



YOSS talmidim loved celebrating Chanukah

Rabbi Draiman then introduced a new initiative called the *Shtikah B'tefillah* Program. The large assemblage then sang Chanukah *zemiros* together. The ambiance was powerful as the melodious voices of 200 young men sang with all their hearts as one. The group then broke into dancing—one large circle symbolizing *Klal Yisrael's achdus*. To cap the event, several hundred dollars' worth of *sefarim* and other prizes were raffled off to 20 winners. It was a *mesibah* to remember.

On *motzaei Shabbos*, Yeshiva of South Shore had one large learning program which included its three satellite locations as well. Almost 300 boys with their fathers came to bond through Torah learning on the fifth night of Chanukah. As a special treat, a magician was hired to entertain after the learning. The boys were mesmerized by a slew of tricks and illusions. A special *yasher koach* to Gourmet Glatt for generously sponsoring jelly doughnuts and drinks for all the participants. The evening culminated with the distribution of *gelt* (not the chocolate variety)—25 lucky boys received \$5 and \$10 bills. It truly was an exciting Chanukah at Yeshiva of South Shore. ❖

JUMPing At Shalhevet

Midreshet Shalhevet's NCSY JUMP team is on a roll! The team held their second annual Zumba fundraiser in memory of Phillip Bach, *a'h*. Phillip Bach was a 27-year-old Five Towns resident who passed away last year after succumbing to a lifelong illness of familial dysautonomia. FD is a rare genetic neurological disorder that affects the sensory and autonomic nervous systems, causing life-threatening medical complications from birth. Phillip was a brother of Shalhevet alumna Bayla Bach, and would have celebrated his 28th birthday this past week.

With the help of Inna, Oralee, and Raina from Studio Inna, the Shalhevet JUMP team organized an exciting night of Zumba, jump-rope contests, and raffles. Over 120 people filled the Rambam gym, which was decorated with photos of children affected with FD and posters depicting how FD Now has helped them through. Eleventh-grade JUMP member Tamar Beer kicked off the night by explaining what FD is and introducing Tara Shimmel, an FD parent, followed by Mindy Bach, Phil-

lip's mother, who each shared how FD Now has given them strength, courage, and supported them and their families.

Raina, Inna, and the rest of the Studio Inna staff then led a high-intensity



Shalhevet girls participate in JUMP

Zumba workout. Positive energy radiated throughout the room as everyone danced the night away. The gym lit up with glow-in-the-dark bracelets and glow sticks to add to the excitement of the evening. Following the powerful

and strengthening workout, girls participated in a jump-rope contest. Bella Weiss, an eleventh-grader at Shalhevet, won first place!

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