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Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Behaalotecha

Candlelighting 8:01 pm

June 1, 2018

19 Sivan, 5778

Schechter Alumni Widely Recognized for Commitment to Academics and Leadership!

For four decades, Schechter has graduated outstanding students and community members. In our earliest days, we started out in the Emanuel basement, moved to our beautiful building, expanded into middle school, and now we have introduced our cutting edge multiage model. Throughout its long history, Schechter has had many iterations, changes in structure, pedagogy and curriculum - what has remained steadfast is the quality of education our students experience and the successes they meet with in their lives.

We are proud of our talented and kind alumni.

Rebecca Gold:

Latin Medal: Seniors who show a commitment to learning and achievement in advanced Latin

Zachary Goldberg:

Trinity Club of Hartford Book Award: Junior displaying outstanding scholarship, discovery of personal strengths, and development of individual potential

Samara Gordon-Wexler:

Smith College Club Book Award: Junior who exemplifies academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others

Aidan Kaminer:

Hall High School Dramatic Award in Directing: Students whose theatrical excellence is evidenced in their abilities to be innovative, self-disciplined, and dependable team members

2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student: Students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their

and
Annual Meeting 7pm

June 13
Last day of classes
8th grade graduation

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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 and include the name, email address, and relationship to Schechter and we will add them to our list!



MORE Field Day Pics!!



exceptional academic promise demonstrated by outstanding performance on the qualifying test for program entry

Dylan Landau:

2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student: Students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their exceptional academic promise demonstrated by outstanding performance on the qualifying test for program entry

Harley Neiditz

American Classical League: Seniors who show a commitment to learning and achievement in advanced Latin

English Department Award for Overall Excellence in and Enthusiasm for the Study of English: student who best exemplifies the lessons of English through their performance, growth, interest, enthusiasm, and commitment to and for the spoken word throughout their years at Hall

Matthew Patchen

Excellence in Chinese Language: Chinese language students who demonstrate excellence in all elements of language learning and are true role models in the classroom

Madeline Pliskin:

Hall High School Student Association Award (Board of Education Representative): Students who have been elected by the student body for their ability to serve as leaders in the school and community, positive role models for others, and vehicles for positive change

Izabella Raviv:

Accepted into the Girls State Program, a leadership program for students who are interested in a career in public service. She will be attending a week-long program at Post University and will spend time with many Connecticut state representatives.

William Scott Ritter:

2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student: Students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their exceptional academic promise demonstrated by outstanding performance on the qualifying test for program entry

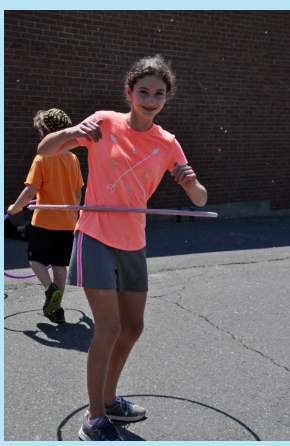
Olivia Rotter:

Saint Michael's College Book Award: Juniors recognized for scholarship, strong social conscience, and a sustained and sincere commitment to community service

Noah Silverman:

Hall High School Student Association Award (Vice President): Students who have been elected by the student body for their ability to serve as leaders in the school and community, positive

role models for others, and vehicles for positive change



Jacob Zweifler

American Mathematics Contest: commendations made to the highest scoring students at Hall on a competitive exam sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America (AMC-12 School Winner and AIME Qualifier)

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award: Junior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and academic excellence in science

Yale Club of Hartford Book Award: Junior who has demonstrated leadership, effective teamwork, and organizational abilities

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Please Join us for this Event!!

Solomon Schechter Day School
of Greater Hartford



'Our Legacy Lives On'

A PFLI Collaboration of Solomon
Schechter Day School and
Facing History and Ourselves:
The Memorial Project

The Event

We welcome you to join in the presentation, celebration and conversation of this Memorial Project, proudly brought to you by our phenomenal 7th Grade Class.

