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What's New at HR?

As we begin the program year 2010 – 2011 at Yeled v'Yalda, the HR department has been hiring and welcoming many new employees. Indeed, we have already welcomed 55 new employees at our new hire orientations since September. We have seen much growth across all departments and programs at Yeled v'Yalda. It is because of the efficient and devoted work of our HR staff that the new year is off to a smooth start.

We are pleased to announce two new benefits that are now available to salaried (20+ hour) employees (excludes ACS employees, hourly employees, and therapists). Total Disability and Life Insurance are now available for purchase at competitive group rates; the plans are age and salary-based. Total Disability includes short and long-term disability coverage. Disability Insurance insures your income in the case of a short-term

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REASON TO CELEBRATE

Community leaders have, time and again, attempted to address the crisis of the crushing expenses faced by families marrying off their children (see cutouts). In recent times, the problem has become even more acute due to the lingering financial crisis and the exponential growth of families in the community.

Past attempts to address the issue have failed because they lacked realistic and viable alternatives that would meet the respectable standards that families have come to expect.

Enter Yeled v'Yalda and its visionary leader CEO, Mr. Solomon Igel. Utilizing the immense credibility of the organization with its vast community connections and with a dose of creativity, Mr. Igel has addressed the problem head on. A panel representing a wide spectrum of the community was

called together at YvY to hold a roundtable discussion on current societal trends. The overwhelming consensus was that it was imperative to address the competitive nature of current wedding spending. At the same time, a solution was sought where an affair could be held

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From the Desk of...

It's Wednesday morning, 9 a.m. As the employees of Yeled v' Yalda make their way to their desks, they catch sight of a fruit and yogurt delivery. Hmm...they wonder...what meeting is happening on our 4th floor today? I wonder if they'll have any leftovers...Upon seeing me, Alyssa Schnur, the Deputy Director of Mental Health, they say, "Oh, it's your meeting today, right? What's it for? What's the meeting about?"

So, let me share a little bit about Mental Health at Yeled v' Yalda Head Start. Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, and social services to enrolled children and families ([\[eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov\]\(http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov\)\). Yeled v'Yalda has been awarded 25 sites with a mix of toddlers and preschoolers, home-based and center-based, and traditional models and locally-designed programs.](http://</p>
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One of the requirements that Head Start has is that teachers and home visitors include in their curriculum the seven domains of development such as literacy, science, physical growth, math, and social emotional development. Included in the social emotional category is that the mental health needs of the children and family need to be assessed and addressed and that a mental health profes-

sional be assigned to each site.

Yeled v'Yalda is proud of our professional team of Mental Health Consultants. There are a total of 15 Mental Health Consultants who are all licensed in their professions of psychology or social work and each is assigned to a site for an average of 3 hours per week.

During that time, they assess the children's social emotional skills, work together with teachers on individualizing the curriculum for children with mental health and behavioral issues, lead parenting workshops, present staff trainings, and work individually with parents and children on mental health/behavior issues on an as needed basis.

In addition, all the Mental Health Consultants come monthly to the Mental Health Consultant meeting which I run. In addition to enjoying the food, we discuss administrative issues as well as relevant mental health topics. Often there is a presentation from one of the consultants. Last month, I presented on the topic of Challenging Behaviors. Other topics discussed have been on post-Partum Depression, Incontinence and Encopresis (bathroom accidents), Meditation and Stress Relief, and Conflict Resolution. There is also time for peer case presentations, where a consultant will discuss an interesting or difficult case happening at her site. Sharing our concerns and working on our professional development helps keep our Mental Health Consultants up to date and on their toes so they can address the needs of Head start children in a professional manner.

Sincerely,



Alyssa Schnur
Deputy Director of Mental Health



Alyssa has recently presented at the ACS Open Exchange meeting in NYC. Congratulations, Alyssa!

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disability like maternity leave or a longer disability that prevents you from working and bringing home a paycheck. Life Insurance can be purchased to cover up to 5 times the amount of your annual salary or \$500,000, whichever is the lesser amount. Disability is a guaranteed issue (i.e. no medical exam required) and Life Insurance is a guaranteed issue up to \$150,000 coverage. As you probably already know, every insurance-eligible employee is required to attend one of our scheduled insurance meetings to enroll or waive your disability and life insurance coverage.

