BCCPAC Representation Report

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Name of Event: BC School Counsellor's Association Conference
Date of Event: October 22, 2009
Location of Event: Coast Plaza Hotel

This year's theme is **Partners Empowering BC's Youth**.
We were extended two invitations to this even for free.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach: *He has written many books, the one that caught my attention was "10 conversations you need to have with your child"*
He spoke eloquently on:

- *The social need for counselors in this world regardless of funding*
- *The differences between teaching and counseling*
- *The differences between wisdom and cleverness and how many clever people we have in our world today, how we encourage and teach cleverness. Yet we need more wisdom, we need to teach our children to be wise and thoughtful. Helping them decide what kind of person they are going to be will help them and this world far more than helping them plan for what they are going to do.*

Old Jewish saying*: the clever man can get himself out of the situation a wise man would not have gotten into.*
Recognizing the signs of Teen suicide:
Jude ? spoke of her son and his suicide 10 years ago. It was informative and moving. The statistics are shocking, over 3000 suicides a year in Canada.
She gives sessions to students parents teachers and anyone who would know to know about this subject. This needs to be talked about as young as 10 years old the age of kids taking their own life is getting younger.