

Schechter Shavua

October 7, 2019 ----- 8 Tishrei 5780

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in Colleen Simon, who is being honored by Voices of Hope with the Simon Konover Recognition for Excellence in Holocaust Teaching ... PLUS middle schoolers dive deep into Tectonic Plates ... and see how a *tallit* is made!

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Reminder: NOON dismissal on Tuesday, October 8! No afternoon programs and no after care due to the beginning of Yom Kippur.

Schechter wishes a hearty *mazal tov* to Schechter alumni parents **Sharon and Neil Kochen** on the wedding of their son, Schechter graduate **Matt Kochen** (2003) to Amanda Cohen in September.

#SchechterPride in ...


Colleen Simon, Schechter's Middle School Humanities teacher, who is receiving the Simon Konover Recognition for Excellence in Holocaust Teaching by Voices of Hope. Please join us on October 30 at 6pm to applaud our hard-working and dedicated teacher!

This statement from Voices of Hope describes Mrs. Simon's dedication and commitment:

Colleen has shown to be an incredibly committed educator within the subject of Holocaust and Genocide Education. She has created presentations for training teachers and has assisted Voices of Hope with professional development sessions; she is also

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Evening of Hope




AN AMERICAN JEWISH COUPLE'S MISSION INTO THE HEART OF NAZI GERMANY TO RESCUE 50 CHILDREN

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Adele Jacobs
SIMON KONOVER
RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE
IN HOLOCAUST TEACHING
Amy Miller & Colleen Simon

October 30, 2019 | 6 PM
G. Fox Ballroom
960 Main St. | Hartford

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a Museum Teacher Fellow (a trained educator of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which involves a rigorous application and training procedure as well as a great deal of work and effort on each MTF's part). In addition, Colleen is a PhD candidate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Gratz College. Colleen is also a member of the Planning Committee for the annual Holocaust Educators Workshop at the University of Hartford, held at the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, and traveled to Rwanda this past summer to learn more about the genocide against the Tutsis in 1994. At every turn, Colleen has given her time and effort to Holocaust education. At conferences, workshops or in the classroom, she has proved to be a creative and passionate educator.

Mrs. Simon's deep devotion to her Schechter students was especially evident at last year's Holocaust Educators Workshop.... Mrs. Simon left the workshop a little early to make sure she saw her students that day. It was the Monday after the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting. When she left, she said, "I would stay, but I just have to be with my kids.")

Mazal Tov, Mrs. Simon! We are so proud! For more information about the event, click [HERE](#).

Tallit Program: A Time for Learning and Connecting for 6th Graders and Families

Strings flying. Intense counting-and recounting. Proud grins of accomplishment. On September 19, 6th grade parents and students came together to learn about *tzitzit* and then, worked together in their families to tie *tsitsiyot* on the *tallitot* created from fabrics the students had chosen. By the end of the evening, the students were happily enwrapped in *tallitot* that demonstrated their individuality as well as the ties to past and present that will support them as they step into the future.



Reminder: Picture Retakes on Friday, October 11
Please bring in your original pictures to give to the
photographer

Hands-On Learning To Understand Plate Tectonics

Students studying plate tectonics and how the Earth is



changing in Earth science simulated the formation of volcanoes by heating a beaker filled with melted wax, sand, and water. Starting with a layer of wax already in the beaker, each group of students filled the beakers with a layer of sand and water. Students then heated their beakers on a hot plate and observed the changes. As the beakers heated up, the layer of wax began to melt and it burst through the layer of sand, rose through the water, and pooled on the surface of the beakers. Using their understanding of plate tectonics, students related each of the layers in the beaker to different densities of rock in the Earth. Students also used their understanding of convection to explain why

the hot wax rose through the sand and water to the surface of the beaker. As always, students practiced lab safety while carrying out the procedures in this experiment.

Pictures from Science Lab

SHABABA IN THE SUKKAH @ BETH EL WITH SCHECHTER AND PJ LIBRARY

Shababa is a fun, engaging “service” for our youngest generation. All children ~8 and under (and their siblings, parents, and grandparents) are welcome to experience the joy of Shabbat with dancing, singing, stories, prayers and a free chicken nugget dinner. Join Rabbi Ilana Garber in this free program! RSVPs are not required, but are encouraged to enable us to better plan for dinner.

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FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

WHEN
October 18, 2019
5:45-7pm

WHERE
Beth El Temple
2626 Albany Ave
West Hartford, CT
06117

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of Greater Hartford



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PJ Library

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- October 8: NOON dismissal for Kol Nidre (no after school programs!)
- October 9: School Closed: Yom Kippur
- October 11: Picture Retakes
- October 11 @4pm: Scorpions Soccer HOME game!
- October 14-15: School Closed: Sukkot
- October 17: Middle School Sukkah Sleepover
- October 18: Middle School Day of Service
- October 18: Shababa with Schechter & PJ @ 5:45PM
- October 21-22: School Closed for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

- November 1: EC joins RELISH @ 8:30am
- November 1: Last 3:30pm Friday dismissal until springtime
- November 4-7: TEVA trip for Habonim
- November 8: First 2:30pm Friday dismissal
- November 15: Shabbat is Here with Schechter & PJ @ 11:15AM
- November 17: Mini Minyan with Schechter & PJ @ 10:00AM

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