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Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Noach

Candlelighting 5:44 pm

October 20, 2017

30 Tishrei, 5778

A Message from Nancy

Hands down, my favorite part of *Parashat Noah* is one of the least well known sections of the narrative. After the flood, the first thing that Noah does upon reaching solid, dry land is to make an offering to God. Imagine- having been cooped up with his immediate family and all of those animals for so many months and seeing first-hand the remains of the destruction on earth, Noah's first act is to offer thanks to God. (I do wonder, though, if he chose one of the more troublesome animals for the sacrifice...)



What is most striking to me is God's reaction to this offering. Upon "smelling" the pleasant odor of the sacrifice, God comes to a realization about human nature. Basically, people will be people, sometimes making poor decisions, but hopefully more frequently, choosing to do good. With that, God declares, "So long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease."

What a beautiful image and what a comforting gift to humanity. Can you picture the earth as it peacefully turns on its axis, season following season, day following day on into the future? While this statement may have offered peace of mind to Noah in a time of great uncertainty, this statement is just as powerful for us today. As one cycle ends, an exciting opportunity, a new adventure awaits us.

November 6

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Mazel Tov to....

**Joselyn and
Jonathan Raub** on
the birth of their
daughter.

Samara Elyse was
born on Thursday,
October 12, 2017.
Special
congratulations go to
big brothers **Eli** (EC4)
and **Asher**.
We wish them a
lifetime of
happiness!

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and relationship to
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add them to our list!



RELISH

And so it is here at Schechter. In August, we began a brand new cycle of the school year, with innumerable learning opportunities and unknown adventures on the road ahead of us. In the classroom, steeped in our core value of *Chochmah* (wisdom), our students are engaged, challenged and growing. In less than two months, guided by our core values of *Lev Tov* (good heart) and *Klal Yisrael* (community), our students have participated in three community service initiatives and are about to embark on the fourth. Click **HERE** for a glimpse of this exciting new school year!

Nancy

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A Message from the Schechter Kitchen

November and December menus have been posted on Renweb. Early Childhood menus have been placed in student mailboxes.

Please contact us at
kitchen@ssds-hartford.org if you have
any questions.



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MAKERSPACE NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS AND RECYCLABLES!!!

Rogow MS students are going to make some vending machines with our plethora of cardboard leftover from last week. They will be able to build and bring their own one home, but we need some small, 20 oz bottles for the MakerSpace!

Here is a link with the idea: <https://youtu.be/aWbx8pCml7k>

Please send bottles in next week for Bobbi Woodbury in the Makerspace!

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Rimonim Celebrates their Study of Japan!

JAPAN DAY!!!!



Japan Day was a culmination of student-driven projects combining research, writing, drawing, creating and presenting.





The students have worked for weeks developing these projects and collaborating with each other on the finished products.





There presentation forms varied, including live choreographed Sumo wrestling fight scenes, videos, clay formations, piano performances, singing, cooking, Manga book creations, questionnaires about Japan on Kahoots, demonstrations, and MORE!





One students commented: "I'm so excited! I've never been this excited, but I can't wait to show everyone my project!"





Many family members and friends came to share in the students' excitement, and everyone left knowing much more about the amazing culture of Japan!

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Pumpkin Picking in the Patch with EC2











8th Grade POPCORN to Benefit Israel Trip!!!

The 8th Grade class will be raising money for their trip to Israel this year by selling Popcorn for \$1.00

the next few Fridays!!!

Look out for the awesome 8th graders selling their Popcorn both in the front lobby and in the cafeteria at dismissal on Fridays!



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Schechter's EC3 farmers visit Flamig Farm

What a beautiful fall day for a trip to the farm! The sun was shining and the leaves on the trees were beginning to change to the warm colors of the season. The children had the opportunity to get up close to and feed the farm animals! There were a lot of chickens, pigs, goats, lamas and horses to observe. Everyone enjoyed a snack and ended the morning with an amazing hayride through the woods. Thank you to all the Kochavim parents who joined us!



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Follow Schechter on Twitter & on Facebook!!!

