Community Briefs

NW LONDON

Chaverim Y10 *Shabbaton*

Chaverim Youth Organisation has just returned from an extremely successful *Shabbaton* with Year 10 boys from Menorah Grammar School. To celebrate completing their exams, Chaverim took the boys to Rock UK Frontier Centre, in Northamptonshire.

The Shabbos *davening* was led by the boys, who also shared *divrei Torah* at the *seudos*, creating a very warm atmosphere. Tzvi Langer of Gateshead Yeshivah gave a *shiur* during Shabbos.

After Shabbos and on Sunday, the boys enjoyed a full programme of activities, including team games and swimming.

The weekend was hosted by Reb Shmuel Yosef Davidson, Executive Director of Chaverim Youth Organisation, and his family. Mr. Davidson told *Hamodia*, "It's fantastic to see the boys come together in such a great atmosphere of *achdus*."

Sheimos L'Geniza Goes Citywide

Following the successful installation of its first Sheimos Bank at Beis Hamedrash Nishmas Yisroel shortly before Pesach, the Federation has now rolled out its Sheimos L'Geniza community service to three other sites across London. Smart new purpose-designed banks were delivered to the Sinai shul in Golders Green, the Yeshurun in Edgware and Ohr Yisrael in Elstree last week.

The Federation's Sheimos L'Geniza service is available for the benefit of the entire community — there is no mandatory charge for making use of the facility, although donations are invited per bag of *sheimos* to help defray the running costs. When the banks are full, the contents are taken to the organisation's *beis olam* in Rainham for *kevurah*.

The Federation's ShailaText service is always available to answer questions on which items require *genizah*. It has put together a helpful pack detailing frequently asked questions on the subject, which is available in a dispenser at the side of the banks or on request from the organisation's head office.

Trustee Moshe Winegarten said, "We are delighted to make our Sheimos L'Geniza service available to the wider *kehillah* with these new installations in NW London, Edgware and Elstree. The Federation is committed to providing community facilities that further *shemiras hamitzvos* and raise awareness of important *halachos* such as these."

STAMFORD HILL

Meet and Greet *Seudah Shelishis*

Meet and Greet, the organization which is there for all ladies over 40, held a very successful *seudah shelishis* last week, in the Shaarei Zion hall.

Long tables were set out in circles, so that everyone felt included. The devoted committee members set out a tasty and attractively prepared buffet. There was a very warm atmosphere, full of *achdus*. This was enhanced by guest speaker Rebbetzin B. Jungreis, who urged everyone to develop one *mitzvah* with *mesirus nefesh* in order to ensure earning *Olam Haba*. She illustrated her talk with beautiful stories that inspired the ladies greatly.

This was followed by a lovely choir of girls from Beer Miriam seminary, whose willingness to give up their time on a Shabbos afternoon was greatly appreciated. The ladies responded by enthusiastically singing *zemiros* and participating in a spontaneous *rekidah*.

Everyone agreed that the *seudah shelishis* was a true success — "an event not to be missed!"

John Simmonds

Harav Avrohom Gurwicz, *Rosh Yeshivah* of Gateshead Yeshivah, giving a *hesped* in honour of Mr. Arnold Cohen, *z"l*, last Sunday at Beis Hamedrash Sinai. Other *maspidim* included Dayan Y.Y. Lichtenstein and Rabbi Berel Knopfler.

Lawrence Purcell

Rabbi Doniel Paley (seated), tutor and assessor of the Interlink QCFL3 course, with some of the graduating *rebbeim*.

Reception pupils of Torah Temimah Primary School test driving a van during a visit to their Vauxhall showroom.

Participants at the Chaverim Year 10 *Shabbaton*.