



# לכבוד שבת

## L'chvod Shabbat



### Trends in Education—excerpted from *Washington Post*, Nov. 4, 2007

Ability grouping works! At Rock View Elementary school in Kensington, MD teachers and students are having remarkable success with an uncommon approach: ability grouping. As ability grouping is practiced at Rock View as well as Hebrew Day Institute, class assignments are fluid and temporary. Students are tested regularly in multiple areas and are promoted to more challenging course work as their skills improve. No one is ever demoted. Implemented five years ago under the supervision of an expert educator; students, parents and teachers all credit the nowhere-but-up philosophy. Thanks to the leadership and insight of educators like Madeline Rothbard, Hebrew Day Institute is experiencing similar results. We are certainly lucky to be on the forefront of trends in education! Way to go Hebrew Day Institute!



### Tribute Cards

#### Did You Know???

You can **Honor** the accomplishment of a family member, friend or co-worker; **Celebrate** a special event in the life of someone special to you, **Commemorate** the life of a loved one with a contribution to **Hebrew Day Institute's Tribute Fund**.

With a donation of \$18, Hebrew Day Institute will send a personalized card (omitting gift amount) acknowledging your gift to the individual or family you designate. This is an easy way for you to honor someone celebrating a special event or accomplishment, or remember someone you love.



### Hanukkah Choir

We are once again fortunate to have Dr. Ruth Newhouse lead our school choir, grades 2—6, for a busy month of performances. Below is a list of our performance dates confirmed as of Nov. 8th. Please mark them on your calendar. More information to follow!

Tuesday, Nov. 27th	7 pm	Ohev Shalom & Group Homes
Sunday, Dec. 2nd	3 pm	Tikvat Israel Cantor Helzner Concert
Thursday, Dec. 6th	1 pm	Har Tzeon JCC Senior Luncheon
Thursday, Dec. 6th	6 pm	White Flint Mall



November 9, 2007

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Tzedakah of the Month:**  
*Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless*

Please remind your children to bring in their Tzedakah every Friday!

#### Early Dismissal Begins

On Friday, November 9th, dismissal is at 2:30 pm.

#### Club Ed Friday Closings

November 2007 through February 2008 - **4:00 pm**

#### Reading Room with Mrs. R

Book club will meet on the following days during lunch:

K—2: Friday, Nov. 9th

3—6: Monday, Nov. 12th

#### Career Day

Monday, November 12th



Max's Nights are back!

Tuesdays @

MAX'S

Make plans with your friends to meet at Max's Café for delicious food and fun! Hebrew Day Institute gets a percentage of the total dinner checks. Save your receipts and turn them in to the school office the next day.

The best part: NO DISHES TO CLEAN UP!

Tuesday nights at Max's:

December 11

January 15

February 5

March 4

April 1

May 6

**Mark your calendars!**



## Science Fair Updates

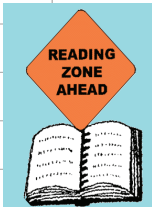
By Sharon Turpie

The Third through Sixth Grade students have started on their science fair projects. They have been asking some exciting questions and have selected their science fair topics. They are currently working on the research and bibliography phase of the project which is due **Friday November 16.**

The research need only be one or two paragraphs long (one page, 20 pt. font size) but all sources must be cited in the bibliography, using the correct format. Mr. Nelson is working with the students on this aspect of the project.

Kindergarten, first and second graders will be working on class projects and we will begin discussing it during class time the week of November 19th. Rumor has it that the 1st graders want to work with ants!

**Just a reminder: Science Fair is on Thursday, January 31, 2008!**



## Scholastic Book Fair

November 26th — November 30th

The Hebrew Day Institute-PTO sponsored Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday, November 26th—Friday, November 30th. We need volunteers! If you are available to participate, please contact Sue Meiselman at 301-871-5971 or email at [smeiselman@gmail.com](mailto:smeiselman@gmail.com)

Volunteer—It's good for your soul!



Please tell your friends and neighbors that we are having an Open House! Contact Renee Salzberg at 301-649-5808 or [rsalzberg@hebrewdayinstitute.org](mailto:rsalzberg@hebrewdayinstitute.org) for more information.

Next Open House: Tuesday, Nov. 13th @ 7:00 pm



## Parsha Talk

By Rabbi Philip Pohl (a proud Hebrew Day Institute parent)

### PARSHAT TOLDOT

Parshat Toldot serves as the portion which transitions the Biblical narrative from Avraham to Yaakov. Therefore it is in this parasha where we learn the most about Yitzhak as an adult.

In Genesis 26, Avimelech, the king of the Philistines envies Yitzhak's prosperity and sends him away. Eventually Yitzhak comes to settle in Gerar and Genesis 26:18 tells us, "Isaac dug anew the wells that had been dug during Abraham's days, which the Philistines had stopped up following Abraham's death. He (Yitzhak) gave them (the wells) the same names that his father had given them."

At a time of searching for a new place to live, Yitzhak returns to his roots and begins digging in familiar ground. He knows that the resource of water can be found in this environment because that's where his father was successful while attempting the same task.

Water is often a metaphor for Torah. This biblical episode reminds us that when we are children it is best to revisit the traditional (re)sources for nourishment. As we age we often follow in the footsteps of our parents, both consciously and unconsciously. As students in Hebrew Day Institute it will be important to remember the decision of your parents to enroll you in a traditional Jewish Day School when G-d willing you will become parents one day. Learn from the example of Yitzhak and revisit the wells dug by your parents. Therein you will find eternal spiritual nourishment for you and your children.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Philip Pohl



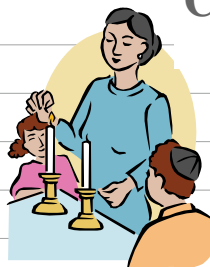
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## Candle Lighting Time



Friday, November 9 4:42 pm