



3 Kislev 5770 / Nov. 20, 2009 Erev Shabbat Parshat Toldot Candle Lighting 4:15pm

### Dates to Remember:

11/22: BJE Exam -

**Good Luck 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!**

11/23 School Photo Re-take Day

11/24: Assembly for Ganon and Kindergarten students: Reenactment of the Landing of the Mayflower

11/25: **DISMISSAL TIME IS 1:40PM.**

**No Bus Service for New Rochelle School District, Grades K-6 ONLY! All other buses will be transporting.**

11/26 & 27: **No Sessions** - Thanksgiving

11/30: Sessions resume

12/2: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Ganon & Kindergarten

(Register On-Line. Any questions, please call ext. 100.)

12/3: 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Chesed Trip - Bronx Jewish Community Council (Food Packaging)

12/4: End of First Trimester Gr. 1-8

12/5: Grade 4: Melave Malka Production  
7:30 pm

12/7: Last Day for Gifts for WDS  
Chanukah Toy Drive

12/8 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Ganon & Kindergarten

(Register On-Line. Any questions, please Call ext. 100.)

12/9: Matan Bat Mitzvah Program 6:30-  
8:30 pm - 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and moms

12/12-19: Chanukah

12/17 & 18: Rosh Chodesh / Tevet

### Mazel Tov to:

... AJ Toporovsky on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

...Gabriel Brainson on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

... Arielle Kleinberg on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

... Morah Rivka Zorbaron & family on the birth of a granddaughter born to her son (Leor a '92 WDS grad) and daughter-in-law.

### White Plains Parlor Meeting:

Thank you to Nicola & Jordan Rosenstock for hosting a Parlor Meeting at their home in White Plains, this Saturday evening at 8:00 pm. We look forward to greeting many prospective families and sharing an informative and social evening.

### School Happenings

... On Wednesday evening many 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their moms attended the first Matan Bat Mitzvah class. The topic for the program is: "Jewish Women Through the Ages" and this week they learned about Rivka, our matriarch. The class was taught by Mrs. Shayna Bekritsky and Mrs. Tali Seinfeld. In addition to using the Torah texts, the girls made Shabbat candles with their moms. It was a great program and everyone had fun. Our next session will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - hope to see you there.



...Join in the WDS Chanukah Gift Drive and make Chanukah brighter for a foster child or adult with disabilities at OHEL Children's Home and Family Services/Bais/Ezra Lifetime Care Foundation. Only new gifts please! All gifts must be dropped off in the bin in the Castle Shul by Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
(see flyer attached)

### On The Road...

On Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 4E went to the Hudson River Museum to view the new exhibition currently on display. The exhibit - **Dutch New York: The Roots of Hudson Valley Culture**, traces the Dutch impact on today's life in bustling New York City and the beautiful Hudson Valley. Through paintings and artifacts the students experienced the influence and customs the Dutch had on the area. This trip will help enhance the fourth grade study of exploration and the colonization of the new world.

Submitted by: Mr. Andrew Slater

### WDS Roving Reporter

by Ezra Mannis (8<sup>th</sup> grader)

This week was the one year anniversary of the tragic attack on the Chabad House in Mumbai, India. A rally was held in Israel to mourn the victims. It also marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Moshe, a boy who was saved by his Nanny but whose parents were killed by the terrorist - the message that can be learned from this event is to keep living our daily lives, learn Torah and do Chesed. We practice this daily at WDS! Our elementary school continues to learn Parshat HaShova and in the Middle School we continue learning Chumash, gemara and davening daily. This week was Rosh Chodesh/Kislev, which is a very happy month - looking towards Chanukah. The students at WDS continue their Ways of Torah - Darchei Noam. Shabbat Shalom!



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### Character Counts!

Middle School students are working on a Middot Campaign for the month of Kislev. They will be focusing on the attribute of RESPECT. As we prepare for the holiday of Chanukah and turn our attention to the Beit HaMikdash and the Kohanim who served there, we will focus on the very important concept of RESPECT. Students are involved in a designing a flyer containing a slogan or motto along with an illustration to encourage greater respect. Students will then have a chance to vote on the best fliers, and prizes will be given to the winner. May we all benefit from greater focus on RESPECT!

### Clips from the Classroom

During Art Electives with Ms. Shoshana Golin, our students have been working on a project to decorate Mezzuzot that will adorn the doors in Wolfson Hall.



### Grade 3

**Focus on Thanksgiving:** The children worked hard and learned so much about this holiday. The class read the **Thanksgiving Story**, compiled a vocabulary list, discussed the Pilgrims and their search for religious freedom, analyzed Thanksgiving poems and, by using the 5 W's, wrote about their own upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations. They even pretended what it would be like if they had to leave their own homes and begin a new life. They enjoyed reading a play called, "A Native American Welcome," and acting out their assigned

parts. They listened to **Molly's Pilgrim**, a story about a Jewish family from Russia coming to America. Your children are thankful for many things. Here are some of their responses: We are thankful for "our homes," "good food," "our health," "great friends," "a loving family," and "being able to go to WDS."

**Reading Corner:** One group just finished reading the book called **Yang the Youngest and the Terrible Ear**, a story about a tone-deaf Chinese boy and his family of very talented musicians. We had many exciting conversations about the main character. We laughed with him, sympathized with him and cheered for him by the time the story ended. A definite favorite!!! Another group has finished an entire unit of reading, including a play called "Herbie and Annabelle," which they enjoyed so much that they read the various parts aloud several times. They also read several scientific entries, including ones on tornadoes, icebergs and plants that "bite." Next month the class will be reading **The Chocolate Touch**.

Submitted by: Mrs. Barbra Rosen and Morah Debby Epstein

### Hebrew Middle School

...In 7th grade Hebrew we are learning the story "The Cave Man". We are also learning songs of Naomi Shemer as well as acting out plays on "Seven Boom" and "A Loyal Friend." ...In 8th grade we are preparing for the BJE Exams (this Sunday). We read the book "The Jew in Iraq". We also learned many words relating to the body, seasons and many new subjects. The students are being challenged by having to write 100 word essays in Hebrew!

Submitted by: Mrs. Bracha Ben-Bassat

### Basketball



...The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys basketball team open up their season this Monday, Nov. 23 at WDS against ASHAR. The girl's game is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm and the boys game at 7:45pm Please come and show your support for both the Lady Wildcats who are the defending champions not losing a game in the past two years and for the boys who anticipate another great season of WDS Basketball.

### PTA News:

**SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKE DAY** will be Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any questions, contact: [nancy\\_weinberger@msn.com](mailto:nancy_weinberger@msn.com) Please keep your group photo as this will not be retaken.

**WDS SPIRIT WEAR** is available for purchase - sweatshirts, shirts, etc. from child small to adult XL ...magnets, knapsacks and much more. - be a part of the spirit wave! For more info, contact the PTA.

**BOX TOPS** Please submit your clipped box tops into the pink box top box next to the school office. Clip 10¢ Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products. It's so easy to earn cash for our school!

### Community Events:

... Sun. Nov. 22: 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
**Emelin Theatre in Mam'k.** WDS parent, Mrs. Vered Reznik-Wexler (mother of Shai 3H) will be performing in an interactive family concert with storytelling and classical music, called "Animal Wisdom". It includes Aesop's fables and other animal stories. This event is sponsored by The Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council. Tickets are \$5.00 - for more info call: 698-0098.