Where

Solomon Schechter Day School
26 Buena Vista Rd, West Hartford, CT
06107

When

Monday, June 4, 2018
7:00 PM

Contact Us

If you have questions or want to know more about our project please feel free to contact us at:

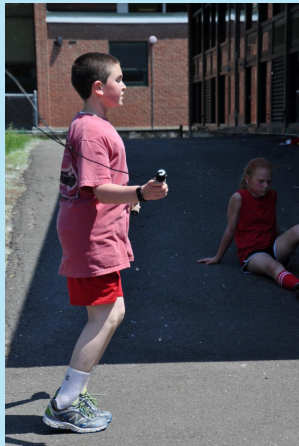
monumentproject7thgrade@gmail.com

Please also check out our website and video at:

<https://monumentproject7th.wixsite.com/2018>



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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



The 2018/5778 Graduates of
The Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford
cordially invite you to attend their graduation

Wednesday, June 13, 2018
30 Sivan 5778
5:00 p.m.

Graduation will be held in the school auditorium of the
Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford
26 Buena Vista Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

Graduating Class of 2018

Brady Dulitsky
Harry Gold
Marley Noll
Jack Resnick
Michael Weiss

ברוך דוליצקי
צבי גולד
עמנואל נול
יואל רזניק
משה וויס

Let us know if you plan to attend! RSVP to kshakun@ssds-hartford.org

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Come and Visit the Book Fair!!!

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**MORE Yad Night
Pictures!**



It is not too late to shop the Book Fair for some great summer reading finds!

The Book Fair is open at drop off and pickup on **Friday, June 1st** and **Monday, June 4th** and also on **Tuesday, June 5th** in the morning.

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Field Day!!! Blue! Red! Green! Orange!





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Continuing to Build Future Jewish Leaders: Teen Leadership and Philanthropy Institute and Schechter

Imagine your child or grandchild as a prominent community leader with the power to make decisions that truly change and help other people.

Then imagine that child with enough knowledge and funding to evaluate real-world programs and allocate sizeable amounts of money to causes that you think are really worthwhile.

Would she know what to do? Would he like to learn how?

Does it sound exciting and empowering? It is!!

The Teen Leadership and Philanthropy Institute (TLPI), part of the Jewish Teen Learning Connection (JT Connect) program, teaches teens that they can make a tangible difference in the world, starting right now. In this class, the teens are provided with \$3,000, and then are taught how to wisely give it away. Since TLPI began, Jewish teens in the Greater Hartford area have given over \$35,000 to local, national, and international charities, all while learning how

to be active citizens of our Jewish community.

Students learn about leadership and philanthropy from a Jewish perspective by reviewing historical, philosophical, and ethical texts. Then, by visiting Jewish agencies and seeing first-hand the many services they provide, students learn about how our community is organized and supported. They learn to analyze proposals, prioritize need, and actually fund meaningful projects.



Over the years, many Schechter graduates have continued their Jewish education in high school through JT Connect (formerly known as Yachad). **Talia Feldman** (Schechter 2012) said, "The TLPI program exposed me to the world of philanthropy in both the Jewish and larger secular community. It fostered a great sense of leadership and within these communities, and helped me gain perspective on the inner workings of volunteer and philanthropic organizations. My involvement with TLPI culminated in a teen liaison position with the Jewish Community Relations Council. There, I was able to effectively apply my knowledge and play an active role in community decision making." **Ahna Bielik** (Schechter 2015, pictured above) described, "it was a great experience which gave us a good understanding of the process involved in donating money to different organizations for their causes."

And, congratulations to Solomon Schechter for receiving a grant from TLPI! Our proposal to receive funding to help make sandwiches for residents of the South Park Inn Shelter and to grow vegetables to be donated to Charter Oak Cultural Center's BOTS Pots program was one of the grants awarded from the 12 proposals the teens reviewed.



We are proud that so many former Schechter students have continued their Jewish leadership through TLPI! They include: **Zachary Sobel-Pressman, Ahna Bielik, Gabi Silver, Noah Sobel-Pressman, Rachel Fiedler, Talia Feldman, Jason Solinsky, Nadav Chatinover, Asher Kinyon, Eli Shakun, Maddy Shakun, Micah Fiedler, Jacob Kornman, Samantha Weiser, Brian Solinsky, Max Beede, Curtis Pitegoff, Sam Ehrlichson-McCarthy, Sloane Sheldon, Lara Solinsky, Matt Kochen, Emily Weiser, Penina Beede, Eliza Pinette, Carina Benadiva, Ben Brody, Tal Brody**



Pictured with this year's TLPI students: TLPI Leaders **Cyral Sheldon** (L), a former Schechter parent and former president of the Parent Association, and **Rabbi Steven Chatinover** (R), Schechter Middle School Judaic Studies teacher and former Schechter parent.

