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## MYC Weekend Escape at Hudson Valley Resort

The MYC is proud to start off the new term with an exciting weekend escape at the Hudson Valley Resort on February 8th-10th with an International Wine Tasting with wine from six countries and Snow Tubing on Saturday night (weather permitting). The weekend is open to all girls ages 21 and older and all guys 25 and older. Tickets are now on sale and are priced at \$199 for girls and \$249 for guys. What do you have to lose? Please contact Charlotte Shahverdi [charlottes989@gmail.com](mailto:charlottes989@gmail.com), Benjamin Hadjibay [Hadjibay@gmail.com](mailto:Hadjibay@gmail.com), Caroline Hadjibay [carolinehadjibay@gmail.com](mailto:carolinehadjibay@gmail.com) or Leon Hakimian [leonhakimian@gmail.com](mailto:leonhakimian@gmail.com).

## MYC Rosh Chodesh Lecture

The MYC is proud to present a special Rosh Chodesh Adar lecture at the home of Shawn and Shelby Hakimian (sons of Albert and Betty Hakimian) on Sunday evening, February 10. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM, followed by an inspiring lecture by historian and Rabbi Ken Spiro: Back to the Future - The Jewish View of History. Rabbi Spiro is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher for Aish HaTorah's Discovery Seminar. The lecture is open to the community. For more information, please contact Robin at [rzaroovabeli@gmail.com](mailto:rzaroovabeli@gmail.com).

## MYC & IZC Basketball Tournament

The MYC and IZC are holding a community wide basketball tournament as part of the goal of raising enough money to donate an Ambulance in Israel for Magen David Adom (Israel's "Red Cross"). There will be a 3-on-3 basketball tournament open to all men college age & up on Sunday, March 10. \$20 grants you entrance to the tournament during the day, with a chance to possibly play in a "Balling with the Stars - Celebrity Game" in the evening (stay tuned for many details to come!) For more information or to sign up please contact Troy Kordvani, Michael Hakimian, or Shawn Aziz - [ShlomoShawnAziz@gmail.com](mailto:ShlomoShawnAziz@gmail.com) 516-423-6231.



## MYC Purim Masquerade 2013

The MYC is proud to host its annual Purim Masquerade on Saturday night, February 23rd. Tickets will be \$50 at the door, location TBA. Entry includes dinner, open bar (age 21+) and music by DJ Dave Nadri. College age and up. For more information contact: Adam Hakimi, Michelle Basaaly or Charlotte Shahverdi.

## Purim Night at YMJC

Bring your whole family to the Young Mashadi Jewish Center on Saturday night, February 23 for Megillah reading and special kids entertainment for children of all ages. The evening will begin with Arvit at 6:40 PM. For more information please contact Afshin Bassali at [efibee@aol.com](mailto:efibee@aol.com).

## Purim Bake & Basket Sale

The Ladies Circle is proud to present a Purim Bake and Basket Sale on Wednesday, Feb 20th at YMJC - 130 Steamboat Rd. Amazing cakes and cookies and unique baskets for brides, children and adults will be available for purchase. For more information please contact Mrs. Natasha Asher, Mrs. Neda Rahmanan, Mrs. Shirin Rahmani or Mrs. Odelia Namdar.

## Sisterhood's Masquerade Skate


The Mashadi Sisterhood has organized a special Family Ice Skating Event to be held at Parkwood Ice Skating Rink in Great Neck. This event has been set for Saturday Night, February 9th from 6:30 -9:00 PM.

## Clothing Drive

The annual sisterhood clothing drive will be held on Sunday March 10th in the parking lot of 54 Steamboat Road from 10 AM through 2 PM. The sisterhood will be collecting only clothing and shoes in usable condition.

## Farsi Book Drive

At the same time as the clothing drive on March 10th, the Mashadi community will be holding a Farsi Book Drive. There is a large Iranian community in Holon, Israel, many of whom are elderly Farsi-readers, who have requested a Farsi section at their public library for a while. The library is now on board and has opened a section of books in the Farsi language but wants assistance obtaining more books. The Mashadi community in conjunction with the IAJF has agreed to help out with this effort. Anyone who has any novels in the Farsi language, of any subject, that you are willing to donate to the library in Israel, please drop off the books at the designated box at Shaare Shalom (54 Steamboat Road) on Sunday March 10th. If you cannot make it on March 10<sup>th</sup> or you'd like to have your books sent to Israel sooner than that, please contact [Hachodesh@gmail.com](mailto:Hachodesh@gmail.com) to arrange for pickup.

