



Keshet קשת

The Official Newsletter of

the GERRARD BERMAN DAY SCHOOL

SOLOMON SCHECHTER OF NORTH JERSEY

George and Arline Haar Middle School

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Portion of the Week: Shabbat Shirah, Beshallah

GBDS Students and Parents “Step Up”

The calendar may say February, but GBDS is already gearing up for next year! On Tuesday, February 3, we held our annual “Step-Up Day.” In the morning, parents in grades Pre-K through four met with the teachers their children will have next year to learn about the curriculum and program. In the afternoon, the children in Pre-K through fifth grade had a chance to “step-up” and meet next year’s teachers and see what life will be like a year older. The children had a great time experiencing an older grade. Ask your child what he or she did!



Fifth grade parents are invited to meet the Middle School faculty on Friday, February 27 at 8:30 am.



If you were unable to attend Tuesday’s program, and would like more information about your child’s curriculum for next year, please don’t hesitate to call Rabbi Bernhardt, Mrs. Berger, Mr. Smolen, or Mrs. Scher. If needed, they will gladly put you in touch with the appropriate teacher.

GBDS Phys. Ed. Dept. is Jumping



Under the direction of Mrs. Carpenter, our Physical Education department is full of activity. Our basketball team, made up of 5th — 8th grade students is performing well. The co-ed team has games and weekly practices.

The 5th grade recently completed Leaps for Health, a program that monitors their physical activity outside of school. The students did great!

Grades 3 — 8 are learning to use pedometers during class. They are learning the importance of getting 10,000 –12,000 steps a day to be healthy.

Community News

Mazel Tov

To Rina and Burt Lerner on the birth of their first grandchild, Gabrielle Grace Halperin.

Refuah Shlemah...Get Well Soon

To Nancy Kennedy's mother, Evelyn Friedmann

IMPORTANT REMINDER CURRICULUM FAIR 2/10

Childcare is available on Tuesday, February 10 from noon — 6:00 pm. Registration is required. Please email gbds@ssnj.org to reserve your child's place.

The Wayne bus will depart at 12 noon. Two buses will be available to Fair Lawn; one departing at noon and one departing at 3:30 pm. If your child normally takes the Fair Lawn bus, please contact Mrs. Berger or the office to alert us as to which bus your child will be taking or if your child will be staying in after-care.

Todah Rabbah ... Thank you...

To the Aksen family for providing the Middle School with breakfast in honor of Mark's Bar-Mitzvah.

To Marcy Harvey for helping with Picture Retake Day.

To Rachel Greenwald, Sarah Zonenshine, Tiffany Shenman, Leonore Klein, Sylvia Berger, Donna Harris, Bob Smolen, and Corinne Jasinski for helping with Family Math Night.

To Atid Malka and Jordan Adler for being in charge of the Math Jeopardy game.

To Rebecca Friedman and Moshe Albilis for providing refreshments for Family Math Night.

To the Aksen family for providing breakfast for the Middle School in honor of Rosh Hodesh.

To Nancy Albilis and Leonard Aksen for driving Middle School students to the dance at Hebrew Academy of Morris County.

To Ellen Glassett for providing breakfast for the 4th Grade Parent Education Program.

Needed: Clean, gently used or new carpet for Music Room. Any shape or size. Please contact the office if you have one to donate.

Economic Crisis Resource Fair

Sponsored by UJA of Northern New Jersey

Sunday, February 8, 2009 1 – 5 pm

- Find out where to get help.
- Sessions on Bankruptcy, Foreclosure, Credit Counseling, Employment
- Learn about volunteer opportunities where you can make a difference!
- Community wide drives on basic necessities and toiletries that cannot be purchased with food stamps

For more information contact Alice Blass at 201-820-3978 or aliceb@ujannj.org

Camp Scholarship Available

The Berman Grandchildren/ Ruth Rosen Scholarship Fund is offering camp scholarships to children attending a summer camp or travel program run under the auspices of the Conservative movement (eg: Ramah, USY, etc.). Scholarships will most likely range from \$300-\$500 per student, depending upon the number of applicants approved. Preference will be given to students attending overnight programs, and must be 11-17 years old.

Applications will be available in the school office or on the UJA website, www.ujannj.org and should be forwarded to Rabbi Bernhardt. They are due by May 1, 2009.

