

# Up to His Old Tricks

*Everything old is new again for YIH's returning Youth Director Avi Frier*

Avi Frier, who served as Young Israel's Youth Director from 1994 through 1998, resumes his post this month. *Hollywood Jewish Youth* interviewed Avi to get an idea of what he has in store for the coming year.

HJY: Has our shul changed a lot since you ran the youth department?

AF: It sure has. When Sharon and I moved to town in 1994, there were fewer than 300 families. Also, we didn't have that fancy building in the back with the classrooms upstairs. There was an old house back there that held the shul offices and was used for babysitting on Shabbat morning. There was also an old garage in the back parking lot that was used for Jr. Congregation.

HJY: And you've changed as well. In the 12 years since you were Youth Director, you've been involved in a lot of different ventures. How will your experiences affect the way you do your job this time around?

AF: Well, for one thing, I ran a web design company for a few years. You can expect to see a lot more online promotion of youth activities than ever before. There's already a new web site and a growing Facebook group. Also, I spent a few years publishing a newspaper, so the way we appear in print will have a different feel as well. Who knows? Maybe this interview will even appear in a publi-



**Back in the day:** Avi Frier hanging out with Sarya Genet and Lior Goldstein in 1998.

cation that looks different than anything the Youth Department has ever put out in the past!

HJY: Do you expect to bring back any of the things you did back in the 90s?

AF: I really like a lot of the things that were instituted over the years by Amram Bendahan and Rabbi Schachter. But yes, there are quite a few things from the "good old days" that I plan to reinstate. Instead of just giving out tickets for kids who came to Shabbat groups, we had a whole rewards program that I used to call "Frequent Frier Miles." We also had more Friday night Onegs for the middle and high school kids. We had a bowling tournament on Selichot night, and the Sukkah Hop was actually a progressive lunch. NCSY played a greater role in

our teen activities, and we had more Sunday trips for the elementary-age kids. I hope to bring back all of those things.

HJY: So a lot has changed over the years, and clearly, more changes are on the horizon. What do you see staying the same?

AF: I love the LATKE night and plan to continue that. Also, I think the End of the Year Bash is a lot of fun. And I think it's great that we have Bnei Akiva shlichim living in the neighborhood, playing such an active role in the youth department.

HJY: What about our shul members? Have they changed?

AF: No, I think they're just as smart as they've always been. Which makes me wonder: do you really believe they're fooled by the 'interview format' of this article? Don't you think they see right through your little "HJY" and "AF" paragraph headings, and realize that I'm actually writing the whole thing myself?

HJY: Um, no, I never really thought of that. But hey, thanks for your time!

AF: No problem. Always happy to help.

## A Fond Farewell

*The Youth Department Bids Farewell to the Schachters*

The Schachters are off to Israel. We wish them well and thank Rabbi Schachter for his dedication in leading the Youth Department for the past two years.

If you'd like to stay in touch with them, their email address is rabbims1@hotmail.com

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**Young Israel of Hollywood-Ft. Lauderdale Youth Department  
2010-11 YOUTH LEADER APPLICATION**



**We're Looking For  
a few GREAT  
Youth Leaders.**

If you'll be in grade 8 or higher in the 2010-11 school year, the YIH Youth Department wants YOU to help create a better Shabbat experience for the children of our shul.

YIH Group Leaders enjoy the following benefits:

- Earn money
- Earn community service hours
- Develop leadership skills
- End-of-year trip to



exclusively for Group Leaders,  
all expenses paid by the shul, in  
appreciation for your service to  
our youth!

Fill out this form and return it by  
August 18 to be a part of the action!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School attending for the 2010-11 school year \_\_\_\_\_

School attended 2009-10 (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering for the 2010-11 school year \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your experience working with children, both in the YIH Youth Department and elsewhere. Please include dates. Attach additional page(s) if needed. \_\_\_\_\_

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If you could be any kitchen implement, which would you choose to be and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested Shift (check one box only):  Shabbat Morning  Shabbat Afternoon  Both  No Preference

By signing below, you indicate that you understand and agree to the following:

- Submitting this application does not guarantee you a position as a YIH Group Leader. It also does not constitute a commitment on your part to accept a position as a Group Leader.
- All prospective Group Leaders will be interviewed by the Youth Director. Your interview will be scheduled AFTER this application is submitted and has been reviewed. No interviews will be held after August 25, 2010. Please submit this application early enough to ensure that you will be able to schedule an interview time that works for you.
- If you are offered and accept a position as a Group Leader, you are making a commitment to work every week through mid-June 2011. When you are not available to work, it is your responsibility to arrange for a suitable substitute.
- As a Group Leader, there are policies and procedures set forth by the Youth Department that you are expected to follow. These will be provided to you in writing, and explained in greater detail by the Youth Director if necessary.
- In addition to your weekly shift, you will be required to attend four Leadership Training sessions throughout the year. The first will be held on **Shabbat, Aug. 28, 2010**. Dates of other sessions will be provided in advance. Attendance is mandatory; you will receive the equivalent pay/community service hours of a regular Shabbat Groups session.
- To ensure a fun and meaningful time for your group participants, and to make your job easier as a Group Leader, some preparation during the week is required (usually around 10-20 minutes). This may include preparing activities, coordinating with fellow Group Leaders, and/or calling children at home in the evening.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fax this form to (954) 252-3739 or drop it off at the shul office **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, August 18, 2010.**

Launching August 1, 2010...

