



THURSDAY NOTES

October 9, 2008

10 Tishri 5769

Yom Kippor

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:28 p.m.



From Bini's Desk

What Are You Doing on

Oct. 13, 16, or 17^h?

I hope that if your child is in our Elementary School, the answer that you gave was: eating lunch in the Sukkah at The Lerner School with my child! In a new tradition at our school we are inviting Elementary families to join us on these days to eat in the Sukkah. In Judaism the mitzvah connected with the holiday of Sukkot is "*Leishev ba-Sukkah*," which means to 'dwell or sit' in the Sukkah. During our family luncheons we have invited many of our local rabbis to join us as part of the Jewish tradition of *Ushpizin*. This is a wonderful tradition of inviting guests to the Sukkah to sit and be together for a meal. On Monday (when K & 2nd grade eat), Rabbi Solomon will join us. On Thursday (when 1st & 3rd grade eat), Rabbis Friedman and Berkowitz will join us, and on Friday (when 4th and 5th grade eat), Rabbis Sager and Fischer will join us. So please bring your own lunch, and be sure to bring some money with you to buy a delicious cup of lemonade as the students take part in our annual tzedakah project of Alex's Lemonade Stand. Rabbi Goldman will be visiting our Early Childhood students during the week of Sukkot to tell them a story about the holiday, and Rabbi Jen will join us for sometime in the coming weeks.

In the spirit of Yom Kippur, we should ask each other for forgiveness for anything we've done, either purposely or inadvertently, over the past year that was hurtful. We must also forgive those who have hurt us. We can then start the year anew and resolve to be better people. I want to wish all of you, *Gemar Chatimah Tovah* – may you be inscribed and sealed for a good new year.

Calendar

October

- 12 Newcomers Brunch 11:00—1:00
- 13 Sukkot Family Lunch K & 2nd Grades
- 16 Sukkot Family Lunch 1st & 3rd Grades
- 17 Sukkot Family Lunch 4th & 5th Grades
2nd Grade Field Trip— Post Office
- 23 3rd Grade Field Trip—Eno River
@ West Point

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One volunteer is needed to help with the Alex's Lemonade Stand project on Friday, October 17th. Come with a bag of ice and help prepare lemonade between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. for this wonderful fundraiser.

The Havdalah Sleepover is only a few weeks away...

Saturday Evening, November 1st, 2008

Many of you have fond memories of the Annual Lerner School Havdala Sleepover. Others of you are wondering what's up. This autumnal tradition is a heartwarming good time hanging out with new friends and old as we play, sing, eat and camp out at Lerner School. All of this will be taking place on Saturday Evening, 1st of November. So mark your calendars and dust off your tent! Watch for more information coming soon.



And we'd love a bit more help with the event so please let Elyza Halev know at either elyzahalev@mac.com or 357-9181 if you're able to assist.

TENTS OF HOPE

This past Spring students of the Lerner School, Chapel Hill Kehillah, Congregation Beth El and Judea Reform Congregation painted patchwork pieces of tent that were then sewn together to create a Tent of Hope. The children's messages and paintings are their expressions of hope to the children of Darfur. Through this hands-on project students not only learned about Darfur but also about the need for all who are able to speak out and act against injustice.

The mission of the Tents of Hope project is to support a one-year process in which people respond as communities to the crisis in Darfur, Sudan by creating tents that are both unique works of art and ongoing focal points within communities for learning about, assisting and establishing relationships with the people of Sudan. More information on Tents of Hope is available at www.tentsofhope.org.

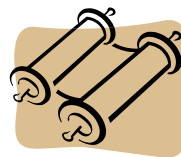
The culmination of the one year project is the meeting of tents from communities across the United States on the Mall in Washington DC the weekend of November 7-9, 2008. All families and students are invited to come to DC and take part in raising our community children's tent and participating in a weekend of advocacy and action regarding Darfur. The full schedule of events is listed at <http://www.tentsofhope.org/DC%20plan.html>.

