

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



Check out the great First Day of School video made by parent Natalie Schwartz (link is below)! Our students are launching the year with a growth mindset... plus a huge *mazal tov* to our Judaic Studies teachers who were invited to participate in an exciting curriculum-development project! And WELCOME to many new Schechter Families (listed below)

Visit Us on Facebook!

Picture Day is this THURSDAY, September 5th!

Please be sure your child has his/her **BLUE Schechter shirt (or any blue shirt)** to wear for our schoolwide panoramic photo. If they want to wear a different outfit for their individual photo, they should come to school dressed for the individual photo. They will have time to change before our schoolwide photo at 11am. We want our schoolwide photo to reflect our Schechter Pride!

Two ways to order your photos:

* visit www.grynnternet.com

enter code **9G7V2T5** and click login to prepay for your pictures
or

* fill out the paper form that was sent home last week.

Additional copies of the paper form will be available at
Wednesday's Curriculum Night or in the office.



Early Childhood and Middle School:
Wednesday, September 4 from 7-8:30pm

Grades K-5:
Thursday, September 5 from 7-8:30pm

Learn about:

- Details about what your child will be learning throughout the year
- Expectations for students
- Best forms of communication between parents and teachers
- Meet the other parents in the classroom



Who should come? Curriculum night is for all parents to come together as a parent community and learn about the year ahead.

**Curriculum
Nights are
THIS WEEK!**

#SchechterPride in ...

our **Judaic Studies Department!** Over the summer, we received the following email from Charlotte Abramson and Rabbi Sheryl Katzman, the directors of the Standards and Benchmarks project, based at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America: "We are reaching out to a select group of exemplary participants in the Standards and Benchmarks Project/Legacy Heritage Instructional Leadership Institute to join us as we embark on the next phase of our work. The AVI CHAI Foundation has recently granted funds for the upcoming school year (2019-2020) to celebrate the



last 16 years of our project and to continue its development. This new phase of work involves the creation of an anthology of standards-based units and other resources for Tanakh and Rabbinics curriculum in Jewish day schools." We are so excited that our Judaic Studies faculty will be a part of this momentous international project!

Middle School Launches the Year with Growth Mindset

The middle school launched the new year by learning about and integrating growth and fixed mindset (first coined by Dr. Carol Dweck from Stanford University) into everything they do. To kick off this work, students watched a short video introducing them to the two concepts and held the first of many discussions. They learned that someone with a *fixed mindset*



believes that intelligence is static. This leads to a desire to look smart and a tendency to avoid challenges, give up easily, see effort as worthless or worse, ignore useful negative feedback and see other's success as threatening. On the other hand, someone with a *growth mindset* believes that intelligence can be developed. This leads to a desire to learn and a tendency to embrace challenges, persist in the face of setbacks, see effort as the path to mastery, learn from criticism, and find lessons and inspiration from the success of others.

First Day Kicks off a Fantastic Year!

The first day of school brought excitement and anticipation for a great year to come. We were thrilled to welcome all of our new families, reconnect with familiar faces, and see all your beautiful children. We know it's going to be a wonderful year full of growth and questions, risk taking and conversations, observations and reflections. Huge TODAH RABAH to Schechter parent Natalie Schwartz for putting together this video of our first day.



[Check out First Day Video!](#)

Welcome to Our New Families!



We are thrilled to welcome 16 new families to our Schechter community this year! We thank the Schechter Parent Association (PA) and Crown Market for allowing us to create these warm and welcoming Shabbat bags for our new families.

Please extend a warm welcome to the following families:

Baranowski (Shorashim-EC3 and Parparim-K)
Benchaya (Shorashim-EC3)
Bluestone (Shorashim-EC3)
Faircloth (Dubonim - EC2)
Fein (Shorashim-EC3)
Gallant (Shorashim-EC3)
Granados (Shorashim - EC4)
Davis (Gesher - 5th grade)
Kruger (Shorashim - EC4 and 2nd grade)
Lempel (Dubonim - EC2)
Raub (Dubonim - EC2)
Shapiro (Shorashim-EC3 and Parparim-K)
Tayts (Parparim-K)
Touvian-Bernstein (Parparim-K)
Wolman (Shorashim-EC3)
Zablotsky (Shorashim-EC3)

[Pics from RELISH](#)

[Pics of the 1st Day of School!](#)

Schechter is teaming up again with PJ Library to provide fun ways to connect with other Jewish families at no charge! Please share this information with friends and families who might like to join us. The more, the merrier!

SOLOMON SCHECHTER AND PJ LIBRARY PRESENT:

Kol Haverim Tot Shabbat with Schechter & PJ
Friday 9/13/2019 @ 6:00 pm (service and dinner)
Congregation Kol Haverim, 1079 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury

Imagine in the Park with Schechter & PJ
Sunday 9/15/19 @ 3:00 pm
Jonathan's Dream, West Hartford

CBI Shabbat in the Park with Schechter & PJ
Saturday 9/21/19 @ 10:30 am
Elizabeth Park, West Hartford

Happy New Year with Schechter and PJ
Thursday 10/3/19 @ 9:00am
Schechter Day School, 26 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford

Shababa with Schechter & PJ
Friday 10/18/19 @ 5:45pm
Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Ave, West Hartford

Shabbat Is Here with Schechter & PJ
Friday 11/15/19 @ 11:15 am
Family Room Shabbat at Mandell JCC

Mini Minyan with Schechter & PJ
Sunday 11/17/19 @ 10:00 am
Farmington Valley Jewish Center, 55 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury

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Current Schechter families are invited to join us on Friday at our
Kabbalat Shabbat BBQ!
Sign up in the office by TUESDAY, September 3 to reserve your spot.



Please join us in welcoming a new school year at Schechter by coming to our Kabbalat Shabbat BBQ.

A short pre-Kabbalat Shabbat service will take place in the Beit T'filah from 4:45-5:15. Then we will gather together for Shabbat dinner on the Schechter field. *Please bring blankets and/or chairs to sit on during dinner.*

All are welcome!!

Please RSVP by returning this form to the office with cash or check *OR* you may pay on-line at <https://www.ssds-hartford.org/parents/tuition-and-programs-payment> and SPECIFY **BBQ** credit card fees will be applied

We would love 100% participation. Please reach out to Karen Tuvim or anyone in administration should financial assistance be required to ensure your attendance.

Family Name: _____

Names of Adults attending: _____

Names of Children attending: _____

Number of Adult Meals: _____ x \$10 = _____

Number of Child Meals: _____ x \$ 8 = _____

Total = \$ _____

Number of Vegetarian Meals: _____

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 4: EC & Middle School Curriculum Night @ 7:00PM
- September 5: Picture Day!
- September 5: Lower School K-5 Curriculum Night @ 7:00PM
- September 6: EC Relish @ 8:30AM
- September 6: Kabbalat Shabbat BBQ @ 4:45PM
- September 13: Kol Haverim Tot Shabbat with Schechter & PJ @ 6:00PM
- September 15: Imagine in the Park with Schechter & PJ @ 3:00PM
- September 19: Tallit Program- 6th graders and families @ 7:00PM

- September 21: CBI Shabbat in the Park with Schechter & PJ @ 10:30AM
- September 30: School Closed: Rosh Hashanah
- October 1: School Closed: Rosh Hashanah
- October 3: Happy New Year with Schechter & PJ @ 9:00AM
- October 18: Shababa with Schechter & PJ @ 5:45PM
- November 15: Shabbat is Here with Schechter & PJ @ 11:15AM
- November 17: Mini Minyan with Schechter & PJ @ 10:00AM

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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