



HIPPO HOMILY: Mishpatim
Chapter 24 of this week's portion is a recounting of the giving of the Torah read last week in Parshat Yitro. The word "Mishpatim" means laws or precepts which are rational and

logical in nature. They deal with common law issues relating to damages, ownership, business ethics, etc. It seems that the Ten Commandments repetition may indeed be redundant. However, nothing in the Torah is written without an expressed purpose and meaning.

The recount of the Ten Commandments tells us of the nature of Bnei Yisrael which resounds to this very day, when they exclaimed upon learning that they are to receive the Torah –"Nasseh V'nishma." "We will do and we will listen." Knowing that Hashem's commandments can only be for the betterment of humanity, they were willing to accept his word without the benefit of going through the fine print or contingent upon attorney's approval. This is an act of activism. More so, it is an act of love and trust. I think clearly the story is repeated after the logical precepts are presented is to remind us that meaning or understanding of the Mitzvot is of course important (we are not robots) but paramount is the belief in Hashem.

Shabbat Shalom! **–Rabbi Chaim Hisiger**

February 12-- Shvat 28, 5769
Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:19pm
Shabbat Ends 6:21pm
February 19– Adar 5, 5769
Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:28pm
Shabbat Ends 6:30pm

Next Week... February 15- February 19
Mon – Fri No school – February vacation

Next Week... February 22- February 26

Mon Sports Club, Gr. K & 1, 3:15-4:15pm

Thu School Banking, 11:50pm

Sports Club, Gr. 2-5, 3:15-4:15pm

Fri **3:15 Friday Dismissal Resumes**

After School Connection until **4:30pm**

BINGO – BET TEAM 2/14

Captain Keith Newman
Callers Barb Moore, Krista Penberg
Financial Sarah Fuller, Hope Rosenbaum
Workers M Brugg, M Guarnera, J Gunter, Kilimnick, R & J Sankowski, L Ulloa, W Vought or W Xin, E Yelsky

GIMEL TEAM 2/21

Captain Steve Schwartz
Caller Oren Weiss, Krista Penberg
Financial Michal Weiss, Ronit Maimon
Workers M Elbaz, E Fuller, M Myakishev=Remple, A Nardia, S Maimon, H Rosenbaum, G Tsouri, L Ulloa



KIPPOT NEEDED

Hillel Community Day School is in need of kippot for our guests. We're happy to take donations of any kippot remaining from your Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, wedding or other special occasion. Thank you!



Hillel parent & student, Frances & Ishai Nardia, dressed up in some wonderful costumes at last Sunday's Purim Palooza



From left to right: Chaya Spokony (K), Ben Sadik (4) and Danny Meler (K) all dressed up for Pajama Day.



From left to right: Fifth Graders Sara Sankowski & Rivka Lichtenstein on P.J. Day!



SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE

Our next exciting Science Fair is set for Monday, March 15 from 6:30-9:00pm. A letter was sent home this week to parents of all students, giving guidelines for the upcoming projects. Grade K-5 will work on group projects in class. Students in Grade 5 may choose to submit an optional independent project as well, following the guidelines. Preparation and presentation of a project is mandatory for Middle School students.



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HUNDREDS DAY MUSEUM

February 11 marked the 100th day of this school year. The Kindergarten & First Grade classes counted up the days by collecting 100 items each. The collections from First Graders are on display in our Museum, located in the hall on the way to the Gymnasium. Stop by and see the creative ways the students learned about counting.

COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL AND SCHOLARSHIP DINNER - IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!



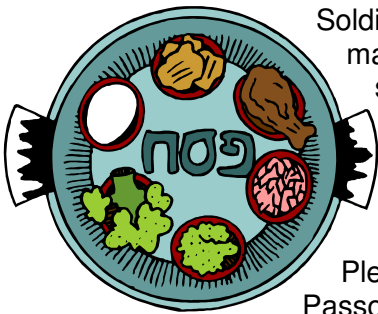
Hello everyone! It's time to start working on the annual Commemorative Journal and Scholarship Dinner. This year, the dinner is on **Wednesday, June 9 at Temple Beth El**. We are honoring Sara Futerman in recognition of the enormous and generous contribution that she has made to the Rochester community.

Please save the date to come and show your support. As in the past, there will be a discounted price for Hillel parents, faculty and staff. Our graduating class will be invited as our guests! Let's try for 100% attendance of our Hillel Families. You

will enjoy a fun evening and support a great cause.

There are two committees in need of help – the Commemorative Journal committee, chaired by Limor Madeb and Julie Nusbaum, and the Scholarship Dinner Committee chaired by Sue Zauderer. Interested volunteers should contact the school office or email office@hillelschool.org

SOLDIERS PASSOVER PACKAGE PROJECT



Soldiers around the world enjoyed celebrating Hanukkah this year thanks to the efforts of many children in Rochester, including our very own Hillel Community Day School students. Let's help Jewish soldiers feel connected and supported by participating in the "Soldiers Passover Package Project." Students will make cards, letters, and Posters in their classes. We will also collect donations to purchase matzah, juice, and other items for Pesach. I'm sure the soldiers will appreciate our Pesach care packages.

