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Shabbat Shalom
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Candlelighting for Shabbat 7:55 PM

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**Shabbat Shalom from Behzad
Dayanim**

What an incredible week we have had! Last Friday afternoon, I was very happy to join over 150 of our Schechter students and their families for a delicious PTO pre-Shabbat dinner and featuring an exciting "Minute to Win it" activity coordinated by Jannine Leshem. A range of fun activities requiring skill and patience as well as creative thinking was on the agenda. We are very grateful to our wonderful volunteers and staff for helping to launch our wonderful 40th Anniversary weekend. It was nice welcoming back Mary Reynolds, who assisted our



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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 30th

***Memorial Day
No School**

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**Tuesday, May 31st**

**\*10:30 AM**

**6th grade Memorial Day  
essays and visit by Jewish  
War Veterans**

**\*Dr. Avi Patt to speak to  
Middle School students  
regarding Israel's borders**

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Wed., June 1st

***Yom Yerushalyim**

***8:45 AM**

**Grade 4 & 5 Musical
Concert**

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**Thursday, June 2nd**

**\*Grade 1 to Mystic**

talented crew led by Leah Berson.

Sunday evening the celebration continued at our gala event honoring Gary Greenberg and his family at the Bushnell. The evening's entertainment included an amazing performance by Marvin Hamlisch, who brought along acclaimed vocalist, J. Mark McVey, to sing a few numbers. Nearly six hundred Schechter supporters were in attendance for this truly magical evening. We are so grateful to our amazing team of volunteers and staff without whom the event would not have been possible. A special thank you to our Development team led by our gifted Development Director, Jayne Rotter, who took an ambitious idea and made it a reality.

On Monday the festivities moved to the school as we hosted Grandparents & Special Persons Day. Nearly seventy visitors joined our classes for a glimpse of the wonderful things our students are doing and the exceptional educational experience our school offers. That evening, after a dramatic delay, we welcomed home our graduating class from their inspiring trip to Israel. The following day we celebrated their arrival more formally with a special assembly that included a slideshow and Q&A from our young classes. We even watched our students being interviewed on an Israeli news program!

Wednesday marked one of the pinnacle moments in a Schechter educational experience, the Siddur presentation to our first graders. Only in a Jewish day school could you find such a program and, even among day schools, Schechter shines in so many important and meaningful areas. In addition to receiving their prayer books, the students sang and danced and led several key prayers. Each child was then presented his/her Siddur from a family member. What truly made the moment even more special was what occurred during the actual presentation. The presenting parent or grandparent described the origin of each child's name, often referring to people for whom the children were named and solidifying the intergenerational connection that is so much a part of our Jewish community. As beautiful as this was, what really struck me was something even more powerful and something I feel exemplifies the Schechter experience in many ways. Our children not only gain a rich academic experience infused with Jewish values - they are truly loved by their teachers, and consequently they develop a true love of learning. This was abundantly clear from the students' radiant smiles!

This week's parsha of Bamidbar refers to the

**\*Grade 4 to Boston**

**\*7:00pm  
SSDS Annual Meeting  
All parents are invited**

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**Friday, June 3rd
*Field Day for grades K-8**

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**Monday, June 6th  
\*Scrip orders due**

**\*5-7 PM  
PTO Family Picnic at the  
JCC Swim Club**

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**Tuesday, June 7th
*9 AM
Middle School Recognition
Ceremony**

***10:30 AM
Shavuot Bikkurim**

***12:30 PM Dismissal for EC
2,3,4**

***1 PM Dismissal grades K-8**

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**Wed., June 8th  
Thursday, June 9th**

**\*No School  
Shavuot**

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**Friday, June 10th
*School Resumes**

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**Monday, June 13th  
\*9 AM  
EC Step-Up Day**

Jews' long trek in the desert. Forty years to prepare for what would be the most important moment in our history - the receiving of the Torah. So too are we at an important moment in our history. There is much to celebrate about our past accomplishments and even more to get excited about as we move forward. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community to raise a school. Thank you for being part of our family and recognizing the vital role Schechter plays in our community. I feel blessed to work with such a dedicated team and within such a special community.

