



# Mabat At a Glance

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Shabbat Shalom  
Parashat Korach  
Candlelighting 8:10 pm

June 15, 2018  
2 Tammuz, 5778

Please check out this exciting opportunity! We have already enrolled 3 new students since the challenge began! Only 7 more to go until all families enrolled receive a 10% tuition discount.

**CURRENT FAMILIES:** Don't forget to get your signed tuition agreement in before the June 30th deadline!

Schechter School  
Office  
Summer Hours:

Monday- Thursday  
9am -3pm

Closed Fridays

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## For Your Calendar:

Click [HERE](#) for the link to the 2018-19 calendar of vacations, early dismissals, and holidays.

**August 23**  
Classroom visits!

School Returns on  
**August 27**

**September 3**  
Labor Day- No School

**September 5**  
Curriculum Night for  
Early Childhood and  
Middle School

**September 6**  
Curriculum Night for  
grades K-5

Have a great Summer!

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### Mazal tov to...

Jennifer and Brian  
Grosberg as their son

**Noah**

becomes a bar  
mitzvah this shabbat!

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### Mazal tov to...

Leah and Larry Berson  
and Schechter  
graduates Matty  
(2013) and Jared  
(2010) Berson  
as their sons/brothers

**Harris and Spencer**

become bar mitzvah  
next shabbat!

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### Join Our List

Would you like a  
grandparent, relative, or

## Exciting Schechter Family Opportunity

Generous donors have created an amazing grant  
for our current families!

### LET'S MEET THE CHALLENGE!

If we identify and sign up  
**10** new students by **August 26th**,  
the first day of school,  
ALL current and new families will receive a  
**10%** reduction in 2018/2019 tuition!

#### Donor Requirements:

- For current students to be eligible for this opportunity, they must be registered for the 2018/19 school year by June 30, 2018. As per donor guidelines, no exceptions granted.
- The 10 additional students must be new families to the school and submit signed contracts by August 26, 2018.
- Challenge includes all current and new students, EC2-8th grade.
- If we are successful, donors are already considering a new challenge for the 2019/2020 school year.

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS GENEROUS  
CHALLENGE A SUCCESS!**

## Parparim Siddur Presentation

Last Thursday, Parparim held their annual Siddur Celebration. Now part of the multi-age classroom model, upcoming first graders joined the celebration for the first time this year and were excited to be part of the learning process. There was joy in the air as students sang, danced, and prayed before the upcoming second graders received their new Siddurim with pride.

Throughout the past year, the students met every morning for Tefillot. They started with Shacharit: Shema Israel, V'ahavtah, Mode-Ani and Adon-Olam. Over time, the students learned new prayers; their focus then shifted

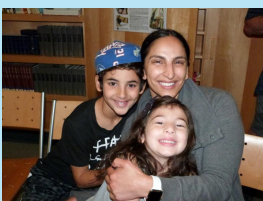


from the recitation of the prayers to discussing the deeper meaning

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!



## Last Friday RELISH!



of each prayer and how it affects their lives both as individuals and as part of a community.



Parparim Hebrew teacher Anat Climor said, "I was very excited to see the students develop emotionally throughout the year. They are ending this school year more mature. The discussions we had at the beginning of the

school year and the ones we have had towards the end of the year indicate the growth that each and every student went through. As they learned the meaning of the prayers, students changed the way they think and reflect."

A week after the Siddur Celebration, students are proudly praying every morning from their new Siddur.



This celebration demonstrates the overall core values we provide to our

students as part of a Jewish Community and as part of the Solomon Schechter family. Schechter parents: ask your children what thoughts, insights and values they have collected as part of that experience, and throughout the year!



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**EC4 End of Year  
Celebration**

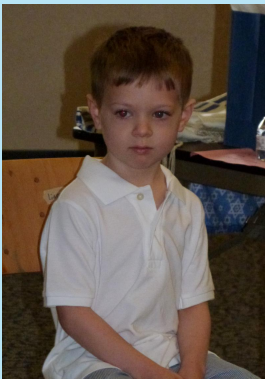
## 8th Grade Graduation!!!

A Huge Mazel Tov to Schechter's 8th Grade class on their Graduation! We know you will go forth and do amazing things!



