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Stamford Hill

S. Pinter Youth Project
Completes Successful
Summer Scheme

The S. Pinter Youth Project has just completed its summer play scheme, Shoshanim, where it entertained over 500 children aged 5 to 11. The Stamford Hill-based project catered to children from across England, including Manchester and Gateshead, integrating special-needs children with their carers. Children from nine different local schools attended the play scheme, which created an atmosphere of unity.

The highlight of the project was Farm Day, with a mobile farm including animals that the children could feed, handle and enjoy, as well as horse-and-cart rides and demonstrations of sheepshearing and goat milking.

The program also included a *Shanah Tovah* Cards Project run by Miss Wendy Ellis, Shoshanim’s professional creative skills instructor. Children created several cards, learning new creative skills.

The project was run by 35 dedicated staff members and a 50-strong group of youth volunteers who kindly gave of their time to assist in the design, planning and running of the project.

Mrs D. Scharf, co-manager of the S. Pinter Youth Project, commented: “We are delighted that the girls have had such a great time at our summer play scheme. Our dedicated staff and volunteers help make Shoshanim the special project that it is. We very much look forward to having everyone back for the next scheme.”

Redbridge

Jewish Care Redbridge
Celebrates Annual
Volunteer Awards

Over 170 volunteers attended Jewish Care’s Redbridge Jewish Community Center’s (JCC) annual volunteer awards and reception. Award winners were short-listed by the volunteer coordinators and chosen for their years of commitment and dedication to the center. The volunteer coordinators, along with Richard Shone, center manager, and Susan Nahum, development manager, chose the winners for the awards from the short-listed group.

The winners of the awards included Claire and Ivor Baylin, who have been volunteers at the center for the past 10 years and help with many of its activities throughout the week.

Other winners were Terry Chyte, who volunteers four days a week; Hymie Phillips, who has also volunteered at Jewish Care’s Stepney day center, in Stamford Hill; Stella Scholar, who has been volunteering for 22 years and started as a Meals on Wheels driver; and Marie Cohen, who started volunteering at the center 40 years ago.

Richard Shone announced the winners and thanked all the Redbridge JCC volunteers. “The richness of what we do here is enhanced by our volunteers, and I have to say that as a member of staff, much of the direction that the center takes is influenced by our volunteer force, who provide us with incredible support,” he said.

Neil Taylor, Jewish Care’s director of Community Services and a former center manager, also spoke warmly about the volunteers and thanked them for

Gateshead Rav Awards *Semichah*
To Kollel Beis HaTalmud Members

This week, Kollel Beis HaTalmud of Gateshead reached a further landmark achievement when more than 20 of its members received *semichah* from the Gateshead Rav, Rabbi Shraga Feivel Zimmerman, *shlita*. He expressed his admiration at the clarity and grasp of the material displayed by the members of the *chaburah*.

Kollel Beis HaTalmud has been on the map for over 30 years and is led by its dynamic Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Shlomo Steinhaus, *shlita*. It is proud of its alumnae, which include Rabbanim and *mechanchim* in the United Kingdom and abroad. The Kollel is a central place of learning in Gateshead, where everyone is welcome and made to feel at home. The enthusiastic and motivated



The first session at the *semichah* exam.

members of the *chaburah* ensure that the atmosphere in the *beis medrash* is vibrant and that clarity, coupled with *chidushim* on the topics at hand, is

achieved.

Anglo Jewry will no doubt reap the benefit of their devotion and toil in the years to come.

the crucial role they play: “Your contribution to the work of Jewish Care can never be underestimated, and on behalf of the organization, but more importantly the members of the Redbridge JCC — Sinclair House, I would like to say a huge thank-you.”

Manchester

Yesoiday HaTorah School
Celebrates End of Year *Siyum*

The Beis Yosef Hall was filled to capacity recently with grandparents and parents of the junior boys of Yesoiday HaTorah School. Each class made a *siyum* on Mishnayos or Gemara, followed by a *devar Torah* by a member of each class. Rabbi Yodaiken, the *Menahel*, spoke

about the great potential of each child and thanked staff and governors for their dedication. The *rebbeis* of Year 6, Rabbi B. Lobenstein and Rabbi M. Harris, addressed their classes and presented prizes to their pupils, many of whom had learned a whole *perek Gemara* by heart.

The guest of honor, Rabbi D. Zahn, Rosh Yeshivah of Sunderland Yeshivah, spoke to the children about the importance of making Torah part of one’s life, so that even when one finishes learning for the day, one still retains Torah values.

The school choir performed beautifully under the direction of Mr. A. Topperman. Rabbi Yodaiken closed the proceedings by congratulating the boys on their outstanding behavior and thanking the mothers’ committee for their contributions to the

school and for helping prepare the event.

Rabbi Saunders Appointed
New Civilian Chaplain

Rabbi Arnold Saunders is to become the new Jewish civilian chaplain to Her Majesty’s Forces.

Rabbi Saunders, who is a graduate of Jews’ College, will take over from Reverend Malcolm Weisman on Sept. 1 and will be the first full-time civilian Jewish chaplain to HM Forces.

Based at Fulwood Barracks in Preston, he will be responsible for the pastoral care of Jewish personnel of all three services throughout the United Kingdom and on duty overseas. He said: “I know that the role will be challenging, with a small but vibrant and steadily growing Jewish military community.

“I will be working closely with



Ezra Friedlander and Yoizef Leifer traveled to Liska, Hungary, to *daven* at the *kever* of their ancestor, the Ach Pri Tevuah of Liska, on the day of his *yahrtzeit*.



A view of the streets of Liska, once a hub of Torah and Chassidus.