



Pinwheel Pony

International Convention 2004

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Pinwheel Power

- Rachael Segal

Well, here it is...my article for what now seems to be "Weekly" ponies. Feels like just yesterday I was writing for the RBG edition...oh wait, I was!

I.C....When I think of international convention I think of:

- Being overwhelmed by the Jewish population of the hotel.
- Opening ceremonies. If you don't know why, you will soon!
- Meeting people from ALL over North America

But most importantly, I think of the bond that forms within the region. I know that sounds cliché but when I look back on last year's international convention in Toronto, I remember Pinwheel. I remember trudging through the slushy streets of Montreal. I remember falling asleep at the museum in Quebec. I remember the best ruach session in the history of Pinwheel, on the Friday night. Swimming, watching Hebrew Hammer, packing EVERY girl into one hotel room, and all in all BEING with Pinwheel for an AMAZING 10 days. Yes, it was great to meet people from other cities, but the bond that I developed with the region at International convention is something that I hope all of you have, or will develop this year as well.

Let's go out there and show International U.S.Y what PINWHEEL U.S.Y is all about. Party on Pinwheel...

Rachael Segal
Pinwheel Regional President '04-'05

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SA/TO SPEAKS

-Gilad Berenstein

Well, I was not really sure what to write about, so I'll write a little about a lot of things. First off, I want to tell you all how excited I am for this upcoming 8 days; it's kind of like the 8 days of Hanukkah (which starts tonight) but better. This is my last of four international conventions (well hopefully not my last), so this one is especially exciting for me. I can still think back to my first IC in DC, I was a little freshman that had never been to a USY convention and I was thrown into this madness of 1200 Jews living in one hotel. I can still remember listening to the SA/TO VP speak, what about I do not remember, but I remember that I was so impressed with this experienced USYer, I was over-whelmed, and I wanted to be just like him. It is still hard for me to believe that I am running for that same position and hopefully I will be able to give that same feeling to some lowly freshmen and inspire him to reach for the stars. No matter what happens this Tuesday afternoon I want to thank you all for being such an amazing region, for making the last 3.5 years so ostentatious, and for always being there; there truly is no better region than Pinwheel.

On a more USY relevant topic (SA/TO of course) I want to congratulate us all on starting this year off strong and with that I have a challenge for us all, actually two challenges. The first is this: last year our small region (without cheating I would add) took 3rd place over all in the IC coin challenge competition beating 14 regions most of whom were bigger than us. My challenge this year is for us to take first, NUMERO UNO, Mispar ehad, Makom Rishon! I know we can do it, together we will show international what pinwheel is all about. My second challenge is for the rest of the year. I challenge us to work just a little bit harder back home. Last year we raised just under \$10,000 for TO, this year I want us to break that barrier that has never been broken in the pinwheel region, I want us to raise at least \$10,000. This

goal will be easily accomplished if we work together!

In closing I want to thank you all again for everything that you do and like I said, I want to thank you for being an amazing group of people and friends. Enjoy the next 8 days; you never know if you will have an experience like this again. Enjoy everything, participate in as much as you can, meet new people and make new friends. International convention is where I got my start and I promise you this is an experience that you will always remember.

B'Hahavah,

Gilad Berenstein
Pinwheel SA/TO VP



Communications Corner

Hey Everyone!

I hope you're enjoying the latest edition of the Pinwheel Pony – hopefully it will make the ride fly by (no pun intended). This is one of the many projects currently underway in my department.

Projects aside, however, general communication is really important to our region because we are so spread out. I am working with my RGB counterparts now to get the listserv open to more current USYers. If you have a list of people that you want added to the listserv, please email me their email addresses. A major goal for the rest of this year is attracting new members, and good communication is the only way to get our numbers back up to where they should be.

