

# EAST WINDSOR USY

## VINE OF THE WEEK

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Provided to you by our Comm VP,  
Taylor Pacelli

## Daily Inspiration

"When you become comfortable  
with uncertainty, infinite  
possibilities open up for your life."

-Eckhart Tolle

From your Memprog VP

Ben Pincus

## Israel Update

Palestinian Chairman declares that if Israel insists on maintaining security presence in the Jordan Valley, there will not be a peace agreement. The Ministerial Committee for Legislation is to vote on Anti-Subversion Bill which would place 45% tax on the incomes of NGOs that support boycott of Israel, oppose Jewish state

IA VP Kenny Pepper

## Upcoming Events

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>:**

EWUSY Winter Shabbaton!

**January 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Hagalil SA/TO dance

**February 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>:**

Hagalil Midwinter Kinnus

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

EWUSY Build-a-bear event



## EWUSY TAKES IC NOLA

Hey East Windsor! Hope y'all had an awesome time ice skating with your USY friends last weekend! As some of you may know, some of our chapter members are leaving for International Convention in New Orleans next week. We can't wait to spend 20 hours on a bus, then Shabbat in Alabama followed by 5 days in New Orleans. IC NOLA is just one of the great opportunities USY provides us Jewish teens with. Prepare yourself for an over load of stories when we get back! Also, please look out for information regarding our annual **Winter Shabbaton** (previously named the Hanukkah Shabbaton)! It will be January 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at Beth El. It will be an awesome Shabbat to spend with all of your East Windsor USY friends and a great way to start off the near year. Keep your eyes peeled this week for a flyer/email about the Shabbaton!

Your Chapter President,

Sarah Chairnoff

## Hey East Windsor USY

Who had fun at the ice skating event on Sunday? I know I had a blast and if you didn't go you really missed out on a fun time. I hope everyone is enjoying all the snow and is looking forward to membership dance. It's a great time to see regional friends and make new ones; I hope to see all of you there. We have a lot of exciting things coming up and make sure you take part in all of them! At the winter Shabbaton volunteer to lead a prayer or get involved in a way you wouldn't typically. Here's an inspirational quote about getting involved "When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better." So after reading that I hope you feel inspired to get involved as soon as you can and enjoy USY to its fullest. Can't wait to see you all soon!

Danielle Solomon SATO VP

## Torah Tidbit from our Rel/Ed VP Heather Brandspiegel

### Parshat Vayechi:

In Parshat Vayechi we finish off the book of Bereishit. Jacob dies, with one wish to be buried in Israel. When Joseph died, he had the same wish. They were both loyal to their homeland and their ancestors. USYers, how loyal are you to USY? My guess is very. USY is something special to each and every one of us. Every moment we spend in USY and with our friends our loyalty grows. As Jacob and Joseph were loyal to being buried in the Land of Israel, USYers need to be loyal to USY and promoting it in a positive way, to ensure that it will continue to grow and more people will be loyal to it. Loyalty can be applied many different aspects of our life. USY, family, friends, school, and more. Pick an aspect of your life and see how you can be loyal to it in more than one way. Loyalty shows your dedication, so USY show your dedication to USY and everything you do.

Loyalty- N'emunot- נאמנות

### Parshat Shemot:

"Let my people go!" In Parshat Shemot, we hear these words from Moshe to Pharaoh. Shemot is the start of the long journey ahead of the Jewish people in the desert. It takes the Jewish people a while to believe in Moshe and God, but once they do, they begin to stand behind him. God promises them redemption, to be taken out of the land of Egypt. USY is a place for teenagers to escape their daily lives and be surrounded by teens just like you. As USYers believe that being in a Youth Group like USY and choose to escape their daily lives, which may not be surrounded by Jewish People, we should remember the dedication that we have to USY. This dedication that USYers have is similar to the dedication that Moshe had to the Jewish people. Dedication is something we should all have to USY and that we should be glad to leave our regular lives and be surrounded by USY.

Dedication- Channukkah- חנוכה

### **This Week in History- Yaffa Kornsgold Freshman Representative**

On December 14, 1799, George Washington the 1st president of the United States of America, died at the age of 66.

On December 13, 1843, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was published, and 6,000 copies sold.

On December 10, 1915, 28th US President Woodrow Wilson married 2nd wife Edith Galt, a descendant of native American Pocahontas.

On December 11, 1939, New anti Jewish measurements in Poland were proclaimed.

On December 8, 1986, Kate Voegele, musician and actor in One Tree Hill, was born.

On December 14, 1988, Vanessa Hudgens actor in all High School Musical movies, was born.

On December 12, 1991, 1991 - Actor Richard Gere (42), actor in Pretty Women and Up in the Air, married model Cindy Crawford (25) in Las Vegas.

On December 8, 1993, AnnaSophia Robb, Carrie in The Carrie Diaries, was born.

On December 9, 2010, Dov Shilansky, Israeli politician, died.