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#SchechterPride in our Rimonim Restauranteurs... Purim Punims are all smiles... microscopic mania for middle schoolers ... Alumni parents take a stroll down memory lane... and see who was dancing on Tuesday night!

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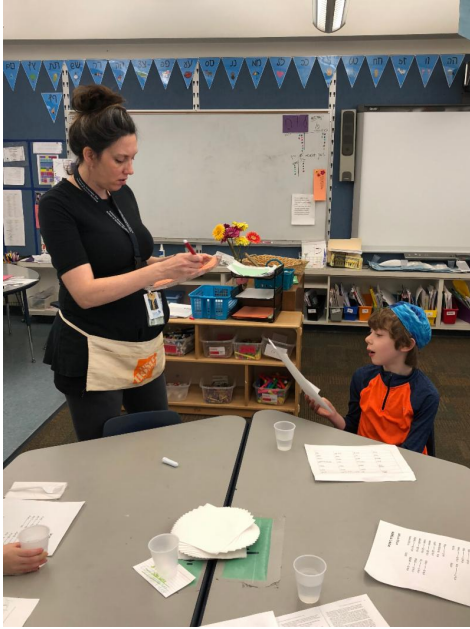
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#SchechterPride in...

... our **Rimonim Restauranteurs!** Last week, Rimonim students took a "trip" to an Israeli restaurant, giving them the opportunity to order in Hebrew and taste Israeli foods! **Adi** and **Susan** created the "restaurant" in class to provide the students with an authentic Hebrew speaking experience.

Adi noted, "I wanted the students to appreciate the linguistic ability they developed." The unit was devised so that



students would use the vocabulary they learned as part of an "authentic" situation in the restaurant. The unit's vocabulary, the subjects of the short stories that students read, and the videos they watched were all devised with the final role-playing assessment in mind. The unit's final assessment consisted of two parts: a final test that examined their writing, reading, and speaking skills and a role-playing game in the restaurant. In the restaurant, the students spoke only Hebrew; they role-played as waiters and guests, and ate real Israeli food. The experience was unique and engaging and the students were excited and motivated to demonstrate all that they could do.



Life Under the Microscope!

Habonim students have been eagerly investigating their iQWST unit on "What Is Going on Inside Me?" One of the major learning goals is understanding the role of cells in systems. As part of this journey, students have also been learning microscopy skills like how to prepare, focus and scan slides and how to differentiate living from non-living when looking at things on such a small scale. They seem very interested in seeing this new perspective as this skill deepens their investigation and they are making connections quickly. Students have collected water samples from the pond across the street and they have collected and analyzed water samples from puddles, streams and ponds near their homes. Another cool discovery: students prepared slides of cells swabbed from their own cheeks and then cross-referenced those to slides they prepared using the algae from collected water samples,



lactobacillus from yogurt, yeast grown from the grocery store, and amoeba we ordered. The students have noted many differences and are learning that no matter the size, shape or function, each cell is important in its own way (like each of us)!

Alumni Parents Return for a Trip Down Memory Lane... and get MORE!

Last Friday, we welcomed parents of Schechter grads of the class of 1995 (and a few other years too!). The Alumni Parents participated in RELISH, toured the school to see the evolution of a Schechter education, and took a trip down memory lane with a slideshow showcasing the connections between their years at Schechter and today. Click below for the fun slideshow!



L'dor va'dor: 1990s to present

Mazal tov to **Steve and Moira Leshem** and the entire Leshem Family! **Talia** became a bat mitzvah on Saturday at Temple Beth Israel.

Sometimes Life is Too Short for Just One Photo Album!

[Click here to see Israeli Dance Festival!](#)

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- March 27: Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 29: World Dance Performance
- April 2: Good Deeds Day
- April 3: Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- April 5: EC goes to RELISH
- April 7: Frog and Toad Performance at 1:00

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