

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in our graduates of all ages! We are highlighting some of the amazing things that they are accomplishing after they leave Schechter's hallways. Some are flourishing as leaders on stage and field; some are pursuing further education in and about Israel. They are continuing to thrive in academic settings, from undergraduate to graduate school and into the workplace. Our graduates make us tremendously proud!

Keep sharing the great news with us!

Then, check out the many fun and interesting programs we have coming up in December... you won't want to miss them!

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#SchechterPride in...

Alexandra van der Hulst (Schechter 2013), who is pursuing her lifelong passion for theater and performing. Alexandra has come a long way since performing in Schechter's Kindergarten production of "The Runaway Latke" and is currently a Junior at the Hartt School of Music, Dance, and Theater, studying Voice and Performance. She has classes in musicianship, acting, dance, and has vocal training with both Classical and Theater style technique. In last year's Hartt Opera Theater production, Alex played the lead role in the East Coast premiere of Lori Laitman's opera, 'The Three Feathers'. Alex is also a proud member of Treble Threat, one of UHart's a capella groups. This Fall, Alex has been rehearsing for Mamma Mia with West Hartford Community Theater! In this musical, (featuring the music of European pop band ABBA), Alex plays the lead role of Sophie. It was a thrill for many of Alexandra's former teachers and other Schechter parents to see how she has matured on stage! *Mazal tov, Alex!*





#SchechterPride in...

Erik Schulwolf (Schechter 2002). Erik attended Amherst College, then graduated from Harvard Law School in May 2015. He has been practicing health care regulatory law at [Foley Hoag LLP](#) in Washington, DC since January 2016. Erik describes his work and the ways in which he is helping patients: "I find it fascinating to assist companies that make cutting edge medical products to improve care for patients suffering from cancer and other complex diseases in bringing their products to market in order to save and improve patient lives." Erik is combining Schechter's core values of *chochma* (wisdom) and *lev tov* (good heart)!



In addition, Erik is engaged and will be getting married to Alexandra Abed in April 2020! *Mazal tov* to the whole Schulwolf family!

#SchechterPride

Mazal tov to Schechter grads (2017) **Jamie Cowan** and **Isaiah Meyer**! Jamie and Isaiah are proud players on the Hall High School varsity soccer team, which recently won the 2019 Class LL Championship against Greenwich High School. The boys' camaraderie and teamwork go back to their days on the Schechter Scorpions soccer team!



#SchechterPride in...

June Laub (Schechter 2016), who was recently featured in the Kids' Voices section of West Hartford LIFE magazine. Last spring and summer, June lived and studied in Israel at the Union for Reform Judaism's Heller High School. She gathered with other high school students and learned skills like leadership development, personal growth, Jewish education, prayers, Hebrew, and a strong commitment to tikkun olam. You can read June's entire description of her journey [HERE](#).



We are proud of the ways that June has chosen to continue her Jewish education after graduating Schechter! *Kol hakavod!*



*Schechter
26 Buena Vista Road
West Hartford*

Sun, Dec 15

10:30 - 12:00 pm

*Click [HERE](#) to RSVP for Latkes and
RELISH!!*



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FROM WITNESS TO PEACE BUILDER: THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI AND ONE MAN'S CHOICE TO STAY

Carl Wilkens will share about recent visits to Rwanda as well as his personal stories from the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi. The “firing” of new brain pathways and our ability to reframe the “other” are some of the powerful tools and practices he has learned from survivors, perpetrators, and his own journey.

**DEC. 12, 7:00 P.M.
AT SOLOMON SCHECHTER,
26 BUENA VISTA RD, WEST
HARTFORD, CT 06107**

**REGISTER AT
HARTSEM.EDU/EVENTS**

Click [HERE](#) for Carl Wilkens on Dec. 12

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An Invitation from the Emissaries, Michal and Shaked:

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**SOLOMON SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL
YOUNG EMISSARIES**

HANUKKAH EXHIBITION

Come see creative up-cycled
Hannukiah made by Schechter
students and their families

**DECEMBER 20TH
2-2:30**

**SOLOMON SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL
26 BUENA VISTA RD**

OUR ISRAELI STORY:

In Israel, when we were in school, every year we created Hannukiot made from recycled materials.

We would have an exhibition of the hannukiot at our school in Israel.

This year we will make an exhibition in your school!

The theme will be **Israel**. Each student is invited to make a hannukiah at home from recycled materials, and bring it to school by December 17th.

Contact either of us for ideas
Shaked and Michal

Message from Rabbi Chatinover:

As we approach the holiday of Hanukkah, I just know you're asking yourself the question: "What can I do to support the 8th Grade Israel Experience trip, if giving money doesn't work for me?" Fortunately for you, I can tell you about three different ways in which you can help at no cost to you.

1- If the thought of returning (5-cent deposit) cans and bottles gives you the willies, I'll be happy to take them off your hands. Since April, I've already raised over \$263.00 in can and bottle returns.

2- If you have empty printer cartridges, I can return them to Staples, and credit the returned amount (\$2.00/cartridge, any size) to the 8th Grade Israel Experience trip.

3- Lastly, if you buy Coca Cola products which have a 14-symbols code in the cap (or the cardboard case of a multi-pack), I can redeem them through the MyCokeRewards program. Through this program, I've raised over \$70.00 for this year's class trip.

If you feel that you can help in any of these ways, just let me know, and....
Have a Happy Hanukkah!

Grab Great Books and Benefit our Library!

The eighth grade class has embarked upon a library renovation project as part of their graduation gift to the school! After combing through each book on the shelves, they have come up with a collection that they feel will best fit the needs of a library for their generation. To raise money to help fund their renovation project, the students are bundling together extra copies of books that won't be needed. They are selling these bundles for \$1 each! Come by on Friday mornings and afternoons to pick out a few bundles for your home or for someone you love!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- December 11: Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)
- December 12: Choir Concert @ 6:00pm
- December 12: Carl Wilkens @ 7:00 pm
- December 13: Drama performance @ 1:15pm
- December 15: Latkes and RELISH! Come to Schechter @ 10:30am
- December 18: World Dance Performance @ 1:15pm
- December 18: Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)
- December 20: Middle School Ice Skating Trip
- December 23-January 1: Winter Vacation
- January 2: Classes Resume

[Click here for More Dates!](#)

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