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February 23, 2024 / 14 Adar 5784
Weekly Parashat : Tetzaveh

Candle lighting: 5:13 PM
Shabbat ends: 6:16 PM

Rockin' at the Winter Band and Shira (Song) Concert



It's been an exciting month for our Sager School Band and Shira Program! Last week, our talented 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Symphonic Band and our 3rd/4th Grade Shira performed for parents and friends. The performance was a delightful blend of music — including classic jazz, (*Sunday Morning*), and rock jazz (*25 or 6 to 4* and *Seven National Army*). The Shira performed three beautiful songs and both the Shira and Band performed a finale rendition of Hatikvah.

"It was wonderful to work together to present this special concert," said **Marsha Rosenson**, Director of Bands, and **Elizabeth Botnick**, Sager School and Ginsburg ECC Music Teacher. "It's inspiring to see the love that our students have for music and how much they enjoy performing together."

YaYa & YoYo and the Joyful Journey of Jewish Tales: A Whimsical Day with Children's Author Dori Weinstein



On Thursday, our 1st through 6th graders enjoyed a delightful visit from acclaimed Jewish children's author **Dori Weinstein**, creator of the beloved YaYa & YoYo book series. The stories captivate young minds with the vibrancy and humor of Jewish life and holidays. Mrs. Weinstein has written four books to date, with a goal of writing 12 books — one for each month of the year beginning with Rosh HaShanah.

During the visit, Mrs. Weinstein recalled when she first came to Schechter's Skokie School in 2013 to speak with students, and said she was in awe of the beauty of our Greenbaum Library/Learning Commons and our Dayan Beit Knesset.

"It was wonderful to witness the joy as our students connected with Mrs. Weinstein and learned about how she became a published author," said **Rebecca Versman**, Sager School Librarian. "They were excited to hear about the creative writing process and loved making connections with the characters in her stories. They also were inspired about the possibility of one day publishing their own books."



2nd Graders Celebrate the Joy of Shabbat



Kehillah (community) is one of Schechter's core values, and building community is an important part of the Schechter experience. Recently, our second grade class came together for *Simchat Shabbat*, one of the Sager School milestone activities. Students braided and decorated challah together, sang songs, danced, and enjoyed a delicious *oneg* as they celebrated their special community and the joy of Shabbat.



Checkmate! Chess Club Takes Home Top Honors

Kol Hakavod to the Sager School chess team, composed of **David Karpel, Miles Schechter, and Owen Schechter**. The team finished 1st in the team competition (unrated division) at the Wilson Chess Scholastic in Schaumburg on February 11.

"I'm incredibly proud of our chess club's achievement — it's a testament to their

dedication and hard work," said chess coach Mark Hamilton of Chess Forward. "Witnessing their improvement has been immensely rewarding. I hope this success inspires more students to join us in participating in tournaments, where they can learn, and experience the thrill of competition firsthand."

Chess club is one of the Sager School's after-school PO programs, welcoming students of all levels to enjoy high-quality instruction and supervised play with classmates.



Kol Hakavod to Eli Pearl on his Bar Mitzvah

Mazal Tov to **Eli Pearl** on his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat. Eli's parsha is *Tetzaveh*. In Eli's leisure time he enjoys playing tennis, spending time with friends, and indulging in his passion for drawing.

For his bar mitzvah project, Eli has dedicated his efforts to supporting Neve Hanna, a Children's home in Kiryat Gat, Israel, offering a stable environment for kids and teens facing unstable home situations. Eli is actively collecting funds to contribute to Neve Hanna's library and B'nai Mitzvah Fund.

Additionally, he expresses gratitude for his incredible tutor and Sager School teacher, Noreen Ohcana, who played a crucial role in his preparation for this significant milestone.



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Wednesday, February 21



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