

Maimonides Community

BH. RC Kislev 1, 5779 / Nov 9, 2018

Community Newsletter of the Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District
404 Partridge Street Albany NY 12208 (518) 453-9363/3434 www.maimonidesschool.org
produced by Rabbi Mendel Rubin & students in the TNT (Torah 'n Technology) Program

Maimonides is accredited by the NYS Board of Regents & is a beneficiary of UJF-NENY maimonidesschool@gmail.com

Candle-Lighting:

4:20

Shabbos Ends:

6:29

תולדות



THE ANNUAL LENTIL SOUP

It is a right of passage at Maimonides! Every



year on Parshat Toldot, when we read in the Torah about the lentil soup Jacob sold to Esau for the birthright, Morah Devorah and her



students cook up a delicious lentil soup to be shared with other classes. Not only did they make actual lentil soup in a pot, but they also each drew a lentil soup on paper and wrote down all the ingredients alongside their illustration—in Hebrew!

TZIYON'S BAR-MITZVAH



Mazal Tov to Tziyon S. on his Bar-Mitzvah this coming week. He will be called to the Torah for the first time on Thursday morning Nov 15th at Shomray Torah, followed by a breakfast and a Kiddush next Shabbos, Nov 17th. Mazal Tov to Tziyon and to his family & friends. Much Nachas!



MAIMONIDES
404 Partridge Street
Albany NY 12208



ROOF GOING UP ON OUR NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The spacious outdoor classroom is one of the three new spaces of our Science Lab/STEAM Makerspace project. The roof going up (as well as the adjacent closed storage shed) will make it useable for more of the school year. Do you have ideas for outdoor science & nature tools and equipment we can get?

MON: PARENT-TEACHER CONF

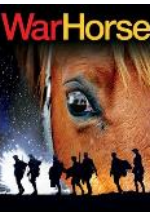
No school this coming Monday on Veterans Day (observed) to allow for Parent-Teacher Conferences.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents: please note the specific slots and be timely so that all parents and teachers can have the time to meet. The schedule was emailed to parents and will also be sent home in hard copy.

100 YEARS SINCE WWI (1918)



Veterans Day 11/11 was originally Armistice Day, which marked the end of WWI in 1918. 6th graders are reading "War Horse" a WWI novel from the perspective of a horse.

*This MC Newsletter is dedicated
in loving memory of
Rabbi Gaby & Rivky Holzberg
Leibush Feitelbaum, Benzion Kruman,
Yocheved Opraz & Norma Rabinowitz
killed by terrorists 10 years ago
Rosh Chodesh Kislev
in the Mumbai Chabad Nariman House*



ABSORBING & AFFECTING

The fancy term for this science experiment is capillary action which is how liquid is sucked into and absorbed within the celery stalks and changes their color. Kindergarteners did this with Mrs. Hoffman using stalks of celery and colored water. It's also a nice lesson about education, what we learn and absorb does affect, change and colors who we are and become!



MAZAL TOV HOLZERS

Mazal Tov to Maimonides alumna Samara (Harris) and David Holzer on the birth of a baby boy this past Friday Night. Much Nachas!



UNDER THE SEA

First graders wrote illustrated sentences on sea life, accented by real sea shells that their

teacher Mrs. Mattice brought in to class. They keep getting better and better with each illustrated sentence project they work on.



OCEAN ANIMALS DIORAMAS

Second graders are also learning about sea animals in reading and science and made these dioramas about ocean animals of all types and sizes and their underwater habitats.



TRIP TO THE VIA AQUARIUM

All their oceanic learning tied right in to a field trip to Via Aquarium in Rotterdam! First and second graders enjoyed this special outing with Morah Devorah, Mrs. Mattice

A BIG WEEK AT THE OCEAN

Not only 1st & 2nd grade, but Kindergarten read a non-fiction book about life in the ocean and how different sea creatures move about, and the different types of food they eat.



DRINK-SALE ON TUESDAY

Please note the day change. Drink sale will now be on Tuesdays instead of Monday. The weather is turning colder, so the hot cocoa may be even more appreciated! More info, allergy questions, to set up a tab, contact 8th grade boys: MHDSdrinksale@gmail.com

KINDERGARTEN GUIDED ARTWORK

Morah Chani's Kindergarten students are doing really nice pieces of art for each of the Hebrew letters. Pictured here are Vav Varod (red roses for the letter Vav) and Zayin Zebras. In addition to making something beautiful in which they can take pride, it's also an exercise in instructions and patterns, using basic building blocks of shapes to create a bigger picture. It also supports and reinforces the important balance between format & flexibility, guidance and independence, conformity and individuality.



