

sculptures and handcrafted jewelry to ceramics, mosaic art and photography, where some of the artwork will be available for sale.

The event will take place on September 8-9 and 15-16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. For more information about the artists participating in the event and their home addresses: [trh.co.il/](http://trh.co.il/).

## Can you spell Musical Comedy in Tel Aviv?

*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is coming to Tel Aviv this week for three musical performances. After hitting Broadway in 2005, The Stage, Tel Aviv's premier English-language performing arts organization, brought together 22 cast and crew members from all over the country to perform the witty show in Israel.

The audience will relive what it is like to be a preteen through the enactment of six adolescents competing in a spelling bee, where only one will be named the champion. Make sure that you brush up on your spelling, because this show includes audience participation.

Shows will be performed on September 6, 7 and 9 at Beit Yad Lebanim, 63 Pinkas Street, Tel Aviv, at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at [www.thestagetlv.com](http://www.thestagetlv.com) and range from NIS 79 for soldiers and students to NIS 119 for preferred seating.

The show is appropriate for kids ages 10 and older.

## Bike sharing or bike stealing?

In 2011, Tel Aviv introduced the Tel-O-Fun bike-sharing service, similarly used by leading cities worldwide such as New York, London and Paris. Known for their convenience, these green bikes have become a staple of the city, with stations at almost every corner, making it easy for riders to rent and return. But it seems that some people have failed to return them.

It was recently reported by Hebrew media that many of these bikes have been stolen, and the police and Tel Aviv Municipality are starting to take action with special operations to prevent the thefts. According to a Channel 10 report, the municipality has reported 500 bikes stolen since March and 2,300 stolen in total in the past six years.

Thefts of such community bikes are not unique to Israel. In Paris there are an average of 750 bike-share thefts per month; in New York, 40; two in London and 100 in Tel Aviv.

Relive your preteen days: 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.'

(Steven Winston Photography)

A Tel-O-Fun bike rental in Tel Aviv. (Marc Israel Sellem)