See the accompanying box for meeting dates and times.

Please note that these insurances will only be offered for 2011 if we meet our minimum participation requirements.

Also, as we have previously notified you, November 15th is the deadline to enroll in the Medical, Dental and Commuter Flexible Spending Accounts, as well as the Dental Plan.

Please feel free to call us with any HR questions.

- Karen Kronenberg.....x2413
- Leah Bloch.....x2463
- Tzivie Herber.....x2412
- Roizy Schweid.....x2416
- Leah Fischer.....x2415

Looking forward to another exciting year at YvY,



Gitty Lichtenstein, MS
Director of Human Resources
(718) 686-2422

INSURANCE MEETING SCHEDULE		
1312 38th Street	Thursday, November 18	1:00 pm
1312 38th Street	Monday, November 22	1:00 pm
1312 38th Street	Tuesday, November 23	1:00 pm
99 Heyward Street	Wednesday, November 24	1:30 pm

Condolences

Yeled v'Yalda extends its sincere condolences to Raizy Kohn upon the loss of her brother.

Zooming In On...

TZIVIA KONSTAM

Job at Yeled v'Yalda: Programming/Palm Support. I'm the unofficial 911 dept. when co-workers and therapists are in tech-trouble

How long at Yeled v'Yalda: 10 years (that's a 1/3 of my life!)

Interesting trip I once took: My brother got married in Scotland. We had a local wearing a kilt playing a bagpipe at the wedding. We got to visit the Lochs (lakes and mountains, Swiss style), Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Yacht Britannia and even a Scottish H&M!

Favorite food: Any pasta/cheese/sauce combination

My family consists of: My husband, and I have 2 princesses and one prince

Something most people don't know about me: I lived in Israel as a child

Favorite website: www.dansdeals.com – gets you the best deals from all over the web!

Embarrassing thing that happened to me: I met a former teacher in the park with young children and trying to make conversation, I turned to her and said, "What a great bubbly you are – taking your grandkids to the park." She paused a moment and then said, "Actually, they're my children." Ooops.

If I've learned one thing in life, its: There is no one or anything that can make you happy in life – it's all in your attitude



SARA FAIGY FRENKEL

Job at Yeled v'Yalda: lifeguard, aqua aerobics & swim instructor

How long at Yeled v'Yalda: Since June 2009

Interesting trip I once took: Taking my (Israeli born) husband to an American amusement park

Musical instrument I play well: none, however I would like to try the violin

Public Speaking done: In High School I spoke about witches and witchcraft. In 7th grade I taught my class how to sew on a button.

Sport I'm great at: Swimming! I never swam in the Olympics, though. Mainly I swim for personal pleasure

Favorite food: Friends and family all know I love ketchup

In my free time: I read a lot

My family consists of: husband, parents, grandparents, siblings, Uncle Z, and the cutest niece.

Something most people don't know about me: My size, weight, age – most people think I'm older than I am.

Favorite website: www.hosierystreet.com – (family owned) great prices and service!

Embarrassing thing that happened to me: On speaker phone, as my superintendent was standing right in my kitchen, my sister answered me "you don't have to tip him"!

A place I'd like to visit: I could never get enough of visiting the Kosel

A habit I wish you could get rid of: fighting with my sisters. At what age do we outgrow that?

I regret not having learned: no regrets; it's never too late to learn...

If I've learned one thing in life, its: We don't run this world or our lives





CHANUKAH'S COMING...

What better way to surprise a loved one than with a gift certificate at the Yeled v'Yalda Fitness Center?

BUY 2 GET 1 FREE

Chanukah Gift Special* going on now!

