

Yachad Israel Brings Joy (And Pizza) To Army Bases Across Israel



By Yael Weiner

Last week members of an Israeli army base came face-to-face with people they were protecting in Israel. And

their grateful visitors even brought them pizza.

The visit was organized and planned by Yachad Israel, the Israeli arm of Yachad, the National Jewish Council for Disabili-

ties. Yachad is an agency of the Orthodox Union. Twenty members of Yachad Israel — individuals with special needs— met at Haim's Pizza in *Rishon L'Tzion* to bake pizza for IDF soldiers stationed at the *Pal-*

machim army base. The pizzas and the transportation were sponsored by donors to Yachad's *Pizza4Soldiers* program.

"Everyone in our greater community appreciated and loves the IDF, but showing support isn't always the easiest thing to do," said Eli Hagler, associate director of Yachad. "Our *Pizza4Soldiers* campaign allowed Yachad to give hundreds of people across the world the opportunity to say thank you to soldiers through our program. Creating the pizzas in an inclusive manner and delivering the fresh pies to an army base will help boost morale among the soldiers. This will continue to keep their moral high knowing that there are Jews all across the globe who love them, appreciate them and support them."

Yachad Israel also partnered with *Magshimmim Chalom*, Realizing Our Dream, an IDF program that integrates individuals with special needs into the Israeli army.

Lisa Galinsky, Program Director of Yachad Israel, explained that the partnership was a natural fit.

"We always wanted to do something together with the IDF so we decided this Pizza idea might just work," she explained.

Her intuition was proven right as soon as groups arrived at the pizza store. Jewish music began blasting on the stereo and both Yachad Israel and *Magshimmim Chalom* members began dancing with each other. If it weren't for the IDF uniforms, it would have been difficult to tell the participants apart.

Many of the participants of Yachad Israel are native English speakers. Their families either made *aliyah* or they grew up in English-speaking homes. However most speak Hebrew fluently and sang along with the music.

Though Yachad Israel is relatively new, the program has had an outsized effect on participants.

Meir Malak was born in New York, but made *aliyah* at the age of eight, 17 years ago. He has been participating in Yachad Israel activities for the last three years and works providing food for people in need.

"I like coming to Yachad Israel activities," he said. "Even if I have a flight to New York that day I would come and leave early."

Meir also is part of Yachad Israel's RBC (Relationship Building Course), a social skills development programs which meets once a week

"The soldiers will be glad," he predicted.

Once the pizzas were made, participants gathered on a bus provided by Yachad Israel and headed towards the *Palmachim* army base. As the bus got closer to the base, they could already see the excitement. As they departed from the bus, soldiers began ask-

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Appetizers

- Teriyaki Wings(8pc).....\$8.00
- Tempura Wings (8pc).....\$7.00
- Chicken Tempura(5pc).....\$8.00
- Crispy Tilapia Fish and Chips.....\$10.00
- Edamame.....\$6.00
- Zucchini Fries.....\$6.00
- French Fries.....\$4.00
- Gyoza Dumplings Chicken(5pc).....\$6.00
- Gyoza Dumplings Beef(5pc).....\$8.00

Soups

- Miso Soup.....\$4.00
- Veggie Soup.....\$4.00
- Dumpling Soup.....\$5.00
- Chicken Soup.....\$5.00

Hibachi Entree Special
(Dark Meat Chicken)
All entrees are served with White Rice.
Upgrade instead of White Rice:
Fried Rice or Brown Rice \$1 more • Mash Potatoes \$2

- Hibachi Chicken.....\$12.00
- Hibachi Steak.....\$14.00
- Hibachi Chicken Steak Combo.....\$14.00
- Hibachi Salmon.....\$15.00
- Hibachi Veggies.....\$8.00
- Hibachi Tofu.....\$8.00

Teriyaki Entree Special
(White Meat Chicken)
All entrees are served with White Rice.
Upgrade instead of White Rice:
Fried Rice or Brown Rice \$1 more • Mash Potatoes \$2

- Teriyaki Chicken.....\$12.00
- Teriyaki Steak.....\$14.00
- Teriyaki Chicken Steak Combo.....\$14.00
- Salmon Teriyaki.....\$15.00
- Tilapia Teriyaki.....\$11.00
- Tofu Teriyaki.....\$8.00

Chef Specials

- *Japanese Sesame Chicken w/White Rice.....\$12.00
- Homestyle Chicken Thigh and Fries.....\$10.00
- Teriyaki Chicken Burger w/Fries.....\$8.00
- Teriyaki Beef Burger w/Fries.....\$10.00
- Japanese Sesame Salmon.....\$18.00
- Japanese Curry Chicken.....\$12.00
w/caramelized mushrooms and onions & side of Mashed Potatoes
- Japanese Curry Steak.....\$14.00
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Catering Menu

