



Stellar Education for Every Jewish Child

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RTA PVA Sukkot Dinner

Richmond sure needed the rain, but on Sukkos it can certainly make life challenging.

How fortunate we were that a very rainy Wednesday turned sunny **just** in time for us to have a beautiful, successful, well-attended Sukkot BBQ dinner at RTA. Thank you Hashem!



Our school's great events only happen because of the help of our dedicated volunteers.

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Candle Lighting

Friday, Oct. 25
6:02 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26
Shabbat ends
7:03 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE !!!

The 10th Anniversary Run-A-Latke 5K and one-miler
will take place on
Sunday, December 15, 2019
9:30 am at the Weinstein JCC



Register by Oct. 31 to get the early bird discount at
<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Richmond/RunALatke>

Run, walk, stroll, eat, have fun!



Monday, Oct. 28
Art Club
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 29
7th/8th Grade Trip
to Capitol
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 29
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Computer Coding
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 30
7th/8th Grade Better
Together Program @WJCC
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 31
Chess Club
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Rudlin Torah Academy August High Holiday Appeal

***Thank you for giving to the 2019 Rudlin Torah Academy High Holiday Appeal.
Listing below is for donations received through Thursday, October 24, 2019.***

Parents - Your Tzedakah Can Double!

We are extremely grateful to all who have already donated to RTA's 2019 High Holiday Campaign! For RTA families, we have been granted a Match for this campaign and will receive **an additional \$1,800** when we reach at least **75% RTA family** participation. This means that your meaningful gift to RTA becomes an even greater investment in the education of our children!

Parents

Rabbi & Mrs. Michael Aronowitz
 Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Asher
 Mr. & Mrs. Yonatan Cantor
 Mr. & Mrs. Avi Chandler
 Mr. & Mrs. Yossi Ciment
 Mr. & Mrs. Yisroel David
 Mr. & Mrs. Roben Farzad
 Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Fitzgerald
 Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Follick
 Rabbi & Mrs. Matisyahu Friedman
 Dr. & Mrs. David Galpern
 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Greene
 Mr. & Mrs. David Gruber
 Mr. & Mrs. Avi Gunzburg
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 Mr. & Mrs. David Hecht
 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Jankowitz
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Mazel tov to Jahaziel and Ariadna Rendon on the birth of a baby boy.



The Rudlin Torah Academy and Weinstein JCC's
BETTER TOGETHER PROJECT



would like to personally invite seniors in our community to join us for next event!



WED. OCTOBER 30 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
WEINSTEIN JCC



BUILDING INNOVATIVE RELATIONSHIPS
בניית קשרים

The Better Together Project is an intergenerational program designed to enhance connections between the active adults over 65 of our community and the students of RTA. Each event will feature opportunities for our students and seniors to bond, share, learn, and celebrate together. Participation is free and refreshments will be served at each event.



WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!



SAVE THE DATE

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH @ JCC
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH @ RTA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH @ JCC



ARE YOU AN ACTIVE ADULT OVER 65 WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

Return to Shari Menlowe-Barck (JCC Adult Programming Director) or JCC front desk.

For more information please contact Sorah Plotnick: BetterTogetherRVA@gmail.com 516-642-9067 .

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____



Davening at RTA

One of the joys of the day at RTA is seeing how beautifully our children daven (pray) as part of their day, every day. In the lower grades you can hear the sounds of the joyful singing of the prayers coming from each classroom – from our delightful Kindergartners and continuing through our outstanding 3rd graders.

In grades 4-8, davening is first thing in the morning at school, beginning at 8:10. **This year we have new incentives for our daveners: Coming soon will be a special pizza party held for those students with a solid attendance and participation record. Certificates for outstanding davening have been awarded to four students, and several more are on the way. And there is more to come!**

(Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Avi Gunzburg or Rabbi Bart with any questions about the 'new look' of the Grades 4-8 davening.)



RTA PVA Sukkot Dinner

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Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for helping with this year's Sukkot Dinner go to: **Mrs. Yali Klestzick & the PVA, Mr. Avi & Mrs. Sarah Chandler, Mr. Noach Chandler, Dr. Sarah Ciment, Mrs. Cynthia Follick, Mrs. Robyn Galpern, Mrs. Rus Jankowitz, Mrs. Selamawit Nichols, Mrs. Rachel Soloveichik, Dr. Yehoshua Weinstein, Mrs. Thea Winston, Naava Plotnick, Gavriel Rakofsky and Yaakov Rakofsky.**

A big shout out to **Morah Jane Samora and her students** for the incredibly beautiful RTA sukkah decorations.

