



## JOIN Israel Summer Update

### Let's Avoid the Problems in the First Place!

Fraud, theft, risky investments, ill-advised loans, loan guarantees, and many other risky behaviors can destroy the lives of unsuspecting individuals and families. Forewarned is forearmed!

Through a generous grant from Steven Glanz, CEO of Crosswire, JOIN Israel has launched the **Solutions-Prevention** project as a supplement to our **Solutions-Advocacy** program. Through workshops and articles we have begun alerting the public to risky behaviors, and educating them how to act prudently and avoid financial ruin.

Read the first of a series of enlightening articles published monthly in an English-language journal:

[Coffee Machine Scam](#); [Loan Guarantor Mistakes](#); [RE Investment Pitfalls](#); [Postdated Checks](#); [Opening a Business](#)

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### Academic Accolades to:

- JOIN Israel's computer center in Ashkelon's middle school, which placed **third nationally**, out of 1,444 participating schools, in the coveted **Cyber programming competition!**
- JOIN Israel's science center in Ashdod, which placed in the **top percentile in middle-school physics**. The program begins physics with students already from first grade!
- JOIN Israel's science, computer and reading centers in Petach Tikva, which upgraded the high school's academic excellence to help it become a **candidate** for the highly prestigious **National Education Award!**

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### Get Out of the Way for Literacy!

The **Young Leadership** group staged another fun and successful event to buy books for a library in Ashkelon: a **dodgeball tourney!** While the goal was serious – to boost educational opportunities and academic achievement for underprivileged children – the means to the end was serious fun. The exhilarating competition was followed by drinks at a nearby bar. Everyone promised to be back next spring for a rematch!

**Special thanks** to **Steve Frenchman** for arranging the space at Baruch College; to **Baruch College**; to **Jeffrey Keswin**, event sponsor; to **Harrison Fischer** for chairing and arranging most of the event; to **Adam Hirst** for leadership; to **Donna Breitbart** for PR; and to the entire **Event Committee!** Congrats to the winning team!

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**Congratulations** to **Averim and Evelyn Stavsky** on the marriage of their daughter Shira to Shimmy Karasick!

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## Books Purchased from Dodgeball Event

