpoint Hertfordshire visited the science enrichment group to launch the BA CREST Bronze Award Project.

This is a nationally recognised award that is aimed at 11-14 year olds. All pupils hope to work together in their chosen groups to achieve this award in the Summer Term.

Yavneh College is proud to announce that Ben Bogush and Ben Hilsenrath are the first two pupils who have achieved the BA CREST Young Investigators Bronze C Awards. In order to achieve this award in the Summer Term.

Mrs Shiradski

We have four remaining places for the trip to see **The Lion King** on 14th March.

If any pupils are interested in joining us at **The Lyceum**, please contact the school office.

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

### The first week in March is French Language Week

Mme Blakeley

We have lots of activities planned.

- The pupils are all entering a national poetry competition. Yes, in French!
- There will be a French proverb displayed every day on the noticeboard and the pupils will be encouraged to use it throughout the day.
- French music will be played in the dining hall.
- We are having a Post-It note day whereby the pupils will brainstorm their favourite French word and post it.
- A French woman will be coming to the school to address the children during assembly on 'learning French in France'.

### NOVELTIES DIRECT

Wholesale Party Novelties For your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Based in Borehamwood [www.novelties-direct.co.uk](http://www.novelties-direct.co.uk) or call Simone Snow **08453 31 34 31**

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### Important dates for your diary!

**Monday 5 March**  
**Friday 20 - Sunday 22 April**  
**Wednesday 28 March**  
**Sunday 17 June**  
**Monday 16 July**  
**Tuesday 17 July**

**7DJ Parents' Evening**  
**Year 7 Shabbaton**  
**Term ends 1.20pm**  
**YCA Chinese Auction**  
**My Fair Lady**  
**My Fair Lady**

**Announcement from the Yavneh College Association**

**CALLING ALL PARENTS - SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUNDAY 17 JUNE 8.00 PM**

**ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD SYNAGOGUE,  
CROXDALE ROAD, BOREHAMWOOD**

**CHINESE AUCTION AND CHINESE BANQUET**

**COST £20.00 PER HEAD**

The YCA are thrilled to announce the date of the first Yavneh College fund-raising evening. Please put the date of this exciting event in your diary now and we will send you more information shortly. We do hope you will join us.

A Chinese Auction is not about who bids the most money for a 'lot'. Anyone who bids can win! All you have to do is buy your paddle (£1 each) with a number on and then you enter your paddle for the 'lot' you are interested in as they come up. You've got to be 'in it to win it'! Fabulous prizes on offer so don't miss out.

**Also**

The YCA are looking for gifts/prizes to be donated for the forthcoming event and are also seeking a few willing volunteers to help on the night!

Please could you email the committee:  
[yavnehcollegeassociation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:yavnehcollegeassociation@hotmail.co.uk)