

# Solomon Schechter Day School

of Greater Hartford



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**Shabbat Shalom**

Parashat Ki Tavo

Candlelighting 6:54 pm

**September 8, 2017**

**17 Elul, 5777**

# MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th is PICTURE DAY!!!

### Schechter School Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday  
8am -4pm**

**Friday  
8am- 3:30pm**

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## Make sure to wear your Schechter Shirt!!!



Place orders online or use the form that went home this week. Please bring payment to your child's classroom teachers on Monday.

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### For Your Calendar:

**September 11  
Picture Day  
(wear your  
Schechter shirt!)**

**September 14  
7th Grade Tefillin  
Program**

**September 16**

### A Message from Andrea

#### Opening Our Doors

Every year, during the second week of school, we invite all Schechter families for a Curriculum Night. The goal of the evening is for parents to learn about the year ahead, the learning and exploration that will take place and most excitedly to give

## PA Parent Gathering

**September 20**  
**Noon Dismissal**  
**Erev Rosh**  
**Hashanah**

**September 21-22**  
**Rosh Hashanah**

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### Mazel Tov to...

Schechter  
alumnus **Steve  
Leshem** and his  
wife **Moir**a on the  
birth of their  
daughter.

**Iris Evelyn  
Leshem** was born on  
Friday, September 8,  
2017. Special  
congratulations go to  
big sisters and  
current Schechter  
Students **Talia** (6th  
grade), **Anya** (Gesher  
4-5), **Orla** (Rimonim 2-  
3), and **Elsa**. We wish  
them a lifetime of  
happiness!

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Dan and Danielle  
Weiss on the  
upcoming Bar  
Mitzvah of their son  
**Michael** (8th Grade)  
this Saturday at  
Emanuel Synagogue

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parents a taste of what it is like to learn with the incredible  
faculty at Schechter.



On Wednesday and Thursday night the parents came in. They saw the new classrooms and new set-ups; they learned more about the multiage classroom; they experienced text study, word study, centers-based learning, science inquiry, Hebrew language through the proficiency approach. They saw rich classroom libraries, learned some Spanish, and heard how each class prepares students for their following step.



Both evenings were full of energy, excitement, and new understanding about the robust academic, spiritual and social-emotional program at Schechter. During these evenings, parents were also introduced to Schechter's new Twitter campaign that will give parents and community members a "real-time" peek into each and every classroom. It's easily accessible: Create an account, follow your child's classroom, and see pictures during the week.

## Condolences to...

Former Schechter teacher

**Judy Levy**, her husband **Harold**, and their children, Schechter alumni **Aaron** (1994) and **Ben**,

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

**Roslyn Levy**

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**Ronit and Scott Shoham** and their children, Schechter

graduates **Maya**

(2001), **Koreen**

(2005), and

**Ben** (2008), on the loss of their beloved father,

father-in-law, and grandfather,

**Israel Bachar**

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**Sandra Hershson** and **Dan Weiner** and their children,

Schechter graduate

**Ezequiel Unger**

(2014),

**Roni**, and **Ilan**, on

the loss of their

beloved

father-in-law, father,

and grandfather,

**Joseph Hershson**



Although parents have just recently been invited to follow along, several classrooms began tweeting from the first day of school, and as the Head of School I have an account that allows me to share with all of you all the special moments that take place numerous times a day at Schechter. It has been such a joy to get a bird's eye view of what is happening at our school and I enthusiastically encourage you to join me.



Just follow HOS\_Schechter on Twitter to begin the journey!

Wishing you a lovely Shabbat,  
Andrea

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"Like" us on Facebook!!!**

To keep up with all the happenings at  
SSDS,



follow Handle: **HOS\_Schechter** on Twitter!

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Would you like a grandparent, relative, or friend to receive the Schechter newsletter? Email [ASobel@ssds-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!



## Klal Yisrael - Community: Their Promise in EC4

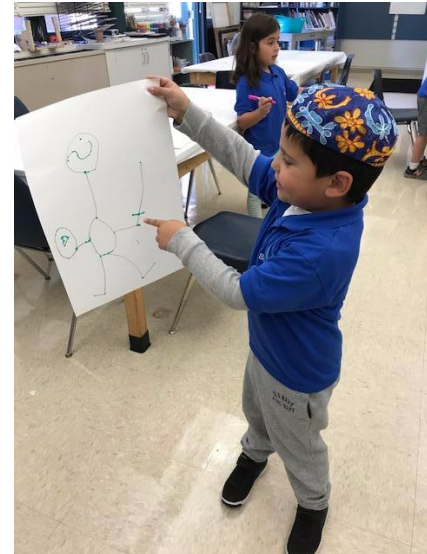


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## Inside the Art Studio with Parparim!



Hard-working artists  
sharing smiles and  
ideas!!



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**Summer Reading Challenge/Reward Day!**  
**(aka Pie in the Face Day!!!)**

This Friday the students celebrated their Summer Reading Challenge with a Pie in the Face Day!