This is my first international convention, and I am really excited to finally see with my own eyes the amazing phenomenon that I have heard so much about. That's all for now

-Jon Davis,
Pinwheel Communications VP
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Religious Ramble

-Dani Saks

As I think about International Convention and the possibility of becoming USY's new International Rel/Ed, I look back on what our region has given to me. I'm truly grateful to every single member of Pinwheel region. You've all taught me so much about not only the value of being a leader but the value of friendship. I've built so many relationships with everyone in our region and I've learned something special from every last person. That being said, I'm really looking forward to applying what you all have taught me on the International level. I have spent the past year on International General Board instituting rel/ed programs across North America but I've always felt the desire to achieve more. My goal is to bring to Pinwheel and every other small region the tools and resources that we lack while maintaining our spirited attitude. Picture it like a ruach session every time you study. Education with passion. Uniting USY with Judaism is my goal and **our** conventions have been my inspiration. The anticipation of seeing your friends again after two months apart which feels like a century. How we all seem to meld together when singing zemirot or praying with "kavanah" (reference to all those that attended RGB weekend 😊). It is these things that have fueled my insight and drive on the International stage.

Everyone loves our region for different reasons but after a year and a half on board I can definitively say that I love it for our individuality. Living in the west coast after moving from the east has allowed me to truly appreciate the value of diversity. I love that we don't act like east coast USYers and going to IC for you newcomers, you'll definitely notice that. In **everything** we stand out. Value it, treasure it. I will absolutely do those things on International Board and teach all of USY the benefit of individuality. It saddens me to think that this will be my last semester with our fantastic region but I hope I've made an impact on all of you as much as you have for me.

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"Shalom Shlomo!"

A Message from the Regional Greeters . .

SHALOM TO THE COOLEST REGION EVER!!!!!!

Your regional greeters here, well actually, only part of the regional greeter duo. I know, we haven't made much of a presence considering absences from conventions and ill-preparation...But get ready pinwheelers, we are here and not backing down. From the lonely frosh (or grade niner) to the junior or grade elevener who has never missed a convention, the regional greeters will be there for you. Not feeling welcomed enough? Having trouble feeling included in services? WELCOME! Unaccustomed to the *craziness* of this region? Look no further for guidance, it is our/ my privilege to assist you in any of your "awkward" moments. Spread out though we might be, there is no region tighter than Pinwheel and no region more willing to greet you with open arms, literally. BIENVENIDOS! Quick personal side note: after Kadima, my first major convention was International Convention in Orlando!!!! There, 63 fellow pinwheelers welcomed me into their group. All be it, I might not be *shy*, I still knew very few people, let alone was I close with any of them. Soon I found out that unlike school, grade separations were nothing in pinwheel. ACCUEIL! As an outsider, no one could tell who was a tenth grader and who was a twelfth grader. No distinctions! In fact, it were my relationships with a certain group of girls a year older than me, who, may I admit, really know how to do a body roll, that made me fall in love with USY. EMPFANG! There is no feeling like when you have lost your 'press me' sticker and the girl you met only like five minutes ago runs into the store across the street and finds you one. It's the greatest feeling in the world-**I have a friend!** BENVENUTO! Don't get me wrong, it's not simply at the gargantuan conventions that miracles like this can happen- even at the conventions where there are hardly any

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Typical rel/ed, I have to relate my sentimentality to something Jewish. Not because I feel like I have to but because our religion is so full of valuable lessons that it would be tragedy not to recognize them. So here goes:

Why is Chanukah always such a popular and recognized holiday? A typical answer would be that it is close to Christmas and as a minority, we feel that we have to fit in with our gentile neighbors so we share in the joy of our winter holidays. This answer is too simple for me. If you look at the message of Chanukah you will understand that it is the celebration of our culture in the face of assimilation. The Jews resisted the Greeks with faith that their values would persevere even with the threat of extermination. That belief is the same one I hold in respect to USY. In the face of assimilation that is ever growing, devotion to USY and Pinwheel will ensure that we will **never** give in. Our culture and tradition will survive thanks to our wonderful Jewish youth group. So party it up at IC '04 with the knowledge that you are participating in something truly great and joyful. The continuation of the Jewish people.

Yours Truly,
Dani Saks
Pinwheel Regional Rel/Ed



Pinwheel goes...

INTO THE NIGHT!

