



# Tidings

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 17: Parent Teacher Conferences  
Gr. 1-8 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- March 18: Gr. 3: Purim Production 9:30 a.m.  
5E: Bruce Museum 12:30-4:00
- March 19: Gr. 3: Sara Neuman Nursing Home  
**School-Wide Purim Carnival** each class will attend the Carnival for 30 minutes and regular classes will be held throughout the day. Only 8<sup>th</sup> graders will dress in costume.
- March 20: Fast of Esther/1:40 pm dismissal  
Mincha will begin at 6:40 pm in the Castle Shul. We will then have the pleasure of hearing our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys read Megillat Esther at 7:35 p.m.
- March 21: Purim / No Sessions
- March 28/29: 7th gr. Shabbaton in Queens

**NOTE: Tuesday, May 13, 2008:**  
**No Sessions** for 2 year olds, Ganon & Kindergarten - Early Childhood teachers will be attending a BJE Conference. Thank you!

## 2008-2009 WDS Tuition Contracts

Just A Reminder.... Contracts are due on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already sent your Contract in, please do so. Thank you.

## Mazel Tov

.. To Dr. & Mrs. Otto Rapalino on the birth of a baby boy. Big brother is Ari (grade 1)  
... To Mr. & Mrs. Michael Goldberg on the birth of a baby boy, brother to Jonah, Jesse and Arlyn.

## Menu Change - Please Note

### Wednesday, March 19:

Pizza will be served.

### Thursday, March 20: Brunch for Lunch.

## Condolences

... To Mr. Daniel Jesselson and family on the loss of his mother, Erica Jesselson (grandmother to Ariel & Odelia in Ganon).

## Clips From The Classroom

**K-H** is so happy that we have started the month of Adar Bet! We just celebrated our 100th day in school which was highlighted by seemingly hundreds of fun things: we jumped 100 times, stayed quiet for 100 seconds, wrote 100 numbers, shared our 100 collections, ate 100 mini cupcakes, made necklaces with 100 beads, took 100 steps, read books and then wrote our own about 100 things. We finally received a visit from Morah Jane's "Aunt Sadie", the 100 year old lady! We didn't even have 100 seconds to recuperate before we began preparing for Purim: learning the story and songs with the help of our hand-made puppets; decorating the special raashanim (groggers) that Morah Jane brought back from Israel; creating our own megillot; giving matanot laevyonim with our own tzedakah boxes; and of course, baking our own hamantaschen for our mishloach manot baskets. Yum! Yum! What a treat that Morah Sue's son, David, read to us from a real megillah.. It included the part with Haman's sons: we all took a big breath to help him read them all at once! Yasher Koach, David! Right on Purim's tail, "*Simcha Rabah, Simcha Rabah, aviv heegeyah Peseah bah!*" we are so happy that spring is soon to arrive with Pesach not far behind. We are planting parsley to use at our own sederim. That's in addition to our regular activities. Phew! In two weeks we will have completed learning all the Hebrew alphabet. We will celebrate with our own mini-siyyum. We can't wait. Chag Purim Sameach!

Submitted by:

Morah Jane Grauer & Morah Sue Moskovitch

**Middle School Dinim:** The Middle School students are now in the middle of studying the laws of Purim. We discussed the unusual situation this year with Purim falling on a Friday. In Jerusalem, there is a "Purim Meshulash", a three day Purim, where the mitzvot of Purim are celebrated over a three day period. On the other hand, outside of Jerusalem, Purim is actually shortened because one must begin on Friday afternoon preparing for Shabbat. The 8<sup>th</sup>

graders are using the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch in studying the Laws of Purim and are becoming more familiar with this halachic work. We viewed a video from Od Yosef Chai about the importance of the mitzvah of Matanot L'evyonim, giving money to the poor on Purim day. Od Yosef Chai distributes money to the poor in Jerusalem and throughout Israel on Purim day. The students have already begun bringing in money for this great mitzvah of making happy the hearts of the poor.

Submitted by: Rabbi David Slotkin

**Sifriah - Library:** Although the primary mission of our school library is to promote reading, a secondary function is to develop library skills. Towards that end, I have begun a "library literacy" program with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our first skill lesson involved learning the organization of the fiction section of a library. Working in pairs, the children received a bundle of paper "book spines." These slips of paper contain the author, title, and library tag for a number of well-known books. The students put these paper spines in alphabetical order by authors' name, learning that this is the way the fiction section in every library is organized. Next, each group was given a title and author of a fiction book in our library to find. After I checked the found book, the students returned the book to the correct spot. Through this exercise, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade became more familiar with our own library and more confident in finding books on their own. Our next lesson will focus on the biography section (organized alphabetically by famous person, rather than by author,) before we tackle non-fiction (Dewey Decimal System) library organization.

