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DATES TO REMEMBER

Up Coming Events

April

4 & 5: 8th Gr. Yachad Shabbaton in White Plains.

6: Rosh Chodesh Nisan

10: DARE Graduation at WDS - 8th Grade

8: 4th Grade visit Sinai Free Synagogue in Mt. Vernon to sing Pesach songs

14: Gr. 5 Pesach Production 9:30 a.m.

16-28: No Sessions (Pesach)

29: Sessions Resume

May

1: WDS commemorates Yom HaShoah.

Students in gr. 6-8 will attend a special program.

6: P/T Conferences Ganon & Kindergarten

7: Yom Hazikaron observed at WDS

8: Yom Ha'Atzma'ut observed at WDS

14: P/T Conferences Ganon & Kindergarten

19-21: 8th Gr. Trip to Washington, DC

20-21: 7th Gr. Trip to Boston, Ma.

26: Memorial Day / No Sessions

NOTE: Tuesday, May 13, 2008:

No Sessions for 2 year olds, Ganon & Kindergarten - Early Childhood teachers will be attending a BJE Conference. Thank you!

Mazel Tov To

... Jonathan Herman on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

... Morah Judy Heching & family on her grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

... Yaela Halpern on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Torah Bowl:

The end of the Torah Bowl season took place at MDS last week. The boys advanced to the second round of the playoffs by defeating Ramaz.. The girls' season ended in the first round.

Congratulations on a great season to the following students who represented WDS so well: Michael Kesselman, Amy Robbins, Tani Einzig, Elizabeth Alexander, Suri Bandler, Aaron Reich, Danielle Blustein, Gabi Rudansky, Erica Kiderman, Aryeh Schonbrun, Sarah Koutcher, Nechemiah Zemel and Ariela Weinberger.

... The 8th graders participated in a special assembly in preparation for their upcoming Yachad Shabbaton. Sara Casdan, the director of Junior Yachad, gave a presentation to our students on how best to interact with children with handicaps . A video was shown, and our students were very inspired.

Submitted by Rabbi Weiss

6th Gr. Social Studies trip to Westchester County Court House....

As enrichment for the 6th gr. Social Studies class, Mrs. Piven-Kehrle arranged for her class to take a special trip to the County Court House where they met with a Ass't District Attorney and also had the opportunity to observe The Hon. Joan Lefkowitz in her courtroom! The Judge then spoke to the students about the court system. What a remarkable and interesting experience!

Discovery Seminar @WDS!!!!!!

On Thursday our 7-8 graders were mesmerized by Rabbi Daniel Mechanic of Project Chazon and his unbelievable "Torah Codes" Presentation. This world-renowned seminar had our students at rapt attention. The "Codes" presentation was followed by discussions relating to the authenticity of the Torah and our response to claims of non-Divine authorship of the Torah. The feedback amongst the students has been "awesome", with most of them saying that their faith in Hashem and Torat Moshe has been immeasurably strengthened and fortified. We're looking forward to the possibility of an adult Discovery presentation and seminar in the near future. Stay tuned for details...

Chessed As part of our ongoing Chessed projects, we are pleased to report that on Wednesday, April 2nd, our 7th graders, accompanied by Rabbi Morgenstern and other faculty members, traveled to 2050 Bartow Avenue in the Bronx. The students helped put together over 300 Pesach packages for homebound seniors. What a wonderful way to begin preparing for the joyous holiday of Pesach!

... Last Shabbat, the 7th grade went on a Shabbaton in Queens. First, we went bowling at New Roc, which was a lot of fun. Then we boarded the bus and headed to the Queens Science Museum. There were a lot of different activities to do, and they were all very interesting. Afterwards, we went to the Queens Museum for a guided tour of the panorama of New York City. Shabbat in Queens was an amazing experience. We davened in a beautiful shul and had delicious Shabbat meals. We sang z'miroth, played the Chulent Game and went on a scavenger hunt on Main Street. Overall, we had a wonderful time. A big thanks to our chaperones and to the Rebbeim and their families who joined us.

Submitted by: Michelle Kleiman, gr. 7

Looking for volunteers to represent our school at the Westchester Jewish Conference Israel Fair taking place this Sunday, April 6th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

If you can come for 1 hour during that time, please call Baila Weiss 698-8900 Ext. 134 and let her know which time slot you will take."

Condolences To:

...Mrs. Yael Wasserman & family on the loss of her father, Dr. Mordechai Hacohen, grandfather to Aviva (Ganon).

... Mr. David Kirschenbaum & family on the loss of his father, Mr. Martin Kirschenbaum, grandfather to Nathan in Ganon.

Please join in the WDS CHAMETZ FOOD DRIVE.. All food will be donated to the: Hunger Task Force Inc. Food Pantry for Neighbors in Need Mamaroneck, NY Food Drive begins on THURS. APRIL 3rd through FRI., APRIL 11th. Drop off your food to your child's Judaic Studies teacher. Thank you for your donations and Chag Kasher V'Sameach!