Date: January 22nd 10 pm - January 23rd 10 am

Where: Seattle

Pinwheel goes all night long at the best unofficial regional event EVER hosted by Seattle Nimratz. A mystery bus ride, food, dancing all night long and best of all,

FRIENDS!!! If you have any questions e-mail Anna Bennett at

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Eden Goldman at sugarplum421@hotmail.com



A Story from the IC Chairs

by Shana Bloom and Ben Silver

Once upon a time, there was a little region named Pinwheel that decided to go to Chicago for Winter Break. Pinwheel brought his REB (a special book of instructions) and his USYers (a very noisy type of radio). Pinwheel spun all the way to the Windy City, stopping for a rest at a pretty camp and then landing in front of a glorious hotel. Going inside, Pinwheel noticed many other (and rather large) Regions standing around, wearing wierd t-shirts and looking bored.

Adjusting his super cool red hot-dog t-shirt, Pinwheel began to spin a little. Spin! Spin! Spin! he went. All of the other regions were looking at him like he was crazy, but Pinwheel kept on spinning. Soon,

the other regions started to join in. "Look at me, eh!" said ECRUSY. "Oh man, Pinwheel is so not!" whispered New Fronteir to Metny. Pinwheel grinned to himself. He couldn't help being so attractive.

After all of the spinning and twirling and gliding was finished, Pinwheel and all of the other regions did everything together, what with taking educational classes, eating, going downtown Chicago, and Pinwheel's personal favorite) dancing.

Finally, it was time to say goodbye. Sobbing uncontrollably, Pinwheel promised to write to his new friends and to visit them whenever he could. Pinwheel was very sad on the spin home. When he finally reached Schechter, his father, Neal, came running out and said, "Well? How was it?!"

And beneath the tears, the sorrow, and the grief of not being with his friends, Pinwheel pushed forward a huge smile and said, "It was the ride of my life."

Word.



Thanks to everyone who wrote an article for this very large and enjoyable Pony!!
- The Pony Staff



A I R P I N W H E E L

Escape USY Summer Programs

Here is a list of summer programs this year! For more information, contact Jacob Rozenberg and Solly Markovitch

Program	“Classic” Israel Pilgrimage	Eastern Europe/ Israel Pilgrimage	Israel Pilgrimage/ Poland Seminar	Spain Israel Pilgrimage	Etgar! The Ultimate Israel Challenge
Dates: (2005)	<i>1st departure - June 21 to August 1; 2nd Departure - June 28 to August 8</i>	<i>1st departure - June 20 to August 1 2nd departure - June 27 to August 8</i>	<i>1st departure - June 20 to August 1; 2nd departure - June 27 to August 8</i>	<i>1st departure - June 20 to August 1 2nd departure - June 27 to August 8</i>	June 28 to August 1
Cost:	\$5,835	\$6,430	\$6,170	\$6,235	\$4,340
Grades:	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12
Preliminary Application Due:	February 11th	February 11th	February 11th	February 11th	February 11th
About Program:	Spend your summer with USY for a complete introduction to the land of Israel. You'll be exposed to the history and contemporary realities of Judaism and Israel. Climb the fortress of Masada, explore the stalactite caves of Netifim, swim in the waters of the Kinneret, pray at the Kotel, and drink tea in a Bedouin tent on the sands of the Negev desert. You'll experience these sights and sounds with new friends who share your love of the Jewish homeland.	In this six-week program, you'll spend two weeks exploring the history and cultures of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary. Emphasis is placed on the past, present, and future of these extraordinary Jewish communities. After you experience Eastern Europe, spend four weeks of renewal exploring the length and breadth of Israel as you have a	Begin the summer with one week in Poland, visiting Warsaw, Cracow and Lublin, including the concentration camp sites of Auschwitz, Birkenau, Treblinka, Sobibor and Majdanek. You'll spend your time in Poland exploring and studying the Holocaust and history of Polish Jewry. After you experience Poland, spend five weeks of renewal exploring the length and breadth of Israel as you have a full Israel Pilgrimage experience.	Explore the great heritage of Jewish Spain including many famous philosophers, commentators, writers, and poets, such as Maimonides, Abarbanel, Ibn Ezra, Rambam, and Ibn Gvirol. Expect to discover and important side of the Jewish roots in Spain. Highlights include: Madrid, Cordoba, Sevilla, Granada, and Toledo. After you experience Spain, spend five weeks exploring the length and breadth of Israel as you have a full Israel Pilgrimage experience.	This five week program is for those who have already participated in the Israel Pilgrimage or a similar program. Go beyond the souvenir stands and discover the Israeli side of Israel. Meet the challenge of study combined with volunteer work, hiking, and interaction with NOAM, USY's sister movement in Israel.

