

Shutafim

PARTNERS:
CONNECTING
GENERATIONS AT
SAR

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Welcome to our second issue of Shutafim: Partners, updating our grandparents on events and programs in and around SAR.



Message from the Principals

Welcome back to our SAR Grandparents! Shutafim is a newsletter for you, the wonderful families of our dear students. We are honored to share in the days and lives of learning of your grandchildren, and we feel lucky to have our incredible SAR grandparents to help us in steering their development.

It is our hope that the Shutafim newsletter will continue to keep you informed about the goings-on at school, including not only our

student activities, but the offerings of adult education, upcoming events, and opportunities available to SAR families.

Please email with any suggestions you might have to let us know how we can make this newsletter more meaningful for you:

grandparents@saracademy.org

Thank you,

Rabbi Binyamin Krauss
Principal, SAR Academy
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Principal, SAR High School

SAR Photo & Video Gallery

A new section of our website contains photos and videos of our students engaged in learning, celebrating and enjoying their days. Please visit our new gallery. Note that a password is required. Please use the username [sargrandparent](#), with the password [sargrandparent](#).

The SAR Dinner Video is waiting for you -- enjoy the show!

www.saracademy.org/gallery



SAR ACADEMY
SAR HIGH SCHOOL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Grandparents are welcome to join us for any of the programs listed here.



For more information about these events, call 718-548-1717

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
APRIL 16 Adult Education (SAR Academy)	MAY 6 Adult Education (SAR High School)	JUNE 7 Adult Education (SAR Academy)
APRIL 19 Yom HaZikaron (Schoolwide)	MAY 12 Yom Yerushalayim (SAR High School)	JUNE 9 3rd Grade Rashi Breakfast
APRIL 20 Yom Ha'atzmaut (Schoolwide)	MAY 13 Adult Education & Blood Drive (SAR Academy)	JUNE 10 5th Grade Intergenerational Day
April 22 Adult Education (SAR High School)	MAY 16 Spring Musical (SAR Academy)	JUNE 14 High School Graduation
APRIL 29 Adult Education (SAR High School)	MAY 23 Salute to Israel Parade (Schoolwide)	JUNE 16 8th Grade Graduation

MAY 12

YOM YERUSHALAYIM: A DAY OF CELEBRATION WITH SAR FAMILIES

Join us at SAR High School as we dance together in celebration of Yom Yerushalayim. As a people, we began commemorating this special day honoring after the Six-Day War on the 28th of Iyar, will travel to walking for many Old City. The march thousands converge pouring their Jerusalem stone underfoot. At SAR, we'll rejoice along with our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, and we hope you'll be there with us.



Israel's capital city in June 1967. Today, thousands of people Jerusalem, often hours to Jerusalem's ends at the Kotel, as to dance and sing, happiness onto the

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JUNE 10

SAR GRANDPARENTS ARE TEACHERS, TOO!

Each year, SAR fifth graders host Intergenerational Day. During this wonderful morning on Thursday, June 10th, grandparents come to visit and share their talents and teachings with us. We have hosted scientists, musicians, tie makers, weavers, sofrim, stock brokers, potters and more. To share your skills, call 718-548-1717 x1275.

FROM YOUR KITCHEN TO OURS

THE SAR COOKBOOK:

IN MEMORY OF SHERI RASKAS Z" L

SAR is honored to announce that our first cookbook, scheduled to be published in Spring 2011, will be dedicated in loving memory of devoted SAR grandparent Sheri Raskas, Z" L. Sheri Raskas lived life exemplifying the values, spirit and commitment to family and community which serve as the cornerstones of SAR Academy and SAR High School. Her devotion to family and community was best expressed in the frequent gatherings and meals Sheri hosted in her home. Sheri's grandchildren were often found in her kitchen, center of the Raskas home, doing their homework and just visiting while Sheri cooked. Always the consummate hostess, Sheri exuded the principle of Hachnasat Orchim. We invite you celebrate Sheri, as well as SAR, by participating in the cookbook project.

The hard-bound book will be full of fresh and flavorful recipes

from home cooks, professional chefs and food writers. To submit your favorite recipe, simply **cut or tear off the recipe card to the right** and mail it back to us in the enclosed envelope.



MI'DOR L'DOR: FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Our sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes have loved hosting SAR parents and grandparents for programs illuminating our annual theme, Mi'Dor L'Dor. Hundreds have attended Mi'Dor L'Dor events, and we look forward to the many upcoming opportunities for more shared fun and learning this spring.

