

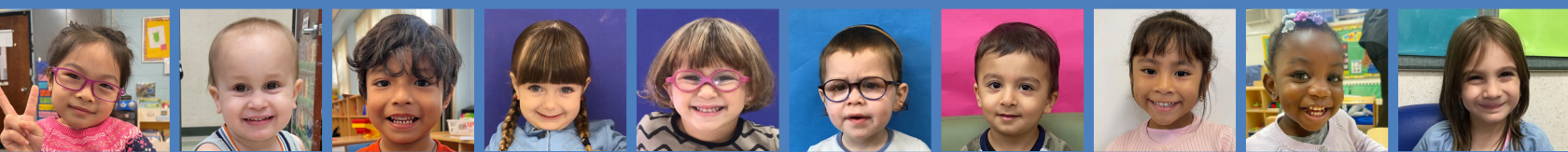
INSIDE YvY

Parent Newsletter

Welcome new and returning Yeled Yalda parents and children to school year 2022-23!



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Children at YVY's Learning Center join in a fun dance. Dance and creative movement provide stimulation for three of the five senses at once: touch, sight, and hearing.



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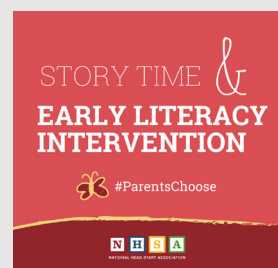
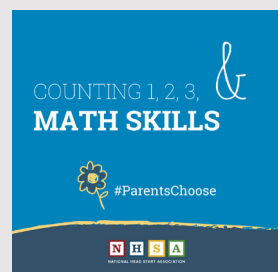
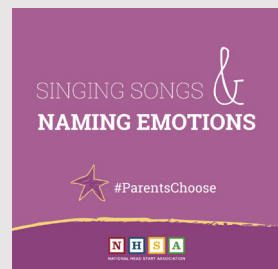


Every October, the National Head Start Association celebrates Head Start's historical roots, current impact, and lasting legacy.

Our collective efforts remind the world what Head Start does and, more importantly, what Head Start needs.

Head Start Awareness Month is an opportunity to draw attention to the work Head Start does. Every year, this time, the focus is on the challenges, the opportunities, and the high-quality services that make Head Start and Early Head Start a leader in early childhood education.

There are so many reasons why Parents Choose Head Start...Check out why parents and caregivers all over the nation choose Head Start! #ParentsChoose.



Head Start/Early Head Start News

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

This past July, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a monitoring review of the Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Areas reviewed were Program Management and Quality Improvement, Education, Facilities, Family Engagement, Health Services, Fiscal Infrastructure and ERSEA. Reviewers connected with YVY Management via teleconference before the review and every day throughout. Additional reviewers also came in-person to inspect and observe the YVY sites and classrooms in action. The reviewers' satisfaction with the program could not be contained; one reviewer remarked, "I wish my grandchild could attend a class like this!" After an intense week of observations, interviews and audits, the review proceedings finally wrapped up. A Program Performance Summary Report was received by YVY the last week of July which detailed all findings of the review. It came as no surprise that YVY was found to run a stellar program; there were absolutely no areas of concern, non-compliance or deficiencies. In the report, the Office of Head Start thanked the governing board, policy council, parents and staff for their engagement in the review process.



Head Start



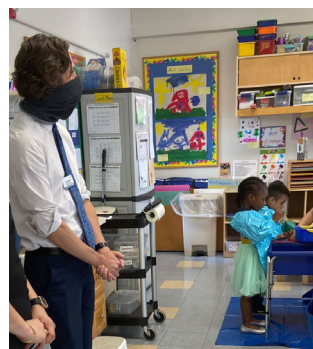
Early Head Start

Building on the outstanding success of its Early Head Start program for children Birth-2 in the Lakewood community, YVY has expanded its Lakewood regional program to include 128 Head Start slots for children ages 3-5. The expansion provides Head Start slots into which the program's Early Head Start children can transition after ageing out of the program.

The expansion has also enabled the program to open a third site in the Lakewood area, resulting in a network of convenient locations throughout the entire community.

Additionally, the program has developed a Regional Management Team consisting of Mr. Nathan Salomon, who oversees partner and community relations and development, Ms. Daniella Dvash, who primarily oversees the Early Head Start component of the program, and Ms. Rochel Abelsky, who primarily oversees the Head Start component of the program.