- Buy 2 Visitor Day Passes... GET A THIRD ONE FREE! **\$20 SAVINGS!**
- Buy 2 1-month Memberships... GET A THIRD ONE FREE! **\$90 SAVINGS!**
- Buy 2 10-packs (day passes)... GET A THIRD ONE FREE! **\$150 SAVINGS!**
- Buy 2 Full Year's Membership... GET A THIRD ONE FREE! **\$665 SAVINGS!**

* Chanukah Gift Special valid through the last day of Chanukah, 12/9/10
All specials must be paid in full at time of purchase – no cancellations or refunds
Gift certificate must be redeemed w/in 60 days
Recipient of G/C must be 17 and older

Tiferes Rivka (continued from page 1)

in an affordable yet befitting manner. It was determined that this could best be accomplished by reducing frivolous ancillary costs, unnecessary overtime

Huffington Post / Rabbi S. Boteach / 2008

“Orthodox leaders should come together to achieve a consensus on respectable Jewish weddings that do not spill over into the elaborate and overly materialistic. While this is important for its own sake, as it is a reflection of true Jewish values, it also serves the purpose of parents not feeling they have to mortgage their homes in order to keep up with the Schwartzes.”

expenses and by leveraging significant buying power. A variety of attractive and convenient prix fixe wedding packages were developed. These packages abide by predetermined *takanos* (Rabbinic guidelines) such as ending the wedding at a reasonable hour and requiring the use of pre-approved vendors for photography, flowers and music.

In May 2010, YvY inaugurated its new assembly hall, which is appropri-

ately named Tiferes Rivka after the beloved late wife of Mr. Igel. Since YvY's founding in 1981, Rivka Igel's support and counsel has have guided Mr. Igel's stewardship of the organization. Her recent, untimely passing coincided with the opening of the hall, and YvY's governing board unanimously resolved to name the hall after Rivka, as a fitting tribute to her memory.

The fortunate families who already have had a chance to celebrate in the gorgeous new Tiferes Rivka assembly hall, have all been profuse in their praise. Most importantly, they have extolled the convenience provided by the packages which ameliorate the anxiety

traditionally associated with a

The Matzav Rant: A Catastrophic Problem of Epic Proportions / S. Miskin / 2010

“The financial obligations of marrying off children — especially daughters — are mind boggling.”

The Jewish Observer / Professor A. Twerski / 2002

“Families are driven to — and often over — the brink of bankruptcy. The peer pressure to match up to expectations is enormous. They say that without *takanos* (Rabbinical guidelines) they are lost.”

“The wedding has taken on the Hollywood “perfect day” mythology. The gown must be exquisite. The photography must be superb. Flowers must give their “Garden of Eden” effect...The music must be heavenly. The smorgasbord and Viennese tables must provide enough food and delectables to feed two armies, and they must be artistic to boot. Everyone...must be invited.”

“It is a train without brakes descending a mountain at 150 mph. It had to crash. It has crashed. So now we must take steps to disengage from this downward plunge and redesign our weddings.”

wedding celebration. They found that the affordability of the wedding also eases the stress that is usually exerted on the family harmony of those financing the wedding. Indeed, maintaining healthy marriages in the community has been at the forefront of Mr. Igel's vision all along.

Conveniently located at 1257 38th Street, Tiferes Rivka shares its home with the YvY Learning Center. In the early afternoon when the joyous laughter and playful banter of the busy school day begins to subside, the building is magically transformed. Guests entering the tastefully appointed lobby, see no indication of the hustle and bustle of the busy day. Visitors can descend to the banquet hall either by lush carpeted staircase or by the handicapped-accessible elevators. One is immediately



Mesila / 2009

“**M**aking a wedding involves walking a delicate balance between the bride, the groom, the in-laws, social norms, and what you can afford. You want your daughter to have the best of everything...At the same time, you want to please – and impress – the in-laws, and you want to marry off your child respectfully, in a way that conforms to the standards of your community.”

captivated by the hall’s striking elegance; no detail has been left to chance. Director of Property Management Mr. Mordechai Schwartz’s trademark of class and perfection is written all over the hall. From

the high ceilings decorated with intricate moldings and fabulous chandeliers, to the mezzanine festooned with elegant draperies, every square inch has been meticulously appointed. Patrons cannot help but be impressed by the spacious interior, gleaming floors and elegant table decor. The white glove service and tantalizing menu are sure to please even the most demanding connoisseur.