Please make donations payable to "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" and write "Soldiers Passover Package Project" on the memo line. Thank you to Keith Freedman for sharing this opportunity with our students.

Students may also bring in non-perishable Kosher for Passover treats that will be sent to the soldiers. Items such as Chocolate covered matzo and candies were appreciated last year.

Keith Freedman will be visiting our students during lunch on February 24th to show his collection of photos of soldiers in Iraq enjoying Pesach Seders.

NOT TO LATE TO SIGN UP—RSVP NOW FOR THE JCC'S YOM HASHOAH PERFORMANCE

Due to the importance of the program, and of having Hillel students participate, students will be required to attend only one mandatory rehearsal on 3/21, and must arrive by 2:30 on 4/11 for a run through. Hillel Community Day School students in Grades 4-8 will sing with Temple Sinai students for a Yom Hashoah program, accompanied by the Temple Sinai Brass Band. Join us at the JCC for this program Sunday, 4/11, at 3:30pm. We thank Mrs. Gene Spiro for leading and coordinating this program. If your child is attending, please contact the Hillel office ASAP.

CHANUKAH GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of Hillel parents, family members and friends of the school, our Chanukah Giving Campaign was very successful. We wish to thank the following for their contributions:

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THANK YOU TO:

- Nechama Lichtenstein, Rebecca Malek, Hope Kantor, Lilah & Helena Shrier for helping out at Purim Palooza.
- Mr. Ray Cherney, for preparing and serving lunch last week in Steve's absence.
- Mrs. Janie Marini and Mr. Dave Rogachefsky for leading the JCC preschool activities on Monday.
- Mrs. Fern Sellers and Mr. Eric Ferreri for subbing this week.

MAZEL TOV TO:

- Alumnus Charles Nusbaum ('66) on the birth of a granddaughter, Esther Shoshana Ayala Nusbaum. Also to cousins Avi and Batya Cherney (3), and to the entire family.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION:

- *General Fund:* Mr. Eric Kosterich

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please let us know your synagogue/organization's events! Email office@hillelschool.org or go on www.hillelschool.org and click "contribute to the newsletter" on the left-side menu

Sat 2/6-2/20 1:00pm Temple Beth David February Learning. Topics: 2/6-The Commandments; 2/13-Close Torah Study of Mishpatim; 2/20-the Hidden Meaning of Megillat Esther-The Story Behind the Story. All held in the Temple Beth David Social Hall.

Sat 2/20 7:00pm JCC. Enjoy exciting classical guitar sounds in a Spanish Flamenco tradition with duo Mathew Colbert and Ryan Carey.

Sat 2/20 8:00pm The BHH Sisterhood invites you to share in a pre-Purim 'Kumzits' evening of Inspiration and Song. Enjoy delicious dairy fare, the company of friends, and the Rochester Girls' Choir! At the home of Nechama Lichtenstein, 866 Hillside Drive. Open to ladies age 14 and up. Covert \$10. For more information, call 490-6325.

Sat 2/27 6:45pm Purim Eve at Temple Beth El. Eruv Purim Megilla reading with a few fun songs thrown in, followed by a free Purim "feast" of Hamentaschen and make your own sundaes!

Sun 2/28 11:15-1:15 Purim Carnival for the entire community at Temple Beth El. Games, prizes, raffles, delicious food for lunch, snacks and lots of good fun for everyone! Money raised goes to the USY Tikkun Olam fund.

Sun 2/28 4:00pm Join Sherriff Mordechai and the rest of the deputies from Chabad as they rustle up the HAMAN bandits! Megillah Reading (with interactive slideshow), Yee-Haw when you hear Haman's name! Then, Party time! Masquerade in Wild Western attire or costume of your choice, finger-lickin' buffet to satisfy the hungriest cowboy, Pan for gold, Rock the Ranch, Dance to Jewish Music, Crafts and Moon Bounce, AIRPLAY goes West!! Professional entertainers Joe Showers and Jeff Peden are back- this time with tricks from the Wild West. Cost: Advance \$13 adult, \$10 child. At the door \$18 adult, \$14 child. For more information or to RSVP: Send a smoke signal to Rishi@jewishpittsford.com, 385-2097.

Sat 3/6 7:30pm Purim Gala Sock Hop! 7:30PM Dinner * Dancing * Auction * Surprises * Balloon Raffles * Las Vegas Nite,. Don't miss out! Proceeds benefit Temple Beth El. \$90 per person register online at tberochester.org

Fri-Sun 3/12-3/14 Magda Fishman, internationally acclaimed vocalist selected to receive Richard W Briskin Cantor-in-Residence award, to perform at Temple Beth El. Fri, 6:00pm, Friday Night Live; Sat, 9:00am, Shabbat Services; Sun, 3:00pm, Free concert with dessert reception.

