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Erev Shabbat Hagadol / Parashat Tzav Candle Lighting 7:03 pm

Dates To Remember:

- 4/6 - 4/17: No Sessions Pesach Break
- 4/7: Search for Chametz
- 4/8: First Seder / Passover
- 4/11-14: Chol Hamoed
- 4/15-16: Yom Tov
- 4/20: Sessions Resume
- 4/21: Yom Hashoah
- 4/24 & 25: Rosh Chodesh / Iyar
- 4/28: Yom Hazikron
- 5th Gr. Jewish Heritage Museum Opening - 7:00 - 8:30pm in shul

**GRANDPARENTS' AND
IMPORTANT PERSONS' DAY
FOR CHILDREN IN GANON - Gr. 5
YOM HA'ATZMA'UT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

REMINDER: BJE Preparation Dates
Thursday: April 23 & April 30

School Happenings



On Wednesday morning, the entire Middle School took part in a special *Yom Iyun* (day of study), in preparation for *Pesach*. The *Yom Iyun* was dedicated in memory of Rabbi and Mrs. Rubinstein whose *yartzheit* was Wednesday. Rabbi Mahler opened the program with some personal stories and lessons learned from Rabbi Rubenstein. After the introduction, the Middle School students were divided into 9 different groups and traveled between 4 different sessions. The sessions were interactive and informative. There was a special *Haggadah*

scavenger hunt, *pre-Pesach* kumzits, debate and special science experiment showing the inherent difference between *chametz* and *kitniyot*. It was a great morning, one that will enhance everyone's *Pesach* experience. "We'd like to thank Rabbi Shmuel Greenberg and Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern for joining us at the yom iyun. Both Rabbis were extremely close with the Rubinsteins and it was a privilege to have them learning with our students."



Delivering Food To The Needy....



On Monday, several of our middle school students delivered food collected by WDS

for the Mamaroneck Food Pantry. It was very much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you to all our families who participated and a big *Todah Rabah* to Rabbi Weiss for organizing this drive and to Mrs. Claudia Douer for delivering the food.



Grade 8: On Thursday, the 8th graders took an educational trip to Stop & Shop in Larchmont. At the supermarket, the students participated in a lesson on comparative shopping as they gathered all of the items needed for a *Pesach Seder*, keeping in mind the various laws and customs of *Pesach* they learned in class. This was a real "hands-on" experience and fun-learning activity.

Mazel Tov To...

...Dr. Jay and Debora Weinberger on being honored at the Hebrew Institute of White Plains Annual Dinner on March 29th.

...Mr. & Mrs. David Rivkin on the birth of a baby girl!

... Mr. & Mrs. Bob Price on the birth of a second grandson.

Clips From The Classroom

Ganon Tots... *Pesach* is finally here! Before we left school for the last time before our break, we cleaned our cubbies, wiped our tables, and removed all the (play) *chametz* from the house area. We enjoyed a brief model seder with our *Morot*, and



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marveled at the exotic ingredients on the seder plate. Best of all was singing our Pesach songs - we love the "digging song," the "no, no" song, and, of course, "Dayenu." We searched for the afikoman, and danced with our Morot at the seder's end to the tune "L'Shana, HaBaa, B'Yerushalyim." Wishing you all a Chag Kasher V'Sameach! Love, The Tots

(Submitted by: Morah Amy Leibowitz)

Middle School Math...

...6th Grade: For the last several weeks, the sixth graders have been very involved with learning geometry. The first unit addressed the tools of geometry. The students learned how to identify and name lines, rays, and segments, how to classify angles and use angle relationships such as complementary and supplementary angles, how to classify triangles and quadrilaterals, and how to identify congruent versus similar figures. The students also learned how to use protractors to measure angles. The second unit addressed geometry and measurement. In this unit the sixth graders learned the formulas to find perimeter and area of various polygons such as rectangles, squares, parallelograms, triangles, and trapezoids. They learned about pi and how it is used to find the circumference and area of circles, and about volume and surface area of three dimensional figures. The sixth grade students have learned a wealth of new material in these units.

Submitted by: Mrs. Barbara Seader

...7th graders have had a productive year studying decimals, integers, algebraic equations, inequalities, exponents, factors, fractions, ratios, rates, proportions, percents, and rational numbers. We ventured into the world of geometry where we worked with the perimeter and area of plane figures and surface area and volume of solids. Our next stop will be graphing in the coordinate plane. We will end the year with the topics that revolve around probability

and displaying and analyzing data. What a great year!
...Advanced 7th grader have spent the year studying integers, algebraic equations and inequalities, graphing in the coordinate plane, real numbers, proportions, percents, and exponents. They became immersed in the geometry realm and learned about the relationship between angles and parallel lines, as well as, polygons. Area and perimeter of plane figures were studied and now we move into the solid world. The year will continue with graphing, analysis of data, and probability. Looking forward to next year!

...8th graders have been spending their senior year of middle school math studying integers, algebraic equations and inequalities, graphing in the coordinate plane, real numbers, proportions, percents, exponents, and geometry. The exciting world of polynomials will be our next stop. We will end our busy year with analysis of data, probability, and more advanced topics in geometry. High school, here we come!

...Advanced 8th graders have been spending their senior year studying integrated algebra which has so far included functions, patterns, rational numbers, equations, inequalities, graphing, systems of equations and inequalities, exponents, polynomials, factoring, and solving quadratic equations. Our future includes both radical and rational worlds. We will go deep into the study of radical expressions and equations and will then move to rational expressions and equations. High school, here we come!
Submitted by: Ms. Sandra Seckular

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. The box tops really add up -- it is an easy way to raise money for our school. Any questions, please contact Joan Goodman.

Community News...

The Westchester community-wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration will take place on April 20 in the evening at the Hebrew Institute of White Plains. Dr. Moshe Avital, (grandfather to Eytan Slasky - Ganon) will be the keynote speaker. In addition, a student from Westchester Hebrew High School will give a short synopsis of the recent senior class Heritage trip to Poland and Israel. A photographic exhibit of their trip will also be on display. Schedule: 7:00 Photo Exhibit 7:30 Mincha Services 7:45 Program

CHAG KASHER V'SAMEACH!

Our students in Ganon and Kindergarten welcome in Pesach.



ENJOY THE VACATION!