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## EC2 Contributes to Jesse's Garden



A BIG

Thank you was given to EC2 from Jesse's Garden for the awesome plants the little ones donated! Awesome job EC2!









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## MORE Siddur Presentation with Parparim!



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## 8th Graders Participate in JCC Fitness Program

Thanks to a generous donation from a Schechter family, the 8th graders have just concluded a two-week fitness program, meeting with a JCC instructor once a week to participate in a 40-minute group exercise class.

The idea of the program is to familiarize students with different ways to keep their bodies physically active as they embark upon new journeys in high school. The Physical Education program throughout the



year teaches students that there are many ways to keep the body healthy; with the help of this program, students are exposed to



diverse options that appeal to all different people. In "Bootcamp" class, students competed with one another in different types of workouts, leading to the eventual crowning of a "champion."



During the "PiYo" class, students were forced to constantly keep their body moving, doing stretches, pushups, squats, and other exercises. This was a favorite PE activity for the 8th grade, with full participation and engagement by all.

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## 2018-19 Torch Announcement!

At the end of the school year, it is the job of the current Schechter Torch to announce the name of the new student who has been selected to be the Torch for the upcoming year. The following is the speech delivered by **Harry Gold** as he announced the new Schechter Torch:

Good Morning. As most of you know, I am the 2017 - 2018 Solomon Schechter Torch. As this academic year is coming to a close, it is time to pass on this honor to an upcoming 8th grade student. The Torch is given to a student who embodies Schechter's three core values of חכמה, wisdom, כללי ישראל, community, and לב טוב, good heart - all traits that are central to the beliefs and goals at Solomon Schechter Day School.

Wisdom refers to not only knowledge, but also experience and good judgment. Community refers to many things here at Schechter. We have our Schechter community where teachers and students of all ages interact during various activities. As Schechter students we also interact in meaningful ways with our surrounding community. Such as Middle School students volunteering at the House of Bread. The core value of Good Heart, refers to someone who is gentle, compassionate, and accepting.





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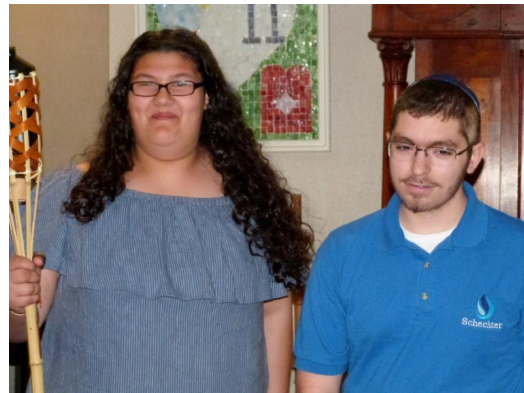
The student chosen to be the next Torch is a conscientious and dedicated student. The faculty at Schechter has watched this student mature and grow through the years.

The incoming 2018 - 2019 SSDS Torch has been described as a serious student who is a strong class participant. This student has a strong sense of self and a unique voice. Judaism is very important to this student who has been a vocal participant in Tefilot. This seventh grade student has a sense of humor and is friendly to all.

I am very excited to pass on this great honor to the next SSDS Torch. With this honor comes this torch. And their name will added to the beautiful plaque that hangs in the front entrance way.

Now, for the moment you have all been waiting for,

The 2018-2019 Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford Torch is.... **Morissa Kranc!**



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## Rogow MS Rube Goldberg Machines!

A Rube Goldberg machine is a complex machine intentionally designed to perform a simple task in an indirect and overcomplicated fashion.

These machines may consist of a series of levers, balls, or pulleys linked together to produce a domino effect, in which each device triggers the next one, and the original goal is achieved only after many steps. The middle school students wrapped



up their year by creating one of these contraptions, demonstrating their knowledge of cause and effect, gravity, physics, forces and



motion. It took students two weeks to design and create their invention, tasked with the objective of releasing a balloon into the air. Each student was responsible for a different section of the machine. A

wonderful outcome of the project was watching the students reach across grade levels to help each other with problem-solving during construction and trials.

The energy was palpable as the students prepared for the "Kickoff" of the machine!







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## EC Beach Day!!!