	Half Tray For Approx. 5-8people	B"H Full Tray For Approx. 10-16people
Teriyaki Wings	\$45	\$80
Gyoza Dumplings	\$45	\$80
Hibachi Veggies	\$40	\$70
Hibachi Chicken	\$60	\$110
Hibachi Steak	\$75	\$140
Hibachi Chicken Steak Combo	\$75	\$140
Teriyaki Chicken	\$60	\$110
Teriyaki Steak	\$75	\$140
Teriyaki Chicken Steak Combo	\$75	\$140
Japanese Sesame Chicken	\$65	\$120
Veggie Yakisoba	\$30	\$60
Chicken Yakisoba	\$40	\$75
Steak Yakisoba Noodles	\$50	\$95
Yakitori Chicken Skewers	\$50 (20 pc)	\$95 (40 pc)
Yakitori Steak Skewers	\$70 (20 pc)	\$135 (40 pc)
Yakitori Salmon Skewers	\$70 (20pc)	\$135 (40pc)
French Fries	\$30	\$55
Salmon Teriyaki	\$75	\$140

Hibachi Lunch Special

- Hibachi Chicken.....\$10.00
- Hibachi Steak.....\$12.00
- Hibachi Chicken Steak Combo.....\$13.00
- Teriyaki Chicken Combo.....\$10.00
- Teriyaki Steak.....\$12.00
- Teriyaki Chicken & Steak Combo.....\$13.00

Sushi Lunch Special

ALL LUNCH SPECIALS COME WITH MISO SOUP OR HOUSE SALAD OR DRINK (Soda or Water) (Upgrades are below)

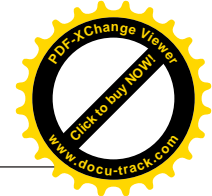
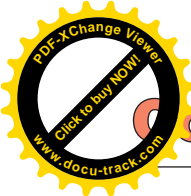
- 1)Any 2 Fish or Veggie Rolls.....\$9.95
- 2)Any 3 Fish or Veggie Rolls.....\$13.95
- 3)1 Special or Tempura or Cooked Roll & 1 Fish or Veggie Roll.....\$12.95
- 4)2 Special or Tempura or Cooked Rolls.....\$15.95
- 5)1 Zodiac Roll & 1 Fish or Veggie Roll.....\$14.95
- 6)2 Low Carb Rolls.....\$13.95
- 7)Salmon Lover.....\$11.95
- 8)Tuna Lover (6 Tuna Lover & Spicy Tuna Roll).....\$12.95
- 9)Salmon or Tilapia Burger w/ Fries.....\$7.95
- 10)Fish & Chips.....\$8.95
- 11)Sushi & Sashimi Lunch (4 pcs. Sashimi, 4 pcs. Nigiri, California Roll).....\$11.95

Lunch Special Upgrades: (Instead of SOUP, SALAD, OR CAN)

- Sea Food Soup.....\$1.00
- Snapple or Green Tea.....\$0.75
- Kani Salad or Fries or Edamame.....\$2.00
- Tempura Upgrades (For rolls over \$9.95).....\$2.00
- Brown Rice (Per Roll).....\$1.00
- Purple Rice (Per Roll).....\$2.00

Sun-Thru: 11:00am-11:00pm • Fri: 10:30am to 3hrs before Shabbat (Sunset)
Sat: 2hrs after Shabbat-1:00am

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YSZ Second Grade Girls "Wowed" The Crowd



On Sunday morning, November 8, Yeshiva Sha'arei Zion's Second Grade Girls celebrated as they received their very first *Chumashim!* *Kita Bet* started learning *Parashat Lech Lecha*; they are eager to learn new *p'sukim* everyday. Parents, relatives, and friends were invited to join in this joyous occasion, which was masterfully organized and orchestrated by their devoted teacher, Morah Leora Fouler. The girls "wowed" the crowd with an outstanding performance of various songs, accompanied by our very own music teacher on the keyboard, Morah Shifra!

"When learning *Chumash*," Morah Fouler says, "we don't only strengthen our *k'riah* skills; rather, we also strengthen our *emunah* and *bitachon* in Hashem. When our children learn the Torah, they become

a living testament and an integral part of our *m'sorah* as the nation of *am Yisrael*. In our school, Torah comes to life as we learn and apply many lessons from our Torah into our daily lives."

The beautiful celebration culminated with each girl receiving her very own brand-new *Chumash Bereshit*, and decorating beautiful book covers for them. A spread of assorted desserts, accompanied by a delicious *Mazal-Tov* cake was enjoyed by all at the conclusion of the event. The room was electric with good feelings. Parents, students, and teachers reveled in the afterglow of this occasion, knowing that with our girls learning and living *Parashat Lech Lecha*, the *Mesorah* of our people, is taking another confident step forward into the future!

