

Maimonides Community

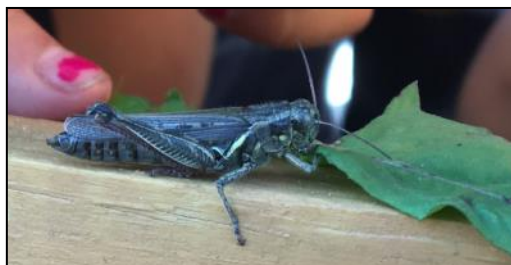
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6:00
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6:58

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GRASSHOPPER DAY IN THIRD

3rd graders were so excited to share this connection for the newsletter! On the very same day this week they learned in different subjects: (1) that certain grasshoppers are Kosher, especially in Sephardic traditions (2) how the scouts entering Israel felt small like grasshoppers in the eyes of the giant natives (3) and then during recess outside that day they saw this grasshopper! Why is this a front page cover story? Because it shows how our students of all ages "get it" about the value of interconnected learning and are eager and enthusiastic to share it!

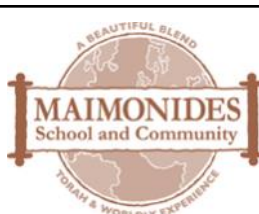


MARV GARFINKEL, OBM

A research physicist and administrator at GE Research in fields such as solid-state physics and superconductivity, Marv Garfinkel has been a dynamic force in Jewish life of this area, especially in Schenectady. He was president of Schenectady Federation in the time leading up to its merger with Albany, creating the Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY. He attended Yeshiva Torah v'Daas in Brooklyn, and trained many a Torah reader during his long upstate NY career. He was behind Daughters of Sarah's expansion of services, active at Jewish Family Services and Schenectady JCC. As a Federation representative, Marvin visited Maimonides and was impressed by the advanced curriculum in both Jewish & General Education, especially as someone with a solid education in both. May his memory be a blessing, condolences to his family.

MOSCOWITZ CONDOLENCES

The Chicago Jewish community and Chabad communities all over the country are mourning the tragic and senseless death of 24-year-old Eliyahu Moscowitz who was shot in a city park on Shmini Atzeret. Closer to home, our heartfelt condolences to Morah Chana and Rabbi Motti, as Eliyahu was her cousin.



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MAKING RAINBOW PATTERNS

Nursery students had several rainbow (for the rainbow in this week's Torah portion after the Flood) activity stations which they rotated between. *Top*: they had a arc-shaped basket and a big box of colored pom-poms to arrange in a rainbow format. *Above*: students were given rainbow beads to string onto a pipe-cleaner, with the goal of creating a rainbow-esque pattern of colors. Both lessons in fine motor skills and color coordination!

HOPING FOR MORE T.T.N. !!!

Rabbi Michael Caras will be meeting with our 8th grade boys this coming week to discuss possible new episodes of Torah Times News...

*This MC Newsletter is dedicated
in loving memory of
Bubbe Risha Piekarski
Yartzeit on Shabbos: Cheshvan 4
By her daughter Morah Rochel
and Rabbi Yisroel Rubin & family*

COMMISSIONER DEB RITANO

Deb Ritano is a long time good friend of the Jewish community and has just been appointed by the Albany County Legislature to be its new commissioner on aging. Mazal Tov on this new position. We know you will utilize all powers and resources at your disposal for the greater good of the community.

GINA PEARL, OBM

Gina and her husband Dr. Manuel Pearl were very involved in the Albany Jewish community, he was a doctor, she taught at Hebrew Academy, they were both knowledgeable Jews and role models here until their move to Atlanta in retirement to be with their son, a respected Jewish educator Dr. Simcha Pearl. Gina's father was Rabbi Simcha Bunim Petrushka, first of Poland and then Montreal, who authored a Yiddish translation of the Mishna, a lesser-known Mishnaic commentary that Rabbi Rubin treasures for its richness. May her memory & legacy be a blessing.

