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**E-Shabbaton #3**  
Friday, September 19, 2008  
19 Elul 5768

Friday, September 19, 2008      Light Candles at 5:39 pm  
Shabbat September 20, 2008      Shabbat Ends at 6:39 pm

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

**Calendar Reminders:**

Monday, September 22, 2008	3:00pm Math Counts
Tuesday, September 23, 2008	3:30pm Drama Kids
	7:00pm Elementary Meet the Teacher Night
Wednesday, September 24, 2008	
Thursday, September 25, 2008	3:30pm Chess Club
	7:00pm Middle School Meet the Teacher Night
Friday, September 26, 2008	1:40pm Oneg
Tuesday, December 6, 2008	Adult Comedy Night
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**

“Don’t Worry, Be Happy”

This week’s Torah portion, *Ki Tavo* outlines the curses the Jewish people will face if they don’t follow the commandments in the Torah.

Towards the end of that section, we read the following clarification:

(Devarim 28:47-48) “Because you did not serve your God amid gladness and goodness of heart, when everything was abundant. So you will serve your enemies whom God will send against you. . . .”

The Torah proceeds to describe how terrible the conditions will be resulting from the Jewish people’s lack of happiness as they worship God. When reading this section, many wonder why the punishments should be so severe for the absence of just one, seemingly simple ingredient. After all, it’s possible that the Jews were doing everything right but just missing that one element of *simcha* (happiness)!

Rabbi Mandlebaum suggests that if a person does a mitzvah without proper focus and without feeling happy, it’s possible that he is showing it is of little value to him. If it’s not important to us, it may not be important to the One we’re worshipping. When we realize we have an abundance of something significant- such as a Torah, a guide to life, it makes us feel happy.

If our children enjoy their education here and their experience in our Jewish community, they will learn to value it. The pleasure of learning and doing acts of kindness implants in our students a desire to continue. If we treat our part of the deal- the mitzvot- with care, the Jewish people are promised a special connection and protection.

Have a happy Shabbat!

Rabbi Rami Strosberg

## Kindergarten Happenings



Kindergarten students are gaining a wealth of knowledge by using seasonal nature. Ms. Pregont brought in tall sunflowers. Look what they learned from examining the sunflowers:

- Measured it's height
- Compared their height to that of the sunflower
- Counted the number of seeds by 10's
- Learned about great artists who have painted sunflowers
- Fashioned a sponge painting of their own
- Tasted the sunflower seeds

Who is taller...Max Carothers  
or the sunflower?

Maya Terry finds out that learning to write  
your numbers can be lots of fun when you  
get to write them in shaving cream!



- 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](mailto: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 classrooms.

**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.**

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](mailto:jjarose@hacdalbany.com). Checks should be made payable to HACD. Please denote in memo section: Heritage Hand.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name(s) of child(ren) to sponsor

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

Total sponsorship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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