Sixth Grade: The Ties That Bind

On a cold evening in January, the mitzvot of tzitzit and hafrashat challah gave sixth grade students, their parents and grandparents a tangible way to illustrate the ties binding generations through family, tradition and commandment. With more than 300 guests attending, the evening culminated with the celebration of two special B'nai Mitzvot: Bracha Rosenberg became a Bat Mitzvah and served cake to Talia Kupferman's grandmother, Elaine Snyder, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah anniversary.



Seventh Grade: Purim Prep & Party

With Purim on the horizon, seventh graders and their families gathered on a Monday morning to learn about and celebrate the coming chag. After tefilah, breakfast and a D'var Torah by Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, classes discussed nutritional trends through the generations. Students asked their grandparents to differentiate their eating now as compared to menus of years past. Do we eat more red meat? More butter? More prepared foods or whole grains? The groups then received a Purim Seudah menu from a decade ago and updated the menu for today's healthy-eating standards. The morning ended with song and dance, a perfect ruach-filled segue into Chag Purim.

Eighth Grade: Share the Light

On a Monday afternoon in mid-December, eighth grade students welcomed their grandparents into classes filled with learning. The event was a celebration of Chanukah, and after a hearty lunch, families learned alongside students and discussed Chanukah traditions and memories. After sharing time together, the eighth graders and their special guests joined the entire school for candle-lighting. By the warmth of the Menorah's candles, the program's participants sang songs of victory and valor, spirit and strength.

SAR COOKBOOK SUBMISSION

Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

Recipe Title: _____ Category (Appetizer, Entree, etc.): _____

Ingredients: _____

Directions: _____





FIRST GRADE SIDDUR PLAY

Each morning, the first grade class fills with the sweet sound of earnest prayer. From the first day of school, the children began davening together, adding to their tefillah at every turn. In January, first graders received their first siddurim, standing proudly before their teachers, administrators, and families. Before the presentation of the siddurim, students marched into the gym to perform a cantata with enthusiasm and gestures, and between each song, classes recited poems and anecdotes in English and Hebrew. They ended the cantata with "Od yavo shalom alinu."

"Mazal Tov, Kita Alef," said Rabbi Krauss. "You just sang a song with the words 'Ohev Hashem et tefilat ha'yeladim' [Hashem loves children's prayer] and I just figured out why. Hashem hears His people davening and because you are so excited to do it, of course Hashem loves to hear your tefillot."

EIGHTH GRADE FILMMAKERS: NAMES NOT NUMBERS

The Names Not Numbers elective is an oral history film project, which allows students to understand the filmmaking process through the lens of World War II and its aftermath. Our eighth grade students presented a screening of their original film on Wednesday, February 24th, and the documentary has been accepted by the Jewish National & University Library in Jerusalem for providing valuable information to researchers and scholars of the Shoah. Our students interviewed and documented the lives of six survivors including Ludwig Bravmann, Elly Berkovits Gross, Abe Foxman, Essie Levine Shor, Dr. Wladislaw Sidorowicz, and Helga Schmitz Luden.

The eighth grade participants for this great project include Ezra Cohen, Avigail Hirschfield, Arielle Isaac, Hilla Katz, Ellie Neustein, Kayla Roisman, Laura Smerling, Sofie Somoroff, and Goldi Weiser. On the evening of the screening, SAR's audience also enjoyed the words of Marc Weitzman, a parent of SAR Alumni and the Director of Government Affairs and The Task Force Against Hate and Terrorism for the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTS NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT



At the start of each spring semester, elections are held for SAR High School Student Government. This election season, the bulletin boards were flooded with creative posters, and a number of candidates created personal websites on which they described thorough and comprehensive plans and principles.

Congratulations to the newly elected student government:

President: Max Kane
 Vice President: Tova Kamioner
 Secretary: William Cooper
 9th Grade Representatives:
 Max Altholz and Rani Kubersky
 10th Grade Representatives:
 Rafi Pell and Aura Smith
 11th Grade Representatives:
 Shira Gaffney and Bradley Goldstein
 12th Grade Representatives:
 Ariel Rosenberg and Rachel Belfer

63 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SAR HIGH SCHOOL IN-HOUSE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD COMPETITIONS

Recently, SAR held in-house science competitions to put together the SAR Science Olympiad team that will compete in the 2010 BJE Science Olympiad. Our students have been First Place Olympiad Champions for the past three years.

Each Jewish high school participating in the Olympiad is allowed 15 members on the team. Because so many of our ambitious students are interested (more than 80 students attended our organizing meeting!), we are holding in-house competitions for the second year in a row. Students have been coming in for weeks to compete in events like "Write It - Do It," to "Shock Wave," "Chemistry Lab," "Disease Detective," and "Road Scholar."

A big yasher koach is due to all our students who are trying out for places on the team. With such passion, SAR is no doubt poised to remain the reigning science champions.



