

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



Schechter Shavua kicks off your week with all the latest exciting news around our school. This week: sorting and working with data in EC, inside the new Judaic Studies curriculum, and celebrating a Schechter grad in the NCAA!

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#SchechterPride in...

Daniel Brocke, graduate of Schechter 2013. Once a crucial member of the Schechter Scorpions basketball team, Brocke is now hitting the hardwood on the national stage as a walk-on player for the UConn Huskies! When he isn't on the court playing Forward, Daniel is working hard, majoring in Physiology and Neurobiology. Give a BIG Schechter cheer for UConn's #40 the next time you see them play! Check out Daniel as an 8th grade Scorpion below... you can't miss him!





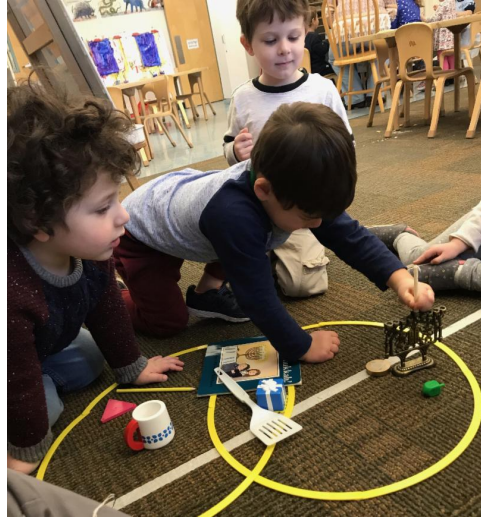
New Judaic Studies Curriculum Helps Students Dig Deeper

This fall, Habonim began working with a new curriculum: studying the Bible against the historical and ideological background of the Ancient Near East (ANE). Through a combination of biblical text study and the analysis of ANE texts (e.g. the Akkadian creation narrative- ‘Enuma Elish’), students have been able to better understand the Bible in comparison to other cultures, as well as the sweep of Jewish history set against the historical reality in which it occurred. Students have analyzed ‘where Judaism differed’ (from other cultures) and have been able to clarify the values and ideas which Judaism brought to the history of humankind. Students will continue this approach as they study text and history up to the fall of the Kingdom of Judah and the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE.



Highlight of the Week

Shorashim practices data collection and Venn diagrams ... Chanukah-style!



Click [HERE](#) for Chanukah pictures!

ANNOUNCING Schechter's WRITER AND ARTIST of the Month Award!!!

HOW DOES THIS WORK? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Each month students will have the opportunity to submit writing pieces to Kate's Magical Mailbox (located in the front lobby near the TV) to enter the WRITER of the Month contest!

Kate will review each written piece and choose one to be awarded and featured as **Writer of the Month** at RELISH on the last Friday of the month!

In addition, each month Ms. Van will choose a hardworking artist in the ArtStudio who has shown dedication, focus and follow-through. This artist will have their art and artist statement presented at RELISH and put on display as **Artist of the Month** to inspire others!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kate at kpoltorak@ssds-hartford.org

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dates for your calendar:

- Wednesday, December 12: Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Saturday, December 15: FOSS Party
- 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

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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