Shabbat Shalom!

Behzad

Behzad Dayanim  
Head of School  
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## SAT TESTING WEEK

The eighth graders will be taking the OLSAT tests from May 31-June 2, 2011

These are firm dates, and we want every student to be present on testing days - so if you have any appointments scheduled that would keep your child away from school during Testing Week, please work on changing those appointments now!

Please contact Phyllis Siegal with any questions. Thank you.

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## Ruach (Spirit) Week

Dear Parents,

Just a friendly reminder that next week grades K-8 will be taking part in our annual Field Day Extravaganza. By now I am sure they have all spoken to you about which team they are on and how many points that their team has. My goal each and every year is to allow the kids to have a positive experience in being part of a team and understanding

**\*1-4 PM**  
**Yom Shuk in the front lobby**

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Tuesday, June 14th
***Grade 2 field trip to Nature Arts**

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**Wed., June 15th**  
**\*7PM**  
**Eighth Grade Graduation at Beth El Temple**

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Thursday, June 16th
***Kindergarten to the Bushnell Carousel**
***Middle School trip to Lake Compounce**

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**Friday, June 17th**  
**Last Day of School**  
**\*9 AM Kindergarten Concert**

**\*EC 2,3,4**  
**Ice Cream Party**

**\*12:30 Dismissal for EC**  
**1PM Dismissal for grades K-8**

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## Quick Links

[www.ssds-hartford.org](http://www.ssds-hartford.org)  
[www.ssds-hartford-ptd.org](http://www.ssds-hartford-ptd.org)

**Do you know someone who might enjoy reading about**

the concept of teamwork/team-building. We will have special days next week where your children are able to show their team unity in wearing their color, exhibit all the qualities of a Schechter Student (as they should be doing on a daily basis!) and earning points towards field day. Here is a quick rundown of next weeks events;

- **Tuesday:** BLUE and WHITE Day - we will represent our countries colors in support of our community!
- **Wednesday:** Wacky Wednesday - we encourage our students to dress a bit "outside the box" on this backwards day. Do something original with your hair, wear some crazy clothes (school appropriate), or both.
- **Thursday:** Pajama Day - that is an easy one, but PLEASE bring shoes appropriate for P.E if you have gym class on Thursday (6/7A, ALL 5th, 8th, and 2nd).
- **Friday:** FIELD DAY!!! - Please wear sunscreen, please wear sneakers, please bring a hat to keep safe from the sun, please put your child's name on their water bottles, and PLEASE encourage a positive competitive attitude and NOT winning winning winning!

Mr. C

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## Parashat HaShavuah

### Parashat Bamidbar

(Numbers 1:1-4:20)

**Learn. Think. Do.**

*אִישׁ עַל-דִּגְלוֹ בְּאֶתֶת לְבַיִת אָבִתָּם*

*Each person shall camp, each with his standard, under the banners of his father's house. (Numbers 2:2)*

This week we begin the book of Numbers or *Bamidbar*. The word "Bamidbar" means "in the desert". In it is contained the narrative of the

**the wonderful activities and exceptional learning going on in our school? Please forward this issue to them or you can send us their email address.**



## Schechter Library

**Eleanor Goldman,  
Library and Media  
Specialist**



*\*\*Paren*

*ts and kids:*

*Search high and low! Locate and return all Schechter library books!*

*Now is good!*

*(Do keep book report books, of course, until you complete your reports.)*

*Mrs. Goldman*

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## The Secret Garden

*by Frances Hodgson Burnett*

*(Great for grades 4-7)*

This is an oldie but *super* goody. Set in the olden days, argumentative orphaned Mary, moves from India to live with her uncle in the English countryside. There she becomes friends with her equally contrary cousin Colin. Together they explore and tend a secret garden, where they

