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### Schechter School Office Hours (Winter):

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

**Friday**  
**8am- 2:30pm**

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### For Your Calendar:

**March 12**  
**Parent Conferences**  
**No classes**

**8th grade Israel  
Experience Departs!**

**March 14**  
**Evening Parent  
Conferences**

### Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Vayak'hel-Pekudei  
Candlelighting 5:33 pm

**March 9, 2018**  
**22 Adar, 5778**

**REMINDER: Monday is  
PARENT CONFERENCES  
NO CLASSES for Students**

Child care is provided for conference hours on Monday

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**Today:Friday, March 9th**  
**Final 2:30 Dismissal**

Beginning next Friday, March 16th,  
Dismissal will be **3:30pm** again

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### A Message from Andrea

Enjoy a snow filled weekend!

Shabbat Shalom!

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March 16  
First 3:30 dismissal

March 19  
Parents night out

March 21  
7th Grade to NYC

March 29  
Passover Vacation  
Begins

March 30  
First Seder

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### Mazal tov to...

Avi and Ivy Patt and  
younger brothers Alex  
(Gesher) and Micah  
(Parparim) on the bat  
mitzvah their daughter  
and sister,  
Schechter alum

**Maya Patt**

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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!



**RELISH**  
3.2.18

## Read Across America Day: Schechter celebrating Dr. Seuss and READING!



National Educational Association's (NEA) Read Across America is  
an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for  
every child in every community to celebrate reading on

March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

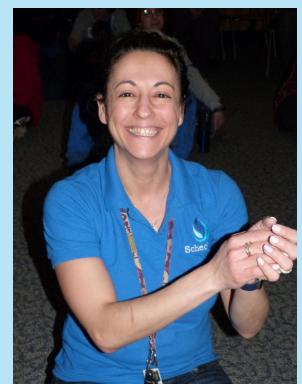
Schechter celebrated in full fashion! Gesher students listened to  
readings of *The Cat in the Hat* in both Hebrew and English!

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## EC4 Puzzles over their Reggio Project

EC 4 has chosen "Puzzles" as their topic of exploration this winter.  
This topic emerged from the children as their love of puzzles was





evident from the beginning of the year. Puzzles were taken off the shelf independently by the children and soon they joined with friends in building these creations together. The children have progressed from simple wooden 15 piece puzzles to over one hundred piece puzzles! Each child is making their own puzzle on a

blank puzzle template as well as printing one digitally and cutting out the pieces. Teachers Michelle and Bonnie were excited about this choice because the skills ingrained in puzzle play are numerous.

" Early Learning Development domains , such as Small Muscle development , Math, Science ,Social Studies and Literacy Development can all be incorporated into puzzle play, with the right choices of puzzles", said EC 4 teacher, Michelle Fontaine. " The greatest joy is seeing the collaboration and critical thinking among the children and the pride on their faces when a puzzle is completed." A culmination of this project will be shown to EC parents at the end of April.



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**Purim Purim Purim! (We had SO many pictures that we needed two weeks to fit them in!)**





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## Megillah Reading with the MS





**Check out the COSTUMES!!!!**

















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## Purim Carnival!

Thank you Roni and Tomer for organizing such a wonderful even!!!  
Thank you to the MS for helping with all the fun activities!















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**Save the Date for Ner Tamid!**

## **Save the Date for Ner Tamid!**

**Evening of Sunday, April 29, 2018  
at Beth El Temple**

Ner Tamid will feature recording artist

**MATISYAHU !!**



**Matisyahu sings our favorite Friday morning  
RELISH song, "One Day."**



**We will be honoring Jessica and Eric Zachs  
along with their children  
at our annual fundraiser benefiting  
Schechter's scholarship fund.**

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## **PA Updates on Events**

### **Passover Break Program with CT Science Center on Thursday, March 29: (ages 6-12)**

We did not get the minimum of 20 students, but there is good news!

We are changing the program and going to the CT Science Center. And more good news, the cost decreased to \$26 per student!!

The program will run from 9:30 till 2:30. You can still drop off your children (if you can help chaperon, we need one other parent).

The students will have two lab sessions "Washing Away" and "Crash Lab." In "Washing Away", students will learn how water travels on earth and make their own model stream. In "Crash Lab", students will explore forces and motion by crashing cars.

After the two lab sessions, we will have a brown bag lunch and then get to enjoy the Science Center!

Please let Alan Tuvín know at [atuvín@comcast.net](mailto:atuvín@comcast.net) if your child is interested and/or with any questions.

### Also today is the last day to sign up for

Solomon Schechter Science Camp at Children's Museum for ages 6 - 12

Science Day - Spend the day learning about science at the CT Children's Museum.

Drop-off between 8:45 and 9:00 am, pick-up between 3:45 and 4:00 pm. Cost \$70 per child

Please pack a lunch, water bottle, and snacks.

Need a minimum of 10 people.

Please let Alan Tuvín know at [atuvín@comcast.net](mailto:atuvín@comcast.net) if you are interested

### **Muse Paintbar, Monday March 19**

Please join us for a Parents Night Out @ Muse Paintbar, Monday March 19.