Word Of Advice

By Jon Abel

Here's something I can do without:

People ahead of me on the supermarket line who are paying for an inexpensive item by credit card or personal check. People! Take my word for this: Tic Tacs is not a major purchase. And, I get just as discouraged when a guy whose buying a simple jar of spaghetti sauce tries to pay with a letter of credit from the Bank of Liechtenstein. Folks, carry some money around, will ya? It comes in handy! No one should be borrowing money from a bank at 18 percent interest to buy a loaf of bread.

And what about these cretins at the airport gift shop who think somehow they're in the Mall of America? It's an airport! I'm standin' there with one newspaper and a pack of gum; I gotta get to my plane. Why does the genetic defective ahead of me choose this moment to purchase a complete set of dishes and a new fall wardrobe? What is this, frickin' Macy's? And of course, the clerk lady has to carefully wrap each dish separately, but she's working real fast, because she's eighty-nine!! Plus she's from Sri Lanka. The rural part. And now dishman wants to know if it's okay to use Turkish traveler's checks. You know what I do? I steal things. I grab a handful of candy bars and six magazines and head for the gate. My attitude? It wasn't their stuff to begin with.



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people; one minute outside a Richmond Rendezvous dance can change the rest of your life forever. Just ask Mrs. President... Now now, back to the regional greeter stuff. By the way, if this is your first convention- I WISH YOU HAPPY TRAILS AND WELCOME TO UM... THE MOST AWESOMEST REGION IN THIS OLAM! HET WELKOM! Just for Dani, I'll give you some perspective as to why this job is so important. From Mishpatim to Lech L'Cha, many parashahs talk about welcoming the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Well, my orphaned children, I am here to welcome you to our humble home. BOAS-VINDAS! Whether for Shabbas, or for Encampment, USY is here to welcome in us strangers, widows, and orphans. With this greeting, our eyes are then opened to the magical world of, nope not Disney (psyche!), but **United Synagogue Youth!** ÔÿÿËÂ! I know it must seem like I am babbling, which I am considering I am taking time out of my day to write this, so it has to big and noticeable, but I also truly believe in the things I am saying. MOTTAKELSE! I am sorry if our regional greetership is not quite up to par, but you are seeing the blossom of what is soon to be a VERY large flower. But for right now, even just a simple smile can make a person feel welcome. So not only do I uuuuuuuurges us, but I urge all old and new comers to smile, wave, or say hi to at least TWENTY people today, you never know, you might make their day, or even their week. a~~~~"! I know most of you might think that regional hair stylist is the coolest position on RGB, and you have a very valid point, but smiles make the world go round ☺.

So for all of those who didn't get it, I the random typing outbursts were simply typing outbursts rather the word 'welcome' in ten different languages: English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Norwegian, and simple Chinese.

Well, I love you all, actually, but I must run along and make some babies- psyche! Not real ones, gingerbread ones! If you have any comments, concerns, questions, or just want to chat, my e-mail is portlandusyred@yahoo.com . Enjoy whatever you are doing now and YEAH USY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Stephi Blank



AIR PINWHEEL



ISRAELI POWER HOUR

-Jody Zellman

Well, it is finally here: the culmination of your existence, the only reason you are ever happy, and the only event that you will truly cherish for the rest of your life.... International Convention! That's right, it is THAT good...and anyone who tells you otherwise is obviously not a friend of yours, and I would suggest severing all ties with them immediately. No really, in all honesty, anyone who tells you otherwise is probably a criminal or at least has a few unpaid parking tickets buried in their backyard...

Good, now that we are all warm and limbered up... I decided for this edition of Israeli Power Hour we would lighten things up, and I would provide you with a few tidbits from/about Israel. NOW, I do not want you prematurely labeling these tidbits as the usual "boring, have no relevance to anything, waste of my sweet precious time" tidbits...WHOA. No man. These are the kind of tidbits that you could casually mention at a party, and within *minutes* have people hoisting you up on a chair, while singing Hava Nagilah, and dancing the *hora* around you. Yeah...seriously...these are darn good tidbits...and if anyone suggests otherwise...please reference them to the above "implications of suggesting otherwise" section. So without further ado... I give you...