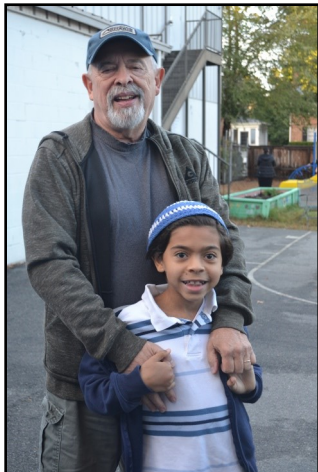
Special thanks to **Mrs. Susan Press** for capturing our memories with her beautiful photography.



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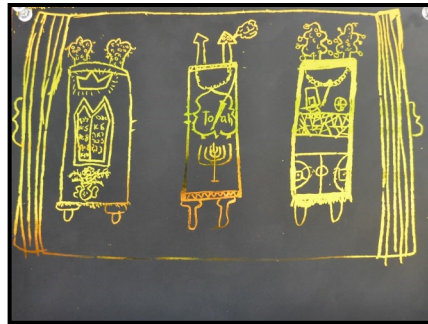
Scratch Art Sefer Torahs

by the 7th and 8th Grade

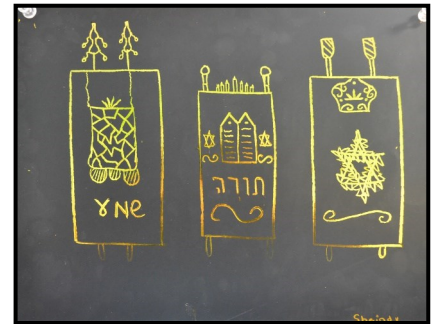
Below are some samples of student art:



Salome Eichelberg



Eliyahu Francis



Sheindy Paley



Joy Holi



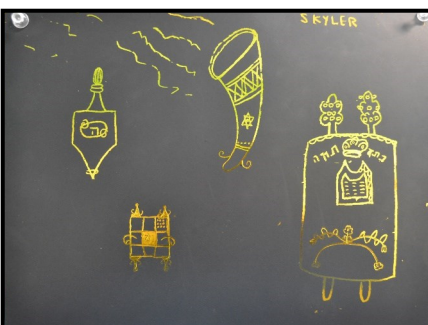
Avraham Tzvi Chandler



Ephraim Francis



Reuben Eichelberg



Skyler Legano



Chaviva David

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A Line Takes a Walk

by the Second Grade

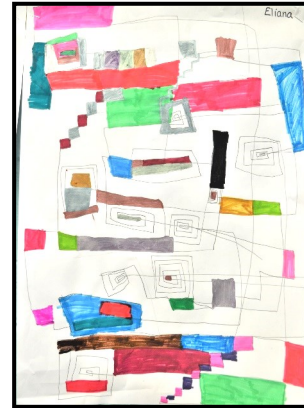
Below are some samples of student art:



Sophia Klezick



Yaakov Asher



Eliana Rakofsky



Nosson Gruber



Liana Weprin



Avi Fitzgerald



Shlomo David



Josh Korshin



Sabrina Galpern

Parsha Points

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

Bereishit (Genesis 1:1-6:8)

HE DID IT....SHE DID IT.....

While living in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were told by G-d that they can freely eat and enjoy everything the Garden had to offer. They just couldn't eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Bad. A serpent came along and enticed Eve to eat fruit from this tree. After she ate from the tree, she gave some of its fruit to Adam. When G-d confronted Adam and Eve about their blatant disregard for His instructions....

"The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me - she gave me of the tree, and I ate.' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.' "

A LIFE LESSON

When people do something wrong, they usually have an instinctive reaction to either defend their actions or blame someone or something else for what they did.

So when G-d asked Adam why he ate from the tree, the first thing Adam did was go on the offensive, saying that he ate from the tree because of "the woman whom you gave to be with me..." According to Adam, his sin wasn't a result of his choices; it was because of a something that G-d did. And when Eve was confronted about her actions, she also refused to take any responsibility for her free-will decision, and instead simply said, "The serpent deceived me..." Adam and Eve were punished by G-d not only for not listening to Him, but for also immediately casting blame for their actions elsewhere.

It's always easier, more convenient, and far less embarrassing to shift blame onto other people, circumstances, or to society for any negative or destructive decisions and actions we might make. Clearly, this isn't what G-d wants. Rather, he desires us to personally take complete and full ownership over everything that we do.

The reality is that there is nothing more empowering and ultimately liberating than personally taking true responsibility for all your actions. This is life-changing because you now have power to "choose and become" as opposed to being stuck in the "blame game."

Power to choose right from wrong. Good or bad. Action or inaction. You will never again be a victim of circumstances, but rather will become a proactive decision maker who - through making the right choices - can recreate him/herself anew every day.

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This isn't easy to do because it goes against our nature to immediately declare "I was wrong." But when you can truly acknowledge to yourself that it's you - and you alone - who's responsible for whatever you do - and not anyone or anything else - then you will have taken complete and total control of your life. And when you take full responsibility for everything you ever do, then you'll have recaptured ownership of your life and with G-d's help you can do and become anything you've ever dreamed possible.

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