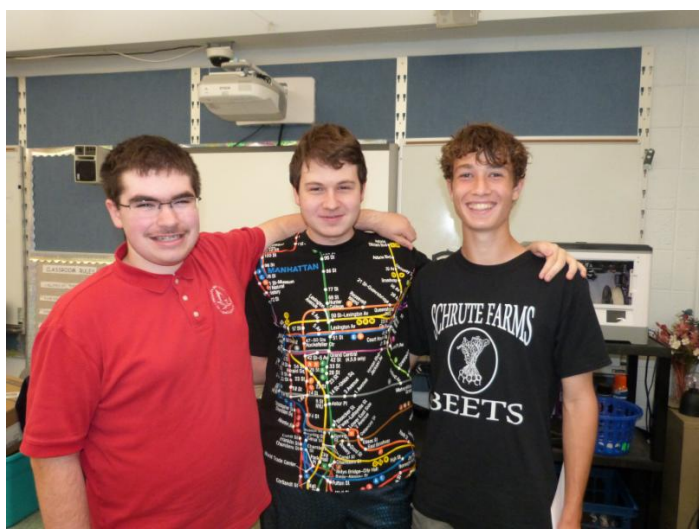
To keep up with all the happenings at SSDS, Follow us on Twitter [HERE](#) and on Facebook [HERE](#)

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Alumni Return to Schechter!!!


We loved seeing these faces again in school!





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IRON CHEF CHALLENGE

**Sunday,
October 22**

5:30 - 7:30


Free of charge!


**B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom
180 Still Rd,
Bloomfield**


**All teens grades 6-8
are welcome!**

**Come out for fun,
friends, and more.**

Questions? E-mail Penina, Jason,
and Shoshi at
[WHUSY18@gmail.com!](mailto:WHUSY18@gmail.com)







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COMMUNITY-WIDE
TEEN
ONEC

OCTOBER 20TH | 8-10PM

The Emmanuel Synagogue | 160 Mohegan Drive

OPEN
TO ALL
LOCAL TEENS

Grades
9-12

FREE!

Co-Sponsors:
JTConnect, BBYO, USY, WHTY



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PLAY THE DREAM.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE GRAND OPENING OF JONATHAN'S DREAM AND KEVIN'S KOURT.



Our new **25,000 square foot** active, interactive, inclusive playground will feature:

- Coach Kevin Ollie's Kevin's Kourt (Inclusive Bank Shot™ Basketball Court), Treehouse Village, Zip Lines, Picnic Pavilion, Labyrinth, Buddy Bench and much more.

MUSIC • GIVE-A-WAYS • HARTATTACK A CAPELLA • BUILD YOUR OWN "DREAMCATCHERS" • SNACKS • SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION BY HEIDI CATALAN

Grand Opening Event (Rain or Shine!)

335 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford, CT

Sunday, October 22, 2017

12:30 - 1:30 PM

Books Drive:
Bring a book
(any age) to add to
Jonathan's Dream
Little Free Library

Help us reach the fundraising finish line.
Donations of all sizes still needed, welcomed and appreciated.

GoFundMe and Facebook: Jonathan's Dream Reimagined
www.jonathansdreamreimagined.org

Babies Drive:
Bring a pack of
Diapers to donate to
the National Diaper
Bank Network

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The officers and board of directors of
the Jewish Children's Service
Organization is celebrating its'
100th anniversary

at the Greater Hartford Jewish
Community Center

On Sunday afternoon,
October 22, 2017, at 2pm

The public is invited.

JCSO is celebrating helping Jewish children and their families for a century with music, speakers and refreshments.

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JTCares & Trick or Canning

Become inspired to take Jewish values to the next level!

For 3 hours on 7 different Sundays from 1pm-4pm (lunch included), teens will come together to create a community of young adults who care about the world around them and who actively take part in the mitzvah of **Tikkun Olam** - Repairing the World.

Open to teens in 7th-12th grade!
JTCares starts with Trick or Canning on **Oct. 29th**, during which teens will learn about hunger & poverty with guests from Hands on Hartford. Teens will then hit the streets, ring door bells and collect cans for our local pantries.

