

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in Adi Katz.... Middle School students raise awareness about the environment.... Gesher math group is hooked!

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#SchechterPride in ...

Adi Katz, Schechter's Rimonim teacher of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, was invited to speak in Manhattan about [Teach First Israel](#) and leading educational equity in Israel. As a TFI alumni, Adi shared her journey as an educator, "it began when I was accepted to a summer training that changed my life and made me a teacher." Through TFI, part of [Teach for All](#), an offspring of [Teach for America](#), Adi taught for 6 years in a high school in Holon, working primarily with students from low-income families. Adi says, "My students were very angry at the world. They spent a lot of time thinking that they were worthless. Being their teacher was the most challenging experience of my life, and I loved every minute of it." Schechter is so proud that Adi was recognized for her important contribution to the Israeli educational system!



Middle School Climate "Teach-In" Leads to Insight and Action

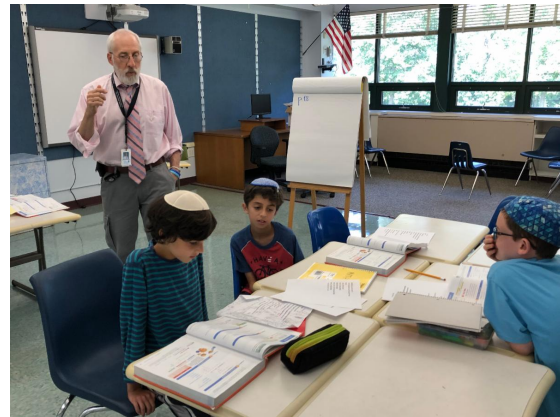
Bogrim (8th grade) and **Habonim (6th-7th grade)** students participated in a "teach-in" to lend their voices to the urgency of climate change. Bogrim watched a [TED Talk](#) by climate activist Greta Thunberg. **Ari**

appreciated Greta's point that there is a great understanding of climate change. He wrote, "we have the solution to climate change, we just need to initiate it." **Miriam** commented on Greta's point that climate change is not often covered in the news. Miriam stated, "Maybe because people just aren't willing to accept that it is happening...I think that it should be talked about because with or without realizing it my generation...will have to pick up the broken pieces left by the people before us." Habonim focused on the impact climate change has on poverty. **Eli** wrote, "Climate change affects the impoverished mostly through the harsh ways in which it affects agriculture...agriculture is extremely sensitive to climate change, so people in poverty are especially impaired by this climate change." Eli also noted "Before, I didn't realize that there were people in the world that were actually dying and living in increased poverty without opportunities all because of climate change." After the TED talk, Bogrim began making posters to remind students what to compost and recycle in the cafeteria.



A New Face in Gesher Math!

This group of Gesher students is totally locked in as they learn math from a new - but not so new - teacher! Rabbi Chatinover, who used to teach math in the middle school in years past, is now sharing bringing his knowledge to benefit Gesher!



Have you gotten to come for RELISH lately? Stop by any Friday morning for some fantastic pre-Shabbat songs, dancing, and stories.

Pictures from EC RELISH

RELISH with a New Twist!

Schechter is teaming up again with PJ Library to provide fun ways to connect with other Jewish families at no charge! Please share this information with friends and families who might like to join us. The more, the merrier!

SOLOMON SCHECHTER AND PJ LIBRARY PRESENT:

Tot Shabbat in the Park with Schechter, CBI, & PJ Library
Saturday 9/21/19 @ 10:30 am
Elizabeth Park, WestHartford

Happy New Year with Schechter and PJ Library
Thursday 10/3/19 @ 9:00am
Schechter Day School, 26 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford

Shababa with Schechter & PJ Library
Friday 10/18/19 @ 5:45pm
Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Ave, West Hartford

Shabbat Is Here with Schechter & PJ Library
Friday 11/15/19 @ 11:15 am
Family Room Shabbat at Mandell JCC

Mini Minyan with Schechter & PJ Library
Sunday 11/17/19 @ 10:00 am
Farmington Valley Jewish Center, 55 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 30: School Closed: Rosh Hashanah
- October 1: School Closed: Rosh Hashanah
- October 2: Middle School students volunteer at House of Bread
- October 3: Happy New Year with Schechter & PJ @ 9:00AM
- October 4: EC RELISH @ 8:30am

- October 8: NOON dismissal for Kol Nidre
- October 9: School Closed: Yom Kippur
- October 11: Picture Retakes
- October 14-15: School Closed: Sukkot
- October 18: Shababa with Schechter & PJ @ 5:45PM
- October 21-22: School Closed for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah
- November 15: Shabbat is Here with Schechter & PJ @ 11:15AM
- November 17: Mini Minyan with Schechter & PJ @ 10:00AM

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