

# Schechter Shavua

June 11, 2019 ----- 8 Sivan 5779

## Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



Thank you to Leah Berson and Susan Kurtis for your decades of love and care for our students! Lower school students make pita by hand... Shorashim displays project culmination on insects!

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### #SchechterPride in ...

Susan Kurtis, who has been a part of Schechter for 32 years! Susan has had a hand in just about every aspect of this school, and we are so appreciative of her wisdom, humor and kindness. We wish Susan a *mazal tov* on her recent engagement to Craig Weinstein as they begin a new chapter in Washington, DC next year, surrounded by Susan's children and grandson.



### #SchechterPride in ...

Leah Berson, volunteer extraordinaire! We are hard-pressed to think of one Schechter event in which Leah wasn't involved in some way, from the hot lunch program, Purim baskets, classroom events... and on and on. Thank you, Leah! We are so grateful for all that you have done for us over

the years. We wish Leah, Larry, Jared and Matty a *mazal tov* on Harris and Spencer's graduation from Schechter.

Please see below for a farewell message from Leah.



## Schechter, Shavuot, and Hazon

This week the Lower School had the privilege of learning with TEVA educators from the Isabella Freedman Center about Shavuot in multisensory and experiential ways. Beginning with acting and improvisation, the students stepped right into the story of Ruth and Naomi. Next, the students learned about *leket* (leaving the droppings for the poor to harvest) and *pe'ah* (leaving the corners of your fields un-harvested); they then separated the wheat from the chaff and actually ground their wheat berries into flour. The workshop came to an end baking pita and eating it with their homemade butter. Thank you to David and Hillary Silver (parents of Schechter grads Shira 2003 and Gabi 2013) for your generous support of this incredible program in memory of your son, Joshua. Click [HERE](#) for more pics!



## Buzzing with Learning in Shorashim

The children in Shorashim shared their love for insects with their parents during a very special project culmination. The study of insects included creating an insect research center in class, writing stories, and producing artistic creations. The highlight of the project was a partnership with Auer Farm in Bloomfield to further their learning about pollinators. The children were very proud to display their collaborative project of a beehive and several ant hills.



## Kol Hakavod to our Schechter Student Council!

Student Council has been busy all year, planning and running activities to benefit our school. Thanks also to **Mrs. Teitelbaum** for her guidance and support for this very active group!



- Selling Cocoa and lemonade every Thursday morning to raise funds for activities.
- Organizing Spirit week.
- Organizing pajama day.
- Donating \$140 to South Park Inn (homeless shelter)
- Organizing Compliment day.
- Organizing, paying for, and staffing snow cones at the all school picnic.
- April Fools “Brown E’s”
- Organizing Pi Day number chain.

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### Message from Leah Berson

What can I say? Thank you to the Schechter community for the lovely presentation at RELISH last week. I have read (multiple times) every word on every page in the book that was given to me. Not only were special words and thoughts written, but beautiful pictures and creative poems that clearly came from the heart. I wish I had time to plan what I wanted to say at that moment, but was caught off guard (it was truly a surprise) and was paralyzed with emotions.

Schechter is a special place. I became involved from the minute I walked in the door and attended my first PTO meeting, and I haven’t stopped since. Schechter is family; it is a place my family calls home and a wonderful place of learning and nurturing. This week will mark the end of 20 years of Berson boys walking through the front doors. When I watch my boys graduate on Thursday, I will be proud of course, but I will be sad at the same time. The friendships I have formed with other parents and the relationships I have with all of the students and staff are all a byproduct of my time spent volunteering at Schechter. I will miss seeing the smiling faces in the lunch line, knowing the specific likes and dislikes of each student. I will miss daily visitors asking “Leah, What’s for lunch today?” or, “I forgot my snack at home... what can I have?” I am so excited to see what comes next for the lunch program, something I have worked so diligently to build. Many parents have stepped up next year to fill the void I am leaving behind, and I am confident they



will all love being part of Schechter lunch time and the buzz in the kitchen & cafeteria.

Finally, I would like to thank the myriad of parents, past and present, who have volunteered their time in the kitchen helping serve lunch to the students. Too many people to name, but the list is large and the work appreciated. Special thanks to Danielle Weiss, who has been my partner and friend in the kitchen for the past few years, and no doubt will continue to make sure the lunch program will continue to thrive. Wishing everyone a relaxing summer.

Leah

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MORE Pics of the End of Year Picnic!

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The 2019/5779 Graduates of  
The Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford  
cordially invite you to attend their graduation

Thursday, June 13, 2019  
10 Sivan 5779  
7:30 PM

Graduation will be held in the school auditorium of  
The Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford  
26 Buena Vista Road  
West Hartford, CT 06107

Graduating Class of 2019

<b>Harris Berson</b>	צבי
<b>Spencer Berson</b>	שלום
<b>Lilian Ehrlich</b>	זהבה
<b>Noah Grosberg</b>	נח
<b>Alexander Kowalsky</b>	אברהם
<b>Morissa Kranc</b>	מלכה
<b>Tzedkella Malk</b>	צדקאלה
<b>Matthew Medvedovski</b>	מתתיהו
<b>William Patchen</b>	ישראל
<b>Alyssa Temkin</b>	אביבה

Let us know if you plan to attend! RSVP to [kshakun@ssds-hartford.org](mailto:kshakun@ssds-hartford.org)

Please join us for the graduation and a dairy reception following the ceremony!

RSVP for Graduation!

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- June 11: Choir Recital @ 7pm
- June 13: Noon Dismissal for Last Day of School
- June 13: Graduation! @ 7:30pm

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