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Schechter Families Unite for Maot Chitim Delivery



On a beautiful Sunday morning, Schechter families gathered at the Northbrook Campus for the annual **Maot Chitim Passover delivery**. Everyone pitched in to unload the Maot Chitim truck filled with Passover provisions, and then packed up their cars to deliver to those in need throughout our community. Our thanks to all our families that came out to **bring our Schechter mission to life.**







Special thanks to Rich Biller and Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago for partnering with us on the Passover delivery, and to Schecher parents Abby Suarez and Kelley Deutsch for co-chairing the event.

Schechter Hosts 200+ People for TOV's Good Deeds Day

Later Sunday afternoon, the Etta and David Jonas Gymnasium was filled with families who came to Schechter to participate in **Good Deeds Day** with the **Tikkun Olam Volunteer Network (TOV)** — JUF's connection point for people who want to donate their time and help others in need.

From assembling activity kits for pediatric patients, to decorating rocks for a Holocaust memorial garden, to writing cards to Israeli first responders, there were so many ways for children and families to make a positive impact.







"We were so glad that TOV reached out to us to be a site for Good Deeds Day," said Shira Wenig Rozgovich, Development and Events Manager. "We have also partnered with TOV to build activity kits for pediatric patients and hygiene and cold weather kits for the homeless. We look forward to partnering with TOV in the future in our continued effort to give back to our community. This is an important value we instill in our students every day at Schechter."

Musical Marvels Shine at Spring Band and Shira Concert







Last Thursday, our Beginning Band, Symphonic Band, and Jew Man Group, along with our Shira choir, performed concerts for students, faculty, family, and friends.

Our Shira delighted everyone as they sang three songs, "Olam," "Feelin' Good," and "Hashkiveinu." The Bands showcased an array of music genres — from iconic movie themes like "Theme From Rocky" to concert band classics such as "Celebratory Fanfare," alongside beloved jazz tunes like "Sunday Morning" and popular sing-alongs, including "Seven Nation Army" and "25 or 6 to 4." A standout moment was the Jew Man Group's innovative performance using pitched tubes and buckets. The evening performance culminated with everyone joining together to sing Hatikvah.

"We are so proud of every performer," said Marsha Rosenson, Band Director, and Elizabeth Botnick, Music Teacher. "Our Band and Shira programs continue to grow stronger each year, and it's a joy to teach these young musicians and singers."

Mazal Tov to SSDS '05 Alumni, Beni & Joanna Glicksberg!

Introducing the new owners of Shaevitz Kosher Market in Highland Park: **Beni and** Joanna Gliksberg and their little apprentices! We were excited to read about their journey recently in an article by Rochelle Newman Rubinoff in JEWISH CHICAGO, The JUF MAGAZINE.

"I look back very fondly on my time at Schechter," Beni said. "Schechter remains a big part of my day-to-day life — I still receive daily lessons from former long-time kindergarten teacher Mrs. Gliksberg (my mom) and I still hang out with my 8th grade crush every day (my wife)!"

Click on the link below to read about their new adventure!



"Meat" the new owners!

Honoring Excellence: Alumni Lead 10-Year Winning Streak at Model UN



Kol Hakavod to our distinguished Schechter alumni from the Class of 2020: Adi Chazan, Mitchell Gottlieb, Olivia Roman, and Ryan Jankelowitz. Their contribution to the Rochelle Zell Jewish High School Model UN team resulted in a historic 10th consecutive win at the National High School Model UN Conference. Their dedication and excellence were recognized by the village of Deerfield during a special ceremony on Monday evening, a testament to their outstanding leadership and commitment to diplomatic discourse and global citizenship.

ECC Students Get Ready for Passover







This week, our ECC students immersed themselves in fun and meaningful Passover

activities guided by dedicated parent volunteers. "From decorating Kiddush cups and matzah covers, to searching for chametz and baking matzah, to singing Dayenu and Ma Nishtana, the atmosphere was filled with joy," said Zahava Berman. "These cherished moments not only instill a deep-rooted connection to Judaism and Pesach, they also sow the seeds for a lifelong bond with our heritage."

"Our Schechter Investment is Priceless!"





by Sherry Levin, Schechter Parent of Alumni and Board Member

Brad and I recently attended EXCELERATE 24, a weekend conference in New York City for more than 400 young Jewish leaders from around the world. Sponsored by Birthright Israel Excel, the goal was to inspire young Jewish business leaders to build a global, lifelong community dedicated to supporting Israel and the Jewish people in the 21st century.

As a proud Schechter parent of two alumni and a current board member, it felt remarkable that three of the top five leadership positions were held by Schechter graduates, including (pictured from left) our daughter, Lexi, one of the summit co-chairs along with Shula Horton, and Samantha Merrick, VP of Global Leadership Board.

Beyond exceptional academics, Schechter fostered a strong sense of Jewish community, religious values, and personalized support of our children. In these difficult times, we are especially proud of Lexi's service as a Jewish leader. **Now more than ever, we need American Jews to be educated and proud. This takes place at Schechter every day.**

If it's SunDay it must be FunDay!



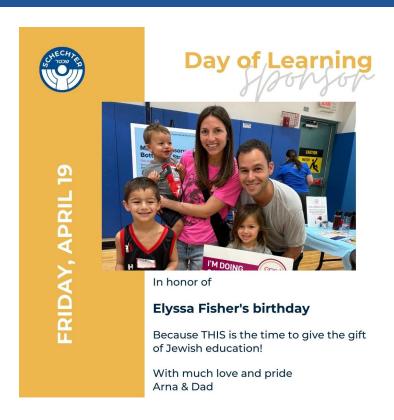




On Sunday morning, families with preschoolers met at the Ginsburg ECC in Skokie to embark on a thrilling journey to ancient Egypt with award-winning educator Jonathan Shmidt Chapman. "We had such an amazing time immersing ourselves back in time and jumping forward to prepare for Passover," said Hillary Dunn, Director of Admissions.

Mark your calendars for the next SunDay FunDay on May 19th at 9:30 AM where everyone will create mitzvah masterpieces. Register <u>HERE.</u>

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