

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in Miriam, an 8th grader who spoke with poise and heart at Voices of Hope event! Plus, Gesher makes connections between tefillah and Israel studies... Habonim creates ties that bind... and plenty of pictures!!

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Congratulations to the winners of the 8th grade Israel trip raffle! The 8th graders truly appreciate the support of the entire Greater Hartford community as well as their family and friends. They can't wait until their departure in April!

1st place: Noah and Rachel Kesselman
2nd place: Scarlett Szaley
3rd place: Howard Hochman

#SchechterPride in ...

8th grader, **Miriam**, for her thoughtful and beautiful remarks honoring her teacher, Mrs. Colleen Simon, at Voices of Hope last week. Miriam is to be commended as a conscientious and gracious learner, whose serious and focused commitment to excellence shines through in all that she does. To watch Miriam present to her teacher in front of a large audience was a moment of great pride as she so clearly reflected Schechter's core values: Good Heart, Wisdom and Community.



Connecting Geography, Climate, and Tefillah

What's the connection between



geography, climate and Tefillah? Ask a Gesher student! In studying the prayer, *Mashiv Haruach U'morid Hagashem*, the prayer for rain in Israel that is added after Simchat Torah, the students discussed Israel's geography, its hot, dry summers and the desperate need for the rainy season that begin in the fall.

Each student then created their own cloud and raindrops. On the cloud, each student wrote in Hebrew, "*Mashiv Haruach U'morid Hagashem*," and for each raindrop they wrote for what purpose they dedicated the raindrop, for example, for the animals, trees, the

Kineret, desert, and drinking water.

Gesher teacher Limor Shefer noted, "it was beautiful to hear the students' conversation about Israel and their thinking about what they know and what they are wondering about. I am looking forward to weaving in more of Israel to our everyday learning throughout the year."

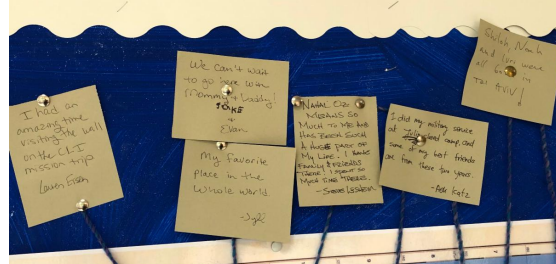
Creating Ties that Bind

Last week, during the Tefillin Program, **Habonim** students and their parents gave new meaning to the phrase, "It's a wrap!" It was a lively evening of learning and practice as students and parents studied a number of texts concerning tefillin, under the guidance of Rabbi Steve Chatinover. The highlight of the evening? Students and parents putting on tefillin together, often times with the students assisting their parents in the proper way to wrap. A beautiful, powerful sight!



Israel Map: "My Israeli Story"

Come check out our interactive Israel map! Share your connection to Israel by choosing a place that you visited or wish to visit. Then write a note so that other members of the Schechter community can learn from you about your connection to Israel.



Wrapping up the Chagim

We had so many exciting things happening during the chagim! Simchat Torah offered new opportunities for learning and celebration. Student council brought us Lulav and Lemonade Shakes; students were learning in the classroom and in the sukkah, and we all gathered for a special Simchat Torah RELISH.

Pictures from Simchat Torah activities

Grab Great Books and Benefit our Library!

The eighth grade class has embarked upon a library renovation project as part of their graduation gift to the school! After combing through each book on the shelves, they have come up with a collection that they feel will best fit the needs of a library for their generation. To raise money to help fund their renovation project, the students are bundling together extra copies of books that won't be needed. They are selling these bundles for \$1 each! Come by on Friday mornings and afternoons to pick out a few bundles for your home or for someone you love!



The Solomon Schechter Day School
Theater Program Presents...



Auditions

Who? Gesher-Bogrim, 4th-8th grade

Where? Schechter auditorium

When? Tuesday, November 12
AND Thursday, November 14
12:00pm - 12:30pm

Any questions? Ask Ms. Whalen!

Mark Your Calendars!
Invite Friends and Family.... All are Welcome!!



FAMILY FUN!

MINI MINYAN @ FVJC WITH SCHECHTER

**Sunday, November 17
10am**

**Music * Reggio-Inspired Crafts *
Snacks * PJ Library Story**

**Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation
55 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury, CT**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

RSVP & Questions: Contact Karen kshakun@ssds-hartford.org

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN AT
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- November 4-7: TEVA trip for Habonim
- November 8: First 2:30pm Friday dismissal
- November 15: Shabbat is Here with Schechter & PJ @ 11:15AM
- November 17: Mini Minyan with Schechter & PJ @ 10:00AM

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