

### CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, Sept. 1

School year begins. Kindergarten dismissal at noon. Breakfast for new Elementary School parents, Steg Library, Brener Building, 8-9:15 a.m. Elementary School back-to-school picnic, Larz Anderson Park, Goddard Avenue, Brookline, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Sept. 6

No school (Labor Day).

#### Wednesday, Sept. 8

Dismissal at noon (Erev Rosh HaShanah).

### MAZAL TOV TO...

Dina (Pittel) Adelsky '92 and her husband Sol on the recent birth of their daughter Leor Yakira. Dina is Maimonides School development associate.

### CONDOLENCES TO...

Gerald Blum of the Finance Department staff on the recent loss of his beloved father, Samuel Blum, z"l.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES DUE WEDNESDAY

New or updated address information for the 2010-2011 Maimonides Directory, including the list of babysitters, should be submitted no later than Wednesday to [info@maimonides.org](mailto:info@maimonides.org) or (617) 232-4452, ext. 405.

### FACULTY HEARS ALUMNI OBSERVATIONS

The opening meeting of the full faculty Tuesday featured retrospectives by two graduates. Rabbi Avi Robinson '97 and Lori (Michaelson) Salkin '00 reflected on the impact of Maimonides School teachers on their educational and religious development. Rabbi Robinson, a third-year law student at Boston University, is the *ba'al korei* for the Maimonides *Kehillah*. Mrs. Salkin, who holds an MBA from Fordham University, is a Boston television assignment editor and a Brookline town meeting member. Her prepared remarks were delivered by her classmate, Rabbi Dov Huff, Middle and Upper School assistant principal.

### LEVY LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEER HELP

Maimonides School invites volunteers to help bring an important venture to reality. The school is streamlining and reorganizing its Arthur and Frances Levy Library book collection on Saval Campus, and the new library director, Elizabeth Zygadlo, needs some extra hands to help with the inventory. The library is the nerve center of the school, and there you will find the energy of Jewish education inspiring. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Judy Boroschek, Middle and Upper School general studies principal, at (617) 232-4452, ext. 118.

### S'CHACH SALE SUPPORTS PTA PROGRAMS

Once again, Maimonides PTA is offering freshly-cut cedar *s'chach* for your sukkah. Minimum order is \$52 for two bundles and \$26 for each additional bundle (it generally takes four to six bundles to cover an 8-by-10 sukkah.) Orders must be received and pre-paid by next Tuesday. Pickup is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19, from 9-11 a.m. at the school.

"Even if you have a bamboo mat, consider adding some authentic and fresh-smelling *s'chach* to spruce up your sukkah this year," said Risa Gewurz of Brookline, who is coordinating the annual fundraiser. She noted that the grower requires a minimum number of bundles, and if that total is not realized by Tuesday then checks will be returned.

To place an order, complete the attached order form and return it with payment to Mrs. Gewurz at 177 Gardner Road, Brookline, MA 02445. Please make checks payable to the Maimonides School PTA and write "*s'chach* order" on the memo line. "Because we must know the number of orders by Sept. 7, send an e-mail ([rzgewurz@comcast.net](mailto:rzgewurz@comcast.net)) to notify us that your prepaid order has been sent," Mrs. Gewurz said.

### PTA HAT SALE PLANNED FOR SEPT. 19

Maimonides PTA's annual fall hat sale is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Saval Auditorium, 34 Philbrick Road. Several retailers will offer their products, and PTA will be selling supermarket scrip cards and Maimonides branded clothing items. See the attached announcement for more details.

### MA'AYAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Ma'ayan will host its 10th annual Rosalie Katchen Memorial Lecture on Sunday Sept. 19. Rabbi Benjamin Samuels will present "Decreasing Degrees of Difficulty: Divine Assistance and Rabbinic Relief Within the *Teshuva* Process" at Congregation Shaarei Tefillah, 35 Morseland Ave., Newton, beginning at 8 p.m. The program will be free and open to men and women. Visit [www.maayan.org](http://www.maayan.org) for more information. Mrs. Katchen was the mother of three Maimonides alumni. The program director of Maayan, Roselyn A. Farren, is a 1992 graduate.

### SCHOOL OFFERS STAFF CPR TRAINING

Faculty and staff members have been invited to take part in a training session in basic life support -- cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of a defibrillator. A trainer certified by the American Heart Association will present the session, scheduled for Tuesday. Robin Shuman, school nurse, arranged the training program.