EAST WINDSOR USY

VINE OF THE WEEK

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Provided to you by our Comm VP, Taylor Pacelli

Daily Inspiration

"Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is."-H. Jackson Browne

From your Memprog VP Ben Pincus

Israel Update

Senior American officials have been holding marathon meetings over the past 48 hours with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. They are attempting to resolve the crisis over the release of Palestinian prisoners and to formulate an agreement that will allow for the extension of negotiations between the two sides past April 29.

IA VP Kenny Pepper

Hey East Windsor USY! Guess what's up? Next Thursday we have our chocolate Seder event! We're all going to learn a little bit about Passover and then stuff our faces with tons of chocolate. So get excited for an awesome event y'all, it's going to be a blast!

Your President,

Sarah Chairnoff



Editor's Letter

Hey everyone, Kenny here!! Wondering who's been putting together these colorful newsletters? Yours truly! I hope you all have enjoyed them and I also hope to see you all at our <u>Bake Sale</u> this Sunday at Beth El at 9am!!!

Can't fill your chocolate craving these days? Come on out to our <u>Chocolate Seder</u> next Thursday, April 4th!! As we come to the end of the USY year, we all look forward to the summer. USY on Wheels and Pilgrimage are the two summer programs run by USY. If you have even considered going on one of these programs I

insist you sign up before it's too late. No matter what program you choose you will not regret it! Also something to keep in mind is chapter board elections. To remind you all, the positions are President, Religion Education Vice President, Social Action Tikkun Olam Vice President, Communications Vice President, Israel Affairs Vice President, Membership and Programming Vice President, and Freshman Representative. Anyone who will be a member of East Windsor USY next year is welcome to run so if you are interested more information will be emailed out to you closer to elections.

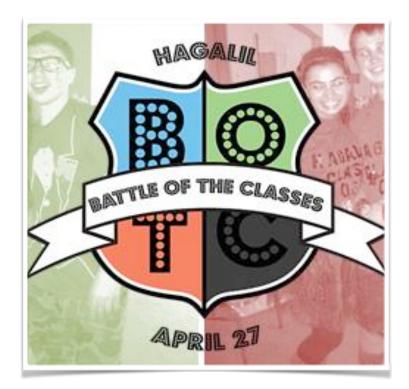
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Some comic relief from your Memprog VP, Ben Pincus

Why didn't the lifeguard save the drowning hippie?

He was too far out

From your Memprog VP Ben Pincus



Hey East Windsor USY!

Youth Shabbat was a great weekend and thanks for all of you who showed up! Passover is just around the corner and is approaching quickly. As we all get prepared we must think of those less fortunate then ourselves. This is the perfect time to donate some money or even matzah to Jewish people in the community. But, EWUSY something amazing happened to me this week and made me think a lot. While in line at Wawa waiting to pay for my coffee the man in front of me bought it for me. It made me think of the future for humanity and how amazing our world really is! Now it's my turn to pay it forward and do something good for someone. I challenge you do something good for one another and make a chain reaction of good deeds!

Thanks,

Danielle

Yaffa Kornsgold Freshman Representative This Week in History-March 23, 2014

March 26, 1147- Jewish community in Cologne fasted to commemorate anti-Jewish violence.

March 23, 1978- Perez Hilton an American television personality and blogger, was born.

March 28, 1988- Brenda Song, Suite Life of Zach and Cody actress, was born today.

March 25, 2005- Actress Jennifer Aniston filed for divorce from actor and film producer Brad Pitt due to irreconcilable differences after 4 and a half years of marriage.

Torah Tidbit from our Rel/Ed VP Heather Brandspiegel

Tazria:

After the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt, the incident that occurred at Mount Sinai with the Golden Calf, the Jews finally get some sensed knocked into them and are given a lay down of some laws that deal with things not necessarily dealt with today, but were very important back then. While many parshiyot are very exciting, action filled and even stuffed with so many Mitzvot and laws that your brain will hurt after reading them, Tazria is not as dense. It mostly discusses one issue, and an issue where it receives its name from, the issue of Tzara'at, Leprosy. The Parsha mainly discusses the repercussions of a person who is inflicted with the Leper plague. If a person was inflicted they were rejected from the community for seven days to become Tahor, pure, rather than Tameh, impure, from the leprosy. If one became a Leper they were rejected from the community. Unlike Bnei Yisrael, USY turns no one away. We are a very exceptional and accepting community of Jewish Teenagers all across America. The second a person crosses the line of "real world" into "USY world" they are

immediately accepted. No matter who you are or how you act, every Jewish Teenager within the USY community, especially the Hagalil community is accepted amongst others and is given an equal opportunity to find long lasting friendships with so many people.

Good- Tov- טוב

Metzora:

Tazria and Metzora go hand in hand. On most years they are read together, except during a leap year, such as this one. Tazria discusses the signs of leprosy and Metzora discusses how to deal with it. The message behind both is that being pure is what allowed the Jewish people to continue. The community waited for all to be clear and to be pure, the same way that USYers accept all and wait to make sure that everyone is comfortable in a USY environment.

Happiness- Osher- אשר

