



30 Nisan 5769 / April 24 Erev Shabbat Parashat Tazria-Metzora Rosh Chodesh/Iyar Candle Lighting 7:25 pm

Dates To Remember:

- 4/26: 7th Gr. Chessed Program / Car Wash
8:30am - 12:00pm at WDS
- 4/28: Yom Hazikron
5th Gr. Jewish Heritage Museum Opening -
Fifth Grade Parents: 7:00 - 8:30pm --shul
- 4/29: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration in the
afternoon on our back yard for all students
with Mr. Shmueli (singing & dancing)

**GRANDPARENTS' AND
IMPORTANT PERSONS' DAY
FOR CHILDREN IN
GANON - GRADE 5
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**



**YOM HA'ATZMA'UT
Tuesday - April 29**

**In keeping with the spirit of the
day, we request that ALL
students wear blue and white to
school: solid white top and blue
pants/skirt.**



Save The Date:

**Parents and Professionals Advocating for
Students (PAPAS) Presents:**

**"Mom, Am I Fat? Dad, Am I Buff?" Families,
Food, and Body Image**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Elissa Zelman
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
8:00 pm - WDS Castle Shul**

After School Dates/Changes:

- Tues. April 28: After School Study Skills is cancelled. Make up date 6/9.
- BJE Preparation ...Thurs. April 30

School Happenings

Yom Hashoah: On Tuesday, a special program was presented by our sixth graders to middle school students and sixth grade parents. The theme, "One Man Can Make a Difference" resonated throughout the shul, during our school's Yom HaShoah program. Our sixth graders performed a moving candle lighting ceremony dedicated to six of the "Diplomats of Mercy" who used their positions of power during WW II to save thousands of Jewish lives. These diplomats, according to the former Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbroke, "found themselves in an unexpected moral dilemma of historic dimensions", and motivated by their sense of morality, went against official policies to help the Jewish people. Guest speaker, Mr. Karl Schapiro, shared with the students his personal story of being hidden by a Polish family, during the Holocaust. For 18 months the farmer hid and fed him, his parents and 14 other people, in an underground bunker under his barn. Mr. Schapiro's story of his missed childhood taught the students lessons of courage, friendship, appreciation, and responsibility to others. Special thanks to Mr. Bulgarelli, Middle School Social Studies teacher, who coordinated the program along with Mrs. Francine Greenberg,

Torah Bowl: On Wednesday the following students represented WDS at SAR in the Torah Bowl: Gr. 8: Shira Greenberg, Jonathan Herman, Michelle Kleiman, Amy Robbins, Stephanie Weinstein. Gr. 7: Michael Kesselman. Gr. 6: Josh Eagle. The boys and girls each won their first round and qualified for the division finals. It was a great day! We are very proud of their accomplishments and congratulate all participants as well as Rabbi Rodney Weiss, Torah Bowl Coordinator. **GOOD JOB!**

Mazel Tov To...

- ... Aryeh Zapinsky on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- ... Morah Miriam Dollman on the marriage of her son, Baruch to Sarah Peer.
- ... Morah Sara Berkower (Ganon Hay) & family on the birth of a granddaughter.
- ... Morah Aliza Weitzman (Ganon Aleph) & family on the birth of a baby boy.
- ... Mr. Dan Bulgarelli (Mr. "B") on his recent engagement to Ms. Amanda Snow.

Clips From The Classroom

K-H is still glowing from the excitement of our in-class Pesach seder and literally reenacting Yitziat Mitzrayim (leaving Egypt) and the parting of the Yam Suf (Red Sea). The only way to have topped that was to participate fully in our own sederim complete with our handmade Bedikat Chametz Kits, haggadot, kiarot (seder plates), kosot Eliyahu (Elijah Cups) and Kulanu Misubeen pillow cases. Alas, after a wonderful Pesach break we are full steam ahead with our regular curriculum. We are busily counting the Omer in anticipation of Shavuot with our Omer counters. Spring has sprung on our bulletin boards with art projects and writing pieces. We planted various seeds and cannot wait to witness the fruits of our labor. Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) is around the corner, and we are eagerly awaiting the celebration with our Grandparents for a special joint Yom HaAtzmaut and Grandparent Day celebration. We are all so proud of our accomplishments and learning in so many subjects: we can make the sound/symbol connections which enables us to write more independently in our journals. We can't wait to share the results with our parents during conference night. The children are growing as fast as the seeds and their minds are as fertile as the soil they planted.

Submitted by: Morah Jane Grauer & Morah Sue



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Grade 2: It's so nice to see all of the second graders so well rested after our two week break. We have been very busy in the classroom. The children continue to enjoy learning about our Immigration unit. We have studied the colors and symbols on the American flag and we are now studying the flag of the country their immigrant relatives came from. We are getting ready to make our Family flags for Grandparent's Day/ Special Person's Day. We have also started reading Flat Stanley in the classroom. The children are excited to read about all of the adventures Stanley has after he is accidentally flattened by an enormous bulletin board. We are getting ready to send Stanley on more adventures and looking forward to finding out all of the exciting things he will see. In science, the children have started taking care of the lady bugs Morah Kim brought in. The children will see the bugs grow from the baby stage, to the full grown stage and they will be responsible for feeding the bugs every day.
Submitted by: Mrs. Lehon

sticks, wore a bucket yoke, rested on a straw slave bed, and saw two different kinds of spinning wheels.

PTA...

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Remember to clip the box tops from your chametz and send them in to school!

General Mills will send our school 10 cents for each qualifying box top submitted. A qualifying box top is the top flap of General Mills and other products carrying the "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" symbol. It is an easy way to raise money for our school. Any questions, please contact Joan Goodman.

On The Road...

...On Thursday, April 23rd, the 4th grade traveled back in time to 1750 when they visited Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow, NY. The children experienced what life was like on a colonial farm by carding wool, threshing and winnowing wheat, and observing the gristmill in action. They were particularly intrigued by how young children were burdened with such demanding labor and the severity of slavery. Their questions were insightful and curiosity boundless. Also, the farm animals held a particular interest and delight for the students. There were two oxen, Jacob and Joshua, as well as Maybell the cow, many chickens, a rooster, baby lambs. They learned the words ram and ewe and smelled cinnamon