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11 Tishri 5769 / October 10, 2008 Erev Shabbat Ha'azinu Candle Lighting : 6:04 p.m.

Upcoming Events

October:

Mon. Tues. Wed: 10/13-15: **No Sessions**
Erev Sukkot, Sukkot, Sukkot

Thursday 10/16:

- Kindergarten - Apple Picking Dr. Davies Farm, Congers, NY followed by a picnic lunch in the sukkah of the YIWP.
- 3rd Grade to Boro Park visiting several magnificent Sukkot and a "mini amusement park." They will celebrate by eating a seuda in honor of Sukkot at the large sukkah at Mendel's pizza
- 4th & 5th Grades will participate in a special "sukkah hop", visiting several sukkot in New Rochelle and White Plains.
- 7th Grade will be participating in a chessed project by visiting the Sinai Free Synagogue in Mt. Vernon and bringing lulavim & etrogim and a good holiday atmosphere to the seniors.
- 8th Grade will be going to the kosher soup kitchen located in NYC to serve lunch and bring good cheer.

Friday 10/17:

- Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2: Mad Science Show - Fire & Ice interactive science learning at WDS - lots of fun!
- Gr. 6 will be visiting senior residents at the Esplanade in White Plains in honor of Yom Tov of Sukkot. They will bring lulavim and etrogim, sing songs and help create a holiday spirit for the seniors.

Mon. Tues. Wed: 10/20-22: **No Sessions**

November

Sun.: 11/2: Daylight Savings Time
Fall Back



Tues. & Wed: 11/4 & 11/5: **Book Fair**
Share the Fun & Adventure of Reading

Wed: 11/5: 1:40pm Dismissal
Parent/Teacher Conferences Gr. 1-8
2:30-5:00 5:45-8:45

Mon.: 11/10 P/T Conferences
Grades 1-8 6:00-9:00

Tues.: 11/11 **No Session** / Veteran's Day:
Staff Professional Day

Sun: 11/23: BJE for 8th graders

Wed: 11/26: 1:40 **Dismissal**

No Bus Service for students in the New Rochelle School District / Mile Square Transportation. Parents must arrange for transportation to and from WDS.

Thur. & Fri: 11/27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break

Please Note: In an effort to be more efficient, *Tidings* will no longer be sent home in hard copy. All parents will receive *Tidings* via e-mail by noon on Friday. Please look for your *Tidings* to keep up with all the "happenings" at WDS. Thank you!

School Happenings

On Tuesday, the middle school students took part in a special 2-period Yom Iyun (day of study) on many of the different *tfillot* that are recited in *shul* on the two holidays. Students were engaged in sessions focusing on the awesomeness of *Unetaneh Tokef* and *Ne'ilah*, the pleading of *Avinu Malkeinu*, the excitement of the *hoshanot*, *hakafot* and *hallel*. The morning ended with a presentation from Rabbi Simcha Willig, newly appointed rabbinic intern at the Young Israel of Scarsdale, who highlighted the happiness of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur, in the *mishnaic* literature, is referred to as one of the happiest days of the year. Rabbi Willig shared a new insight into how to make this idea more relevant and palpable. The students *chagim* will have been greatly enriched by this morning's program. Many thanks to our wonderful rabbinic staff for their hard work. *Todah Rabah* to Rabbi Mahler for organizing this program.





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P/T Conferences Gr. 1-8

- ❖ **Wed. Nov. 5 (1:40 pm Dismissal)**
2:30- 5:00 p.m. & 5:45 - 8:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Mon. Nov. 10 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

We urge parents to please take advantage of the daytime appointments on Wed. afternoon.

Gr. 1 - 5: Pre-Schedule Appointment

To schedule your conferences, kindly CALL the office between the hours of 8:00- 4:00 (M-Th.) and 8:00-2:00 (Fri) on ext. 102 or 100 and we will be happy to arrange your conference times. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred times. Please do not leave a voice mail message regarding a conference date / time. The Learning Center teachers will conference with the classroom teachers. However, if this is not possible, the Learning Center teacher will schedule a phone conference at a later time.

