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Hillel Yeshiva's *Hesed Cantata*

Hesed is one of the most important acts a person can do. It is also the central focus of Jewish life. In keeping with that idea, the girls of Hillel Yeshiva High School created an amazing event.

A standing-room only crowd of grandmothers, mothers, family, friends and faculty members gathered for this year's annual Cantata, the theme of which was hesed.

The girls developed an exciting program that was an outgrowth of the hesed themed High School Seminar held earlier in the year. The audience was treated to an exciting multi-media presentation, featuring "The Renee Tawil Show," with hostesses Renee Tawil and Sarah Edery. Each hostess interviewed various students and presented videos of the different gemachs serving the Deal community and

introduced a hesed panel of girls who related how a simple act of caring impacted their lives. Segments of the show featured students per-



Table centerpieces

forming hesed at school, at home and even in Israel. In the style of Oprah Winfrey, Renee gave the entire audience laminated cards list-

ing the various gemachs of the Deal community.

Attendees were treated to fabulous, choreographed student dance numbers that interpreted acts of hesed. A wonderful choir moved the audience with beautiful songs. A highlight of the show was the book review segment, which featured a review of two of Jack Doueck's books, *Joseph and The Hesed Boomerang*, and a moving video clip that related an amazing act of hesed that was performed by Joseph Beyda, A"H.

Though learning about hesed is important, doing is what hesed is really about. We are proud of the girls who spent many hours preparing for this wonderful evening. Most importantly, the students were able to make the event itself an act of hesed by donating the proceeds to a worthy charity. □