"Casual Israel Tidbits...That Would Be Great To Drop At a Party... Or Two"

(Please note: EXCEPTIONALLY good tidbits to drop at parties are marked with an " * ")

- Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world.
- Israel is ranked #2 in the world for venture capital funds right behind the US.
- Outside the United States and Canada, Israel has the largest number of NASDAQ listed companies.
- Israel has the highest average living standards in the Middle East. The per capita income in 2000 was over \$17,500, exceeding that of the UK.
- With an aerial arsenal of over 250 F-16s, Israel has the largest fleet of the aircraft outside of the US.
- * Israel has the largest raptor migration in the world, with hundreds of thousands of African birds of prey crossing as they fan out into Asia.
- In 1984 and 1991, Israel airlifted a total of 22,000 Ethiopian Jews at risk in Ethiopia to safety in Israel.
- When Gold Meir was elected Prime Minister of Israel in 1969, she became the world's second elected female leader in modern times.
- Israel has the third highest rate of entrepreneurship - and the highest rate among women and among people over 55 - in the world.
- Relative to its population, Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing nation on earth. Immigrants come in search of democracy, religious freedom, and economic opportunity.
- * Israel was the first nation in the world to adopt the Kimberly process, an international standard that certifies diamonds as "conflict free."
- According to industry officials, Israel designed the airline industry's most impenetrable flight security. U.S. officials now look to Israel for advice on how to handle airborne security threats.
- Israel's Maccabi basketball team won the European championships in 2001.
- Israeli tennis player Anna Smashnova is the 15th ranked female player in the world.



· * Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers was produced by Haim Saban, an Israeli whose family fled persecution in

Egypt.

- In 1991, during the Gulf War, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra played a concert wearing gas masks as scud missiles fired by Saddam Hussein fell on Tel Aviv.
- Israel has the world's second highest per capita of new books.
- Israel is the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees.
- Israel has more museums per capita than any other country.
- An Israeli company developed a computerized system for ensuring proper administration of medications, thus removing human error from medical treatment. Every year in U.S. hospitals 7,000 patients die from treatment mistakes.
- * Israel's Givun imaging developed the first ingestible video camera, so small it fits inside a pill. Used to view the small intestine from the inside, the camera helps doctors diagnose cancer and digestive disorders.
- Israel has the highest percentage in the world of home computers per capita.
- * The cell phone was developed in Israel by Motorola, which has its largest development center in Israel.

More Israeli Tidbits!

Now, I know some of you are sensitive to "humor" or "laughing"...so you can go ahead and set this down, and instead read the Emergency Exit Procedures Manual that is sitting in the seat pocket in front of you...and if I catch you laughing *at that*.... Man, you are one sick...

-Morris calls his son in NY and says, "Benny, I have something to tell you. However, I don't want to discuss it. I'm merely telling you because you're my oldest child, and I thought you ought to know. I've made up my mind, I'm divorcing Mama."

The son is shocked, and asks his father to tell him what happened.

"I don't want to get into it. My mind is made up."

"But Dad, you just can't decide to divorce Mama just like that after 54 years together. What happened?"

"It's too painful to talk about it. I only called because you're my son, and I thought you should know. I really don't want to get into it anymore than this. You can call your sister and tell her. It will spare me the pain."

"But where's Mama? Can I talk to her?"

"No, I don't want you to say anything to her about it. I haven't told her yet. Believe me it hasn't been easy. I've agonized over it for several days, and I've finally come to a decision. I have an appointment with the lawyer the day after tomorrow."



“Dad, don’t do anything rash. I’m going to take the first flight down. Promise me that you won’t do anything until I get there.”

“Well, all right, I promise. Next week is Passover. I’ll hold off seeing the lawyer until after the Seder. Call your sister in NJ and break the news to her. I just can’t bear to talk about it anymore.”

A half hour later, Morris receives a call from his daughter who tells him that she and her brother were able to get tickets and that they and the children will be arriving in Florida the day after tomorrow.