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Teen Leadership & Philanthropy Institute (TLPI)

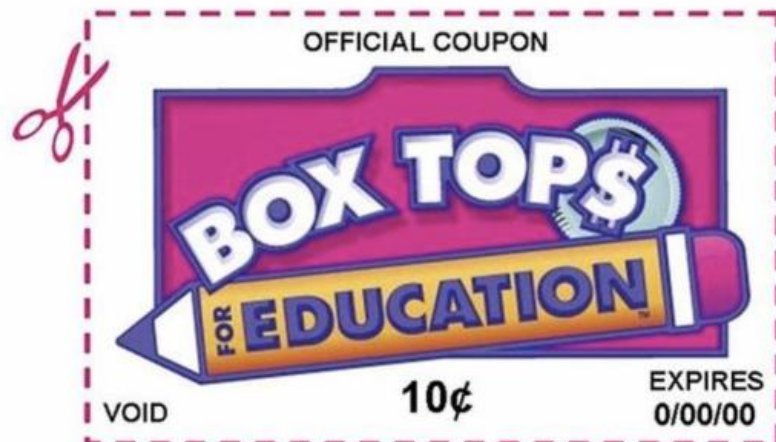
TLPI is a weekly interactive course for teens to explore philanthropy, social responsibility and community leadership.

Meeting on Monday evenings at Beth El Temple in West Hartford from **7:00-8:40pm** (dinner included), teens will learn about giving from a Jewish perspective, visit community agencies and

learn about their work, solicit and evaluate grant proposals, allocate money to community agencies, while adding substance to their resumes.

TLPI starts on **November 6**, is open to teens in 10th-12th grade and is limited to 12 students.

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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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The Catskills of Connecticut:
Remembering the Jewish Summer Retreats

November 9, 2017, 7:00 PM

Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117

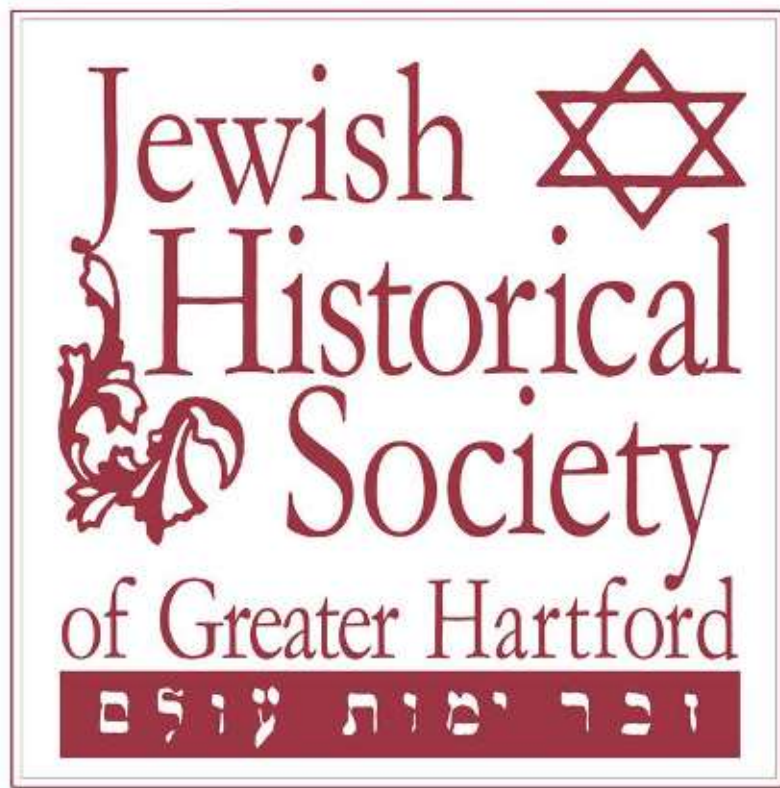
Sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society

From the late 1880s through the early 20th century, Jewish urban workers and their families came to Connecticut farms as summer boarders looking for rest and relaxation in the countryside. Over time, many Jewish farmers developed thriving resorts in Colchester, Moodus, Lebanon, and East Haddam. In the 1960s, lower airfare and changing vacation habits doomed the country resorts. Most have been demolished; others have found new life. Ken Simon, filmmaker and historian of Connecticut's ethnic resorts, will examine the phenomena that created "The Catskills of Connecticut". Those with memories of the resorts are invited to share stories and photos during a discussion following Simon's lecture. An exhibit featuring these Jewish resorts will be on display at the Society office.

