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Shabbat Shalom
Parashat Va' eira
Candlelighting 4:24 pm

**January 12, 2017
25 Tevet, 5778**

A Message from Andrea

I hope you can join us on Monday for this important
community conversation!

Shabbat Shalom!

January 18
Chumash Presentation
Rimonim

January 19
End of Term 1

January 22
Lower School Report
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7pm

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Mazel Tov to....

Gina and Jason
Gluck on the birth of
their daughter.

Ava Nicole Gluck was
born on Wednesday,
January 3, 2018. Special
congratulations go to
big
brothers **Brendan** (EC4)
and **Dylan** (EC2). We
wish them a lifetime of
happiness!

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SOLOMON SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL AND WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENT:

Thinking Beyond Disabilities:

A Community Conversation about Intersectionality

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, a conversation on disabilities and race

An evening of thoughtful conversation about disabilities, access and the intersectionality of race. This panel conversation will highlight the perspectives of four Connecticut leaders who have dedicated their lives to advocating on behalf of people with disabilities and providing direct services to them and their families in the hopes of meeting their individual, familial and community needs. This conversation will emphasize how race and culture intersect and help us understand these complex realities.

Monday, January 15, 2018 from 7 -8:30 pm

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford
26 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford, CT

This event is free and open to the public.

Reservations required. Please call **860-561-0700** or email rsvp@ssds-hartford.org.



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Technology and Design with Gesher

The Gesher students have begun a unit on technology and

Schechter Offers our Condolences to....

Ron Buckman and his son, Schechter graduate Jason (2014), on the loss of their beloved father and grandfather,

Martin Buckman

Schechter alumni Cassandra (1998), Jacob (2001), Ezekiel, and Hannah Donnelly on the loss of their beloved father,

Justin Donnelly

Avra Novarr and her children, Schechter alumni Jason (1998) and Matt and their families on the loss of their beloved father-in-law and grandfather,

Leo Novarr

Schechter teacher June Renert and her husband Richard and their family on the loss of their beloved sister-in-law and aunt,

Susan Renert

design, with the end result of creating their own invention. The students started off the unit exploring the effect technology has on our lives and how it is constantly changing. Students completed several different activities as part of their background research: in one activity, they combined different materials to see who could create the strongest glue; in another activity, students made prototypes of paper airplanes to see which one functioned the best in flying a far distance.



This week, the students are brainstorming about problems they face in their lives that could be solved with the aid of technology and/or creativity. This is the starting point for creating an invention.

On Wednesday, the students looked at a model called "SCAMPER," which is a tool that helps you generate ideas for new products and services by encouraging you to think about how you could improve existing ones. The students worked in groups to take an everyday school object and try to improve upon it.

The students look forward to creating prototypes of their own!



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Rogow MS focusing on balance during prayer

This week, the Middle School students studied mishna 2:13 from Avot, focusing on the balance between making prayers keva, meaning set or routine and kavanna, meaning intentional and personal.

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Would you like a grandparent, relative, or friend to receive the Schechter newsletter? Email ASobel@ssds-hartford.org and include the name, email address, and relationship to Schechter and we will add them to our list!

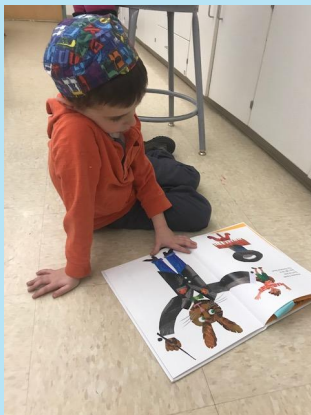


"Rabbi Shimon says: Be careful in the reciting of Shema and "the prayer" (Amida). When yo pray (the Amida), don't treat your praying as a matter of routine; but let it be a (plea for) mercy and supplication before God, blessed be He, as it says (Joel 2:13), 'For God is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and full of kindness, and repents of the evil. And do not be wicked in your own eyes.'"

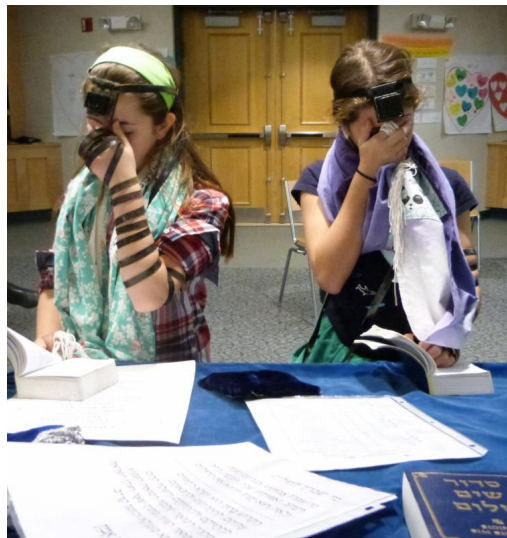


Inside the ArtStudio!

