



LEARNING FOR LIFE

# Thursday Notes

December 1, 2011

## LEARNING FOR GOOD

*Dear Parents,*

*I would like to use this space this week to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers tell you about a wonderful project their classes just completed for Thanksgiving.*

Recently, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade finished a book titled Stone Fox by John Gardiner. The book focuses on a family with a severe financial need and how a young boy finds a creative way to solve an immediate money crisis. This was a very moving book that led us to discussions about people in our local community who experience similar situations.

As Thanksgiving was fast approaching, we as a class decided that we would like to help others. We decided that it would be very appropriate to help a needy family or two by providing the foods that they would need to celebrate Thanksgiving. Our wonderful students came up with a plan! Through discussion, students decided to seek work to earn money that would then be used to purchase food. Parents were asked to act as employers for a few days. They negotiated with their children and came up with some simple jobs that they could do at home, and a dollar/cents amount that they felt was appropriate for them to earn. The students were paid in cash so that they would get extra practice counting and working with real money. The class then pooled all the earnings which came to over \$207.00 and then went with their shopping lists to a local grocery store to buy the necessary items. The class worked with Jewish Family Services to distribute goods. Margaret McWilliams from JFS visited the class to talk about the work of JFS and the families they serve.

The goal of this project was to have our children come to the understanding that they have the power to make change in people's lives by putting in just a little effort, and that it can be both fun and very rewarding.

If you would like to see pictures of this project please check out the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Newsletter which will be posted on the Lerner website Friday afternoon!

Melissa and Fiona

***Yishar Koach 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!***

***Mary***



5 Kislev 5772

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 4:44 pm



## *A Moonlit Masquerade*

Please take a moment to complete the brief auction questionnaire that was sent home with your child. We are getting ready for another exciting Lerner auction, *A Moonlit Masquerade*! The success of the auction depends on all of us—from simply sharing your thoughts to attending the event, spreading the word, donating, planning, and soliciting, every volunteer contribution is important. Thank you to those who have already donated services from their business, vacation homes, meals, yoga lessons, challah baking and many other great items!

We want your input! Click on the *What's New* tab  
at [www.lernerschool.org](http://www.lernerschool.org) to share with us!

## **GOT MITZVAH?**

Join the entire Jewish community for Mitzvah Day 2011 and help others this holiday season! Volunteer on December 25<sup>th</sup> for various projects around the community. To register, visit [www.shalomdch.org/mitzvahday](http://www.shalomdch.org/mitzvahday). In conjunction with Mitzvah Day, the Lerner School is sponsoring two collections in the Parent Lounge, starting on Monday, December 5th:

- **Welcome Baby** – Please donate gently used diaper bags, pack n' plays, children's books and clothing
- **Yo Durham** – Please donate notebook and copy paper, pencils, markers, composition books and 3-ring binders

Check your Friday folders for more information about Mitzvah Day.

# Odds and Ends

- If you have not yet paid for milk this year, please note that an invoice will be sent home in your child's backpack this Friday. Afterschool bills will also be sent home this Friday.
- We are in need of old CD's! We will reuse them to make dreidels for our Chanukah Workshop. Please bring them to Foley at the front desk.
- Please be on the lookout for something that can be used as your family's own unique *chanukiyah* base. Your family will be using these found items to build your one-of-a-kind *chanukiyah* at our Chanukah Workshop, Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>
- As winter is upon us, we wanted to remind you about our Alert Now System. Alert Now is our automated system that notifies parents (via phone and/or email messages) with information about inclement weather or school closings. If you have any question, please contact Foley at [shalom@lernerschool.org](mailto:shalom@lernerschool.org)



## JCC Movie Night Thurs Dec 8 – Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Thursday Dec 8, 6:00 pm

\$10/family; Free for members

Contact: [madeline.seltman@levinjcc.org](mailto:madeline.seltman@levinjcc.org)



## Share the Love!



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and give the Lerner School  
a glowing review!

## JCC Parent's Night Out

Sat Dec. 10th 6:30-9:30 pm

Parents get a night on the town and kids get a night of activities and games with their friends – it's a win-win! No food provided - Please eat first or bring dinner. Age 4+.

Pre-register by Thurs Dec 8 by calling 354-4936  
\$35 per child, \$10 for each additional child  
Members: \$25 per child, \$5 for each additional child  
Contact: [madeline.seltman@levinjcc.org](mailto:madeline.seltman@levinjcc.org)

## Donations have been made by the following people to commemorate special events:

- Rabbis Eric and Jenny Solomon in honor of Meirav and Adi's teachers: Holly & Wendy and Barbara & Becca
- Bernard and Arlene Cohen in honor of the James Family



## SHABBAT TOGETHER- THIS FRIDAY!

For children ages 18 months – 4 years old. Bring a friend and meet other families while welcoming Shabbat through songs, creative movement, playtime and challah. December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30am – 11:30am in the Parent Lounge. \$3 per session. RSVP at [rsvp@lerner-school.org](mailto:rsvp@lerner-school.org).

## Hanukkah Festival at the JCC this Sunday

Storytelling with Rachel Galper, live Klezmer music, *shuk* (marketplace), a world-record-breaking dreidel spin, and a lesson from the Israel Center in making (and eating!) *sufganiot* (donuts).

Sunday, Dec 4, 2:30-6pm, Check out the [full schedule here](#).

Cost: \$5; Members \$3

Contact: [mmcwilliams@shalomdch.org](mailto:mmcwilliams@shalomdch.org)

