

Schechter Shavua

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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford



#SchechterPride in Coach Schulz and his Spectacular Scorpions! Plus... see how Rimonim is integrating learning across the curriculum and get a bird's-eye view into the Teva experience!

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#SchechterPride in ...

our fantastic **Coach Schulz and the Schechter Scorpions soccer team!**

Coach Schulz has been busy this fall shaping a young soccer team into a group of determined and enthusiastic athletes! "Our team was made up of a lot of young players," explained Coach, "but they played with all their hearts!" Schechter's 4th grade players frequently found themselves playing against 8th graders from other schools. Despite that huge difference in experience, height, and the number of players on each team, the Scorpions were determined to try their hardest. They had a dramatic rally in their first game, regaining their footing in the second half to end in a tie. In the second game, the team faced a much larger Renbrook squad and won. In the Scorpions' last game against Covenant Prep, they were able to keep the score close despite some tough competition from older and bigger players. Throughout the season, Coach Schulz has emphasized the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship with his athletes. Under Coach Schulz's guidance, eighth graders **Evan, Ari, Cooper, Pauline, and Talia** also played an important role in mentoring the younger players. He notes, "I am so proud that these kids never gave up!" Congratulations, Scorpions!



Rimonim's Israel and Japan Day: Integrating General and Judaic Studies



For the past six weeks, Rimonim students have delved into a comparative study of Japan and Israel, including the geography, important places, weather, food, religions, and favorite sports of each country.

Students deepened their knowledge by comparing these two vastly different countries. Through an independent learning process, students learned different aspects of

each country and then taught each other while working in pairs. In addition, to culminate this study, students researched and created an exhibition after selecting a topic that was of particular interest to him or her.

For the exhibition, the students wrote a comparative essay on the topic of their choice and designed an informative poster using Canva software. This gave students a creative way to share their learning.

This unit engaged students in a variety of learning skills and habits: self-direction, responsibility, teamwork, reflective thinking, creative thinking, using drafts as a reflective process, giving and receiving constructive feedback, learning to adapt to frustrating situations, meeting goals and deadlines, and making connections to the real world.

Thank you to the Rimonim team for putting together this exciting and engaging integrated research project.

Strong Connections between Judaism and Nature at Teva

Habonim students spent most of last week at Teva, a program hosted by the scenic Isabella Freedman Center. Schechter students embraced Teva's commitment to food justice and the sustainability of life, while affirming the faith and values of Judaism through nature. Jamie Debicella, who attended as one of the chaperones, noted, "I was struck by the concept of exploring Jewish Identity through the natural world. The camp was extremely well organized, and students were empowered by Teva educators, who instilled in them a strong sense of stewardship of the Earth."



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!



*** * * * * Last Call for Auditions! * * * * ***

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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PJ Library



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**PJ LIBRARY
STORY**

SNACKS



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COMMUNITY!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN AT
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- November 15: Shabbat is Here with Schechter & PJ @ 11:15AM
- November 17: Mini Minyan with Schechter & PJ @ 10:00AM
- November 19: Parent Meeting re: Spring Musical @ 7pm
- November 27: Noon dismissal for Thanksgiving Recess
- November 28-29: School Closed
- December 2: Professional Development (No classes for students)
- December 6: EC joins RELISH in the Beit Tefilah
- December 7: Havdallah and Hockey
- December 8: Voice Recital @ 2pm
- December 11: Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)
- December 12: Choir Concert @ 6:30pm

- December 13: Drama performance @ 1:15pm
- December 15: Latkes and RELISH! Come to Schechter @ 10:30am
- December 18: World Dance Performance @ 1:15pm
- December 18: Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)
- December 20: Middle School Ice Skating Trip

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