

# Schechter Shavua

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## Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



Schechter's Honor Roll Alumni, MLK day activities and learning, and Bungee jumping in Math!

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### #SchechterPride in...

our Schechter grads who are well-represented on their high school honor rolls! You make us proud!

Honor Roll Listings  
Schechter Grads 2015-2018

#### **Hall High School Maximum Honors:**

Ahna Bielik  
Victoria Boustani  
Jamie Cowan  
Sari Eisen  
Jonah Gershon  
Yonah Goldberg  
Zachary Goldberg  
Samara Gordon-Wexler  
Joseph Kornman  
June Laub  
Ruth Nawy  
Marley Noll  
Claire Peikes  
Izabella Raviv  
Olivia Rotter  
Liora Silverman  
Zachary Sobel-Pressman



#### **Hall High School General Honors:**

Josh Chachques  
Brady Dulitsky  
Coby Noll

Eden Raviv

### Conard High School Maximum Honors:

Michael Weiss

### HHNE Honor Roll:

Harry Gold

Jack Resnick

### UHSSE (University High School of Science and Engineering) High Honors:

Leo Gold

### Ellington High School Honor Roll:

Aron Mondschein

### Chaparral High School, Scottsdale, AZ:

Arielle Kessler

## Connecting to MLK's Messages from a Jewish Perspective

Schechter students honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in meaningful and relevant ways, expanding their cross-disciplinary thinking, text analysis skills, understanding of the function of art in our society, and their empathy and compassion. Lower school students studied social protest music as was one of the most powerful forms of nonviolent protest during the Civil Rights Movement. Students sang, clapped out rhythms, and learned the connection between the spoken words of masterful orators and musicians. When Gesher students discussed MLK Jr's use of rhythmic cadence when delivering speeches, **Anya** noted that Dr. King used long, "dramatic" pauses in his oration to deliver very powerful speeches. A highlight was hearing Mr. D as he "bent" notes according to Blues music! After performing the old spiritual "Wade in the Water," Parparim students **Avi** and **Albert** made the connection that they were using the musical technique "call and response" between the voice and guitar.



Meanwhile, middle schoolers explored the social impact of the arts by experiencing and discussing four paintings and understanding the stories behind the lyrics of protest music, then connecting these to the lives of the artists. Students read and analyzed passages from MLK's "Letters from a Birmingham Jail" and poems penned by African-Americans to highlight rhetorical style and figurative language. Connecting this learning to our Jewish traditions, students also explored the social impact of the *Mishnah* by analyzing the theme of chosen texts and connecting them to the teachings of Dr. King. **Harris** remarked, "I thought most people protested and made speeches. I did not know people made songs, paintings, and more to

express their feelings and stand up against something they are passionate about.” **Morissa** described the impact that the poems and writings had on her: “It is more than just words on a page. It brings you deep into the writer’s mind, which allows you to step into the world they see.” **Tzedkella** saw a message of hope in the day. She said, “One can find unity in inequality because when a group of people are being discriminated against, they will sometimes see each other as a community that is united as one.”

## Bungee Jumping in Math!

Students are collecting data on bungee jumping action figures and using algebra to predict the number of rubber bands needed for their figure to jump from a greater height and still get a thrill without hitting the floor.



[Click here for more pictures of MLK Day Activities](#)

## Bottle Wars returns to Schechter

All classes will join forces as we start a school-wide collection. Our goal is \$750, which means we need 15,000 cans/bottles! We will collect until March 15. If we collectively reach this goal, there will be a pizza party for all students.

Thank you so much for supporting the 8th grade Israel trip!



## BOTTLE WARS VERSION 2.0

PLEASE HELP OUR 8TH GRADERS & THE ENVIRONMENT BY BRINGING US YOUR BOTTLES, CANS, AND PLASTICS.

THIS ROUND WILL BE A SCHOOL WIDE COLLECTION WITH A GOAL OF \$750 IN BOTTLE REDEMPTION BY MARCH 15TH. IF WE COLLECTIVELY REACH THIS GOAL, PIZZA PARTY FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL!

8TH GRADERS WILL REDEEM ALL & MONEY EARNED WILL GO TOWARDS THEIR 8TH GRADE ISRAEL TRIP.

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING. ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT AN 8TH GRADE STUDENT

*Bess & Paul Sigel Academy and Solomon Schechter Day  
School of Greater Hartford*

# ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

Our annual science fair is always an amazing opportunity to showcase the research, scholarship, and creative work of all of our students

HOSTED BY BESS & PAUL SIGEL ACADEMY  
53 GABB ROAD, BLOOMFIELD

February 13, 2019 | 6:30PM - 8:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL NIGHT

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dates for your calendar:

- January 29: 8th Grade Israel Trip Meeting
- February 2: Schechter Night at Wolf Pack Hockey Game!
- February 3: Schechter Talent Show
- February 4: Shorashim Farm Explorers
- February 4: Schechter Playdates

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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