The GBDS Annual Fund

Our school's Annual Fund provides vital support to our yearly Operating Budget. Tuition revenue alone does not fund the costs of our exceptional Judaic and General studies education, unique and engaging learning opportunities, and state-of-the-art technology.

The current economic crisis has made our Annual Fund more vital than ever. **As we ask others in our community to help support our school, we must demonstrate our own dedication by contributing to the Annual Fund.** All gifts are meaningful, and will help us fulfill our goal of 100% parent participation. Please do not think that your gift doesn't count...**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

We are most thankful to all the parents, grandparents, and community members who have donated to this year's Annual Fund. If you have not donated, please consider making a meaningful contribution. All gifts are important and are recognized.

Lauren Levy and Ronald Aboody	Deborah Silodor and Steven Goldfarb	Miracle Ink Recycling LLC
Liane and Joel Adler	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	Alex and Beth Paley
Irina and Leonard Aksen	David Goodman and Hope Schlossberg Goodman	Judith and Jerome Pitkowsky
Stacie and Yosef Atiya	Lin and Cliff Gordon	Ranni-Gilbert Agency
Margo and Seth Bader	Leah Matsil and Howard Greenberg	Elaine and Herman Schkolnick
Jacob Bakxt	Mr. and Mrs. Red Greenberg	Elaine and Sy Schlossberg
Lee Ann and Paul Beck	Renee and Donald Greenspan	Joan and Dan Silna
Sylvia and Irv Berger	Ann and Don Greenwald	Michelle and Scott Silodor
Rosalie and Larry Berman	Svetlana and Leonid Gurin	Eleanor and Arthur Siegel
Tami and Mark Berman	Marcia and Art Harvey	Shana and Mark Siegel
Rabbi Ellen and Steve Bernhardt	H & B Family Charitable Foundation	Sandy and Jeff Suchoff
The Black Family Charitable Foundation	Honeywell Hometown Solutions	Robert Suchoff
Sarah and Barry Blecherman	Beth and Ed Julie	Natalie and David Terdiman
Mr. and Mrs. Sid Blecherman	Mr. and Mrs. Eric H. Kahn	Ellen and David Teitelbaum
Annyssa and Jonathan Cantor	Tracy and Karl Kaplan	Lana and Howard Tiersky
Marcia and Benson Chapman	Cheryl and Larry Klein	Rosalie Walner
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cohen	Rina and Burt Lerner	Beth Wechsler Berman and Steven Wechsler
Phyllis Cohen	Laura Mufson and Bennett Leifer	Fern and Eric Weiss
Marlene and Jerry Fertel	Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Libes	Fyrne and Howard Zagoria
Ina and Gilbert Fine	Suzanne and Michael Lippe	Lydia and Jack Zakim
Rebecca and Michael Friedman	Pryce Mandel and Laura Zagoria	Alison and Rabbi Morris Zimbalist
Esther Gent	Nachum and Dora Mester	Marcia Minuskin and Jeffrey Zonenshine
Lisa and Matthew Giacobbe		Tracy and Bobby Zur
Andrea and Andrew Glass		
Sue and Al Glick		

YES!

**I WANT TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FUND
WITH A GIFT OF \$ _____**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ **State** _____



Students Learn about Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, Rabbi Bernhardt met with elementary school students on Tuesday morning and taught them about Harriet Tubman. She compared the Black slave experience with that of the Jews in Egypt. She read the book, Moses by Carol Boston Weatherford to the students which tells the story of the Underground Railroad. The children were riveted.

7th Grade Students Prepare Meals for Shelter

Seventh grade students spent Martin Luther King, Jr. Day volunteering at Strengthen Our Sisters, a family shelter in Wanaque, NJ.

The students prepared a meal for the residents in GBDS's kitchen, and then served the lunch to the residents and their children. The students also brought donations of toys for the children, and spent time playing with them.



"(We are thankful) for all of the gifts," said Betsy Lenke, Shelter Our Sisters Director. "Having the bright, engaging children playing with our children was a real treat. The food was delicious and sustaining."

7th Grade Enjoys Field Trip to Philadelphia

On Wednesday, February 4 the 7th grade traveled to Philadelphia as part of their study of American history and the Revolutionary period. They visited the Constitution Center, the Liberty Bell, and Constitution Hall.



