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Day
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Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Shemot

Candlelighting 4:17 pm

January 5, 2017

18 Tevet, 5778

A Message from Nancy

Open Hands, Open Hearts

"L'havdil!" Directly translated, this Hebrew word means simply "to separate." However, when you say it emphatically or even vehemently with the emphasis on the "hav" syllable, the word takes on a totally different meaning that really can't be translated. Generally, it is used when comparing two things: one mundane and one holy.

Let me share an example with you. As the Revolutionary War broke out in the colonies, according to popular lore, Paul Revere rode through the colonies shouting, "The British are coming! The British are coming!" This statement came to represent a rallying cry to force out those who would come from across the ocean and who threatened the colonists' very way of life. "The British are coming!" was a warning to Americans to protect themselves, to put up barriers and to take up arms.

L'havdil! Refugees of hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico are presently making their way across a different body of water to find safety and security in our community. Well over 600 children already enrolled in Hartford public schools by last October, and thousands of Puerto Rican residents are expected to join our community over the next couple of years.

Why "L'havdil"? Unlike actions taken during the Revolutionary War, "They're coming!" is not a warning to close doors and shut others out. Rather, we, as a community, have holy work ahead of us. Buoyed by our core values of Lev Tov (good heart) and K'lal Yisrael (community) we are proud to announce that along with a number

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Middle School
Restructuring Info
Meeting for
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Chumash
Presentation
Rimonim

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7pm

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Program for 6th
grade families

January 31
MakerSpace Night
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Mazel Tov to....

Jeff and Julie Noll
on the Bar Mitzvah
of their son
Marley (8th Grade)

of area synagogues and Jewish agencies, Schechter has joined an initiative sponsored by Federation and the Jewish Community Relations Council to offer support to Puerto Rican and Caribbean refugees moving to Hartford. This drive will begin on January 8th and continue through February 9th. A donation bin will be located at the front door of the building.

WHAT IS NEEDED

Please donate the following unopened, unexpired food items:

- Grace or Goya brand products including bags of rice, bags of beans, and cans of tomato sauce or tomato paste
- Spices and seasonings including sugar, salt, adobo, sazón and garlic powder
- Cereal: all Kellogg's brand cereals, Cheerios, Cream of Wheat and Quaker Oats
- Coffee or juice including Bustelo, Pilon or Maxwell brand coffee and Capri Sun brand juice drink

We thank you in advance for your support. With your help, "They're coming!" will not represent barriers to be built. L'havdil! Those words will inspire open hands and open hearts. That is the Schechter way!



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Save the Date for Ner Tamid!

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Evening of Sunday, April 29, 2018

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Schechter Offers our Condolences to....

Lisa Levy and Jim Schulwolf and their children, Schechter graduates Erik (2002), Daniel (2006), and Sara Schulwolf (2009), and to former Schechter librarian Joan Levy on the loss of their beloved brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and husband

Joel Grauman Levy

Former Schechter Board Member Ron Peikes and his children, Schechter graduates Claire (2015), Jonathan (2013), Samantha (2010), and Katie (2007), on the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother

Antoinette Toni Peikes

Bonnie and Joel Wolfe and their children, Schechter graduates Ilana and Ari, and their families,

at Beth El Temple

We are thrilled to announce that 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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To keep up with all the happenings at SSDS,
Follow us on Twitter [HERE](#) and on Facebook [HERE](#)

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Schechter Alum making it in the Music World!

Recording artist Richie Campbell on his album "Lisboa," Portuguese for Lisbon, features **Nadav Chatinover**, former Schechter Student and son of **Rabbi Steve Chatinover**! Nadav has 3 co-producing credits and 1 solo producing credit on the album. So far, it's #1 in Portugal.

If you go on YouTube, you can see the video for ["Heaven"](#) (it has over 5 million hits) and ["Midnight in Lisbon"](#). If you look closely at

on the loss of their
beloved
mother, mother-in-
law, and
grandmother

Edith Cohen

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Schechter newsletter?
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hartford.org](mailto:ASobel@ssds-hartford.org) and
include the name, email
address, and
relationship to
Schechter and we will
add them to our list!



the second video, you can see several quick shots of Nadav!

Check out the whole
album [HERE](#) The
album is also available
for purchase on
itunes.

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Important Dates Coming Up!

You can always find important dates listed on our [website calendar](#), and also in the margins of our Mabat each week. We've got some dates that we don't want you to miss, so we are listing them here this week. Mark your calendars!

January 12

EC RELISH

January 15

Martin Luther King Day: School OPEN
Prospective Students Day and MLK Celebration
7pm MLK Program (See flyer below!)

