

## SOLOMON SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL PTO

Dear Parents:

We hope you are having a fun and relaxing summer. It is hard to believe the start of school is 2 weeks away. As the start of school draws near, we are getting more and more excited about all of the great PTO programs that are scheduled for the 2011-2012 school year.

Some of those programs include enrichment programs, book fairs, merchant marts, parents' night out, and Mishloach Manot baskets. These are just a few highlights of what the PTO will be doing to enhance the everyday experiences of the students and families at Solomon Schechter.

The PTO relies completely on parent volunteers - and that includes parents who work outside the home as well as parents who are home. PLEASE look at the Volunteer Form included in this packet to find ways to fit PTO into your schedule. We encourage you to get involved in PTO activities at SSDS this year. For new parents, becoming involved in the PTO is a great way to meet new people and learn more about the school. For returning parents, your experience and commitment is needed and appreciated so that we can continue to provide vital services for the school. You will find that the reward comes when your child is enriched by the programs and activities you help provide.

We invite everyone to join us on **Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 8:45 am**, in the PTO room, for our **first PTO meeting**. Also, mark your calendars for the rest of the year so you can save the dates.

### **2011-2012 PTO MEETINGS (Meetings are at 8:45 in the PTO Room and last about 1 hour:**

Wednesday August 31	Wednesday January 11
Wednesday October 5	Wednesday February 15
Wednesday November 9	Wednesday April 4
Wednesday December 7	Wednesday May 30

In this Welcome Back Packet you will find a few important PTO notices. Most of these forms and notices are also available on the school website in the PTO section as well as under the "Quick Links" tab:

- **School Calendar**- a convenient resource for keeping track of school events, holidays, early closings, etc. It also lists candle lighting times and other Judaic information.
- **Volunteer Sign Up Sheet**-. We are hoping that everyone signs up for at least one program. Our success depends on parents. Please submit to the school office ASAP.
- **What does the PTO do for SSDS?** This is an overview of the many programs and services the PTO provides to support the children and their education.
- **SSDS PTO Board Members and Event Chairs 2011-2012** – Feel free to contact any of us with questions or ways to help.
- **Invitation to an Ice Cream Party** – Come celebrate the start of school on the first night back.
- **SchechterGear Flyer** – All of the collared shirts that should be worn on Fridays and at all school performances, to comply with the dress code regulations, can now be purchased at Lands' End. This flyer gives you instructions on how to order.
- **Challah Order Form**- Order now for the entire school year and holidays.
- **Shana Tovah cards** – Send Happy New Year wishes to your friends and family.
- **Box Top** collection program.

Please join us in helping to make SSDS as vibrant and energized as it can be! We look forward to working with you this year!

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