YVY is proud to announce that due to the high demand for services in the Lakewood community, all of the available Early Head Start and new Head Start slots are fully enrolled.



Federal reviewers observe and interact with the HS children in a classroom.

Project REACH is Yeled V'Yalda's unique Home-Based Head Start for preschoolers with medical and developmental concerns. Much of the success of Project REACH lies in the efficiency of our workflow, services, and programs. For the last four years, Project REACH has utilized a customized task management program called Teamwork, in which all of our staff shares the same online platform. We are proud to have reached an unprecedented level of customization which unites our staff and allows us to keep up with tasks related to every aspect of the running of our program. This, in turn, results in better outcomes for the children and families we service.

One example of how Teamwork has been a valuable tool to bring positive improvements to Project REACH in the area of Literacy skills development. This summer we invested significant efforts into linking our children's literacy library to the Teamwork system. All of the books in our library have just been categorized and paired with the yearly curriculum. We catalogued each book to track the lending library in a segment of Teamwork. The Project REACH library is now able to efficiently service our current preschoolers. Thanks to the automated system, the books will now cycle back to our office, and be enjoyed by our children for many years to come.

Licensed Mental Health Consultants are assigned to each YVY site and are available to speak to parents on an as needed basis about any concerns the parent has about parenting such as setting routines at home, toilet training, or family issues. Parents can call their child's site and ask to leave the MHC a message to call them.

Short, pre-recorded teleconferences on a variety of parenting topics are available for parents to listen to at their convenience. A variety of informative parenting topics will be presented at various times of the year and the information will be shared with parents via the monthly flyers that are sent home with your child. Parents who listen to the teleconference can be entered into a raffle for an educational toy!



Alyssa Alexander, LCSW, Mental Health Coordinator, (first row, second from left) poses with the YVY MH Consultants at the first meeting of the Program year.

HEALTH SERVICES

Yeled's Health services department was busy over the summer preparing for the new year. Our nurses ensured that every classroom was safe and fully stocked with any medical or sanitary items needed. With the objective of keeping our sites healthy and safe for the children, every teacher was trained during orientation about what to do in the event of an emergency, allergies in the classroom, and proper infection control. The screening team is working tirelessly to screen each child's hearing and vision and parents are informed of their child's results in a timely manner. Additionally, the dental van has been making its way to each site, and should any issues be detected can potentially return to address those issues. We look forward to a wonderful year!



YvY hosts a Haredi Health Coalition to discuss health topics relevant to the community it serves.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent and family engagement is a collaborative and strengths-based process through which YvY providers and educators, families, and children build positive and goal-oriented relationships. The shared responsibility of families and staff builds on mutual respect for the roles and strengths each has to offer.



MEN'S AEROBICS CLASSES
Sruly Weiss, certified fitness trainer

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:30-9:15 PM
99 Heyward st

Yeled Yalda
Please register at 718 514-8966

Head Start Fitness Center

GREAT NEWS!
Join us at the Fitness Center for one of these exciting classes geared to Head Start and EHS Moms!

One of these awesome classes will take place every Thursday

Total Body + Dance Fusion	Water Yoga

You may come in frazzled... but you'll walk out dazzled!!

For schedule of classes, pick up a calendar at the Fitness Center or request one by emailing: fitness@yeled.org. To sign up for your free or discounted Fitness membership, contact the Family Worker at your Head Start or any Head Start location.

Head Start promotes the physical, social & emotional well-being of families & staff.

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Marketplace



The Yeled VYalda NYSOH marketplace program is designed to meet the needs of our community.

For your convince we have 4 locations in Brooklyn and one in Staten island to provide enrollment assistance to individual and families who would like help applying for health insurance through the Marketplace. Our professional navigators are here to assist you. Please call the main line at 718-686-2188.

Governance



The Policy Council is a group of Head Start and Early Head Start parents and community members who help lead and make decisions about their program. Policy Council members are elected by the parents of children enrolled in the program. Classroom and center elections will be taking place over the next few weeks at the YVY sites.

The Policy Council meets regularly as a group. They work closely with the program's management team and governing body to provide overall direction for the program.

The combined force of the Board of Directors and the Policy Council, along with management staff, are a powerful force that provides leadership and strategic direction for the organization.

WIC



Farmers Market Season: Farmers markets are still open! Yeled V'Yalda WIC distributed farmers market checks through the end of September. The checks can be used at all participating farmers markets until November 30, 2022.

