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on their own; homegrown United States-based terrorists; and global terror cells that gain strength and adherents through strategic communications via the Internet. Noting that more than 400 terrorists have been convicted in this country over the decade since the 9/11 attacks.

The audience was also treated to special greetings from Jarrod Bernstein, President Obama's recently appointed Director of Jewish Outreach. Speaking on behalf of the president, Bernstein stated that the administration is "working daily to ensure Israel's security." He noted that President Obama has requested from Congress "the largest-ever amount of funding for military assistance for Israel.

Senator Charles Schumer spoke about Congress' firm support for the security of Israel, specifically with regard to planned attempts to further cut off Iran's banking powers.

The audience included Senator Daniel Squadron, Assemblymen Alec Brook-Krasny and Rory Lancman, and Councilmen Lew Fidler and Brad Lander, Congressman Robert Turner, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, and Congressman Jerrold Nadler.

One respected community leader summed up the feelings of those in attendance when he said, "it is important to interact with our government officials. That they clearly recognize and admire the importance of our community, is impressive."



MDY boys



MDY girls

## We MDY

Magen David Yeshivah has embarked on an initiative called We MDY. Its goal is to empower our children with the tools that increase their ability to overcome challenges.

Although this program's original focus was combating bullying, this program encompasses many other vital life skills.

The first unit, We Shine, which began last year, emphasized the uniqueness of all individuals, and taught the students how to recognize their own true value, and the value of those around them. It was a great success.

The first unit this year focuses on emotional intelligence—being able to identify feelings in one's self and in others, and on the development of empathy. Studies have shown that there is a connection between low levels of empathy and anti-social behavior. The more a child can empathize with his fellow students, the more likely he will treat them with respect.

The next unit "We Say Something," will teach the students the power of speech, and how and when to speak up to help others. Future units include lessons in problem solving skills and optimism.