

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in our many poets and authors and readers. We're bringing a love of reading and writing across all the grades!

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#SchechterPride in...

Rimonim's **Illy**, who came came to school one morning to share her poem, *Numbers*. The depth of the thought and the power of her words are remarkable. The poem so beautifully brings together Illy's strong sense of emotional understanding, an awe of numbers, and her skill with language. Kol Hakavod!

My poems by: Illy

7.5 billion

7.5 billion. A number. A population. The world is that number. Sometimes I feel like I don't belong among that 7.5 billion. But I know that I belong. 7.5 billion.

One

One. Some might think that one is a lonely number. But one has all of the numbers. even the negatives.one is not a lonely number.one.

325.72 million

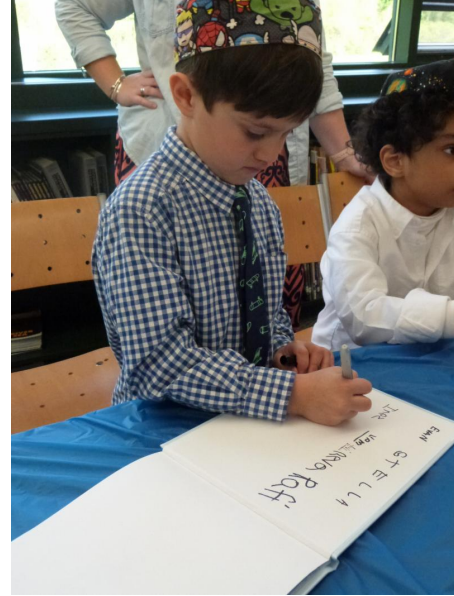
325.72 million. Sometimes you can feel alone with that many people in the united states. But sometimes you don't feel alone. sometimes you are in a box. Get out of that box. 325.72 million.

Numbers.

Parparim Authors' Book Signing Packs the House!

Over the last three months, the **Parparim** class has been working collaboratively on their joint book writing, which was celebrated this week during a book signing. The Parparim students developed the characters, the setting and the plot, then wrote and illustrated the story. This charming book revolves around a Shmipulunk (part shark, monkey, duck and pig), who is

kicked out of his neighborhood in Tel-Aviv, because she looked scary. Working with sixteen small children collaboratively is no small feat. The students worked hard on consistency in their plot and in each illustration. The final book is a wonderful tale of the responsibility we have to help others get to know us. *Kol Hakavod* to the Parparim class and team for an excellent event.



Habonim Reading Buddies

Habonim is sharing their love of reading with young students outside of Schechter! After being trained by Alana Butler, Director of the Children's Reading Partners, they began a four-week reading program with Laurel School in Bloomfield. Their engagement in this process has been phenomenal! Our students were so excited to be reading with younger students, and the kindergarteners were thrilled to be visited by students from a middle school. There were smiles all around as our Habonim children shared their favorite books with their new friends. Butler stated, "Students thrive from the one-to-one attention. Not only do our reading mentors help to improve students' motivation, confidence, and reading skills, but they also help students see the enjoyment and value of reading."



Grandparent and Special Person RELISH Pictures

8th Grade Volunteering at Pantry Packers in Israel

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 21: Field Day
- May 22-24: EC Art Show
- May 22-24: ERB Tests for Middle School
- May 23: Lag B'Omer

- May 23-24: Shorashim Reggio Emilio Project Culmination
- May 27: School Closed for Memorial Day
- May 28-June 4: Scholastic Book Fair!
- May 30: Parparim Siddur Presentation

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