“Benny told me that you don’t want to talk about it on the telephone, but promise me that you won’t do anything until we both get there.”

Morris promises. After hanging up from his daughter, Morris turns to his wife and says, “Well, it worked this time, but we are going to have to come up with a new idea to get them here for Rosh Hashanah.”

Best two Anagrams for “Pinwheel Loves Israel”

- Wholesale Lip Inverse
 - El-paso is hell....renew IV !
 - Pinwheel’s Love is real
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Well that is all from me. See you at Convention.
B’shalom!

Jody Zellman
(Anagram: Jolly mad zen)
Israeli Affairs VP
(Anagram: Airfare flips visa)

**FOR UPCOMING
ISRAEL SUMMER
PROGRAMS
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CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Richmond *Or Chadash*

I think that Richmond Or Chadash has proven that you don’t need a large chapter to be successful. With half of the year over Richmond (and Vancouver) have worked together to put on MANY great programs. Our kick-off event, Mystery bus tour, drew in 52 USYers! Richmond, Vancouver, and yes, one VERY special Seattleite embarked on a momentous night. From Krispy Kreme to Laser Tag, and finally Karaoke, the kids seemed to thoroughly enjoy the night put on by our Davis Brothers. Our next major event was our Retro Roller Skating Night, put together by yours truly. Off to Stardust we went for an evening of fun and Pizza (kosher of course) and roller skates. The event was a success with 44 USYers. As close neighbours, Richmond and Vancouver work together a lot. They also put on a great Theatre sports night, and hosted our Fall Kinnus Pump-Up. Or Chadash Isn’t even close to being done however. In the new year we plan to have one awesome program after another, including parents night out, USY lead services, and our 4th running Richmond Rondez vous Shabbaton.

- Josh Gaynor, President

Victoria *Chaverim*

Here in Victoria life is EXACTLY like the OC, except not at all. I don’t even know what that shows about (Jenni did however say something about wanting to marry some guy called Seth Cohen?!?!?!). Okay so down to business. Last time we submitted our article to the last pony too late, so I’ll start with the beginning. Our year got off to a pretty good start with our opening fundraiser where we made around 3000 dollars (thanks to Reuven and Marcus Brandt stepping in, as temporary advisors). We had our first event soon after the fundraiser and managed to get a good

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show of USYers out to a simple movie/ pizza/ havedalah night. Our study group "USY high" has met with the rabbi several times for a midweek discussion group, and we're looking forward to more in the new year. Things slowed down a little in November with our main event being USYers leading Shabbat services. We have great support from our new advisor Maxine and we're looking forward to bringing the board closer together for the new year, as well as developing some strategies for the unique challenges our board faces. As far as IC memories go (Jenni's memory) : "10 girls at the Silverman house." Now for the big moment: me and Jenni's favorite REB member's. Jenni: Jody Zellman. Josh: Tough decision, I've slept with Gilad though, so that's who its going to be.

- Josh Brandt, Co-President



What We Love about Kyle Berger

By Bram Newman and Michael Slonimer

After years of being model USYers, we, Michael Slonimer and Bram Newman, have realized that such upstanding behaviour, leadership and compassion can only be accredited to mentorship from Kyle Berger, the greatest role model Pinwheel has ever seen.

K} Jelly
Y}

Lorne Grintuch
Elana

Bald
Eulanda
Rockin' around the Christmas Tree
G-d like capabilities
Emphasis on bald
Regionalssss!

SOME MORE AWESOME ARTICLES

J LOVE PINWHEEL BECAUSE...

