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Weekly Parashat : Mishpatim

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3rd Graders Embrace the Torah with Pride



On Thursday, you could feel the excitement, pride, and joy as our 3rd graders -- surrounded by their kvelling parents, grandparents, and teachers — were called up one by one to receive their very own *tikkun* and *chumash* — one of the many special milestone ceremonies at the Sager School.

"This ceremony marks the transition to a new stage of our students' relationship with Torah," said Rabbi Jonathan. "They know how to read, pronounce, and sing all the words...Torah is no longer far away and mysterious; it is very close and within their grasp and something that they love."



The students sang and danced to celebrate the event and then joined with their

families, friends, and teachers for a delicious oneg, sponsored by the Parent Organization. Later in the day, they created their own cases to hold their *Yad* (pointer) when they chant from the Torah. They also heard from Rabbi Yosef Schanowitz about the different Torah scrolls and the history of the Torah.



Mazal tov to our entire 3rd grade class, educators, and families. Click the button below to see photos from this event.

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Schechter Shining Moment by Karen Benson, M.Ed., Schechter Grandparent



"My husband, David, and I watched with joy as our granddaughter, Rayella, danced, sang, and read Torah with her classmates at the Tikkun ceremony on Thursday. We couldn't get over how well-prepared, proud, and engaged the children were. This was truly an experience of "Living Judaism" for the students, their parents, and family members..."

"...The wonderful Schechter faculty and staff have made our two Israeli granddaughters most welcome as they spend the school year here, far from their evacuated Gaza border kibbutz. The warmth and care they've received have been a blessing from the Schechter community to our family and we're grateful."

[Read the Full Shining Moment](#)

100 Days of School: Time for a Parade!



On Wednesday, Sager School students celebrated 100 days of learning, laughter, and milestones. Our Kindergarten classes marked the occasion with a joyful parade throughout the school.

"Our 1st graders are 100 days smarter, 100 days kinder, and 100 days stronger," said their teachers. "We are so proud of all that they have accomplished so far and we can't wait to watch them continue to grow throughout the rest of the year!"



Family Fun Friday at the ECC



Last Friday, Our ECC welcome parents and special friends to "Family Friday," -- a joyful morning as our guest explored classroom centers, participated in daily activities, celebrated Shabbat, and shaped beautiful *challot* together.

"At the heart of our educational philosophy is the belief in fostering a strong connection between home and school," said Zahava Berman, ECC Director. "Events like Family Friday exemplify this commitment and enhance the educational journey of our students, cultivate a sense of community within our school, and allow parents to gain invaluable insights into the daily life of their children at school."

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A Great Night Out for Schechter Parents



On Saturday night, 120 Schechter parents gathered in the Silverstein Lobby for a fabulous night out sponsored by the Parent Organization. From a special Havdalah led by Rabbi Jonathan and Cantor Laurie Akers, to learning about and tasting exceptional wines from Luna Rosa Wine Shop in Highland Park, to enjoying a delicious spread of cheeses and desserts by Zeldas, to connecting with old friends and meeting new ones -- the event showcased the vibrancy of our Schechter community. "The evening was so much fun that everyone lingered in the lobby long after 'closing time!'" said Shira Rozgovich, Development and Events Manager.

Special thanks to Amy Fisher and Ann Schneiderman, event chairs, and to the entire steering committee for a great night.



Schechter Alumni Inducted Into Hebrew Honor Society



Congratulations to the 11 Schechter alumni recently inducted into the Deerfield High School Hebrew Honor Society on Wednesday evening: Aaron Anisfeld, Cooper Baum, Jordan Blaustein, Jemma Dunn, Jacob Hakimi, Josephine Harkavy, Elianna Kaplan, Rachel Laven, Lee Roth, Aaron Rubin, and Elan Weil. DHS Hebrew teachers, Geveret Yael Zetouni and Geveret Charone Ousley, both Schechter parents of alumni, couldn't be more proud of their students.

Kol Hakavod to Schechter alum Mia Friedland, who shared: "Schechter helped me develop my strong Hebrew skills which enabled me to be a Hebrew senior leader. I love maintaining the connection to Schechter by being able to help Schechter students." Special thanks to World Language Department Chair: Doni Escalante for her support of the Hebrew program.

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