



Tidings

27 Nisan 5768 / May 2, 2008 Erev Shabbat Kedoshim Candle Lighting : 7:35 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Up Coming Events - May

5 & 6: Rosh Chodesh / Iyar

P/T Conferences Ganon & Kindergarten

7: Yom Hazikaron observed at WDS



8: Yom Ha'Atzma'ut observed at WDS

Gala Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration at

WDS featuring the WDS Jewish

Heritage Museum 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All students are requested to wear blue pants/skirts & white tops to school in honor of Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

11: Mother's Day

13: 8th Grade Photo Day

No Sessions for 2 yr. olds, Ganon & K
Early Childhood teachers will be attending a BJE Conference.

14: P/T Conferences Ganon & Kindergarten

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

20-21: 7th Gr. Trip to Boston

26: Memorial Day / **No Sessions**

27: **PAPAS Meeting:** "How Special

Education Law & Section 504 Applies to

Private School Students" 8:00 - 9:15 WDS

(see flyer)

29: **"What Every Parent Must Know About**

The Internet" 8:00 p.m. at WDS

(see flyer)

CONDOLENCES TO

... Mr. Stanley Bernstein & family on the loss of his mother, Adele Bernstein, grandmother to Nicole (8), Jesse ('04), Jamie ('00) and Michelle ('97)

... Mrs. Eugenie Propp on the loss of her beloved husband, Mortimer Propp, father of Morris and Helen Propp Heller and grandfather of Jack and Adrienne. Mr. Propp was a Founding Father of WDS.

An Update on the WDS Renovations!

The students, staff and administration are now all settled in their "new" temporary rooms. Beginning any new venture brings with it challenges. Our faculty and staff have all gone beyond the call of duty in setting up their new rooms and making sure the transition ran smoothly, while continuing their high level of performance. A very special thank you to Rachel Goldman for organizing and working so hard on this huge undertaking. It could not have happened without her dedication and commitment to WDS. Also, a big thank you to Susan Chasan & her staff for setting up the Early Childhood classrooms in the Coach House so beautifully during the Passover break. The picnic tables outside the Coach House are a wonderful addition and we enjoyed our first (of many, providing the weather cooperates!) picnic lunch on Thursday. Also to Bob Price & staff, Chris Price & staff for all their hard work and to everyone who gave up precious personal family time during Chol Hamoed to help in the preparation of classrooms and offices.

Helpful Information & New Locations

Late Passes:

Kindergarten - Grade 4: Nurse Pat's office now located in the Coach House.

Grades 5 - 8: School office now located on the 2nd floor in the Castle

New Office Locations:

Rabbi Einzig: 2nd. Floor Castle

Francine Greenberg: Modulars

Rachel Goldman: Wolfson Hall

Susan Chasan: Coach House

Baila Weiss: Coach House

Nurse Pat: Coach House

Business Office: Wolfson Hall

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 14th:

5th Grade Pesach Production

We worked hard on our Divrei Torah and learned a lot! We are very proud of ourselves. Our topic was "From Slavery to Freedom" emphasizing the celebration of Israel's 60th birthday. We will continue the celebration by learning about famous Jewish people who contributed to building the State of Israel from the time of Abraham to the present. We are looking forward to keeping you up to date on our accomplishments.

Submitted by: 5th Grade Students &

Morah Ronit Korenblit

On The Road

Students in the fifth grade will visit the Katonah Museum of Art. To view the exhibition "Here's the Thing: The Single Object Still Life" which will inspire students to think about common objects in new and different ways. Every object has a history, a context, and a relation to people. On the tour, students will share thoughts about the role and meaning of important objects in their lives as well as in the lives of the artists. They will view approximately 60 works - paintings, sculptures, drawings, and prints. The variety of mediums and ingenious interpretations provide opportunities for comparisons between style, mediums, and art movements. Thanks to Mr. T for arranging this trip to enrich the classroom studies in visual arts, social studies and language arts.

MAZEL TOV TO

... Jared Danzer on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

... Aaron Reich on becoming a Bar Mitzvah



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Thursday, May 1: WDS commemorated Yom HaShoah. Special Visitors Enhance Holocaust Learning Experience...

By Mrs. Francine Greenberg

To commemorate Yom HaShoah, 6th grade students culminated their unit on the Holocaust with a special candle lighting ceremony dedicated to the memory of the more than one and a half million children who perished during the Holocaust. The students presented excerpts from the literature of the Holocaust, allowing the middle school audience to feel the despair and hopelessness of the children living during this tragic time and also to celebrate their courage, optimism, hopes and dreams. The children's study was enhanced by the visits of Mrs. Mila Bachner, grandmother of Sammy Horowitz, who "came out of an abysmal darkness into a world of beautiful light". Mr. Alexander Farago, Deborah's father, also spoke about her visit with his mother, a survivor to Auschwitz, 56 years after her imprisonment there. "Only now, was my mother truly liberated", he told the students, "with her children and grandchildren standing before her eyes." Addressing the assembly at the Yom HaShoah program was Dr. Ann Kischner, daughter of Sala Garncarz. Sala had received and kept more than 300 letters while she was in seven labor camps during the Holocaust. Dr. Kirschner, author of the book "Sala's Gift", believes that her mother had the "soul of a librarian" because of the organized way in which she preserved the correspondence. Sala's story is told against the backdrop of the Nazi occupation of Poland, the ghettoization of its Jews, and the deportation to slave labor camps. Sala's story, as told by her loving daughter, was an experience which will remain with us forever. Her book is available on-line and in book stores.

In order to enhance the student's comprehension of this time period, 6th graders interviewed family members who lived at this time. Subsequently, they created meaningful posters, each having a pasuk, essay or poem and a photo honoring their deeds and lives. A note of appreciation to Mrs. Rachel Piven-Kehrle for her sensitivity and the professional manner in which she assisted her students in their learning of this difficult subject manner.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

FOR GANON: The After School Fun Bus class (an interactive approach to improving children's physical fitness) registration has been extended to May 6th. If interested, please contact Sara Berkower ext. 304.

COMMUNITY NEWS....

Sunday, May 18th: Sharsheret Spring Luncheon at Teaneck Marriot at Glenpointe - Tribute Award Recipient: **Sirena Silber**
For more info call: Raquel Zeitz 472-7677