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L'Dor V'Dor - From Generation to Generation



The entire Zachs Family remains steadfast in their commitment to the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford and the Jewish Community at large. This year's Ner Tamid honorees, Jessica & Eric Zachs and their children, Ben and Paige, Jacob, and Zoë, exemplify Schechter's core values of Wisdom (*Chochma*), Community (*Klal Yisrael*) and Good Heart (*Lev Tov*). Jessica currently serves as Schechter's Co-President and has also served as a board member on the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Foundation and CCMC to name a few. Eric, too, has served on countless boards including the Mandell JCC, ADL, the Hartford Dispensary, and the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation, where he was Chair.

Their children, who all attended Schechter, have followed in their parents' philanthropic footsteps. Ben is a leader at Schechter,

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Presentation**



serving on the Board of Trustees, and together with Paige, he has made a commitment to sustaining community and building a more inclusive Jewish community. Jacob works with an educational company, helping schools differentiate across all ability levels by making information accessible to all readers. Lastly, Zoë, who has devoted her professional career as a therapist to those most in need, exemplifies Good Heart (Lev Tov).

The Zachs Family represents four generations of philanthropists in the greater Hartford Jewish community, dating back to the early 1900's. The matriarch and patriarch of the family, Louise Silverman Zachs and William J. Zachs, taught their children about the importance of giving back and instilled this belief in their children and their children's children. Henry Zachs and Judy Zachs did just that. They have been supporters of Solomon Schechter for decades and have taught their children and grandchildren by example. Their philanthropy has touched countless organizations and causes within the Greater Hartford Jewish community, Connecticut, the United States, and the global Jewish community with deep connections to Israel. Henry and Judy's children, Eric and Jessica, William and Martin continue this legacy of giving as have their children.

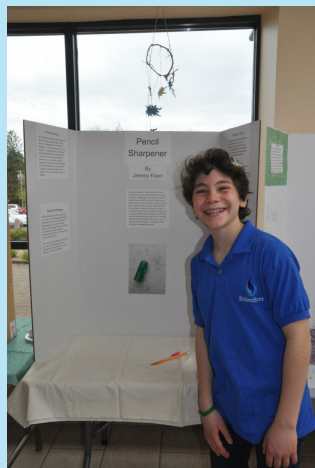
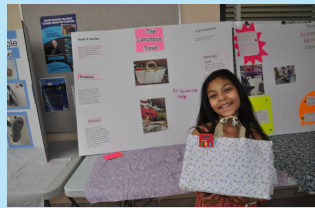
May you continue to be an example for us all and go from strength to strength! Yasher Kochem!



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8th Graders Challenge Faculty...Until 4th Quarter

Last Friday, the walls of the Schechter gym were lined with fans,

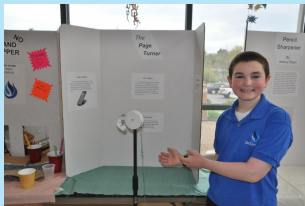


ranging from parents to students to faculty, as the annual 8th graders vs. Faculty basketball game began.

Playing with plenty of confidence, the 8th graders stayed competitive in the first half, trailing by only 3-7 points throughout the first 16 minutes of the game. A buzzer beater at the half by Brady Dulitsky brought the deficit to 3. Realizing with excitement that they could potentially keep up with the faculty, the 8th graders came out with even more confidence in the 3rd quarter, and after back to back buckets by Jack Resnick and Harry Gold off of tremendous passes from Michael Weiss, the 8th graders found themselves in the lead!!!



That did not last long. A couple of layups by Mr. G, followed by a pretty move by Rabbi Chatinover that was reminiscent of George Gervin, gave the faculty a strong lead. A Weiss jumper to end the 3rd quarter brought the 8th graders back to within two heading into the fourth, but that would be as close as they would get.



Known as crunch time, the 4th quarter was all faculty. Gavi Lehrer's layup pushed the lead to as much as 8, and you could feel in the gym that this game may be close to the finish. However, a Marley Noll knockdown jumper gave the 8th graders and their coaches, 7th graders Harris

Berson and Alex Kowalsky, a little more confidence. Referees Will Patchen and Spencer Berson kept all the players in line.

The dagger that basketball announcers talk about - the big bucket to end all hope for the other team - came when Kate Poltorak sunk a basket. Time eventually ran out for the 8th graders; the faculty celebrated their 9-point win with class. Credit to the 8th graders, who were very well prepared and were unafraid of the big moments this game can bring. A shoutout to Mr. D, who played with an injured knee, allowing the faculty to have a full squad for the first half of the game!

