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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Up Coming Events - May

- 11: Mother's Day  
13: 8<sup>th</sup> 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: 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Trip to Washington, DC  
20-21: 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
29: "What Every Parent Must Know About  
The Internet" 8:00 p.m. at WDS  
Also, there will be a special assembly for the  
middle school students on Internet Safety  
in the afternoon.

### Up Coming Events - June

- 1: Salute to Israel Day Parade  
2: Yom Yerushalayim  
4: Rosh Chodesh / Sivan  
5: Ganon Zimriah 9:30 a.m.  
6: Last Day for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9 & 10: Shavuot **NO SESSIONS**  
12: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00pm YIS  
13: Last Day for Ganon & Kindergarten  
15: Father's Day  
18: Last Day Grades 1-7 1:40pm Dismissal

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday - May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:45 p.m.:** Please  
join us at the home of Deborah & Jay  
Weinberger (21 New York Ave. South,  
White Plains) to hear well known and  
respected child advocate, trainer and author  
Norman E. Friedman, M. D. speak about  
inoculating your children against sexual  
abuse: What every parent should know!  
RSVP: [jodebjo@aol.com](mailto:jodebjo@aol.com)



**SAVE THE DATE-**  
**Monday July 28th**  
**The Brae Burn Country Club**  
**WDS/YIS Golf and Tennis Outing**

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## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...

### **Yom HaZikaron: Its significance to Israel and its commemoration.**

On Wednesday, students in Morah Bracha Ben-Bassat's and Mrs. Ariela Akerman's seventh grade Ivrit class, led their middle school classmates in a solemn ceremony honoring Yom HaZikaron, Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen Soldiers. The students read passages describing the significance of the day, and the manner in which the day is commemorated in Israel: flags are lowered to half mast, and a siren is sounded throughout Israel for two minutes, during which time silence is observed. Memorial ceremonies honoring the dead soldiers are held in military cemeteries. Through poetry and song, led by Mr. Sandy Shmueli, the boys and girls traced the history of the Land of Israel from its Galut in Babylonia to Herzl's dream in 1897, of a Jewish national homeland, to the establishment of the State of Israel on Friday, 5th Iyar 5708 (May 14, 1948). A moving poem was recited describing the Kotel's vision of paratroopers crying, burdened by the weight of two thousand years of warfare. The program closed with a soulful rendition of the song, "Lu Yehi-Let It Be", asking Hashem only for peace, only for Shalom. We pray that Israel know no further sorrow; may we mourn its fallen soldiers who "in their death commanded us to live".

### Yom Ha'atzmaut Gala Celebration

If you will it, it is no dream...

Theodore Herzl speaking on a Future State of Israel  
On Thursday evening, Yom Ha'atzmaut, the WDS family gathered together to celebrate Israel's sixtieth anniversary. It was Rabbi Einzig who had believed that this significant milestone deserved special recognition and would provide us with a great opportunity to celebrate Israel's achievements and history. Mrs. Yvette Finkelstein who chaired this special event along with hairpersons Mrs. Suzanne Beretz, Mrs. Dana Bonime, Mrs. Arlene Kleinberg, and Mrs. Bryndie Tuchman got right to work organizing this beautiful evening, and made certain to

include a committee of hardworking parents, excited students and WDS' s incredible teaching staff. The evening opened with a d'var Torah by Rabbi Einzig who explained that just as the gift of the Torah was given to the Jewish people on Shabbat, so too in 1948 Eretz Yisrael became Medinat Yisrael, on the fifth of Iyar, a Shabbat. This year the fifth of Iyar, also falls on Shabbat. Following a welcome by Co-President Mrs. Amy Eagle, Mrs. Yvette Finkelstein reminded us that all present would always remember the Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration at WDS. At this point Rabbi Weiss, led the audience in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Later, along with Rabbi Morgenstern, Rabbi Weiss closed the program with the singing of Hatikvah. To add to the evening's festivities, WDS Music Director, Mr. Sandy Shmueli accompanied the students in grades one through seven as they sang songs in praise of Israel. Our soon-to-be graduates assisted the younger students, and welcomed an Israeli soldier who led us in the Prayer for the State of Israel. Following the songs, the crowd broke out in dancing to Mr. Shmueli's joyful music. From there, we entered the Castle only to feel as if we had been transported to another time and another place. The Castle's back room had also been transferred, this time into a Jewish Heritage Museum, in which the fifth graders, mentored by Mrs. Lenore Wolf, the grandmother of Molly C. Heller, shared their precious family heirlooms with those in attendance. Adjacent to the museum was an Israeli shuk, which allowed whoever entered, to sense the touch and taste of Israeli foods. On the other side of the museum, the students' original still life paintings were on display. This art work was made with the encouragement of a volunteer group of mothers in a program called, "Learning to Look", which teaches the students about artistic masterpieces. Taking advantage of every bit of space, and every bit of artistic talent, Mrs. Shoshana Golin, WDS Art

Teacher, adorned the walkway of the castle with the art work of her elementary grade



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students. The colors and creativity were outstanding, causing all viewers to delight in their beauty. Finally, upstairs were displayed Hebrew-written posters created by the seventh and eighth students from Morah Ariela Akerman and Morah Bracha Ben Bassat's Hebrew classes. It was obvious that these posters had been created by students who had researched the subject matter intensively before writing about the important people and historical events of Israel. Because everyone had worked so hard on the details and on the entire picture, the dream Rabbi Einzig had, truly became a reality.