This incredible service provided by YvY, enabling the community to celebrate beautiful yet affordable weddings, has now made it possible for the typical family to celebrate a spectacular affair in a respectable manner with no stigmas attached whatsoever. Tiferes Rivka, truly a reason to celebrate!



VIN Newsblog / 2009

“**R**abbonim visited Rabbi M. Y. Lefkowitz, and heard his description of how wedding expenses have brought many parents to a financial and emotional crisis. ‘Many times, the happiness one sees in weddings is only a facade, because of the heavy debts crouching on the parents.’”

SPEEDY SUPPERS

Our Speedy Supper question struck a chord with the busy YvY employees!

We present some of the ideas and recipes that were submitted.

Try them out and let us know what you think.

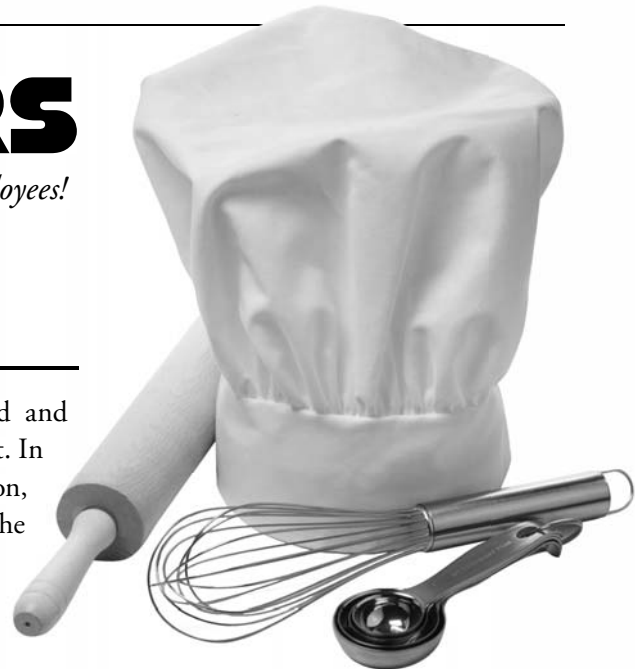
Keep the suggestions coming...email YvYink@yeled.org

SUPER SPEEDY SUPPER:

1. Toss a salad with any veggies available-add store bought dressing or oil, salt, a drop of soy sauce and the amazing spice basil
2. Main dish: grill chicken bottoms or chicken wings with spices
3. Side dishes: a. canned corn b. mashed potatoes with mustard and mayo mixed into it (very tasty) or stir fried mixed veggies from the supermarket freezer.

Make two different types of soup on one day one and freeze them; you should have enough for at least the next and weeks. Also, sauté a lot of onions at once and freeze. Try to make a menu for the week; eliminate same-day supper anxiety. Good luck!

Potatoes can be peeled, cubed and left in a bowl of water overnight. In the morning, chop up an onion, (or use sautéed onion from the freezer) throw it into a Crockpot (slow cooker) with some oil and salt, add the potatoes and put chicken or meat on top of them; leave it on low and go on off to work! You’ll have a fresh, hot supper that greets you with a delicious aroma when you arrive home. It will also stay fresh for those who come home later on. You can put so many things in the Crockpot — chicken and rice (add water), turkey goulash and potato chunks, a veggie soup with barley, just to name a few...



QUICK SOUPS:

Freeze baggies of sautéed vegetables (prepare this in advance), drop into a pot of water and spices, and simmer! Done in ½ hour! Add frozen green beans, peas, can of mushrooms and barley, peas and carrots... for a different twist each time! Sometimes blend for texture changes, or add tomato juice and sugar for tomato soup...

All with one soup in the freezer!