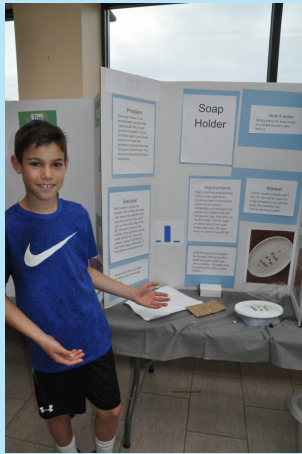


Students from K-7th supported both teams with posters, face paint, cheers, and glasses of water.



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Israeli Dance Festival!



Mayim...Tcherkaziya...Hop...Tum....Music of Israel...Laughter! These are just a few of the sights and sounds that filled the gymnasium at HHNE last Thursday night as we celebrated Israel at 70 as a Schechter community with an evening of Israeli dancing.

Hebrew teachers Anat Climor, Ziva Kovner, Limor Shefer and Shay Bachar worked closely with Matt Gionfriddo, our Athletic Director, to make this spectacular night happen. What made this night even more special was the fact that Israeli dance is an integral part of Schechter's PE curriculum.



Surrounded by a circle of guests, Parparim began the program with an energetic rendition of "Noladti LaShalom" ("I Was Born for Peace") to the clapping and cheers of the crowd. Rimoni followed with an enthusiastic line dance choreographed to Sarit

Hadad's "Chaverim Micol Minei Tzva'im" ("Friends of All Different Colors"). Gesher stepped in with an exuberant rendition of "L'Olam Bikvot Hashemesh" ("I Always Follow the Sun"), and Middle School students danced to the Naomi Shemer standard, "Od Lo Ahavti Dai" ("I Haven't Loved Enough"). When the RELISH favorite "Adama V'Shamayim" ("Earth and Sky") played for the faculty and staff dance, the audience's voices filled that huge room with song.





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Faculty vs 8th Grade THE BIG GAME



After these performances, the evening was far from over. Israeli dance is meant to be a community event, one of participation and connection-- and that's exactly what happened! With no experience required, students,

parents, faculty, staff, alumni, former parents and members of the Schechter Board of Trustees circled the room to a reprise of "Noladti LaShalom" and "Od Lo Ahavti Dai," smiles galore, eyes shining. It was, indeed, a Schechter moment to cherish, and as they say in baseball, "Wait 'til next year!"



Click [here](#) for more pictures of this wonderful night.



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Alumni Reconnects with Faculty!



Ner Tamid not only enabled us to celebrate the Zachs family and Schechter, but it also gave some alumni a chance to catch up with their former teachers. Pictured above: Sophie, Benjamin and Joel Kruger visit with their former math teacher, Pat Fleming.

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Ner Tamid

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Schechter's Ner Tamid Gala Honoring Jessica & Eric Zachs and Family featuring Matisyahu! It was a beautiful evening filled with love and ruach (spirit). Here are some more wonderful pictures from the Ner Tamid event.





Watch the Solomon Schechter students sing "One Day" with

Matisyahu [HERE](#)

There's still time to make a donation!
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Thank you for your continued support!



For more Pictures of the Ner Tamid Gala,
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Condolences to...

Sheila Silverman and
children, Schechter
graduates
Shira Feldman (2009)
and
Talia Feldman
(2012), on the loss of
their beloved father and
grandfather,

David Silverman

**Erica Bloch and Mark
Haims** and their

Gesher Shares their Hard Work with their Families

On Friday, the Gesher families visited the classroom for a celebration of learning. The students shared all the hard work they put into their writing pieces this year, showing pieces of narrative, nonfiction, fantasy and poetry writing.



The students also shared a written reflection, showing what they noticed about their own learning from the beginning of the year to present day.

Anya wrote, "This year I noticed that I wrote longer and I got better at showing, not telling."

After the celebration of learning, the families and students joined together in the front lobby for the Invention Convention. Each student spent several months crafting a unique invention and presented their design process and final prototype. The students are very proud of all their work!

The students wrapped up this event by presenting a poetry slam. Each student picked their favorite written poetry piece and read it aloud with emotion.



Zelia noted, "I liked that the parents got to see not just what their own child was working on, but what everyone in the class had done." **Charlie**, proud of his writing, said, "I enjoyed sharing with everyone what we did throughout the year."

daughter, Schechter alumna **Danielle**, on the loss of their beloved mother and stepfather, mother-in-law and stepfather-in-law, and grandparents, **Rosalie Bloch** and **Aubrey Jackson**

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The parents were amazed at all the students had accomplished with one saying, "the level of sophistication of their writing and depth of thought is well beyond that of 9 and 10 year-olds!"

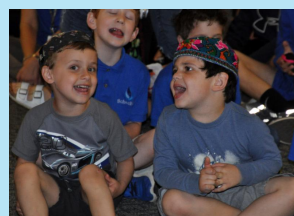


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EC2 Works with a Planting Expert

For the past few months, the EC 2 Dubonim having been doing long term project work focused on seeds and planting. This week, along with their friends in EC 3, the Dubonim had the privilege of welcoming an expert on planting into the class.



