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Noon Dismissal
Erev Rosh Hashanah

September 21-22
Rosh Hashanah

Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech
Candlelighting 6:42 pm

September 15, 2017
24 Elul, 5777

Virtual Reality IS the Reality in MS Science and Tech!

Last week, Rogow Middle School students and faculty were treated to a generous surprise from Science teacher Bobbi Morrison. As part of her effort to bring more educational technology and innovative scientific opportunities to her students, Bobbi gave virtual reality headsets to everyone in the Middle School! Bobbi said, "I am really looking forward to using them for some class projects this year."



With the students beginning their citizen scientist projects last week, there were many possible applications for this technology. **Bobbi** describes, "Here's an example of ways in which I think VR headsets can be a great tool: one student began building a wind tunnel in the MakerSpace, and another student built a metal arm piece and is working on adding grasping and lifting mechanisms to their invention. With a little work, those two ideas could develop into something more with VR...endless possibilities really, with a little tweaking!"

September 29
Kol Nidre
Noon Dismissal

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September 30
Yom Kippur

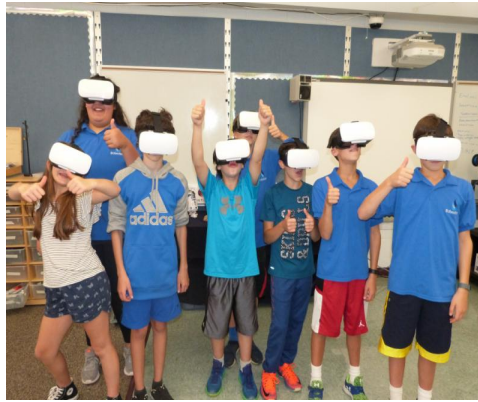
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For more information about how useful this technology can be, Bobbi suggests you check out the links below for a TEDTalk and a Smithsonian article about virtual reality technology:

[TEDTalk Here](#)

Bobbi wants to put the word out to any interested parents in our community who would like to lend a hand during Hi Tech MakerSpace time or during science classes. She welcomes the insight and perspective that parents in the field can bring, noting that our students benefit from it all.

If you're interested in volunteering, please email **Bobbi** at bmorrison@ssds-hartford.org



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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.



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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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Inside the Art Studio with Gesher!



Gesher began their first art study of the year with an intro into Sol Lewitt.

The students were challenged to create their first artwork of this unit with only a simple word or phrase to inspire their work.





Sol Lewitt, a Jewish, Hartford-born artist, is known for his sets of guidelines or simple diagrams for his two-dimensional works drawn directly on the wall.

Lewitt usually executed first in graphite, then in crayon, later in colored pencil and finally in chromatically rich washes of India ink, bright acrylic paint, and other materials. His work is conceptual—he does not always execute his designs himself, rather he conceptualizes them and has others execute his concept for each place they are displayed. One of his works is featured in the Wadsworth Atheneum's stairwell and his retrospective is at the Mass Moca.



It is a unique way of students learning and understanding conceptual art is a part of the art world, as much as any other visual art form.

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Overheard at Schechter

"I will make my mark on the world by... helping other people see the rainbow that I see." **Rimonim**

What do **Gesher** students (4th & 5th grade) have to say about

their new multiage classrooms?

"I like math and handball."

"I like reading. I read so much more now."

"I like when Limor says we can only speak in Hebrew."

"I like being with the same teachers."

"Everyone is so nice."

"I have so many friends."

"I like the Chrome books because we can write by ourselves and then share."

"We like learning from and working with each other."

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Schechter welcomes our Young Emissaries for 2017-18

Our new *shlichim* (emissaries from Israel) **Tomer** and **Rony**, made their first visit to Schechter this week. They said hello and then spent about 15 minutes observing each class and then having a chance to meet and greet the students. Tomer and Rony will start coming on a regular basis after Yom Kippur. Each team will have the opportunity to have time and great projects with the emissaries this year!



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Widzer Kasper made her first appearance at Schechter, just one day shy of her 2-week birthday!

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Schechter Faculty Spotlight

Q: What do you love about instructional technology?

I love how integrated technology has become, and the challenges associated with that. As 21st century educators, it is critical that each of us instill a sense of digital citizenship and technological stewardship in the hearts and minds of students. Coupled with imagination, there really is no limit to how far advanced technology will take the human race.



Q: As you begin your first year, what are you excited about for the students and Schechter?

I am really struck by how warm and welcoming the Schechter community has been. I am especially impressed by the students who clearly demonstrate the values of *Chochma* (Wisdom), *Klal Yisrael* (Community), and *Lev Tov* (Good Heart) in all that they do. The administration, faculty, and staff make up an incredible team of dedicated, creative, and exceedingly professional individuals who really bring the school's mission to life.

Q: What inspired you to be an educator?

I come from a family of teachers and artists - I have always been curious about the learning process, and decided that a career in educational technology would allow me to share



my passion for learning with others. I would say that the most influential teaching mentor in my life has been Professor Brian Torff, Head of Music at Fairfield University. As a student of music, Brian helped me develop a sense of deep critical thinking as well as the ability to contextualize music i.e. make meaningful connections.

Q: How do you hope instructional technology will impact Schechter students and faculty?

Schechter is in a terrific place in terms of its technological infrastructure thanks to my predecessor, Jason Kariel. Because of that, I am excited that I have been afforded the opportunity and ability to transform this directorship into what I envision as a more instructional/support type role, working alongside the classroom teachers in making sure that advanced technology is both transparent and accessible within the classroom environment. I aim to procure grants and donations that will help bolster Schechter's already fantastic 1:1 chromebook initiative, digital MakerSpace program, iPad implementation, and ultimately an advanced Music MakerSpace piece for the Rogow Middle School curriculum.