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Engagement

Ruchie Hertzberg (BP) to Moishy Braun
 Esther Hamui's (C) son Abraham
 Estie Portowitz (C) to Eli Klepfisch
 Perel Stein (BP) to Yecheskel May
 Malky Horowitz (BP) to Shloimy Licht
 Chavy Fishman (BP) to Avrum
 Simcha Kurtz
 Chana Lieberman's (BP) son to Esty
 Dewick

Wedding

Malya Dinerman's (BP) daughter
 Chana to Avi Teleki & son Elim-
 elech to Feigie Riven
 Sara Elky (Blau) Goldstein (BP)
 Shprintzy Sompolinsky (BP) to Yan-



kel Stern, congrats to mom Rifky
 Sompolinsky (BP)
 Etie Teigman's (C) son
 Chany Buchman's (BP) niece
 Hadassa Rose (BP) Szymonowit

Baby Boy

Miriam Berkowitz (BP)

Ariella Schwartz (BP)
 Baily Lemmer (BP)

Baby Girl

Henny Rosenfeld (W)
 Rachel Greenwald (W)
 Hindy Pachtinger (BP)
 Tzirel Horowitz (BP)
 Russie Goldstein (BP)
 Milky Pilchik (BP)

Malya Dinerman (BP), granddaughter
 Agie Lemmer (BP), 2 grandchildren
 Baila Andrusier (W), granddaughter
 Mr. David Ganz (W), and Mrs.
 Ruchma Ganz granddaughter

Bar Mitzvah

Libby Chein's (BP) son
 Malka Sternberg's (C) son
 Malkie Schmulowitz's (C) son
 Tzippi Balleli's (C) son
 Ruchy Rosenberg's (BP) son
 Yael Gerassy's (C) son

Bas Mitzvah

Judy Lawrence's (C) granddaughter
 Shoshy Skolnick's (C) daughter

NEW FACES AT YVY

BORO PARK

Mushka Blizinsky *Asst. Teacher*
 Yittel Breuer *Teacher*
 Blanca E. Buestan Pallazhco
Custodian/Helper
 Chaya Mushka Chein *Home Visitor*
 Chava Friedman *Secretary*
 Chava Fettman *Lifeguard*
 Michelle Friedman *Asst. Teacher*
 Sara Chaya Gaz *Family Worker*
 Yittie Gerlitz *Lifeguard*
 Brocha Goldberger *Nutritionist*
 Yeshaye Yehuda Gruber *I. T. Asst.*
 Chaya Guttman *Record Clerk*
 Rivka Halberstam *Asst. Teacher*
 Chaim Hechel *Lifeguard*
 Aviva Hoffman *Asst. Teacher*
 Meir Horowitz *Lifeguard*
 Tzirel H. M. Horowitz *Family Worker*
 Yehuda Judkovitz *Lifeguard*
 Raizy Katz *Home Visitor*
 Ruchy Kessler *Lifeguard*
 Feigel Kiwak *Lifeguard*
 Sarah Klein *Asst. Teacher*
 Malky Klughaupt *Lifeguard*
 Devorah N. Kugelman *Asst. Teacher*
 Freyda Laufer *Coord.*
 Mushka Laufer *Asst. Teacher*
 Rivka B. Leibowitz *Secretary*
 Ella Lerman *Coord.*
 Simon Lichtenstadter *Lifeguard*
 Moses Leser Lichtman *I. T. Asst.*
 Esther Liebowitz *Secretary*
 Mushka Lipskier *H/R Coord.*
 Malka Miller *Home Visitor*
 Pessy Moskovits *Asst. Teacher*
 Miriam Newman *Supervisor*
 Chaya Sara Pluczenik *Record Clerk*
 Chaya Malkie Rendler *Aide*
 Magda Amparo Rios *Custodian/Helper*
 Miriam Rotenberg *HR Coord.*
 Daniella Gittel Rubin *H/B Coord.*

Rachel Rudich *Record Clerk*
 Chana Rupp *Secretary*
 Cheryl Salamon *Evaluation Coord.*
 Shira Malka Saull *Family Worker*
 Tzvi Y. Shurpin *Info. Tech. Specialist*
 Yehudis L. Skolnick *Family Worker*
 Bracha Sompolinsky *Record Clerk*
 Sofiya Spivak *Teacher*
 Perel Stein *Asst. Teacher*
 Benjamin Steinman *Trainer*
 Winston Tate *Custodian/Helper*
 Chana Mindy Ungar *Record Clerk*
 Esther Waldman *Quality Assurance*
 Elky Weiss *Asst. Teacher*
 Ety D. Weiss *Teacher*
 Golde Zachariash *Secretary*
 Avrohom Zoberman *Lifeguard*