Job Opportunity! Yeled V'Yalda WIC is looking for a full-time nutritionist. Interested candidates can send resumes to jobs@yeled.org or fax to 718-686-2498.; Attention Nechama

Participant Appointments: Appointments are being done over the phone at our Boro Park office – making it easier than ever to apply for WIC Program benefits! Participants can submit required documents three ways:

- Fax to 718-686-2196,
- Email to WIC@yeled.org
- Drop off the documents at our 1312 WIC office

All questions can be directed to our main number at 718-686-3799.

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Continuous program improvement promotes excellence in early childhood education programs. Professional development is a cornerstone of this process through which YvY Head Start and SpEd Related Services ensure that all staff and providers have sufficient knowledge, training, experience, and competencies to fulfill the roles and duties of their position.

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The Best Therapy Tool-You!
Dana Ledereich, MA, OTR-L

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Insurance Protocols and Policies
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**Title I Guidelines And
Curriculum Components**
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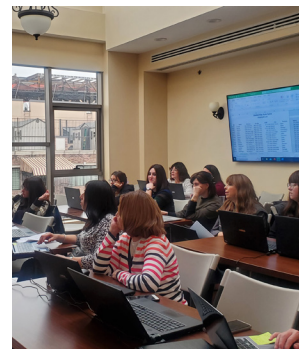
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**ABA - An Overview of
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Ruthi Bier, MA, BCBA, LBAASD

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Anti-Harassment, Mandate
Reporter Trainings**



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**Take advantage of this
training... and Excel!**

Beginner Excel Workshop
Chaya Yitty Fruchter



Thursday, September 29, 2022
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
1312 38th street
4th floor conference room

You can email your preferred excel tools or questions to be targeted:
Imordhayev@yeled.org

Limited laptops available - you are welcome to bring your own.
RSVP required to:
Imordhayev@yeled.org

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SET TELECONFERENCES 2022-2023

TELECONFERENCES ARE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS, 9PM (SHARP)

- ▶ ONE-TIME REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL 2022-2023 TELECONFERENCES
- ▶ CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE AND HANDOUTS ARE SENT TO EMAIL ONLY
- ▶ PROVIDERS OF OTHER DISCIPLINES ARE WELCOME.

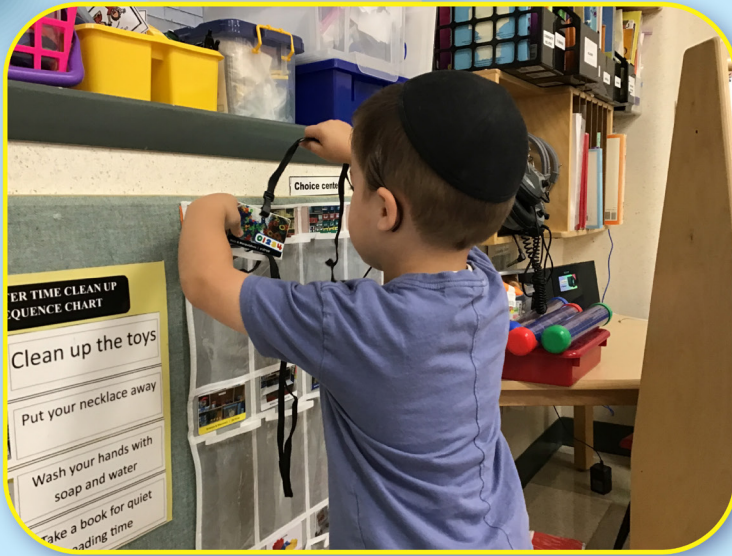


To join our teleconference:
Dial: 717 908 1834 Enter Code: 729116#

To register or submit specific topics: pd@yeled.org 718 686 2565



Let the child be the
scriptwriter, the
director and the
actor in his own
play
~Magda Gerber

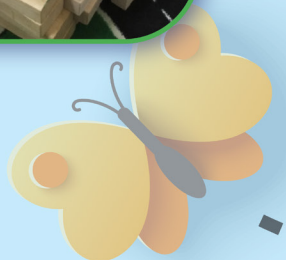


The future of the world
is in my classroom today
~Ivan Welton Fitzwater





Please excuse the mess, children are making memories
~anonymous



Fitness Center

Many grateful in-the-city residents took advantage of and enjoyed the beautiful pool, gym and versatile exercise program at the Yeled VYalda Fitness Center this past summer. The center is now running the popular Motzai Shabbos (Saturday night) Children's swim program which serves boys and girls approx. ages 9-16.

