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DATES TO REMEMBER

Up Coming Events

March

20: 6:40 pm Mincha in Shul followed by Megillah reading by our 8th grade boys at 7:35 pm. All are invited.

21 Purim / No Sessions

24: Torah Bowl 10am-3pm (Students from grades 6, 7 & 8 will represent WDS at MDS) Good Luck!!!

24: Students in grade 3 will open the Village of Mam'k Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge and also sing the Star Spangled Banner.

25: Grade 8 students will tour a Shmurah Matzah Bakery in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. 9:15 am - 2:00 pm

28/29: 7th gr. Shabbaton in Queens

April

16-28: No Sessions (Pesach)

29: Sessions Resume

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..... If you have not already sent your Contract in, please do so. Thanks.

Mazel Tov

...To Morah Ben Bassat & family on the birth of a granddaughter, born in Israel.

... Mr. & Mrs. Gary Rozenshteyn on the birth of a baby boy. Big brother to: Sophia (K) and Eliana (Two's)

... To Shira Greenberg on the celebration of her Bat Mitzvah..

... To Morah Angelica Schanzer on her son becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

A Big Mazal Tov to Aryeh Schonbrun for qualifying for the National Bible Contest on May 18th. He was the regional champ for the Hudson Valley region! Congratulations to his Bible Contest teacher, Rabbi Lyle Kamlet

School Happenings

Tuesday, March 12th: The third grade students performed their Purim production to the delight of their parents, family and friends. They presented the traditional story of Purim with a modern twist... and the audience really enjoyed the humor. Great job third graders. It was terrific. Many thanks to all the third grade teachers: Rabbi Leiman, Morah Varda Nahumi, Morah Ziva Dorf(Art), Mrs. Rosen, Mrs. Epstein, Mrs. Melin and a special thank you to Sandy Shmueli (Music), Chris Price & Staff (refreshments) and Bob Price & Staff (set up).



CRAZY HAT DAY

In honor of the upcoming holiday of Purim, Wednesday was declared Crazy Hat Day at WDS. It was fun to see so many "wild and crazy" hats worn by both the students and faculty. What a great way to get into the spirit of Purim.

Purim at WDS

...Our Ganon children paraded in their Purim costumes through the halls of WDS making all who saw them smile with joy and pride. They made their way to the Purim Carnival (run by our Ganon Parents), music, laughter and happy voices filled the air. Thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time and enthusiasm to make this a Purim their children will never forget.

... Our 8th graders, dressed in costume, set up and ran a school-wide Purim carnival. Students from grades K-7 spent time playing many different and fun carnival games at different booths and celebrating Purim. It was amazing to see our students run such a great carnival. Many thanks to Rabbi Rosenwasser for coordinating this event!

WORLD'S FAIR: Thurs., March 27th

The Fair will be held in the WDS lunchroom and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. There will be 35 countries represented from every part of the world. There will also be food, activities and fabulous displays as we

salute the world in harmony. The theme for our fair is: "Together We Are One." The World's Fair is sponsored by the Fifth Grade Students and Parents.

ALL PARENTS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE!

Holocaust Curriculum

Curricula Connections -
Secular/Religious Studies

As one of the culminating experiences of WDS's Holocaust curriculum, the 8th grade is reading Elie Wiesel's Night and writing personal journals expressing their thoughts and feelings about the Shoah. In Night, Wiesel uses the metaphor of a "night" to describe his feelings of abandonment of the Jews by G-d during this devastating occurrence. To help us grapple with the question, "Where was G-d during the Holocaust?" we invited Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern to English class last Friday to teach us Judaism's answer to this difficult question. Rabbi Morgenstern began by explaining that Elie Wiesel, who understandably lost a great degree of his faith in G-d during his experiences because, as a child, reared in a loving, warm, religious environment, he only perceived the aspect of G-d that is kind, merciful and benevolent. Whereas, we believe that G-d is both merciful and also a strict judge as well. He is both our Hashem (the G-d of Mercy) as well as our Elokeinu (the G-d of Judgement). This is what we, as Jews, proclaim in the Shema Yisrael prayer every single day of our lives. The Rabbi cited sources in the Torah that tell us that there are times when we will not see G-d's "face" but His "back," and that we must have faith not only during the times when he shows his mercy (the "days" of our lives,) but also the bad times (the "nights.") Rabbi Morgenstern shared with us a painful story of his own family's history, when his great-grandfather, (Rabbi Jacob Mendel Morgenstern of Wengrow) an esteemed rabbi in Poland, was tormented and later murdered by the Germans. The rabbi told his followers that, as spectators to this humiliation, they felt worse to see it



