

## THE CHAI JOURNAL



Dear Friend,

We would like to introduce you to The Chai Journal: the journal that will keep you informed on all that's going on at the Chai Network. In this edition we are reporting on the programs and activities from September until December 2007/ Tishrei – Tevet 5768.



**Alef Bet Club – 20 sessions.** Launched in September, an opportunity for children to develop their Hebrew reading skills.

**Chai Five Club – 14 sessions.** An after school club with arts & crafts, baking, supper and lots of fun.

**Bat Mitzvah Club – 2 sessions.** The club meets monthly where the girls discuss and learn in an informal, warm and friendly atmosphere.

**JLI Adult education – 6 sessions.** For six weeks, participants discussed the Land and the Spirit – why we all care about Israel.

**One to One learning – 16 sessions a week.** A programme for all ages.

All the above is in addition to the many other services we provide on an ongoing basis. We take this opportunity to thank all our partners and supporters who enable all this to happen. We look forward in continuing and increasing our services for the entire Jewish community regardless of background and affiliation.

May you all be blessed with all that you need, and may we witness the final and complete redemption with coming of Moshiach NOW!

Warm regards,

Rabbi Peretz & Chavi Chein

Directors



### Coming soon

**New six week course Beyond Belief: Reflections on Jewish Faith, Reason, and Experience.**

6 Wednesdays 8:15 – 9:30pm commencing 6 February 2008.

- How did the world get here?
- Are there any prophets living today?
- Who wrote the Torah?
- Is there an afterlife?

Take a closer look at how Jewish beliefs help us to make sense of the inevitable challenges of life. For a detailed course programme and to register, visit [chainetwork.com](http://chainetwork.com)

**Dates for your diary** - Women's Chodesh Group Monday 17th March 2008, an evening of Challah baking and Hamentash making with master baker Jack Maurer.  
- Annual Purim family celebration Friday 21 March 2008

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*Uniquely, each centre is financially independent and responsible for its own operation, with no external funding from Chabad head office.*

### About the Chai Network

ONE GOOD DEED IS ALL IT TAKES TO TIP THE SCALE AND BRING THE REDEMPTION

The Chai Network was established by Rabbi Peretz & Chavi Chein, emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in August 2000. During these years, Chai has developed to the point where it is an established strong contributor to Jewish life in the area, creating opportunities for people to express their Judaism in positive, joyous and meaningful ways:

Youth Programmes Adult Education Women's Chodesh Group Shabbat SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY & Holiday Programmes One to One Learning ACTIVITIES FOR ALL Home & Office Visits Meals on Wheels Hospital Visiting AGES and Hospitality Judaica Services

# Sukkot News

## Kosher Pizza in the Hut

Arts & Crafts, Bouncy Slide, Face Paints and Kosher Pizza awaited the 85 children and their families at the annual Sukkot family day on Sunday September 30. The Nicest Sukkah Competition was won by Libby Ingleby and her cousins Adam and Becky Tuck who received the £18 gift voucher at Toys -R-Us, and all entries to the contest received a prize as well.



## Sukkot Celebration

On Thursday September 27 the first day of Sukkot, 40 children gathered in the Sukkah for their very own celebration. They heard a story, were treated to lots of refreshments and had the opportunity to say the blessing and shake the Lulav & Etrog.



## Soup & Schwarma in the Sukkah

150 people enjoyed soup and schwarma in the Sukkah on Monday October 1.



## Bat Mitzvah Club

The girls enjoyed a special evening of fun, food and learning as well as demonstrating the power of how a Jewish soul can...



## Simchat Torah for the Family

Wednesday October 3, the eve of Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, was an evening to remember. It all began with a grand Kiddush following Mincha and Maariv to set the mood for the evening of true joy and inspiration. The excitement as we danced with the Torah for the Hakafot was felt by everyone, the celebration then continued as 130 men, women and children sat down to enjoy the Yom Tov meal.

## Sukkot for Everyone

The Joy of Sukkot was brought to everyone, by visiting the hospital with the Lulav & Etrog, delivering food parcels to those in need and by ensuring no one felt left out.

# CHAI NETWORK

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## Chanukah News



### Public Menorah Display

For 10 days the Menorah stands proud and tall as more than 40,000 shoppers pass by the foyer of Sainsbury's & John Lewis in Cheadle. The stand enables the shoppers to receive a Chanukah guide and learn / discuss all about the festival of lights and its relevant primary message of how a little light can dispel much darkness.



### Public Menorah Lighting

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of December hundreds of people filled the foyer at Sainsbury's & John Lewis for the annual public lighting in the presences of the Mayor of Stockport. All children received a gift and everyone enjoyed the doughnuts.



### Chanukah Bowl

The Chai Five Youth Club organised its annual Chanukah Bowl. Members and their families were treated to a fantastic evening; the children made special Chanukah arts & crafts, enjoyed a game of bowling, kindled the Menorah and of course had plenty of Chanukah food and refreshments.



### Yeshiva Students share the Light

For three nights the students of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Manchester dedicated their time and effort to spread the light and warmth of Chanukah with the Cheadle / Gatley community.

Evening of Chanukah Lights with lots of songs. Experiencing and discovering the light and how it can illuminate and transform darkness into light.



### Chanukah for Everyone

Food and toys were distributed to help those in need celebrate and enjoy Chanukah.

May we merit seeing the true and eternal light and an end to all darkness with the coming of Moshiach Now!





# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Winter Term January – April 2008

## Alef Bet Club

Give your child a chance to enrich his or her reading skills. Catering for all levels: from basic letter recognition to reading fluency.

At the Alef Bet Club, we allow the children to learn the alef bet in a positive and warm environment. Through IT, a variety of games and hands on experience your child will learn at his/her own individual pace.



At every session, each child will have an opportunity to read on a one to one basis with a tutor.

Sundays: 9.30 – 10.15

13, 20, 27 January  
3, 24 February  
2, 9, 16, 30 March  
6 April

Tuesdays: 3.45 – 4.30

15, 22, 29 January  
5, 19, 26 February  
4, 11, 18 March  
1 April

## Chai Five Club



5:00 – 6:45pm

Years 1 – 2 Tuesdays

15, 29 January  
19 February  
4, 18 March  
1 April

Years 3, 4, 5 Wednesdays

16, 30 January  
20 February  
5, 19 March  
2 April

## Bat Mitzvah Club



First Monday of the month

7 January  
4 February  
3 March  
7 April

Are you a Jewish girl between the ages of 11 and 13? Come and learn about the club that's "for girls, run by girls and starring girls" - the Bat Mitzvah Club! Girls are in charge here - running the meetings, preparing programmes, and arranging activities. Be a leader or a participant - share ideas, friendships and fun.

**If you like activities, friends, food and conversation, you'll definitely fit right in!**