

# Schechter Shavua

February 25, 2019 ----- 20 Adar 5779

## Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in a creative way to reflect upon Hillel and Shammai... interdisciplinary collaboration in Middle School... students learning lessons from special people in their lives.

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### #SchechterPride in...

**Pauline** of *Habonim*! Offering her point of view as to whether or not human beings should have been created by God, Pauline wrote a meditation on the debate between Hillel and Shammai (*Eirubin* 13b) as to whether or not humans should have been created. Pauline wove in the required texts and data points while writing with her own unique voice; she channeled her special brand of dry wit, refracted through the prism of "Calvin and Hobbes." She never allowed the characters to overpower her narrative, nor did her text referencing drown out the unique wit of the interplay between the two comic strip characters. *Yasher Kochech*, Pauline! Read the full dialogue [HERE](#)



### Collaboration with Art and Humanities is Going Strong!

As part of their Black History Month studies with the Middle School, Mrs. Simon and Ms. Van are demonstrating the power of collaboration and cooperation as they discuss, analyze and create using poetry and visual art. Mrs. Simon introduced the poem "[I, Too..](#)" by Langston

Hughes and Ms. Van set up a gallery of Titus Kaphar's work . The students analyzed the images, selecting and explaining why certain images that "spoke" to them; they broke apart the poem (individually and in small groups), and then the students choose a line from the poem to attach to one of Titus' works. "I was blown away at how engaged the students were and how they jumped into making connections between the written art and visual art forms!" described Ms. Van.



The next step for the students will be creating a small work inspired by a classic image, abstracted to tell another side of the story.

Check out the link to the [TedTalk](#) of Titus Kaphar, and ENJOY!

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## Generation to Generation

On Friday, Rimonim students celebrated the culmination of a lengthy research and writing project in which they interviewed a person who was special in their lives. The ceremony was a beautiful way to honor these special people! For more photos, click on the purple button below.



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## A Message from the PA about Purim!!

Purim is just around the corner and will be celebrated in school on Thursday March 21st. By now, everyone should have received an email with information about our Mishloach Manot (Purim Basket) fundraiser. It is the PA's biggest and only fundraiser of the school year.

We are in need of volunteers to help pack Purim baskets at school on **Tuesday March 19** starting at 8:30 am in the auditorium. We are also need of volunteers to help deliver Purim basket routes in the community on either **Wed evening 3/20** or **Thursday 3/21** during the day. These are great one-time opportunities to get involved in helping the Parents Association.

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, how to place your online order, or would like to volunteer your time to help, please contact Leah Berson at [thebersons@comcast.net](mailto:thebersons@comcast.net)

[Click here for pictures from the Generation to Generation Program!](#)

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## A Community Conversation on LGBTQ Inclusion

LGBTQ inclusion is a pressing topic for school professionals and parents as more young people come out earlier. We will discuss our hopes and fears regarding LGBTQ inclusion, why it is so critical for LGBTQ youth to have the explicit support of the adults and institutions in their lives, the best practices for communicating and framing conversations on LGBTQ inclusion initiatives, & strategies for inclusion supported by Jewish Values. OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

*Tuesday, March 5, 7PM at Schechter  
26 Buena Vista Rd, West Hartford  
[RSVP@ssds-hartford.org](mailto:RSVP@ssds-hartford.org)*



Please click [HERE](#) to register for the LGBTQ conversation.



# Hamentashen & RELISH!

## A Purim Celebration

**Sunday, March 17th 2:30-4pm**

**26 Buena Vista Road  
West Hartford, CT  
860.561.0700**

**Costumes Encouraged  
Free and Open to ALL!**

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of Greater Hartford 

**Bring friends and family to join the Purim fun....  
Click [HERE](#) for more info and to RSVP!**

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# DANCE!

Israeli Dance  
Festival!  
March 19, 2019  
7pm  
@ HHNE gym



Performance by Schechter's K-8 students with  
audience participation dance to follow!  
300 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 25: Schechter Playdates
- March 1: EC goes to RELISH
- March 4: Schechter Playdates
- March 4: Shorashim Farm Explorers
- March 5: Keshet Presentation @ 7:00pm
- March 8: Last Friday 2:30 Dismissal

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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