NOTE ABOUT RECYCLING

Reminder: All blue recycling bins at school are ONLY for paper products as that is our primary recyclable and Predel Paper recycling makes special pickups at school for direct paper recycling. The only blue recycling bin at school that's for all types of single-stream recycling (cans, tins, plastic bottles etc) is the big blue bin in the lunchroom at "Nathan's Kitchen".

RABBI RUBIN'S RECYCLING SHAIMOS AND STEAM IDEA

Rabbi Rubin has been doing a lot of research and innovation into the concept of recycling and upcycling used Mitzvot. In learning various Talmudic, Halachic and Responsa original sources with our 8th grade boys, Rabbi Rubin developed a theory that perhaps recycling Shaimos (used religious) paper to use for further Torah learning would be an even better approach than burying it. Look for a possible future STEAM project to try and recycle school Shaimos to use for writing new Torah learning... Stay tuned!



BBQ VAYIGASH SIYUM

6th grade finished Parsha Vayigash with Rabbi Mathless so they enjoyed a Siyum party at his home. Thanks to the parents who sent in all kinds of yummy foods and treats. Besides the food, they tried to stump Rabbi Mathless with all types of Vayigash questions, which made the Siyum lots of fun but also filled with good learning. The next Parsha they finish will conclude the whole Sefer Breishis!

STROLLER REQUEST

A family in the community is reaching out to see if anyone has a good quality double-stroller that's no longer in use. If you have one for this family please contact Rabbi Rubin: 518-423-4103.

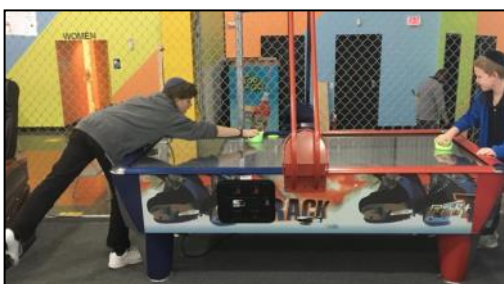
HEBREW TUTORING

Tahel is available if anyone needs tutoring for Hebrew or Hebrew regents. Call (845) 537-5790



AGAMOGRAPH IN ART CLASS

This past Friday Morah Rivi taught art class students the unique kinetic art style of Yakov Agam which depends a lot on perspective and motion. This artwork changes according to the position and perspective of the viewer (which is an important life message about perspective in general) you see something totally different from another angle.



FRIDAY FUN OUTING

Also this past Friday, Simmy Rubin took the 6-8 grade boys on a fun outing to the arcades at Flight (the bounces were closed) and then to bowling. It's good to get out and let off a little energy & bond together as a group.

HEBREW/YIDDISH LAST NAMES

The difference in spelling! Morah Dini's Ivrit class detoured into how variations of last name spellings based on Yiddish or Hebrew. They are learning the difference in how the 2 languages use vowels (which changes spelling).

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

HS Global History is learning now about the French Revolution in the 1800s at the same time as our 11th graders are learning French language. They learned about the Womens Bread March at the same time as they learned (in a different class) French words for foods.



PUSH & PULL FACTORS

7/8 history class with Mrs. Ramsay is learning about the push/pull factors that affect migrations of people between countries or even

from one state to another. They discussed what immigrants face when they come to a new place and different ways how they deal with the challenges & opportunities they face.

GUNS IN THE SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Kelman heard local clergy speak very vocally against guns in a house of worship, which made him curious what classic Jewish texts would say about it. That led him to a Mishna and Gemorah in tractate Shabbos, which sparked a lively discussion in both the 8th grade boys and High School classes. This was theoretical research from a source text point of view, and didn't address the issue from practical, contemporary or political points of view.

BIODIVERSITY & MENORAH

HS girls biology class is learning biodiversity in ecosystems. In order for an ecosystem to survive and thrive there needs to be many different plants and animals to fill all of the different roles for them all to survive. Same is true of (Jewish) community every and every one is important to the greater whole. This connects well with the Menorah (whose spreading branches symbolize Jewish diversity & unity) that they are learning about now in Chumash class.

SOH CAH TOA & LAW OF SINE

In Math with Miss Coffey, 9/10th graders are learning about SOH CAH TOA and the Law of Sine. They are learning how to find missing angles and sides of a triangle.

4TH CHUMASH = PARSHA

This week 4th grade Chumash class lines up with the Parsha of the week Toldot. It's makes the Torah reading much more meaningful!

SUPPORT LOCAL KOSHER!

Kosher Price Chopper In addition to all the regular offerings, many weeks there is a hot dinner special to go. Call 518-456-2970*8 for info or see the menu online at: pricechopper.com/kosher-store There's also a new Facebook group with updates and specials, see: Kosher Store at Colonie Price Chopper on FB. **UAlbany's Kosher Kitchen** in the Indian Quad Dining Hall is open for lunch and dinner and is under Vaad Supervision. Visitor parking is near Indian Quad. Call 518-442-2668 for info, menu and cost.



