

Schechter Shavua

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#SchechterPride in Karen Shakun, our favorite tour guide.... Rimonim's Nifty Research Project.... 5th grade Steps into Middle School.... and Using Windows to Delve into Geometry

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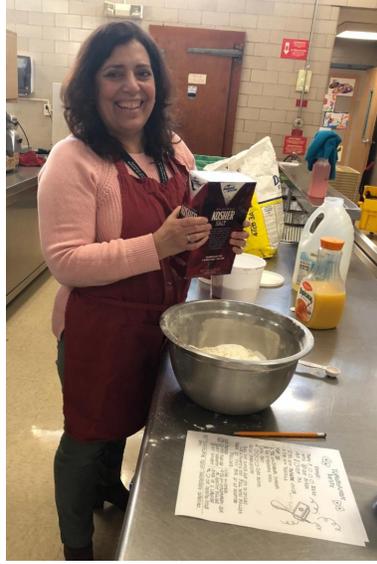
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#SchechterPride in...

Karen Shakun, who has been working tirelessly to bring new families to our Schechter community! As Schechter's Admissions and Student Life Coordinator, Karen has led 10 tours just since 2019 began! She spearheaded ten outreach events this fall with PJ Library and is now organizing weekly [Schechter Playdates](#) as another way to get the word out about our fantastic school! Karen provides constant energy and smiles, making connections between parents and inviting families to celebrate holidays with us at both

[Hamentashen and RELISH](#) and Latkes and RELISH events. When Karen isn't busy recruiting and guiding tours, she might be coordinating afternoon activities and helping families with their lunch orders or making homemade hamentashen for Purim. Next time you're at school at drop-off time, stop by the double-doors to say THANK YOU as she greets students and parents each morning with a friendly hello!





5th grade Steps Up into Middle School!

Last Monday, Gesher's 5th grade students Stepped Up to Rogow Middle School to get a taste of middle school life. They were warmly welcomed by the Habonim class as they spent the day together. In their first introduction to Spanish language, they used a website to compare and contrast animal onomatopoeia "sounds" in different languages, and learned about Spanish animal vocabulary and sounds through a children's

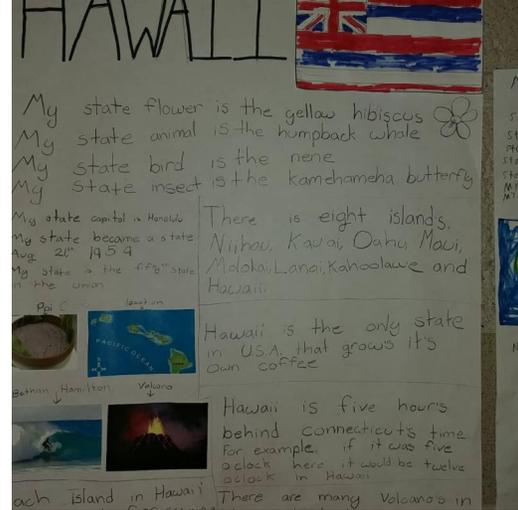


song and a Spanish video. Gesher students joined with Habonim students in the culminating bungee jumping activity in math, in which students used data they collected and algebra to determine how many rubber bands to attach to an action figure so that it could "jump" from the middle school hallway down to the first floor and have a safe but thrilling ride. In Judaic Studies, they studied and discussed several introductory texts related to the concept of *Tsa'ar Ba'alei Hayyim*- the Jewish ethical principle of not causing unnecessary pain to animals. It was a thrilling and eye opening day for our 5th graders, who are eager and sometimes nervous about their move next fall!

Rimonim's NIFTY Student Inquiry Research!

Rimonim has recently finished a social studies unit where the students learned about the 50 nifty United States. Students learned about the beginnings of the United States and the many different people who traveled to the Americas to "discover" and

claim the land as their own. They then moved into learning about the establishment of the 13 original colonies and how that helped to lead to the country we have today. This unit culminated in a student inquiry research project based on the students' questions and wonderings. Each student chose a state, conducted the research, created a poster, and presented his/her findings to the class. Ask any Rimomin student and they can recite all of the 50 states by heart!



Putting Geometry to Use

8th grade geometry students applied their skills in class: they constructed windows and created their own designs, finding the area and perimeter of their design as well as the area of the window not covered by the design.



[Click here for pictures from the classrooms!](#)

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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*



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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 13: Basketball vs KO
- February 13: Science Fair at Hebrew Academy
- February 15: Professional Development-NO CLASSES
- February 18: President's Day: SCHOOL CLOSED
- February 19: February Break : SCHOOL CLOSED
- February 22: Rimonim's Generation to Generation Program
- February 25: Schechter Playdates

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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