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Hockey News

The scene was this past Tuesday night in the DRS High School Gym in Woodmere, LI, hallowed ground for Yeshiva Hockey and home of the powerhouse DRS Wildcats, a potential omen for our own WDS Wild. The Wild faced off against the HANC Cavs in the Yeshiva Junior High School Championship Game. After each member of both teams was introduced to the large crowd, the game started and Wild Captain Matthew Povman scored the first goal of the game with 3:21 gone in the 1st period. HANC answered back with 2 goals scored within 14 seconds, taking a 2-1 lead into the first intermission. The second period featured tenacious defense and some excellent goaltending on both sides. Jacob Aboodi scored from in front of the net with a few minutes left in the 2nd period knotting the score at 2 for the second intermission. HANC came out strong in the 3rd period and scored 2 goals within the first 2 minutes to take a 4-2 lead. Undeterred and playing with greater tenacity, the Wild answered back with 2 goals within 9 seconds of each other, one scored by Adam Lebovic in front and the other by Josh Schub on a slap shot from the left point. WDS then took a 5-4 lead on a power play goal by Matthew Povman with just under 10 minutes left in the game. Not to be outdone, HANC answered back 2 minutes later with a tying goal. Regulation time ended with the score tied @ 5 as our boys readied themselves for their 2nd Overtime game in a row. In OT, our team played with as much intensity and resilience as they had shown all season, and with 4 minutes and 11 seconds gone in Overtime, Captain Matthew Povman answered the call again, as he has done throughout this season and his career, and scored the game winner to provide WDS with its first ever Hockey Championship. "It's befitting," quipped Matthew's mom, Sharon Povman, with tears in her eyes, "I remember The Wild's first win ever against North Shore. It was 3 years ago and Matt scored in overtime then too". After the fans stormed the court to participate in the huge pile on, the Championship trophy was awarded to The

Wild's Coaches and the Most Valuable Player trophy was presented to Captain Matthew Povman. Kudos to The Wild's Head Coach, Howie Falkenstein, and the Assistant Coach Josh Binstock for their tireless efforts and for teaching our boys how to play and conduct themselves as Champions. MAZAL TOV TO ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS (and their families)!! WAY TO GO, WILD !!



A Wild Ride Ends with a Championship

In an absolute classic, the WDS Wild pulled out a thrilling overtime victory 6-5 versus HANC to bring the first ever MYJHHL championship trophy back to Mamaroneck. A standing room-only crowd filled the DRS gym in Woodmere, to watch the Wild take on the Eastern Conference champions, the HANC Cavaliers. Thunder-sticks, air-horns and the screams of the raucous crowd made for an incredibly intense atmosphere, and the walls seemed to shake when the players took the court. After all the players were introduced, it was time to play some hockey. WDS jumped out to an early lead when Captain Matt Povman opened the scoring with a wicked wrist shot from the slot, which was a harbinger of things to come. HANC answered with two quick goals and took a 2-1 lead into the first intermission.

This was the 3rd consecutive game which WDS trailed by that same score after one period. The 2nd period saw the Wild take control of the play. Led by the strong fore-checking of Jon Klaristenfeld, David Wildes and Adam Lebovic, WDS held the puck in the offensive zone, firing shots from all angles. First year forward Jacob Aboodi finally broke through, and buried a shot from in front of the net to tie the score at two. HANC was held off the scoreboard for the period, thanks in large part to the stellar defense of Josh Marks and Jason Ackerman. Goaltender Jacob Green also made several key saves to keep the Cavs at bay. The bench and locker room were kept in good spirits by forwards Josh Stern, Josh Davis, Sammy Smigel, and Ben Katzenstein, and defensemen Jon Arenson, Jon Herman, and Ethan Katz, as well as by backup goalie Nathan Goldman. This collective group played vital roles in preparing our team for this big game. Their encouragement and support kept the entire team focused on the task at hand. Then came a rollercoaster ride in the 3rd period. Both teams came out with energy, but HANC was able to put two quick goals behind Green early on to take a 4-2 lead. However, the Wild, who have dealt with adversity all year, made a season-defining comeback. Forward Adam Lebovic capped off a hard-working shift with a rebound goal to cut the lead to 4-3. Then on their first power play of the game, Josh Schub, who played his heart out despite being sick during the game, fired a shot that hit off the goalies' shoulders and into the net to tie the score at 4-4. The momentum for the Wild continued as forward Matt Povman scored his second goal of the game to a crowd that was in an absolute frenzy. However, with under six minutes to go in the 3rd period, the well-coached and talented Cavs were able to tie the score 5-5 against the defensive trap the Wild set up. An amazing six goals were scored in the 3rd period, and this match had turned from a good game into an epic battle. Overtime, here we go again. The energy level in the gym was at a fever pitch. Every bounce and deflection was accompanied by gasps and



