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E-Shabbaton #17
Friday, January 9, 2009
13 Tevet, 5768

Friday, January 9, 2009
Shabbat, January 10, 2009

Light Candles at 4:22 pm
Shabbat Ends at 5:22 pm

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

Calendar Reminders:

Monday, January 12, 2009	3:00pm Math Counts
Tuesday, January 13, 2009	3:00pm Drama Kids 3:15pm 5/6 girls basketball 5:00pm 7/8 boys basketball
Wednesday, January 14, 2009	3:15pm 5/6 boys basketball 3:15pm OVA 3:15pm Band
Thursday, January 15, 2009	3:15pm 3/4 boys basketball 3:30pm Chess Club
Friday, January 16, 2009	1:40pm Oneg
Saturday, March 7, 2009	SAVE THE DATE – Basketball fundraiser

Congratulations to our January Birthdays

Noah Degroult-Elias - January 2, 2009	Shaina Degroult-Elias - January 18, 2009
Jeremy Zackon - January 2, 2009	Ella Rosen - January 19, 2009
Libby Evan - January 14, 2009	Anna Weiskopf - January 29, 2009
Alex Smith - January 14, 2009	

December Donations

Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner in memory of Milton Judkowitz and in honor of Hope Nathan's birthday
Peter and Karen Lamparello – charitable donation to the school
Michael Kupferschmid – charitable donation to the school
Vivian Judkowitz in honor of Hope Nathan's birthday
Vivian Judkowitz and Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner – get well wishes to Harriet Rand
Linda and Dan Finkle in memory of Lynn Rosalsky's mother

From the Administration

Dear Parents,

As you know, we no longer serve lunch on a daily basis. Therefore, it is your responsibility to send your children to school with a lunch, a snack, and any plastic utensils they will need to eat it such as spoons and forks. A drink and a water bottle are nice to have since there is no water fountain in the lunch room. By sending this to school, you are ensuring that your child is receiving good nutrition which we know is a vital component in "being ready to learn."

If a child forgets to bring lunch, he will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in order to get him through the day. We will provide one at no charge and if it happens a second time, you will be charged \$5.00 per lunch.

Thank you

Reminder: When there is a two hour delay, 9:30am is the earliest children can be dropped off. Please check TV station for closings and delays. Thank you.

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.

D'var Torah by Rabbi Aaron Kaplan

This weeks Torah portion is the final portion in the book of Genesis, the 1st book of the Torah. Initially, this seems like a strange point in the narrative to end the book of Genesis. The Jewish people had just moved to the land of Egypt, and shortly will begin hundreds of years of slavery. This seems like a pretty anti-climactic time to say, stay tuned for the sequel. Coming soon, the book of Exodus!

However, the lesson in this week's Torah portion makes this a very logical place to conclude the book of Genesis and begin the book of Exodus.

The book of Genesis is a book about becoming FAMILY.

The book of Exodus is a book about becoming a NATION.

Throughout Genesis, we have story after story about siblings. The common theme throughout the stories is that the siblings fight. Usually the younger brother receives something that makes the older brother jealous, and the older brother gets angry.

Cain and Abel

Isaac and Ishmael

Jacob and Esau

Joseph and his brothers

We just can't get it right! Story after story.

Finally, Joseph's 2 sons, Ephraim and Menashe come along. Menashe was the older son. Back then, the older son received a larger blessing, a larger inheritance. He should have received the greater reward. But instead, his grandfather Jacob gave the greater blessing and inheritance to the younger brother, Ephraim.

How did Menashe respond? He didn't respond like Cain, or Esau, or Joseph's brothers? He was happy for his older brother.

This prompts to Jacob to say that future generations will bless their children with words:

יְשׁוּבָה אֱלֹהִים לְעִפְרַיִם וּלְמִנַּשֶׁה - G-d should make you be like Ephraim and Menashe. Many families today have the custom of blessing their children with those exact words.

With Ephraim and Menashe, finally, we had learned the importance of family, and being happy for each other even if we don't get what we want. So at this point, we're ready to conclude the Book of Genesis, the book of the family, and begin Exodus, the book of the Nation.

I think this lesson is true about individual families, and it is also true about a school. A nation is made up of many families. Each family counts. Each person counts.

Our school is made up of many grades. Each grade is made up of many children. What makes Bet Shraga so special is that we make each person count and we're happy to see each other succeed.

I co-coach the 7th and 8th grade basketball team. This past Sunday, our team was up big. Instead of running up the score, we showed compassion for the feelings of the players on the other team, and we had an opportunity to give more playing time to some of our players who normally might not get a lot of playing time in a very close game. It was special to watch our starters, who were sitting on the bench, cheer for their friends. They were so excited to see their friends have a chance to shine. That's part of what makes Bet Shraga so special.

Dear Parents Grades 3-8,

On Tuesday, January 20, at 7PM, in the HACD Auditorium, there will be an informational session for PARENTS of any student Grade 3-8 interested in acting in this year's school play, Oklahoma! I am thrilled to announce that DeLynn Wickham will once again be our Director. At this meeting, all audition information, forms, and calendar will be distributed. It is imperative that at least one parent of each performer attends this informational session, as the director will be reviewing all expectations and requirements of those students participating in the play. If there is a conflict and neither parent can attend, please contact me at mhb98@nycap.rr.com and alternate arrangements can be made. Another meeting will be scheduled in the future for those interested in Technical Crew.

In order to help with planning your child/children's extra-curricular activities, the general play schedule is as follows:

An optional pre-audition acting skills workshop will be held on Monday February 2 from 3:30-5:30.
Auditions will be held on Monday, February 9 from 3:30-6:00 and on Tuesday February 10 from 5:00-6:30.
Rehearsals will start at the end of February and the performances will be mid May.
Rehearsals will be scheduled on Sunday, Monday and Wednesdays afternoons. Towards season end, Tuesday and Thursday dates will be added.

Along with my Co-Producers, JoBeth Evan and Sue Adler, I look forward to seeing many of you on January 20th.
Break a Leg,

Cheryl Burack
Producer

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.**

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 3rd (12:30 to 3:00)

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

Student purchase day on Thursday, February 5th (8:00 to 3:00)

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

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. 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.

A Note

Dear Rami,

I am forwarding this information from Jay Feinberg, CEO of the Gift Of Life Foundation. My family became involved with this organization through a donor drive at Temple Israel several years ago. In 2005, Eliot donated bone marrow for a 3-year-old girl whose life was saved by his donation. Eliot has participated in registering many donors at the recent U Albany donor drive. I would like to pass this information along so that anyone in the HACD community who would like to help this young girl find a match may do so. It is estimated that one of every 800 to 1000 registrants will be matched at some time. In 2008, the Gift of Life made it possible for 99 recipients to receive donations.

Anyone who would like further information about the Gift of Life may visit www.giftoflife.org. Eliot and I would also be happy to share our experience with this excellent organization. Thank you for sharing this information with our community. Marla

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or
\$12,000 Cash



2009



Purchase a chance to win \$12,000 CASH or the 2009 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Contact Wendy Schaffer: 209-8255 or hwscaffer@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!

MOTORCYCLES
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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!

▶ **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

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 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
01/16/09			
01/23/09			
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

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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