By Helen Bennett (with some help from her sister, Anna)

- Singing out of the B'Kol Echad is cool
- I have sweat pants with pinwheels on the butt
- Everyone has dark curly hair (and aren't embarrassed to wear it curly...except Hannah and Rachael J)
- Praying can be fun!
- The friends you make are your friends for life
- Judy and I are pen pals (real snail mail – how archaic)
- The only reason I have AIM and MSN is to talk to you USY people
- The senior boys are super hot *wink wink*
- Nealio is the coolest
- You learn how to be a Jewish leader
- When I come back to school on Monday with a raspy voice (or no voice at all) all my school friends know there was a convention over the weekend
- Pinwheel has Dani Saks J
- Getting more than 6 hours of sleep at one convention is unheard of
- Singing in the chadar bathroom can attract an audience (shalom rav anyone?)
- I learned what it means to "spoon" from Max Berde
- There's a point system for pretty much anything
- I could wear a different article of USY regalia every day and last for probably 2 months without any repeats
- It's the best thing that ever happened to me



Zack's Rant

I'm so and so and blah blah blah Today I found out about the history of the microwave. It was invented sorta by accident by this dude Percy Spencer. He was messing around with some crazy glazmazmazmatrons or something and a chocolate bar in his pocket melted. That led to the first commercial microwave oven called the 'Radarange'. I think they actually still used the Radarange back in the cafeteria at school cause once I remembered I was heating something up in this ancient microwave and I popped open the door and it didn't shut off. I remember standing in front of it not understanding going, 'Hmm. That's weird. When this microwave door is open the light stays on and the noise stays on. Weird. Then it hit me... THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S STILL ON!' I slammed the door and worried about my nuts for weeks.

So I'll b like wow that kind of reminds me of how Today on TV I learned that the Japanese are busy trying to control their dreams. There's this device available in Japan that you keep by your bed and tell it what you want to dream about. And somehow while you're asleep it will plug in those thoughts ...or so they say. Like you could dream about being on an island, or about eating ice cream sundaes, or about evil teddy bears with giant fangs that crawl out from under your bed backwards like crabs and then scatter all over you and you don't even have time to scream because as soon as you open your mouth one of the bears springs on your face like alien from the movie Alien and then an alien teddy bear bursts out from your stomach or whatever, ...or you could skip that and ask it to give you a dream about clouds or hot air balloons or something...

- Zack Finer

“Whoever thought an
immigrant would have a
Pony?!”

- Jerry Seinfeld

What Jaron and I learned driving to (and from) RGB weekend in my '96 Honda Accord:

By Elena Mayer

1. Don't ever, ever stop in Ft. Lewis, Washington for coffee. The average age of everyone in the Starbuck's was 35. And then there was us...
2. Bring good music. And don't forget show-tunes albums.
3. Beware of parking in Tacoma, Washington—little kids run around the parking lot aimlessly at 8 o'clock at night in the dark. It's really scary.
4. If you ask Neal, he will let you drive with us! (Point and case: Judy Rom drove from bowling to Schechter with us, despite being told that she couldn't. 'Cause we're that cool.)
5. Don't follow the bus that seems to be heading in a different direction than the other 2... It's probably going to get Krispy Kremes.
6. Trying to get out of Schechter when you are not being forced by an advisor to get on the bus takes hours. It's really hard to leave everybody!
7. Buy a real CD player for your car and don't rely on a portable CD player with a cassette deck hook-up, because when it stops working fluidly you will be really angry.

Happy (belated) Hanukkah! I've missed you all and I'm so excited for I.C.

IC OC Trivia!!!

By Gilad Berenstein

Test your knowledge of IC and the new hit show the O.C.

Answers on next page.

1. What number international convention is this? _____
2. Who are the two Jewish characters on the OC? _____
3. Where was IC 2001? _____
4. Who are the two main girls of the OC? _____
5. How many people is pinwheel sending to IC04? _____
6. What Pinwheel chapter did Seth run away to this past summer (in the show)?

7. What pinwheel chapter is nominated for chapter of the year? _____
8. What is Seth's toy houses name? _____
9. What Region is going to win this years coin challenge? _____
10. What is the icebreaker we are playing called? _____
11. What is the name of one of the convention chairs? _____
12. Who did Marissa's mom have an affair with? _____
13. What is the biggest kept secret before IC? _____
14. Who did Marissa get with this summer? _____

- IC OC Trivia Answers**
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| 1. 52 | 2. Seth and Randy Cohen |
| 3. DC | 4. Summer and Marissa |
| 5. 52 or 53 | 6. Portland |
| 7. Victoria | 8. Captain oats |
| 9. PINWHEEL | 10. Playfair |
| 11. Shayna & Jeremy | 12. Luke |
| 13. Where next year will be | 13. The yard boy |