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nervous screams. Players from both teams were digging deep to find that extra ounce of energy. HANC had a few chances in front of the WDS net but were turned away by Green and the defense of Marks and Schub. The HANC goalie made save after spectacular save and HANC started to gain momentum after killing off a WDS power play. But, then it happened. Stick handling inside the half-court line, Povman dragged the puck to the left and let go a laser of a wrist shot. BANG! The puck found the net just inside the far post, and all bedlam broke loose. The fans stormed the court from the bleachers and joined in on the massive celebration. WDS students, alumni, friends and parents who had made the trip turned the court into party central. The Championship game MVP trophy was awarded to Captain Matt Povman, for his Hat trick performance along with 3 assists. The Captain scored the overtime game winners in both the semi-finals against Har Torah and in the finals. Then came what the team had worked so hard for since the first practice back in October, the championship trophy. Coach Howie Falkenstein held the prize above his head in triumph, and the place went crazy. The trophy was then passed to Josh Binstock, assistant coach, and then to each player to hold individually, as each member of the team played a key role in winning the title. The celebration lasted late into the night, with fans and players alike wishing to spend more time with each other and the trophy. It was an all-time classic, and a team that refused to quit all season showed what hard work, focus, and determination can do. The Westchester Wild are the 2007-08 Hockey Champions! Just Amazing...

Submitted by Coach Howie Falkenstein & Assist. Coach Josh Binstock

CLIPS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Ganon Hay: This week we have been busy preparing for the Pesach Seder. We learned the 4 questions and the answers, too! We know that there is a special Kos on the Seder table for Eliyahu. "Don't shake the

table, watch that cup of wine" We realized how fortunate we are to be free, as we acted out being avadim building Paroh's cities. The slave masters kept hitting us because we didn't work fast enough. Finally, we are working very hard on our Matzah covers for our familie's Sederim. Shabbat Shalom

Submitted by: Morah Lori & Morah Suri

Kita Bet (2nd grade) has been very busy!

In Hebrew, we learned about the parts of the body. We also learned many new verbs that help us to write great sentences in Hebrew. In Chumash, the class is now learning about Lot and Avraham's relationship, and how Lot decides to move to S'dom. After learning about and celebrating Purim, Kita Bet is now busy learning all about Pesach. The class is singing songs and learning about the Hagadah and all the laws of the holiday. Have a happy Pesach!

Submitted by: Morah Yehudit Rossler

ART....In 3E, we have been painting up a storm. In our latest painting project, the children did paintings that incorporated shape, repetition, and variety. Working on colored paper, with a full palette of colors and white, the children built a design entirely on one shape that they had to vary in size and color. In the next session the children went back into their paintings and worked on the background. **In 3H** we learned about tangrams, Chinese puzzle shapes, and looked at tangram animals in the book Grandfather Tang's Story: A Tale Told with Tangrams. We then made our own tangram creatures. In the next lesson we looked at the book Color Zoo, another book with animal pictures made entirely of shapes. The children then decided on animals they would like to create - as collages made entirely of shapes. Many of the children have chosen cold climate animals which they are studying in Mrs. Rosen's and Mrs. Epstein's science class ...In preparation for Purim, the **4th Grade** learned about masks from cultures around the world. The children worked in cooperative groups analyzing masks for

information that included: where the mask was from, what colors and shapes were used in it, and what type of creature it depicted. The children then made drawings of the masks they wanted to make keeping in mind the effect they wanted the mask to have and the colors and shapes that would be the most effective. They then created their own masks using markers, glitter, sequins, colored paper, and raffia.

Submitted by: Ms. Shoshana Golin

... I always enjoy students' stimulating questions (philosophical or factual). Here are two examples, concerning firstborn sons:

6E & 6H: Rashi (at the end of the 3rd chapter of "Bamidbar") says that a lottery was drawn to determine which firstborn Jews would be redeemed by replacement Levi'im (numbering 22,000), and which (an extra 273) would have to pay to redeem themselves. Jonathan Turek wondered: Which way is better --- on someone else's behalf or at your own expense?

8J: After learning that fasting is prohibited during the coming month of Nissan, Jacob Muss inquired about the required firstborn fast on Erev Pesach! Submitted by: Rabbi Lyle Kamlet

Community News....

This Sunday, April 6

The Young Israel of New Rochelle invites you to celebrate the Chanukat Habayit at their beautiful new building. In recognition of this milestone, they will pay tribute to Rabbi Reuven and Abby Fink as a Torah is dedicated in their honor.

This Sunday, April 6 1:00-6:00 pm

Westchester County-Wide Celebration of **Israel at 60** - to be held at Solomon Schechter School, 555 Hartsdale Ave. Hartsdale. For more info: 914 328-7001 Email: Sharon@wjconference.org

www.wjconference.org

Tuesday, April 8 6:30-9:30 pm.

The Young Israel of Scarsdale Sisterhood Annual Pre Pesach Boutique. For more info call: (914) 632 8870