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## EIGHTH GRADERS SPEND A MEANINGFUL AND FUN SHABBAT WITH YACHAD

Our eighth grade students spent an uplifting Shabbat together with Yachad in West Orange, NJ at Congregation AABJ&D. The weekend began as the guests arrived to the shul on Friday night and greeted one another. We had a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat lead by our very own Eli Novick. After davening the 8th Grade students and Yachad divided into groups for a game of headbandz during which they “broke the ice” and got to know each other. Our delicious dinner from Woxx was followed by the first “circle time.” Circle time gave our students and Yachad an opportunity to sit together and sing songs in an inclusive way, with Divrei Torah from a member of Yachad and from Tommi Ratzker. On Shabbat morning our students were active members of the Tefilla. Ethan Moses led Shacharit followed by Max Orbach’s Musaf. As the shabbat went on the students bonded with each other and the Yachad members through more singing, circle time with a Dvar Torah from Daniel Ben Zvi, and shabbat onegs. The shabbat concluded with beautiful singing as seuda shlisheet turned into a festive melave malke. The students rose to the occasion, welcomed the Yachad members with warmth, and really got into the spirit of the Shabbaton.

