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Weekly Parashat : Ha'azinu

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Embracing mistakes through the ritual of *Taschlich*

As Yom Kippur nears, Schechter students explored the symbolic ritual of *taschlich* during *t'fillah* (prayer services). Translating to "casting off," the *taschlich* ceremony can occur any day between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and is performed near water.

While traditionally using bread crumbs to represent the tossing away of our sins, our students personalized the ritual by self-reflecting and then drawing and writing their particular ideas.



"The students "throw away their mistakes" into the water and watch how they're washed away and the paper becomes white and clean. In kindergarten, we discuss how we ALL make mistakes—we say we're sorry, promise not to do it again, and try to be the best version of ourselves to start the year with a clean slate."

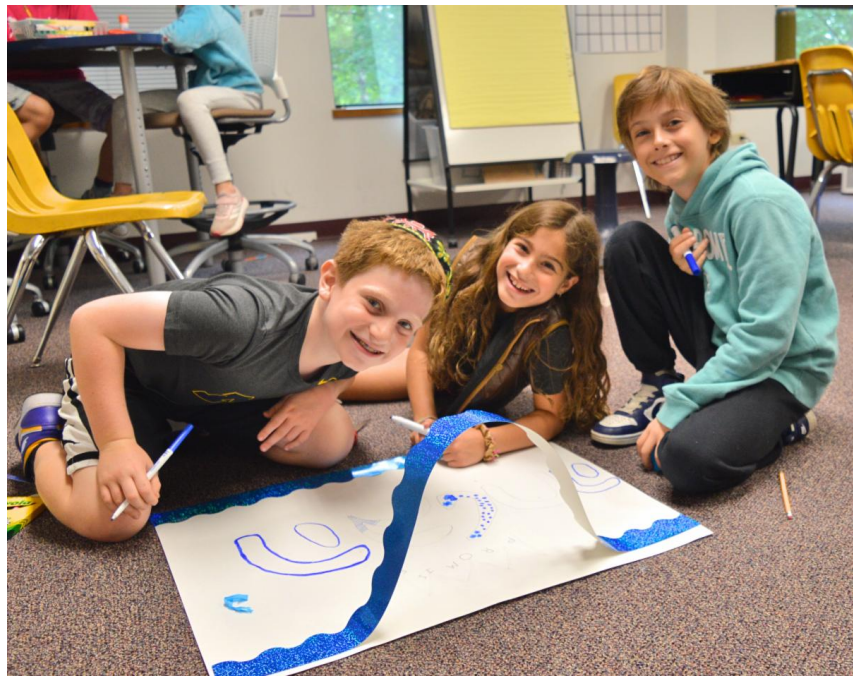
— Inbal Schnitman, Kindergarten Hebrew and Judaic Studies Teacher & Tefillah Coordinator

"I love doing this with 2nd graders because it helps show them that God recognizes we all make mistakes. It happened throughout Jewish history, it happens now, and it will continue to happen—and that's OK! It's healthy and empowering for students to hear that we have the chance to make repairs.

— Tali Lupovitch, 1st & 2nd Grade Judaic Studies Teacher

Art, Judaic Studies, and social emotional learning unite!

4th grade students studied the detailed 7-step process of *Teshuvah*, the act of repentance, as laid out by Maimonides. All three classrooms collaborated, working in groups to dig deeply into one of the steps and illustrate its significance on decorated posters. The artwork will be displayed along the south stairway of the Sager School so that all students can walk the steps as they reflect on the steps of *teshuvah*!



"Exploring this process is so valuable because students realize that just 'saying sorry' is not enough—it has to come from the heart, and they have to mean it. They learn that real repentance means taking responsibility and taking action."

— Yehudit Wolf, 3rd & 4th Grade Judaic Studies Teacher



"I like that actually saying sorry, *slichah*, isn't until step five! You first have to understand what you've done and decide to not do it again. I've said 'sorry' to my brother sometimes when I didn't mean it...I think that I can try to use these steps at home!"

— Oren, 4th grader

A journey of self-improvement and kindness at the ECC

As we transition to Yom Kippur at the Ginsburg ECC, our youngest students explore the theme of self-improvement!

On a mission to spread joy through *mitzvot*, our *Alonim* (3-5-year-olds) are brainstorming ways to bring happiness to their friends. Our *Alim* (2-year-olds) are learning the power of sharing and respecting each other's playtime.

"Our dedicated *morot* model how it feels when a friend takes a toy away and how

to ask for a turn with that precious toy. These valuable lessons are shaping our *yeladim's* social skills. It's incredible to see how they are blossoming into kind and considerate humans!"

—Zahava Berman, ECC Director



Make Yom Kippur meaningful: messages and guides

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YOM KIPPUR MESSAGE

FROM
RABBI JONATHAN

A circular portrait of Rabbi Jonathan, a man with dark curly hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark collared shirt. The portrait is set against a light grey background and is framed by a thin yellow border. The entire graphic is on a dark blue background with yellow decorative lines in the corners.

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[Yom Kippur Holiday Guide](#)

Questions? Email [Rabbi Jonathan!](#)

Mazal Tov to Akiva!

Akiva Mishkin (SSDS '24) will become a Bar



Mitzvah this Shabbat at Skokie Valley Synagogue. He will read *parashat Ha'azinu*. Akiva loves playing baseball, basketball, flag football, and hanging out with friends.

Mazal Tov

to Akiva's proud parents **Suzanne (Sager School K-6 Principal)** and Noah Mishkin; his brothers, **Ayden ('23)** and **Azi ('28)**; and beloved grandparents, Joan and Ed Magin and Sherwin and Jan Mishkin.

Upcoming simcha inspires Sukkot-themed social action

If you need decorations for your Sukkah, look no further than Schechter student Ari Smith!

Ari Smith (SSDS '25) is creating homemade sukkah decorations out of Perler beads and donating the proceeds to *tzedakah*! For more information, contact Ari.

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Families with young children have their Sundays covered!



We are thrilled to share our new programming series for families with little ones! Each workshop features hands-on activities led by Schechter community members, faculty, and staff.

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9:30-10:30 AM
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3210 Dundee Road, Northbrook

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January 21, 2024..... Tiny Tech Makers
February 11, 2024..... Mindful Movers
March 17, 2024..... Namaste Newbies
April 14, 2024..... Back-in-Time Passover Adventure
May 19, 2024..... Mitzvah Masterpieces

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