Papirim



According to Alex, a 7th grader, when we enter into prayer, we should feel that "you don't have to do it. You get to do it." To achieve that goal, students suggested changing up the melodies, varying English and Hebrew and focusing on different sections each time we pray. In addition, they suggested that we don't merely read the prayers by rote but rather read them to deeply understand them.



In tackling the final line of the mishna that tells us not to be wicked in our own eyes, 8th grader, Brady, shared this insight: "If what you're doing doesn't satisfy you, it's probably not going to satisfy God or someone else."

It is always a pleasure to learn with and from our students!

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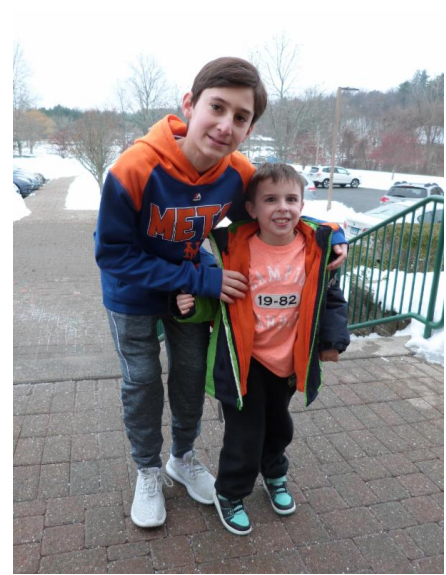
Middle Schoolers Launch Curbside drop off for EC!

We are so excited to announce the launch of Early Childhood Curbside AM Drop Off!

Early Childhood Curbside AM Drop Off is daily from
8:15 - 8:25 am.



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Gesher



This week, Schechter Middle School students began a rotating volunteer schedule to help EC parents who may be having a tough time navigating strollers in the snow. It's simple! EC parents just pull up to the curb at the front door and take their Early Childhood children out of their car seats. A Schechter Middle School student will greet the child at the curb, walk them up the steps into the building, and bring them to their classroom. On our inaugural day, there were big smiles from both our little ones and their "big kid" escorts!

We appreciate the enthusiastic help of our Middle School students, but because they have to get to their own classrooms by 8:30 am, we can only provide this service until 8:25 am. Join the fun... our Middle Schoolers are ready and waiting to help your little ones!!



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Save the Date for Ner Tamid!

Evening of Sunday, April 29, 2018
at Beth El Temple

This year's honorees are Eric and Jessica Zachs and
their children,
Ben and Paige, Jacob, and Zoë.

The Zachs family exemplifies Schechter's core values of
Chochma (Wisdom), *Klal Yisrael* (Community) and
Lev Tov (Good Heart). We hope you will join us to
celebrate Schechter and our honorees.



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Alumni Update!

Matt Baram (Schechter 2004) will be getting married to Alayna Baron on January 21st in Henderson Nevada at Midbar Kodesh Temple, where her parents Dr. Howard and Bonni Baron reside. Matt is the Millennial Director at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles in charge of its Young Professionals, Youth, Friday Night Live Services, and Trips to Israel. Alayna teaches First Grade at the Pressman Academy (Jewish Day School) in Los Angeles.

Matt's father, David, was a vice president on Schechter's Board of Trustees and chaired the Building Committee for the existing

school. He is a Judge of Probate and a practicing attorney in Bloomfield. He served as State Representative for 9 years from Bloomfield/Windsor. His mother Paula, is a pre-school teacher at the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Early Learning Center of the Mandell JCC. She was a long time religious school teacher at Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield.

Matt's brother, Danny, graduated Schechter in 2000 and is a Manager in the Digital Distribution Department of NBC in Los Angeles.

Mazal tov to the entire family on their upcoming simcha!



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Proudly Presents

Talent Show

SAVE THE DATE

When: Sunday, February 4 at 3 pm
Where: Schechter Auditorium

For questions, contact Bella Medvedovski
shnayder@hotmail.com

Showcasing the talented students of Solomon Schechter



Join other Jewish teens as we spread the joy of reading with Children's Reading Partners on [January 14th](#)!

This event includes lunch and a service project.
Suggested donation of \$5 or a gently used book.

