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E-Shabbaton #22
Friday, February 13 2009
19 shvat, 5768

Friday, February 13, 2009
Shabbat, February 14, 2009

Light Candles at 5:07 pm
Shabbat Ends at 6:07 pm

Submissions for the Shabbaton should be emailed to bstein@hacdalbany.com by Wednesday at 12noon.

Calendar Reminders:

February 16 – 22, 2009
Monday, February 23, 2009

President's Week– No School Have Fun!
3:00pm Math Counts
3:30 Karate

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

3:00pm Drama Kids
3:15pm 5/6 girls basketball
5:00pm 7/8 boys basketball

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

3:15pm 5/6 boys basketball
3:15pm OVA
3:15pm Band

Thursday, February 26, 2009

3:15pm 3/4 boys basketball
3:30pm Chess Club

Friday, February 27, 2009

1:40pm Oneg

Saturday, March 7, 2009

SAVE THE DATE – Basketball fundraiser

Tu B'shvat by Ruti Malka

The holiday Tu B'shvat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees, is a very important and meaningful occasion in the Jewish calendar. Coming in at what is in our hemisphere a cold and dreary season, it is in Israel the rebirth of nature and the beginning of the time when the earth shows it will awaken to new growth and development. The importance of the holiday can be examined from three distinct aspects:

1. In general, the North American climate gives us the variety of seasons, with the promise of spring giving assurance of lush green fields, bountiful harvests to come, plentiful forests, and great vistas of scenic beauty. Compare this to Israel of the not too distant past, when it was a barren land of deserts and lack of trees. When I first moved Israel, the difference between its landscape and ours was quite striking, although of course magnificent strides in the natural cultivation of Israel have taken place. We should appreciate the ability we have to plant and transform our environment.

2. The significance of the spring season reminds us that it is very important that we recognize our responsibility to preserve and protect the environment against harm. This includes such projects as decreasing global warming with energy efficient heating and fueling, harnessing nature-friendly energy instead of wasteful and destructive methods. We all try to do our bit by recycling. GOING GREEN has become the slogan of our time. It is our responsibility to continue tending to nature as part of this effort.

3. Tu B'shvat is the holiday of the trees, but it is also the time to remember that the children, like the trees, need nurturing and care in order to create a viable future. The Torah says that the Garden of Eden had among its foliage two very important trees - the Tree of Life (Etz HaChaim) and the Tree of

Knowledge (Etz HaDaat). Both are necessary – life without knowledge can be empty, wasteful, while knowledge without heart can be cold and dry.

The roots of the tree can be seen as the strong foundation of family and friends, of tradition and values of our Torah. The trunk can be seen as the upwardly growing entity reaching toward the heavens with great aspirations and goals for learning and accomplishments. The leaves can represent dreams, experiences, adventures, opinions and hopes.

Like trees, the children at Hebrew Academy are continually growing. Their growth comes in the form of emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual development. The beauty of teaching children is responding to their openness to learning and the desire they have to realize their potential. I see this in my fourth and fifth graders, who are maturing and soaking up new knowledge about what it means to be Jewish every day. They learn and grow from their interactions with me; even more, there is much I learn and I grow from my interactions with them.

Thank You for a Successful Book Fair!

Our students are excitedly reading lots and lots of new books, thanks to the support of HACD community for our annual Book Fair. In addition, we earned over \$900 in new books for our library! Special thanks to our Book Fair volunteers: Sue Adler, Carolyn Levine, Felicia Gosch, Lisa Palatsky, Ruth Swift, Anna Rosen, Ruth Heller, Jennifer Honen, Marci Galinkin, Paula Binyamin and Les Stein.

Cub Scouts

Boys in grades 1-5: Do you like to hike? Do you like to build neat stuff and learn about interesting things? We do these and more each month. So join us in Cub Scout Pack 18! It's never too late to join! Contact Adam Selsley at hacdpack18@hotmail.com or call 724-3743 for more information

Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy

Presents...