CANARSIE

Lillian Choai *Teacher*
 Freida Eddi *Asst. Teacher*
 Rachel Beth Jakobovic Gould
Asst. Teacher
 Rivkah Mizrachi *Asst. Teacher*

CROWN HEIGHTS

Dina B. Sirota *Teacher*

FLATBUSH

Elina Grabarnik *Teacher*

STATEN ISLAND

Damali C. Campbell *Asst. Teacher*
 Gloria Carrasco *Asst. Teacher*
 Kimberli Renee Curtis *Family Worker*
 Bin Qin *Asst. Teacher*
 Nancy Yanet Rivera-Diaz *Asst. Teacher*

WILLIAMSBURG

Nechama Sara Fogiel *Teacher*
 Rachel Gluck *Teacher*
 Goldie Knopfler *Asst. Teacher*
 Faigy Reich *Home Visitor*

Suppers (continued from page 5)

Do you have an oven with delay start time cook features? I use mine daily. I put my supper in the oven before I leave to work. When I buy my chicken, I freeze them in bekelech (tin pans). This morning I poured mayo/mustard/honey over the frozen chicken and coated with cornflakes crumbs. I covered it, stuck it in the oven and set the timer to start at 4pm for 2½ hrs on 350. I also threw in some potatoes wrapped in silver paper. When I get home I'll make a salad and steamed veggies. The oven shuts off on its own and keeps the food warm until I serve it. When I come home, I have spare time to spend with my delicious grandkids! Oh, I forgot to mention — I make a soup in a crock pot daily. You can also prepare rice with mushrooms, even peeled potatoes in water (to make mashed potato) ahead of time. This method takes some organization (you need to know at night what you'll be making the next day and have the ingredients in the house) but it's a fail-proof method for quick & easy prepare-ahead-of-time dinners. Your kids will gain a mom and you will be a winning balabusta!

MEXICAN FAVORITE:

- 2 cloves garlic sautéed
- Package ground chicken or beef-browned ten minutes
- add 15 oz salsa for the chicken or a pack of Ortega taco seasoning mix for the beef
- cook for 30 minutes
- serve in wrap or laffa with lettuce and veggies



Black Friday



Black Friday is the Friday following Thanksgiving Day in the USA, traditionally the beginning of the holiday shopping season. According to Reuters, 135 million people participated in the Black Friday shopping rush in 2007. Retailers often begin decorating their stores weeks beforehand. Many retailers open extremely early — at 5AM or even earlier. Some of the larger retailers have been reported to open as early as midnight on the start of Black Friday and remain open for 24 hours throughout the day until midnight the following Saturday. This year, Black Friday is on November 26th.

The term “Black Friday” may have originated in Philadelphia, where it was used to describe the disruptive pedestrian and vehicle traffic which would occur on the day after Thanksgiving. More recently, merchants and the media have used it instead to refer to the beginning of the period in which retailers go from being in the red (i.e., posting a loss on the books) to being in the black (i.e., turning a profit). This originates from the once-common accounting practice which would use red ink to show negative amounts and black ink to show positive

amounts. The holiday shopping season is of enormous importance to American retailers and some retailers are so dependent on the holiday shopping season that the quarter including the holiday season produces all the year’s profits and compensates for losses from other quarters.

In many cities it is not uncommon to see shoppers lined up for hours before stores with big sales open. Once inside the stores, shoppers often rush and grab, as many stores have only a few of the big-draw items. On occasion, injuries and even fatalities are reported. In 2008, a worker at a Wal-Mart in Valley Stream, New York was trampled to death by shoppers who broke through the store’s glass doors minutes before the store’s scheduled opening at 5:00 a.m.; a pregnant mother was hospitalized from injuries in the same human “stampede”. Due to this unfortunate accident, Wal-mart no longer uses the term “Black Friday”, but rather the term “The Event”. On that same day, two people in California were shot and killed in a Toys R Us store during an argument.