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<p><b>23 Shevat</b> ▶ Super Bowl Sunday at 130 Steamboat Road</p>	<p><b>24 Shevat</b> ▶ Rosh Chodesh Adar</p>	<p><b>25 Shevat</b> ▶ Learn It Up: 130 Steamboat Rd. at 8-10pm</p>	<p><b>26 Shevat</b> ▶ Ladies Circle Purim Bake Sale at 130 Steamboat Road</p>	<p><b>27 Shevat</b></p>	<p><b>28 Shevat</b> ▶ Candle Lighting: 5:02pm ▶ MYC Weekend Escape at Hudson Valley Resort, Friday - Sunday.</p>	<p><b>29 Shevat</b> ▶ Parashah: Mishpatim ▶ Shabbat Shekalim ▶ Shabbat Ends: 6:11pm</p>
<p><b>30 Shevat</b> ▶ Rosh Chodesh Adar ▶ MYC Rosh Chodesh Lecture, Rabbi Ken Spiro, Residence of Shawn Hakimian, 5:00pm. ▶ Bat-Mitzvah: Nicole Aziz, 130 Steamboat Road at 5:00pm</p>	<p><b>1 Adar</b> ▶ President's Day ▶ Bat-Mitzvah: Magny Nabavian, Colbeh of Great Neck at 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>2 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>3 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>4 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>5 Adar</b> ▶ Candle Lighting: 5:11pm ▶ Shabbat Dinner with Dr. Keddar at 130 Steamboat Road</p>	<p><b>6 Adar</b> ▶ Parashah: Terumah ▶ Shabbat Ends: 6:20pm ▶ Bar-Mitzvah: Samuel Kashi, Temple Torah at 7:30pm</p>
<p><b>7 Adar</b> ▶ Bar-Mitzvah: Andrew Hakimian, 54 Steamboat Road at 10:30am</p>	<p><b>8 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>9 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>10 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>11 Adar</b> ▶ Ta'anit Ester ▶ Fast Starts: 5:19am ▶ Fast Ends: 6:10pm</p>	<p><b>12 Adar</b> ▶ Candle Lighting: 5:19pm</p>	<p><b>13 Adar</b> ▶ Parashah: Tetzaveh ▶ Shabbat Zachor ▶ Shabbat Ends: 6:28pm ▶ Megillah Reading ▶ YMJC Purim Night ▶ MYC Purim Party</p>
<p><b>14 Adar</b> ▶ Purim ▶ Megillah Reading</p>	<p><b>15 Adar</b> ▶ Shushan Purim</p>	<p><b>16 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>17 Adar</b></p>	<p><b>18 Adar</b></p>		



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### Israel's top 10 factory tours

From ISRAEL21c, here is their new list of the top 10 best behind-the-scenes factory tours in Israel.

#### 1. Strauss-Elite (Upper Nazareth) – Various chocolate products Strauss Dairy (Achihud) – Various dairy and milk products

Both Strauss Visitors Centers are in the north; Achihud is between Acre (Akko) and Karmiel. As you'd expect from a very large manufacturing firm, the 1.5-hour visiting experience offers organized fun such as high-tech interactive games, a film and a tour of the factory floor. And don't worry, you'll leave with a complementary chocolate and other goodies in hand.

#### 2. Coca-Cola Sensory Center (Bnei Brak)

Of Coke's 2,000 factories around the world, this one is famous for the inventiveness and interactive genius of its visitors' center. Ten multimedia rooms tell the 120-year-old story of Coca-Cola and the global distribution of its brands, with the Israel Tunnel devoted to Coke in Israel. There's a 3D ride, an activity park and a music room with Coke-themed instruments to play (that's for the hearing part of the sensory experience). You get to see the bottling operation, but naturally the tasting room is the most eagerly anticipated part of the tour.

#### 3. Yvel Jewelry Factory and Visitors Center (Jerusalem)

On this hour-long tour at the jewelry factory just west of Jerusalem, you will not only see craftspeople making Orna and Isaac Levy's "red carpet" jewelry with pearls and precious stones, but you will also get a tour of Yvel's unique jewelry-making training program for Ethiopian immigrants. The Yvel tour includes a 3D movie and a browse through the showroom, as well as a chance to purchase items at discounted prices.

#### 4. Michal Negrin's World (Bat Yam and Holon)



This visitors' gallery is designed to dazzle – sort of like a mega-Michal Negrin store. Watch a movie about Negrin's life, and then see her jewelry, home décor and fashion items getting manufactured.

The final part of the

two-hour adventure is coffee and cake in the Gallery Café amid displays and crafts, furniture design and textiles, and illuminated and fully furnished doll houses designed by Negrin and built by her husband, Meir.

