

# Schechter Shavua

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## Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



Art inspired by Jasper Johns, Studying Primary Documents of American History, and Developing Coordination through Art.  
Plus, STEAM around Schechter!

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### Stories, Songs, and Smiles @ Schechter!

Our last joint event with PJ Library takes place tomorrow, Tuesday, December 18, at 9pm.



You don't want to miss it!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to RSVP!

### #SchechterPride in...

Gesher students **Max** and **Jonah**! These incredible artists created beautiful pieces inspired by artist Jasper Johns. Jonah's work, entitled "Color Target," was made with watercolor pencils, liquid watercolor and acrylic paint. Jonah enjoyed Johns' series of works using a target as the subject, and felt he could make his own version of this recognizable subject. Max was inspired by Jasper Johns' work with repetition and the alphabet and chose to use his name as the inspiration to create his watercolor artwork. The creativity of these artists was displayed for our Schechter





## Art Facilitates Development in Early Childhood!

Art is an important part of the *Reggio-Emilia* philosophy of Early Childhood, and one which inspires our teaching. In **Dubonim (EC2)**, most art activities foster sensory exploration and enjoyment of the process using a variety of materials and media. That said, once in a while it is fun and fascinating to teach an art lesson to Dubonim, to measure their developmental progress and watch how they respond.



During a recent lesson on how to draw a Hanukkiyah, teachers demonstrated how to draw a horizontal line across the paper, and then add 9 vertical lines, with the middle line longer for the *shammash*. The students were shown how to add the flames to the top of each one. These types of lessons support the students as they practice focusing on a task, develop eye-hand coordination, follow directions, and notice details.

It was amazing to see how each child incorporated the lesson and created his/her own unique Hanukkiyah, even imitating the “sssss, sssss, sssss” noise of lighting the candles; some had 9 candles, some lines were vertical, some were squiggily, some had flames, and others not. Together the Hanukkiyot tell a beautiful story about the diversity of child development. That is the best part after all!

## Up Close with Primary Documents from American History

Middle School students visited the CT Historical Society this week to enhance what they are learning about American History. Examining primary documents played a big part in their day!



**Bottle Wars** end on Tuesday, December 18!

Don't forget to bring in your last bottles and cans tomorrow.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this campaign to raise money for the 8th grade Israel trip. There will be another round coming after New Year's... stay tuned!

[Click here for pictures of STEAM around Schechter!](#)

[Click here for pictures of Latkes and RELISH from last week!](#)

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dates for your calendar:

- Tuesday, December 18: Stories, Songs and Smiles @ Schechter (bring friends)
- Wednesday, December 19: Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, December 20: Schechter Choir Concert
- December 24: Vacation-School Closed
- January 2, 2019: Classes Resume

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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