If you are interested in traveling to DC please contact Rachel Bearman at rbearman@mebtel.net or at 919-304-6821.

During Sukkot, please take a moment to view the tent at the Lerner School. If you would like to contribute to the Tent Of Hope Project please make a donation through our local donation mailbox at the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation website – <http://www.shalomdch.org/page.aspx?id=168734> or drop off a check at Lerner. Please make checks out to the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation and write Tents of Hope in the memo line.



Parshat Hashavuah: Ha'azinu



האזינו

Shirat Ha'azinu: Moses' poem to the Israelites Rabbi Joyce Newmark

Moses recites the poem God had instructed him to write down and teach to the people. It begins with words of moral teaching contrasting the virtue of God to the wickedness of Israel. It then tells of God's goodness to Israel, Israel's prosperity and rebellion, and God's punishment for Israel's breaking the covenant. Finally, the poem recounts God's mercy, promising that God will save the Jewish people from their enemies. Moses reads the poem to the people and tells them to take it to heart. God tells Moses to ascend Mount Nebo. He will be allowed to see the Promised Land from there before he dies.

From: Torah Sparks

www.uscj.org

Each week we will choose our d'var (explanation) from one of the following websites:

Torah Hayim	(Reform)	www.urj.org
Divrei Torah	(Reconstructionist)	www.jrf.org
Torah Sparks	(Conservative)	www.uscj.org
Orthodox Union	(Orthodox)	www.ou.org



The Lerner School will host its fourth annual Alex's Lemonade Stand during the week of Sukkot – October 13-17.

Be sure to send your lemons in no later than Monday, October 13th.

The students (and you!) will be able to enjoy a refreshing glass of fresh-squeezed lemonade during your lunch in the Sukkah. Each glass will cost \$1 and all proceeds will go toward childhood cancer research.

About Alex's Lemonade

Alex was 4 years old when she started selling lemonade to raise money for childhood cancer research. The fundraiser turned into a major event all across America through the non-profit organization "Alex's Lemonade Stand." The organization has raised over a million dollars.

Election Day



Come join us on Election Day, November 4th, as Lerner School students present the facts behind three of the most contended issues in this year's presidential election. From 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room, second graders will perform a skit outlining the facts regarding affordable housing, while third, fourth and fifth graders will debate the advantages and disadvantages of offshore drilling and providing universal healthcare.

Please mark your calendars today!

Question of the Week– Yom Kippur

Kindergarten-1st Grade: On Yom Kippur we read about Jonah. What is the name of the town which Jonah is told to go to?

Answer: Nineveh

2nd-5th Grade: What is the special 3 word Hebrew greeting that is said to others only on Yom Kippur?

Answer: Gemar Chatimah Tovah



If you were a fly on the wall...

In this week's *Fly on the Wall* we look to happenings in our school beyond classroom activities. As many of you know there is and has been for a few years now, a Challah Club which meets on Friday mornings to make, bake and sell challah. What many of you may not know is that the money raised by the Challah Club is given to the school staff to spend on things that will enhance the school's learning environment. Each spring the staff is asked to suggest the best use of the funds. In the past we have purchased a multimedia projector and an Ellison dye cut machine. This summer we purchased digital cameras for each classroom. Not only are they being used by the individual classes to document class programs and activities but all the cameras are being used on Fridays by the 4th/5th grade technology class. The classes current project is to make a short movie using digital pictures taken around the school!

The school staff would like to thank all the past and present Challah Club members for giving so generously of their time.

Lerner Needs A Refrigerator

The Lerner School is in need of a refrigerator (no larger than 65" height/ 31.5" width/ 33.5" depth). If you have one that you would like to donate please let us know, no later than Friday, October 17th.

Thank you!

Show your school spirit!



Stop by the front desk to pick up your Lerner School mug. A bargain for only \$5.00.