

V'ahavta... ואהבת



"Stellar Education for Every Jewish Child"

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Candle Lighting

Friday, Jan. 6
4:49 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7
Shabbat ends
5:52 p.m.



Saturday, Jan. 7

PCL Program 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Fast of 10 Tevet
6:02 a.m. - 5:44 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 9

RTA Home Opener
vs. Veritas
6:00 p.m. @WJCC

Tuesday Jan. 10

Soccer 3:40 - 4:55 p.m.

Kindergarten PEP
6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 12

Mishmar 3:45 - 6:00 p.m.

MiDor L'dor Program

Sixth Graders Share Chanukah Joy with Seniors

The sixth graders had a great time visiting with the Jewish seniors at Gayton Terrace before winter break. The program began with the students explaining the holiday of Chanukah. They split up into three groups, and each group explained a different idea of the holiday. The first group talked about the history and the miracles of Chanukah. The second group discussed the different customs we have on Chanukah and the third group explained the correct way to light the menorah. They each beautifully displayed the information on colorful, decorated poster boards.

After the history of Chanukah we enjoyed playing a competitive Chanukah Bingo game with the seniors. The students assisted the seniors with their bingo cards.



We ended the program by eating Krispy Kreme doughnuts filled with raspberry jam and enjoying sitting and talking with the seniors.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Bart and Mrs. Bender for driving and assisting with the program.

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Parent-Child Learning resumes tomorrow night at 6:45!

(To check on PCL status if driving conditions are questionable, please text or call Rabbi Plotnick at 432-9730 after Shabbat (6:00 pm or later).)



This year's PCL program is sponsored by a generous grant from Let's Give RVA.

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Mazel tov to Jane & Steve Samora on the birth of a granddaughter, Ayelet Rivka born to their children, David and Michelle Samora of Israel.

Mazel tov to Leah & Michael Paley and family on the birth of a granddaughter, Ahuva Dinah, born to their children, Shauly and Zahava Paley.

Mazel tov to Leah & Michael Paley and family on the birth of a granddaughter, Olivia Rose, born to their children, Goldie and Ushi Wittels.

Our condolences to Mrs. Boo Robertson on the passing of her sister, Ethyl Ladonado.

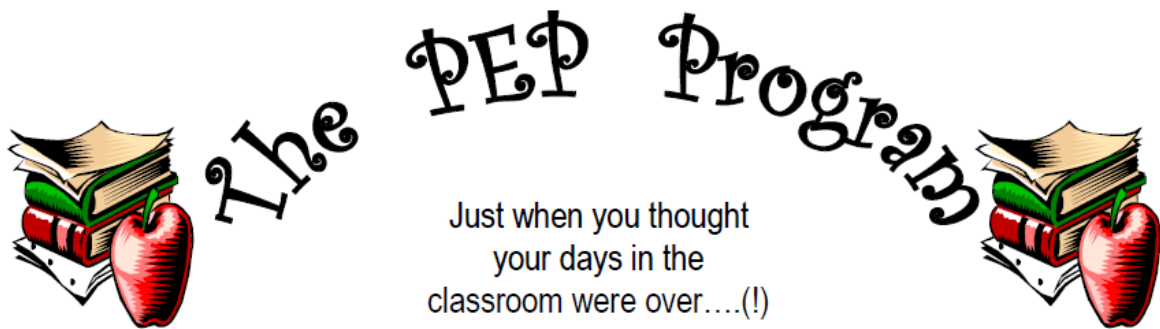
Our condolences to the Lehman family on the passing of Rich's mother, Mrs. Gladys Lehman. May the Lehman family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Our condolences to the Winston family on the passing of David's brother, Mr. Bobby Winston. May the Winston family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Thank you to the Sheldon family for donating books to the first and second grade classrooms.

The RTA faculty and staff wishes to thank all of the families who contributed to our wonderful holiday gifts.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness!



WHAT IS IT?

The PEP (Parallel Education for Parents) Program is a nationally acclaimed program piloted by RTA in 1993. PEP is designed for parents of all ages to come together with their children and their Jewish studies teachers for an exciting evening of learning and fun!

The evening will be followed by tasty refreshments (including our traditional PEP M&M's).

WHY IS IT?

