



# Inside SCHECHTER

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Amalek and the Torah of Purim

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Chag Purim Sameach! Look for photos of our Purim celebration next week!

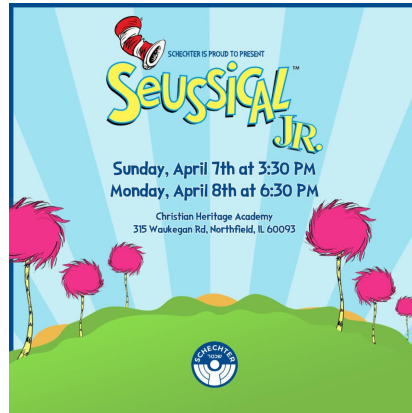
## The Stage is Set for Seussical Jr!



It takes a village to produce the annual Sager



School Musical — and that village includes an amazing team of staff, students, and parent volunteers. Last Sunday, one of the musical's many crews gathered at the Northbrook Campus with art teacher Hallie Redman to build and paint the set and props for Seussical Jr.



"Our team has spent the past six months working with Dr. Rosenson on the set — from the overall vision, to the construction, painting, and developing a plan to transport the set in three segments to Christian Heritage Academy," said Hallie. "We did all this while other committees worked on costumes, make up, ticket sales, promotion, and more. It's so exciting to see everything come together. It's going to be a great show!"

**Tickets are almost sold out for the Sunday performance!**

**[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE!](#)**

## 7th Graders Explore the Nation's Capital



This week marked an exciting milestone for our 7th graders as they traveled to Washington D.C. to explore the nation's capital through a Jewish lens. They began each day with student-led *t'fillah* before visiting important landmarks, monuments, and museums, meeting with guest speakers, and learning how they can use their voice to promote change.

"So much preparation goes into the planning of this trip to ensure that students can use what they have learned during their years at Schechter to make this a rich and meaningful experience," said Nanci Caplan, Sager School 7-8 Principal. *A tremendous thank you to our faculty members — Suzy Hakimian, Barb Tatz, Rabbi Jonathan Bubis, Missy Friedman, Shlomit Hoch, and Amy Schwartz — for traveling to DC with our 7th graders.*

## 3rd Graders Deliver 3,500+ Books to Bernie's Book Bank



On Tuesday, our 3rd graders embarked on a meaningful journey to Bernie's Book Bank, where they embraced the spirit of generosity and community support.

"Our students collected over 3,500 gently used books over the past month," said Jaclyn Feather, Sager School 3rd grade general studies teacher. "They poured their hearts into sorting and affixing Bernie's stickers to these books, knowing they will bring joy to children in need across the Chicagoland areas. This project beautifully aligns with the *mitzvot* of Purim and *Matanot L'Evyonim*."

Reflecting on their experience, 3rd grader Luke expressed, "Going to Bernie's was fun because we were able to help others. It was nice to see our donations and give back to the community."

## Sunday FunDay Features a Morning of Zen





Last Sunday, we welcomed over 30 playful 3-6-year-olds and their adults for this month's Sunday FunDay — a "morning of Zen." The "namaste newbies" learned mindful breathing exercises and yoga poses; listened to stories read by Zahava Berman, ECC Director; and painted Zen rocks with Hillary Dunn, Director of Admissions.

*Save the date for our next Sunday FunDay on April 14th, where we will journey to ancient Egypt in preparation for Passover.*



## Families Attend 2nd Annual Hamantashen "Make & Bake"



On Tuesday evening, over 50 students, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends gathered in our Northbrook Campus for our second annual Hamantaschen Make & Take! During the festive event, everyone had a chance to knead, pinch, and decorate hamantaschen and create Purim masks, while enjoying delicious, freshly-baked hamantaschen from Zelda's.

"It's times like these where we are reminded how special it is to have such a strong community that comes together to celebrate," said Talia Derman and Rachel Aria, Schechter PO Presidents who led the program.

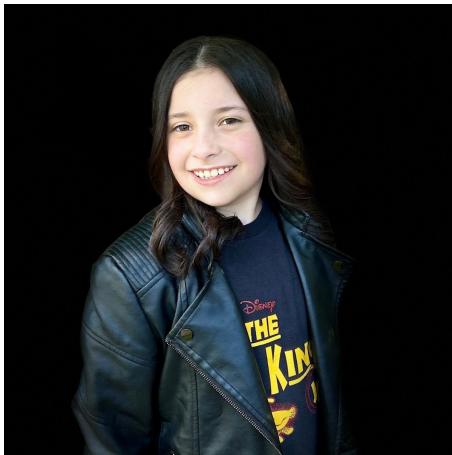
## ECC Students Explore the Lessons of Purim



This week at the Ginsburg ECC, students explored the holiday of Purim as they learned about Esther's heroism and the traditions of the holiday. The students engaged in deep inquiry, reflecting on bravery, strength, and helping others.

