

Hebrew Day Institute

לכבוד שבת

L'chvod Shabbat



April 4, 2008



“In the Tradition of Joey’s Tzedakah Box” Curriculum

Magen David Adom (MDA) provides Israeli’s pre-hospital emergency medical needs, including medical, disaster, ambulance and blood services. Adom American Friends of Magen David Adom - ARMDI is the sole authorized fundraising and advocacy organization in the United States supporting the life saving efforts of MDA in Israel and representing Magen David Adom in the US in all matters.

Throughout its more than 70 year history, Magen David Adom has been and continues to serve as a critical second line of defense, responding to hundreds of thousands of emergency calls each year. During the summer of 2006, MDA responded to 1,500 incidents in Israel’s north and treated more than 2,600 wounded citizens. Their efforts continue today and into the future with over 100 Emergency Medical Stations and 11 dispatch centers throughout Israel.

In July, 2008, Sarit and Rusty Scott and their family will observe the second anniversary of Elie Ronen’s death, ז’ל, 10 days after what would have been his 9th birthday. At the time they experienced the initial horror of Elie’s death, another tragedy was taking place in Israel – the war against Hezbollah in Lebanon and the fighting with Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Unfortunately, attacks by Hamas continue today, with hundreds of rockets falling in Sderot and Ashkelon and a recent deadly attack in Jerusalem.

Sarit and Rusty Scott have sought solace in the idea of preserving Elie’s memory by lending his name to help save others in Israel. After Elie’s death, they asked that contributions be made to MDA in Elie’s memory. We hope you will join them again in honoring Elie by contributing to the newly established *Elie Ronen Scott Memorial Fund for MDA Paramedic Scholarships*.

The MDA Corps of Paramedics represents the backbone of Magen David Adom. It costs MDA between \$5,000 and \$15,000 to train a paramedic, depending on which courses are taken. They learn defibrillation, CPR, advance life support, advanced cardiac life support, advanced trauma life support, medical terms and protocols to work effectively with physicians. MDA graduates about 160 paramedics and hundreds of EMTs per year. CPR courses are also offered for new mothers, lifeguards and drivers of public transportation vehicles.

The Scott family supports the training of the superb and compassionate MDA Corps of Paramedics. They urge and invite you to join their effort and help 160 new paramedics graduate this year. On Tuesday, April 8 our students will receive MDA ambulance tzedakah boxes to use during the month of April.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

“Everything’s Groovy!”

Performance Dates:

**Wednesday, April 9 10 am
(Dress Rehearsal)**

Thursday, April 10 7 pm

Sunday, April 13 2 pm

**Tickets will go on sale
Thursday, April 3 in the
school office. Tickets will
also be available at the door.
\$10/child & \$15/adult**

Tzedakah of the Month

*Elie Ronen Scott Memorial
Fund for Magen David Adom
Paramedic Scholarships*

**Please bring in your “Save a
Child’s Heart” tzedakah
boxes no later than Monday,
April 7th. Our students will
receive new tzedakah boxes
from MDA on Tuesday.**

Passover Break

**Passover vacation begins
Thursday, April 17 and we
return to school on Tuesday,
April 29th.**



Play rehearsals are going really nicely and we are just days away from the big show! The musical is fun and your children are all wonderful! Next week we will hold after school rehearsals **only** on **Monday, April 7th**. **Pick up time will be at 5:15 pm.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

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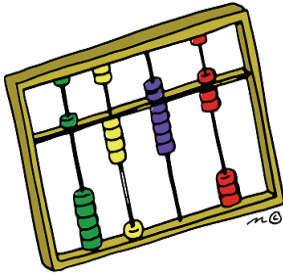


Jewish Information for Families & You!

JiFFY is now online at www.shalomdc.org. Just click on the link for ShalomBaby and you will see a link to JiFFY on the right side of the page.

It contains great information on a wide range of topics for you and your family.





Math Message

By Robin A. Lempert

Helping Your Children with Math

A great way to help your students be successful with math is to work with them at home to practice skills and to reinforce what is learned at school. Everyday Math has a parent website full of ideas at www.wrightgroup.com/parent_connection/index.html.

At this site you will find tips and activities as well as literature links to help your children with math. The website tells us that

40% of adults hated math in school

84% of middle schoolers would rather do "anything" other than math homework

Parents can help children learn to love math by getting involved! Please download these tips and activities to make math a part of your family life!



Israel @ 60 Choir Performances

Our school choir continues to spread its joy and ruach. On Wednesday, March 26 we joined local musician Liz Kruger for song and dance with the seniors from all of the Charles E. Smith Life Communities which include Landow House, Hebrew Home, Ring House and The Misler Center. Many beautiful songs were performed and seniors, students, teachers and parents all enjoyed!





PTO Corner

By Edith Calem

Happy Spring to all!

Just a quick note to remind every that the PTO-sponsored after school activity Israeli folk dancing will begin Wednesday April 9th.

The Chess Club had their first session this week. Due to the play rehearsal, chess will not meet on April 7th, but will continue on the 14th, and then after Pesach. Forms are available in the school office.

Don't forget to turn in your boxtops....it's easy money for our school!

It is never too late to order challah for Shabbat! You can pick up a form in the school office. Challahs are delivered on Thursdays.

This month's PTO meeting is cancelled. We will meet again on May 4th at the usual place and time. I will send a reminder.

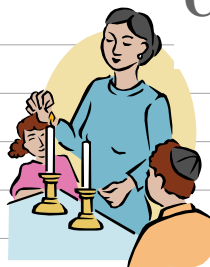
Shabbat Shalom!

**Shabbat Shalom from the teachers
and staff of Hebrew Day Institute!**



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Candle Lighting Time



Friday, April 4 7:17 pm