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**E-Shabbaton #19**  
Friday, January 23, 2009  
27 Tevet, 5768

Friday, January 23, 2009  
Shabbat, January 24, 2009

Light Candles at 4:39 pm  
Shabbat Ends at 5:39 pm

Submissions for the Shabbaton should be emailed to [bstein@hacdalbany.com](mailto:bstein@hacdalbany.com) by Wednesday at 12noon.

**Calendar Reminders:**

Monday, January 26, 2009	3:00 Math Counts 3:30 Karate
Tuesday, January 27, 2009	3:00pm Drama Kids 3:15pm 5/6 girls basketball 5:00pm 7/8 boys basketball
Wednesday, January 28, 2009	9:00am Dress Rehearsal 3:15pm 5/6 boys basketball 3:15pm OVA 3:15pm Band
Thursday, January 29, 2009	3:15pm 3/4 boys basketball 3:30pm Chess Club
Friday, January 30, 2009	1:40pm Oneg
Sunday, February 1, 2009	10:00am Dance Festival Temple Israel - Albany
Saturday, March 7, 2009	SAVE THE DATE – Basketball fundraiser

**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](mailto:hacdpack18@hotmail.com) or call 724-3743 for more information

**Parashat Va'eira – Devar Torah by Joel Linsider**

The ten plagues inflicted on Egypt, to which most of this week's and much of next week's Torah readings are devoted, have been examined from many perspectives—moral, literary, scientific, historical, and others. Some of the literary discussions identify patterns in the account of the plagues; for example, they are described in three groups of three, followed by a climactic tenth. Within each of the three groups, the first plague is preceded by Moses meeting Pharaoh in the morning to warn him; the second is preceded by a warning without the time of day being specified; the third has no warning. The point of the pattern may be to reinforce, in a literary way, the message that the plagues are not random events; they are deliberate actions orchestrated by God.

Another pattern involves the person through whose actions the plague is imposed—sometimes Moses, sometimes Aaron, sometimes both, sometimes neither. *Exodus Rabbah*, a *midrash* cited by Rashi, notes that the first three plagues (blood, frogs, lice) are brought on by Aaron raising his rod; Moses is not involved. The *midrash* takes this to teach the importance of gratitude: the first two plagues affected the Nile, while the third affected the dust of the land, from which the lice were brought forth. The Nile had protected Moses when his mother placed him on it in a basket, and the dust had protected Moses when he used it to hide the body of the Egyptian he had slain. In both cases, it would have been inappropriate—ungrateful—for Moses to turn against the object that had offered him protection.

If gratitude to inanimate objects is important, gratitude to human beings and to God is even more so. All of us are helped in many different ways by other people and by God, and we need to recognize that help, be grateful for it, and learn from it to help others. As it so often does, the *midrash* here uses a close reading of the text to extract a lesson that may be peripheral to the story itself but that provides important guidance on how to live our lives.

Shabbat shalom

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## 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.

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**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**over 100 members**  
**of the**  
**Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy Family**  
**joined together**  
**at the Albany River Rats hockey game**  
**as our students sang the Star Spangled Banner.**

**Thank you for joining together and making this program such a success.**

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*COMING SOON: A PASSOVER KOSHER WINE SALE!!!*

- **Affordable** selection
- **Variety** of quality wines from Israel, US and international vineyards
- **Enhance** your Pesach Seders and Shabbats or other occasions
- **Great gifts** to family and friends year round
- **Help HACD** and reach out to Jewish and non-Jewish friends and associates alike to purchase and enjoy wines they likely will not have tried



We will be sending out order forms with further information in February

*Nini Wu and Ira Zackon*



## **BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The HACD Book Fair offers a selection of Scholastic Books as well as a number of Judaic titles for both children and adults. The students really look forward to this fun event!

PLEASE! The Book Fair depends on adult volunteers to help set up before the fair and to help students select and purchase books during the fair. We need help for:

Setting up the fair on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> (12:30 to 3:00)

Student preview day on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> (8:30 – 2:00)

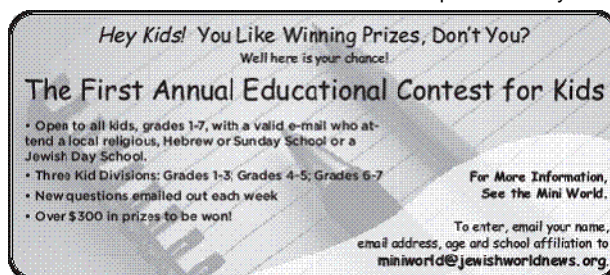
Student purchase day on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> (8:00 to 3:00) **\*\*Especially 8-12!!**

If you can come for a couple of hours (or more!), please contact Nancy Eson, 482-0464, Ext. 130, or email: [neson@hacdalbany.com](mailto:neson@hacdalbany.com).

