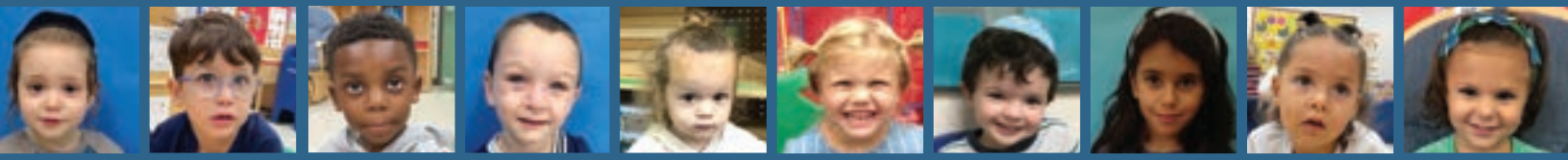


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Parent Newsletter

A class at Silver Lake Head Start in Staten Island celebrates Thanksgiving with a joyous feast

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EHS children and staff in Staten Island share their Thanksgiving dinner with parents via Zoom



Policy Council meets with YVY Executives



Head Start



Early Head Start

Head Start/Early Head Start

Many festive holiday celebrations took place at YVY sites. Children and staff, alike, enjoyed the various puppet shows and Mommy and Me gatherings (whether virtually or on-site). At one location, an EMT was invited to speak to children about health and safety and, at different sites, fire safety activities were conducted with the children. Teachers completed the Fall Teaching Strategies checkpoints and Parent Teachers conferences were duly held. Pedestrian Safety posters and cards were sent to all sites for sharing with families.

Head Start/EHS family workers are receiving training via Zoom in special topics twice a month. Numerous trainings for Teachers and Assistant teachers took place and additional trainings are planned for this month. Teacher training is a continuous never-ending process which promotes teaching skills and developing proficiency which, in turn, assists in students' learning.

A special curriculum training for teachers was held this winter at YVY's Lakewood EHS expansion program, which focused on implementing the Creative Curriculum Studies Approach to Teaching and Learning. Studies are 'long-term, in-depth investigations of topics that engage children in meaningful learning by leveraging their natural curiosity and sense of wonder to explore the complex nature of ordinary things'. The first study explored was on 'Containers'. The pictures below show students as they start their investigation of all different types of containers.

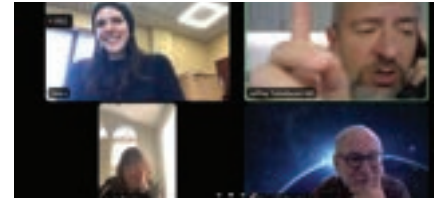
Governance

The YvY Policy Council continues its active role in the decision-making process of the HS/EHS program. The newly elected PC members met most recently in November and January. Mr. Igel, CEO, addressed the new incoming PC members and many important Head Start topics were discussed. PC members receive ongoing training on Program Governance as well as Head Start policy. The combined force of the Board of Directors and the Policy Council, along with management staff, are a powerful force that provides leadership and strategic direction for the organization.

Health Services

The Yeled Health Services team organized a virtual Health Advisory Committee meeting in December to talk about Flu, Covid-19 and the effects on our community. Also discussed was recent health policy updates such as the certification of all teaching staff in First Aid and CPR, and the training of all Head start staff in SIDS and Shaken Baby syndrome with an Aspire certified instructor. Attendees at the meeting, besides for YVY Health Coordinators and staff, included Dr. Jeffrey Teitelbaum, Medical Director of Ezra Medical Center, Dr. Kenneth Bromberg, Dr. Alyssa Masor, Community Liaison of NYC DOH's Division of Disease Control, representatives from other local Head Start sites and more.

The Yeled Health Services department is regularly in contact with DOH of NYC to make sure policies regarding Covid are up to date. As regulations change, procedures are adjusted accordingly, and all staff and families are informed. If your child tests positive for Covid, please inform the school. YVY has been working hard to ensure a safe environment in all its facilities and, to this end, a traveling nurse is visiting all locations to do classroom safety checks. All classroom staff personnel are being trained in CPR and First-Aid. Stay safe this winter!