Q: How long have you lived in Connecticut - where did you come from?

All my life! I live in Shelton, CT. I love New England, and am particularly fond of the wonderful freshwater lakes that the North East has to offer.

Q: What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

It's a toss up between Coffee and Cookie Dough! Depends on the place...I'm picky.

Q: What's your favorite quote?

"Knowledge speaks, wisdom listens." - Jimi Hendrix

Q: What's your favorite song?

"Little Wing" by Jimi Hendrix is up there on my list.

Q: What word comes to mind when you think of Schechter?
Family

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Gesher Heats Up over Thermal Energy!

This week in science, the Gesher team applied their knowledge of thermal energy to create their own solar ovens to conduct enough heat to roast a marshmallow.



The students excitedly used cardboard, duct tape and tin foil to create their own individual ovens. The students placed their inventions in the courtyard and watched as the their s'mores sandwiches

baked.

The students learned that people use thermal energy to heat or cook food and that it causes changes in the food as the food cooks. It was a very tasty morning!



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Scorpion Sports, back in Action!!!

Schechter Soccer Shows Toughness in Well-Earned 1-1 Draw at Watkinson

With a hot sun beating down on the players, it could have been easy for the Solomon Schechter Soccer team to fold as they were playing an opponent with a roster of almost double the amount of players. Instead, the Scorpions looked at the challenge and stared at it right in the face.

Playing with only one sub, Schechter's team chemistry was prevalent as constant communication and covering for each other was apparent from start to finish.



A lefty strike from **Alex K** after a fantastic through ball from **Noah** gave the Scorpions a 1-0 lead just before the half. Fatigue finally showed with about ten minutes left as a



goal was scored by the Watkinson Rams to even it at 1. Keeper **Brady** remained mentally tough after allowing the goal, making a spectacular diving save to keep the game tied. It was one of

his many saves on the day. Schechter had multiple chances late, including two shots hit off the crossbar before the final

whistle blew.



From player one to eleven, everyone contributed. The back line of **Will, Michael, Jack,** and **Ari** was the anchor of the team, shutting down the Rams time and time again while **Marley** controlled the middle of the field. **Alex** provided constant pressure on Watkinson's defense while **Spencer and Harris** proved yet again that twin telepathy is real. First year **Head Coach Mark Corey** had this to say about the team's performance, "I told the team at practice that what I was most looking forward to was how we would respond when we faced adversity. The goal that Watkinson scored to tie the game with 8 minutes left was some serious adversity as we naturally became mentally and physically fatigued. However, we responded by dominating the rest of the game, including hitting the crossbar twice! It was a phenomenal performance against a solid team, and we can't wait for game number two!"



Follow @Athletics_SSDS for all news Athletics here at Schechter!

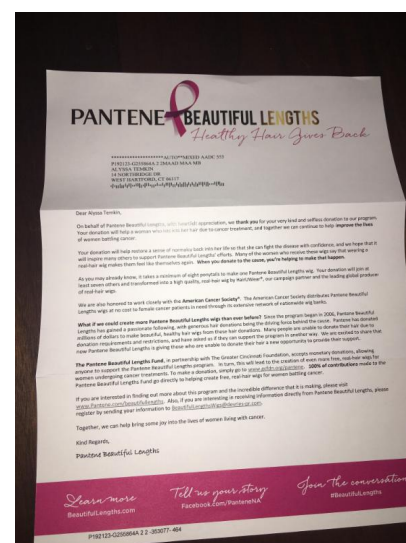
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Dr. Sara Beth Danitz (Schechter Class of 2003) and Noah Steinhardt were married on September 3, 2017 at Camp Ramah. In attendance were some of Sara's classmates from Schechter. Helping her celebrate were **Max Greenhut-Snyder**, **Sloane Sheldon** and **Matt Kochen**. Not pictured was **Ali Goldberg**. Schechter Day School wishes Sara and Noah Mazal Tov

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More Mitzvahs at Schechter



Rogow Middle School Student **Alyssa** chose to donate her locks to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths this summer, showing her SSDS core value of Lev Tov. Alyssa said, "I am so happy that I am able to help other people dealing with medical issues since I understand what it's like to

have to deal with my own health issues".

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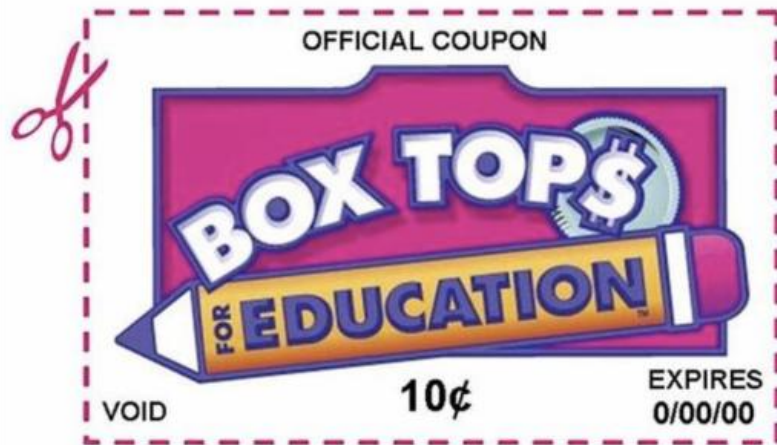
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KUMZITS..... 12:20 AM
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Join us each night until Yom Kippur for Selichot at 9 PM in the main
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- Explore Volunteer Opportunities Through the Federation

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