

WESTMOUNT SHUL AND LEARNING CENTRE

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WHATS HAPPENING @ WESTMOUNT

MAGICAL SUMMER NIGHTS A HUGE SUCCESS

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Over 75 people came to the final Summer Park Party, this past Tuesday evening. This was the third and final Park Party in June, and was enjoyed by many of our new neighbors.

The events were organized by Rabbi Yakov, with each one featuring a different entertainer and great prizes.

The events gave our regular Shul families an opportunity to share some Shul spirit with our new neighbors in the condo buildings on Disera Drive.

At the first event, anyone who was willing to brave the cold, was treated to a wonderful magic show by Steve the Magician.

The weather proved to be much nicer the following Tuesday night and everyone was comfortably able to enjoy a balloon making clown who also showed us some of his best magic tricks.

For the grand finale, attendees enjoyed an interactive musical performance by Uncle Mickey— who really got the neighborhood hopping.

“This is the greatest thing that you guys are doing”, commented one of the mothers in attendance, before inquiring about the Shul and our Shabbat Morning kids programs.

“Your Shul people are so



Part of the crowd enjoying Steve the magician at the first of the Magical Summer Nights in the Park on Disera Drive

nice and warm” said another man from the buildings, before he ran off chasing his two year old son. Rabbi Yakov said “These events helped us get our name out to people who would otherwise never come to a Shul event”

Keep watching for an encore performance in August.

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SHABBOS AFTERNOON DRAWS MANY

While some are enjoying the shopping and cafes on Disera, many are opting for a unique Shabbos Experience at the Westmount Shul & Learning Centre. Beginning at 6:30 men and women are getting together for 2 back-to-back classes. Over 100 people come for a Chassidic Seudah Shlishit (3rd meal). When the meal is finished, the lights are automatically dimmed as heartfelt singing shakes the walls. We share inspirational stories

and Rabbi Michalowicz gives relevant, beautiful words of Torah. Meanwhile, the teenage boys are engaged in lively Torah discussion with Rabbi Yakov in the next room.

There is nothing like it in all of Toronto. People who attend like to think that there's nothing like it in the world.

So, if you find yourself wanting to experience something completely different, join us any Shabbos afternoon.

WOMENS MISSION TO ISRAEL DEPARTS

Have you noticed that Shul is a little emptier these days? Did you see all those kids running around without anyone watching? And why are the men coming to Shul with a hungry look on their faces?

What's going on?

If you didn't already know; the Rebbetzin is leading a special group of 22 mothers and wives on a trip to Israel.

They will be studying and touring and, for some, this is their first trip to the Holy Land! So if you notice a father walking around without any idea where his children are, help him out! He is all alone these days doing all the important things that his wife usually takes care of so amazingly. We can't wait for the group to return and share their experiences with us.



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MANY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW LEARNING CENTRE

With the new ability to have multiple events going on at the same time, the learning in our Shul has literally exploded.

Starting in the morning at 6 am, classes with Rabbi and Rebbetzin Michalowicz continue throughout the day. The evenings are filled with multiple classes by the Rabbi, Mordechai Michalowicz and, of course, all the teachers at the Thursday night Men's Kollel as our Shul lives up to its goal of being a centre for Torah Learning at all levels for the Jewish men and women of Thornhill. Of course the centre is open all day long for you to just come in and study at your leisure. Make a point of stopping by and enjoying our NEW Shul and Learning Centre.

SEED PROGRAM COMES TO THORNHILL

Project S.E.E.D. – (Summer Education Enrichment & Development) is a national program dedicated to introducing and furthering advanced and in-depth Torah learning and Jewish awareness in communities everywhere.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Westmount community. Seven yeshiva students will be spending two weeks of their summer vacation to live and learn with us. They will be available to study with both individuals and groups, at any age or level.

Those who participated in last year's S.E.E.D. program were amazed at how much they really can enjoy true Torah Judaism. Aside from all of the knowledge that they and their families acquired – they really had a great time!

Join us for this exhilarating community-wide summer program. Enjoy two

weeks of fun, enrichment and intellectual stimulation. Participate every day or once a week – you will walk away with a wealth of knowledge and a renewed sense of Jewish pride and awareness.

We are looking forward to 2 invigorating weeks – we hope you will be there with us!

We will also be organizing a Shul softball game for Sunday August 9th and if you are interested in playing please contact Rabbi Yakov.

To set up a time to learn contact Rabbi Yakov:

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A group of Thornhill men enjoy a lively discussion at Westmount Shul's Thursday Night Men's Kollel.

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE WAS HOT!

In an effort to reach out to the greater Toronto Jewish Community, especially the singles, our Shul was the host for over 70 young people at a Friday night dinner.

With the help of Nurit Zvulony, and Karmela Wener, Rabbi Yakov organized an amazing Friday night minishabbaton.

Participants from Thornhill as well as all over the GTA were hosted by a number of our loyal members. They enjoyed a great meal and afterwards were treated to an equally amazing Oneg Shabbos.

The focus was on exposing

an otherwise unexposed element of our city to the beauty of a Friday night Shabbos dinner and to allow them to get to know some of our members and their families.



For many of the singles it was their

first Shabbos dinner ever, if not in a long time.

The feedback was great and there are already plans underway for a follow-up BBQ in the summer and a FNF#2 early next year!

ABC'S OF JUDAISM WELL ATTENDED

Rabbi Yakov Recently finished his popular class on the topic of ABC's of Judaism.

During the five classes he explored such topics as Ayin Hara (evil eye), dreams, and environmentalism.

Participants reached the understanding that Judaism deals with real everyday issues and can help them enjoy life in the way it was intended.

They discussed business ethics as well as organ donation, getting a real feeling for the breadth of the Torah and the topics that it addresses.

Because of the short dura-

tion of this class Rabbi Yakov was only able to reach the letter "G" before he skipped ahead to "S" for soulmates and sheitels.



We hope to offer a continuation of the class, as well as an entire series of Judaism for beginners classes, after the summer.