

Hillel Yeshiva's School to Shul PAC Minyan

The word is out—Hillel Yeshiva and the Deal community have launched an inspiring new Shabbat program. The brain-child of Isaac Massry and Ralph Tawil, the Parent and Children Minyan or PAC Minyan has been established to create an exciting Shabbat morning experience for children and their parents.

The goal of the PAC Minyan is to engage our youth in meaningful Shabbat morning prayers. The children meet and pray together with their Hillel Yeshiva classmates as an extension of what they learn in school.

The program is effective because it is specifically designed to connect children to the services while having a good time. Under the guidance of Rabbi Saul J. Kassin, Rosh Yeshiva-Halachic Authority of Hillel Yeshiva—Rabbi Joe Dayan, Rabbi Victor Gindi and Rabbi Yosef Maslaton, coordinate their efforts to make Shabbat morning an inspiring



and exciting time. Most importantly, the children are able to pray with their parents and the Hillel faculty. Rabbi Kassin feels that this experience has created a connection between what's going on in our school to what's going on in our shul. He is excited about the suc-

cess of the program and believes that it is a chance for the students to show their parents how much they have learned and for the parents to feel proud of what their children have accomplished.

The community has flourished with the development of this new program, which assists the children with the development of their Tefilah, with learning the community's customs and having a supervised social experience in a healthy Shabbat environment. The response to this program has been overwhelming, with children bringing their parents early Shabbat morning each week. The children win prizes and have a great deal of fun. The Tefilah and ruah are at such an amazingly high level that rotating Sunday morning PAC Minyanim are in the process of being added to the program.

As an extension of the PAC Minyan, the community experienced a wonderful Hanukah Extravaganza

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at Congregation Shaare Tefilah B'nei Moshe, featuring menorah lighting, Hanukah Bingo, dinner, dessert and dozens of great prizes for participants. Over 300 children from the community attended this extraordinary event and had a wonderful and meaningful Hanukah experience.

We thank the congregations of Ohel Simha, Magen David of West Deal, Magen Avraham, and Shaare Tefila B'nei Moshe for hosting, supporting and encouraging the exciting PAC Minyan program.

As a community, we realize that we have a responsibility to provide programs that will ensure that our

traditions are carried on to the next generation. We are proud that we have created PAC, an educational, enjoyable and spiritual program for our children that will help them form a permanent bond with their community and heritage. □