



HABO MELBOURNE NEWSLETTER

(Term 2)



Dear Parents, Friends, Chanichim and Bogrim,

With an unbelievably successful camp, Machane Ko'ach Litzor, having just past us by, it's hard to believe we are already half way through 2011.

With a calendar jam packed full of events such as our annual Third Seder and Lag Ba'omer bonfire, the spirit of the Habo community has grown amazingly over the past few months, culminating in our fantastic winter camp.

With over 190 kids attending camp, a combination of intellectual and educational programs as well as our interactive and fun activities meant that great fun was had by all this winter. Our camp focused on the idea of building a greater future together, and the chanichim certainly united and bonded through a movement which I'm sure will give them the opportunity and inspiration to do so.

Term 3 promises to be as fun, exciting and engaging as ever before, so make sure you're there on **Saturday, July 30** for our first program!

Aleh ve'Hagshem

Ben Scholl

Melbourne Mazkir (chairperson) 2011

SOCIAL ACTION

Habo has continued its partnership with Jewish Aid Australia in running a weekly homework club for Sudanese students in Preston. The experience has certainly underscored Habo's passion for pursuing social justice and is a credit to the madrichim involved, who have really helped make a difference. Jewish Aid CEO Gary Samowitz has been delighted with the involvement of Habo so far, commenting, "We really appreciate the passion and commitment of the Habo leaders. They are using their hadracha (leadership) skills in a different context and the results are really inspirational." We look forward to continuing to work alongside Jewish Aid and supporting their outstanding work in the community.



"Habo Madrichim Nai Ben Danan, Yuli Dar and Jason Rudaizky with Sudanese students in Preston."

Habo's annual 3rd night Seder was a big success this year. Traditionally, the 3rd night Seder is a chance for madrichim, senior chanichim and ex-bogrim to come together and take part in Habo's unique chug experience, sing songs and ask the tough questions. This year's crowd was treated to a special performance from our very own Israeli Dancing troupe, who prepared thoroughly and did a great job of "Echad, Me Yodaya".

3RD NIGHT SEDER

LAG BA'OMER

Habo celebrated Lag Ba'Omer in style during Term 2, with a fantastic bonfire which kept everyone nice and snug on a freezing cold winter night. Marshmallows were aplenty and smiles were in abundance as attendees were treated to a fantastic live band.

PHOTOS



WINTER CAMP



Machane Ko'ach Litzor was a huge success, with over 190 chanichim from a variety of Jewish day schools descending on Coonawarra Campsite in early July. Credit must be paid to our fantastic Tzevet Machane (Camp organizers) – Ian Metz, Nat Rathner and Rachel Etzion – who went above and beyond in ensuring an amazing experience for the duration of the camp.

DON'T FORGET

Junior: 3pm – 5pm Saturday

Senior: 5:30pm – 7:30pm Saturday

30 July – First weekly meeting of Term 3

17 September – Last weekly meeting of Term 3

MEMBERSHIP

As a not-for-profit organization, our movement is one which thrives on the assistance we receive from the community and our members in particular. For that reason, we ask all those who are a part of the Habo community to jump on board and support the movement in 2011 by becoming a member, or contributing a donation. Financial assistance allows us to continue to provide quality informal Jewish education through camps, weekly meetings and festivals with the best possible equipment and services. For all financial matters, including membership or donations, please contact our Gizbar (Treasurer) Ben Grodeck on 0431 837 722, or by email at melbgizbar@hdoz.com