UALBANY HOLIDAY CHANGE

UAlbany alumni etc. may consider this:
tinyurl.com/UAlbanyHolidayChangePetition



TANACH 929 @ CBAJ

65% of the 929 chapters of Tanach (Jewish Bible) have already been assigned, if you'd like to join this learn-on-your-own communal local study of Tanach (to be completed by Yom Yerushalayim in June) you can sign up using this link: <http://hadranalach.com/571>

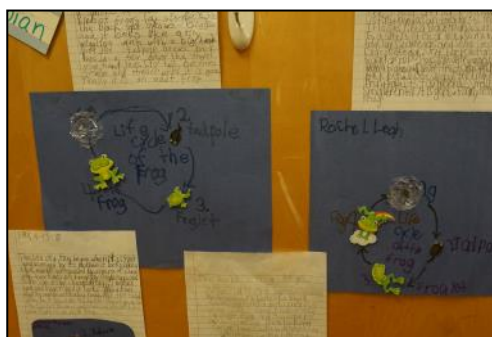
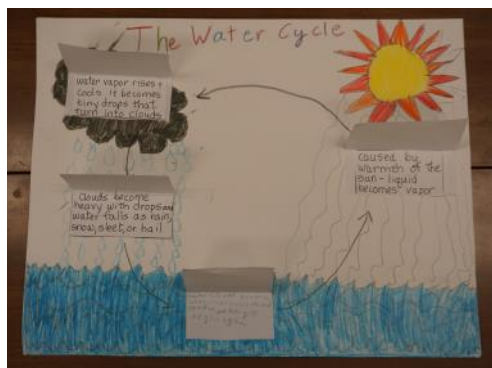
CPR FIRST-AID COURSE IN HS

Our HS and 8th grade girls had the first of 4 lessons in CPR and First-Aid this month, given by two instructors from the YMCA.



YOUR FAMILY SHIELD

One day this week Mrs. Maher's 4th graders filled out an imaginary "family shield" or crest like the nobility of old, using information about their family & descriptions matching criteria & questions from the sheet.

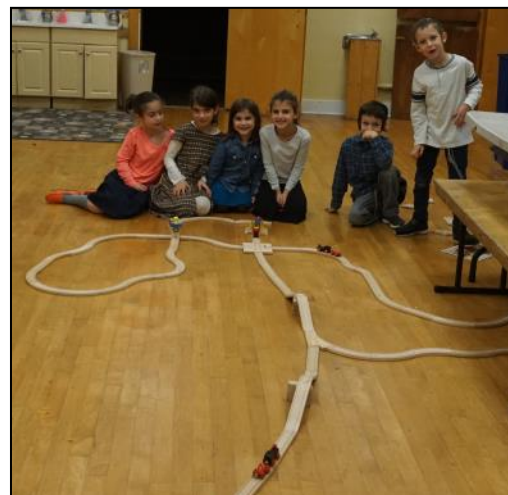


TWO TYPES OF SCIENCE CYCLES

Top: Mrs. Maher's 4th grade science class is learning about the Water Cycle and made these "open-the-flap" illustrated descriptions of the steps in the process. *Above:* Mrs. Mattice's 2nd graders are learning about amphibians and did this report on the life-cycle of a frog through the stages of egg to tadpole etc., which they wrote up as a detailed paragraph accompanied by a visual 3D illustration—hanging on their classroom door.

WAR HORSE—THE BOOK

Sixth graders are now reading War Horse, a book about a horse from England named Joey, the setting is WWI and the mix of the two is what makes this story an interesting one, an different angle with which to see the war.



LITTLE TRAIN THAT COULD

These second graders had a fun time setting up all of this wooden train track, working its way around the school lunchroom.

AIR PRESSURE ON ALL SIDES

4th graders were eager to share what they learned with Mrs. Maher about air pressure, specifically how air exerts pressure in all directions, inside & out—what would happen if the pressure would only be one-sided!

THIN FILM INTERFERENCE

Kindergarteners don't (yet) understand this



concept but they did enjoy doing a hands-on experiment that demonstrates it. Morah Chani had them soak a dark paper in water, and drop in a few droplets of clean nail polish. Once the paper came out

and dried it was coated in rainbow spots! The reason is "thin film interference" which also explains why you see a rainbow effect on soap bubbles, on some lenses or in slick oily water.