Children of Israel's wanderings in the desert. In the second chapter, though, we are told that each person needs to put up his/her own standard (a flag of sorts). In the Etz Hayim, we are told that, "A person's identity consists of three elements: the self (the standard), the family (the ancestral banners), and the community (the Tent of Meeting)" (Etz Hayim, Page 774). It is clear from this that even in biblical times, we considered ourselves as part of several groups. Each of us, as an individual, is special and has a particular identity. However, those individual identities merge into the groups we know as our family. Finally, those families gather together to create a community. One can't have a community without the individual and without families and communities, and we, as individuals, are left on our own. Much of this parasha talks about being counted, a census. According to this verse, we are counted, not just for military purposes, but also for who we are.

"Quick Queries"

1. If you were creating a flag that represents who you are, what would be on it?
2. If you were creating a family flag, what symbols would you use for each of your family members?
3. What are your responsibilities as part of your family?
4. What are your responsibilities as part of your community?

If you'd like to read more about Parashat Bamidbar, consider visiting:

[http://uscj.org/Bamidbar\\_57718591.html](http://uscj.org/Bamidbar_57718591.html).

Shabbat Shalom,

Heather Fiedler

Jewish Studies Coordinator

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## Middle School

**Mrs. Fleming - Middle School Math**

along with the flowers, bloom wildly.

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## Lunchtime!



### Lunch Menu

**If you have not done so already, please remember to enter your June orders on renweb.**

NEW IN THE KITCHEN:  
**\$5 punchcards** available for purchase. Many kids enjoy buying snacks at lunchtime but often do not have money with them. You can now purchase a \$5 punchcard and we will keep it in the kitchen with your child's name on it and each time he/she wants to purchase a snack/drink or anything from the kitchen, we will deduct it from the card. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Berson [thebersons@comcast.net](mailto:thebersons@comcast.net).  
To purchase a card, please send the money in with your child and give it to Leah Berson or Karen Shakun in the Business Office.

The sixth graders just had a test on the geometry unit. They solved for many angles in elaborate diagrams using supplementary angles, complementary angles, and vertical angles. They also used the formula  $(n-2) \times 180$  to get the sum of the interior angles of any polygon with  $n$  sides. For instance, for a dodecagon, there are twelve sides.  $(12-2) \times 180 = 10 \times 180 = 1800$  degrees in a dodecagon. They also had to answer fill-ins using the words, "**Always, Sometimes, or Never**". For instance, a trapezoid is **never** a parallelogram. They did perimeter problems such as: find the perimeter of an isosceles triangle with a base of eight cm and legs that measure 12 cm each. Every triangle has two names. For instance, a triangle with angles 45-45-90 is called an isosceles right triangle. Students were given diagrams and asked to find the missing angle(s) and then classify the triangles two ways. They were given a bonus problem. See if you know how to do this. In the diagram of a pentagon, two angles are right angles and the remaining three angles are congruent. What is the measure of each of those angles?

The algebra class just had a quiz on radicals. We added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided radicals. We also rationalized denominators. We even F.O.I.L.ed with radicals. Radicals are used a lot in geometry when doing the Pythagorean Theorem and special right triangles. They are also used in Algebra II where the topic is expanded to roots other than square roots such as cube roots and fourth roots. Then students learn how to solve radical equations. In Pre-Calculus, especially during the trigonometry unit, radicals are used daily. We have also been reviewing for the final exam next week. There are many topics covered such as probability. For instance, what is the probability of picking a red five from a standard deck of cards? Graphing linear inequalities is also on the exam along with many other topics.

### **Mr. Schwartzman - Middle School Math**

Mr. Schwartzman's math classes have spent the last couple of weeks reviewing for both the SATs and the "Tornado" (Mr. Schwartzman's end of the year exam). Perhaps after the last couple of weeks in the South I should consider renaming the test, but to my credit it has been named the "Tornado" for years. We have gone over everything and have been playing very spirited games with all kinds of mid-game rule switches to keep things interesting.

