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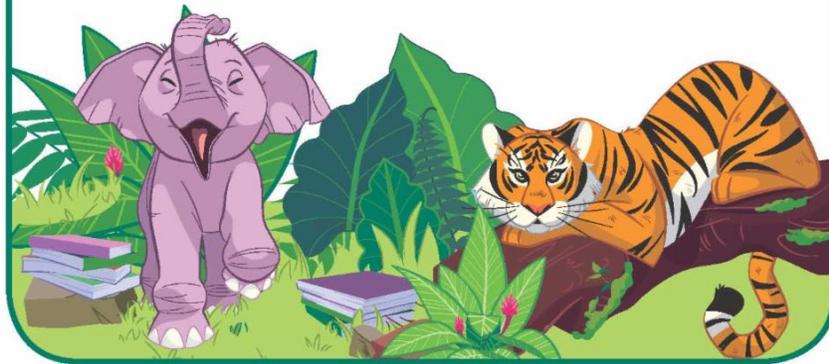
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## Messages from Ms. Lavine

Monday, April 27

Hi, Everyone,

Welcome to Week 7.

**Transportation requests:** Email from NYSED:

"We wanted to notify you that the date to request student transportation, for school year 2020-2021, has been extended until **May 9, 2020**.

Please share this information with your families that are in need of transportation for next school year."

**Art:** Mrs. Fix encountered challenges today with beginning the teaching of art. Our apologies. We hope to have the problems resolved by next Monday.

**Physical Education:** The number of students taking P.E. with Mr Oliver has grown. Great work, everyone. He and I talked tonight. He has communicated with several more students but not all parents yet so he will do that in the next day or so. **If you still haven't connected with him by Wednesday, email him and me.**

**Memorial Day flags for Jewish War Veterans:**

The email below is from Steven Sisskind.

"Dear SHDS:

As memorial day is upon us, I've been giving thought as to how to continue the tradition of placing flags at the graves of our Jewish war veterans in our local cemeteries.

For the past 15 years, the 5th and 6th grade classes under the guidance and supervision of Rabbi Shore have participated in this sacred act of respect and honoring of our veterans. I am asking if you are interested in continuing this tradition even in today's current

challenges. Families could be responsible for one cemetery, rather than having all students go from one to the other... I'm confident we can work out the logistics to safely complete this mission...but first things first!

I will order flags, last year I ordered 720 last year and had just a few left! Steve Nathan will still take care of Temple Concord at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Thank you!

Steven Sisskind"

This is a special SHDS tradition that, with some adjustments this year, could still take place if we observe guidelines/requirements. Not only as Head of School but as a member of our local Jewish Cemeteries Association committee, I hope we can continue this year, albeit with the necessary modifications. Fifth and sixth grade parents: **Please email Mel by Wednesday morning if you're interested in having your child/grandchild participate but keep in mind that it will require active participation on your part—driving to a cemetery and placing the flags with your student.** We will then work with Rabbi Shore and Steven Sisskind to work out a system.

**Memorial Day:** Speaking of, please note that there is **no school on Monday, May 25.**

## Friday, May 1

Hi, Everyone,

**School closing:** Schools will remain closed throughout the rest of the school year, so we're officially in it for the long term. As we close out Week 7, that means we are almost halfway through our online schooling experience—eight more weeks to go, unless we make some adjustments for the end of the year, with your input, of course. Too early to discuss that now, just putting it out there.

**iReady:** We are making the shift to iReady because the feedback from teachers and parents is very positive. The teachers will keep the students posted as it relates to their respective classes. With online fatigue possibility setting in, we hope that the shift will bring the added benefit of some new spark to our online engagement.

**Art:** Susan Fix said that she's ready to try again with online art instruction starting Monday.

**Students' mental health needs:** Some of our students, in one way or another, are expressing disappointment, sadness and what I, as a non-credentialed mental health provider, would describe as anxiety. I have contacted a mental health provider to explore ideas for meeting our students' needs. It seems especially important now that it's definite that we won't be back together this school year. I'll seek your feedback before doing anything, just want you to be aware of the concerns. The parents of students who present with specific concerns are contacted by the teacher or me as the need presents itself.

The temperature is slowly rising and it looks like a break from the rain this weekend. Enjoy.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Laura



## SHDS Teachers Reflect on On-line Learning



"Even during this time of at-home learning, we have worked hard to keep music in our students' lives. I have had the pleasure of working with many of our students in their individual instrumental lessons and every one is making wonderful progress. I have a Google Classroom for each grade level with resources for children to access including videos from me, lyric sheets and links to relevant videos. We also recently started weekly video conferences for each grade level. I love seeing the students this way and playing with music together. Of course, there are limitations to what we can do, and we miss our in-person classes, but we are making the most of our technological resources and keeping music going every week for all of our students."

-Kate Hinman, *General music and instrumental*

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## Week 7

In Kita Alef and Kita Bet we sang, danced, and showed off our Israeli flags in honor of Yom HaAtzmaut on Wednesday!





Eliana's sensory station: water beads



Shabbat Shalom from Kita Alef and Kita Bet! I am so proud of them for their dedication to their learning, their excellent questions, and their hard work. I also love their smiling faces!



## Tributes

Donation to the Syracuse Hebrew Day School in loving memory of Ira Zames  
-The Jaffe Family

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-The Jaffe Family

Donation to the Parkinsons Foundation in loving memory of Ira Zames  
-SHDS faculty, staff, and administration

## “Grandpas’ Grand Legacies” Fundraiser for Parkinson's Foundation by Henia Zames

*"I am participating in Moving Day Central NY, benefiting the Parkinson's Foundation in memory of both my grandfathers, Dr. Leslie Davis and Ira Zames.*

*The event will be a fun-filled, family-friendly event for all ages and abilities. We will be able to enjoy a variety of movement activities like yoga, dance, Pilates, Tai Chi, boxing, stretching and much more and celebrate the importance of movement in our lives.*

*Please consider being a part of my team or sponsoring me, and I encourage you to get your friends, family and coworkers involved.*

*Thank you for helping me reach my fundraising goal to support the vital work of the Parkinson's Foundation.*

*Why Move for Moving Day?*

*Did you know that someone is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease every 9 minutes in the United States? No one should have to face Parkinson's alone. That is why the Parkinson's Foundation*

*provides a community of support to give people the resources and help they need to live well with Parkinson's.*

*Support our mission to help every person diagnosed with Parkinson's live their best possible life now. Your gift will help us fund better research, better treatment and better lives. Thank you!"*

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