



# Inside SCHECHTER

March 29, 2024 / 19 Adar II 5784  
Parsha: [Tzav](#)

Candle lighting: 6:53 PM  
Shabbat ends: 7:56 PM

**There's no place like SCHECHTER for Purim!**





Last Friday, Schechter was the place to be as students and *tzevet* (faculty and staff) celebrated Purim with imaginative costumes, singing, dancing, and carnival fun. Beyond the celebration, our K-8 students embraced the essence of Purim by exchanging *mishloach manot* and participating in the mitzvah of *Matanot L'evyonim*. Each grade contributed canned food and other items to donate to The Ark to help individuals and families in need throughout metropolitan Chicago.



*Thanks to our tzevet and parent volunteers for making the day so fun for students!*

[View more photos](#)

**A Shining Night for the Arts at Schechter**





A little over a year ago, the Sager School Specialist Team (music, art, dance, library, innovation, and performing arts) dreamed of an evening that would combine an in-school book fair with a celebration of the digital, fine, and performing arts at Schechter. On Tuesday, that dream became a reality!

When families arrived, they shopped at the Scholastic Book Fair in the Greenbaum Library and Learning Commons. They also viewed displays of student work in the art room, innovation studio, and makerspace. Then, everyone packed into the Dayan Beit Knesset to watch and cheer as our choir and dance troupes performed. The evening concluded with an encore performance in the Etta and David Jonas Gymnasium of "Jew



Man Group!"



"We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented specialist team at Schechter," said Debbie Harris, Director of Educational Technology. "Much gratitude to Elizabeth Botnick, Hallie Redman, Rena Rozen, and Marci Rubinstein for prepping our performers and digital and fine artists, to Marsha and Andy Rosenson for the musical opening act from Seussical Jr. and "Jew Man Group" performance, and to Rebecca Versman for turning our Library and Learning Commons into our very own book store."



*Additional thanks to the many members of our tzevet who volunteered throughout the evening — including Linda Schwartz, who did the legwork to bring the Scholastic Book Fair to Schechter. It takes a village and we have a wonderful village at Schechter!*

**K-4 students get a sneak peek of Seussical Jr**



This week, our incredibly talented cast members of Seussical Jr. treated our K-4th graders to an exclusive sneak peek of the upcoming show! Get ready to be swept away by their boundless passion and awe-inspiring talent as they bring the magic of Dr. Seuss to life on stage. Don't let this opportunity slip by—join us for a spectacular journey into the whimsical world of Seussical Jr.!

**[Get your tickets here!](#)**

## 4th Grade Symphonic Band Travels to Milwaukee





Every year, our Sager School Band takes their music on the road to perform at another Jewish day school. This year, our Symphonic Band traveled to the Milwaukee Jewish Day School.

"This trip is a reward for our band students' hard work and dedication," said Marsha Rosenson, Sager School Band Director. "Our students get to enjoy local activities, like Battle Game Shows, Urban Air Adventure Park, and Springs Indoor Water Park. They also gain confidence and pride while performing for another school!"

"Many students come back to me years later and tell me some of their fondest memories are of the band trips," added Mrs Rosenson. "So many former students tell me they are still playing their instrument, or became interested in learning another instrument because they learned to read music in our band program. I am very proud of our students' accomplishments!"

## **Thank You to This Week's Day of Learning Sponsor!**

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**Benji Harris z"l**

on his birthday.

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We're so grateful for their education by such a warm and loving community.

Debbie Harris, Samantha (Jeremy), Chloé, Baby Boy Chetboul, Rachel (Yosef), Ella Gross, Stone Harris, & Truman Harris

a day of learning with a \$250 sponsorship to celebrate a child, honor a friend, mark a special occasion, or remember a loved one.

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**

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## 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  
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— SUNDAY, APRIL 14 @ 9 AM —

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



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# 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  
shira.rozgovich@schechter.org



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



**RSVP for Grandparent and  
Me**

# A FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF OCTOBER 7 AND LIFE IN ISRAEL

with Deborah Ben Aderet

Tuesday, April 9 | 7:00 PM  
Schechter Northbrook Campus

Join us as Deborah Ben Aderet shares her journey from Schechter alumna to making Aliyah, settling near the Gaza border, and her harrowing experiences during the events of October 7th.

On October 25th, Deborah returned temporarily to her hometown of Highland Park with her daughters, where they have been welcomed back into our Schechter community.



**This is a free event, however registration is required.**



**RSVP here**

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## Welcome to the Seder: Grandparents' Role in Embracing ALL Family Members at Passover

**Tuesday, April 16  
@ 7pm ET**

**You're in for a treat. Don't miss  
this one-of-a-kind event!**

For many families, the Passover seder is the ultimate annual Jewish family ritual. Grandparents are often the hosts and leaders of the family seder. How can grandparents welcome all participants, in all their diversity, at the seder so that all feel comfortable and enriched?

Join JGN and 18Doors to discover how you can take the lead in welcoming and embracing family members and other guests of different faiths and cultures to create a joyful, engaging experience for all participants. **Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal** will share practical ideas so that this year's seder celebrates the Exodus and freedom in a way that resonates for all.



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