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## New Hartt School Music Program at SSDS

Is your child interested in jamming on the saxophone or tooting the flute? Recently students in grades 2-7 heard a wonderful performance from woodwind and brass faculty from the **Hartt School's Community Division**. In the fall, we will be starting an exciting music lesson program in conjunction with these amazing teachers! In order for this fantastic program to occur, we must indicate enough parent and student interest. Another copy of the form is available by email from Mrs. Sussman. Feel free to contact Mrs. Sussman with any questions at [vhattis@ssds-hartford.org](mailto:vhattis@ssds-hartford.org).

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## Script Order Info

**June 6 and 20  
GLS**

**Note 1:** You may send in your order form and payment at any time. The order will be placed on the next date indicated.

**Note 2:** Cards may be picked up from the school office the following week.

**Note 3:** Crown gift cards may be purchased or re-loaded any time at the store itself. If you are purchasing a new card, be sure to give them your name and tell them it is for Schechter in order to receive SHARE

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## Lower School

### Kindergarten / Gan Yeladim...Yeshiva Cohen & Michelle Fontaine

Wow! What an amazing week we had. We started off welcoming grandparents and cousins to share in our day with us on Monday. On Tuesday we went to Lincoln Theater and enjoyed a musical rendition of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and Other Stories".

On Wednesday we flew to Mexico for a Fiesta and on Friday we celebrated our last class birthday.

In reading we continue to work in our short vowel word books and practiced reading in our SRA series. We also wrote a short story about "If I were a butterfly I would fly to..." These will be hanging in the front lobby for all to enjoy.

We continue to build geometric shapes in math class. We also continue to practice graphing. The children have made their own book of graphs. They choose topics that they wanted to poll, questioned the class, and tallied the votes.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our caterpillars. They should be here any day. While we are waiting, we are reading many books and doing art projects relating to the development of the butterfly.

We completed our unit of Mexico with a pretend trip to the "world's greatest fiesta" in Acapulco, Mexico. We boarded the plane with our passports, tickets, and luggage. Once we arrived we made cacti, god's eyes, and painted a wooden animal. We danced the Mexican hat dance and salsa dance. We ended the fiesta with the breaking of a piñata. We said adios to our puppet friend Miguel, who taught us so many words in Spanish and also taught us about Mexican life.

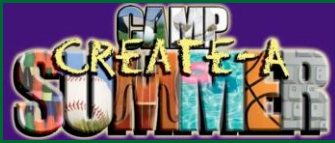
In Judaic Studies, we finished our look at Israel. We learned about Israeli children. We realized that they are a lot like us. They swim in pools, they learn math, they eat smoothies, they play sports, etc. We also learned that there are differences. Israeli children learn three languages, while we learn two. They also go to school on Sundays and we do not. We also talked about Israeli food. There are many of the same foods we eat here as well as things that are special like falafel and shwarma. In these last few

credit.

**\*\*Get your friends, family and co-workers to order scrip through you, and watch your SHARE balance drop even faster!\*\***

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Join Our Mailing List!



**Just a friendly reminder that there is exactly one month until Camp Create-A-Summer kicks off its second season. Sign up now and ensure your son/daughter has a great summer at a place you know they will be taken care of! Don't forget our refer-a-friend fee that could save you up to \$100 per session! Invite your friends!!!**  
summer.

[campcreateasummer.com](http://campcreateasummer.com)

for all registrations and e-mail

[Summercamp@ssds-hartford.com](mailto:Summercamp@ssds-hartford.com)

for all questions.

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**More Photos**

weeks of school we will be learning about Shavuot and taking a closer look at Jerusalem. On Monday we also learned about Lag Ba'Omer. We learned that during the Omer we count 49 days which is 7 weeks. It is a time to think about friendship and ways to be a better friend. We created hearts with our ideal friends. They have big hands to help and big hearts to love. We have been reading a special book, a page a day until Shavuot, when we are going to get something very special (the Torah).