BACK TO BACK INSTRUCTIONS

Another hands-on Parsha experiment from



Kindergarten. Students sat back to back, each with a small stack of the same Lego pieces. Each partner had to communicate to

the other what to do with the Lego pieces without turning around or seeing them pieces!

MINYAN & ISRAEL REGARDS

At the Rosh Chodesh Minyan at school this Tuesday, an 8th grader reads the Torah while Rabbi Michoel Caras is called for his first Aliya back from Israel with the HaGomel blessing. Michoel shared with us beautiful impressions of the Levin wedding (which he and Mrs. Devorah Leah Kaufman traveled to Israel for) that was celebrated in an outdoor setting in what felt like Gan Eden (especially coming from the Breishis Parsha last week).

TRYING THE LONG TACHANUN

It's been a while since we said Tachanun in the daily prayers, but on Thursday, the day after Rosh Chodesh it came back into the routine of weekday prayers. Our boys davening class usually does not have enough time to say Tachanun, but as part of an effort to introduce new & less familiar parts on occasion, Rabbi Mendel had them read aloud stanzas near the end of the long Tachanun prayer (said on Mondays and Thursdays) and pointed out a stanza that has been turned into a Holocaust Remembrance melody and music video by the Syrian-Jewish singer Schwekey.

THE NEW TEHILLIM CLASS

Speaking of having a better understanding and appreciation of our prayers, Morah Raizy now has a twice a week Tehillim (Book of Psalms) class with the High School girls. Despite its familiarity, the Hebrew of Psalms is quite challenging, the words are rich, poetic and complex with many layers of meaning. They are learning it with commentary and are now beginning with the chapters of Psalms that correspond to their ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

at Maimonides and in the Community

UAlbany's Kosher Kitchen in the Indian Quad Dining Hall is open for lunch and dinner and is under Vaad Supervision. Visitor parking is located just outside Indian Quad. Call 518-442-2668 for info, menu and cost.

10/13: SHABBOS PARSHAS NOACH

Noach is quite the long Torah portion! Kiddush this Shabbat at Shomray Torah in memory of Morah Rochel's mother, Mrs. Risha Piekarski.

10/13: CBAJ STARTS MEGILLAH, A PAGE A WEEK

In addition to the Daf Yomi (daily Talmud page) cycle, CBAJ is beginning a weekly Talmud page as part of the Daf Hashavuah cycle, starting this Shabbat with the first page of tractate Megillah. Study day of the week TBD.

10/14: THE "HALFMOON MARKET" IN THE PARK

This market is only open for one weekend (twice a year, October and April) located inside the Lakehouse in Washington Park, with vendors and crafts-people. Hours this Sunday are 11am-5pm.

10/14: TWO FARMERS MARKETS OPEN SUNDAYS

Year-round Schenectady Greenmarket 10am-2pm at intersection of Franklin & Jay Streets near Schenectady City Hall (it moves inside Proctors for winter). And the new Guilderland Farmers Market 10am-3pm at 6147 State Farm Rd.

10/14: SWING DOCS BAND AT BETH ISRAEL

Swing Docs Band Concert, 3-5pm at the Beth Israel Synagogue, 2195 Eastern Parkway, Schenectady. \$12. Viennese dessert table. More info? 518-377-3700.

10/14: MABEE FARMS HISTORIC SITE FALL FEST

A lot is happening in Schenectady this Sunday! Mabee Farms historic site has a Fall Foliage Festival, 11am-4pm at 1100 Main Street in Rotterdam Junction. Pony rides, hay rides, pumpkin painting and more--and it seems to be free!

10/14: GOOLD ORCHARDS APPLE & CRAFT FESTIVAL

9am to 5pm at Goold Orchards in Schodack. Free parking, \$10pp admission, kids 12 and under are free. More info at www.Goold.com

10/14: POWER OF H2O AT THATCHER PARK

2pm program on water's many forms and powers at the Thatcher Park Visitor Center. RSVP to: 518-872-1237. Cost is \$6 per car Sunday park fee.