## **Federation**

Join Federation Families for *Kiddie Classics with C4T* - an outing to a family concert at Albany's Palace Theatre. Sunday, January 25 from 3-5 p.m. The one-hour concert will include performances of works by Tchaikovsky, Schumann, Beethoven, Haydn, and others, in a kid-friendly adventure to keep everyone captivated. It will be followed by light refreshments and a visit from David Alan Miller, conductor of the Albany Symphony, who will entertain all of us with a special kids' session about the symphony and how to conduct.

**Registration is online at [www.jewishfedny.org](http://www.jewishfedny.org).** For every 2 adult tickets, one ticket for a 2 and under child is FREE. Please note that each person (including children 2 and under) need a ticket for admission. \* All tickets must be purchased by 12 noon, Friday, January 23.



Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: grades 1-3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7

A potential prize for your school: if a student of your school is the top scorer, we will give your school's "Back to School" advertisement in the August 6<sup>th</sup> edition of our paper an upgrade, either free color or an additional eight column inches.

### Who Raised The Most Money?

The students in some of the Religious Schools in Rashville Elementary School decided to have a competition to see who could raise the most for Rashville Food Pantry. Whichever school raised the most money for tzedakah would win!

The Jewish Pre-School at the Rashville JCC decided to sell challahs for 4 dollars each. The Three Year Olds Sold 28 challahs and the Four Year Olds sold 42 challahs.

The Charles E. Levine Jewish Day School had a bake sale. They sold decorated bags of cookies for 2 dollars each. The First Graders sold 7 bags of cookies. The Second graders sold 15 bags cookies. Third graders sold 18 bags of cookies. The Fourth Graders sold 22 bags of cookies. The Fifth Graders sold 25 bags of cookies (and they ate two bags so needed to subtract 4 dollars from the total.)

The Nachmanides School sold candy bars for \$1.25 each. They sold 38 dark chocolate bars and 42 milk chocolate bars.

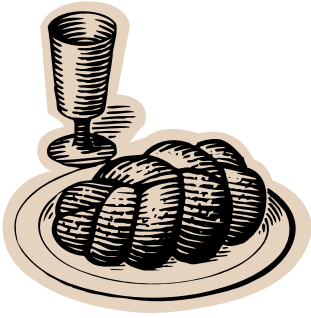
Temple Beth Isaac Religious School had a car wash and charged 10 dollars per car and 15 for a truck or van. They washed 7 cars, 3 vans, an ice cream truck before it started to rain.

Congregation Gates of Windows Sunday School had a carnival. They sold 72 books of tickets. Each ticket book had 30 tickets. Each ticket cost ten cents.

Which school raised the most money and won the competition?  
Tell us which school had the most money and earn 100 points in our MiniWorld Contest.

Send us your totals for each school too. Every total you have correct will be added to your score in our Contest.

Suggest a fundraising idea to use in your school. If you have a good answer, send it to [miniworld@jewishworldnews.com](mailto:miniworld@jewishworldnews.com). If we share it in an upcoming issue of the Jewish World, we will add up to 100 points to your total in the MiniworldContest.



# Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy

*Presents...*



## MSS

*Middle School Shabbaton*

*Well what is it?*

*MSS is a fun filled weekend with friends from school. We will spend Shabbat together at Temple Israel. There will be games, counselors, schmoozing time, lots of food, great Saturday night activity, and some surprise visitors.*

**When:** *Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Meet @ 4:00pm (Fri.) at your host's home  
Pick up (Sat.) at 9:45pm at Temple Israel*

**Where:** *Temple Israel*

**Cost:** *\$35.00 per person*

**Please submit application form and check to the office.**

*What to bring...*



- *Sleeping Bag & Pillow (we will be sleeping at homes of Bet Shraga families in the neighborhood)*
- *Towel & Toiletries*
- *Appropriate clothes for Shabbat*
- *Casual clothes for Saturday night activity*
- *Games*
- *A Smile!!!!*



**Middle School Shabbaton**

**Application Form**

1) Is there any medical information that we should know? (Allergies, medication)

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2) In the event of an emergency, who should we contact (Name, Relationship, Phone numbers)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2) Do you have any special dietary restriction? (Vegetarian?)