The Bar opens at 6:30 - Painting Starts at 7:00 PM Cost is \$40/pp

Come out and paint with other Schechter parents. Just like the talent show, no actual "talent" required. They show us and help us how do do everything.

We have the backroom reserved for us, but seating is limited to the first 22 people.

Use the following private link to register:  
<https://www.musepaintbar.com/events/55235>

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## Follow Schechter on Twitter & Facebook!!!

To keep up with all the happenings at SSDS,  
Follow us on Twitter [HERE](#) and on Facebook [HERE](#)

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## Do You Shop at Big Y??

**Big Y Education Express** is a Family Program to help  
local schools get FREE, much needed supplies &  
equipment!

Everyone can participate! Do you have children,  
grandchildren, nieces, nephews or even neighbors?  
You can support Solomon Schechter by signing up for  
Education Express. Click [HERE](#) to see more information  
about how to sign up and the benefits you can earn for  
Schechter.

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## SAVE THE DATE!

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\$40/pp

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limited to the first 22 people.

So please register as soon as possible.  
Use the following private link to register [HERE](#)

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## Last Call for Schechter Spirit Wear!



Its back by popular demand!! The Spring Schechter SpiritGear Sale is on **NOW through March 9!!** Check out our new offerings! Order replacement shirts or larger sizes for kids who have grown. Think about ordering ahead for next year.

As before 10% of all sales goes directly back to Schechter to help support our school.  
As before, Youth and Adult Sizes can be purchased using the following link:

[www.spiritgeardirect.com/shop](http://www.spiritgeardirect.com/shop)

Toddler sizes can be ordered via the attached order form and turned into the office

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EASY ONLINE  
SHOPPING

PURCHASE ONLINE AT

[www.SpiritGearDirect.com/Shop](http://www.SpiritGearDirect.com/Shop)

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ITEMS AND GET  
THIS **FREE**

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SWEATSHIRT \$41



Schechter  
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TEE \$24



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PIXELS TEE \$28



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Do you have a child preparing for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Are you looking for ideas for mitzvah projects? Join us and learn about volunteer opportunities in the community suitable for middle school students. Representatives from local organizations will be present to meet families and distribute information.

Co-sponsored by the Mandell JCC Social Action Committee  
and The Emanuel Synagogue Religious School.

**Free and open to the community**

Questions: Barbara Fink, 860-233-2774, [school@emanuelsynagogue.org](mailto:school@emanuelsynagogue.org)



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**Have you shopped at the Crown Lately?**





**Stop By the Crown Market TODAY!**

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# FVJC-ES PASSOVER SEDER

**Saturday, March 31st**

Join us for a Catered dinner  
and Passover seder led by Rabbi Bekah.

Begins at 6:00pm

FVJC Social Hall  
55 Bushy Hill Rd, Simsbury

**Adults \$24 / Kids \$12**  
Non-member \$36/ Kids \$18

Checks can be dropped off or  
mailed to the office.

**RSVP by March 26th**  
**<https://tinyurl.com/yauq9y65>**

Any questions?  
Mike & Moira Wertheimer  
[wertheimermichael7@gmail.com](mailto:wertheimermichael7@gmail.com)

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MONDAY, MARCH 12

Monday, March 12 | 7:30 PM | Mandell JCC

GREATER HARTFORD PREMIERE

## RAISE THE ROOF

Director: Yari Wolinsky

Documentary | USA | 85minutes | 2015 | English and Polish with English subtitles

Artists Rick and Laura Brown are not Jewish and not Polish, and yet they set out to rebuild Gwoździec, one of the magnificent 19th-century wooden synagogues of Poland, the last of which were destroyed by Nazis during World War II. Their vision inspires hundreds of people to join them. Using their hands, old tools and techniques, they rediscover Gwoździec's history, culture, and art.

*Raise the Roof* follows the Browns and the Handshouse Studio team to Sanok, Poland, as they begin building the new Gwoździec roof. The crew has six weeks to hew, saw, and carve 200 freshly logged trees and assemble the structure. Working against this deadline and despite torrential downpours and exhaustion, the team must create the structure, and disassemble it again for shipping and eventual installation in Warsaw's Polin Museum.

★ Audience Awards Philadelphia JFF, Rutgers JFF, Washington DC JFF, Seattle JFF

6:00pm: Pre-screening Dinner Program with filmmakers, Cary and Yari Wolinsky and Professors/Artists Laura and Rick Brown - \$30 (includes dinner and film)  
rsvp to [ekafer@jewishhartford.org](mailto:ekafer@jewishhartford.org) by March 5th, 2018 (film only - \$12.00)

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# shabbat speaker

March 16th, 7:00pm

## *Uncle Nat Rescues the Torah!*

Presentation by Shari Cassutt on the  
rescue of a Holocaust Torah by her Uncle Nat



**Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation**

**55 Bushy Hill Rd, Simsbury**

Photo courtesy of Sheila Ballay



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# WOMEN OF THE WALL

with guest Rabbi Debra Cantor  
of B'nai Tikvoh Sholom

**Claiming Sacred Ground  
at Judaism's Holy Site**

**Thursday, March 22nd  
7:00pm**

Sponsored by FVJC Sisterhood  
Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation  
55 Bushy Hill Rd, Simsbury



