

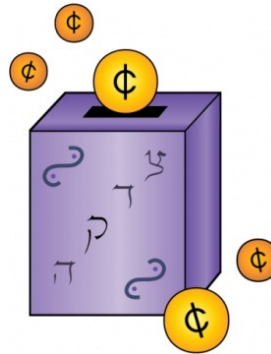


A NOTE FROM ELISABETH

For those of you fortunate enough to have joined us at Sunday's enormously successful Tzedakah Fair, I invite you to join me in saying *Yashar Koach* to all of our students, teachers, families and participants. Our older students in *Kitot Hay, Vav* and *Zayin*, worked diligently for weeks to prepare incredible presentations and displays on various charitable organizations such as *Masbia*, City Harvest, New Israel Fund, Grassroots Soccer, Susan G. Komen, ASPCA and more! Additionally, there were various stations where fair-goers could participate in a hands-on Mitzvah project. Teachers were up to their elbows in peanut butter, making sandwiches to donate to CHIPS, and brand new, brightly decorated (by the students) pillow cases were donated to the children's ward of Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. In addition to the many other projects that took place, we had volunteers helping fair goers donate their Tzedakah to the various represented organizations. This year, all of the proceeds from coffee

and snack purchases are going to Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger. Word on the street is that this year we raised more money than any past year! Wow! We still have to tally up all the Tzedakah that was donated on Sunday, but as soon as that happens, we will gladly share with you the amount of money that was raised to help with *Tikkun Olam* (fixing the world). We are very proud of all of our students and participants in the fair for spending Sunday making the world a better place. We

continue to collect Tzedakah at Hebrew School every day. As the year continues, we will share more information on where that money goes.



SHAVUAH TOV!

MISS CHOCOLATE-PASSOVER CANDY FUNDRAISING SALE!

It is hard to believe, but Passover is fast approaching! Don't worry, you still have more than two months to finish your cleaning, but in the meantime, we're starting our annual Miss Chocolate Passover Candy Fundraising Sale. Each student should have received a form and is encouraged to participate in the sale. Hit up your friends, family and especially grandparents! The school benefits greatly from every item sold (plus there are prizes for everyone who participates!) Contact Elisabeth or Catherine Drogin (mom of Alexander in Kitah Gimel) if you have any questions. **Completed forms are due by 2/29/12!**



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/31 HS (K-2)
- 2/1 HS (3-7)
- 2/3 All School Shabbat Dinner and Family Service
- 2/5 HS (3-7)/Parent Teacher Conferences for 3rd-7th grade
- 2/7 HS (K-2)/Parent Teacher Conferences for K-2nd grade
- 2/8 HS (3-7)
- 2/10 Kitah Vav Shabbat Dinner
- 2/11 Shaarei Mitzvah-Express Innovation program (pre B'nai Mitzvah class)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The PSJC Hebrew School wishes the following birthdays this week a "*Yom Huledet Sameach!*"



- Chester G. (Kitah Dalet) 1/29
- August R. (Kitah Hay) 1/29
- Ezra S. (Kitah Dalet) 2/1
- Ethan S. (Kitah Aleph) 2/3
- Martin D. (Kitah Zayin) 2/4

MID WINTER BREAK

Just a few more weeks until February Break...there will be NO Hebrew School on the following days: 2/19, 2/21, 2/22, 2/26.



Park Slope Jewish Center
1320 8th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11215
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Elisabeth Albert
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All School Shabbat Dinner & Family Service

If you have signed up to join us this Friday night, please note that our family service will start PROMPTLY at 6:00 PM and be done at 6:30. We will then swiftly move downstairs to sing the blessings and begin dinner. Looking forward to celebrating Shabbat together!

Oil Burning

If you haven't had a chance to check out the PSJC Music video, Oil Burning, that we made at Keshet Day—now is your chance. Be prepared to sing a long and have a smile on your face!

<http://youtu.be/eJRJ7yTIDmE>

Hebrew School Shabbat

Save the date for **Saturday morning, March 3rd...** aka Hebrew School Shabbat. This is a wonderful day for ALL students and their families to join us for Shabbat morning services. Each class will be leading a song/prayer in the main service and many of our teachers and parents will be participating in the service as well. We hope you can join us! Stay tuned for more details in the coming month.

Parents Night Out RETURNS!

Don't miss out on Parents Night Out!

Date: Saturday, February 11th

Time: 7:00- 10:00 PM

Location: PSJC

WHAT: Drop your kids off in the responsible hands of PSJC teens, and go out for a night on the town! Teens, under the supervision of Dina Garfinkel will be available for you between the hours of 7 pm and 10 pm. The price for this night is a FLAT rate of \$25 per family (max 3 kids). The event is for children ages 3-10 (potty-trained please), and we will have many fun activities planned!

All the money raised will go to our Solar Cooker Project (<http://www.jewishworldwatch.org/projects/ontheground/sudan/solar-cooker-project>). Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to have your kids spend time with others in the community, for you to have that night out you've been waiting for, and to help others in need. (We will NOT be serving dinner, but snacks will be provided.) If you have a child between the ages of 10 and 14 s/he can help run activities with the other kids. Please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/zBAYAn> And contact Dina (dinagee@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Hope you can join us!



Parent teacher conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are a great chance to talk one on one with your child's teacher and find out how they are doing in Hebrew School. A Google doc was emailed to everyone. **If you had difficulty opening the document or signing up, please contact Elisabeth and she will assist you.** If you have not signed up for conferences by the end of the day on Wednesday, February 1st, please speak to the teacher or Elisabeth directly to arrange another time to speak with parents. Click here to access the sign up document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P6Msqj1JLhUjzQGZxhW9ILCZ1Q0PLSN13phwvbs0aNQ/edit>

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MADRICHIM PROGRAM

One of the special things about the PSJC Hebrew School, is the involvement of our teens in the Madrichim (literally "guides") program. Madrichim are teachers' assistants in K-4th grade classes. Not only do these incredible teenagers provide amazing support for our teachers, the time that they VOLUNTEER sets a beautiful *doogma* (example) for our students. Many of our younger students look forward to the day when they are old enough to be a Madrich or a Madricha. Today's spotlight is on one of our Kitah Aleph (1st grade) Madricha, **Miriam Ehrlich:**

Where are you from/where did you grow up: Brooklyn!!

School (or schools) attended/attending: I went to P.S 372 The Children's School and M.S 51, now I am a Sophomore at Edward R. Murrow for vocal music!

Hobbies: I love to sing, dance, and act! I also really enjoy playing softball and hockey!

Favorite Jewish Holiday: I have so many! But if I had to choose it would be Hanukkah and Passover.

What do you do outside of Hebrew School? This is my second year in Brooklyn Youth Chorus which I love! I also take piano lessons and dance classes.

Did you go to Hebrew School? Day School? Jewish Camp? (if so, which ones): I went to Hebrew school from 2nd to 7th grade and celebrated my Bat Mitzvah here at PSJC! This is my second year as a 1st grade Madricha and I am having so much fun! I also have been going to Surprise Lake Camp for six years.

Favorite thing/topic you've learned in your Jewish education: I really enjoy learning about Jewish Holidays and history.