

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 21

Elementary School Family Learning, Brener Building lunch room, 9:45-11 a.m.

PTA Spring Hat Show, Saval Auditorium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Monday, March 22

Dismissal at 3 p.m. (faculty meetings).

### Monday, March 29-Wednesday, April 7

School closed for Pesach. Classes resume Thursday, April 8.

## AID APPLICATION DEADLINE MONDAY

Financial aid applications must be filed online by Monday, March 22, if a family is seeking financial assistance for the 2010-2011 school year. The instructions can be found by using the following link to the school website:  
<http://www.maimonides.org/pdf/financialAid/FinAidApplicationInstructions2010-11.pdf>

## VISITORS WANTED ON SPECIAL DAY

The organizers of Maimonides School's Grandparents and Special Visitors Day, scheduled for Friday, May 14 for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8, want to make sure that as many students as possible are accompanied by a friend or relative in school that day. If grandparents will be unable to attend this year, families are encouraged to recruit other relatives and friends as visitors. Please submit the names of other visitors, so they can be included in mailings as Grandparents and Special Visitors Day plans unfold. This year's event will include the traditional "shadowing" of children's academic schedules in Elementary School and special programming for students and their visitors in Grades 6-8. Please provide updated information for grandparents or special visitors to (617) 232-4452, ext. 405, or [info@maimonides.org](mailto:info@maimonides.org).

## MAIMONIDES PTA CORNER

Remember to support the PTA while shopping for Pesach. As an ongoing fundraiser, the PTA is selling gift cards to Star Market/Shaw's and Stop & Shop. These cards can be used like cash at the supermarkets and the PTA keeps 4 percent of the sales. Contact Frederique Smits, chair of the scrip program, at [famsmitsweil@hotmail.com](mailto:famsmitsweil@hotmail.com) to order.

The annual Spring Hat Show is scheduled for Sunday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Saval Auditorium. Featured once again will be Linda Teicher's Headquarters from New York and Aliza Rosenberg of Boston. Mickey Blechner Nyer, Maimonides director of student activities, will be showcasing her selection of hair accessories for both the young and old.

## EIGHT QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MATH TEST

Eight Maimonides students -- one of the school's highest totals ever -- took the three-hour American Invitational Mathematics Examination Tuesday. Michael Schockett, the Upper School mathematics teacher who coordinates competitive math in the school, said the following students qualified to participate by scoring in the top 5 percent of competitors in the AMC 12: seniors Zachary Avigan, Steven Fine, Yiriel Liss and Yehuda Stuchins, and juniors Betzalel Kosowsky-Sachs, Daniel Poritz, Yitzi Snow and Ezra Wyszogrod. The top scorers on the two AMC 10 contests (for students in grades 10 and below) were ninth-graders Alexander Kahan and Jason Avigan.

## SCHOOL JOINS NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Maimonides School is participating in JewishBoston.com, an online resource launched this month by Combined Jewish Philanthropies. According to Barry Shrage, CJP president, "This new website was developed in direct response to community input. You said that you want to find everything about Jewish life in Boston in one place. We heard you." Soon the CJP E-events email will become JewishBoston.com Events, and subscribers will be able to personalize what they receive.

## STUDENTS HELP STAFF SPORTS CAMP

Six current students will be among the staff members at the fifth M-Cats Sports Camp this summer. Seniors Aharon and Elie Golshirazian and Miriam Hutton, junior Avishai Alge and sophomores Benji Berg and Talia Epstein will join Josh Alge '08, Ellie Epstein '09, Micah Golshirazian '08, Shlomo Golshirazian '07, Eitan Katz '08 and Avi Klausner '08. The counselors are all current or former student-athletes at Maimonides. The three-week session for children in Kindergarten through Grade 7 begins on June 28. Details are available at [www.mcatsportscamp.com](http://www.mcatsportscamp.com). Director of the program is Rachel Epstein '07.

## PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS HERE MONDAY

About 15 Yeshiva University Presidential Fellows are scheduled to visit the school Monday morning as part of a two-day Boston area retreat. The five-year-old Presidential Fellowship provides a select group of recent YU alumni with an intensive year of training and service at the university. Fellows are assigned apprenticeships in various departments, and the group serves as a collaborative think tank for various university committees. The Fellows engage in a weekly graduate seminar designed to develop practical leadership skills that they can use as professionals and as leaders; expand their knowledge of Jewish communal life and issues; and expose them to the organization and structure of Jewish communal organizations and activities.

## GRADE 8 PREPARES FOR "HUFFATON"

When Maimonides School eighth graders and their teachers "make Shabbos," they take the expression literally. The 61 members of the Class of 2014 spent this morning cooking, baking, decorating, making candles, and preparing *divrei Torah*. – all for the grade's second annual Shabbaton at the school.

"This gives them an appreciation of all that goes into making Shabbos," said Rabbi Dov Huff, the Maimonides graduate and teacher who originated and engineers the annual event. "It's also a lot about team-building and leadership." The students affectionately labeled the Shabbaton their "Huffaton."

The Friday preparations ranged from food for three meals, including the traditional cholent, to learning *zemirot*. Plans call for the students to read from the Torah and to lead all the *tefillot* for the Maimonides Kehillah.

## THIRD GRADERS CURL UP AND READ

Today was Curl Up and Read Day for Mrs. Zippy Portman's third graders. The special theme rewarded the students, each of whom has read 10 books since the beginning of the year. They spent the school day in pajamas, lounging in sleeping bags, reading and munching bedtime snacks. Throughout the morning, teachers, administrators and other guests drop by to read favorite stories to the students.

## "LONELY MAN OF FAITH" NOW ON DVD

The home video version of "Lonely Man of Faith," a film on the life of Maimonides founder Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, zt"l, is now available for purchase. Details can be found on the website [www.lonelymanoffaith.com](http://www.lonelymanoffaith.com). The premiere of the film, which in many ways is the story of Maimonides School, was in November 2006, as part of the Boston Jewish Film Festival. The school has sponsored several screenings since that time. Ethan Isenberg, producer, noted that the Rav's 17th *yahrzeit* falls on the 18th of Nisan, which is the fourth day of Pesach.

## FAMILY LEARNING LEAVING MITZRAYIM

Mrs. Atara Bressman, Upper School *limudei kodesh* teacher, is scheduled to preside at Sunday's Elementary School Family Learning program. Rabbi David Saltzman, Elementary School principal, said participants will "learn and experience *Bnei Yisrael* leaving *Mitzrayim* in a hurry!" The program is planned for 9:45-11 a.m. in the Brener Building lunch room.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS FINISH SEASON 8-2

The Middle School girls' basketball team ended the season on a high note with a win over Jewish Community Day School, to finish with a stellar record of eight wins and just two defeats. Their coach, Dr. Dan Geller, said he was especially impressed by the girls' "unselfish teamwork." Danielle Lovich, Eliana Ramelson and Molly Schwarz served as captains.

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