#### 5. Hazorfim (Kfar Daniel)

A fully renovated visitors' center at this iconic Israeli silversmith is due to open in January. Hazorfim (*The Silversmiths*) makes pure sterling-silver Judaica, home décor and collectibles – 300 new items debut every year in shops around the world. In the tour you can see how the pieces are crafted, and learn the history of the company, founded in 1952 by Holocaust survivor Yosef Merdinger. His son, **Doron Merdinger**, who took the company global, now produces his own line of heirloom gold tableware, jewelry and décor.

#### 6. De Karina Chocolate Factory (Kibbutz Ein Zivan, Golan Heights)

De Karina offers several options: A 20-minute guided tour about the culture and history of chocolate, including a visit to the manufacturing plant, ends with tastings in the chocolate boutique and a sweet treat to take home (there is also kosher café on premises). If you have more time, you can combine a tour with a basic 40-minute chocolate-making workshop for kids, or a 90-minute workshop for adults where you'll learn to make more sophisticated and specialty items.

#### 7. Kibbutz Yad Mordechai Bee and Honey House (near Ashkelon)

Guides take visitors on honey's journey from the honeycomb to the jar. There's a video about how bees produce the sticky stuff, and a tasting of different kinds of honey, whose flavors vary depending on the type of flower the bees dine on. Kibbutz Yad Mordechai honey, olive oil and fruit preserves are available for sale.

#### 8. Diamond Bourse Visitors Center (Ramat Gan)

The tour is two hours long and includes admission to the newly renovated **Harry Oppenheimer Diamond Museum**, where English-speakers will find multimedia exhibits in their native tongue. An audiovisual show explains the formation of a raw



diamond and how it is polished and cut – a process visitors also see live on the factory floor.

#### 9. Tnuva Visitors Center (Rehovot)

The 90-minute tour of one of Israel's largest dairy production facilities takes visitors through the story of milk from cow to carton. You'll view the process from a multisensory "Milky Way" simulator and watch the real-time shop floor. The tour



includes an interactive quiz game about cows and barnyards, a Comics Wall showing the chain of events from milking parlor to breakfast table, and a film demonstrating the equipment used for cooling and quality control. There's a tasting at the end.

#### 10. Bamba (Holon)



Though this one-hour tour is in Hebrew only, it might be worthwhile for English-speakers anyway, just to see Israel's most iconic snack under production. The classic peanut-butter Bamba, an Osem brand, is produced here at Givol in the Holon industrial park,

along with Popco and strawberry Bamba. The tour is geared to kids, and includes a 3D movie, plenty of time to see the whole production process, and a souvenir bag of Bamba to take home – all for free.





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## Super Bowl Sunday @ YMJC

Come watch the Baltimore Ravens battle the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XLVII on Sunday February 3rd. Game will be shown at YMJC - 130 Steamboat Rd - on big screen TV. All adults are welcome to come and enjoy the most exciting sports event of the year on a 10 foot screen with a crowd that loves the game as much as you do. Full Meat Dinner will be ordered from local Kosher Restaurants. Adults only! Advance reservation required. For more information please contact Leon Ebrani at leonoel@aol.com (516) 356-0665.

## Friday Night with Dr. Kedar

The YMJC Board, IZC & MYC are proud to present a Friday Night dinner with Dr. Mordechai Kedar on Friday night February 15th at YMJC - 130 Steamboat Road. Dr. Kedar is an Israeli scholar of Arabic literature and a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University. Kedar is an academic expert on the Israeli Arab population. He served for twenty-five years in IDF Military Intelligence, where he specialized in Islamic groups, the political discourse of Arab countries, the Arabic press and mass media, and the Syrian domestic arena. Cost for the Shabbat dinner is 25 per person. The topic he will be discussing is Israel, the Middle East and the Muslim uprising. All those interested must reserve spots! Dr. Kedar will also give a speech on Saturday night at YMJC -130 Steamboat Road at 7:30pm. The topic for this lecture is "What is the struggle over Jerusalem all about? For more information or to reserve a spot for Shabbat dinner, please contact Eli Kashi at ekmsu26@gmail.com or 516-984-1004.

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## MYC Office Secretary Needed

MYC is looking to hire a full time office secretary to help coordinate MYC events and publications. All interested candidate are asked to email their resumes to hachodesh@gmail.com.

## YMJC Program Director Needed

YMJC is looking to hire a full time program director to oversee current and future programming. All interested candidates are asked to email their resumes to programs@mashadi.org.

*This issue of HaChodesh is dedicated by:*

**Mrs. Jila Hakimian & Family**

*in memory of our beloved husband and father*

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