Questions? Email office@jtconnect.org
RSVP link [HERE](#) by Wednesday, January 10th



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Learning Connection**

Building community... Inspiring leadership

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INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Sunday, January 28 | 7 pm

Panera Bread, 2534 Albany Avenue, West Hartford

Are you part of an intermarried couple/family? How did you celebrate the December holidays? Did you do things differently this year than in the past? What went well? What didn't? Join others, share experiences and get new ideas!

RSVP: Elana MacGilpin, emacgilpin@mandelljcc.org, 860-231-6366



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Join Solomon Schechter Day School for Havdallah and Hockey featuring Jewish A Capella Group Six13!

All children will receive a special Havdallah gift!

Following Havdallah, we will attend the Hartford Wolfpack game at the XL Center

Cost:

5:30pm Havdallah with Six13 Hilton Hartford - Free!!

7:30pm Hockey game XL Center - Tickets \$10 each

For more information and to reserve your space today, please use this

link. <https://form.jotform.com/73314196353153>

Ticket orders and RSVP are due January 7

Due to space limitations, walk ins are not permitted.

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On Sunday, February 4, 2018,
celebrate the **World Wide Wrap**

at the Emanuel Synagogue

(160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford)

and join congregations from around the world
performing the Mitzvah of wrapping Tefillin.

At **9:00am**, receive interactive Tefillin wrapping
instructions.

At **10:00am**, experience a lively, musical, family-friendly,
shortened morning service


10:30-11:30am, enjoy brunch prepared by the Emanuel
Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Minyonaires, Religious
School and Ritual Committee.

This Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs program is free

and open to the community, family and friends. No
RSVP required.


Contact tdbomzer@gmail.com for more info

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Young Israel of West Hartford Movie Night
Saturday Night, January 20 at 8:00 p.m.

IN OUR HANDS: THE BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM



In Our Hands tells the story of the Battle of Jerusalem in the Six-Day War through the eyes of the IDF's 55th Paratrooper Brigade

Internet Movie Database Review
"Stirring, documentary of the famous six days war, in which Israel liberated Jerusalem. The movie merges actual film sequences from the war with survivors' testimonies and also well-acted dramatizations that put the viewers into the battles. From the political and ethnic friction that led to the war to the ground-level foot soldier exploits (an elite IDF paratrooper battalion), the film is tightly directed and edited, and of high production value. The actors are believable and the musical score quite moving. Very well done."

Free Admission & Free Refreshments
Film to be shown at 2240 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT

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YOUNG ISRAEL SPEAKERS SERIES 5778
presents
SHABBAT WITH PROFESSOR NECHAMA PRICE
Shabbat BeShalach • January 26-27, 2018



Both Director and alumna of the Program for Advanced Talmud Studies (GPATS) at Yeshiva University, **Professor Nechama Price** is preparing an elite cadre of female scholars of Talmud and Halacha to serve as leaders and role models for the Orthodox Jewish community.

Nechama Price serves on the Judaic Studies faculty in Stern College teaching courses in Tanach and Halacha. She graduated from Stern College, received her Masters in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School and a Masters in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School. In addition, she serves as a Yoetzet Halacha (Adviser in Jewish Law) in Englewood, Tenafly, and Long Branch. She regularly gives shiurim throughout the greater NY area along with a weekly shiur in her hometown in Teaneck, NJ.



Also upcoming as part of 5778 Speakers Series...

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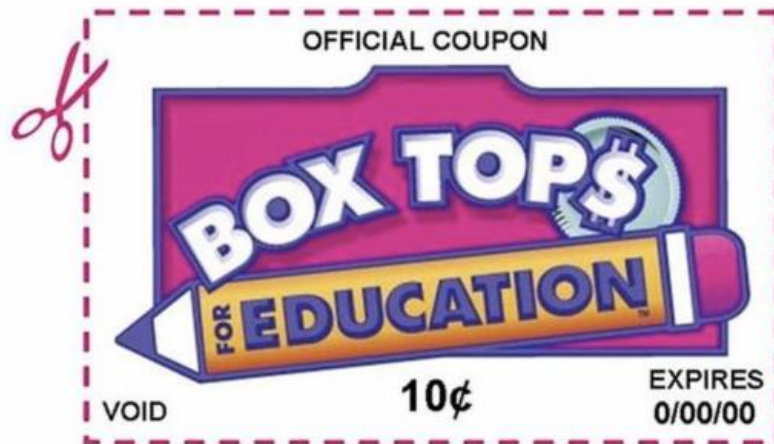
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