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Awesome 3-D Project in Makerspace!

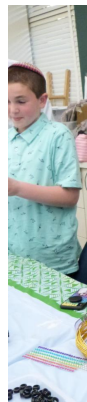
Sixth grader, **Alex**, has been hard at work in the MakerSpace, researching and designing a scale model aircraft. With some help from his teachers, **Alex's** design was 3D printed and is in the process of being assembled and painted.



This model float plane contains intricate pieces that were difficult to print at first, but **Alex's** dedication and follow-through certainly paid off.

We are all so proud of the initiative and drive exemplified by **Alex**!

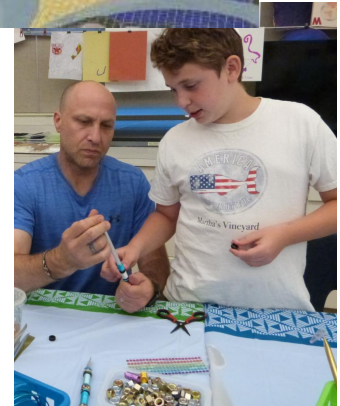
A Great Tradition- Gesher Yad Program



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During this term, the 5th grade students in the Gesher class have devoted themselves to learning Torah trope and prepared individual readings that they will chant next week in school. We are so proud of these students who have learned their readings completely from the trope markings, not from recordings!

Last Wednesday night, in preparation for their readings, the 5th grade Gesher students and their parents came together in the Art Room to create a yad, the pointer used when reading the Torah. In the spirit of hiddur mitzvah, making a mitzvah even more special, each family created a yad made of metal tubing, colorful wire, bolts and grommets. The results were unique and beautiful! We know that the student's Torah readings next week will be even more meaningful as the students chant their portions, finding their places and chanting the ancient words with their yad in their hands and their families at their sides.



Over the past couple of weeks, all of the Gesher students worked in groups to create imaginary precious objects and then described their creation, what they look like, purpose, how and where they are stored, if they are used in public and the ceremony for taking them out and returning them to their places. In addition, the students added quotations from people who had used or interacted with the objects. After sharing their precious object information with the class, the students then identified the Torah as the precious object belonging to the Jewish people. Unlike



the precious objects that they had created, they noted that the Torah is brought out in public on a regular basis and is to be touched and even kissed by all present. Following this activity, they studied and chanted the special



ceremony and prayers that are part of the weekday Torah service. As they re-enacted the ceremony, the students took note of the various ways in which we show respect and care for the Torah scroll as a precious, sacred object.

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You are Cordially Invited to the
Solomon Schechter Day School
of Greater Hartford

Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 7th
at 7:00 pm

at the Solomon Schechter Beit Tefillah
26 Buena Vista Road
West Hartford, CT 06119

Reception to follow

Please let us know you're coming! rsvp@ssds-hartford.org

Slate of Officers

Presidents: Lauren Eisen

Chairwomen of the Board: Sharon Kochen and Jessica Zachs

Vice Presidents: Greg Patchen, Avinoam Patt, and Gayle Temkin

Treasurer: Boris Levin

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Incoming Board Members: Jill Dulitsky, Jason Kay, Steve Leshem, Stefanie Ochs,
Lauren Tafrate

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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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Have you shopped at the Crown Lately?



Stop By the Crown Market TODAY!



Come Join the Celebration!

Greater Hartford's Jewish community will come together for a free celebration of Israel's 70th birthday on Sunday, June 3 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford. All are welcome to attend.

The festival will include a wide variety of artistic, cultural, educational and recreational activities. The Klezshpiel klezmer band, choirs from local synagogues, and emerging Israeli R&B star Noam Wolf will perform along with Israeli folk dancers Or Chadash and dance troupes from the Mandell JCC and Solomon Schechter Day School. Adults will enjoy Israeli films and engaging speakers, while children enjoy Israel-inspired arts and crafts, games, face painting, bounce houses and a parade. A shuk (market) will sell Israeli snacks and crafts, and food and beverages will be available for purchase from Yosi Kosher Catering, The Crown Market and The Emanuel Synagogue Brotherhood.

Parking will be available at the Mandell JCC. Overflow parking with a shuttle bus service will be available at the University of Hartford, Lot A, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford.

