

Message From Bev

Last Sunday was Mitzvah Day and over 60 people of all ages, religious affiliations and abilities passed through Kisharon, engaging in different activities and learning about and helping the organisation in a really meaningful way.

Over the day, we packaged thousands of cards to boost the stocks of our growing greeting card business and we also moved three tons of rubble, installed weedmatting and gravel and planted new shrubs to spruce up the front garden of the Hanna Schwalbe Home.

In the afternoon some of our intrepid children had a 'ball' playing football with members of the Maccabi league whilst others enjoyed a drama workshop at the Day School led by two wonderful dramatists.

As we were packing up, members of the Mill Hill community surprised us by arriving with bags and boxes of almost new toys which they had spent the morning collecting to stock both our nursery and school.

Throughout the day, there was a buzz in the air and the display of goodwill and kindness was quite humbling. Thank you to Chavi Sufrin, the volunteer coordinator who managed all the projects with panache, to Daliah Ziman for her ongoing effort with the card enterprise and to our staff - David Posner, Sandra Gold, Linda Wachsman, Lee Zucker and John Collier who all helped on the day. Thank you to Mitzvah Day for their efforts and mostly thank you to all the volunteers who filled our buildings with warmth and smiles.

Good Shabbos

Day School

Working with **Sainsbury's Golders Green**

The boys at the Day School have been learning about teffillin. They opened them and examined the parshios (parchment) inside. They learnt that a 'sofer' writes them using a feather quill. The pupils then saw a demonstration on how to make a quill and they also had the opportunity to practice writing with one.



Tuffkid

This week the children at Tuffkid have been learning about parashas Toldos and the story of twins Yaakov and Eisav. The children made a delicious lentil soup just as Yaakov did in the parasha. They liked the soup so much they finished the whole pot! The children also enjoyed using glue to stick red lentils on paper. Some children just preferred to pour the red lentils into the glue pots and see how the glue and lentils became sticky in their fingers.

Happy Birthday to Elchonon on his third Birthday!



Adult Services Supported Living

On Sunday night Meir Halpern's parents made him a fabulous birthday party at Maxim on Golders Green Road. Meir invited cousins, aunties, uncles and siblings, as well as his new housemates, support staff and a couple of lucky members of the management team.

Special guest Shloimie Gertner made a surprise appearance, and entertained the crowd with some of Meir's favourite songs. Happy Birthday Meir!



Last week Natasha invited Eliane, Illana, Geraldine, Linda and Anna for tea in her new supported living home. Natasha proudly showed them her newly decorated blue bedroom and served them with tea and biscuits that she bought herself. This was a very special occasion for Natasha as this is the first time she has entertained guests. Well done Natasha!



Asher Loftus Business Centre

Natasha and Debbie fold cards in preparation for mitzvah day.



An Evening of Song

North London Friends of Kisharon are holding a women's only evening of music in memory of the late Dr Adler (senior) on Sunday, 27th November at 7.45pm. The event will take place at Viznitz Hall, 26 Lampard Grove N16. Tickets £10 and can be purchased on the night. There will also be raffles and talks by Dr Yossi Adler and Mrs Dassy Adler of Gateshead. Mrs Ellen Adler (wife of the late Dr Adler) will be guest of honour. All money raised will go to Kisharon, this will be an enjoyable evening for a worthy cause.

Thought of the Week

The question of 'Nature or Nurture' is often banded around and discussed when talking about children growing up and when adults talk about their upbringing. It is all too easy to blame poor parenting skills and the environment for the reason why people go off the derech (good path of life).

The beginning of this week's parasha of Toldos recaps the facts that Avrohom had a son called Yitzchok and that Yitschok married Rivkoh, who was the daughter of Besuel from Padan Arom and was the brother of Lovon.

Rabbi Shlomoh ben Yitzchok (better known by his acronym Rashi) asks the question of why does the Torah, which is very careful about every single word used, repeat the information given in the previous chapter that Rivkoh was the daughter of Besuel from Padan Arom and the brother of Lovon? Rashi answers the question by saying that the Torah is singing Rivkoh's praises that she was the daughter of a wicked person, a brother of a wicked person from a place of wicked people and yet she did not absorb or copy their wicked ways.

May Hashem always give us the insight and strength to follow what is right and just in the confusing society that we live in today.

Yaakov Kramer, Head of Limmudei Kodesh at the Day School

Staff News

Mazel Tov!

Kisharon sends a hearty Mazel Tov to head teacher Sora Kopfstein on the engagement of her daughter Chani former teaching assistant at the Day School.

Birthdays

Kisharon wishes a very Happy Birthday to Shmuli Jacobs (Day School), Chaim Richman, Nuraini Arifin, Sivon Sutherland, Jonathan Abrahams and Rivka Anchine (all adult services).

Mitzvah Day!

Card Making



A huge thank you to you and your team for the fab Mitzvah Day event you put on. Everyone said what a wonderful time they had had - we hope to work with you again soon.

Sue Haskell, Alyth Synagogue



Football

"I was inspired by those involved from Kisharon and the brave girls and boys who joined in" You all deserve much success" Michael Ziff, Chairman Maccabi GB

It was a wonderful afternoon and exceptionally well organised. Apart from the amazing smiles on the faces of the children (both the regular teams and the Kisharon children) the image I shall treasure forever is that bear! Priceless! We briefed the children in full before so that they could get the most out of the experience and understand the Mitzvah that they were doing... Yesterday... Everybody won!



"When Adam woke up on Monday morning, he immediately put on the Kisharon T-shirt and said "football football" which was his way of telling us how much he had enjoyed himself"



Gardening

"I had my doubts when I was the crew show up. They were mostly young women who looked un-used to gardening - but my gosh they worked hard and what a result!"

Drama