**Friday Morning Learning with our own Rabbi Rami Strosberg
For the HACD Community, every Friday morning
From 8:00am – 8:30am
A different lesson taught each week.**

Hilly Adler interviews Harry Rosenfeld



READ AROUND THE WORLD



HACD's Parents as Reading Partners Program

Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) is a collaborative effort among parents, staff, and community to build a reading partnership between the home and the school.

- PARP programs encourage parents to read with their children for at least 15 minutes per day.
- Learning to read is the single most important activity in a child's education. Studies show that children who read at home are better prepared to succeed in formal education.
- Setting up a daily time to read with your child provides both of you with a special opportunity to share the joys of reading!
- The theme of HACD's PARP program is Reading Around the World. To kick off the program, your child will be given a bookmark with a list of the seven continents. Over the course of the three weeks, we hope you and your child will read a book, story or folktale from each continent. Suggested titles are available on the HACD website. Your public librarian is also a wonderful resource for suggesting great books to read.
- Please use the attached Reading Log to keep track of your reading, **and return it to your child's teacher on Tuesday, February 24th**. Participating students will receive a beautiful certificate at the end of the program.

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READ AROUND THE WORLD

Dear Parents: Please return this reading record form to your child's teacher. **The form is due February 24th.** The goal is to read with your child at least 15 minutes a day, every day. If you miss a day, please continue with the program – the goal is every day, but we know that's not always possible. To avoid writing on Shabbat you may record your whole weekend's reading on Sunday. Happy reading!!

STUDENT'S NAME _____

MY PARP READING LOG

Date	Title	Reading Minutes	Parent Initials
T. 2/3			
W. 2/4			
Th. 2/5			
Week-end 2/6 – 2/8			
M. 2/9			
T. 2/10			
W. 2/11			
Th. 2/12			
Week-end 2/13 – 2/15			
	Please continue on the next page.		



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MY PARP READING LOG

Date	Title	Reading Minutes	Parent Initials
M. 2/16			
T. 2/17			
W. 2/18			
Th. 2/19			
Week- end 2/20 – 2/22			
M. 2/23			
T. 2/24			
	RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER FEBRUARY 24		

PARENT ORG. NEEDS YOU!

Parent Organization plays a vital role in the life of our school - bringing together parents from all grades to work on a variety of programs and projects all meant to enhance the educational and social experience of our children at Hebrew Academy. Think of P.O. as doing the “warm fuzzy stuff”.

Best of all – your dues are already paid in full and you can join the fun anytime!

We need at least one parent to take over either/both “Labels for Education” and “Box Tops”. Each program requires a fairly minimal time commitment – basically, collecting labels, tallying and sending them out once a month. Collection deadlines are actually only twice a year, but if you let the labels sit around they can overwhelm you! We like to write thank you notes and give prizes to the kids when we have the time and volunteers.

If you are interested in having fun while lending a hand, please contact me at daygold@nycap.rr.com or (H) 459-0189 (eve.).

PARENT ORG. – EXCITING NEWS!!!

Parent Org is creating a **whole new lunch program** for our members starting with the **2009-2010** school year. We will need **lots of Parent Volunteers** as this will be COMPLETELY supported by parents. *Amy Drucker* will continue to coordinate the lunch orders and *Jenn Honen* will continue to coordinate the parent volunteers. Please review the ideas below and let us know how you can help bring this new program to life!

Our lunches will be provided pretty much ‘at cost’. We will need to have a nominal surcharge probably around \$.50 to cover the additional expenses such as paper & plastic products, etc. There will also be a nominal surcharge of \$.25 on top of our cost which will be put towards the cost of the fridge. Once the fridge is paid in full, we can drop the surcharge.

All donations towards the fridge are greatly appreciated and will help us reduce the cost of the program faster! Please make your donation payable to HACD and memo “Fridge”.

