# **Schechter Shavua**

January 13, 2020 ----- 16 Tevet 5780



**#SchechterPride** in our Parparim Ninjas, who are learning about their bodies in Hebrew! Plus Gesher's scientific exploration.... and students get their hands dirty with Michal and Shaked, the Israeli Emissaries!

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Save the Date! Schechter's Israeli Dance Festival February 12, 2019 6:30pm



# ISRAELI DANCE FESTIVAL

Tuesday, February 12 @ 6:30pm (snow date: February 20)

A Night of Israeli Dancing for K-8 students and parents. All are Welcome!

Where: New England Jewish Academy 300 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford



#### **#SchechterPride in....**

As part of learning a new unit,
"My Body and Me" (אני וגופי - Ani
Vegofi) in class, the Parparim
Ninjas learned the Hebrew
vocabulary of their body organs.
In this art project, each student
had to lay on a big white sheet to
draw a version of his/her body.
The goal: to build up an oral
conversation about their bodies

using Hebrew vocabulary that they learned in class. Each student had the chance to speak in front of their peers and talk about his/her drawing using basic patterns like Yesh Ii (I have) and Ein Ii (I don't have) - together with the Hebrew vocabulary for the body organs that they have learned, such as af (nose), yadaim (hands), and of course rosh (head).



## More fun with the Michal and Shaked.... Making Chocolate Balls!



This week, Israeli Emissaries had the students getting their hands dirty! The students made chocolate balls, aka kadurey chocolade, which is a favorite treat in Israel. It is popular for kids because they can easily make it themselves with relatively few ingredients and it is very "hands-on."

#### Gesher

This week, Gesher students started an engineering and design unit in science. To start off the unit, the students were given a problem and had to work with their group members to solve it. First, the class had a discussion about what properties make a good boat. Then each group was given single sheets of tin foil with the task of making the strongest boat that would be able to stay afloat as pennies



were dropped in one by one. The groups competed to see whose boat could hold the most pennies. The winning boat was able to hold 177 pennies! After the experiment was over, the students had follow-up discussion focusing on what they noticed that helped the boats stay afloat and what changes they could make to

improve their designs. This unit introduced the design process as students get ready to begin their work for the Invention Convention.

Schechter wishes a hearty Mazal tov to Lauren Eisen (Schechter Board President) and Marc Eisen on the occasion of their son, Jeremy (grade 7 Habonim), celebrating his service of bar mitzvah last weekend.

Don't miss.... Photos of the week!

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- January 20: MLK Day- School in session
- January 30: Parparim Shema Bear Program
- February 7: EC joins RELISH
- February 12: Israeli Dance Festival @ 6:30pm
- February 14: Professional Development. No classes
- February 17-18: School Closed for February Vacation
- February 20: Israeli Dance Festival (Snow date)
- March 4: Israel Night for Parents @ 7pm
- March 8: Hamentashen and RELISH @ 10:30am (Open to the Community!)

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