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## Great Alumni News

Awards, Elections and Honors for Schechter Alumni  
Finishing Grades 9-12

### Hall High School

#### **Ahna Bielik-**

National Honor Society

Chinese Language National Honor Society

"Uniquely Effective Madricha Award" from Jewish Federation of  
Greater Hartford

#### **Victoria Boustani-**

French National Honor Society

Certificat d'honneur for her score on Le Grand Concours de  
Français



**Jason Buckman -**

National Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society

**Ariel Bykoff-**

Latin Honor Society

**Sossi Bykoff-**

Latin Honor Society

National Honor Society

**Josh Chachques-**

Dr. Robert Kramer Scholarship award for best essay (CBI confirmation class competition)

Delegate for the Religious Action Center in Washington DC on climate change (presenter at Chris Murphy's office)

Writer and performer (Haman) for the annual Purim Spiel play at CBI

Hall High Scene night: Played Willy Loman in Death of a Salesman

**Jonah Gershon-**

Spanish National Honor Society

**Rebecca Gold -**

National Honor Society

Latin Honor Society

Latin Medal

**Zachary Goldberg-**

National Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society

Trinity Club of Hartford Book Award

Samara Gordon-Wexler- National Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society

Smith College Club Book Award

**Aidan Kaminer-**

Wesleyan Book Award

National Honor Society

Hall High School Dramatic Award in Directing

2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student

**Arielle Kessler -**

Attended Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (high school in Jerusalem)during 2016-17 academic year

**Joey Kornman -**

Latin Honor Society

**Dylan Landau-**

University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award

Chinese National Honor Society, Officer 2017-18

National Honor Society

2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student

**June Laub-**

Chinese National Honor Society

**Ruth Nawy-**

Spanish National Honor Society

**Harley Neiditz -**

National Honor Society

American Classical League

English Department Award for Overall Excellence in and  
Enthusiasm for the Study of English

**Coby Noll -**

Chinese National Honor Society

Moreh (membership), Nadav BBYO Chapter 2017-18

Shaliach (Jewish Programming), Nadav BBYO Chapter 2018-19

**Matthew Patchen-**

Chinese National Honor Society, Officer 2017-18

National Honor Society

Award for Excellence in Chinese Language

**Claire Peikes-**

National Honor Society

Chinese Language National Honor Society

**Madeline Pliskin -**

Board of Education Representative, Hall High School

Spanish National Honor Society

National Honor Society

President, Hall Human Rights Coalition

Hall High School Student Association Award (Board of Education  
Representative)

**Izabella Raviv-**

National Honor Society

American Sign Language National Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society

Selected for FLEYA (Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy) at  
Yale University

Girls State Program

**Scott Ritter -**

Princeton Association of Central Connecticut Book Award

National Honor Society

2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student

**Olivia Rotter-**

National Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society

Saint Michael's College Book Award

**Noah Silverman -**

Vice President, Hall High School Student Council

Chinese National Honor Society

National Honor Society

Hall High School Student Association Award (Vice President)

**Zachary Sobel-Pressman -**

Chinese National Honor Society

Shaliach (Jewish Programming), Nadav BBYO Chapter 2017-18

Vice President, Nadav BBYO Chapter 2018-19

**Ezequiel Unger -**

Best Foods Student

**Jake Zweifler-**

National Honor Society

American Mathematics Contest 2nd place

Fred Brown Biology Book Award

Yale Club of Hartford Book Award



### HHNE

**Micah Glickman** - Vice President, HHNE Student Council  
Leadership Award

Elana Kranc- Midot Tovot Award

Ariel Pinchover- Inducted into National Honor Society, Midot Tovot  
Award

### University High School of Science and Engineering

**Noah Ehrlich** - National Honor Society

CT State High School Fencing Championships, 4th place

**Eitan Ehrlich** - Mazkir (Communication and PR), Nadav BBYO  
Chapter 2017-18

National Honor Society

Regional Ozer (Community Service) Connecticut Valley Region  
BBYO 2018-19

**Leo Gold** - National Honor Society

**Samm Smith-Rapaport** - Treasurer, Nadav BBYO Chapter 2017-18  
Moreh (membership), Nadav BBYO Chapter 2018-19

### Ellington High School

**Aron Mondschein**

Boy's State Program

Leadership Committee for the Ellington High School Football  
Program

### Great Alumni News: Schechter Graduates 2013 and older

**David Berry** (Schechter 2010) graduated Clark University with honors and a BA in biology and will be starting Medical School in July at the DeBusk school of osteopathic medicine. David was also awarded the Dr. Kenneth A. Senter '43 Endowed Award for Premed Undergraduates, which provides an award to a premedical undergraduate student who is of high academic standing and deserving of financial assistance.

