

attended the opening of the Anna Finchas Arts Centre at the Emunah children's home in Afula. It was an emotional day for Derek Pollock, 93, in whose daughter's name the centre was dedicated.

Mrs. Finchas, who passed away in 2010, was a renowned conceptual artist who exhibited regularly at the Ben Uri Gallery. She was an active Emunah member and a staunch supporter of the charity's work in Eretz Yisrael.

With tears in his eyes, Mr. Pollock spoke of "the warmth and love of Anna's very being." He expressed delight that the children were making good use of the centre, saying: "How appropriate that her love of *mitzvos*, deep faith and love of art should have found a common home."

Anna's husband Asher Finchas affixed the *mezuzah* on the door, watched by sons Yehuda, Yoel and Yonatan. Her sister, Jean Shindler, stood proudly by one of Anna's paintings, on display.

Paying tribute to the artist, World Emunah treasurer Judy Cohen, a close friend, said, "Anna was one of the most spiritual people I have ever known; this building will play an important role in

the lives of children at the home."

Earlier Shlomo Kessel, the home's director, led a tour of the campus before arriving at the newly refurbished building where art therapy and cultural activities would enrich the children's lives.

British Emunah's Mindy Wiesenbergs thanked Mr. Pollock, whose generosity had enabled the building to be refurbished and for therapists to be employed.

Orah Holds Successful Chessed Drive

Orah's first *chedsed* initiative has been a resounding success.

Prior to the Yamim Nora'im and Sukkos, Orah launched a brand new *chedsed* drive within North West London, designed to involve the entire community. Women and girls were asked to donate jewelry and unused accessories for the girls living in the Tikva orphanage in Odessa, Ukraine. Tikva is a well-known and much admired organisation for Russian girls from disadvantaged backgrounds, providing them with a warm and loving home catering to both their physical and spiritual needs.

One of the Orah organisers explained, "We didn't want peo-

ple to have to spend money, but rather to take what they already had and give it to those less fortunate. It was a wonderful way to involve the entire community and brighten the lives of these children."

The appeal was enthusiastically received. Local Jewish schools within the *kehillah* generously responded to the call. Accessories donated included hair bands, ribbons, bracelets, rings, necklaces and earrings. The overall fantastic response far exceeded the organisers' expectations. Orah participants then sorted and packaged the bags full of accessories to be shipped off to Odessa.

Mrs. Yael Simon, Tikva's English representative, was lost for words, "I am in awe of the gifts that were delivered! I've never seen anything before like this. Our girls in Odessa will feel like they've won the lottery! *Yasher koach* on all your efforts."

Buoyed by their wonderful success, Orah, which initiates Torah classes and other social activities for women and post-seminary girls, looks forward to following this up with similar *chedsed* initiatives in the future.

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Bill Bryson Science Prize Winners From JFS Attend Westminster Award Ceremony

JFS Year 13 students Gil Reich, Yuval Cohen and Joe Middleburgh have won the Secondary Schools category in the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Bill Bryson Prize 2012 competition. The young scientists attended a prize ceremony at the House of Commons in London last week, where they were presented with their awards by celebrated author Bill Bryson.

The RSC Bill Bryson Prize is an engaging and popular schools competition designed to encourage and recognise clear science communication in schools and colleges.

To mark the London 2012 Olympics, the theme for this year's competition was "Science and Sport." The RSC received 345 creative entries from secondary school students across the United Kingdom, as well as entries from international school students.

The winning entry from JFS was an entertaining and informative short film on how food generates energy in the body and the role of proteins in muscle growth and repair.

The students were congratulated on their award by Bill Bryson and RSC President Professor Lesley Yellowlees at a prize ceremony in the Speaker's House at the House of Commons, Westminster. They were each presented with a certificate and £50 and £500 was awarded to

ing elections for the position of Greater Manchester police and crime commissioner, the Jewish Representative Council will be giving the *kehillah* an opportunity to question the candidates.

At the elections, the public is being asked to choose for the first time the person who will have the most senior position in Greater Manchester to establish law and order and fight against crime. There are five candidates for the position, including members of the Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat, UKIP and Independent parties. As part of the regular monthly Council meeting, the Jewish Representative Council has asked the candidates to speak about their plans and visions for Manchester.

Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for them to answer questions from the public. The meeting will take place in the Nicky Alliance Centre on Sunday Nov. 4 at 10.30 a.m.

Manchester Mesivta Holds Llandudno Weekend

The boys of Year 10 in Manchester Mesivta recently participated in a long weekend in Llandudno. The purpose of the camp-style weekend was to develop the leadership skills of the pupils. Under the direction of their *Gemara rebbi*, Rabbi Yisroel Hassell, the boys took upon themselves the responsibilities of organizing the trip. This included the initial planning and catering. The boys also ran the Shabbos *tefillas* and *krias haTorah*.

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