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May 10, 2019

5 Iyar, 5779

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## Learning at RTA



### Candle Lighting

Friday, May 10  
7:50 p.m.

Saturday, May 11  
8:53 p.m.



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### Tuesday, May 14

Gr. K & 1 Trip to  
Metro Richmond Zoo  
8:40 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Gr. 5-8 Trip to Washington  
8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, May 16

Computer Coding  
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Soccer  
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

**Dear Parents: Remember that the Chesed Gala Journal is a wonderful opportunity to congratulate your child, their teachers, and the honorees for a job well done this year. It's not too late to get your ads in. Thank you so much for your support!**

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY PLACED ADS IN THE CHESED JOURNAL!**

**SAVE THE DATE - RTA ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Wednesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. at RTA*

Please see page 6 for the proposed slate of the  
2019-2020 Board of Directors and Officers.

Mazel tov to Rabbi Adam & Thea Winston on the birth of a daughter, Adele Bracha.

Mazel tov to Ari & Shira Lewis on the birth of a son, Akiva Menachem Mendel.  
Mazel tov to the grandparents, Doug & Orly Lewis and to the entire Lewis family.

2019  
**CHESED AWARD** Celebration  
*With Great Pleasure*  
RUDLIN TORAH ACADEMY RICHMOND HEBREW DAY SCHOOL  
Invites the Richmond Jewish Community to the  
**2019 CHESED AWARD CELEBRATION**  
TUESDAY, June 4, 2019, 6:30 PM  
WEINSTEIN JCC  
5403 Monument Ave • Richmond, VA 23226

Honoring



**Mr. Avery Lynn**  
*Chesed Honoree*



**Mrs. Susan Press**  
*ABCD Recipient*



**Rabbi Yosef Skaist**  
*Double YOD Honoree*



**Mrs. Lin Hardy**  
*Double YOD Honoree*

To RSVP or purchase an ad in recognition of our honorees or in tribute of someone special, please visit [rudlin.com/chesed](http://rudlin.com/chesed)



# CHESED AWARD *Celebration*

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TUESDAY, June 4, 2019 AT 6:30 PM • WEINSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GOLD PAGE ..... \$6,000 Color Ad, Includes Eight (8) Reserved Seats	HALF PAGE ..... \$600
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THE RUDLIN TORAH ACADEMY AND WEINSTEIN JCC  
**BETTER TOGETHER PROJECT**

WOULD LIKE TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR

**END OF YEAR**

*grand event*

W E D N E S D A Y  
**MAY 22**  
 11:00 AM - 1:15 PM  
 WEINSTEIN JCC

WORDS OF INSPIRATION BY CHARLIE HARAY ESQ. VIA LIVE WEBINAR

LUNCHEON RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO MAKE A RESERVATION  
 PLEASE EMAIL: BETTERTOGETHERVA@GMAIL.COM



## Slated Officers and Board 2019–2020

President	Mr. David Hecht
Vice President, Administration	Dr. Karen Wharton
Vice President, Ways and Means	Mrs. Robyn Galpern
Vice President, Finance	Mr. Josh Goldberg
Secretary	Mrs. Ann Eisenberg
Treasurer	Mr. Avi Gunzburg
Immediate Past President	Mr. Eric Shoenfeld
Past President	Mrs. Rebecca Kalman-Winston

### BOARD MEMBERS (One year remaining)

Mrs. Helen Griffin  
Dr. Tino Habib

### BOARD MEMBERS (To be elected to a one-year term)

Mrs. Susie Adolf  
Dr. Bob Weisberger  
Mr. Todd Weinberg

### BOARD MEMBERS (To be elected to a two year term)

Rabbi Michael Aronowitz  
Mrs. Ira Korshin  
Rabbi Elliot Plotnick  
Mr. Josh Silverman

### *Nominating Committee:*

*Mr. Eric Shoenfeld, Mr. David Hecht,, Mr. Josh Goldberg, Mrs. Robyn Galpern,  
Mrs. Helen Griffin, Mrs. Ira Korshin, Mrs. Ann Eisenberg, Mr. Josh Silverman*

Article V, Section C of our Constitution and Bylaws states:

“Any Regular Member shall be entitled to make additional nominations provided that the nomination is seconded by at least five (5) additional Regular Members and nomination and seconds submitted in writing with at least six (6) different signatures, ten (10) days before the annual meeting addressed to the president at the school’s current address.”

## Rudlin Torah Academy | 2019-2020 CALENDAR תש"פ

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### Learning at RTA

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## Hand Sculptures

by the Art Club

For the last art club project, the students rolled out clay with rolling pins and a helper traced their hands into the clay. After they pulled away the extra clay, they drew their finger lines and bent them upwards. When the projects dried they were painted.



