

Schechter Shavua

May 13, 2019 ----- 8 Iyar 5779

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in our first-time torah readers! Our Rimonim engineers test their creations.... EC explores farms and nature!
PLUS, pictures, pictures, and more pictures!

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#SchechterPride in...

our 5th grade Gesher students, who took their places in the chain of Jewish tradition, reading Torah for the first time this week! Since January, these students have worked hard, learning the trope system, learning to chant using their whole bodies in "trope aerobics" and applying their skills to their individual readings. What stars! Kol Hakavod!!



Gesher's First Torah Readings

The Rimonim Bridge Challenge!

CRASH! SPLASH! and the sounds of children cheering... just some things you might have heard coming from the Rimonim classroom last Monday. Over the past two weeks, the students have been testing the strength of their bridges as the culmination of their Architecture

unit. In this unit, students studied structures from around the world to understand concepts of form vs. function, trusses, the physics of triangles, and also fictional literature. Before construction began, students created blueprints of their bridges. Once blueprints were approved by the teacher, they could purchase "timber" - jumbo and regular size popsicle sticks - for different prices. The goal was to create a bridge that is 15 inches long and can withstand the weight of an attached bucket, filled with water. The bridges were judged to determine the strongest bridge, cheapest bridge, and by student vote, the most attractive bridge.

The students showed up to demolition day with their best work. Various structures, techniques, and trusses were on display. Bridges broke, popsicle sticks went flying, water was everywhere. One unexpected outcome is that four different bridges (built by Lazer, Jonathan, Micah, and Evan) did not break under the weight of THREE completely filled buckets! In the days to come, we will find other ways to break these unbreakable bridges and officially determine which bridge was strongest! Check out the bulletin board outside of Rimoni to see pictures and blueprints of the bridges.



EC at the Farms

The **Dubonim** class had a fun-filled learning experience at Westmoor Park. Jennifer, the naturalist, taught the students about many of the animals. Favorite activities included feeding the goat, petting the baby chicken with fancy feet, petting the soft white bunny, seeing the big horses and cows, and seeing the newborn goats! Meanwhile, **Shorashim** Visited Auerfarm to learn about how farms produce food. The children dug in the garden to find worms, planted seeds, learned about the parts of a plant and searched for signs of Spring at the farm.



The end of the week brought fun and celebration for Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's birthday. Click the button below to see pictures of all the smiles and activities.



Photos of Israel's 71st birthday celebration!!

Israeli RELISH and EC RELISH

Mazal tov to the Schectman family! Halaylah (Habonim) had her service of bat mitzvah last weekend.

Mazal tov to Dr. Andrea Rose Cheatham Kasper!
Last week, she officially became a PhD at Northeastern University.



GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

8:30 am-10:30 am

Join us for Shabbat RELISH,
classroom activities and brunch

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 8th to:
RSVP@ssds-hartford.org
or call 860-561-0700

**26 Buena Vista Rd.
West Hartford CT 06107**

The fun continues...
Schechter goes to the YardGoats!



WHEN: Sunday, May 19th

Tailgate 11:30am BYO(P)

Bring your own picnic

Game starts at 1:05pm

WHERE: Parking at 305 Market Street, Hartford.

Compliments of LAZ Parking!

COST: \$14.00 per person for field box seats, no charge for children on laps.

Please respond by **May 10th** to: RSVP@ssds-hartford.org

Checks can be made payable to: Solomon Schechter

NOTE: There are a limited number of tickets, so this is a first-come, first-served event!

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 13: More Gesher Torah Readings!
- May 14: Rimonim to Dinosaur State Park
- May 15 @ 7pm: Gesher Celebration of Learning
- May 17: Grandparents and Special Person RELISH
- May 18: Mini-Minyan Shabbat with FVJC and Schechter
- May 19: Schechter @ the Yard Goats
- May 21: Field Day

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