Family Math Night Fun Really Adds Up!



Family Math Night was a first for GBDS. Held on Tuesday, January 27, the program for students in grades 3 — 5 gave families fun and educational math activities to do together!

The Elementary and Middle School math teachers prepared games of various levels for the students. The games included Sudoku puzzles, Multiplication Bingo, Brain Teasers, Math Jeopardy, and more!

Both students and parents had a great time while challenging their math skills. Everyone requested that the event be repeated next year!

8th Grade to Hold Raffle!

To raise money to help fund their trip to Israel this spring, the 8th Grade will be holding a raffle!

Tickets 1 for \$5.00 5 for \$20.00

Drawing to be held February 25

Win one of these GREAT PRIZES!!

Wii Fit Starter Bundle valued at \$130.00

RCA Clock Radio with CD Player
valued at 100.00

NY Yankees One Hundred Years

Retrospective Collector's Book

valued at \$35.00

Polaroid Portable DVD Player

valued at \$210.00

Mini Flight Lesson around Manhattan with hands-on flying valued
at \$500

Ipod Nano valued at \$150.00

7 Inch Digital Photo Frame valued at \$70.00

iTunes Gift Card for \$25.00

Gamestop Gift Card for \$35.00

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Number of Tickets purchased (1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20) _____

Total enclosed _____

____ Cash

____ Check (made out to GBDS)
Please return to School Office.

Tributes

Golden Books

Rabbi Gary Charlestein in Memory of His Mother: Ellen and Steve Bernhardt and Family

Tami Assor and Family in Memory of Her Father: Rabbi Ellen and Steven Bernhardt

Laura Aboody in Memory of Her Grandmother: The Greenwalds, Cheryl, Larry, Ethan and Evan Klein

Michael Greenspan – a complete and Speedy Recovery: Rabbi Ellen and Steven Bernhardt

The Aboody Family in Honor of Michael Becoming a Bar Mitzvah: The Greenwalds

Phyllis Cohen in Memory of Her Mother: The Greenwalds

Judy and Alan Feldman in Honor of the Birth of Their Grandson: Rachel, Jeff, Hannah and Zoe Greenwald

Ron Levy – a Complete and Speedy Recovery: Rabbi Ellen and Steven Bernhardt

Maya Markowitz – complete and Speedy Recovery: Rabbi Ellen and Steven Bernhardt

Eunice Glassberg in Honor of Her Daughter's Marriage: Nanette, Steven and Daniel Dwoskin

Marcy and Jeffrey Zage in Honor of Andrew's Acceptance into Syracuse University: Nanette and Steven Dwoskin

Linda and Neal Eiseman in Honor of their Son's Acceptance into Georgetown University: Nanette and Steven Dwoskin

Ted Cohen in Honor of Your Special Birthday: Nanette, Steven And Daniel Dwoskin

Nancy and Ned Steinfeld in Honor of Hallie's Acceptance by Wash. U.: Nanette, Steven and Daniel Dwoskin

Bruce Dwoskin in Honor of His Special Birthday Year: Nanette, Steven and Daniel Dwoskin

Bobbi Eichler in Honor of Her Birthday: Nanette, Steven and Daniel Dwoskin

Linnea and Dov Gorshein in Honor of

Elan's Engagement: Rabbi Ellen and Steven Bernhardt

Barbara Schoenberg in Memory of Alan Schoenberg: Ellen and Steven Bernhardt

Mary Sheydwasser in Memory of Her Mother, Helen Rozprza: Rabbi Ellen and Steven Bernhardt, Sylvia Berger

Rina and Burt Lerner in Honor of Their First Grandchild, Gabrielle's Birth: Rabbi Ellen and Steven Bernhardt, Sylvia and Irv Berger

Art Cards

Robert Gordon in Memory of His Father: Sara and Hiam Tobias

Nancy and Raphe Schwartz in Honor of Their New Baby, Kevin David: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Ellen and Malcolm Schwartz in Honor of Their New Grandson, Kevin David: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Ilana Zeltser and Dave Yalovsky in Honor of Their New Baby, Jacob Abraham: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Helene and Mel Zeltser in Honor of Their New Grandson, Jacob Abraham: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Marcia and Ron Harris in Honor of Their Triplet Grandchildren – David, Allison and Zachary Schanzer: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Elana and Jonathan Schanzer to Welcome Their New Triplets – David, Allison and Zachary: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Phyllis and Ken Konner in Honor of Their New Grandson: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Beverly Weiss and Family in Memory of Her Husband, Julius: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Richie Holland and Family in Memory of His Father: Rosalie and Larry Berman