Over the summer, students were given the challenge that for every 5 books (3 for K-1) they read, they could get a vote for a teacher to get a pie in the face!!



Upon returning from summer vacation, students placed their votes for either Merissa Spector, Gavi Lehrer, or Kate Poltorak to get a pie thrown in their face!



On Friday after ReLiSH, the students got their reward and gathered in the courtyard to see someone get pied! The "winner" was... Rimoni teacher Kate Poltorak!!!



Poor Kate, but YAY for our awesome Schechter readers!!!!





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## Overheard at Schechter

"I have some friends, and we're making a play for next week. It's a lot of fun. I love doing theater with my friends."

**Parparim**

"I'm happy making new friends." "I love the reading part of Rimonim. There are pillows and comfy bean bag chairs, and you can read in there." **Rimonim**

"The bigger class is really nice, it's so great to have more kids. It feels like a better community." **Gesher**

"The new makers space is AWESOME. There's a drone and the science teacher is amazing and she's going to let us fly it. She even let us take out our phones and download an app."

**Rogow Middle School**

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## Hitting the Ground Running in MS Science!!!

Middle School students began working on Citizen Scientist

projects this week, and will remain engaged in ongoing research projects from now till the end of the year.

Keeping the Middle School students engaged in the Scientific Method on a daily basis is the goal of the MS Science and High Tech MakerSpace Educator, **Bobbi Morrison**.



will visit HHNE for a tour and an opportunity to begin their cooperative science activities!

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The 7th and 8th grade students will also begin a mentored research project with HHNE within the next few weeks.

At the end of September, students



## Schechter Faculty Spotlight

**Bobbi Morrison**

Rogow MS Science Teacher and  
Robotics/ High Tech MakerSpace Guru!

**Q: What do you love about science?**

I love the multifaceted nature of science and enjoy exploring the myriad of life through all facets of STEAMMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math, Metaphysics and Music). I also love seeing new technologies come to fruition from dreams that have been both long imagined and recently engineered and seeing older technologies reimagined and love to see us use those STEAMMM inventions/creations to make our lives



better...it's all fascinating to me.

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

I'm excited to be a part of the learning process with them and assist in the magic of exploring, drawing connections, and creating, especially in our new MakerSpace.



**Q: Why did you become a teacher?**

In a nutshell: it's in our DNA...we are all teachers after all.... I chose it as a full time career because I love the daily creativity and interaction with the students and was inspired by several really great teachers too :)

**Q: How do you hope the study and exploration of science will impact Schechter students?**



I hope they'll take their explorative, creative and collaborative efforts and engage in and create something that leaves a lasting positive impact on each other as well as our local and global community.

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

I have lived in West Hartford for less than a month, as Schechter is what drew me to Connecticut. I was born in Bangor, Maine and have lived in Massachusetts (New Bedford), Arizona (Chandler and Tucson), California (Oakland and Napa) and New York (Ithaca, Lansing, Guilderland, Clifton Park and Troy).

**Q: What's your favorite ice cream flavor?**

The Sweet Cream Base from Ben & Jerry's, as you can add anything to it, so the flavor palette is limitless. It just depends what I am in the mood for :)

**Q: What's your favorite quote?**

"Science is a way of thinking, more than it is a body of knowledge." ~ Carl Sagan



Met Sagan once. Sat in on one of his classes at Cornell too. I was touched by his response to a random question from a student. It was near the end of his life and one of them asked what he wanted to be known for...and his response was something like "I am alive now and while I am still here I will continue to enjoy living and not waste my time thinking about what others will think of me once I am gone. People will remember my life however they wish."

**Q: What's your favorite song?**

My new favorite song is the one we collectively sing at **ReLish**: Schechter's version of "One Day"

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

Nurturing

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**RELISH has another awesome week!**



SO much FUN!!!







Just Hanging  
with all our  
friends and  
family!!!



Special EC RELISH Too !!!



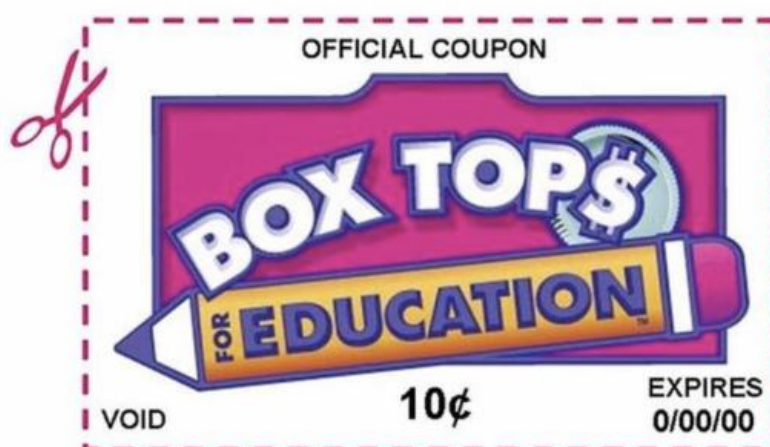






**COME JOIN US NEXT WEEK!!!**

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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](http://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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### Alyssa's Angel Fund