Miss Ellen came from AuerFarm in Bloomfield to talk to the children about planting seeds and how seeds grow.



When Miss Ellen asked the students, "What's a seed?" they joyfully answered, "I know, you plant something. You grow something. You plant it in the ground. It makes a plant."

In answer to Miss Ellen's question about what plants need, the children, who are now experts in plants, enthusiastically answered, "It needs the sun. Shemesh. ...Dirt! And Water."



After hearing a great story by Zoe Hall called The Surprise Garden, the children had a chance to put their skills to the test. They rotated through three stations in which they planted a seed of their



choosing in a small pot, sorted seeds of varied shapes, colors, and sizes, and used magnifying glasses to look at various plants from roots to flowers, including Lamb's ear, mint, dandelion, as well as others.

"We're so proud of what they know about plants. They already knew to poke a little hole for the seeds as well as what seeds need to grow. What a great way to reinforce what they are learning as our project work comes to an end," stated teachers Yeshiva Cohen and Julie Wilkins. The Dubonim will celebrate their "Seeds and Planting" culmination next week.



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RELISH (n.) A morning communal celebration of song in
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celebrate Shabbat together.

Friday, May 25 at 9:00am: Early Childhood RELISH (ages 0-5)

Questions? Contact Karen Shakun kshakun@ssds-hartford.org



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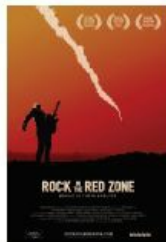
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FILM



Rock in the Red Zone Featuring Micha Biton

"Rock in the Red Zone" is an intimate portrayal of life on the edge in the war-torn city of Sderot, Israel. Once known for its prolific rock scene that revolutionized Israeli music, for thirteen years the town has been the target of ongoing rocket fire from the Gaza strip. Through the personal lives and music of Sderot's diverse musicians, the film chronicles the town's trauma and reveals its enduring spirit.

Sunday, April 22 | 5 pm

Beth David Synagogue

20 Dover Rd, West Hartford, 860-238-1241

Dinner and a Movie - \$5 for Beth David members, \$10 for the community. Falafel dinner for purchase from Yosi Kosher Catering.

Tuesday, May 22 | 7 pm

Beth El Temple

2628 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, 860-233-9696

Movie and popcorn, \$10

Thursday, May 24 | 7:30 pm

Beth Shalom B'nai Israel

400 Middle Turnpike E, Manchester, 860-643-9563

\$10 includes entrance to performance on June 7.



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Micha Biton is one of the early pioneers of the renowned music scene in Sderot, Israel.

Micha grew up in an extraordinary musical neighborhood, where creativity was abundant and children sang and played instruments, formed informal youth ensembles and dreamed of the bands that they would create. Micha was nine when his father passed away, an event which profoundly impacted his outlook, his writing, and his personal direction.

His dramatic childhood, the impact of his strong Moroccan ethnic roots coupled with cultural Ashkenazic influences led to the formation of a musician who passionately calls upon both sides of his upbringing to create songs of hope and joyfulness.

Micha performs across Israel and abroad, bringing his story and his songs of inspiration and joy to audiences throughout the world.

Sunday, June 3 | 7 pm

Beth El Temple

2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, 860-233-9696

\$20, \$15 for Seniors and Students.

Thursday, June 7 | 7:30 pm

Beth Shalom B'nai Israel

400 Middle Turnpike E, Manchester, 860-643-9563

\$10 includes entrance to movie on May 24.

Friday, June 8 | 6:30 pm

Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation

55 Bushy Hill Rd, Simsbury, 860-658-1075

Micha Biton will be performing during Shabbat services.

Dinner is included after the service.

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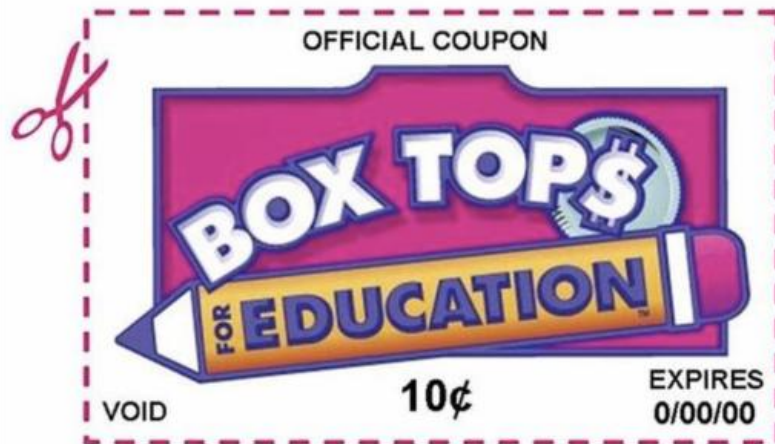
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