There is little that we as parents value more than our children's education, growth, and happiness. You know how excited children are when they come and share with you something they learned at school. Now you have a unique opportunity to have your children actually share their school, their classroom, and their learning experiences with you as they happen.

WHEN IS IT?

Tuesdays

January 10, 6:15-7:30 p.m.: Kindergarten - Morah Perel

January 17, 6:15-7:30 p.m.: First Grade - Morah Joan

January 24, 6:30-7:45 p.m.: Second Grade - Morah Aronowitz

January 31, 6:30-7:45 p.m.: Third Grade - Rabbi Sherman

February 7, 6:30-7:45 p.m.: Fourth Grade - Rabbi Skaist

February 14, 6:30-7:45 p.m.: Fifth Grade - Rabbi M. Sherman

February 21, 6:30-7:45 p.m.: Sixth Grade - Rabbi Sherman

February 28, 6:30-7:45 p.m.: Seventh/Eighth Grade - Rabbi M. Sherman

Come with your child and experience an unforgettable evening of learning and fun!!

RTA AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES Winter Session

ART CLUB (K-4th grade)

Morah Jane Samora continues one of our most successful and long-running enrichment programs. You will be amazed at how Morah Jane's creativity helps students transform the most insignificant scrap items into beautiful projects, and her students have fun every step of the way.

Tuesdays 3:40-5:00; January 17 - March 7
Cost - \$70 for 8 weeks
Class maximum - 15 students

SOCCER Continuing for a 3rd session! Now Open to 5th Grade Students

KG-5th grade
Mondays 3:40-4:55; January 9 – March 27
Cost - \$70 for 9 weeks
Class maximum : 18 students

And Introducing... **GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL**
For 5th-8th graders
Tuesday afternoons 3:40-5:00, January 17– March 7
Cost - \$70 for 8 weeks

Don't forget - Mishmar for Grades 5-8 continues on Thursdays until Pesach!

Please call the school office with any questions about our after-school programs.



RTA IRON BLUE LIONS 2017 SCHEDULE:

Day	Date	Game	Team	Tip Off
Monday	9-Jan	Home	Veritas	6:00 PM
Monday	16-Jan	Home	Waldorf	6:00 PM
Monday	23-Jan	Home	Millwood	6:00 PM
Monday	30-Jan	Home	James River	6:00 PM
Monday	6-Feb	Home	Hanover	6:00 PM
Tuesday	7-Feb	Away	Veritas	6:00 PM
Thursday	9-Feb	Away	James River	6:30 PM
Monday	13-Feb	Home	Veritas	6:00 PM
Monday	20-Feb	Presidents Day	No Game	
Wednesday	22-Feb	Away	Millwood	4:30 PM
Thursday	23-Feb	Away	Hanover	4:15 PM
Monday	27-Feb	Home	Dad's Game	6:00 PM

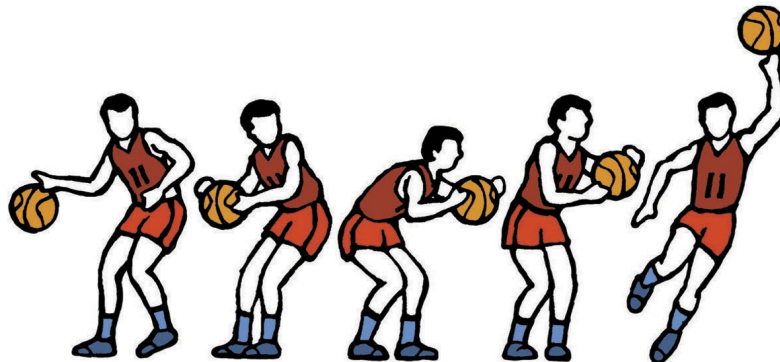
Away Game Locations

2/7 - Veritas - 3400 Brook Rd, Richmond, VA 23227

2/9 - James River - 5900 Hull Street Rd, Richmond, VA 23224 (@ Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church)

