

LOCAL BRIEFS

GOLDERS GREEN



Reb Shmuel Yosef Davidsohn (front row-fourth left) with Rav Yitzchok Weitz (third left) and the Chaverim Winter Camp participants.

CAMP Chaverim's winter programme once again gave boys a taste of summer during this typical English cold season.

The jam-packed full day schedule included Shacharis and breakfast, followed by memorable activities such as paint balling, a night swim and go karting. Then there were inspiring shiurim given daily by notable speakers, including Rabbi Menachem Junik, Rabbi Meyer Rappaport and Rabbi Chaim Michael Biberfeld.

The icing on the cake was an incredible Shabbos Getaway. 40 boys from the Winter Camp participated in the camp, held in a Scout Campsite, situated in the heart of the Surrey countryside, an area of outstanding natural beauty. The site offered a number of thrilling options for

the boys to try, such as pedal-karting, laser tagging and air rifle shooting.

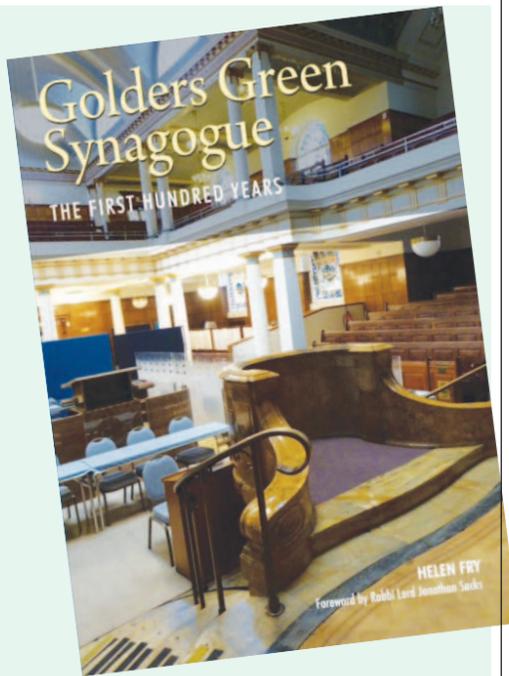
Adding to the wonderful atmosphere was the participation of Rav Yitzchok Weitz, who contributed ruach over Shabbos during the tefillos, seudos and his Shabbos tisch. A surprise for the boys was the arrival of three Summer Camp madrichim who flew in for Shabbos, especially from Eretz Yisroel.

Sitting around the campfire on Motzoei Shabbos, Executive Director Rabbi Shmuel Yosef Davidson thanked everyone who had helped make this year's Winter Camp the success it was. He is looking forward to welcoming them to the after-school shiurim that take place nightly in the Chaverim Centre, Golders Green.

THE foundation and achievements over the past century of Golders Green United Synagogue are chronicled in a new book published this week. Written by Second World War historian Helen Fry, it includes a foreword by Lord Sacks, emeritus Rabbi at the shul. The coffee table style volume contains more than 200 photographs, many of which have never before reached the public eye.

It will make fascinating reading not only for the Dunstan Road shul's current members, some of whom contributed material to the book, as well as the many people who retain lasting memories and past connections with it. The book also reveals mementos of how the shul was run, with examples of correspondence and copies of minutes from 1915 — the year it was established — to the present day.

Among the 500 current members, some of whom are now in their 90s and have been attending the shul for over 70 years, are a few whose family have been loyal to the shul in an unbroken record going back six generations.



HENDON



Rabbi Dovid Roberts, Rabbi Yehoshua Frickers and Rabbi Dovid Tugendhaft

SOME 30 men dedicated their Bank Holiday to a mini-Yarchoi Kalloh at Beis Hamedrash Nishmas Yisroel. Organised jointly by the Federation, of which Nishmas Yisroel is a constituent member, and the Torah Way organisation, the morning featured a post-Shacharis breakfast, followed by two shiurim and a chavrusa learning session.

The first of the shiurim delivered by Rabbi Mendy Chissick of Pardes House School, on behalf of Torah Way, focused on Moshe's holy mouth which wouldn't suckle from an Egyptian nurse. The main programme which followed was compiled and delivered by Rabbi Yehoshua Frickers. He has served on the Federation Beis Din for a number of years. His presentation highlighted contemporary

questions on food cooked by gentiles, which was accompanied by a comprehensive book of sources.

Rabbi Dovid Roberts, the Federation's new Director of Education, who organised the event, praised the participants and their efforts in learning on one of the shortest Fridays of the year. He also paid tribute to Rabbi Frickers' erudition and comprehensive grasp of the subject under discussion.

The attendees of the programme were joined by members of Rabbi Frickers' Golders Green based *halocho chabura*. Rabbi Roberts and Rabbi Dovid Tugendhaft of Beis Hamedrash Nishmas Yisroel were also on hand to lend their support and answer questions from the participants.

MRS Debbie Lebrecht has been appointed as the Head of Hasmonean Boys' School, a role she has occupied in an acting capacity since July 2015.

Mrs Lebrecht joined Hasmonean as an Assistant Headteacher in September 2012. An outstanding teacher herself, her responsibilities have included: raising standards of learning and teaching; teacher induction,

training and appraisal; reporting and assessment. She has also been a member of the Girls' standards team, deputised for the Head of the Girls' School, represented the school at Barnet Headteachers' meetings and supported other secondary schools to raise standards.

Prior to joining Hasmonean, Mrs Lebrecht was Deputy Headteacher at Menorah High School for Girls for five years; before that she was Head of English at Tiferes High School for Girls.

OVER 50 girls enjoyed a fun day at the Brenner Centre. It was an event for girls organised by girls, with some support from staff of the charity Youth Direct.

Girls tried their hand at various activities including jewellery making, cupcake decorating, pop-up greeting cards and mosaics, whilst enjoying popcorn and candy floss courtesy of Mr Shayelle Gluck.

Mr Refoel Grosskopf, the project manager, said "I am so glad it was a success.

It was the first time we organised a fun day for girls and I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard and also the staff at the Brenner Centre who went out of their way to accommodate us."

The girls' forum was created whilst working towards the London Youth quality mark at the gold level. The girls have had a number of meetings discussing Youth Direct policies and their ideas for activities. They have learnt some new skills, including how to chair meetings, take minutes and evaluate events. The gold level was achieved last November.

STAMFORD HILL

THE Kolel Baalei Batim held a Siyum on Masseches Yumo. It was attended by the Moro D'Asro Rav Efraim Padwa, members of the Rabbinate, the Maggidei Shiur, Rav Shmaya Low, the Gerer Rosh Yeshiva and Rabbi Boruch Tambur. Avreichim of the kollel were also present. In addition to the Rov, the speakers were the Rosh Kollel Rav Shlomo Taussig, Rabbi Efraim Potash, Rabbi Leibel Stempel and UOHC President Rabbi Dovid Frand.

Mr Chaim Konig was instrumental in

starting the Kollel, which is now in its twelfth year and is very well attended. Shiurim are given every day from 11am to 1pm with Mincha afterwards. Refreshments are served, except on Fast Days.

The Kollel has now started to learn Masseches Taanis. The Maggidei Shiur inject great enthusiasm into their shiurim and those who attend say that the Kollel is the highlight of their day.

The Kollel welcomes all who wish to attend and those wishing to join should phone 07980 013784.