



# Inside SCHECHTER

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Weekly Parashat : Nitzavim Vayeilekh

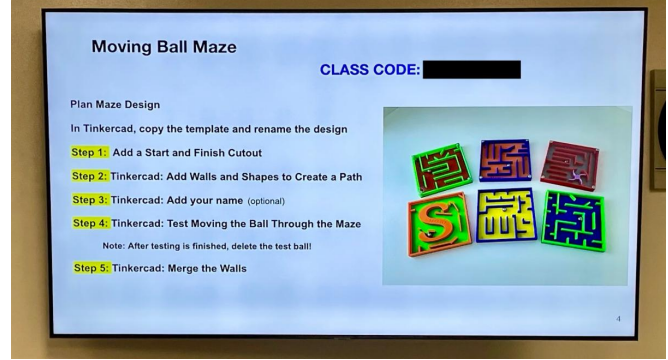
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## Rambam makes a surprise visit to Schechter!



On Wednesday, our 4th graders welcomed the Rambam himself (coincidentally resembling Rabbi Jonathan) to their classroom for a fun and interactive conversation. Also known as Maimonides, Rambam has been the subject of several recent classroom lessons. Students had a chance to demonstrate and apply their knowledge of the Sephardic Jewish philosopher and scholar from the Middle Ages.

## What's a moving ball maze? Just ask a 4th grade engineer



In the Innovation Studio, students are creating a moving ball maze—a popular game for kids. After first planning and sketching, they utilized a website to transfer the prototype to an abstract design, and will then use the 3D printer to bring their designs to life!

"Engaging multiple modes of learning—kinesthetic, visual, social, etc.—helps provide opportunities for every student to connect with activities."

— **Marci Rubinstein, Innovation Studio Coordinator**

## A new fall sport: flag football takes to the field



After school, you can now find Sager School 5th-8th graders on the field playing flag football. Using the NFL flag football rules, they have a full team that will be playing against others schools in our league. *The flag football team is in addition to the existing array of fall sports Schechter offers, including cross country, golf, and soccer teams.*

"Students learn a lot from playing different sports, and it's important for them to try a variety of activities to see what they enjoy the most. I am happy that our students have the opportunity to participate in a new sport for our school. Come watch us play!" — **Alicia Honan, Sager School Athletic Director/Physical Education & Health Teacher**

## Music time builds skills for our Ginsburg ECC students





Every Wednesday, our youngest students at the Ginsburg ECC are building their listening skills, motor skills, and social and emotional expression during music time with *Morah* Elizabeth, Schechter music teacher, Elizabeth Botnick.

**"Music is a powerful cognitive enrichment tool in early childhood development," said Zahava Berman, ECC Director. "Many people are also surprised to learn that music also serves as a catalyst for language and literacy, laying the groundwork for future academic and social success."**



## A MESSAGE FROM RABBI JONATHAN

### Enrich your Rosh Hashanah with our holiday guide

In my family, we're always looking to *spice* things up for the *sweet* new year. One year around our Rosh Hashanah dinner table, we had a honey tasting—complete with different types of honey. Another year, we made our own round challahs and stuffed them with different ingredients—I highly recommend the apple, raisin, and cinnamon combo!

*I invite you to consider how you can make this year's Rosh Hashanah meals special, and I will share other ideas in future weeks.*

For now, back by popular demand, I'd like to share our Rosh Hashanah Family Guide from last year! Thank you to Rabbi Josh Warshawsky for writing this fabulous guide, which includes traditional holiday greeting tutorials, highlights of prayers, and fun facts. You'll receive a family guide for each holiday. Yay for Jewish education at school and at home!

If you have any questions, feel free to **reach out to me!**

**View Holiday  
Guide**

Did you see Rabbi Jonathan's Rosh Hashanah video message to our community? Click to watch!

Rosh Hashanah Video  
Message

## Eighth grader Jack Lawrence brings home the bronze!

### Mazal Tov

to our very own Jack Lawrence (SSDS '24), who helped Team Israel take home the bronze medal in last week's IJL World U16 Lacrosse Championship in Utica, NY—an impressive showing for Team Israel's first time representing at this age level. This news comes hot on the heels of Jack's accomplishment securing the bronze medal for Team Boston at the inaugural Lacrosse 6s Tournament at the JCC Maccabi Games in Fort Lauderdale last month. Congratulations, Jack!



## Sharing warm Shana Tova greetings to start the year

We're excited to introduce our new Rosh Hashanah tribute cards!

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