The HAC team collaborates via Zoom



Therapy Services

SEIT, Speech, OT, PT and Counseling

Yeled v'Yalda's Special Education Department is servicing over 4,500 students across hundreds of schools with many of these students receiving multiple services such as Speech, OT, PT, SEIT etc. Our providers are renowned for their professional instruction and ardent devotion to their students. We have been working in tandem with the schools we service to coach their educators in some of the latest therapeutic methods which can be applied in the classroom. Our Clinical Supervision Leaders have also organized a rigorous training schedule to accommodate the many schools we service. This partnership optimizes each student's support in school, as lessons learned in their therapy sessions are carried over to the classroom. YVY's robust Professional Development Program has also arranged for full day symposiums for OT's/ PT's/ and SLP's. Monthly SEIT Teleconferences are provided targeting preschool student curriculum and multiple courses geared to our Pendency providers are offered to help our elementary students reach their Reading and Comprehension goals. YVY continues to invest in teacher trainings and providers' continued education to best service each and every student in our program so each child's learning needs can best be met.



ABA

Insurance Services

ABA Insurance services are running full steam ahead. Services are taking place in a variety of settings including ABA centers, schools, special ed programs and homes. The insurance program provides a comprehensive approach, whereby the BCBA oversees the child's case in its entirety and collaborates with all the members of the team to ensure the child's overall progress. This, in addition to training the paraprofessional on carrying out ABA therapy, which specifically addresses the behavior and social goals outlined in the child's individual treatment plan. Significant strides have been noted for the many children in our program, giving us a tremendous sense of pride in our providers and the work they do. Here at Yeled our aim is to consistently educate our Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) on all cutting-edge techniques, by providing many opportunities for professional development. The ABA Insurance program recently hosted a two-part series workshop on the "Talkies" and "Visualizing and Verbalizing" programs. The trainings were well attended and received rave reviews, providing methods to understand and improve reading and listening comprehension, memory, oral vocabulary, critical thinking and writing. The next training event is planned to take place on February 24, 2022, featuring the world-renowned behaviorist, Greg Hanley. The high standards and top-quality ABA services provided coupled with our care and compassion make Yeled ABA Insurance the go to program for all your ABA needs. To make a referral, please call our intake coordinator at 718-686-2305 or email us at insintake@yeled.org.



WIC

All appointments are being conducted remotely until at least July 14, 2022. There is no need to come into the WIC office to receive WIC benefits – all Boro Park and Farragut Road WIC appointments are being processed over the phone, through our main Boro Park WIC site. Reach WIC at: 718-686-3799

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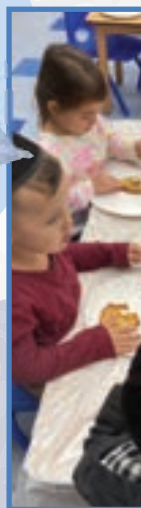
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MAKING LEARNING



Peeling, grating, frying & devouring...A whole 'latka' fun!



Children at the YYY Learning Center learn about Fire Safety.



F-U-N AT YVY HEADSTART



Sensory play helps to build nerve connections in the brain and encourages the development of language and motor skills



Family engagement is a collaborative and strengths-based process through which early childhood professionals, families, and children build positive and goal-oriented relationships.



Professional Development

Professional Development Trainings at Yeled v'Yalda continue to promote personal and professional growth for YVY employees and therapists.

Sensory Normalization,
Understanding & Harnessing
the Power or Sensory Differences
Zahava Deutsch, OTR/L

Family Development Credential
Libby Chein, Director PFCE

ABA SEIT monthly peer lectures
Email Etiquette and more
Layah Davidowitz, MS Ed

Train Today – Implement Tomorrow
Nechama Furman, MS. Ed

Identifying Red Flag
Behaviors of ASD
*Batsheva Greenberger,
Yehudis Eichenholz*

Talkies®
Breindy Wesel, MS Ed

Visualizing and Verbalizing®
Frimy Friedman, MS BCBA, LBA

Advanced Activity Schedules
*Devora Ackerman, BP ABA
Clinical Director*

Trauma - How It Affects
Children's Learning Capacities
Gitty Greenwald, LCSW

Social Emotional Training -CLASS
Henny Krasnianski, MS Ed

Social Emotional Training
Pyramid Model
Milky Pilchick, MS Ed

Language Processing:
How Does My Student Learn?
Shoshana Bass, M.S. CCC-SLP

Multi-Sensory and Language-Based
Approach for Chumash Instruction
Chavy Fischer, Ed. D.

