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**E-Shabbaton #4**  
Friday, September 26, 2008  
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Friday, September 26, 2008  
Shabbat September 27, 2008

Light Candles at 6:27 pm  
Shabbat Ends at 7:27pm

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

**Calendar Reminders:**

Monday, September 29, 2008  
Tuesday, September 30, 2008  
Wednesday, October 1, 2008  
Thursday, October 2, 2008  
Friday, October 3, 2008  
Sunday, December 14, 2008

Erev Rosh Hashana – no school  
Rosh Hashana – no school  
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3:30pm Chess Club  
1:40pm Oneg  
5:00pm River Rats Game  
Adult tickets \$13.00, children under 12/seniors \$9.00  
Singers Free

**The Administration, Faculty and Staff wish you all a happy, healthy and sweet New Year!  
L'Shana Tovah**

**A Dvar Torah from Rabbi Rami**

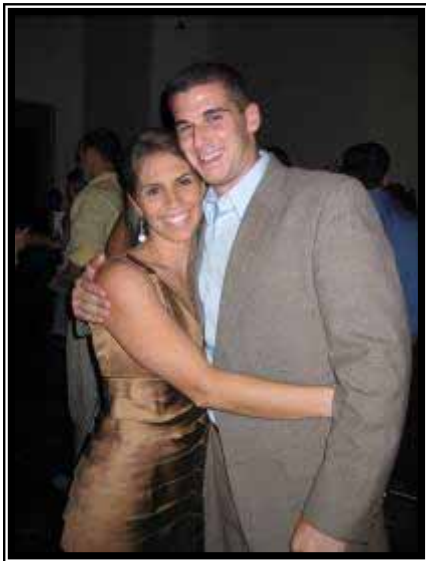
On a Rosh Hashana about 70 years ago, Rav Kook spoke of three kinds of shofrot. The best shofar is the *shofar shel ayil*, a shofar made from a ram's horn. This is the ideal type to be used on Rosh Hashanah since it connects us back to the "binding of Isaac" when Avraham offered a ram in place of his son. We invoke the merit of this faith in our Prayers. If a ram's horn is not available then we are permitted to use a shofar made from the horn of any kosher animal except that of a cow because we fear that using a cow's horn will invoke the opposite of what we want on our judgment day- a reminder of the sin of the golden calf. The third best type to use is a horn from any animal, even a non-kosher one. If this type is used, no blessing is recited over the blowing.

There seems to be much discussion concerning this mitzvah. While some believe that the shofar is just a mere blast to excite the children and to keep congregants awake during long hours of services, the purpose of the shofar according to the Rambam is to awaken us to repent. It is a clarion call, a siren that breaks through the hum of everyday life and calls to us to wake up from our sleep, from our preoccupation with things that are fleeting and mundane. We are reminded that as Jews, our mission is to elevate our lives and the world around us.

We have an opportunity this week to rethink our goals for the year, to reconsider our priorities and to receive a second chance at getting it right. It is an appropriate time to evaluate the way we treat others, the amount we give of ourselves, and the extent to which we are involved with the things we value. As a school we hope to take advantage of this time period and model for our students the importance of introspection. The morning shofar blast, throughout the month of Elul sets the tone for the season and focuses us on our mission.

On behalf of Ms Silber, Mr Miller and the faculty and staff of Bet Shraga, I wish everyone a *shana tova umituka, kitiva v'chatima tova l'alter l'chaim tovim ulishalom*, a sweet new year. May we all be inscribed in the book of life immediately for a life of blessing and peace.

Rabbi Rami Strosberg



## Mazel Tov!!!

Mazel Tov to Avi (HACD '97) and Heather Rasowsky on their marriage last weekend in Austin, Texas. Avi is the son of Carol and Berry Rasowsky. Their 5 children attended Bet Shraga! Avi and Heather live in Houston.

Attending the wedding were 5 of Avi's friends who attended Bet Shraga with him from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Also pictured below are Avi's 4 siblings and other HACD friends.

Back row, left to right: Jesse Rasowsky '00, Jeremy Scher '95, Oren Rasowsky '03, Lisa Jacobs '95, Dan Scher '97 (best man), Yaffa Rasowsky '95, Avi Rasowsky '97, Amir Rasowsky '93,

Bottom row, left to right: Jason Weinstein '97, Tami Jacobs '97, Isaac Matzner '97, Shira Arcus '97



Drop in for  
Bagels and Coffee

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008**

All HACD Parents  
are Welcome  
please meet in the  
Board Room



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 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.**

## Today Rabah

Donations for the months of June, July and August 2008

### Library Fund

Gary & Rosalind Judd in honor of Malka Evan receiving the 07/08 Heritage Award

### General Contribution

Ruthie & Joel Simon in honor of their new son Avery Lou Simon

Ruth and Loe Phaff in memory of Norman Brickman, Sheldon Sollosy and Hy Rosen's sister Mary Patlen

Jeffery A. Hershberg General Donation to the school

Nini Wu and Ira Zackon donation to the office fish tank

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support.**

**HACD Soccer Program**

We're off to a great start, with over 30 children registered to play with us on Sunday mornings. Joel and Tammy Weingarten have been coaching the younger children and working on basic skills. The older children are working on team play and game strategy. All around, very impressive.

Many thanks to Chuck Nichols and Ryan Miller for getting the goals set up for us. And thanks to Mike Waldman for getting us a new case of line paint for the field.

And, of course, thanks to all of the parents who help on the field and on the sidelines.

The latest HACD Soccer Shirt is being designed. We will be putting in our order for the team soon. If you are interested in getting one for yourself or as a gift , contact Jon Rosen. Each shirt is \$12 and come in sizes: Youth S,M,L and Adult S,M,L,XL,XXL.



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