



THURSDAY NOTES

September 11, 2008

11 Elul 5768

Ke Tetze

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:09 p.m.



From Bini's Desk

"Build It and They Will Come"

Many of you may remember this line from the movie, Field of Dreams, with Kevin Costner. And indeed this is the beginning of our 'field of dreams.' It is very exciting with each passing day to see the progress that is being made on our new Early Childhood Pavilion. The construction is right on schedule, and barring any unforeseen weather challenges, we expect to be able to move into the new building by the end of November.

I know that so many of you have been instrumental in helping us to reach this monumental time in the growth of our school, and we thank each and every one of you. The new building will provide four new state-of-the-art classrooms for our Early Childhood students, as well as a brand new playground space. It will allow our Kindergarten students to have a new home, with their own bathrooms, kitchens, playground and cubby rooms. Further, it will allow us to move our 3rd Grade class back into the main building, and we will be able to re-open our library in the space where it used to be.

We hope that, in another six months or so, the construction will begin on our community's new JCC, right next door to Lerner. It will provide our school with a gym, a swimming pool, an art room, a music room and additional activity space. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a pledge to the PJC (Partnership for a Jewish Center), now is the time to do so and be part of this exciting project. Please contact Bryna Rapp (bryna@jewishpartnership.org) for further information.

It is truly a wonderful time to be part of the Lerner School family – we are 'building it' – and more students will be coming to our school in the years ahead.

Calendar

September

- 17 Elementary Division Back to School Night- (see times on second page)
- 19 Early Childhood Division Closed- Teacher Conference
- 21 Jewish Song & Story Time at Barnes & Noble
- 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah—Noon Dismissal
- 30 Rosh Hashanah—School Closed

Coming Up in October

- 12 New Family Brunch 10:00—noon
- 13 Sukkot Family Lunch K & 2nd Grades
- 16 Sukkot Family Lunch 1st & 3rd Grades
- 17 Sukkot Family Lunch 4th & 5th Grades

Parent Driver Forms Reminder



This is the final reminder for Parent Driver Forms. If you are interested in being a driver for Field Trips, please be sure to turn in your forms by September 22, no later than 3:00 pm. If we have not received your forms by this time you will not be able to drive for any upcoming Field Trips. For any questions please contact Foley at shalom@lernerschool.org.

CHALLAH CLUB

Come Join Us! We're looking for Challah Helpers to make Challah on Friday mornings with a terrific bunch of parents. Make the dough. Chat, Eat, Walk the Duke trail. Braid, Bake, and then eat some more! When: Fridays 8 am-12pm at Lerner. Come whenever you can. Join the Lerner School Challah Club.

Have some fun and meet a great bunch of moms! Dads welcome too!





Fly on the Wall

If you were a fly on the wall...

It has been a busy two weeks! Next week at Back to School Night your child's teacher will fill you in on all the classroom highlights, but here is a sample:

- 1st grade students received a surprise visit from Ariot the lion! He visited the classrooms to talk about how we welcome members to a community.
- 4th/5th grade students wrote "bio poems" and created salt dough faces as they discussed shades of meaning and proportion.
- 3rd grade children were taught model lessons by two Music teachers as we finalized the search for our new Lerner School music teacher.

See you on the 17th!

Mary

Don't forget...

Back to School Night

September 17, 2008

This is a great chance to meet all of the teachers and hear about your child's curriculum. Times are as follows:

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

7:00 pm-8:15 pm

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades

7:45 pm-9:00 pm

We look forward to seeing you!!!

P.A.C. Corner



Volunteer Opportunities:

Thursday, September 25th

Volunteers are needed to shop for ingredients and bake honey cakes in the Lerner School kitchen.

Monday, September 29th, 8:45 -11:00

Rosh Hashanah Workshops

6 volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, and assist with the Elementary Division Workshops.

If you would like to participate, please contact:

Miriam Cohen Franzen: mamele@gmail.com

Jodi Beetham: jsbeetham@bellsouth.net

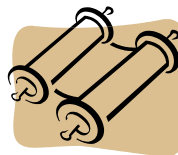
A Word of Thanks:

Thank you to the volunteers who set up the Parent Coffees last week: Pam Cohen, Michele Rivkin-Fish, Sumi Ariely, Jill Rose, Edith Kahn, Richard Goldberg, Susan Springer, Ina Persia, Lindsey Volin, Michelle Kahn, and Mandy Summerson. Their diligence and teamwork made everything go smoothly.

Attention All Drama Supporters!

The Hebrew Department is looking for donations of **unique** props & clothes to be used for dramatic productions. Only send in items that you won't need back. The more interesting the item – the better! Todah!

Parshat Hashavuah: *Ke Tetze*



פרשת השבוע: כ' תצא

Ke Tetze: Honest Weights and Measures
Rabbi Lewis Eron

Among the various rules and regulations found in this week's parshat are a few laws addressed to our business lives. These principles form the foundation for a Jewish business ethic that centers on the values of fairness, honesty, truthfulness and justice. We are directed to treat our employees fairly: we must not withhold their pay. Here we learn that the Torah forbids usury. We must not exploit one stricken by poverty by demanding interest. We are also instructed to take care of the property of neighbors; we must return their lost animals and objects and aid their beasts of burden when they fall. Above all we read that the Torah requires us to be truthful. We are required to have true weights and measures because honesty lies at the heart of a strong and healthy community.

From the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
www.jrf.org

Each week we will choose our d'var (explanation) from one of the following websites:

Torah Hayim	(Reform)	www.uahc.org
Divrei Torah	(Reconstructionist)	www.jrf.org
Torah Sparks	(Conservative)	www.uscj.org
Orthodox Union	(Orthodox)	www.ou.org

Question of the Week

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Name two of the animals that a Shofar can be made from.

2nd-5th Grade: Name all of the animals that a Shofar can be made from.

Answer: Generally a Shofar comes from a Kosher animal (except for a cow/bull because of the Golden Calf incident in the Torah). It comes from an animal that has a hollow horn, such as: **Sheep/Ram, Mountain Goat, Gazelle, Kudu (African Antelope), Goat, Antelope, Ibex (wild Goat), Buffalo/Bison, etc.**