



Bet Shraga  
**Hebrew Academy**  
 of the Capital District



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## SHABBATON

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### CALENDAR

Monday, December 27  
 NO SCHOOL Winter Break

Tuesday, December 28  
 NO SCHOOL Winter Break

Wednesday, December 29  
 NO SCHOOL Winter Break

Thursday, December 30  
 NO SCHOOL Winter Break

Friday, December 31  
 NO SCHOOL Winter Break

#### Candle Lighting times for December 2010

Friday, Dec. 24th - Light 4:08pm

Saturday, Dec. 25th - End 5:14pm

Friday, Dec. 31st - Light 4:14pm

Saturday, Jan. 1st - End 5:19pm

All of the Faculty and Staff at HACD would like to wish the entire Bet Shraga Family a happy and healthy winter vacation!



We all wish Rachel Anisfeld and her family, Tim, Margalit and Medad Lytton a wonderful trip to Israel !

We will miss you!

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## *Fourth Grade Students Go Back in Time* *Mrs. Balmer*

During Social Studies the fourth grade students have traveled back in time to the early 1600s to learn about the early native people of New York State. On their journey they discovered that these native people called themselves the Hudenosaunee which means “people of the longhouse”, but they were called the Iroquois by their Algonquian enemies. Iroquois means “rattlesnake” in Algonquian.

The fourth graders separated into small clans just like the Hudenosaunee. Each group selected a clan name, such as Wolf Clan, Bear Clan or Turtle Clan. The children are exploring clan life and are participating in activities as a clan. Each clan member recorded an important event to pass down to future generations. The event was recorded in the form of a wampum belt. It's commonly believed that wampum was used for money, but the clan members can tell you that it was used to record important events and was a sign of honor and truth. Here are some samples of their handiwork





**COACH'S CORNER**  
*Coach Ryan Miller*



**The HACD Lions boys and girls basketball  
results from this weekends games:**

**3/4 Girls lost to Holy Names - 17-6**

**7/8 Girls lost to Holy Spirit - 40-33**

**7/8 Boys lost to Holy Spirit - 42-32 on Saturday**

**Sunday they lost to St. Ambrose - 46-28**

**Their record is now 2-2.**

**5/6 Boys lost to St. Pius 32-31**

**and now have a 2-1 record.**

**Thank you to Jim Levine for donating his 50/50 winnings  
back to HACD!**



# **HACD BASKETBALL CHALLENGE!**

**Excitement for all ages!**

**Bet Shraga HACD 8th Grade invites you to the  
HACD Basketball Challenge.**

**7th and 8th graders**

**VS.**

**Parents, Administration and Teachers**

**When: January 22, at 6:30pm**

**Where: Bet Shraga HACD Gym**

**Cost: \$5/person, \$20/family maximum (6 & under free)**

**\$10 EARLYBIRD ADMISSION: Entry, 2 slices of pizza,  
dessert, and drink if you reserve by January 17th.**

**Send reservation checks to the HACD office.**

**Contact/Sign up to play:**

**Mark "The Howitzer" Israel at : [israel444@hotmail.com](mailto:israel444@hotmail.com)**

**Pete "Pistol" Benson at: [pb7171@yahoo.com](mailto:pb7171@yahoo.com)**

## **New HACD Kippah**

**We are pleased to announce that we are offering HACD Kippah for our students at a cost of \$3.00.**

**It is a solid blue suede Kippah proudly displaying the Bet Shraga Torah logo. The white cloth version is no longer available for purchase.**

**If your child forgets to bring a kippah to school, please consider helping him or her by ordering a few extras to be kept in his or her locker/cubby. That will avoid your child having to make unnecessary trips to the office**



## **SIMCHATON LUNCH & LEARN HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Students from the eighth grade are invited to the Simchaton monthly lunch and learn high school program. Each month, a different teacher presents a program of interest to young people. Programs take place on Shabbat afternoons at 12:30.

The next program will occur on Saturday, January 8, at Ohav Shalom, from 12:30 - 2:00, in the library. I look forward to seeing our eighth graders at these wonderful sessions of food for thought, and also, the body.

February 5 - Temple Israel, Sandra Goldmeer, Teacher

March 5 - Temple Israel, Lily Kowalski, Teacher

April 2 - Temple Israel, Les Fisher, Teacher

May 7 - Temple Israel, Rebecca Roberts, Teacher

Lenora Pfeffer  
Coordinator

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