

Twins theme for play scheme

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THE yearly Shoshanim Winter play scheme was once again a huge success. Children from nine different girls' school took part in the play scheme which operated this year under the theme of "twins".

The fun began in the YHS hall in Stamford Hill, with a grand welcome social performed by the dedicated youth volunteers, followed by a twins' panel featuring 6 pairs of twins of all different ages. The various twins gave valuable insights into how it feels to be a twin; their need to be viewed as individuals; the benefits and difficulties of being a twin and their messages to us. The entire play scheme was then divided into groups for a competition with each group preparing costumes, posters and performances.

The highlight of the play scheme was a first time ever

performance in London with the famous "Twins of France" who came from the USA to entertain the children. Because of the need for a high ceiling, the performance couldn't take place on the premises and instead all the children were taken to Tottenham Green Leisure Centre for a spectacle of a lifetime.

Likewise, a separate performance took place for boys. Crowds at both events were enthralled by the acrobatics and amazed at the balancing acts. Mrs Nechama Lamm also gave of her time to teach important values in a fun story-telling session.

The programme also included trips to indoor soft plays Partyman of Play and Kids Adventure Zone plus a trampoline Park Better Extreme and a fun swim at Tottenham Green Leisure Pool. There was also scooter riding, parachute games, circus skills, ball games, and much else besides.

A Chanukah Double Vision Extraganza event included mirror games and fun as well as a presentation by Mrs S Halpert (Headteacher of Satmar School KSI) who taught children that we never see the full picture so we may never judge another person.

Mrs R Gross, who had a few children in the play scheme, commented: "there is nothing in the world like Shoshanim. It is so full of content. Every minute is thrilling, and filled with friendship and joy". Her daughter, Malky added: "every minute is more fun than the one before; you never know what is coming next".

Shoshanim which is a project of the Rabbi S Pinter Youth Project, runs play schemes for children from reception class to year 6, three times a year; in the summer holidays, in the winter holidays and before Pesach.