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# Hillel Yeshiva Students Receive Hands-On Work Experience

**W**ith the rapidly changing economic landscape and the ever-changing job market, family businesses are no longer the fail-safe option they once were. Thus, the Hillel Yeshiva High School Leadership Internship Program was created to expose students to possible career paths they might otherwise not have imagined. The program gives students the opportunity to receive hands-on experience to see if the vocation they think they want to pursue is right for them, without wasting valuable time in the future. This enables them to more accurately focus on their goals as they approach graduation.

Founded by Mrs. Vicki Shamah, the internship program is a collaborative effort by a committee made up of educators, board members and alumni, all coordinated with the help of Mrs. Raisy Sultan.

Students receive valuable work experience in a variety of professional settings, and establish a solid basis for their resumes. They have actual work experience when they apply for future positions.

Students who participate in the Hillel Yeshiva Business Academy were asked to fill out an application to be screened by the administration. Employers then interviewed the students and selected the best candidates for the positions available. Both Mrs. Shamah and Mrs. Sultan said it was very exciting to see so many students wanting to put in the time to learn, hands-on, about the different career paths available to them.

A variety of fields were offered: marketing, graphic design, construction, real estate management, investment analysis, medicine, accounting, production, dentistry and more. The professionals con-

tacted were excited to be able to encourage and mentor our students.

Isaac Sasson, a sophomore interested in pursuing a career in engineering, interned at Monmouth Custom Builders. He received hands-on experience in the construction field. He learned how to read blueprints, went to construction sights and saw the work in action.

Paige Snyder, a senior, interned with Dr. Alan Nasar, an orthopedic surgeon. She observed Dr. Nasar doing many different procedures. He showed her x-rays and pointed out the corrective measures he would undertake. Dr. Nasar was also able to arrange for Paige to personally observe surgical procedures—which, according to Paige, was a great experience. She hopes to pursue a career in nursing and feels her internship allowed her to see the different fields available to nurses.

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Senior, Albert Sutton interned with Daniel Beckerman, a certified financial planner, of Beckerman Institutional. Albert said, "I was taught about options, how to analyze a stock, how to use Internet resources and how to check a portfolio for the correct balance." Albert is now seriously considering a career in this area and found the experience very helpful, informative and enjoyable. "I learned a lot and felt this was a very positive experience."

Al Sultan, a sophomore, interned at the law firm of Chamlin, Uliano, Rosen and Worthington, in the office of Mrs. Lois Sutton. He said the most exciting part of his internship occurred when he accompanied one of the attorneys to court and actually went with her into the judge's chambers.

Shai Galapo, a sophomore, interned with Dr. Richard Gindi. Shai witnessed firsthand how dental practices function and what the work entails. Dr. Gindi took the time to explain many of the dental procedures and allowed Shai to observe in the examining rooms. In Shai's words, "the experience opened a door in my mind about a career choice that I may not have considered."

Hillel Yeshiva has always been at the forefront of addressing the needs of their student body, and is always concerned about what the students will do after they leave Hillel. They take the students' life goals and achievements very seriously, and try to send them off into the world as prepared as possible for the challenges they might face.

Hillel Yeshiva will continue to develop and create programs that give their students the experiences they need to best achieve their maximum potential as they become the future leaders of our community. □