Submitted by: Mrs. Laurie Popiel



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## Letters We Love to Receive...

*"Dear Rabbi Einzig,  
We thank you, all the students and their parents for the donation of \$1602.29 from the Tzekakah Box Chessed Project led by Rabbi Weiss. We are so pleased to be able to purchase a Medication Cart and Wheelchair with your donation for the New Wilf Children's Hospital. The donation will be commemorated on a plaque and inscribed. The students' wonderful acts of chessed reflects well both on your school and their families."*

*Sincerely, Sharon Goldwyn, Director of Annual Giving American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center*

**Volunteers Needed!** On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> during our gala Yom Ha'atzmaut Program, Ms. Shoshana Golin (WDS Art Teacher) will display our students' original art work. Ms. Golin needs volunteers beginning immediately to help with the mounting of the art work on Mondays from 9:00 - 12:00 and 3:00 - 4:00, also on Thursdays from 9:30 - 12:00. If you can help, please email Ms. Golin at [sgolin@westchesterday.org](mailto:sgolin@westchesterday.org) or call ext. 325.

## School Spirit - RUACH

### **Hockey News:**

It was playoff hockey at its best !! The scene was the Semi-final game between Har Torah and WDS, the top two teams in the division with the winner going to the Championship Game. In what was the most critical game of the WDS Wild's three year history, the Wild marched into Queens and emerged victorious in exhilarating fashion with a 4-3 Overtime win. Captain Matthew Povman's winning goal at 1:52 in Overtime led to a massive pile-on of Wild players in front of loyal fans who came to cheer on The Wild.

The game was tight from the beginning as the score seesawed back and forth. Both teams played with tenacity and determination but The Wild pulled it out behind 2 goals each from Matthew Povman and Jacob Aboodi, Jacob Green's stellar goaltending, stifling defense and an unrelenting and energized offense. Equally as important, our boys showed great sportsmanship and proper Middot in a tough away game and should be lauded for the efforts as both players and mentsches. The Championship Game will be scheduled shortly. Make sure to come to the game and support the team. LET'S GO WILD !!!



## **Basketball News...**

The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team playoff game will be held this **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at WDS.** Come out and cheer the girls on to a victory against North Shore! Go Team !!!

## **GET IN THE SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH THE WDS CLOTHING LINE !!!**

Fleece Hoodies, Zipper Fleece, White Polo Shirts, White Shirts, Skirts, Shorts, Sweats. All available items and prices can be viewed online at "blueandwhitekids.com", just click on the WDS page. Items will be sold at P/T Conference Night: March 17<sup>th</sup>. For more info call: Beverly Weisbrot (914) 636-4733 or [bbarr@regerlaw.com](mailto:bbarr@regerlaw.com)

## **WDS Dinner Video**

If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2008 Dinner Video (DVD format), please send \$15.00 to the school office, attn: Baila Weiss, marked: "Dinner Video".

## **Community News....**

### **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

The 2008 AIPAC Westchester Community -Wide Event: **Faith and Action: The Impact of Pro-Israel Christians** will be held at the Larchmont Temple (75 Larchmont Ave..) Well known author, David Brog will also be present. For more info call 212-750-4110 or [dgreenwald@aipac.org](mailto:dgreenwald@aipac.org)

### **...Sunday, March 30 from 4:00-7:00 pm**

The Young Israel of White Plains' Sisterhood is proud to announce its Spring Boutique. at 135 Old Mamaroneck Avenue.. Lots of fantastic vendors, food, drinks, and raffles. For more info call 646-271-1117

### **...March 30 from 9:30 am to 2:15 pm.**

The Second Annual Riverdale Women's Health and Halacha Day. The goal of the program is to inform and educate Jewish women of all ages about physical and mental health and well-being. For further information, call (718) 548-1850 or visit <http://rjconline.org/hhd.pdf>.

### **...Wednesday, April 2 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

The Young Israel of New Rochelle presents its Women's Spring Boutique. For more info, contact Debbie Cohen (917) 750-9202 or Sandra Weinstein at (917) 562-9741.

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

The Young Israel of Scarsdale Sisterhood presents its annual Pre Pesach Boutique. Lots of new vendors! Call Holly Halpern at (914) 632 8870 for more info.

### **...Sunday, May 18, 2008**

Sharsheret Spring Luncheon at the Teaneck Marriot at Glenpointe. Mrs. Sirena Silber is the Tribute Award Recipient. For more information, call Raquel Zeitz 472-7677