Presented by Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and the Mandell Jewish Community Center, the June 3 celebration is part of a yearlong commemoration of Israel's 70th anniversary made possible by generous support from the Jewish Community Foundation and Federation. Local businesses, individuals and families have also provided financial support, including Jerusalem Sponsor Data-Mail and Tel Aviv Sponsors Nefco and Solinsky Eyecare.



3:00-6:00pm

Food for Purchase

- Yosi Kasher Catering – Israeli cuisine
- The Crown Market – Grill Items and Desserts
- The Emanuel Synagogue Brotherhood – Beverages

Community Fair

Activities

Games, Crafts, Bounce House Fun, Gaga

Shuk Market

- Rivka Judaica Store
- Negev Sun
- Mirembah
- The Crown Market

3:30-4:30pm - Inside the Mandell JCC

Israeli Short Film Fest

- Innovation Center, Second Floor
- *An Average Story*
 - *Jerusalem EP*
 - *Dear God*

Sea Tea Improv

Workshop for JCL & JCC Adults with Special Needs Program
Chase Family Gallery

Main Stage Schedule

3:00 pm	Opening Remarks
3:10 pm	KlezShpilars – Klezmer Band
3:30 pm	Mandell JCC Dancers
3:45 pm	Temple Sinai Youth Choir – B'nai Shir
3:50 pm	Congregation Beth Israel Choir
3:55 pm	The Israel Ride – Team Mandell JCC and Alumni
4:00 pm	Community Leader Remarks
4:05 pm	Noam Wolf – Israeli R&B Singer
4:30 pm	Blue & White Parade
4:35 pm	Noam Wolf – Israeli R&B Singer
4:55 pm	Israeli Torch Lighting Ceremony
5:05 pm	Or Chadash Israeli Folk Dance Troupe
5:25 pm	Solomon Schechter/ Hebrew Academy Student Speakers
5:35 pm	Solomon Schechter Israeli Folk Dancers
5:45 pm	Closing remarks

Subject to change

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Brad Drazen | Dennis House | Rachel Lutzker

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The first delegation of

Amiel BaKehila INAUGURAL VISIT

to
West Hartford
Tuesday, 5/29 – Thursday, 5/31

Catch them at Hebrew Center, Jewish Federation, Hebrew Academy, Young Israel of West Hartford & Agudas Achim
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OTS Amiel BaKehila, part of the Ohr Stone is an exciting new initiative under the auspices of Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs aimed at empowering Jewish communities around the world through Jewish Education, Israel Engagement and Jewish Arts & Culture.

in partnership with



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER HARTFORD

Delegation Members:

Israel Engager:
Tour Guide Eitan Morrell



Jewish Educator:
Rabbi Reuven Spolter



Artist: Musician
Yitchok Meir Malek

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TWO GREAT WAYS TO SAVE ON JEWISH SUMMER CAMP



Hartford County families: Are you ready for the summer? Save on camp and give your child an unforgettable Jewish experience with these two amazing offers.

1. One Happy Camper grants for first time overnight campers



One Happy Camper provides grants of up to \$1,000 for a child attending a nonprofit, Jewish overnight camp for the first time. One Happy Camper is a program of the Foundation for Jewish Camp in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. You can choose from over 150 camps for Jewish kids of all ages. For more information, visit onehappycamper.org or contact Heather Fiedler at

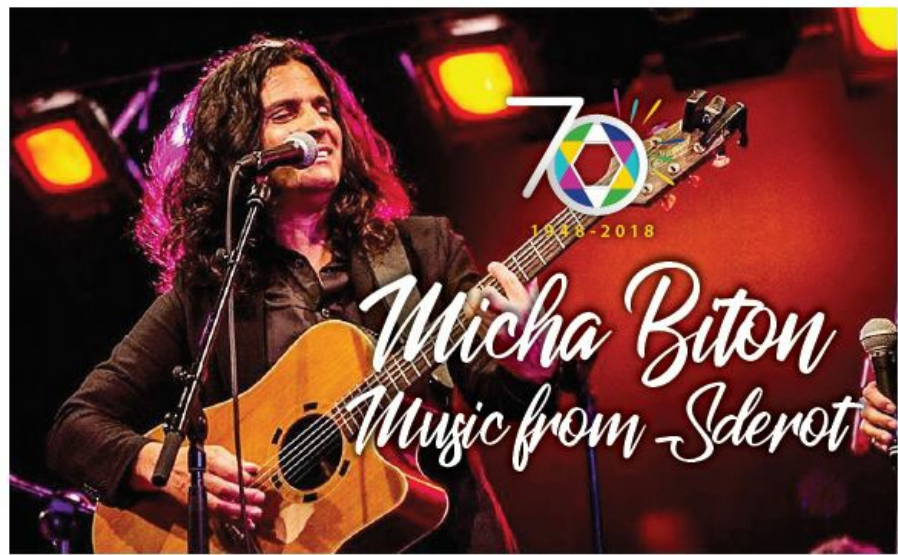
hfriedler@jewishhartford.org or 860.727.6121.