### **Grade 1 / Kitah Aleph...Joyce Ben-Kiki, Anita Cohen, Ziva Kovner**

First grade had their Siddur presentation on Wednesday. It was a wonderful experience for everybody. The first graders enjoyed very much dancing and singing the prayers. It was very moving and emotional as the children presented their feelings and emotions about tefilah. We wish the first graders Mazal tov!!

Grandparents and Special Friend's Day was great. The First grade did an ocean scene of starfish with their friends. It was so much fun that no one wanted to leave when it was time to go!! Everyone learned that there are more than one type of starfish and that it really is not a fish! We are completing our reading books and we have almost finished first grade math. The class is learning some multiplication and is reviewing all the concepts learned this year. Next week we are going on our trip to Mystic Aquarium and we will see the creatures of the deep which we have been studying.

### **Grade 2/ Kitah Bet...Joyce Ben-Kiki, Anita Cohen, Ziva Kovner**

The second graders have worked so hard on their Special Person Book which will be dedicated on **Tuesday, May 31.**

The class read *Time For Kids* to their Grandparents or special person last Monday. They read about elephants becoming endangered and what could be done to save them. The children and friends watched a video of actual elephants painting beautiful pictures to be sold. It was truly amazing. We are winding down the year by reviewing and learning some new concepts in math before third grade, such as division. The children are reading beautifully.

We will be going on our trip to Nature's Art on June 14th. The class is very excited because we are studying rocks and minerals.

## The Mexican Fiesta



Swinging away at the pinata.



Another swinger!

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## Special Friends Day



The First and Second Graders watched a video-G-D Bless the U.S.A.. This was in honor of Memorial Day

### Grade 3 / Kitah Gimel and Grade 4 / Kitah Daled...Nancy Rosen, Helen Schwartz, Maya Schwartz

We had such a good time welcoming our grandparents and special friends this past week. In third grade we put them to work with an online math game challenge- visitors vs. students. The results were close. Fourth grade visitors got to work in small groups with students deciding if they would have been Patriots or Loyalists and why. They read the points of view of both the Loyalists and the Patriots with emphasis on Thomas Hutchinson, a Loyalist governor of Massachusetts, Jonathan Boucher, a Loyalist religious leader, Lord Dunmore, the Loyalist governor of Virginia, Benjamin Franklin, the thoughtful Patriot, Mercy Otis Warren, the Patriot with a pen and Samuel Adams, a true Patriot. The students held discussions about which side they should be on and why. The class discussion later highlighted some of the reasons the students had gleaned from the small group work.

We had a great discussion on the difference between national, state and local government rules. We based it on the law about texting and driving. Some of the interesting points included if you are a resident of one state and are driving in another, which rules apply? There were people on both sides of the discussion and could back up their opinions with some of the facts they learned earlier.

The eggs have been candled and we see movement and growth. We expect them to begin hatching by the end of next week.

The Rosenberg Reading Challenge Pizza Party date is Monday, June 13th. The third, fourth and fifth graders who usually get hot lunch can still get hot lunch as well as enjoy a piece of pizza. Please let Leah Berson know if you want to change your lunch order or just keep it as it is.

#### 3rd grade:

What a full week of testing! The students handled their first experience with standardized tests very well.

#### 4th Grade:

Our 4th graders handled their first experience with standardized testing with panache! They earned several class compliments because of the respectful manner in which they conducted themselves during



**Cooper and Frank**



**More special friends.**



the tests. Way to go 4th grade! We also have been working hard preparing for the upcoming **4th/5th grade Spring Concert** (which features beautiful singing as well as lessons learned in Chumash) to be held on **Wednesday, June 1 at 8:45 am**. Please join us for this special treat!