THIRD GRADE BRACHA POSTERS

Morah Dini's 3rd graders had a Bracha Poster project that was presented this week at school, including: Birkat Kohanim, Morning Blessings, Elokai Neshoma, Birkat HaTorah and other blessings. Eliana not only made a Birkat HaTorah poster but also a beautiful display of Hillel on the Roof in the snow to demonstrate the cherished blessing of Torah learning.



PARSHA SENSORY BOX

This week Nursery's Parsha sensory box is full of raw lentils (think Jacob's Lentil Soup) with a variety of tools to pick them up with, push them around or measure or count them.

MISSING CALCULATORS

Ms. Coffey's math class is missing two expensive calculators, if they were misplaced or taken home accidentally, please make every effort to return them as they are in use and needed in school everyday for class.

MEZUZAH PATROL AT SCHOOL

Rabbi Shmuly took 6th graders on a Mezuzah tour around school to see which doorways are missing Mezuzahs or have loose ones, or which need new protective covers. They also discussed things like traffic flow in a home, and different ways that people go in and out of rooms and other areas. They wrote up a report and the school is working to get some new Mezuzahs and covers and better secure them, because our Mezuzahs get a lot of daily kissing!



TYPING TUTOR ON KEYBOARD

4th graders are learning how to type using computer programs. It gets easier each time!

YAHADUS CHIDON TEST TUES

Not having school this Monday may give our students more time to study for the first of three Yahadus tests on Tuesday. The tests come from Brooklyn, they can be tricky and technical, so the more review the better. No matter how students score on the tests they are learning a beautiful spectrum of Jewish law and observance and that itself is of most value!

THE SHORT STORY

Short stories can be harder to write than long ones! HS girls are reviewing and annotating short stories in English class.

MUSAF IN MISHNA, AND LIVE!



It was pretty cool that Rabbi Shmuly's Mishna classes learned about

Musaf in the week of Rosh Chodesh when we actually pray Musaf. Theory & practice!!

WORKERS FAIR TREATMENT



This is a subject that 8th grades are learning this week in both their history/social-studies class as well as in their Yahadus class based on Talmud & Halacha.

VENUS FLY TRAPS IN SCIENCE

Actually, they are now in our school! Ms. Brown brought in Venus Fly Trap plants, because the biology class is learning about producers (who make food from the sun's rays) and consumers (animals who get food by eating producers) and this plant is an interesting combination of both.

GETTING COLDER NEXT WEEK

Make sure children are dressed for it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

at Maimonides and in the Community

SCHOOL DATES

11/12: Monday, No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences.
11/21: Wednesday, half-day, Hebrew Only (before Thanksgiving)
11/22-24: No School Thanksgiving Break
12/7: No School on the Friday of Chanukah

11/9: FIRST SHORT FRIDAY AT SCHOOL

Now that the clocks changed, Friday dismissal is 2:15pm sharp and classes are shortened accordingly. Please be very timely for all pickups, especially this one!

11/10: SHABBOS PARSHAT TOLDOT KIDDUSHIM

A special Kiddush by Avi Rynderman this week at Shomray Torah in honor of his guests and by Neal & Gail Mandlebaum "in honor of meeting the warm Albany Jewish community who lovingly welcome and host our daughter Baila" CBAJ Kiddush by Deana & Seth Linfield in honor of Seth's parents yahrzeit.

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

Rabbi Shalom Hammer of Israel (spoke once at Maimonides) will be scholar-in-residence at Beth Israel in Schen with Lauber Memorial Lecture on Sunday.

11/10: "DIRTY JEWESS" A PERSONAL STORY

8pm at University Height Chabad features Sylvia Fishbaum to share her story & book "Dirty Jewess" about her experiences in post-war communism leading to a free Jewish life. Event is for graduate students & young professionals.

11/11: SCHNEUR ZALMAN'S UPSHERNISH

10:30am-12:30pm this Sunday at Maimonides. Dr. Yehoshua Moshe and Chaya Bracha Rubin look forward to sharing this Simcha with the community. Kindly RSVP to SZisthree@gmail.com.

11/12: VETERANS DAY: PARENT-TEACHER CONF

No School on Veterans Day (observed on Monday) there will be parent-teacher conferences instead. PARENTS stay tuned for meeting schedule. If you can not make it please let office know ahead of time, to adjust schedules.

11/12: ALBANY'S VETERANS DAY PARADE

Albany's 63rd annual Veterans Day Parade kicks off 11am at Central Avenue and Ontario Street. The parade proceeds east on Central Ave, Washington Avenue to Hawk Street, to the steps of the NYS Education Building.

