



WHAT'S NU? SCHECHTER UPDATES

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Dr. Weil's Corner

Lunch Update

Thank you to those parents who responded to the question about "seconds" at lunch. The majority of the responses were in favor of "seconds" after 12:05. We have implemented that plan and have found that the students are eating more slowly and have been very polite and orderly about getting their "seconds." Parents have given us some excellent feedback and suggestions. We have discussed your ideas and look forward to implementing many of them.

The assigned seating has also resulted in some changes. Students have reported to me that they are enjoying eating with their Prayer Partners and that during recess they are now playing with a larger group of children. Students who have found it difficult to enjoy their lunch because too much noise and chaos have reported a better lunch experience. There has also been positive reports from students who have found it difficult to enjoy their lunch with too much noise and chaos have a better lunch experience. Although we were hoping for a little quieter lunchroom, as the children become more comfortable with their new seating arrangement, I've noticed that the noise level has increased over last week. That's ok – we want the children to enjoy lunch and socialize.

Another area we are trying to address is less waste of food. The parent servers are trying to help by giving the younger children smaller portions for hot lunch the first time around. The staff will also ask children who bring a sack lunch to pack up what they haven't eaten and take it home. That way parents know what their children are eating or not eating.

The staff has discussed how the new approach is working and has decided to continue assigned seating Monday through Thursday through the month of October. Our goal continues to be to teach students appropriate meal time behaviors and we're working closely with them at lunch to reinforce those behaviors. At the beginning of November, the staff will meet again to discuss how lunch is going and how we might continue or modify the assigned seating.

Lunch has become a much more pleasant time of day for the staff and the students.

Thank you for your support with these efforts.

Donations REALLY needed!



The office often has to deal with “accidents” and we need number of extra pants; various sizes and suitable for both boys and girls.



If you have any such items that are no longer used in your household, please bring them into the office!

Thank you so much!

Food Drive for JFS

We will be collecting non-perishable food from Oct. 27 through November 20th



Our goal is to gather 500 pounds!

Let's help provide a wonderful Thanksgiving to local families.

DEADLINE!

**All Schechter Swing
Program Ads
&
Auction Items**

**Must be in the office by
October 31st**

Jessica must have enough time to create program and get to the printer...
Thank you

LEARN HEBREW!

ITS IN YOUR DNA!

Free classes begin Oct. 28 and continue every Tuesday through December.

Must register with SSDS office
or with Reb Chavah

Tuesdays; 3:30-4:30 pm
Schechter Library

Student Performance Night December 4



**Auditions for Student Acts
November 12 & 13**

Judges: Morah Leanne and Moreh Arian

Please prepare your act well in advance and be prepared to perform it for the judges!

All content must be appropriate for all ages and be no longer than 5 minutes.



Mark you Calendar



Oct. 27-31

Scholastic Book Fair

Oct. 29

Kehilla Meeting: 8:30 am

Nov. 4

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Nov. 8

Schechter Swing, 6pm