**Sloane Sheldon** (Schechter 2003) PhD, Dartmouth

**Nathan Schachter** (Schechter 2011) will be serving in the third cohort of the Hillel International Student Cabinet.

## Alumni Off to College and Beyond!

Our Schechter Class of 2014 is now  
Graduating High School!  
Let's extend them a hearty Mazal Tov, and wish them  
well on their future endeavors!

Student	Graduate of:	Plan of Study:
Jason Buckman	Hall High School	Stevens Institute of Technology
Ariel Bykoff	Hall High School	Montclair State University
Sossi Bykoff	Hall High School	Hunter College
Matthew Chorchos	Conard High School	PG year at Saddlebrook Golf Academy
Jacob Diamond	Hall High School	Shenandoah University
Noah Erlich	University High School of Science and Engineering	Stevens Institute of Technology
Micah Glickman	Hebrew High School of New England	Kenyon College
Rebecca Gold	Hall High School	Franklin and Marshall
Elana Kranc	Hebrew High School of New England	Brandeis University
Dylan Landau	Hall High School	University of Michigan
Matthew Patchen	Hall High School	University of Wisconsin
Ariel Pinchover	Hebrew High School of New England	Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu for a year, then CCSU
Lillie Pinette	Conard High School	Green Mountain College
Hannah Pliskin	Hall High School	University of Connecticut
Madeline Pliskin	Hall High School	Brandeis University
Joshua Shafer	Kingswood Oxford	Wheaton College
Noah Silverman	Hall High School	Indiana University
Ezequiel Unger	Hall High School	University of Connecticut



## 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?



# crown market café

**Stop By the Crown Market TODAY!**

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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection **Sunday, June 24**

This is Connecticut's only Sunday collection for household hazardous wastes. Members of the Jewish community are encouraged to spread the word so that everyone can rid their homes of potentially harmful and toxic substances.


The event will be held **June 24**, rain or shine, from




8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at

**Hall High School**, 975 North Main St (new location!!).

For more information about this important community event, please call **MDC's Hazwaste Hotline** at **(860)-278-3809**. Now is the time to gather your household hazardous waste.

**MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Sunday, June 24th, 8 am – 1 pm**  
Hall High School, 975 North Main Street


**Household Hazardous Waste Accepted**

Alkaline Batteries	Acids	Artist's Paint
Antifreeze	Aerosol Cans	Brake Fluid
Gasoline & Diesel	Ammonia	Cleaning Solvents
Lithium Batteries	Drain Cleaners	Epoxy Products & Glues
Mercury Thermostats	Disinfectants	Kerosene & Fuel Oil
Oil and Latex Paint	Floor Care Products	Pesticides & Insecticides
Paint Stripper	Lighter Fluid	Mercury
Rechargeable Batteries	Mercury Thermometers	Mothballs
Road Flares	Oven Cleaners	Polyurethane
Transmission Fluid	Polishes	Pool Chemicals
Turpentine	CFLs & Fluorescent Bulbs	Wood Preservative

**Unacceptable Items**

All Empty Containers	Electronics	Tires
Ammunition	Explosives	Used Oil
Business Wastes*	Medicines	Smoke Detectors
Car Batteries		Marine Flares

\*Small businesses (CESQGs) can now participate in the MDC's HazWaste Program. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call the HazWaste Hotline for more info.

**Dispose of your mercury fever thermometer at this collection and receive a FREE digital thermometer while supplies last.**  
Residents of any eligible town may participate in any MDC sponsored collection day.  
**ID's will be checked to verify residency**  
For a complete list of collections & eligible towns, contact:  
**MDC HazWaste Hotline: 860-278-3809 or [HHW@themdc.com](mailto:HHW@themdc.com)**  
**[www.themdc.com](http://www.themdc.com)**

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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](http://onehappycamper.org) or contact Heather Fiedler at [hfriedler@jewishhartford.org](mailto: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](mailto:heather@camplaurelwood.org) or 203.421.3736.



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