11/12: ALBANY INSTITUTE: FREE ADMISSION

Albany Institute of History & Art has free admission this Monday, 10am-5pm.

11/13: FIRST OF THREE CHIDON TESTS

Tuesday is first of this year's qualifying Chidon tests. Use Monday to study!

11/13: NEW SCOTLAND TRAFFIC STUDY MEETING

5:30pm-7pm at 310 Manning Blvd (St. Peters Hospital Mercy Auditorium) for interactive meeting to present & discuss plans for the traffic study of the New Scotland/Whitehall/Buckingham area. This is important for community members to attend as it may affect walkability to Shul on Shabbos.

11/14: ABOVE THE DROWNING SEA—KRISTALNACHT

Jewish Federation & UAlbany Judaic Studies present a one-time screening of a film about a Chinese consul (in addition to the well-known Japanese Sugihara) who helped Jews of Vienna escape to Shanghai. 7pm at UAlbany's Page Hall (135 Western Ave) on downtown campus. Free. Open to the public.

11/15&17: SAMSON BAR-MITZVAH AND KIDDUSH

Netanel Tziyon Samson will be having his Bar-Mitzvah Aliyah on Thursday morning (7th of Kislev) followed by a brunch at the Shtiebel, as well as a Bar-

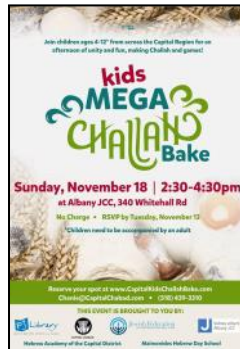
Mitzvah Kiddush that Shabbos (Nov 17th). Mazal Tov!!

11/17: FIRST SAT NIGHT PIZZA NIGHT

Stay tuned for the first pizza night of the season! This fundraiser supports extra-curricular activities and the year-end trip for our HS girls. 7:30pm. Rabbi Rubin will also give a Salo Beis Medrash on Recycled Mitzvos, with new findings and applications, worked on with the 8th grade boys.

11/17: DAUGHTERS OF SARA MYSTERY CHALLENGE

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



11/18: MEGA KIDS CHALLAH BAKE AT JCC

2:30-4:30pm, contact Chanie Simon coordinator for info: 439-3310 RSVP by Tues, 11/13 online form at: CapitalKidsChallahBake.com

11/19: AFTER-SCHOOL MISHMAR ACTIVITY

\$2pp to cover craft & snacks cost for girls in grades 3-8, run by the HS girls.

12/2: GREAT TRAIN EXTRAVAGANZA

Empire State Plaza 10am-4pm. Adults \$7pp, kids 12 and under are free. Even if you aren't in the market for a train set or accessories, there are many elaborate working train models to see & explore. Visit: GTEAlbany.com

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

Stay tuned for something special for the last evening (& 2nd Sunday) of Chanukah. Still in the works, details soon.

12/10: MAIMONIDES AUCTION

Look for your booklet in the mail, it should be arriving this weekend or by mid-week. See also: www.maimonidesschool.org/auction online.

12/21-25: JEWISH GIRLS WINTER RETREAT

Contact Nechama Laber for more information on this annual overnight midwinter camp experience: 518-727-9581 / NechamaLaber@gmail.com

SOME COMMUNAL CHANUKAH EVENTS PLANNED

Stay tuned for updates in upcoming MC Newsletters...

12/2: Sunday night, 1st Night! Chanukah programs at Bethlehem Chabad (south of Albany) and Clifton Park Chabad (north of Albany) and a Menorah Lighting at Troy's Victorian Stroll (to our north-east).

12/3: Monday night, Chanukah event at UAlbany for college students

12/4: Tuesday night: "Maccabees!" Visiting Wounded Israeli Soldiers at Shabbos House—event for both students and community

12/5: Wed night, Chanukah Bowling in Saratoga

12/6: Thursday, Friendship Circle Chanukah Event

12/7: CHANUKAH FRIDAY, NO SCHOOL AT MAIMONIDES

12/8: Sat Night Chanukah on Ice (Skating) at the YMCA in Delmar, stay tuned for Chanukah Menorah lighting at Colonie Center

12/9: Joint Chanukah event and Car Menorah Parades, stay tuned!!!

12/10: Chanukah Dinner & Raffle-Auction at Maimonides



MAIMONIDES SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

(Nursery / Elementary / High School) 404 Partridge Street Albany NY 12208
(518) 453-9363/3434 maimonidesschool@gmail.com

Founded in 1980, Maimonides is chartered by the NYS Board of Regents and is a JF-NENY Beneficiary "A Beautiful Blend: Torah & Worldly Experience!"

Supported by
Jewish Federation
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