We will need parent volunteers to coordinate the program. Our goal would be a very simple “brown bag” type lunch – some assembly line work from volunteers once a week to get them made. We will need 2 parents each day of the week to make this happen and it will be mandatory to volunteer if you want to buy lunch – just like the old program.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE!!! Right now we are ONLY COLLECTING information to gauge the level of interest. If there is enough interest, we hope to open this up as a lunch program for families who would prefer to have lunch provided at school.

Please drop me a note at daygold@nycap.rr.com to advise of your interest in the program or fill out the form below and return via kiddie mail to "Deborah Gold via KIRA GOLD – 3rd Grade".

MEMBER FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

Child(ren) name & grade(s): _____

_____ NO, we are not interested in a lunch program

_____ **YES**, we are very interested in a lunch program –
just like the old program, you must commit to volunteer at some level in the program in order to buy lunches.

We are willing to volunteer!

___ Serve as Lunch Committee Chair

___ Serve on Lunch Committee – researching new ideas, purchasing bulk supplies, etc.

___ Assemble lunches – estimate an hour if 2 parents work together, probably 8-9am

___ PIZZA FRIDAY – pick-up pizza from Beth Abe on Whitehall Rd. and/or reheat, cut & serve.

___ MEAT MONDAY – pick up kosher deli at Price Chopper early AM and make sandwiches

___ Have another idea to submit to the LUNCH COMMITTEE – call or email Deb with details!

VOLUNTEER INFO:

First name: _____ Telephone(s) (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Email address: _____



Parent Org of Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy
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PURIM starts March 9th!
Order NOW and be prepared!!!

Please indicate quantity in POUNDS in the boxes below. Add across, then multiply total pounds by \$12.

Chocolate Chip	Apricot	Prune	Poppy	ASSORTMENT	TOTAL POUNDS X \$12/pound	TOTAL SUBMITTED
						\$
						\$
TOTAL SUBMITTED (Payable to "HACD", Memo 'Hamentashen')						\$

Please let us know how we can get in touch with you:

Parent(s) Name	Student Name (oldest child)	Grade (oldest child)	Home #	Work # / Cell # / E-mail

Please send your completed order form and check (payable to 'HACD', memo 'Hamentashen') via kiddie mail to: "Marla Eglowstein c/o Sophie Rich, Grade 5"

PLEASE submit orders via kiddie mail by Tuesday, February 24 (After school vacation).
 Orders will be delivered FRESH to school on Friday, March 6 and sent home with the children

Questions? Contact Marla Eglowstein via e-mail DrMarla1@nycap.rr.com or at (H)459-5504.

THANK YOU!!!

Notes on cookies: Cookies are Pareve. Cookies are small, child friendly size. Cookies average more than a dozen per pound. While there are no nuts in the cookies, the bakery is NOT nut-free so please use your best judgment if you have nut allergies in your house. Please contact DrMarla1@nycap.rr.com with any other questions or concerns.

Parent Org needs a parent volunteer for our annual Hamentashen sale. This is not a fundraiser - simply a way to make these special (and delicious) holiday cookies available to our members. We have the bakery lined up and the order form ready. We need an organized person to collect the forms, tally everything up and place the order. When the orders arrive, simply label the containers and hand them out to the kids to take home. We still have the label format from prior years - so very ez!

So... what do you say? Wanna have fun doing something yummy???
 Contact Deborah at daygold@nycap.rr.com

Friends, please join us for this incredible celebration. Please make your family and friends aware of this world renowned Israeli musician and friends coming to the Capital Region.

DON'T MISS THIS "ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME" OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN ISRAEL...

• **SAVE THE DATE** •

“**A Celebration of Peaceful
Coexistence in Israel
with Yair Dalal and Friends**”

A Concert Event



**Join your community for a concert celebration
featuring a well-known Israeli musician and composer**

March 3, 2009 • 7 pm

**Located at the Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall
in the Massry Center for the Arts
The College of Saint Rose**

General Admission – \$18 per person

VIP Admission – \$56 per person

*(Including VIP seating, a 6 pm pre-concert reception with Yair Dalal,
cocktails and hors d'oeuvres)*

**For ticket information, email Marjorie Gross at mgross@jerny.org
or log on to <http://www.jerny.org>.
(Master Card and Visa accepted.)**

**Proceeds to benefit Jewish Educational Resources of New York (JERNY), a not for
profit educational resource center dedicated to enriching the intellectual, religious,
and spiritual lives of Jews, regardless of affiliation and background.**

Challah for Shabbat delivered at School!