**Grade 5 / Kitah Hay...Meghan DePeau, Heather Fiedler, Maya Schwartz**

**Mr. Schwartzman's Technology Class**

Mr. Schwartzman's 3rd thru 5th grade technology classes have been piloting our new typing program, *eduTyping*, which we will be using next year. It is a great program that is very customizable to each student to help them with our goal of making sure by the time the kids get to 6th grade they are proficient typists. The kids have enjoyed using it, and we have found all kinds of games and activities that we can add in for next year.

**Scenes from the Siddur presentation.**





Receiving our Siddur



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## An Evening with Marvin Hamlisch



*More photos in the gallery below*

Hello Everyone,

We have much to be proud of this week. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Marvin Hamlisch was a huge success. It was so wonderful to have so many parents, teachers and supporters at the event. In case you were wondering more than 500 people attended the gala evening and we raised \$425,000 which is a record for our school. Between the music, the food, and the friendships, the mood was set for a fantastic celebration.

I want to thank our fundraising committee for their involvement in selling tickets and getting ads for the ad book. A special thank you to our chairs of the evening Lauren

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Eisen, Roberta Singer, and Jessica Zachs...and to Sharon Kochen for her work on the amazing ad book. Thank you to our Honorary Chairs, Robin Gelles and Henry Zachs. I would also like to thank Melissa Geller and Gail Temkin for the gorgeous, creative and meaningful decorations that made the room look so elegant. Thank you to our very own PR professional Sandrine Sebag who was able to get phenomenal coverage of the event and guided us with her expertise... and to Carin Buchman who worked diligently to get the event announced on the radio. Finally to Sandy Zieky who volunteered to help us with the entire event.

In the office, the amazing Kim Bartenstein, Diane Lubynsky, and Iris Atkins put a lot of work into helping make the event a success. Our Head of School Behzad Dayanim helped in so many ways including doing much of the design work and the heartfelt slide show. Our Principal, Karen Trager is such a valuable asset to our school and is always there to lend a helping hand.

We paid tribute to Gary Greenberg, President of the Rogow/Greenberg Foundation along with the Rogow and Greenberg families. They have been tremendously supportive of our school and it was a pleasure to honor them. Our school is on such a positive path. I believe this event truly showed our community the strength of our school, our students, our teachers and our excellent education.

Thank you all for everything you do to make Schechter the best school it can be!

Jayne Rotter

Director of Development

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*Shavuot* is Coming!  
Bring your *bikkurim*!

**Shavuot** marks the first grain harvest.  
Each year we bring our "first fruits" to donate

to those less fortunate than we are.  
This year, we will be supporting  
**The Kosher Food Pantry**  
Please send the following items in with your child on  
**Tuesday, June 7th:**

|                                               |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Early Childhood:</i>                       | Boxes of Cereal                   |
| <i>Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:</i>   | Canned White Tuna in<br>Water     |
| <i>3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:</i> | Mayonnaise or Miracle<br>Whip     |
| <i>Middle School:</i>                         | Near East Rice or<br>Couscous Mix |

**ALL FOOD ITEMS MUST BE MARKED AS**

**KOSHER!**

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## **PTO Update...**

- **PTO Shabbat dinner:** Thank you to Jannine Leshem, Leah Berson, Michelle Patchen, Audrey Sobel, Diane Lubynsky, and Mary Reynolds for helping make it such a huge success. We had about 150 people in attendance It was a great way to kick off the 40th anniversary weekend.
- **Box Top Contest:** Over the last 3 months, we raised over \$350 by simply collecting box tops. It was a huge success, with a lot of kids getting excited to participate. A program like this is nice because we can involve the children, to further stress the importance of giving back.
- **Cookbook:** The cookbook is available and looks fantastic. On our first day of sales we sold over 60 copies. Please email [daniellefweiss@gmail.com](mailto:daniellefweiss@gmail.com) if you are

- interested in purchasing one.
- **Mitzvah Corp:** Emails and requests usually go out to people in the class of the family involved. If you receive an email, please help. If you know of any family that may need our support, in good times or bad, please let us know.
- **End of Year Picnic: *Monday June 6th*** at the JCC Pool and Tennis Club. RSVP deadline June 1st. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lauren Eisen at [eisenl2001@yahoo.com](mailto:eisenl2001@yahoo.com).
- **Next PTO meeting: *Wednesday June 1st at 8:45am.***