10/14: ALAN DERSHOWITZ, HEADLINER SERIES

Federation brings famous attorney Alan Dershowitz to speak for its Headliner Series (open for those giving \$5K annually or lifetime \$100K to Federation), 6:30-9pm at CBAJ. More Info? 518-783-7800/adrucker@jewishfedny.org

10/15: GIRLS SCOUT TROOP TRY-OUT NIGHT

Girls in grades 3-5 (and parents) are welcome to come try out local troop 1150 which has girls from Maimonides, Hebrew Academy and Montessori. More info? contact Nirit: 518-265-7997 or email: AlbanyGSTroop1150@gmail.com

10/15: MONDAY AFTERSCHOOL MONTHLY MISHMAR

\$2 per child covers supplies, 3:30-4:30pm, by Girls HS for girls grades 3+. No Boys Mishmar this time, but boys grades 3+ supervised for the hour if needed.

10/16: ZAYIN (7TH OF) CHESHVAN

We switch to "Tal uMatar" in the middle of the daily Amidah, every year there is a special assembly at school on this date, also commemorating Rabbi Meir Shapiro's (Daf Yomi founder) yartzeit (as part of our Salo's Beit Medrash at Maimonides). It's on Tuesday, October 16th. Stay tuned!

10/16: DEADLINE FOR CHIDON SIGNUPS

Chidon613.com is the registration site for parents who want to their children (in grades 4-8) to possibly participate in the Chidon this year. This is not a commitment but parents who do not register by the 7th of Cheshvan will not be able to participate. If you have questions please speak to Morah Dini. Also, if students want Yahadus books for home use and review (very helpful) they are approx. \$50 each and need to be ordered ASAP.

10/26-27: URBAN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE AT CBAJ

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Unger teaches at Wagner College and is a Rabbi in Bayonne NJ. He will be at CBAJ to speak on urban policy and Jewish thought.

10/28: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN JEWISH COMMUNITY

Dr. Amy Weintraub of Manhattan (also of Albany) directs Center for Victim Support at Harlem Hospital and will speak on this issue at Beth Emeth, 10am on Sunday. Info? dsokoler@bethemethalbany.org or 518-436-9761 x230

11/4: CHABAD SHLUCHIM KINUS BANQUET

Sunday evening, see it streaming live online.

11/4: FEDERATION'S GRAND EVENT WITH LIEL L.

6pm at Agudat Achim in Schenectady, featuring Tablet Magazine Editor and talented and insightful writer Liel Liebovitz speaking on "How the wise ol' sage of Rock and Roll saved my life". This event is open to Federation contributors of \$1,000 annually per family.

11/9-11/11: R' HAMMER SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Rabbi Shalom Hammer of Israel (who once spoke at Maimonides) will be the weekend scholar-in-residence all Shabbat at Cong. Beth Israel in Schenectady culminating with the Jack Lauber Memorial Lecture on Sunday.

11/17: DAUGHTERS OF SARA MYSTERY CHALLENGE

7:30-10:30pm at the NYS Museum, a fun, engaging annual benefit with proceeds going to the DOS Senior Community.

12/9: VIOLINS OF HOPE--A HOLOCAUST FILM

Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library on Moe Road screens "Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust" 6pm. Yehoshua Sussman will also play melodies. Sponsored by Clifton Park Chabad. Info? 518-495-0772.

12/9: A JOINT COMMUNAL CHANUKAH EVENT...

Stay tuned for something special planned for the last evening (& second Sunday) of Chanukah. Still in the works, more details soon.

12/10: ANNUAL MAIMONIDES RAFFLE-AUCTION

It's not too early to start thinking about prize packages to solicit or donate for this school fundraiser. The event and drawings will be Monday, the 8th and last day of Chanukah. If you'd like help, call Raizy 518-772-7299.

NOT ALL SCHOOL NEWS & PICS FIT... MORE NEXT WEEK!

DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL RAFFLE-AUCTION

The Raffle-Auction isn't until the last day of Chanukah, but now is the time (This Week!) to get the prize packages together. If you'd like to donate a package or towards one, or would like to solicit businesses for their products or services please be in touch with Raizy: 518-772-7299



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