NINTH GRADERS VOLUNTEER FOR HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Torah Study Inspires Social Activism

After the disastrous earthquake in Haiti, Ms. Elbogen's 9th grade Tanakh class spent class-time looking through Jewish sources and discussing our obligation to help both Jews and non-Jews worldwide. The students, on their own initiative, decided to run a bake sale to raise money to donate to relief efforts, and – with the help of Hannah and Audrey Reich – volunteered with the AFYA Foundation in Yonkers to sort and pack medical supplies to send off to Haiti (“Afya” means “good health” in Swahili). AFYA provides an up-to-date computer-based inventory menu from which international health organizations and professionals can select medical supplies that match the needs of recipient health centers and patients in Africa.

Upon arriving at the AFYA warehouse, founder and director

Danielle Butin introduced them to the work of the foundation. Butin discussed her reasons for becoming a relief worker, and offered personal anecdotes that conveyed just how important these medical supplies are to those who receive them. Then the students



got to work sorting, packing and labeling all sorts of surgery equipment, syringes, diapers, needles, clothing, anything and everything! The students were sad to leave their posts, but felt wonderful having found a way to contribute. After returning to school, they continued their bake sale into the next day, and raised \$400 for Haitian Earthquake Relief.

SAR DINNER

On January 30th, SAR celebrated its 41st Annual Dinner in support of the Scholarship Fund at SAR High School. The dinner was a resounding success, with more than 650 attendees and more than \$1.1 million raised for the Scholarship Fund. Over 150 of SAR's devoted grandparents contributed to the dinner fund. Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't do all we do without you!

Special thanks to our honorees: Nataly and Stephen Neuwirth, Stuart Levi, Sigmund Rolat, and Michele Sacks.

YOM HASHOAH: WITNESSES

On Monday, April 12 SAR commemorated Yom HaShoah. The urgency to teach our children about this dark episode in Jewish History has never been greater, and SAR family members and friends with memories of the Holocaust joined Academy and High School students for a special program. Each class welcomed a witness, and we were honored by their willingness to share their stories with us. Thanks to:

Dr. Moshe Avital
 Mrs. Goldie Garber
 Mr. Emery Gross
 Mr. Seigman Listwa
 Mrs. Helga Luden
 Mrs. Miriam Maayan
 Mr. Morelly Maayan
 Mrs. Lily Margules
 Mrs. Lore Oppenheimer
 Mrs. Doris Seeman
 Mrs. Rosa Strygler
 Dr. Aviva Taubenfeld
 Mr. Isaac Taubenfeld
 Mr. Abby Weiner
 Mr. Simcha Zilber

RABBI BINYAMIN KRAUSS
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ADULT EDUCATION AT SAR

“Where You Go, I Shall Go” – An In-Depth Study of the Book of Ruth

Join SAR parents and grandparents for a four-part series of classes dedicated to Megilat Ruth, taught by Ms. Karen Goldsheider. Set in the tumultuous period of the Judges, Ruth tells the story of one woman’s journey to Judaism, through steadfast loyalty and personal heriosm. As we approach the holiday of Shavuot, when we recite Megilat Ruth, we will unfold Ruth’s story, and learn of its resonant message for our lives.

Dates: April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13

Time: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Place: SAR High School Conference Room, 3rd floor

MI’DOR L’DOR LEARN-A-THON & SIYUM HA’TORAH – MAY 14 – SETON PARK

In anticipation of the Shavuot holiday, and in conjunction with this year’s school wide theme of “Mi’dor L’dor: From Generation to Generation,” we at SAR are eagerly embarking upon a project to

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“Moshe received the Torah from Sinai and gave it over to Yehoshua. Yehoshua gave it over to the Elders, the Elders to the Prophets, and the Prophets gave it over to the Great Assembly...” Pirkei Avot 1:1

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our collective intergenerational learning culminate in a beautiful mi'dor l'dor siyum ha'Torah that will take place on Rosh Chodesh Sivan, May 14th, in Seton Park. Students will be signing up for an appropriate portion of the Torah, and learning with a mi'dor l'dor chevruta (study partner): a grandparent , parent, or sibling. As we actively pass the Torah down from generation to generation, may we all merit to be a significant link in this continuing chain of the mesora.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY: THE SHAVUOT APPEAL

It is only through a partnership between SAR and its community that we are able to give our students the best that educational programming can offer. At SAR, no student is denied access to education for financial reasons. It is your support that helps us to bring innovative Jewish education to all our students.



WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The SAR Shavuot Appeal, our annual fundraiser, is fast approaching. To give, please find the enclosed envelope and simply send it back to us, or contact Rachel Spinner at 718-548-1717 x1275 and spinnr@saracademy.org.

Your gift is deeply appreciated; each and every dollar makes a difference.