

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in Parparim students as they culminate their study of the Shema! Plus, learn how Bogrim students are using dissection to study inheritance and traits... take a look at our new Israel board... and check out Rimonim smiles after they harvest their potato plants!

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Do you know of a child age birth-4? Invite them to join us for these free monthly programs!

shalom reggio cafe!

WHERE REGGIO AND JEWISH MEET

A place for children age birth-4
with parent or caregiver

explorative play * art provocations * Jewish
experiences * snacks * coffee and conversation

8:45 - 9:45 am,
meeting monthly 2/13, 3/12, 4/23, 5/21/2020

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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RSVP & Questions:
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#SchechterPride in....

the students of Parparim! This week, Parparim celebrated their learning of the Shema, in which they emphasize the meaning and importance of this prayer. The Shema is part of the *shacharit* prayers which the students recite every morning. For the last month and a half, students have focused on the Shema from varying angles, including the meaning of the prayer, *Mezuzah*, *Tefilin*, and *Tallit*. Many thanks to Rabbi Rosenbaum, the class Rabbi, who visited every Thursday to teach these lessons and enrich the students' understanding of the prayer.



This week's Shema Program began as Rabbi Rosenbaum gave the parents fascinating insights into the meaning of the Shema. As a culmination of our unit of study, students could choose to make either a bear or a Mezuzah. The children worked with their parents to create a tangible representation of the Shema. The program concluded with a beautiful moment: parents and children recited the prayer together.

[More Shema Pictures HERE!](#)

Understanding Biology Through Dissection

In science, the **Bogrim** class is learning about traits and inheritance. They dissected flowers in order to investigate whether or not they could use plants to study inheritance in people. Students examined the different reproductive parts of a flower, drew diagrams of their findings, and reassembled the parts into a labelled diagram. In discussion afterwards, students considered similarities and differences in plants and humans to come to a conclusion about whether plants could be used to study inheritance in people.



[More Pics of Dissection and Examination](#)

Start Gearing Up for Purim!!

Our Purim 2020 Mishloach Manot campaign has begun! Please check your email for your unique login information to participate in the school-wide Mishloach Manot campaign. We will also be recruiting volunteers for packing the *mishloach manot* baskets on Sunday morning March 8 (prior to Hamataschen & ReLiSH) and drivers to deliver the baskets to community members. If you are



interested in volunteering this year, or if you have any questions, please contact Rachel Glantz at rachel.s.glantz@gmail.com. Thank you!

Check out Our New Israel Board!



Our Israel education continues! If you take a look at our new bulletin board in the front hallway, you'll notice something new! Our Hebrew teachers will be sharing different aspects of Israeli culture on this bulletin board, changing the exhibits on a monthly basis. This month: check out **Uzi Hitman**, an Israeli singer, songwriter, and composer. Some of our students are learning his music to correspond with this exhibit about him! In

addition, you'll find interesting details about **Theodore Herzl**, the father of modern Zionism, and **David Ben-Gurion**, the first Prime Minister of Israel. Stay tuned each month to learn new things about Israelis who have made their mark!

What Lies Beneath the Surface??

After months of patiently tending to and observing their potato plants, **Rimonim** has finally reaped the benefits of their efforts! At the beginning of the year, Rimonim students planted potatoes. Over the course of the next few months, they noted the ways in which the plants grew and developed in our sun-filled front hallway. In mid-January... harvest time! The students were thrilled to cook and taste these very fresh



Save the Date!
Schechter's Israeli Dance Festival
February 12, 2019 6:30pm



DANCE! CELEBRATE!



**ISRAELI
DANCE
FESTIVAL**

Wednesday, February 12 @ 6:30pm
(snow date: February 20)

**A Night of Israeli Dancing for K-8 students and
parents. All are Welcome!**

**Where: New England Jewish Academy
300 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford**

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Friends of the IDF in conjunction with Beth El Temple of West Hartford
and the Israel Engagement Committee

invite you to a special briefing with

AVI MELAMED

Salisbury Fellow of Intelligence and Middle East Affairs, Eisenhower Institute

THE MIDDLE EAST 2020, THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA: THE STRUGGLE FOR HOPE

Tuesday, February 25th, 2020

7:00pm | Temple Beth El, West Hartford, CT

Meet Active Duty IDF soldiers

Committee:

Israel Engagement Committee - Sharon Efron and Robin Santiago
Hope Bash, Lee Ann Benadiva, Tali Kest

About Avi Melamed



Avi Melamed serves at the Salisbury Fellow of Intelligence and Middle East Affairs for the Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College. He is an expert and senior official on current affairs in the Arab and Muslim world and their impact on Israel and the Middle East. Avi served as an Israeli Intelligence Official and Senior Official on Arab Affairs. In his decades of public service, he has held several high-risk Government, Senior Advisory, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorist positions in Arab cities and communities throughout the region - often in very sensitive times - on behalf of Israeli government agencies.

For security purpose, RSVP is required. NO EXCEPTIONS

For more information, please contact Samantha Bryk at Samantha.Bryk@fidf.org or 646-274-9645

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 7: EC joins RELISH
- February 12: Israeli Dance Festival @ 6:30pm
- February 13: Shalom Reggio Cafe! Free and open to the community
- February 14: Professional Development. No classes
- February 17-18: School Closed for February Vacation
- February 20: Israeli Dance Festival (Snow date)
- February 25: Friends of the IDF Program
- March 4: Israel Night for Parents @ 7pm
- March 6: EC joins RELISH
- March 6: Last Friday 2:30 dismissal
- March 8: Hamentashen and RELISH @ 10:30am (Open to the Community!)
- March 10 Purim celebrated in school

- March 12: Shalom Reggio Cafe! Free and open to the community

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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