The free and discounted membership options that are offered to YvY HS/EHS parents remain in effect. The popular Head Start Water Yoga and exercise classes for moms resume in November. Look out for information that will be sent out by your Head Start Family Worker or email fitness@yeled.org for additional details



Special Ed & Related Services

Yeled VYalda's Special Ed And Related Services departments started off the year with grand Orientation events for all therapists and providers. Participants benefitted from educational training, words of encouragement and gratitude and also enjoyed meeting and greeting colleague and supervisors.

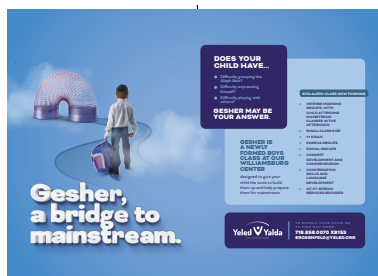
 **ABA**
Insurance Services

 **Therapy Services**
SEIT, Speech, OT, PT and Counseling

 **Title I**
Student Success Services

The Special Education Department has grown extensively. Gesher and Keshet are two new programs this year in which Yeled 'bridges' and helps 'connect' students to the mainstream classrooms. The Health Home Department (Care Management Services) recently received an outstanding rating on their Compliance Scorecard from the Collaborative for Children and Families.

Partnering to benefit our children is an integral part of our mission. Yeled staff is continuously working to expand our services to best meet the needs of our children and families.

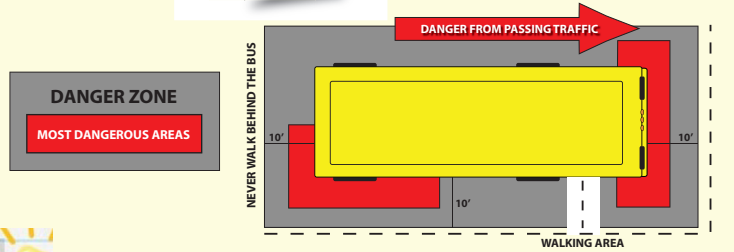


TIPS FOR KEEPING KIDS SAFE ON SCHOOL BUSES (ON AND AROUND)

On the bus have your children

- Buckle up, if seat belts are available
- Keep the noise down — loud noises could distract the driver
- Stay in the seat
- Keep all your body parts in the bus
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags
- Gather belongings together before reaching your stop
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat

school bus DANGER ZONES



Your child is **70 times** more likely to get to school safely on a school bus than in a car.

Four to six children lose their lives every year to an accident involving a school bus.

Most of these incidents happen to children *four - seven* when they're outside the bus.

*According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Safety Tips for Drivers

- ♥ Drive slowly in school zones and bus stops.
- ♥ Be alert. Look for children running to the bus stop, especially without sidewalk.
- ♥ Double check for children when backing out of your driveway or garage.

Safety Tips for Parents and Children

Never walk behind a school bus.

10 feet away When crossing in front of a bus, stay from the bus and make eye contact with the driver.

Wait for the driver to stop the bus and *give the 'ok'* for getting on board.

The bus stop is not for running around or playing.

- > **Flashing Lights** are the same as traffic lights at an intersection.
- > **Yellow lights** mean the bus is slowing down, so prepare to stop.
- > **Red lights** are used when the bus has stopped. A Stop-arm will also extend from the driver's side of the bus. It is illegal to pass a bus with red lights and the stop arm out.

Around the bus

- Parents walk young kids to the bus stop, wait with them until it arrives and make sure the driver can see the kids.
- Have kids stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches, let it come to a complete stop and board the bus one at a time.
- If your child needs to cross the street, have your child take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Instruct younger kids to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus. Watch for straps or drawstrings that could catch in the door. If your child drops something, they should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see them before they pick it up.



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Attention All Head Start, Early Head Start Parents & Expectant Moms Program Participants.
Register with your Family Worker for your free or discounted Fitness Center Pass!



The sparkling and well-organized spaces are welcoming and supportive of the diverse academic, social, emotional, and communication needs of all Head Start and EHS students.

For more information on any of Yeled v'Yalda's services, please call:

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