Procedure for Middle School: Conferences will take place in the gym; kindly adhere to the 5- minute time period. If more time is needed, please arrange for a follow-up appointment. Dates are as follows for parents of students with last names that begin:

- A-Z: On Wed. Nov. 5th 2:30 - 5:00
- A-L: On Wed., Nov 5th
- M-Z: On Mon., Nov 10th

Learning to Look is an interactive program in which trained parent volunteers teach children to appreciate fine art. The lessons will culminate in a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the spring to view the actual paintings that we have studied. We are looking for a parent volunteers to become "teachers" to students in grades 1-5. **No experience necessary.**

If interested, please contact: Arlene Kleinberg at amklein19@aol.com or Laurie Lebowitz at lelebowitz@aol.com. First class is Wednesday, Nov. 12th

Mazel Tov To:

... Elisheva Rothschild (2nd gr. assistant) on her engagement to Shlomo Reichman.

... Bracha BenBassat & family on the recent engagement of her daughter.

Clips from the Classroom

Ganon Gimel has been very busy. The students learned that between **Rosh Hashanah** and **Yom Kippur**, we are reminded that Hashem wants us to be nice to our friends. After talking about things we might be sorry for, we went to the beach for **Tashlich**. We threw bread into the water to symbolize our "I'm Sorrys". The seagulls saw us, swooped down and took our mistakes away. Later, we sang and danced to "Let's Be Friends" and "Please Don't Fight." We finished our week talking about **Sukkot** and building a **sukkah** in the Coach House backyard. We are looking forward to joining the other Ganon classes in the **sukkah** to sing, bentsh lulav and eat snacks.

Submitted by: Morah Lynn & Morah Joanie

Grade 1: The students are busy with our new Tal Am Hebrew curriculum. As you pass by the classroom, you can hear the children singing and speaking in Hebrew. All the children are enjoying this new approach to learning Hebrew. As well, we have focused the last couple of weeks on the Chagim and their dinim. The students learned the different greetings for Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot (we haven't gotten to Simchat Torah yet!). Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a **Shana Tova, Gmar Tov, and a Chag Sameach.**

Submitted by: Morah Sabrina Gaffney

Grade 5 Navi: We look forward to an exciting year in Navi, having already completed the first chapter of **Shoftim**, with the first (Otniel) of many judges to follow. Speaking of firsts, the students have received their first quiz average of the

year, with a **very** high percentage of 100's (or higher!). Keep it up 5th grade!

Submitted by: Rabbi Lyle Kamlet

Library- Gr. 2 & 3: One way to explore the multitude of social issues faced by elementary school students is through the examination of relevant children's literature. Toward that end, the second and third grade will be spending their library periods during the month of November exploring titles that deal with the social dynamics of bullying. During our reading time, I will share with each of the two grades one picture book written from the perspective of the bully and one picture book highlighting the point of view of the victim. After reflecting on the characters' actions and options, I will discuss various age appropriate novels found in our library which examine characters in the position of bystander and accomplice, as well the victim and bully. Through discussion and analysis of the literature, students will more easily identify bullying behavior. It is hoped that, through this exploration, students will gain awareness and confidence in dealing with this challenging social issue.

Submitted by: Laurie Popiel

Condolences To:

...Mrs. Bonnie Katzenstein & family on the loss of her father, Mr. Harold Krantz.

... Mrs. Michelle Berman & family on the loss of her father, Mr. Erwin Einsenberger in Argentina.

Notes From Nurse Pat:

Flu Season is here! Time to get your child's flu shot (parents too!) ASAP.



Community News...

... **Sunday, October 19 at 5:30 pm:**

Westchester Jewish Connection presents: Live Sukkah Concert and Barbeque Seuda Under the Stars at the Young Israel of New Rochelle. For more information, contact briankalb@verizon.net