2. \$500 grants to attend Camp Laurelwood

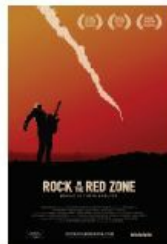
A friend of Camp Laurelwood is offering a special \$500 incentive to attend any session of two weeks or longer this summer. The incentive applies to first time campers and anyone who did not attend Camp Laurelwood last year. Camp Laurelwood is Connecticut's premier Jewish co-ed overnight camp located in Madison, Conn. It has served Jewish families for more than 80 years. For more information, contact Heather Golub at heather@camplaurelwood.org or 203.421.3736.



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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

2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, 860-233-9898
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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CONCERT

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, 860-233-9898
\$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.
Free and open to the community.

CD's available for purchase at all locations - \$10

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SAVE THE DATE

YOUNG ISRAEL OF WEST HARTFORD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SIYUM TANACH

Honoring Elisheva & Zev Davidovics

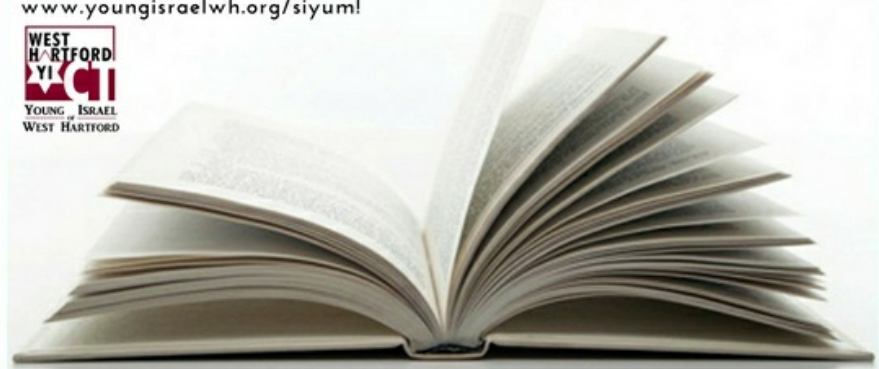
and Daniella & Rabbi Avi Robinson

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

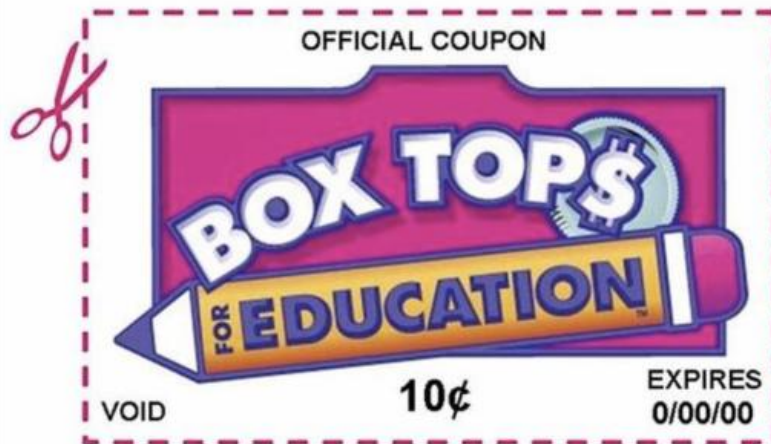
SIYUM TANACH CAMPAIGN? Join us as we work to study and complete the entirety of the Hebrew Bible for a communal celebration June 10!

Choose a portion to study on your own, with friends or in your family! Visit

www.youngisraelwh.org/siyum!



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Box Tops for Education is free money for our school!
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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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