▶ **8th Grade parents will send challah home on Friday with your child.**

Please make check payable to Hebrew Academy and send along with this form to

Julie Adler via Kiddie Mail, **Orders MUST reach Julie by 5pm on Monday.** No orders will be taken over the phone.

A check, payable to HACD with *Challah* in memo line, must accompany every order.

All proceeds benefit the 8th grade trip to Israel.

Challahs are from Rockland Bakery, and are Pareve/Kosher Certified

The Challah price is discounted if you buy more than one **each week**.

Send home with:	Grade _____ Phone _____		
	One Challah per week Check off the week	More than one Challah per Week Write # per week	
Delivery Date	1 Pound Challah \$4.50 each	1 Pound Challah \$4.00 each	TOTAL
02/27/09			
03/06/09			
03/20/09			
03/27/09			
			TOTAL DUE:

Questions? Julie Adler

Has your car taken a beating from this winter weather? Is your car looking gritty and grimy? Has your auto lost it's shine?

If you answered yes to even one of these questions, then help is just a phone call (or e-mail) away!

The 8th grade is selling Hoffman Car Wash Tickets to help fund their upcoming Israel trip. Instead of letting your car look like it's taken a bath in the Dead Sea, buy a few car wash tickets from an 8th grader and help THEM get the chance to take a bath in the Dead Sea instead (your car and the 8th grade will thank you!)

Full Service tickets - \$17.00 each, Exterior Wash tickets - \$8.00 each.

To purchase, call Julie Adler - 489-7017 or e-mail to jamminwithjulie@gmail.com.

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

Item Description/ Size	Qty	Price	Sub Total
<u>Lands' End Short Sleeve White Polo with Embroidered School Logo</u>			
Polo (Kids 7-8)	_____	x \$10	_____
Polo (Kids 10-12)	_____	x \$10	_____
Polo (Kids 14-16)	_____	x \$10	_____
Polo (Kids 18-20)	_____	x \$10	_____

<u>Lands' End Short Sleeve White T-Shirt with Embroidered School Logo</u>			
T (Kids 7-8)	_____	x \$8	_____
T (Kids 10-12)	_____	x \$8	_____
T (Kids 14-16)	_____	x \$8	_____
T (Kids 18-20)	_____	x \$8	_____

<u>Canvas Tote Bag</u>	_____	x \$15	_____
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<u>Pocket Hoodie Sweat Shirt - White with Royal Blue Embroidery (HACD)</u>			
Adult Small White	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult Medium White	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult Large White	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult XL White	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult XXL White	_____	x \$20	_____

<u>Pocket Hoodie Sweat Shirt - Royal Blue with White Embroidery (HACD)</u>			
Adult Small Blue	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult Medium Blue	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult Large Blue	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult XL Blue	_____	x \$20	_____
Adult XXL Blue	_____	x \$20	_____

Personalize Your Sweat Shirt _____ x \$7/\$10 _____
 *Single Line in block print- \$7, additional line add \$3

(PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY – Allow 2 weeks for job turn around)

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Order Total _____

Please send Cash or Check made out to "HACD," with "Parent Org" listed in the memo area, to Liz Goldstein. If you have any questions, please contact Liz at emgold@nycap.rr.com.

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HACD 7th and 8th Graders Vs. Parents, Alumni and Staff

WHEN: March 7th 7-10 pm

WHERE: Bet Shraga HACD Gym

COST: \$5/person, family maximum of \$20 (age 6 and under, free!)

CONTACT/SIGN UP TO PLAY: Rich "Buckets" Bernhardt at: richb12211@yahoo.com or
.....Arnie "Hoops" Adler at: aadler@nysdhcr.gov