Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford

It's not too late to get your Ner Tamid tickets!! Plus, #SchechterPride in our talented Artist and Writer of April.... Student-driven production of Frog and Toad shows the power of persistence.... EC3 and 4 students sit down with author/illustrators to learn the story of Bereshit.



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#SchechterPride in...

Artist of the month for April is Bogrim student **Tzedkella**. Tzedkella's talent and style are as unique as she is! She has a knack for color and balance in her artwork that is impeccable. Tzedkella's thoughtful use of materials and symbolic expression in her work make each piece special and personal-something the viewer can truly connect with. Congrats Tzedkella!

This month's writer of the month went to Gesher



student **Jethro.** Jethro has worked very hard to get where he is with his writing. He wrote a narrative piece in which he shared the struggles he has gone through with reading and how he is overcoming them. Using the theme of struggle, Jethro related it to the barriers that Jackie Robinson had to face in his own life. Congrats Jethro!



Frog & Toad: Spotlight on a Student-Driven Play

The Drama Llamas put on an incredible version of A Year With Frog & Toad. This all came to be when **Talia** and **Cooper** (Habonim students) came forward with the idea to put together a musical production with Middle



School and Gesher students. They created a GoFundMe page, directed, choreographed and found faculty advisor, Chrissy Whalen to make this dream happen. Under this incredible student direction, the students rehearsed twice a week during recess for several months. The ambition, motivation, and independence of each and every actor and director is simply remarkable. We couldn't be prouder. Mazal tov on a fantastic performance!

Shorashim Reads Creation Stories with Rimonim Author/Illustrators!

In Chumash class, Rimonim (Kitah gimel) learned about the creation story in Bereshit. Their final project

was to create a children's book, which included their written and artistic interpretation of the creation story. Part of this project included learning how to take the important information from the Biblical narrative and make it accessible for young children. The students created their books knowing that they would be presenting them to the EC students. They focused on the design, content, and the use of various types of literary



devices. This project also fostered community between the grades, as the Rimonim students and EC students enjoyed spending time together and learning from one another.



Thank you to so many people who helped volunteer with our Purim Basket fundraiser this year. We hope you enjoyed your baskets.

Thank you to Alisa Band, Sherri Pliskin, Cindy Gerber, Ivy Patt, Mark Resnick, Sallie Land, Karen Shakun, Jason Kay, Lauren Eisen, Alex Medvedovski, Melissa Geller, Gavi Lehrer, Beth Kranc, Karen Tuvin, Elizabeth Ehrlich, Chuck Gold, Danielle Weiss, Arlene Kline, Merissa Spector, Myra Emrick, Miriam Bleich and Polina Melamud for delivering baskets throughout the Greater Hartford community.

Thank you to our packers: Mark Resnick, Elizabeth Ehrlich, Arielle Kay, Gayle Temkin, Danielle Weiss, Samantha & Dominic Mendolia, Cindy Gerber, Debbie Gritz, Rachel Glantz, Jessica Fishbein and Sallie Land. We finished packing in record time this year!

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Special thanks to Gayle Temkin and Danielle Weiss for going above and beyond and for providing many hours of behind the scenes help in creating these amazing baskets year after year.

Editor's note: a HUGE TODAH RABAH to **Leah Berson** for her tireless dedication to the Purim Project. Leah has been coordinating this massive fundraiser for 18 years, and it has become a tradition that so many people look forward to each Purim. The funds raised have provided for so many great programs, guest speakers, equipment, and more.

Reciprocal bills have been sent via email. If you have any questions about your balance due, please contact Leah Berson at ohboyz@comcast.net

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- April 9: Parents Night Out
- April 10: Gesher to CT Historical Society
- April 10: Gesher Yad Program at 7pm
- April 11: Parparim Passover
- April 14: Ner Tamid Event
- April 15: Sharashim Farm Explorers
- April 17: 8th Grade vs Faculty Game
- April 18th: Passover Vacation Begins

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