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October 11, 2017
21 Tishrei, 5778

Celebrating our First Weeks of School



In case you missed it, check out our slideshow featuring some of our favorite moments from the first weeks of school!

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Schechter's Amazing STEAM and Cardboard Challenge Day!!!

Students in grades 4-8 experienced a fantastic day of STEAM! Students from HHNE conducted a Science Olympiad, featuring investigation, inquiry, trial and error through a variety of activities.









Ms. Van coordinated the 2nd annual Cardboard Challenge, where students let their imaginations go wild, creating massive structures, life-sized games, and even wearable cardboard clothing!











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Writing like a Sofer with Ilanot

As part of their Simchat Torah celebrations, the Ilanot class examined a real Torah and learned how a Torah scribe (or sofer) writes in the Torah.

A sofer uses a quill pen and ink on parchment to write the Torah.





Each child tried this technique for themselves! It was interesting, fun, and challenging (it's a lot harder than it looks!)



Everyone was excited to have their own Torah for Simchat Torah!

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EC Celebrates in the Schechter Sukkah





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PA Sukkah Hop

Everyone had a great time at the Resnick's sukkah!



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Exploring Japan with Rimonim!

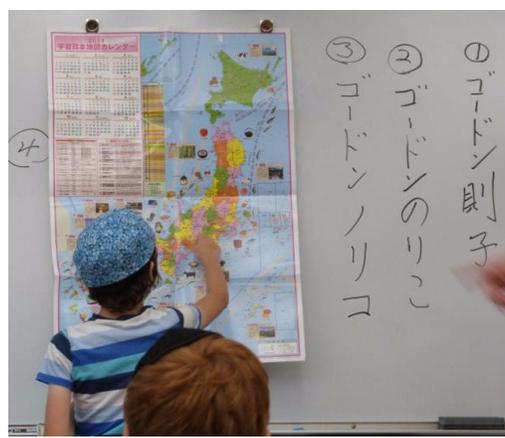
Over the past few weeks, Rimonim has had the pleasure of learning from special guest Noriko Gordon, who visited the classroom to educate students on many different topics relating to Japan.

Noriko Gordon, or as the students call her, Noriko Sensei.



Noriko teaches at the Japanese Language School of Greater Hartford. She has worked there for almost 15 years as a Kindergarten and Math teacher since moving to the US. She also visits schools all over the state to teach and give workshops about Japan.

Noriko has taught the students many things in Japanese including simple greetings, their Japanese names, and how to write, read, and pronounce Japanese characters.



Noriko has also taught the students about Japan's geography, how to use chopsticks, how to make paper Japanese doll bookmarks, and about the many different kinds of food.



Noriko has been an amazing presence in the classroom. Her engagement and understanding of her culture has given the students a first hand experience. She will continue to visit the classroom and will even be presented as a special guest at Japan day on Tuesday, October 17th. There is no better way to learn about different places than to be completely immersed in the culture.



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SCHECHTER SHABBAT SHARE

Shabbat Dinner for Current Schechter Families
Friday night October 20th

Share a special Shabbat with Schechter Families

What is it?

A meaningful evening where we celebrate Shabbat with new friends and truly experience the special community that we have here at Schechter. Families sign up to be either guests or hosts. Families will be matched so that they can get to know other families in the community on a more intimate level.

Do I need to keep Kosher?

NO. All families contribute equally to a kosher catered dinner. All the hosts need to do is open their homes. A complete Shabbat meal that also includes challah, grape juice, veggie platter, kid friendly and veggies options, fruit tray and dessert. We do ask that hosts provide paper goods, beverages, and a salad.

Do I need a large home/dining area to host?

No. There is no expectation. You can host one family or 3. You can eat in the kitchen or the dining room.

You can serve the food plated or buffet. You can have a kids table and an adult table. It is your house and your rules.

Do I need to be able to say all the brachot (blessings)?

No. We can provide copies of the Friday night Shabbat blessings for those than want them.

