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nating in an extraordinary experience for all involved, as evidenced by the many heartfelt calls and texts of appreciation and thanks from parents whose children had just opened their special deliveries.

Chanukah is the *yom tov* of light and we all have a new and special appreciation for this amazing *mitzvah*! At the helm of the toy drive were two local UJA-Federation of NY agencies, JCCRP and JCC of the Greater Five Towns, and Ettie Schoor, founder and director of Nivneh. The key executives of these agencies, Nathan Krasnovsky and Joel Block, helped in every way possible, whether by *shlepping* boxes of toys or arranging the funds to make this drive a complete success. Nathan, Joel, and Ettie collectively would like to extend their boundless *hakaras hatov* to the toy drive coordinators: Shifi Bloom, Bukie Cohen, Ilana David, Ester Feuer, Chaya Gibber, Chana Hoch, Fraidy Osina, Aviva Paneth, Rocky Stern, and Miriam Vegh. A big thank you goes to the dedicated staff of JCCRP/JCC and to the many volunteers who helped make this toy drive so amazingly successful! *Tizku lmitzvos!* ❖

'Miracles Of Life' Holocaust Survivors' Photo Exhibit At JCC

As we celebrate the Festival of Lights and the miracles of Chanukah, the JCC of the Greater Five Towns celebrates our own miracles—35 Holocaust survi-

vors from our local communities—in a stunning photography exhibit by artist George Bogart entitled "The Miracles of Life."

The community is invited to view Mr. Bogart's exhibit at 207 Grove Avenue in Cedarhurst, on Monday, **December 2**, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., and Wednesday, **December 4**, 3:00–5:00 p.m., and to meet a few beloved survivors. This is a special opportunity to pay tribute to this extraordinary group of Holocaust survivors.

Please contact Rachayle Deutsch for further information at 516-569-6733, ext. 222 or rachayle.deutsch@fivetownsicc.org. No entrance fee. ❖

Shalhevet's Israel Alumni Reunion

The second annual Israel Alumni reunion for Shalhevet girls took place last Thursday in Yerushalayim. Principal Mrs. Eisenman traveled to Israel to visit various seminaries which Shalhevet students have attended or expressed interest in attending. In previous years, Shalhevet graduates have been accepted to wonderful seminaries such as Michlalah, Shaalvim, MMY, Harova, Tiferet, Midreshet Moriah, and Tomer Devorah. While on her trip, Mrs. Eisenman treated the alumnae to a delicious dinner at the popular Café Rimón. The girls, who are studying in numerous seminaries, came to see their beloved principal and catch up with their high school friends.

All of the Shalhevet girls are truly enjoying the Israel experience and gaining as much as possible. Kayla

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The Shalhevet reunion

Zeitz and Philly Korman (who are both studying in Shaalvim) told Mrs. Eisenman that the education they received in Shalhevet has enabled them to feel confident with their ability to learn in the *beis midrash*. Dani Ellman and Zahava Schwartz (also at Shaalvim) said "Our experiences at Shalhevet really prepared us for Israel. We would not have had the same experiences elsewhere." Jennifer Giller, (Tiferet) said that "Shalhevet instilled a true love for Israel through their Committee for Israel Advocacy, and all the time spent on Israel activism has made my year even more incredible." Liora Aeder (MMY)

added, "Dinner was really fun. It was so nice being together with all of my Shalhevet friends." The class of 2014 is already looking forward to its reunion next year! ❖

St. John's Episcopal Hospital Honors Eric Matza

The development board of St. John's Episcopal Hospital held a successful casino night event in honor of the late Eric Matza, its former vice president of development, on Saturday, November 2, at the Sands at Atlantic Beach. More than 450 people came out that evening

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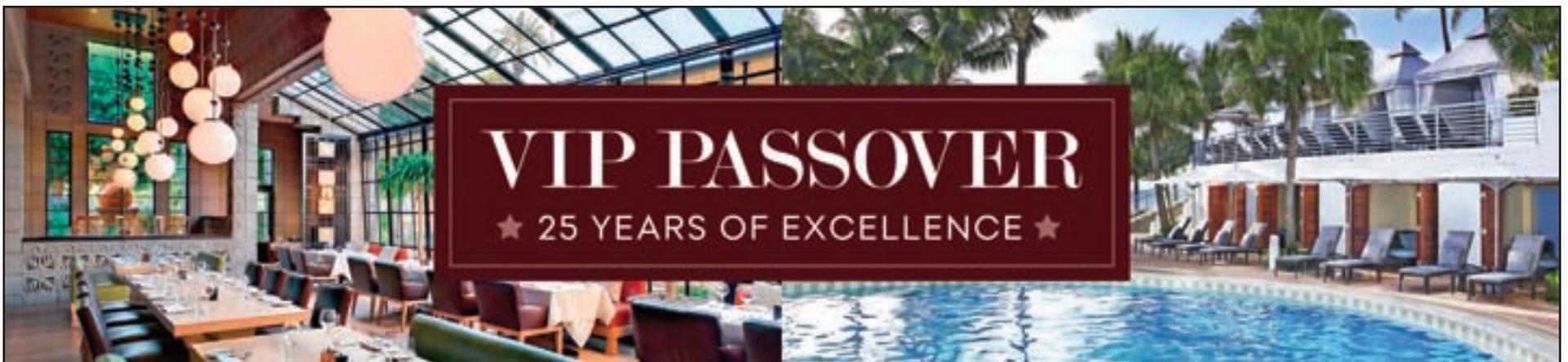
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