PTO Co-Presidents

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## Photo Gallery



Marvin Hamlich and event committee



Greenberg family



Arnold and Beverly Greenberg



Grant and Elizabeth Ehrlich



The Gellers



Robin Landau and David Baram

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## Community Events

### The Emanuel Synagogue

**Meditate at The Emanuel** every Sunday morning in the Emanuel Boardroom (aka Babysitting Room) beginning May 8. 9:15 am - 10:00- am. Prompt start! Led by Long-time Emanuel member and meditator Ori Clare Jewish-themed guided Breathing and Meditation class in the style of Rabbi Alan Lew (of blessed memory) No prior meditation experience necessary. Suggested donation \$5 (100% to the Emanuel) -

**for more info, please call Ori Clare at 860-833-9671 - or just show up!**



### Congregation B'nai Shalom

- Our last Torah Study this year will be **Thursday, June 2 @ 11:00 a.m. at SSDS**, we welcome you to join us for Torah Study: Back to the Future. In this weekly study group, we delve into the compelling themes - covenant, justice, Torah, land, leadership,

past and future - which emerge from Sefer Devarim/The Book of Deuteronomy. No experience necessary - drop-ins welcome!



## **Chai Mitzvah**

We invite you to join us at the  
**End of Year CELEBRATION**  
**Tuesday May 31st, 7-9 pm**  
in the Gallery at the Mandell JCC.

*All activities open to the public. For more information or to let us know that you plan to attend, please contact [galya@chaimitzvah.org](mailto:galya@chaimitzvah.org)*



## **Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford Women's Philanthropy Presents**

***Kitchen Tour & Tastings***  
***sunday, June 5, 2011***  
***11 AM - 4 PM***

Tour FIVE amazing kitchens in West Hartford, Bloomfield, & Simsbury.

Peek inside some of the area's most amazing kitchens. Each kitchen varies in style, structure, innovation and layout and offers something different for everyone. This will be a day of beauty, Jewish culture and philanthropy, food and fun!

***Tickets in advance \$36***  
***\$40 at the door***  
***To purchase tickets, visit***  
***[www.JewishHartford.org](http://www.JewishHartford.org)***  
***or call (860)727-6131***



**Chabad Jewish Center**

## **Celebrate Shavuot in style...**

**After doing the big Mitzvah  
of hearing the Ten Commandments,  
we will sit down for a dairy dinner,  
followed by delicious dairy desserts!**

**Wednesday, June 8 \* 5:30pm**

**Fee:**

**Adult -- \$18**

**Children -- Free**

**At the Chabad Jewish Center  
25 Harris Street, Glastonbury  
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New, Prospective Members Invited as Guests to

**Beth El Temple's Shabbat LIVE! Under the Stars
Friday June 3, 2011, 5:45 p.m.
Beth El Temple, West Hartford CT**

Beth El Temple, located at 2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT, is inviting all unaffiliated prospective members to be their guests for a beautiful service under the stars. Join them for a Shabbat barbecue, services in their pine grove, live music, singing, dancing, & casual fun. Please RSVP to the Beth El Temple office by Thursday June 2nd at noon by calling 860-233-9696.

"Shabbat LIVE! Under the Stars is a unique experiment combining two of our most successful prayer experiences: an engaging musical service and a beautiful outdoor setting", shares Rabbi Ilana Garber. "I love watching the smiling faces of children through seniors as they sing familiar tunes and join in a meaningful spiritual experience. Shabbat LIVE! Under the Stars is an informal, family-friendly and intimate way for new and prospective members to connect with our wonderful Beth El family. I look forward to seeing you there!"

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Shabbat Shalom

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Newsletter submissions must be received no later than Thursday at 3 pm.

Thank you.