For more information, contact Lynn Newman
at lnewman@jewishhartford.org or 860-727-6170

www.jhsgh.org





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Moving to the Suburbs: The Challenges of Fair Housing in Jewish West Hartford

**November 2, 2017
7:00 PM**

**Emanuel Synagogue
160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117**

*Co-sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society and
The Emanuel Synagogue*

The Jewish Historical Society and The Emanuel Synagogue invite you to a fascinating panel discussion about certain West Hartford neighborhoods that were shaped by religious discrimination, restrictive

covenants and the real estate market from the 1940s to the 1970s. Like many of their fellow Americans, many Jews living primarily in the North end of Hartford moved to the suburbs in droves after World War II looking for modern single-family homes, but sometimes faced the challenge of being turned away from a number of neighborhoods.

This program is free and open to the community.

Panelists:

**Tracey Wilson, West Hartford Town
Historian**

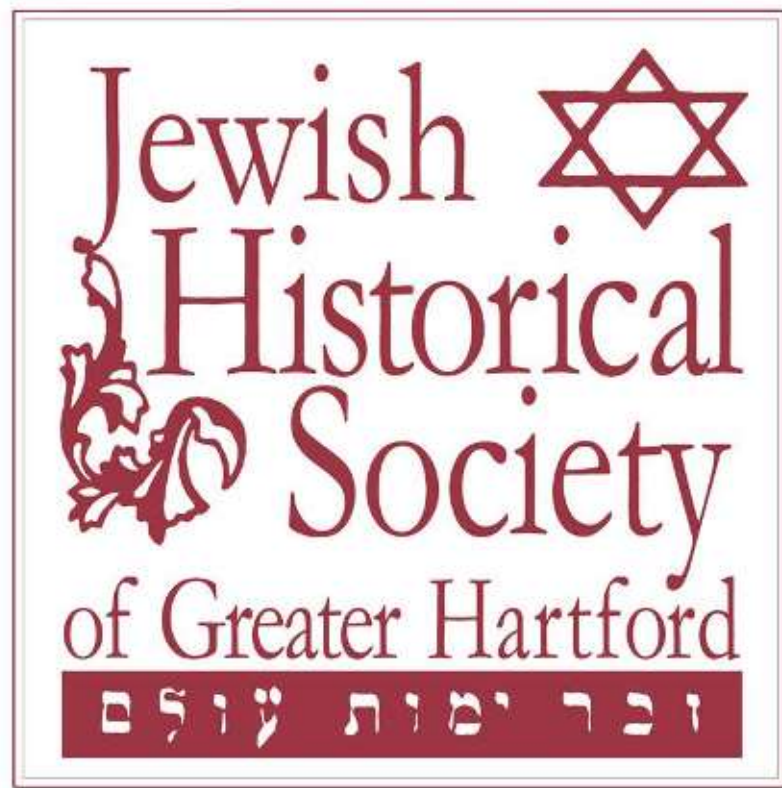
**Dr. Jack Dougherty, Professor of
Educational Studies, Trinity College**

**Mary Donohue, Assistant Publisher,
Connecticut Explored**

For more information or to RSVP, contact Lynn at
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Each teen's Jewish journey is unique. Through JTConnect, teens have the freedom to reach beyond the familiar to prepare them to become leaders in the Jewish community. JTConnect is a learning and social program for teens from throughout Greater Hartford to live and learn Jewishly in a broader community!

There is a place and a program for everyone at JTConnect.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about our different programs and how to register!



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Chai Mitzvah come join us!

Chai Mitzvah is an adult Jewish engagement group that takes place over the course of 12 months. We meet once per month for conversation and learning. We welcome you to come and join a current group or if you have a group of friends you can start a new group. This is a great way to reconnect, recharge, and re-examine your Jewish life.

Please contact Susan Fried at 203-606-4522 or Susan@chaimitzvah.org



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