January 17

7pm Middle School Restructuring Info Meeting for Parents

January 19

End of Term 1

January 22

7pm Lower School Report Card Information Meeting for Parents

January 25

9am Parparim Shema Program
7pm Talit Family Program for 6th grade families

January 31

7pm MakerSpace Night for Parents

February 4

3pm Schechter Talent Show

February 14



Middle School Science Fair (Time TBD)

February 25


2:30-4:00pm Hamentashen and RELISH!

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Solomon Schechter Day School
of Greater Hartford



Baby and Me Music Time!
Time: Thursdays, 9:00-9:30AM
Begins 1.8.2018 / Ends 3.18.2018
All our welcome to register, bring your friends!
Ages 6 months-3 years
Cost: \$150
Program capacity: 12 pairs (adult and child together)
Facilitated by Chrissy Whalen, EC and LS general music teacher
Tummy tickles, toe wiggles, finger plays, and bouncing babies! Join Miss Chrissy Whalen, certified First Steps in Music teacher, in a musically nourishing class for you and your littlest musicians. Music begins to take shape in the brain from birth, and by learning songs, rhymes, and games to sing, speak, and play with your little ones from such an important age, you and your child can plant and cultivate the seeds of living a tuneful, beautiful, and artful life. Contact cwhalen@ssds-hartford.org with any questions. Register by emailing Karen Shakun at kshakun@ssds-hartford.org and sending in check made out to **Schechter** or pay online through our website, <http://www.ssds-hartford.org/giving/ways-give>, and write **Baby and Me Music Time!** in the description line.



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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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of Greater Hartford



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News from the Kitchen

Remember to place your lunch orders for [January and February!!](#)

As always feel free to email us at kitchen@ssds-hartford.org with feedback, comments or suggestions for us. We are always in need of parent volunteers to help serve lunch. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out.

Leah Berson & Danielle Weiss



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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

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Adath Israel

Celebrate Jewish Life

PRESENTS

"ELEPHANTS AND TOWELS"

A JEWISH
A CAPPELLA CONCERT
FEATURING



Yale University



MAGEVET

"Towel"



Tufts
UNIVERSITY



SHIR APPEAL

"Song of the Elephant"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 * 1:00P.M.

FREE * PUBLIC INVITED

Sponsored by the Arthur & Edythe Director Family Fund
Please RSVP to office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709



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.





JANUARY 27, 2017

5:30PM • HILTON HOTEL, HARTFORD, CT



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Beth David Men's Club Kickoff Event Breakfast Program



"How Much Should We Spend To Keep Our Drinking Water Clean And Safe"

January 7, 2018 9:15 a.m. immediately after morning minyan

Beth David Synagogue, 20 Dover Road, West Hartford

Join us at 9:15 for a hot breakfast with bagels; \$5 donation per person for the breakfast.

Open to the community.

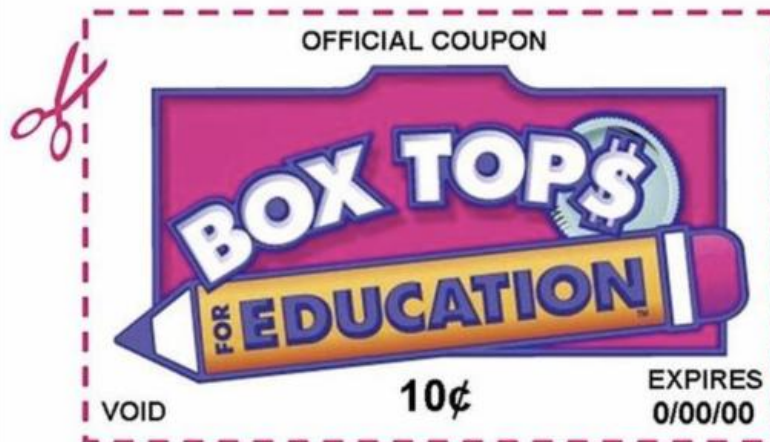
Our guest speaker:

David Silverstone, on November 9th, named the first Independent Consumer Advocate for the Metropolitan District Commission, the agency charged with providing water and sewer service in greater Hartford. He was Connecticut's first consumer counsel in the early 1970's, went on to a career in public utility law in the 80s and 90s, including a stint as the consumer advocate and then CEO for the Regional Water Authority in New Haven.

His civic engagement has included numerous Boards Including President of the Bess and Paul Sigal Hebrew Academy.

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 4 if you are coming for breakfast so we can prepare properly: jobilmes@sbcglobal.net or jerry.benjamin@comcast.net or 860-805-5261.

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Let's get clipping!

Box Tops for Education is free money for our school!
There are many brands that you may purchase that
have this coupon on them...

Pillsbury

Kleenex

Ziploc

Betty Crocker

General Mills

Hefty

Box Tops will be collected the **First Friday of each month!** Drop them off in any of the collection bins you see around the school. Be sure to visit www.btfe.com to sign up for additional offers, support Solomon Schechter and even download the easy to use app!

Thanks for your support!

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