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3) Would you like to lead part of the Tefillah on Shabbat? If so, what part?

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I hereby grant my child permission to participate in this HACD event. In case of an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I give HACD permission to seek medical care for my child including x-rays, anesthesia, or any other treatment deemed necessary by the physician in charge. I understand that my child is bound by HACD's code of conduct and I further understand that failure to adhere to those guidelines may result in his/her dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian

In registering for this HACD event, I agree to adhere to the rules of HACD, and to conduct myself in a manner that reflects well upon my community and myself. I understand that I am bound by HACD's code of conduct and that failure to adhere to those guidelines will lead to my immediate dismissal from the program and may result in further disciplinary action. I agree to participate fully in the weekend program and will not leave the event, without permission, at any time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

# HARLEY-DAVIDSON *Giveaway*

**TICKETS \$50**  
**A \$15,000 RETAIL VALUE**

Win Motorcycle  
or  
\$12,000 Cash



Purchase a chance to win \$12,000 CASH or the 2009 Harley-Davidson motorcycle.  
Contact Wendy Schaffer: 209-8255 or [hwscchaffer@aol.com](mailto:hwscchaffer@aol.com).

Consider selling 5 or more raffles at your place of employment or in your neighborhood. We must sell 750 by April 20, 2009. You will be supplied with raffle book(s) and flyers for display. PLEASE HELP RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT BET SHRAGA HEBREW ACADEMY.

**FOR EVERY 15 RAFFLE TICKETS YOU SELL, YOU WILL EARN 1 RAFFLE ENTRY AT NO CHARGE!**

#### **RULES and DISCLAIMER:**

- Minimum of 750 tickets must be sold or drawing will be delayed.
  - Exactly 1,000 tickets have been produced for sale.
  - Purchase of this ticket does not constitute a tax deductible contribution.
  - For more information, contact Cheryl at 815-468-5235.
  - Winner pays all applicable taxes and fees. Need not be present to win.
  - Winner is responsible for pick up of Motorcycle and all related costs.
  - Proceeds to support Hebrew Academy Tuition Scholarship Fund.
  - Checks payable to: Hebrew Academy in memo line: Harley
- Sponsored by Brunswick Harley-Davidson/Buell

**Ticket Sales Benefit**  
**HACD Tuition Scholarship Fund**  
**DRAWING: 2009 Spring Heritage Awards Dinner**  
**Brunswick Harley-Davidson/Buell, Inc**

# Challah for Shabbat delivered at School!

▶ **8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Paula Binyamin** via Kiddie Mail, **Orders MUST reach Paula 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>More than one Challah per Week</b> Write # per week	
Delivery Date	1 Pound Challah \$4.50 each	1 Pound Challah \$4.00 each	TOTAL
01/30/09			
02/06/09			
02/13/09			
02/27/09			
03/06/09			
03/20/09			
03/27/09			
			TOTAL DUE:

Questions? Paula Binyamin [sienna04@yahoo.com](mailto:sienna04@yahoo.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](mailto:emgold@nycap.rr.com).

**The Israel Education Center**  
**Rochie Rubin, Program Coordinator**

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**Mrs. Rivka Slonim**

*“The Confessions of a Chassidic Feminist”*

Sunday, January 25th, 2009

1:00 - 4:30 pm

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*Featuring Buffet Luncheon, Workshops, Pilates, and More*

*Rivka Slonim* Internationally renown, addresses the contemporary Jewish woman’s infusion of life with meaning and tradition. Presenting in hundreds of locations in the US and abroad, she is also a consultant to educators and outreach professionals. Slonim is editor of “Total Immersion,” an anthology of women's writings exploring the mikvah experience, and will have a book signing on her recent “Bread & Fire” anthology on a broad range of topics. Slonim and her husband, Rabbi Aaron Slonim founded and direct the Chabad House Jewish Student Center at Binghamton University

## *Reservations*

Clara Simon 439-8280 [del18clara@yahoo.com](mailto:del18clara@yahoo.com)

Rivka Kochman 482-7948 [skochman@nycap.rr.com](mailto:skochman@nycap.rr.com)

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