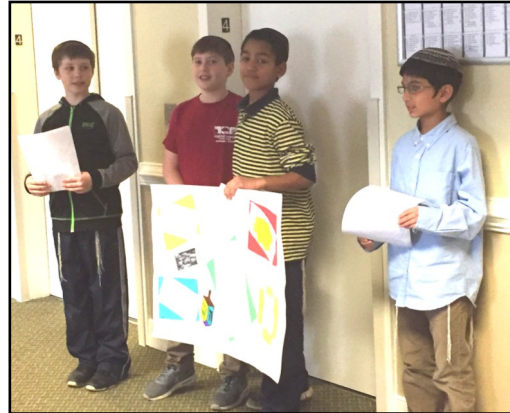
2/22 - Millwood - 15100 Millwood School Lane, Midlothian, VA 23112

2/23 - Hanover Academy - 117 Frances Rd, Ashland, VA 23005



MiDor L'dor Program

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Seventh and Eight Grade Make Challah with Seniors

Right before winter break, the 7th and 8th grade girls took part in an amazing chesed opportunity with the residents at Beth Shalom. The students got to share in one of three mitzvot given to women, Challah. They taught the women of Beth Shalom the importance of the mitzvah and helped them braid challah in all different shapes and sizes. It was truly a special event to share.

Special thank you to Mrs. Gunzburg and Mrs. Reinke for driving and braiding.



IMPACT
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Art Auction

Event to benefit
RTA Richmond Hebrew Day School

on
Sunday, January 29, 2017

at the Weinstein JCC

5403 Monument Avenue, Richmond VA 23226

Preview: 6:00 p.m. Auction: 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$18.00 per person

Wine, Hors D'oeuvres and Dessert

For tickets or more information, please email:

Yali Klestzick at yalicb@gmail.com

Send check payable to: RTA PVA, 3809 Patterson Ave, Richmond, VA 23221

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Reminder

Please clip box tops off of products and submit to the office.

The deadline for this year's goal is **March 1**, so we would like to get as many box tops as possible before then.

Thank you so much!



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Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
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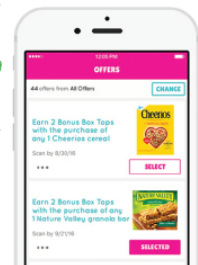
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Parsha Points

Each week we feature an article on the weekly Torah portion.

Vayigash (Genesis 44:18-47:27) *The True Challenge of Giving*

We know that the Bible is full of righteous individuals. But Yosef is the only biblical figure referred to *specifically* as "haTzaddik" -- "the righteous one." What is it about Yosef that marks him out as the paragon of righteousness more so than others?

There is one character trait that we find epitomized in Yosef: He always takes responsibility. Starting with his brothers, he tells his father the mistakes they are making. While it is true that he erred by not speaking to his brothers directly, his motivation was sincerely to ensure that proper behavior was followed. In Potiphar's house, and then in prison, he ends up running the show. When he leaves prison, he gives sage advice on how to handle problems (while always giving the credit to G-d) and he ends up running all of Egypt. When his brothers come to Egypt, he first helps them grow past their mistakes, and then provides for the whole family.

We often think of a righteous person as someone who does a lot of good. But how much good? How does one quantify? The Torah answers for us: It's not enough to just "do a lot of good." In order to be truly good, you have to consistently take responsibility for yourself, and for others.

We all have a good part that wants to give and to share. And that part will naturally express itself at times. Even the most selfish of people will feel like giving sometimes.

But the challenge of giving is not when you feel like doing so. It is to give when you don't feel like doing so. And when you take responsibility for others, you are committing to giving even when you don't feel like doing so.

Giving to a homeless person in the street means dropping some money into his cup. Taking responsibility for him means sitting with him and talking about what his needs are and then figuring out how to solve those problems. It's not quite as comfortable as dropping him a few pennies. Giving to an office colleague means making her a cup of coffee when you're making one yourself. Taking responsibility would mean proactively approaching her when she seems down, giving her your time, then suggesting concrete ways which could be of assistance.

Giving to your friend means responding to their needs and sharing. Taking responsibility, however, means also rebuking them sometimes, even though it might cause friction. It means listening to them and understanding them, not just expressing your own opinion. It means taking time to figure out how to help them grow, then actively and patiently encouraging them to move in that direction even though they might resist initially.

Giving comes naturally -- to a greater or lesser extent -- to every one of us. Taking responsibility for others, however, is the true challenge of giving.

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The one who is willing to take responsibility for one's self, and for others - in all areas of life - is the truly righteous person. That was Yosef haTzaddik.

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