*Special thanks to the PO for leading exciting activities each day — from storytelling to baking hamantaschen, exchanging Mishloach Manot, and crafting graggers.*

## Mazal Tov to Abbie Berman on her Bat Mitzvah



Abbie Berman (SSDS '26) will become a Bat Mitzvah this weekend on Purim. She is thrilled to celebrate this milestone by reading a portion of Megillat Esther, sharing a d'var torah, and celebrating with a Purim seudah with her close friends and family.

Abbie is an avid Broadway fan and spends much of her time on the ice figure skating. She is so excited about her [Bat Mitzvah service project](#) that is near and dear to her heart — raising funds to bring joy to current patients at Lurie Children's.

Mazel Tov to her proud parents, Zahava (SSDS '96), Ginsburg ECC Director, and Danny Berman; to her brother, Zach (SSDS '22); and to her loving grandparents, Teri & Steve Steinberg.

## Danny Wolf (SSDS '14) and Yale Bulldogs Advance in NCAA Basketball Tournament





Danny Wolf (SSDS '14), towering at 7 feet tall, is rising to new heights on and off the basketball court. Following his time at Schechter, Danny's journey led him to Yale University, where he is a sophomore majoring in economics and a forward for the Yale Bulldogs Men's Basketball Team. With his leadership, the Bulldogs are poised to soar even higher in the March Madness NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Danny was also recruited to play for Israel's national youth basketball team at the Under-20 European Championship in Greece last July.

**Danny and the Yale Bulldogs will compete against the Auburn Tigers in the first round on TNT TODAY at 3:15 PM CT. #SCHECHTERproud!**

## Announcing Our New Tuition Affordability Model

**At Schechter, we continually strive to balance affordability with the cost to implement our outstanding educational program.**

**We are excited to announce a new Tuition Affordability Model designed to offer more transparency and predictability for Schechter families.**



**Explore Our Tuition Affordability Model**


## Community Events



**Join the Schechter Community for  
a Volunteer Open House at  
Solomon Schechter Day School**  
Sunday, April 14 | 3:30–5 PM

Drop in to work on a variety of service projects with community members of all ages. Assemble activity kits for pediatric patients, decorate rocks for a Holocaust memorial garden, write cards to Israeli first responders, and more!

**Join Schechter for Good Deeds  
Day**




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**GIVES BACK WITH  
MAOT CHITIM**

— SUNDAY, APRIL 14 @ 9 AM —

*Pick up will take place at Schechter,  
3210 Dundee Road, Northbrook*



**Sign Up to Give Back with Maot**

# Grandparent & Me: Passover Discovery Workshop

**Sunday, April 7, 10am-11am**  
**SCHECHTER Northbrook Campus**

Join award-winning Theater Artist and Jewish Educator **Jonathan Shmidt Chapman** (founder of The K'ilu Company) for this hands-on workshop designed for grandparents and grandchildren in Kindergarten-3rd grade!



Explore the story of Pesach together - "k'ilu" - as if you were there - through imaginative and creative play.



Cost: Donation of \$18 per grandparent/child(ren) to attend this event

**REGISTER HERE**

Questions? Contact  
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This program is being presented in partnership with Jewish Grandparents Network.

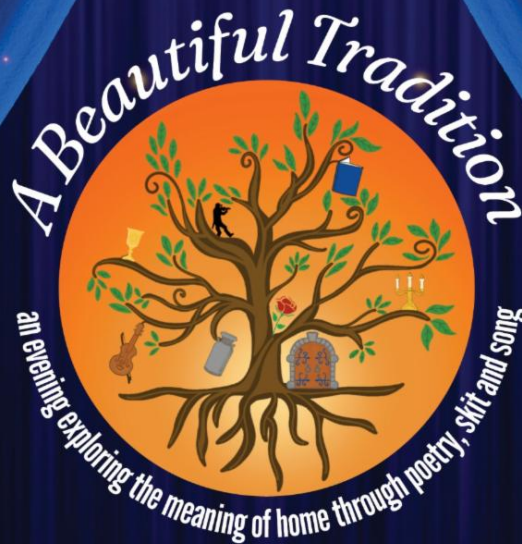


**RSVP for Grandparent and Me**



# YACHAD CHICAGO PRESENTS

AN ALL-INCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE FOR THE WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY



Yachad and the Ralla Klepak Performing Arts program are proud to present *A Beautiful Tradition*: an evening exploring the meaning of home through poetry and beloved songs from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Featuring a special concert from Chicago's very own **Listen Up! Jewish Vocal Band** followed by a reception featuring artwork from our Design and Create program.

**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 28 AT 7 PM**

Woman's Club of Evanston  
1702 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

Tickets & More Information

[yachad.org/abeautifultradition](http://yachad.org/abeautifultradition)



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