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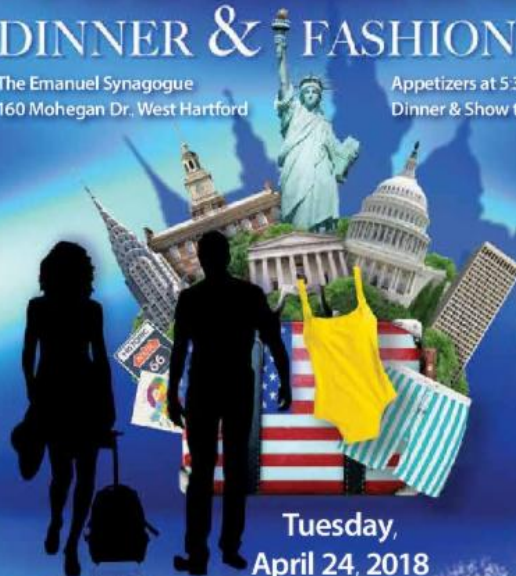
THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

# AN AMERICAN VACATION

## DINNER & FASHION SHOW

The Emanuel Synagogue  
160 Mohegan Dr. West Hartford

Appetizers at 5:30pm  
Dinner & Show to follow '50 pp



Tuesday,  
April 24, 2018

To register, contact Reesa at [reesa58@comcast.net](mailto:reesa58@comcast.net) or Fay at [faydehaas@comcast.net](mailto:faydehaas@comcast.net)

Hair & makeup compliments of  
**CONTOURS**  
Spa & Wellness

Dinner catered by  
**JOY OF FOOD**

Invitations by  
**The Paper Station**

Music provided by  
**POWER STATION**  
Events

### Dinner and Fashion Show

West Hartford - The Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood invites you to "An American Vacation" Dinner and Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Fashions for women, men and children will be provided by J.Jill and REI. The evening will begin with appetizers at 5:30, followed by a catered dinner and fashion show. As part of this event, we are giving back to the community by asking attendees to bring new baby and toddler clothing or toiletries as a donation to Jewish Family Service. This event will be held at The Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford. For more information, contact Reesa Olins at [reesa58@comcast.net](mailto:reesa58@comcast.net) or Fay Dehaas at [faydehaas@comcast.net](mailto:faydehaas@comcast.net).

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FVJC-ES Sisterhood

# Mah Jongg Tournament

CASH PRIZES!!!

Sunday, June 3, 2018

8:45am - 4:30pm

8:45..... Player Arrival, Coffee and...  
9:00..... Reading of Rules  
9:30..... Round 1  
10:30..... Round 2  
11:30..... Round 3  
12:30-1:15..Catered Kosher-Style Lunch  
1:15..... Round 4  
2:15..... Round 5  
3:15..... Round 6  
4:30..... Announcement of Winners

Farmington Valley  
Jewish Congregation  
55 Bushy Hill Rd,  
Simsbury, CT



Cost: \$36

Questions?  
Call Terry Cole 860-558-2587  
(please also use this number in case of  
a problem on event day)

Registration will close on May 29th or at 100 players, whichever comes first.

-----RSVP-----

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

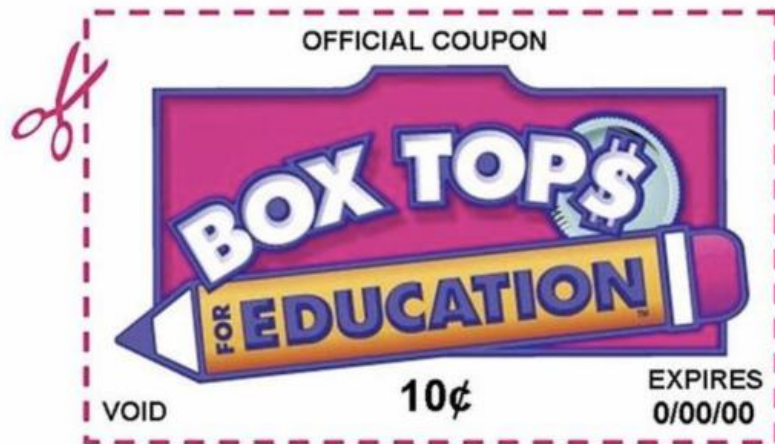
\_\_\_\_YES! I have a set and I am happy to be East! \*No black or vintage sets, please.

Save time by purchasing your tickets for the Cash Raffle!

\_\_\_\$5 for 6 \_\_\_\$10 for 13 \_\_\_\$20 for 30 Yes! I've added \$\_\_\_\_\_to my check for raffle tickets.

Please make checks payable to FVJC-ES Sisterhood. Please send to:  
Terry Cole, 5 Banbury Road, West Simsbury 06092. Your RSVP must be received by May 29th.  
No refunds for any reason after this date.

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There are many brands that you may purchase that  
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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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