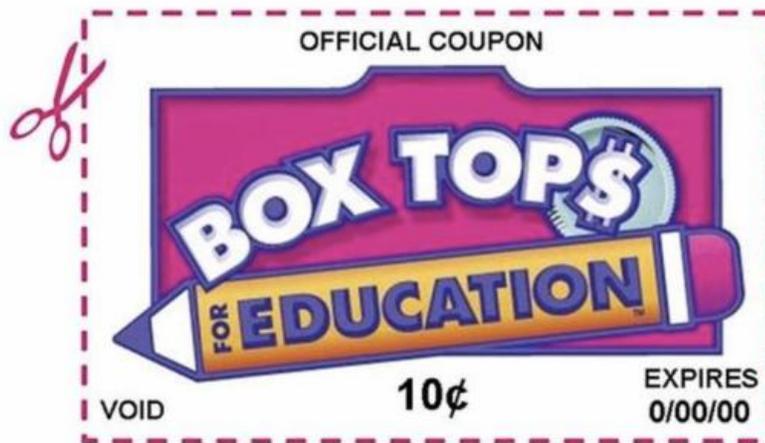
**\$18 person, Children under 4 Free
\$75 Family Cap (financial assistance available)**

You can choose to be a Guest or a Host. The dinner is provided by Yosi Kosher Catering. All you have to do is register online and we will do the rest!

Come share prayers, dinner and conversation with your Schechter friends for a very meaningful Shabbat experience!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

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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 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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SCHECHTER LOGO-ED APPAREL IS HERE!!!

You've seen the fantastic Schechter shirts provided by the PA for us to wear each Friday for RELISH.... Now you can order some other varieties for yourselves or your kids!

- 10% of everything you order goes back to Schechter
- Now through October 16th you can order Schechter logo-ed, Tshirts, polos (short sleeved AND long sleeved!), sweatshirts and hats!!
- For adult and youth size use the following link: <http://www.spiritgeardirect.com/shop>
- Toddler sizing is not available on line, so please call the office to get a toddler order form and bring your checks into the office.



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Jewish Family Services Tara's Closet & Mandell JCC's Family Room
Present:

SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Growing Up in The Digital Age is selling out audiences around the country.

SCREENAGERS is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and to offer parents proven solutions that work. The documentary reveals stories that depict struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. **SCREENAGERS** goes far beyond exposing the risks of screen time, but reveals multiple approaches on how parents and educators can work with kids to help them achieve a healthy amount of screen time. **SCREENAGERS** is known as a community viewing model, in hopes that parents and educators can start a conversation nationwide about how screen time impacts our lives.

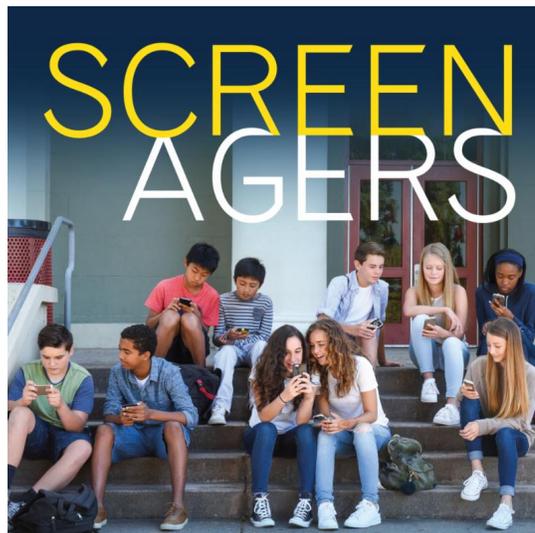
This movie screening is for parents and teens. Parents are encouraged to attend this screening and discussion along with their children. A mental health professional from Jewish Family Services will discuss the movie and offer advice to parents. We will also hear teenagers testimonials on how they deal with social media. Panel discussion following the film will be moderated by Dennis House, Channel 3 Eyewitness News Anchor and Face the

State moderator.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 18, 2017
7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford
335 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT

ADMISSION: Free with advance reservation. To reserve your tickets call 860-236-1927 ext. 7129 or go to www.jfshartford.org/screenagers or call



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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 **Nov. 6**, is open to teens in 10th-12th grade and is limited to 12 students.

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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!

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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