

WHAT'S NU? SCHECHTER UPDATES

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Dr. Weil's Corner

Your children's safety and the security of the building are top priorities of the SSDS staff. Because of events in the world, we have received notification from the Anti-Defamation League that we must "be alert" for suspicious activity. We have updated the school's safety plan to include "lock down" procedures - in the very unlikely event of an emergency. We hold fire drills on a monthly basis and will also be practicing lock-downs at least twice between now and the end of the school year. We will be sensitive to the students and make every effort not to raise their anxiety when we have these drills.

We will be especially vigilant in the parking lot and out on the playground. You will see extra personnel in the parking lot before and after school. You may also be stopped by staff members to identify yourself if they don't know you or recognize you. For now, we have decided not to allow the students to play on the field during recess to make it easier to keep an eye on all of them and to keep them away from the parking lot.

At this point, we feel the building itself is as secure as possible. We keep all of the doors locked at all times and the front door code seems to be known only to our community (if you hear otherwise, please let us know immediately).

Just a note: if you don't know the code, please stop at Jessica's desk and she can give it to you. If you're having a hard time remembering the code, many parents key the code into their cell phones so they have it handy when coming to school.

One goal of terrorists is to frighten us and keep us frightened. At SSDS we refuse to allow improbable events to control our lives. We will take all possible precautions to insure the safety of our students, and then we will continue to do business as usual.



Our Intrepid Spelling Bee Participants:

David Mesh, Max Schwartz, Joseph Greer, Amali Gordon-Buxbaum, Tzvi Bat Asherah, Carl Warmuth, Nathan Kaplan, Amelia Hart, Marisa Granados & Eli Goldberg.



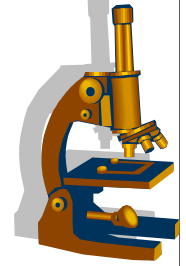
After-care Reminder

As you probably know, students are provided with a snack.
Unfortunately, these snacks are SMALL and many students are still hungry!

As much as we would like to feed them more... we just can't afford it;
So please send your child to school with some extra snacks to eat after school!

Thank you!

February 19 Science Fair!



Have you started thinking about it yet?

Now is the time...
Don't wait until the last minute!!

Which kind of project will you do?

- Experiment
- Investigation
- Demonstration
- Invention

Gan, Alef & Bet will present a class project; although individual projects are welcome too!

Gimel, Dalet & Hay students will present individual projects.

FYI - Display boards **For Science Fair Projects**

Schechter's office has simple white display boards for \$4.00

Display boards can also be purchased in many colors and configurations at Hobby Lobby and Michael's Arts and Crafts.

Currently Hobby Lobby has their boards on sale for 50% off

Kehilla Meeting

Our first one in 2009! Was this your New Year's resolution, too?



Wednesday
January 21
8:30 am
Oolam

Super-Duper Easy Schechter Fundraiser!!



Log onto:
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Instead of collecting Campbell soup labels, just sign up here and all your purchases are automatically added to Schechter's account. This is easier than remembering to bring in labels!

Mark you Calendar



Jan 13
Jan 16
Jan 19
Jan 21

Cluster Spelling Bee
NO SCHOOL: in-service
NO SCHOOL: MLK Day
Kehilla Meeting

Feb 9
Feb 16
Feb 19

Tu B'shevat
NO SCHOOL: Prez Day
Science Fair