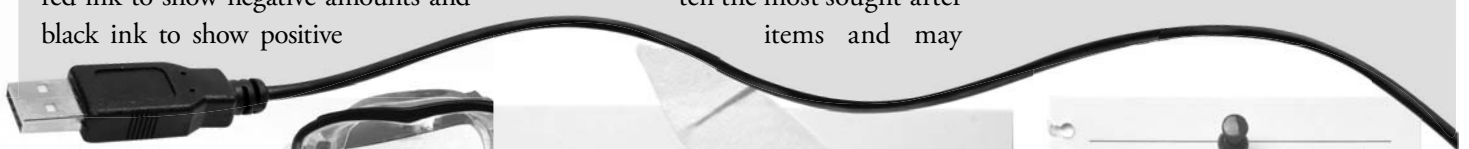
Electronics and popular toys are often the most sought-after items and may

be sharply discounted. Because of the shoulder-to-shoulder crowds, many choose to stay home and avoid the hectic shopping experience. The local media often will cover the event, mentioning how early the shoppers began lining up at various stores and providing video of the shoppers standing in line and later leaving with their purchased items. Traditionally Black Friday sales were intended for those shopping for holiday gifts. For some particularly popular items, some people shop at these sales in order to get deep discounts on items they can then resell, typically online.

The term Cyber Black Friday refers to online retailer’s Black Friday promotions and is the online equivalent to Black Friday retail sales.

In an attempt to draw attention to the negatives associated with a consumerist lifestyle, this day has also been used for activities such as Buy Nothing Day (www.buynothingday.org).

Excerpted from Wikipedia



Are you on YvY payroll and a certified LG and/or WSI?

PERFECT!

Earn some extra money by filling in as a LG sub or by giving swim lessons before or after work hours.

Email rherbst@yeled.org for details

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Fabulous Beading Event

By Rifky Einhorn of Crystal Creations
November 17th, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
1257 38th Street

Enlighten Your Chanukah with Nutrition

By Sara Chaya Elisha
November 24th, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
1257 38th Street

Sharing & Caring

by Bassie Morris, LCSW
November 29, 2010, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
99 Heyward Street

Date _____ No. _____

NHSAMBERSHIP CARDS

were sent out to employees. If your NHSA teacher ID gets you a great discount somewhere, please let us know where so we can share with the rest of the YvY family...

Email yvink@yeled.org

SEASONS

MY FAVORITE SEASON IS...

...**Summer** — I love the beach, water, etc, & **Fall** — leaves changing colors, driving upstate (Nyack and Mohonk mountain are must-sees)

...**Summer** — 100 degrees outside? No problem — just stick me in a pool

...**Spring** — isn't it everyone's? Gorgeous weather, the flowers start growing — it's just naturally beautiful.

In the winter, everyone is too freezing to even say hello — heads are buried deep within coats. I love **spring & summer** when you can see all the smiling faces!

Love the **spring**. Not too hot, not too cold. There's no bundling up kids in the morning — saves time getting them out the door in the morning rush. I wait for winter to end and I look forward to the sun's warmth.

MY LEAST FAVORITE SEASON IS...

...I don't get particularly affected by the weather; whatever the season; it is what it is.

...Although I'm not comfortable when it gets cold out, I do like the fact that we experience 4 different seasons; each one with its distinct sensations.

...At YVY all seasons blend into one another; it's all one big beautiful season!

...**Winter** — I feel like a human snowman! I'm too cold to work or do anything with my frozen limbs.

...**Winter** — it's not fun scraping ice off your windshield....

...**Winter** — brrrrrrr, I'm in physical pain.



We'd love to hear from you!

We would like to thank everyone for their input, encouragement, and suggestions for the newsletter. Please be advised that due to editorial content, time and/or space constraints, it is not always possible to include all submissions. At the same time, however, we would like to encourage you to continue writing us. Look for our next issue in the winter! Please e-mail your comments, suggestions, letters to the editor and news to YvYInk@yeled.org or to rherbst@yeled.org or fax to 718.686.2497



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