

EAST WINDSOR USY NEWSLETTER

A note from your EWUSY President:

Hey East Windsor!

Guess what's oh so very soon? That's right! EWUSY'S Hanukkah Party Event on Thursday, November 21st @ 7pm! We'll be noshing on latkes, completing a crazy scavenger hunt and exchanging gifts! This event is going to be a blast. The board has been working so hard on this event and we'd love for everyone to come. Be there or be stuffed!

Fall Convention for Hagalil USY was this past weekend! Members from all over the state spent a weekend with one another and it was an amazing time! If you're not active in the region, you should totally check out the next dance or convention. It's an amazing opportunity to meet new Jewish teens and have an amazing time!

IMPORTANT note: There is now a **leadership opportunity** available within EWUSY! The **spot of Israel Awareness Vice President has opened up on the East Windsor chapter board and we will be having elections at the Hanukkah Party to elect a new I/A VP!** If you would like to run for this position, please email eastwindsorusy@gmail.com by Tuesday, November 20th.

Your President,
Sarah Chairnoff

This Time in History: A plethora of interesting facts that have occurred around this time many years ago!

By: Yaffa Kornsgold, Freshman Representative

~**November 10**, 1969: Sesame Street made its debut on PBS!

~On November 12, 1980: Ryan Gosling, actor in The Notebook, Crazy, Stupid, Love, and Gangster Squad, was born.

~**November 12**, 1982: Anne Hathaway, actor in The Princess Diaries, The Devil Wears Prada, Les Miserables, and The Dark Knight Rises, was born.

~**November 13**, 2010: Major League Baseball pitcher Kyle Kendrick married three-time Survivor contestant Stephanie LaGrossa, in California.

~**November 14**, 1935: Nazi's deprive German Jews of their citizenship.

~**November 15**, 1991: Shailene Woodley, actor in The Descendants, and The Secret Life of the American Teenager, was born.

~**November 16**, 2010: singer-songwriter, Avril Lavigne divorces Sum 41 lead singer and guitarist Deryck Whibley after three years of marriage, due to their differences.

**Check out this funny video from Taylor Pacelli, our
Communications VP, it's hilarious!**

<https://vine.co/v/hITivilO0ru>

**Torah Tidbits from Heather Brandspiegel, EWUSY Religious
Education VP:**

Vayishlach:

In the Parsha of Vayishlach, Jacob returns to the Holy Land from Charan. He returns to forgive his brother, Esav. Along the Journey, Jacob wrestles with an who gives him a new name. The angel changes Jacob's name to Israel. Esav and Jacob then meet

again and forgive each other after embraces and kisses. The lesson to be learned from this story is the lesson of forgiveness. Forgiving someone means starting over. Perhaps Jacob being renamed named is a symbol of a new beginning. With his name as Jacob it is a reminder of the past and the hatred between Esav and Jacob. Part of forgiveness is forgetting the past and starting over. Jacobs name being changed allows him to make a fresh start with Esav. We learn from this story that we should always forgive. Jacob and Esav forgave each other, and so should we.

Pot of Gold- Seer Shel Zahav- זהב של סיר

Vayeshev

In the Parsha of Vayeshev, we see Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph, Rachel's first-born child. Joseph's brothers are jealous of the treatment that Joseph receives from Jacob. The jealousy of their brother worsens especially after Jacob gives Joseph a many-colored coat. The brothers take extreme actions and throw their brother, Joseph, into a pit and leave him to die. Luckily Joseph gets saved and is brought to Egypt. Jealousy got the best of Joseph's brothers and they ended up attempting to kill him. One of the Ten Commandments, given to the Israelites at Har Sinai is do not be jealous. USYers, we should not be jealous of our friends or family. We should be thankful for what we have. Jealousy can easily get the best of each and everyone of us. Everyone becomes jealous at one point or another, but we have to remember that we have things that others do not. We should not get jealous of one another, not just because that is what we are commanded, but because we should not wish to take extreme actions against our friends, like Joseph's brothers did. We need to be thankful for what we have and realize we are all blessed and should always remind ourselves of that. Jealousy is a green-eyed monster and you do not want to get caught by it. Fight against it and be happy

and thankful for what you have.

Let's Go- Yallah- יעללה

Israel Update from Yaffa Kornsgold, Freshman Representative

Israel Halts Plans to Explore New Settlements

Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday stopped a plan to explore the potential construction of thousands of new homes in West Bank settlements, saying it had created an "unnecessary confrontation" with the international community that threatened to weaken his campaign against Iran's suspect nuclear program.

The plan announced by Israel's Housing Ministry earlier in the day had prompted a Palestinian threat to walk out of U.S.-brokered peace talks and drew angry criticism from officials in Washington, who said they had been blindsided by the move.

Critical Thinking! A few tidbits from our Membership/Programming VP, Benjamin Pincus:

Quote of the Week:

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

Mahatma Gandhi

Joke of the Week:

Q:What did the digital clock say to the grandfather clock?

A:Look grandpa, no hands!

SA/TO Update from our SA/TO VP, Danielle Solomon:

Hey East Windsor USY!

I had an amazing time at fall convention and I hope if you went, you did too. If not, be sure to attend mid winter convention for the best weekend of your life. Since the theme of fall convention was Dr. Seuss, here's an inspirational quote for you to ponder.

"You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way. " Since this year is just at the start it's our time to get on our way to raise lots of money for SATO. I believe in each and every one of you and know that we can raise immense amounts and perform mitzvot all around. Can't wait to see you all at our Hanukkah event! Don't forget your SATO tax of \$3!!