## On The Road...

The fifth grade visited the Dolan "DNA" Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor this week for a look at the science of genetics. This DNA center is the world's first science museum devoted to genetics education for the public. The museum specializes in a variety of hands-on experiments for students on the topic of molecular biology. Our students participated in four events. First, the students did an experiment workshop on DNA extraction. After the extraction they were able to see the DNA strands from harmless bacteria. We then viewed the film, "The Story of DNA" in their theater. Thirdly, the children visited the center's hands-on interactive museum. Here the children explored topics ranging from: human traits, fingerprinting, cells, to common origins. A main event of this visit was a magnificent model of a DNA double helix strand. Fourth and finally the highlight of the trip was a computer workshop dealing with the topic of the Romanov family of Russia. Our students had to uncover DNA clues to find out if a woman named Anna Anderson who claimed to be the missing Anastasia was really her or an impostor. It was fascinating to see the evidence unfold in this class. The trip was related to the fifth grade study of the human body.  
Submitted by: Mr. Tedesco

## MAZEL TOV TO

... Shlomo Leiman, Rabbi Leiman's son, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Castle

### New Office Locations:

Rabbi Einzig: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## NURSE'S CORNER

...Now that the nice weather is here and our students are outside playing, for lunch, recess, etc. please be diligent about applying sun screen to your child daily. Also, it is advisable that every child (especially Early Childhood) wear a hat to protect them from the sun. Thank you.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

... The 2008/2009 Health Form is attached (also available on-line WDS/Newsletters). All students in nursery, kindergarten, two, four and seven are required to submit current physicals. Please have this form filled out and returned to the Nurse's office.

## Clips from the Classroom

### Middle School Math

**6<sup>th</sup> grade advanced** students have been introduced to the basic concepts of geometry. This included a study of angles, polygons and circles. The chapter concluded with an examination of how circle graphs can be used to depict data as well as providing a tool for interpreting data. We then discussed measurement in geometry. Topics included a study of areas of different polygons, as well as the area and circumference of circles. Students learned

about square roots and irrational numbers and applied their knowledge in solving problems involving the Pythagorean Theorem. Students were then introduced to three-dimensional figures. The chapter concluded with students learning about the surface area and volume of prisms and cylinders. Next, students learned about simple and compound interest. The chapter concluded with a section on transforming formulas. Students are currently learning about graphing in the coordinate plane. They have learned how to graph both linear and nonlinear equations as well as how to find the slope of a line.

**...6<sup>th</sup> grade level** students learned about data and graphs. They were taught about mean, median, and mode. They studied various kinds of graphs, such as bar, line, circle, as well as stem-and-leaf-plots. We also discussed how important it is to examine graphs and statistics carefully as they can often be misleading. This was followed by a discussion of angles and special angle relationships. Next, we learned to classify triangles as well as other types of polygons. Students learned about congruent figures and similar figures. The chapter concluded with students learning how to find the surface areas and volumes of rectangular prisms and cylinders. The students are now working with integers, learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide positive and negative numbers.

... **7<sup>th</sup> grade level** students spent the first half of the year working with decimals, integers, algebraic equations and inequalities, exponents, factors, operations with fractions, ratios, rates, proportions, and percents. They then moved on to geometry, measurement, and algebraic patterns and rules. Our next stop will be graphing in the coordinate plane, and we'll probably end with the study of probability. What a busy year!

...**8<sup>th</sup> grade level** students spent the first half of the year studying the following topics: integers, algebraic equations and inequalities, graphing in the coordinate



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plane, real numbers, proportions, and percents. In the second half they studied exponents and powers, geometry, and algebraic relationships. They will turn their attention to measurement and probably end the year with the study of probability. What a productive year!

...**9th grade level** math students spent this year studying algebra. The first half of the year they were introduced to the following topics: functions, patterns, rational numbers, equations, inequalities, and graphing. They then turned their attention to exponents, polynomials and factoring, quadratic equations, radical expressions and equations, and rational expressions and equations. What an exciting year!

Submitted by: Mrs. Sandra Seckular,  
Mr. Alan Stern & Mrs. Barbara Seader

## COMMUNITY NEWS...

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