In 2006 Alyssa's Angel Fund was created by Gayle and Steven Temkin in honor of their daughter Alyssa who has Glycogen Storage Disease, type 1a. They heard Alyssa's doctor, Dr. David Weinstein (or Doc David as Alyssa calls him), speak with a family whose child was struggling and was possibly not going to survive. They could not let that happen to anyone! Alyssa's Angel Fund benefits "other" GSD families who are not themselves financially able to get to Doc David.

They made it their personal mission to be sure that everyone who needs it, is able to get the medical expertise of Doc David, ALL expenses paid, for themselves and their families. This includes transportation to and from, all hotel, food, medical, car starch to go home with, and even at times toys and fun stuff to help make the trip a little more pleasant.

Please come out to support Alyssa's Angel Fund at our 9th annual Big Wheel Derby! Every dollar makes a difference. If not now, when?!

- Dance for the Cure
- Ride for the Cause (bring your own bike or trike)
- Sand Art
- Meet the GSD team from CCMC and UCONN Health Center
- And much more!

### \$18 per family

All proceeds benefit Alyssa's Angel Fund

Register with the Member Services Center, 860-236-4571. For more information, contact Jane Pasternak, 860-231-6342 or [jpasternak@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jpasternak@mandelljcc.org).

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**B'Yadeynu is hosting a guest speaker  
from IRIS  
(Integrated Refugee and Immigration  
Services)  
on Sunday, Sept.10, at 7:30 pm in the Koret  
Hall.**

This event is free and open to the public.  
Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to  
attend.

Immigrants and Refugees in Connecticut: Humanitarian Efforts Help Them  
Make a New Home  
By Llyn Kaimowitz

What happens when a refugee family comes to the U.S. and settles in  
Connecticut? Who helps them navigate the complex requirements and  
teaches them about their new community?

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 pm at The Emanuel Synagogue in  
West Hartford for a fascinating look at the process of fitting into a new culture  
in a new land from the perspective of an immigrant in a presentation by

Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS. IRIS, or Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, is the New Haven-based refugee resettlement agency that has welcomed more than 1,000 refugees to Connecticut over the last three years. Through an interactive talk and role modeling, Chris will take us through the activities that his agency uses to welcome these persecuted people and integrate them into our society.

For questions about the event, please contact **Janet Wallans** at 860-278-4596 or [Janetcw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Janetcw@sbcglobal.net)

In addition, please save the date for the following program hosted by the Adult Ed Committee:

"Immigration and Refugee Crisis in the World";  
Dec. 3, at 7 pm.

There are important parallels between issues in the contemporary crisis and from the Holocaust in the second world war. A panel discussion will be held with **Professor Avinoam Patt, PhD**, Associate Director, Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, University of Hartford and Professor Abigail Fisher Williamson PhD, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Law at Trinity College.

We will also have representatives to speak personally of their experiences on this panel.

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Raising Jewish children  
but didn't grow up Jewish?  
Want to learn more about  
creating a Jewish home?  
**JOIN US!**

## MOTHER'S CIRCLE MEET & GREET

Friday, September 15 | 9:15-10:15 am

Solomon Schechter Day School, 26 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford, CT

The Mother's Circle is an award-winning, nationwide program for women of other faith backgrounds who are raising Jewish children. Meet Laura Kinyon, LCSW, facilitator, and learn about the program and how it can work for you and your interfaith family. The program is open to all women in interfaith families and a new class will be starting in Fall 2017.

**Tentative Dates for Fall 2017 Course:** Fridays, 9:15-10:45 am | Oct 20; Nov 3, 17; Dec 1, 15; Jan 5, 19; Feb 2

For more information or to RSVP for the program:

Elana MacGilpin, [emacgilpin@mandelljcc.org](mailto:emacgilpin@mandelljcc.org), 860-231-6366

RSVP required by September 13.

Babysitting available upon request and RSVP.

Presented by:



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# WELCOME BACK BBQ



**This Sunday**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

5:00 PM

YOUNG ISRAEL OF WEST HARTFORD  
2240 ALBANY AVE



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gathering, see old friends and  
welcome new ones...**

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## SELICHOT & SONGS

Saturday Night, September 16, 2017

Young Israel of West Hartford

KUMZITS..... 12:20 AM

SELICHOT..... 12:46 AM

Join us each night until Yom Kippur for Selichot at 9 PM in the main  
sanctuary. Check the bulletin for more details.



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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

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Sukkot  
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for the  
Kids

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For information or to volunteer, visit [www.youngisraelwh.org/mitzvahexpo](http://www.youngisraelwh.org/mitzvahexpo)

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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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