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# Westchester Day School

7 Shevat 5770 / Jan. 22, 2010 Erev Shabbat Parshat Bo Candle Lighting 4:41pm

## Dates to Remember:

1/24: Sign Up for Sunday Sports League

1/28: Gr. 1 Chag Hasiddur - 9:15 am

1/31: Sign Up for Sunday Sports League

2/2: After-School Sports for boys 1st & 2nd grade will begin

2/3: 5th Gr. Students to visit Museum of Jewish Heritage 9:30 - 2:00

2/12-16: No



## School Happenings

WDS Roving Reporter  
Ezra Mannis - 8th grade student

Each day brings new headlines from Haiti about the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that took place last week. The Middle School has made it a priority to

**Sessions -  
President's  
Break**

**2/17: Sessions  
Resume**

**Note: There  
will be NO bus  
service on  
Wed, Thurs,  
Fri (2/17,18,19)  
from the New  
Rochelle  
School District  
(K-6) and the  
Scarsdale  
School District  
(K-8). Parents  
must provide  
transportation**

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**6th Grade  
Shabbaton  
February 5-  
6, 2010 at  
Merkaz  
Yisroel of  
Marine Park  
in Brooklyn,  
NY**

**WDS**

**62nd Annual  
Dinner**

**Saturday  
evening,  
8:30pm  
February  
20, 2010  
Lake Isle  
Country Club**

**Honoring  
Amy & Paul  
Heller  
Guests of  
Honor  
Susie & Jeff  
Meyers  
Young  
Leadership**

collect money which will be donated to the UJA Federation for relief to victims of this disaster. It was decided that the money collected should be donated both to the refugee effort and through UJA (a Jewish Federation) because chessed and middot are key to Jewish life as well. This week's Parsha, Parshat Bo, discusses B'nei Yisrael's exodus of Egypt led by Moshe and Aaron. Both of whom stressed chessed as an invaluable part of being a Jew.

WDS follows the example of the State of Israel in aiding Haiti. A kiddush Hashem has been made! Shabbat Shalom.

**"Taking Pictures with Your Heart"**

**By: Mrs. Francine Greenberg**

Last Friday was a special time for WDS as our kindergarten children presented an inspiring program. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Jane Grauer, Mrs. Sue Moskovich, Mrs. Miriam Dollman and Ms. Shani Wilk, the program offered the boys and girls the opportunity to manifest different types of intelligence. Like flourishing flowers watered with confidence and self-esteem, the children sang and responded kinesthetically with coordination and grace. They assembled and disassembled quickly, aware of their surroundings, and engineered themselves with ease. As they recited their parts, their voices were loud and clear, their words easily understood. The program was enhanced by the melodic tunes played and conducted by Mr. Sandy Shmuely, the Pied Piper of our children. Mrs. Kim Siegel used her artistic talents to adorn the stage with human-size cutouts of a loving mother and daughter, and a beaming father and son as they walked hand-in-hand to celebrate Shabbat. We know that the music and memories of the moment will remain with the children forever. Mrs. Susan Chasan, WDS Early Childhood Director, summed up our feelings when she proudly introduced the children, and told all the loving parents and grandparents, "Enjoy the moment, and please put away your cameras. Take a picture with your heart." We also give a "heartful" thank-you to our staff for their professionalism and devotion the kindergarten students of WDS.

**Clips from the Classroom**

**ART**

Award  
Tina &  
Joseph  
Orlian  
Hakarat  
Hatov Award  
Miriam  
Dollman &  
Jane  
Grauer  
Faculty  
Award



In fourth grade we immersed ourselves in Native American story telling - through pictographs and totem poles. The children worked cooperatively to write pictograph stories. They followed that by creating totem tales. In addition to making their own individual totem poles, the children worked in cooperative groups to assemble large totem poles that reflected stories they created. The unit culminated in a celebration at which the children marched their totem poles to the coach house for a potlatch ceremony hosted by Mrs. Greenberg, Mr. Slater, and me. The children read their stories and the hosts handed out gifts.

Submitted by Shoshana Golin

MAZEL  
TOV TO:

David  
Zucker  
on  
becoming a  
Bar  
Mitzvah

Nurse's  
Corner

**REMINDER!!**

Please call in  
your child's  
absence on  
ext. 500 or  
117 (24/7)  
regardless of  
reason  
(illness or  
travel, etc.)  
This includes  
8th grader's  
absences for  
HS interviews

### SECOND GRADE

The students have been very busy since returning from vacation! We are continuing our unit study on communities. We are learning about different community workers and how they make our communities a safer, better place. We have also taken time to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by talking about the contributions he made to history. The children loved reading books about him and watching part of his "I have a dream" speech on the Smartboard. After all of this, the children wrote 5 W's poems (who, what, when, where, and why) about Martin Luther King. The students also brought in a note describing a service they did on Martin Luther King day. We attached the note to their poems. The final product is hanging outside the second grade classroom.

Come by and take a look!

