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E-Shabbaton #5
Friday, October 3, 2008
4 Tishrei, 5768

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Shabbat October 4, 2008

Light Candles at 6:15 pm
Shabbat Ends at 7:13pm

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

Calendar Reminders:

Monday, October 6, 2008	2:30pm Band
	3:00pm Math Counts
	7:30pm Board meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2008	3:30pm Drama Kids
Wednesday, October 8, 2008	Erev Yom Kippur – No school
Thursday, October 9, 2008	Yom Kippur – No school
Friday, October 10, 2008	1:40pm Oneg
Saturday, November 29, 2008	8:30pm Adult Comedy Night ssssss
Sunday, December 14, 2008	5:00pm River Rats Game
	Adult tickets \$13.00, children under 12/seniors \$9.00
	Singers Free

A Dvar Torah from Rabbi Rami

The second to last commandment in the Torah is known as *Hakhel*. *Hakhel* was a gathering that took place once every seven years during the first day of *Chol Hamoed Sukkot* after a *Shemittah* year. All men, women and children were required to gather in the *Bet Hamikdash* (the holy temple in Jerusalem) where the King would read from the Torah. There were many people who could not understand what was being read. Nevertheless, everyone came and even newborn babies were brought.

One lesson learned from *Hakhel* is the importance of community. The *Malbim* writes that the children, who won't understand a word of the Torah being read, will still have a chance to absorb the unforgettable sight of millions of Jews gathered together. What a sight that must have been.

There are several times throughout the year when large numbers of Jews assemble at the *Kotel*, (the western wall) in Jerusalem including *Chol Hamoed Sukkot* and *Chol Hamoed Pesach*. Anyone who has had the chance to be a part of that experience has had a little taste of what *Hakhel* must have been. *Tashlich* at the Buckingham Pond is one of our community's special gatherings. Jews from all the neighborhood's congregations can be found emptying their bread crumbs and wishing each other a *Shana Tova*. This is the type of community we try to build in our school.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Rami Strosberg



Guests will join the students during class time for specially designed lessons that will include the students and guests in a wonderful learning experience.

- Guests will join the students in the sukkah for a specially prepared lunch.
- After lunch, guests will join together for a short program.
- At 1:40 our guests will join with the students for the Friday Oneg Shabbat.

*If you haven't submitted names and addresses of grandparents or special friends to Lorraine Arcus (Larcus@hacdalbany.com), please do so ASAP.

* Please check that your invitees have received the invitation and responded.

EVERY student will have an adult special friend. They may:

- Invite a grandparent or special friend
- Pair up with a classmate and 'share' the guest
- Make a new 'friend'. There are many adults who are former faculty members or are alumni parents who would love to be included in this event as a new friend or surrogate grandparent. (Contact Lorraine Arcus).
- Families who have more than one child in the school are welcome to invite a guest for each student or have their guest rotate around the classroom. **PLEASE CONTACT LORRAINE ARCUS IF YOU WOULD LIKE To VOLUNTEER ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008 TO HELP PREPARE OR ON FRIDAY TO HELP WITH THE DAY'S EVENTS.**

Alumni News



Members of Bet Shraga's class of 1998 organized a weekend of events in celebration of their 10 year reunion. It began with a luncheon on Friday at Bet Shraga, prepared by their former kindergarten teacher and current Director of Admissions and Community Outreach, Lorraine Arcus. Members of the class are recent college graduates and are involved in a wide variety of pursuits including graduate studies, world travel, volunteer efforts in the United States and abroad, professional careers, and Israeli army service. Julie Massry Knox, the newly appointed chair of Bet Shraga's Alumni Foundation stopped by to meet with the Class of 1998. Noah Fuhrman, currently working at Bet Shraga, organized the weekend events which gave a large portion of the 30 classmates opportunities to reconnect. Pictured above are: (left to right) Noah Fuhrman, Avi Gordon, Ram Porat, Liran Kohn, Yoni Jochnowitz-Kahn, and Jaron Sloane.



Jonah Levy
 Samuel Weinstein
 Harrison Burack
 Marissa Burack
 Ari Ginsburg
 Tani Israel
 Ari Levine
 Noah Waldman
 Elan Shiang
 Ravi Brenner

September 6th
 September 6th
 September 8th
 September 8th
 September 16th
 September 18th
 September 23rd
 September 25th
 September 26th
 September 27th

Jason Palatsky
 Ethan Katz
 Michal Drucker
 Sophie Rich
 Yoran Weinstock
 Aaron Ashery
 Bina Kovach
 Rachel Kaziyev
 Davi Ginsburg
 Alec Evan

September 28th
 October 3rd
 October 5th
 October 9th
 October 14th
 October 15th
 October 19th
 October 20th
 October 23rd
 October 28th

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OUR HOPE

OUR CHILDREN

OUR FUTURE



HONORING BARBARA STEIN

As our 2008 Heritage Award recipient, Barbara Stein, has made a lasting impression on the children of Hebrew Academy, we are taking this opportunity to honor her dedication and love to our students by having our children leave their imprint on Hebrew Academy in Mrs. Stein's honor. If you did not have an opportunity to participate in the Spring, we are once again making this opportunity for you and your children to be included in this dedication.

Each parent and Hebrew Academy community member has the opportunity to purchase and permanently display a child's hand imprint on the walls of Hebrew Academy in honor of Barbara Stein.

Every child (and alumni choosing to participate) will create their own hand print(s) in a signed and dated ceramic tile that will be affixed in the primary wing of Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy.

Please fill out form below to purchase a child's hand imprint – 1 hand \$25, a pair \$36. The forms can be mailed or emailed to HACD via kiddie mail or jjarose@hacdalbany.com. Checks should be made payable to HACD. Please denote in memo section: Heritage Hand.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Credit Card (Please call in to Jen Jarose) 482-0464

Name(s) of child(ren) to sponsor

_____ 1 hand \$25 _____ pair of hands \$36

Total sponsorship \$ _____

Thank you for your support.



Leave the Kids at Home!

Wondering what to do when the turkey's been picked over???

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008 8:30 PM

Thanksgiving Weekend

BET SHRAGA HEBREW ACADEMY PRESENTS

**A Reunion & Gathering of Alumni
Community, Family & Friends**

A Night of (Definitely) Adult Comedy

FEATURING

YISRAEL CAMPBELL

VISIT HIS WEBSITE: <http://www.circumsizeme.com>

Wine & Cheese and Beer Reception

Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy Auditorium

**Advance Tickets: \$20/pp or \$36/couple
\$15/person ages 18 - 30**

**At the Door: If available \$25/per person
\$18/person ages 18 - 30**

Limited seating. Reserve immediately –
Your payment is your reservation.

Send to: Bet Shraga, 54 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205

Make payable to: HACD. On memo line write: Comedy Night

INCLUDE NAME(S) FOR RESERVATION

Call HACD @ 518-482-0464 to pay by credit card



