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School Closed

Rosh Hashanah

Eve of First day Rosh Hashanah
Candlelighting 6:33 pm

September 20, 2017

29 Elul, 5777

A Message from Nancy

In synagogues around the world, something very odd will happen on Thursday morning. During the Torah service for Rosh Hashana, the world's birthday, we actually won't be reading about the creation of the world. Two narratives on the creation of the world in the Torah and neither one is chosen to mark this special day!

What did the Rabbis choose? The story of the birth of Isaac, *Yitzchak*: a child born to elderly parents who had waited a lifetime-literally-for a child. What an odd choice! But if we think about it for just a bit, we realize just how much sense that makes.

There is a statement attributed to Dr. Seuss that has become quite popular these days. "To the world, you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world." So true today, just as it was so long ago when the Rabbis chose the story of the birth of *Yitzchak* for the first day of Rosh Hashana. To many, *Yitzchak* was just a little baby, but to his parents, *Avraham* and *Sarah*, this baby was the world.



The choice of this reading was clearly not random. The story of the birth of one child turns our focus from a celebration of time to a recognition of the dignity, importance and value of each individual life. Rabbinic text teaches, "Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." On Rosh Hashana, as we reflect back on the previous year and

October 9
Columbus Day
(school IN
session!)

Prospective
Students Day

October 10
Middle School
Sukkah Sleepover

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PA Shabbat Share
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prepare for the new, we are bidden to consider how we have treated the world, beginning with each individual that we have encountered.

Here, at Schechter, we are so blessed. Every morning, children, who are the world to their parents and to all of us as well, stream into our building. What a gift to experience the world through the eyes of our students, to be teachers and guides as they begin to explore, ask questions, make the lessons of Torah their own, celebrate differences and take responsibility for themselves. Through their years here, they learn to step outside their individual worlds to learn from each other, collaborate and take their places in their communities, both local and global.

So maybe the choice of Torah readings isn't so odd after all. Perhaps this reading is meant to remind us to recognize the value of each individual soul and to treat each other as if the world depends on it - because it does.

My family joins me in wishing you all a healthy, sweet and peaceful New Year.

Shana tova umetuka!

Nancy

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STEAMing Into Schechter: Cardboard Challenge & Hands-on Science

We are very excited to tell you that
on Monday, October 9th,
Gesher and **MS students**
will participate in the second annual
Cardboard Challenge plus a Science Olympiad,
directed by **HHNE** students!!
We are also inviting prospective students in grades 4-
7 to visit for the day.

We are looking for help and donations of:
Cardboard-Large pieces/Boxes

Duct Tape
Hot Glue Sticks
Box Cutters/Straight Edge Cutters

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Schechter gets ready for Rosh Hashanah!



Listening to the Shofar with Rabbi Chatinover

Early Childhood Makes Round Challot

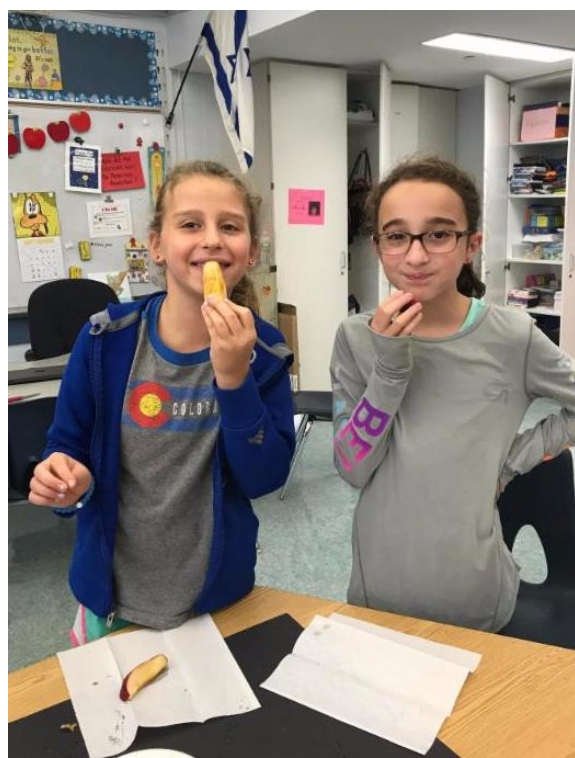




Apples and Honey!!

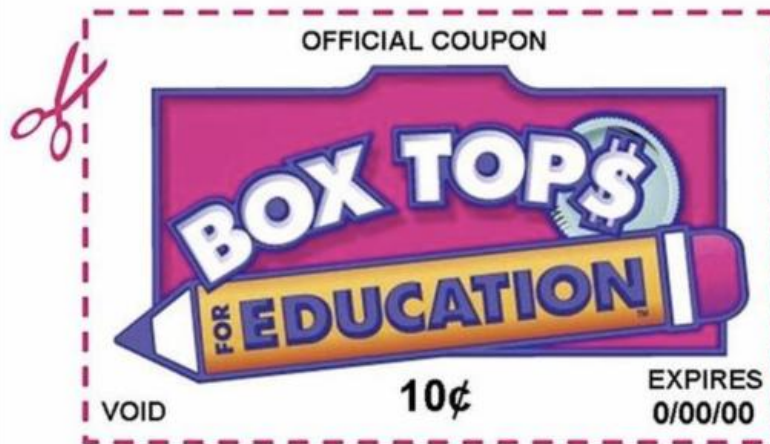


**Rosh Hashanah
Sing-Along for
Middle School
Students!!!**





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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...

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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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MITZVAH FAIR & EXPO

SUNDAY · 10.1.17 · 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Young Israel of West Hartford
2240 Albany Ave.

- *Get Your Mezuzot Checked*
- *Get Swabbed for Gift of Life*
- *Pick Out A Lulav & Etrog*
- *Buy Sukkah Decorations*
- *Watch Vegetable Cleaning Demo*
- *Peruse Hebrew Academy Sukkah Exhibit*

- *Kashering Station*
- *Check Your Clothing for Shatnez*
- *Design & Create Sukkah Decorations with your Kids*
- *Explore Volunteer Opportunities Through the Federation*

BBQ

Special
Sukkot
Craft
for the
Kids

Cost of Admission: Non-Perishable Food Item for Kasher Food Pantry

For information or to volunteer, visit www.youngisraelwh.org/mitzvahexpo







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.

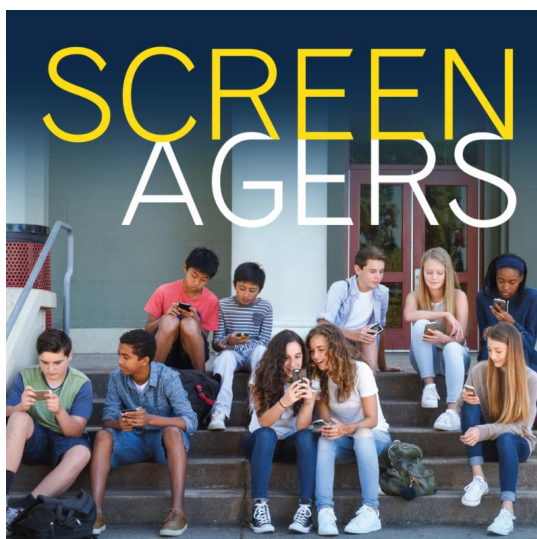
SCREENAGERS is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and to offer parents proven solutions that work. The documentary reveals stories that depict struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. **SCREENAGERS** goes far beyond exposing 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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Each teens 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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