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E-Shabbaton #9
Friday, October 31, 2008
2 Cheshvan, 5768



Friday, October 31, 2008
Shabbat November 1, 2008

Light Candles at 5:40 pm
Shabbat Ends at 6:41 pm

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

Calendar Reminders:

REMINDER Clocks set back 1 hour on Sunday, 11/2/08 at 2:00am

Monday, November 3, 2008	3:00pm Math Counts
Tuesday, November 4, 2008	ELECTION DAY – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE 3:15pm 5/6 girls basketball 3:30pm Drama Kids
Wednesday, November 5, 2008	3:15pm Band 3:15 5/6 boys basketball
Thursday, November 6, 2008	PICTURE DAY 3:15 3/4 boys basketball 3:30pm Chess Club
Friday, November 7, 2008	1:40pm Oneg
Saturday, November 29, 2008	8:30pm Adult Comedy Night
Sunday, December 14, 2008	5:00pm River Rats Game Adult tickets \$13.00, children under 12/seniors \$9.00 Singers Free
Monday, December 22, 2008	

Parent Org. wishes to thank Amy Drucker and Susan Wolpe for their assistance with the Rosh Chodesh snacks!

A Dvar Torah from Rabbi Rami

Shalom Bet Shraga Mishpacha,

In the last *Aliya* (portion) of this week's *parsha*, the Torah tells us that after the flood, all the people on earth spoke one language. Chapter 11 describes their initiative to build a tower with its top in the heavens. Verse 4 identifies their goal in carrying out this project:

"... And we will make a name for ourselves, so that we won't be scattered across the land."

God's response was to confuse their communication and disperse them throughout the earth. The people built the Tower of *Bavel* because they wanted to make sure God would not disperse them. They wished to protect their universal unity. What was so wrong with that intention?

The *Kli Yakar*, a Torah commentator says that real unity is only noble when its purpose is to create a better world. People who come together to build a community of charity, giving and righteousness can establish a true sense of unity.

The Bet Shraga community comes together to create an outstanding integrative curriculum, to celebrate the richness of Jewish tradition and to inspire ethical growth rooted in the values of justice, kindness and *tikkun olam*. Occasionally, we let our kindergarteners build towers out of blocks so long as they work together, play nicely and cooperate.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Rami Strosberg

Dear Bet Shraga Families,

Thursday, November 6th is PICTURE DAY. All children, faculty and staff will be individually photographed for the school yearbook. All children are photographed even if not purchasing pictures. Class Photos will also be taken. Please let us know if your child is not going to be in school that day.

We will be offering sibling photos for siblings that attend HACD. Please notify us if you are interested in a sibling photo. A separate form must be completed for sibling photos.

Please remember to dress appropriately. These are the photos that will be used in the yearbook! 4th grade will have their pictures taken at promptly 8am because they have a field trip at 8:30.

If you have any questions please contact Liz Goldstein at emgold@nycap.rr.com

Mock Election Results

ALBANY, N.Y.— (October 29, 2008). Students from Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy joined students of all ages from across the nation this week, voting in the National Student/Parent Mock Election. The national voter-education program for students gives young Americans the chance to make their voices heard in the electoral process.



Google is hosting the National Student/Parent Mock Election Night headquarters at its offices in Washington, D.C., where student volunteers will tabulate the final results of the mock ballots cast by elementary through college students across the nation through October 30th.

Tuesday, October 28th, was Election Day at Bet Shraga. Students cast their ballots on the Internet and will be part of the final tabulation to be completed nationwide on Thursday.

Local results: 127 students in grades K through 8 voted on Tuesday. In the ballot for President/Vice President, 98 voted for the Obama/Biden ticket, 26 voted for the McCain/Palin ticket, there was 1 vote for Ralph

Nader and 2 other write-ins.

In the local races for House of Representatives, students live in two different congressional districts. In the 20th Congressional District, Kirsten Gillibrand received 8 votes, Sandy Treadwell received 5. In the 21st Congressional District, Paul Tonko received 48 votes, James Burhmeister--13 votes and Phillip Steck--7 votes.

Students were also asked what issues were most important to them. They voted that the government should focus most of its resources on health care and the economy.



Seventh and eighth graders enjoyed the ropes courses adventures at Camp Olam.

Jewish Museum

You are invited to view the first Jewish Museum of the year on Conference day on November 11, 2008. The display will be in the teacher's workroom on the main floor.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday, November 11th with 2nd grade taking place on Monday, November 10th and 5th grade on Wednesday, November 13th. Letters were sent home in kiddie mail today, please check your child's backpack. Thank you!

On the 2nd night of Chanukah



**BET SHRAGA
HEBREW
ACADEMY**



Has two words for you...

SHLOCK ROCK

**Refreshments
Available**

All proceeds to
benefit the
Bet Shraga
Hebrew Academy



Questions
Contact
Jen Jarose
at HACD
482-0464

**Sponsored by
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Parent Org.**

**December 22, 2008
6:30pm**

Limited Seating Available

Advance Tickets - \$10
Family Package: \$45 for 5 tickets
Premier Seating - \$18
Children 5 and under are free
At the Door - \$13

Where?

**Congregation
Ohav Shalom
115 Krumkill Road
Albany, NY 12208**

Please send reservations and payment to HACD 54 Sand Creek Rd., Albany, NY 12205

Credit Cards are accepted, please call HACD at 482-0464

All tickets will be available for pick up the Friday before or can be picked up the night of the concert (HACD Families will receive them in kiddie mail).

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.



NEW! Challahs are from Rockland Bakery, and are Parve/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
11/7/08			
11/14/08			
11/21/08			
12/5/08			
12/12/08			
12/19/08			
			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.

Box Tops for Education:



 **You and Your School**

CONGRATULATIONS HACD!!! We collected and submitted 875 box tops for the October 31, 2008 deadline. That earns \$87.50 for our school. Keep up the great work! I apologize that we were unable to recognize every individual who contributed to our success of the last year. As we move forward in the new school year, please remember to put your name on your submission form for proper credit. Please trim box tops and submit either 10 or 25 as noted on the form. Other numbers can be submitted loosely in envelopes or ziplock bags.

Remember that we can earn up to \$20,000 in box tops alone! We can earn up to \$60,000 by utilizing all 3 components of the program.

PARENTS: Please register online and support HACD at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Every NEW person who joins the on line booster club earns HACD MONEY! Join now!

Here are some **collection tips** to get you started:

- The Box Top coupon MUST BE INTACT and INCLUDE the EXPIRATION date to be valid
- Box Top coupon must not have expired – check the dates!
- Please do not submit Betty Crocker points or Campbell Soup Labels on the Box Top form.

Collection forms can be downloaded at the website and are included in the monthly Parent Org newsletters. Contact Deborah Gold daygold@nycap.rr.com if you would like some collection forms emailed to you.

The Israel Education Center
Rochie Rubin, Program Coordinator

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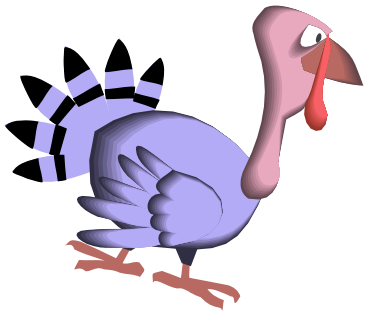
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Leave the Kids at Home!

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 names for reservations; call 518-482-0464



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.