Submitted by: Mrs. Dina Lehon

### THIRD GRADE

We are nearing the completion of Parshat Toldot. The children are very excited and are looking forward to a special Siyum in honor of completing their 2nd Parsha and moving on to Parshat Vayaitzai. Their knowledge of Shoroshim is quite impressive. Most of the children are scoring amazingly on the cumulative Shoroshim tests -Kol Hakavod. Our latest treat is "the Shmonei Esrei book". We will try to understand what we are saying when we daven Shmonei Esrei, hopefully this will inspire us to have more Kavana and in return Hashem will answer all the Tefilot of our wonderful children. The: "Chevrat Middot Tovot" benching program has been a true success. It is a pleasure to hear how nice the 3rd and 4th graders bench every day in the lunchroom. Please write your children Mitvah Notes when they do Mitvot or review the weekly parsha. It keeps them focused and motivated to improve their Middot.

or half-days.  
Thank you!

**PTA**  
**NEWS**  
**BOX TOPS**

... Please submit your clipped box tops into the pink box top box next to the school office. Clip 10¢ Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products. It's so easy to earn cash for our school!

Submitted by: Rabbi Dovid Leiman

**CHESED**

Middle School students added extra tefilot for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. We want to commend the leadership for our own 8th grader, Rachel Weintraub, who will be selling ID dog tags for the organization Hearts for Haiti. Money collected next week will go to relief efforts in Haiti.

Ms. Sharon Goldwyn from Shaare Zedek Medical Center delivered a presentation to the Middle School students about the important role that the hospital plays in Jerusalem.

WDS will join 7th grade students: Elliot Beretz, Zachary Green and Jacob Ungar in a Hockey Chessed Event on Sunday, Jan. 31st from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

The event will include a skills competition, a 3 on 3 tournament, fun and refreshments. No previous hockey experience necessary. Minimum suggested donations is \$20.00

For more information or to RSVP,  
please e-mail [SuzanneBeretz@aol.com](mailto:SuzanneBeretz@aol.com) [Lauradgreen@yahoo.com](mailto:Lauradgreen@yahoo.com) or [ELungar@aol.com](mailto:ELungar@aol.com)

**TODAH RABAH**

We would like to thank the following families for sponsoring the Parsha Book presented to our Kindergarten students at their Kabbalat Shabbat:

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**Basketball**



The 7th and 8th boys defeated Park East Day School 66-24 to bring their record to an impressive 7-1, assuring them a play-off spot. The team was lead by Daniel

Oppenheimer and Daniel Schub who scored points and made a conscious effort to distribute the ball to all their teammates. Ezra Mannis, Joshua Goldschmidt, Nathan Goldman and Jeremy Wilson made it possible for all team members to play, giving up some of their minutes and demonstrating an unselfish attitude. Each exhibited the positive characteristics of a WDS athlete.

The Lady Wildcats defeated SAR. 45-30 to bring their record to 7-2. WDS got off to an early lead and SAR was able to cut the score to one point. The Lady Wildcats were able to withstand the come back and eventually opened the lead to 15 points. The team was lead by starters Ellie Bonime, Sophie Levinson, Rachel Aboodi, Rachel Weintraub and Yaela Halper. Other strong contributions came from Isabelle Muss, Molly Heller, and Rebecca Malits.

The 6th grade boys defeated SAR 44-26 to bring their record to 6-2. Jake Mannis lead all scorers with strong contributions from Andrew Langer, Daniel Alexander, Avidan Rudansky, and Jonah Halper. Both Max Weisbrot and Ben Katz added strong inside play while Matthew Rosenblatt came off the bench to throw in some key baskets. The team lead from the very being with a suffocating defense, great team play, and outstanding poise.

### Community Events:

#### **Sunday Sports League**

**Grade 1: Co-ed League \$125.00**

**Grades 2 & 3: Co-ed League \$125.00**

**Grades 4,5 & 6: Boys League \$150.00**

**Grades 4,5,& 6: Girls League \$150.00**

(checks payable to: Sunday Sports League)

#### **Softball Sign Up Dates & Times at WDS:**

Sunday, Jan. 24 10:30 am - 12:30pm OR

Sunday, Jan. 31 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Please bring a mitt to registration!**

For more info, please call:

**Michael Muss (917) 887-3976 , Dan Katz (917) 921-4114 , David Rivkin (917) 885-5708**

**or Len Schwarzbaum (914) 393-9102**

### **P.A.R.T.Y.**

**(Parents And Rabbis Teaching Youth)**

The Rabbis, teachers and staff of YIS, YINR and WDS will facilitate a hands-on Learning experience for parents and children in grades 1-6.

Saturday night, January 30th.

Young Israel of Scarsdale - 1313 Weaver St. Scarsdale, NY

Cost: \$15.00 per family

Schedule: 6:30 - 7:30 Family Learning

Topic: Eitz Chayim Hi "The Giving Tree" That Keeps on Giving"

7:30 - 10:00 Kids programs

Parents: Go and enjoy the night out (7:45 - 10:00) on us!

RSVP: [YISYouth@yahoo.com](mailto:YISYouth@yahoo.com) or [YINRYouth@gmail.com](mailto:YINRYouth@gmail.com)

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