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The Latest & Greatest from the Young Israel of Hollywood-Ft. Lauderdale Youth Department

**Young Israel of Hollywood-Ft. Lauderdale Youth Department  
2010-11 YOUTH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information on all children in your family who are in grade 12 or younger:

CHILD'S NAME & PERSONAL EMAIL (IF APPLICABLE)	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE	SCHOOL

Submit this form to the shul office with your check made payable to Young Israel of Hollywood-Ft. Lauderdale.

**YOUTH MEMBERSHIP DUES:**  
 Nursery School and younger: FREE  
 Pre-K thru 8th grade: \$36 per child  
 High School: FREE  
 Maximum per family: \$100

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH  
MEMBERSHIP  
has its privileges**

Fill out the form on this page and submit it to the shul office with your membership fee to enjoy the following benefits:

- Unlimited free participation in all Shabbat morning and afternoon groups. (\$25 per year for non-Youth members)
- Free participation in High Holiday Youth Groups (\$4 per child per day for non-Youth members)
- Free admission to all V'Shinantam L'Vanecha PLUS events.
- Free admission to special events throughout the year, including Chol HaMoed Sukkot entertainment, the Year-End Bash, and others.
- Discounted admission to special events throughout the year, including the Chanukah LATKE Extravaganza.
- Bonus raffle tickets at Latke and V'Shinantam.
- Be among the first to find out what's happening in the Youth Department when you receive the monthly YIH Youth Newsletter by mail (usually before it's distributed in shul).

**Thank You (in advance) For Your Hospitality!**

We are looking for people to host the following upcoming youth activities.  
 If you can help, please call Avi at (954) 483-3654. Thank you!

**Parents of Middle and/or High Schoolers:**

We need locations for Ongei Shabbat, Friday nights after dinner, actual dates TBD.

**Parents of Elementary Schoolers:**

We need locations for the Sukkah Hop, which will take place as a progressive lunch on Shabbat Chol Hamoed, September 25, after the 9:00 AM Minyan.

**What's happening? When? What about next month? It's all here! Have a look! Hang it on the fridge!**

## AUGUST 2010 ✨ Av-ELUL 5770

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
1 <small>Official launch date of HollywoodJewishYouth.com web site</small>	2	3	4	5	6 7:46 PM	7 Re'Eh
8	9	10 <small>Rosh Chodesh Elul</small>	11 <small>Rosh Chodesh Elul</small>	12	13 7:40 PM	14 Shoftim
15	16	17	18 <small>Group Leader Applications Due</small>	19	20 7:34 PM	21 Ki Teitzei
22 <small>Marlins vs. Astros, 1:10 PM, Sun Life Stadium, \$22 per ticket. RSVP: avifrier@gmail.com</small>	23 <small>Youth Committee Meeting, 8:30 PM, at the home of Lisa Baratz.</small>	24	25	26	27 7:27 PM	28 Ki Tavo <small>Group Leader Training Shabbat</small>
29 <small>Preschool Pre-Rosh Hashanah Workshop 10 AM in the social hall for K and younger, \$3 per child</small>	30	31	<b>BEFORE WE GO BACK TO SCHOOL, LET'S GO BACK TO THE BALLPARK!</b> Marlins vs. Astros, Sunday, August 22, 1:10 PM, \$22 per ticket First 5,000 kids get a Billy the Marlin Lunch Cooler Reserve your tickets for the whole family: avifrier@gmail.com			

## SEPTEMBER 2010 ✨ ELUL 5770-TISHREI 5771

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT						
<b><i>In Case You Were Wondering:</i></b> <b>"SHAGs" is an acronym for</b> <b>"Shabbat Afternoon Groups."</b>			1	2	3 7:20 PM	4 Nitzavim-Vayelech Selichot Night <small>Kickoff: The All New YIH SHAGs: 3:45-5:00 Teen Pre-Selichot Bowling Tournament</small>						
5 <small>Bnei Akiva Laser Tag Event for grades 4-6</small>	6 <small>Labor Day Bnei Akiva Volleyball &amp; BBQ for grades 9-12</small>	7	8 7:15 PM <small>Erev Rosh Hashanah</small>	9 after 8:11 PM <small>Rosh Hashanah</small>	10 7:13 PM <small>Rosh Hashanah</small>	11 Haazinu Shabbat Shuva SHAGs: 3:45-5:00						
Join our Facebook group: <a href="http://facebook.hollywoodjewishyouth.com">http://facebook.hollywoodjewishyouth.com</a>						12	13	14	15	16	17 7:05 PM <small>Erev Yom Kippur</small>	18 Yom Kippur No SHAGs today
19 <small>Sukkah Decorating Party, grades 1-5 11:00 AM</small>	20	21	22 6:59 PM <small>Erev Sukkot</small>	23 after 7:55 PM <small>Sukkot</small>	24 6:57 PM <small>Sukkot</small>	25 <small>Chol Hamoed Sukkot Sukkah Hop departs right after shul; no SHAGs today.</small>						
26 <small>Chol Hamoed Sukkot Football in the Sukkah, grades 9-12. Not going to the game? Come for BBQ and cheer on the Dolphins against the Evil Ones.</small>	27 <small>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</small>	28 <small>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</small>	29 6:52 PM <small>Hoshanah Rabbah</small>	30 after 7:48 PM <small>Shmini Atzeret Youth Hakafot</small>	OCT 1 6:50 PM <small>Simchat Torah</small>	2 Bereishit SHAGs: 3:45-5:00						

**For more info, updates, photos from past events, and other fun stuff, visit [HollywoodJewishYouth.com](http://HollywoodJewishYouth.com)**