

Syracuse Hebrew Day School Newsletter #33



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WHY SHDS?

"We limit our class sizes to ten. It will be easier for us than for public schools with large classes to distance our students since we have the same regular-sized classrooms. We are already vigilant about hand-washing. It is scheduled throughout the day but with small classes and the benefit of a full-time nurse, we are much more on top of what our students need and are doing. We are ready." -Laura Lavine, Head of School

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Classrooms



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WE ARE READY

Messages from SHDS Head of School, Laura Lavine

Hi, Everyone,
I hope you'll enjoy this as much as I did.

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Amazon orders benefiting SHDS: When you shop on Amazon, please remember to go first to smile.amazon.com and select Syracuse Hebrew Day School so that we benefit from your purchases, and also ask your contacts to do the same.

Belongings: Mel and I made deliveries today. If you didn't get a delivery or hear back from us about something you wanted, let me know what we missed. As some of you know, the few items we couldn't find in the classrooms can be picked up in the fall unless you need them before then.

FACTS: You should be able to start applying for financial aid for 20-21. If you have any difficulty, please contact Mel for assistance. Please remember that we are making the change to having the parents, not SHDS, pay the fees.

Planning for fall: I'm researching and attending webinars about preparing for September. There are still too many unknowns. While we're figuring it out, please plan to acquire masks for your student(s). We'll have some on hand in school for back-ups but they'll probably be required to get into the building.

Students creating Google Classrooms: We have some entrepreneurial students who created their own Google Classrooms. As much as we admire their initiative, we closed those down and changed the settings so that only SHDS adults may create Classrooms.

Summer instruction: I heard from three families (Takeshi, Judah, Thalia) about possible summer online instruction. If I missed an email from you or you're interested but haven't told me yet, please email by end of Friday.

Talent Show Video: We would love to see all students participate in our talent video. It will make for a great end-of-year show so please try your hardest to submit to Stacy Seidman a two-minute (plus-or-minus) video of your student(s).

No school on Friday: in observance of Shavuos. <https://torah.org/shavuos/>

Yearbook Ads: SHDS's elder statesmen, as we've come to think of Matan Pepperstone, Ben Resig and Remy Sinclair, have shown tremendous poise and maturity in the face of many disappointments as their SHDS years come to a close. To help brighten their last days as SHDS students, please consider giving them your best wishes in the yearbook.

Laura

Looking Ahead

COLOR WARS



SHDS ONLINE COLOR WARS 2020!!



What a crazy year 2020 has been! I miss seeing all of your faces each day at school and the wonderful times we have had during PE! Although this year has been filled with twists and turns and there are still so many unknowns., we at SHDS don't let anything get in the way of our school spirit, not even a worldwide pandemic! Color Wars is a chance for us to show off our physical education, our team-oriented work ethic, and our love of cheering each other on, no matter the obstacle! Quarantine life won't keep us from enjoying this SHDS tradition!

How Color Wars will work:

- Each student is assigned a color. We do not tell them who else is on their team.
- Color Wars will be taking place for two weeks (during iReady testing).
- Students are encouraged to send in a 10-second video showing themselves engaging in physical activity, WEARING their TEAM COLOR.
- Students may send in as many videos as they choose. (Please send videos to Mr. Oliver: coliver@shds.org)
- Awards will be given to the highest-achieving teams
- A daily roster of who has participated will be emailed to families to encourage participation and celebrate the videos that we've received (a "Video of the Day" will be included in the nightly email).
- A calendar will be provided to give students an idea of what they can do for each day. However, they are not limited to just the calendar. If they have something they would like to do, they are more than welcome to do so!



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Questions

Stacy Seidman at mrsseidman@shds.org

Virtual Conversation: DATE CHANGE
Wednesday, June 10th



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VIA **zoom**

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL CONVERSATION

Featuring current SHDS parent Rebecca Raphael
and future SHDS parent Ashira Zehavi

Learn about the Syracuse Hebrew Day School, a bilingual, independent school of unparalleled education for grades K-6.

HOST:

Current Kindergarten Mother:
Shira Boschan



WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH | 8PM

Email mrsklemperer@shds.org for the meeting link.



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SHDS Teachers Reflect on On-line Learning



Michal Downie, Hebrew K, 3 and 4

"SHDS was extremely prepared for instruction to move online. The transition was seamless due to the planning and teacher training that took place in the weeks leading up to the school closure."

"I think SHDS has a huge benefit in that being small in numbers gives them an advantage to provide more online instruction either whole class or individually. Also, having dedicated staff and families makes it possible to provide a more intensive online learning program."

It has been wonderful to start my day every morning online with the fourth graders. They are always in good spirits ready to learn. We have been breaking into small groups practicing reading, writing and learning new vocabulary. Third grade has been practicing spelling and the present tense. I'm very proud of all of our students for working through technical problems, learning how to post in "classroom" or "padlet", and giving me technical support.

Kindergarten got right into Hebrew reading and practicing Hebrew vocabulary with no issues. Their hard work in the classroom paid off as they made a smooth transition to online learning, managing to do Hebrew reading with me online, and watching songs and videos on our "Gan at home" site. I miss all of my classes and having you all coming in singing and dancing with me. I also miss my wonderful group of students in Israeli dancing club! We will do our assembly as planned next year-- I promise.