Henrietta and Nathan S. Friedman Scholarship Fund

Lee and Patrice Goldberg and Family in Memory of their Mother and Grandmother, Gladys Goldberg: Lee Ann Beck

Rina and Burt Lerner in Honor of Their First Grandchild, Gabrielle's Birth: Lee Ann and Paul Beck

Jessica and Marty Halprin in Honor of Gabrielle's Birth: Lee Ann and Paul Beck

Linnea and Dov Gorshein in Honor of Elan's Engagement: Lee Ann and Paul Beck

Bernie Kashmann and Family in Memory of Pearl Kashmann: Lee Ann and Paul Beck

Mary Sheydwasser in Memory of Her Mother, Helen Rozprza: Lee Ann and Paul Beck

Annual Fund

Natalie and David Terdiman – In Your Honor: Roberta and Stephen Berk

The Glassett Family – in Your Honor: Dr. and Mrs. Paul Stein

Adi Mittler – in Your Honor: Dr. and Mrs. Noel Friedland

Samantha Aboody in Memory of Her Great Grandmother: The Zur Family

Leah Matsil in Honor of Your Birthday: Barbara and Fred Greenberg

How to Buy a Tribute Card

Donations can be made to GBDS through a variety of programs. Each donation will be acknowledged in writing.

- Golden Book: \$3.00
- Artist Card: \$5.00
- Henrietta and Nathan S. Friedman Scholarship Fund: any denomination
- Krieger Scholarship Fund in memory of George and Irma Krieger: any denomination
- Fund for Professional Development: \$18 minimum
- Library Fund: \$18 minimum

To make a donation send a check to school or contact Lee Ann Beck, 973-628-1388 or Beck30@optonline.net

School Calendar

February

6	Friday	9:00 am	National Wear Red Day (jeans allowed) Early Childhood Parent Liaison Meeting
8	Sunday	10:00 — 11:30 am	Early Childhood Author Program with children's writer Grace Chang
9	Monday	3:30 pm 4:15 pm	Tu B'Shevat, (Birthday of Trees) Regular School Day Chess, drum lessons Basketball game away at Gittelman
10	Tuesday	12:00 noon 7:00 pm	Dismissal grades K-8 (Regular day N2, N3, PK) After-care available CURRICULUM FAIR—All Welcome
11	Wednesday	3:30 pm	Rescheduled Pajama Day Play practice
12	Thursday	9:15 am	Middle School Parent Council
13	Friday		8th Grade interview Holocaust survivors
16	Monday		Presidents' Day — No School/Office Closed
17-20	Tuesday — Friday		No School/Office Open February Break
23	Monday	3:30 pm	Classes Resume Drum lessons
24	Tuesday	3:30 pm 3:30 pm	Sports and piano lessons Faculty Meeting
25	Wednesday	3:30 pm	Play practice and Daisies Meeting 8th Grade Raffle drawing
26	Thursday	3:30 pm 4:30 pm 4:30 pm	In-service for General Studies teachers Basketball game at home vs. Gittelman Fair Lawn Hebrew Story Hour
27	Friday	8:30 am	5th Grade parents meet with Middle School faculty

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Curriculum Fair Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome! Come see the marvelous projects created by your child's class.

Please turn in your re-enrollment contract and tuition assistance application.

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GIVING AND GETTING INVOLVED

PROFILES IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A message from the Western Galilee Hospital in Nahariya.

Dear Families of the Gerrard Berman Day School,

Earlier this month, Machla Schaffer brought a duffle bag crammed with 20 colorful, soft baby blankets made by you for Western Galilee Hospital. We thank you for your work and your giving hearts and hands.

As with the hand-painted pillowcases you sent last year, the blankets cannot be used in the hospital because they cannot be laundered together with regulation hospital linens and blankets. Our Social Services department will give them out at their discretion to new mothers.

With heartfelt thanks for your generosity of spirit,

Sincerely yours,
Judith Jochowitz
International Liaison