Accountability
*Devorah Ackerman,
ABA Clinical Director*

Sara Ward's methodology
Executive Functioning Challenges
Lori Schlossberg

Fountas and Pinell program
*Racheli Berkowitz,
clinical supervisor*

Building our Students'
Cognitive Skills
*Breindy Wesel,
clinical supervisor*

Transitions
Suri Chana Laufer

Kriah Training
*Mr. Yossi Graus,
Williamsburg ABA & SEIT Supervisor*

ADHD and Executive Function
Mindy Rosenthal, MS, BCBA

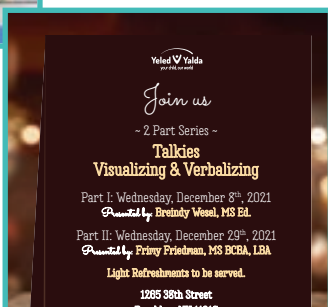
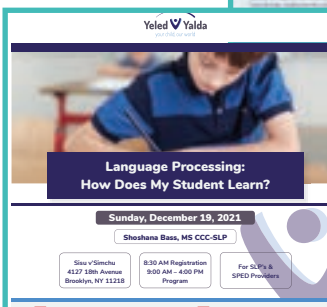
CPR and First Aid
Chevi Katz, CPRI

CDA Training for Asst. Teachers
Rivky Bornstein

Reflex Development: Assessing
and Treating Individuals at
Varied Functional Levels
Fraida Flaishman, MA OTR

Kriah Training
Gitty Rosenfeld

Incorporating Mindfulness
Alyssa Alexander, LCSW





Providing Positive Feedback and Encouragement

Verbal Encouragement

- ▶ "You are working so hard on..."
- ▶ "You must feel proud of yourself for..."
- ▶ "Thank you for helping me..."
- ▶ "What a great listener you are, you..."
- ▶ "Great job remembering to..."
- ▶ "That's a cool way to..."
- ▶ "Way to go! You ____ all by yourself!"
- ▶ "You almost have it! You can..."
- ▶ "You are being a helper when you..."
- ▶ "Your brother/sister looks so happy when you..."
- ▶ "You are really growing up because you..."
- ▶ "You were so patient when you..."
- ▶ "That's a great idea! Look at you..."
- ▶ "Excellent job using your problem solving to..."
- ▶ "WOW!! What a fabulous job you've done of..."



Nonverbal encouragement also works! Try...

- ▶ Giving a hug
- ▶ A thumbs up or wink
- ▶ Clapping
- ▶ Using a special hand shake
- ▶ Smiling
- ▶ Imitating gestures, words or sounds
- ▶ A happy dance

Favorites to Try...

Source: ChallengingBehavior.org

Parent Involvement

Parent Involvement enhances parenting skills, knowledge, and understanding of the educational and developmental needs and activities of children. Participation by Head Start parents is crucial to the success of the children and program.



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Attention All Head Start, Early Head Start Parents & Expectant Moms Program Participants!
Register with your Family Worker for your free or discounted Fitness Center Pass!



EHS children in Lakewood enjoy both sensory water play and containers exploration as part of the Containers curriculum



Fitness Center

Hundreds of excited children from the local community streamed to the YVY Fitness Center this winter to partake in the popular children's swim program which took place on Saturday nights. Parents expressed their appreciation for this valuable program.

The Fitness Center offers Head Start and EHS parents and Expectant Moms free and reduced memberships. Specialty classes, such as Water Yoga and Total Body Dance Fusion, have been coordinated by the Parent Involvement department.



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