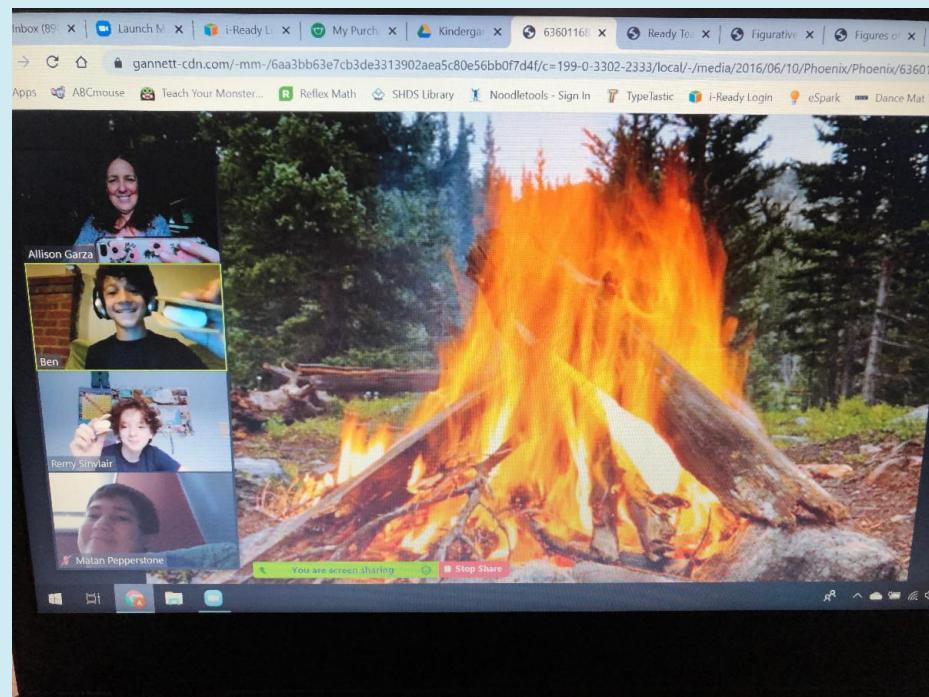


Allison Garza, Kindergarten General Studies, 6th Grade ELA

"Amid what is sure to be a memorable period in our lives and in history, I have been asking myself a question: Why is this time memorable? What will people remember? This question is important because it is a reminder that attitude determines so much of every experience. There are positive, wonderful things happening every day. For example, we can share smiles and giggles with classmates in Zoom, even though we are not together at school. We can listen when others tell about what is important to them like a new lego creation, a new family pet or an interesting bird in the backyard. We can experience the joy of accomplishment in learning something new; a word, a grammar rule, a math strategy. We can encourage each other with kind words. We can extend the kindness to ourselves, understanding that we are all in new territory now. We can continue to do our best, adapting to the unexpected with grace. We can approach each day of online school with gratitude for the opportunities provided by small classes and access to technology. We can look forward with optimism and hope to the day when we are able to be together at our beloved SHDS. The happy, confident smiles of my students in classes and my colleagues in meetings are reassuring; so much of what truly matters can never be taken away. I am more proud than ever to be part of such a caring, creative and resilient community."

The Week in Review

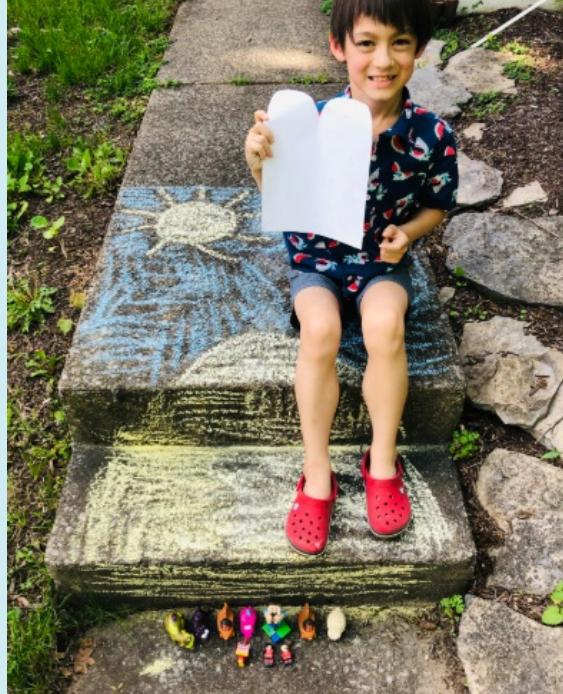
The sixth graders took a break from the usual ELA class today to sit around the campfire and tell stories of favorite school and family memories. They even had s'mores!



Rabbi Shore visited Kita Alef and Kita Bet to talk about when, where, and how he wears tefillin! Thank you, Rabbi!



Kita Alef and Bet were asked to make a model of Moses receiving the tablets at Mount Sinai in honor of Shavuot, and here is Takeshi's! His mother said, "He drew Sinai and cut out the tablets, then put animals and LEGO figures beneath looking up." There's Takeshi, as Moses himself! So creative!



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