Names Not Numbers At HANC

On Friday, November 13, HANC Middle School had the introductory portion of what promises to be a most moving program. "*Names, Not Numbers*" is a copyrighted oral history film project created by Tova Fish-Rosenberg that takes the teaching of the Holocaust and its lessons well beyond many previous efforts.

This oral history film project preserves, on DVD, a small segment of the history of World War II and its aftermath. Students gain first-hand knowledge through being paired with and given the opportunity to interview and tape Holocaust survivors or World War II veterans who liberated camps. At the same time they also form intergenerational friendships with their interview subjects.

Our introductory program began with moving remarks by the principal, Rabbi Elliot Hecht. Rabbi Hecht discussed that Hashem has given us an ability to forget, which helps us cope with many things, but

with regard to the Holocaust, we must never forget. Next, Mrs. Rosenberg discussed how the program would work and she introduced a video clip of a survivor. The students were spell bound as they watched the moving video depicting all of the survivor's memories. After the video, the students were very privileged to hear from Mr. Larry Gordon, the editor of the Five Towns Jewish Times. Mr. Gordon discussed his in-laws' experiences with the Holocaust. He also discussed different interviewing techniques with the students. The students took copious notes in order to be ready for the real interview process. Toward the end of the program, Mr. Gordon role played what an actual interview would be like. Eighth grader, Lea Feiner, asked him questions and Mr. Gordon responded and was very impressed with Ms. Feiner's questions.

The entire morning was videotaped and will part of the culminating project. The students are extremely excited about this program.

HANC Middle School would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Eckstein for generously funding part of the program. We would also like to thank Mr. Gordon for giving of his time and, of course, Mrs. Rosenberg for bringing this incredible program to HANC Middle School.



MTA Lions Visit Columbia's Den



By Shimmy Mandelbaum ('16)

On Monday, November 2, Yeshiva University High School for Boys' (MTA) Academy News editors-in-chief and yearbook staff traveled four miles south to Columbia University for the 76th annual Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference. Upon arrival, all of the students were supplied with a schedule of sessions to choose from, each of which would aid them through the process of composing their publications. These sessions covered the entire spectrum of journalism, from cryptography to humor, each with their respective goals. During these sessions, the MTA students worked hands-on with New York City's best professors, journalists, and editors, some of whom have written for *The New York Times* and similar publications. After the first two sessions, the students took a lunch break to eat, explore the University's campus, and mingle with some of the brightest

high school students in the nation that shared similar interests with them.

Following the break, everyone regrouped back into various classrooms, auditoriums, and lecture halls across campus for more lessons that would both intrigue and educate them. One class that was of particular interest to the students was the editors meeting, in which MTA's yearbook and newspaper editors joined the ranks of some of the greatest in the nation, and examined award-winning papers and yearbooks from which to derive ideas. After the fifth and final session, all the students returned to the main auditorium for closing remarks and information on the next conference. All in all, the trip served to improve this year's and all the following years' Academy News and yearbooks, and succeeded in doing so while the students enjoyed themselves.

Special thanks to Mrs. Hadassah Siegfried, who organized and accompanied the students on the trip.

Bnos Malka Graduates Excel

Stella K. Abraham High School for Girls' Re'ut Honor Society (National Honor Society) inducted six current students who are alumni of Bnos Malka Academy. Chava Leah Cohen, Rivka Dayan, Tehila Bracha Mammon, Devora Spielman, and Shira Strauss each have at least two years of a 90 or above average, plus exemplary *midos*. Bnos Malka Executive Director Michael Salzbank remarked, "We are very proud of our graduates and their accomplishments. It is yet another example of the fruits of our rigorous program."

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The Israeli soldiers were delighted with the food, but even more so with the company. Omer, one of the soldiers serving on the base, explained that he and his unit had just recently arrived on the base. "Coming to a new place and seeing people who come all the way here just to do this thing for us makes us all very happy," he said.

Yuval, another soldier at the base, added, "It's beautiful," he said. "We are supposed to be the ones giving to our nation, and here our nation is doing all this for us."

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"The outpouring of support for the IDF was incredible to see," said Yoel Serman, director of Yachad Israel. "When we began this campaign we didn't know what to expect. Thanks to all of our supporters, we will bring more than 500 pizzas to a number of army bases over the coming months. As a former IDF soldier, I know firsthand how important and meaningful something like this is to the soldiers. Yachad loves Israel, its soldiers and the IDF."

As the photographer snapped the picture, the participants yelled out, "We love the IDF," and it seems that the IDF loves them all back, very much.