

Solomon Schechter Day School

of Greater Hartford



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Schechter School Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8am -4pm

Friday
8am- 3:30pm

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For Your Calendar:

September 4
Labor Day,
NO SCHOOL

September 6
EC Curriculum
Night
MS Curriculum
Night

September 7

Shabbat Shalom
Parashat Ki Teitzei
Candlelighting 7:06 pm

September 1, 2017
7 Elul, 5777

A Message from Andrea

The Multiage Classroom At Its Best

Walking through the halls of Schechter, you can feel the difference in the air. This year, Schechter launched its multi-age classroom model guided by a commitment to individualization and community building.

There is an active buzz in the classrooms and when you grab a peak you see highly engaged students working in all sort of groups, helping and teaching, learning, asking questions and problem-solving together. There are students sitting one-on-one or in small groups working with a teacher; other students are working on their Hebrew letters next to students writing a birthday card for a classmate.

There are students listening to The Witches as they begin an author study of Roald Dahl at one time and learning about density at another.



The elementary years represent a time of abundant intellectual, social and emotional development in a child's life. And because all children develop at their own pace, our Lower School utilizes a multi-age classroom structure - ensuring that each child fulfills her/his ultimate potential through individualized instruction. At Schechter, students are recognized for their unique place on the learning continuum and are guided to progress at their natural pace. The Lower School multi-age classroom is a dynamic environment of directed and self-directed learning. Students work individually and cooperatively. They grow to recognize the diversity of learning styles within a group as they learn to give and receive support from their peers.

K-5 Curriculum Night

[September 11](#)
Picture Day
(wear your Schechter shirt!)

[September 14](#)
7th Grade Tefillin Program

[September 16](#)
PA Parent Gathering

[September 20](#)
Noon Dismissal
Erev Rosh Hashanah

[September 21-22](#)
Rosh Hashanah

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Mazel Tov to...

Jenna and Raphael Gasner on the birth of their daughter.
Maya Neshama Gasner was born on Monday, August 28, 2017. Special congratulations go to big brother Jonah (EC3)

Head of School Andrea Kasper and her husband **Jacob** on the birth of their

This all happens because our amazing and dedicated faculty dove in, learned cutting-edge teaching strategies, asked hard questions, re-designed their learning spaces, and opened their hearts and minds to each child.

We invite you to come to visit and see for yourselves! It's truly an inspiring learning environment.

Shabbat Shalom,
Andrea

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To keep up with all the happenings at SSDS,
follow Handle: **HOS_Schechter** on Twitter!

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Counting Our Blessings and Helping Others

Welcome back Schechter students, families, and community. We have had such a beautiful opening of school, a week filled with meeting new friends, learning about new classrooms, being introduced to new teachers and areas of study, and a lot of fun saying hello and welcome back.

We are an incredibly fortunate community and a grateful school for all of the blessings we have:

- A beautiful building, filled with light and laughter
- Families that send their children to us every day, allowing us the privilege of helping them grow and develop
- A passionate faculty who love our students and work hard everyday to partner with our families
- A community that supports us
- Buses that are running
- Homes with food and water

daughter.

**Widzer Anne
Cheatham Kasper**
was born on Friday,
September 1, 2017.

Special
congratulations go to
big sisters

Zelia (Gesher 4-5)
and **Inez** (EC4) and big
brother

Lazer (Rimonim 2-3)

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Condolences

Solomon Schechter
Day School offers our
heartfelt
condolences to
**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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Join Our List

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!



There are those this week that are facing a very different reality. Their homes are flooded, their schools are closed, they cannot leave their shelters or homes and they cannot access more food and water. An entire region is under water, families are displaced, and children cannot attend school.

Our community is guided by a Lev Tov - Good Heart and a deep sense of Klal Yisrael - Community, and it is imperative that we join together to support those in Texas. Below, please find several links and places through which you can help our brothers and sisters in Texas.

[Jewish Federations of North America](#)

[American Red Cross](#)

[Texas Diaper Bank](#)

[Feeding Texas](#)

[NPR article with suggestions of places to give](#)

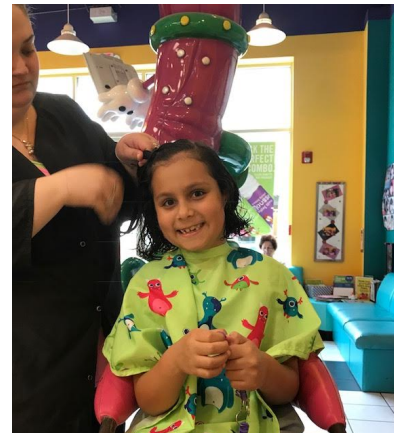
Wishing you all a sweet and beautiful Shabbat,
Andrea

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Rimonim student inspires us all with her Summer Mitzvah!

Rimonim student **Sivan** cut her hair at the start of the summer and donated it to Pantene Beautiful Lengths program. Pantene partners with HairUWear to manufacture and donate wigs to women and children with cancer. It takes a minimum of 8 ponytails to make one wig!

We are all inspired by what an amazing mitzvah Sivan decided to do on her very own!



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Schechter Artists Making their Mark on the new

school year!

The Art Room is already alive with Schechter's artists working on their printmaking skills!

Students are beginning this new year with 'making their mark' by creating uniquely designed stamps and printing them on our front foyer boards.



Each student carved their own design, logo, or name onto a large foam stamp pad and printed it on the board to make their mark as a proud Schechter Print Artist!



Check out their awesome work displayed in the Front Lobby!



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Back to School: Schechter kicking off the year in a BIG way!







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First RELISH of the 2017-18 School Year!!!

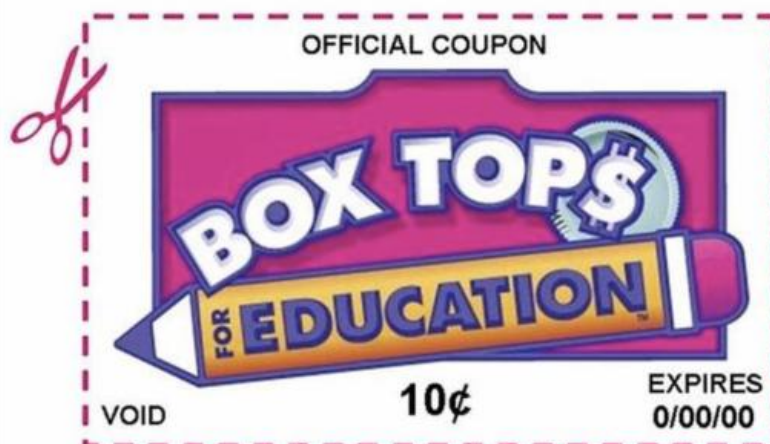








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Let's get clipping!

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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Beth David End-of-Summer Membership Get-together



PASTA PALOOZA

LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH 5:00-7:00pm

at Beth David Synagogue, 20 Dover Road, West Hartford

pasta, salad, garlic bread, ice cream
vegetarian and gluten-free options

If you are new to the area, please be our
guests. Call 860-236-1241 to find out how
coming to Beth David can be like coming home!

Donation - \$10.00 per person

Please call 860-236-1241 for reservations
(\$1.00/person discount for reservations paid by September 1)

PosterMyWall.com

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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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