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than he felt experiencing it. So too, G-d experiences the Jews' suffering during our people's "dark" times. While we can question why He allows these things to happen, at the end of the day we will never fully understand or comprehend the answers to these difficult questions because we can not know G-d's plan for the future. After this session, the students wrote their own essays on "How do Jews answer the question: Where was G-d during the Holocaust?" As adolescents ready to move on to the broader world, our 8th graders came away with a firmer sense of their history and faith through this learning experience. Submitted by: Laurie Popiel

Clips From The Classroom

Ganon Gimel: The children had a fantastic time singing, dancing and marching in the Ganon Costume Parade. Following the parade, they went to the Ganon Carnival, where they fished for hamantashen, played pin the hat on Haman's head, dug for rings, threw a beanbag into Haman's mouth AND won prizes. And if that wasn't enough, each child also made a yummy chocolate and sprinkle covered pretzel. Chag Simcha Sameach. Submitted by: Morah Lynn Kehr and Morah Joanie Levenson

ART....

In the 1st Gr. we studied masks from Africa. We looked at the shapes, colors, and designs artists used in their masks and saw that all the masks were symmetrical - like the snowflakes we made this winter. Some students worked in cooperative groups and made large African inspired masks while others planned masks they would like to make. The children then made their own masks for Purim, starting with a painted design that incorporated symmetry, shapes, and color. When the masks dried the children added details with markers and paper hair.

... In the 2nd Grade we discussed different types of lines we know - straight, horizontal, vertical, diagonal, squiggly, and zigzag - and we added to them contour lines. Contour lines are lines that describe the outline of something and they are a great way of learning how to pay attention to detail. The children took turns posing for their classmates who did contour line drawings of them. While drawing, the children were looking for things like spaces between fingers, the way a shirt sleeve bunches up at the elbow, and the odd shapes curls of hair can make. The children will use these drawings as the basis of larger multimedia works they will make. Submitted by: Shoshana Golin

Volunteers Needed! On Thurs., May 8th 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 or call ext. 325.

School Spirit - RUACH **Hockey News:**



The Hockey Championship Game will be played on Tuesday, April 1st. - 8:00 p.m. at DRS High School for Boys, 700 Ibsen Street, Woodmere, NY. More info call: (516) 295-7700. Come and support the WDS "Wild " Hockey players !!!



Basketball News...

...The 7th & 8th grade girls, with the encouragement and support from numerous fans, defeated North Shore Hebrew Academy in the semi-finals 36-16 to remain undefeated with an incredible record of 13 wins and no losses. The team was led by captains: Suri Bandler, Julia Goldman and Rachel Mirsky who each played to the point

of exhaustion, but remained focused and provided unbelievable team leadership both in this contest and all throughout the year. Starting point guard, Amanda Povman, and starting forward, Nina Leibowitz, each 7th graders, provided the necessary offense, suffocating defense and unrelenting aggressive play despite each who incurred injuries, which at the time could of cost the win. The other team members, including Tamara Sastow, Rochelle Shapiro, Michelle Bengualid, Aryln Golberg and Rebecca Shachter rose to the challenge and provided quality minutes when called upon to insure this extraordinary win. **The championship will be against R.P.R.Y and the time and place of the game will be announced shortly.** We encourage all students, alumni and supporters of WDS to come and cheer the girls on to victory. Congratulations on being the only "undefeated team" in the entire girls basketball league. Good luck in the championship game. Submitted by: Coach Frank Kaufman

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

Fleece Hoodies, Zipper Fleece, White Polo Shirts, White Shirts, Skirts, Shorts, Sweats. Please note that the special introductory price for our new WDS Klipped Kippot has ended. Orders received this week will be filled at the \$7.00 introductory price. Starting next week, the Kippot will still be available for purchase but at the regular price of \$10.00 a Kippah. Please also note that the WDS Clothing Line can still be viewed and purchased on-line at blueandwhitekids.com. Just go to the Westchester Day School Page. For more info call: Beverly Weisbrot (914) 636-4733 or bbarr@regerlaw.com

Community News....

Sunday, March 30 2:00 pm

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



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Brog will also be present. For more info call
212-750-4110 or dgreenwald@aipac.org

Sunday, March 30 4:00-7:00 pm

The Young Israel of White Plains

Sisterhood is proud to announce its Spring Boutique. at 135 Old Mamaroneck Ave.. Lots of fantastic vendors, food, drinks, and raffles. For more info call 646-271-1117

Sunday, March 30 9:30am to 2:15pm

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 pm

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