*Avi Fitzgerald*



*Katie Holi*



*Isaac Nichols*



*Rachelli Aronowitz*



*Moshe Goldberg*



*Dena Cantor*

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## Hand Sculptures

by the Art Club

(continued from page 9)



Abe Sherman



Lilah Knopf



Yali Plotnick



Shayna Chandler



Yehoshua Aronowitz



Malky Goldberg



Simmy Winston



Danielle Holi



Eliana Rakofsky

(more art on next page...)



## Monet's Water Lilies

by the Kindergarten

The kindergarten looked at art by Claude Monet, the French Impressionist painter. They watched "Linnea in Monet's Garden", an animated film about a girl who visits Monet's Garden in Giverny, France. After cutting and gluing lily pads, they painted the water with blues and greens. They used tissue paper to make the flowers.



*Moussia Friedman*



*Abe Sherman*



*Simmy Winston*



*Dena Cantor*



*Moshe Goldberg*



*Yoshi Mizrahi*



*Yali Plotnick*



*Rachelli Aronowitz*



*Hillel Shlomo Follick*

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# Monet's Water Lilies

by the Kindergarten

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Maya Farzad



Malky Goldberg



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## The Beginning of Painting

by the 5th and 6th Grade

The Lascaux Caves in France were discovered in 1940 by accident and are over 17,000 years old. The paintings of animals and people show us how early man lived and hunted. Their beauty and sophistication shed light on the intelligence and mastery of these people.

The fifth and sixth grades first painted the “walls” of the caves. Then they painted the animals. Cave painters like those at Lascaux, would “sign” their paintings with a hand print. When you walk by our “cave”, just imagine you’re underground at Lascaux.



## Parsha Points

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

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### Kedoshim (Leviticus 19-20)

#### Retirement

For many years, America had lost its most capable and knowledgeable people to ... retirement. In universities as well as business, there were mandatory retirement rules demanding that a person leave his profession when he reached age 65. Fortunately, in recent years, many have reevaluated this thinking.

From the vantage point of Jewish tradition, which prizes wisdom, these rules make little sense. The older a person is, the more likely he or she is to have acquired life experience and wisdom. Thus, rather than being denied an opportunity to share their knowledge, Judaism teaches that elders should lead our people.

In the Torah, many of the greatest leaders of the Jewish People gain their positions at an advanced age. Abraham first responds to God's call that he go to Canaan when he is 75 years old. Later on, when the Israelites leave Egypt, they are led by Moses and Aaron - ages 80 and 83 respectively.

The Talmud states: "If the youth tell you to build, and the elders tell you to destroy, you should destroy and not build, because the destruction (recommended by) the elders is in itself constructive."

Rechavam, King Solomon's son, is described in the Book of Melachim (Kings) as abandoning the advice given to him by his older advisors for the counsel of his younger advisors. The result? He loses most of his kingdom and the Jewish nation becomes irrevocably divided into the Northern Kingdom and the Kingdom of Judah. Had he followed the advice of the elders, this tragedy could have been prevented.

Respect for elders is spelled out in this week's parsha - Kedoshim. The word "*kedoshim*" means "holiness," and much of the Parsha discusses laws which are designed to help the Jewish People become a holy nation. Among these laws is an injunction to "*stand up before an old person and give respect to the elders*" (Leviticus 19:32). This injunction was taken quite literally by the sources and Jewish law mandates that one stand up out of respect when an elder passes by. The Shulchan Aruch, the Code of Jewish Law, says that a person acquires the status of "elder" at age 70. Non-Jewish elders are also to be honored and respected. The observance of this Mitzvah is still followed today by Jews throughout the world..

Included within the laws of respecting an elder is not to sit in his seat, not to answer in his stead, and not to contradict his words. Interestingly, these laws are similar to those that are to be observed by a child toward his or her parents. In both instances there is, among other things, the recognition of greater wisdom on the part of the senior partner in the relationship.

However, it should be noted that Jewish tradition does not relegate the province of wisdom solely to those who have reached the age of 70. The same respect and recognition is given to

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those who achieve great scholarship and wisdom even at much younger ages. For instance, Jewish law also requires that one stand when a young Torah scholar passes by.

In essence, the Torah is telling us to be respectful of two different ways of acquiring wisdom: Those who accumulate it through life experience, and those who achieve it through learning Torah. (And of course, a special reverence would be due an elderly Torah scholar!) A reverence for education, and for our elders – two themes all too often overlooked in the modern world – but which are basic to our timeless Torah traditions.

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