

CALENDAR

Monday, Sept. 6

No school (Labor Day).

Tuesday, Sept. 7

Boys' soccer vs. Matignon High School, Airport Stadium, East Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Dismissal at noon (Erev Rosh HaShanah).

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Varsity volleyball at Brighton High School, 4:30 p.m.
Girls' soccer vs. South Shore Christian Academy, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Back-to-School Night for elementary grades; Brener Building, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16

Girls' soccer at St. Clement High School, Dilboy Field, Somerville, 3:45 p.m.
Boys' soccer vs. South Shore Christian Academy, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17

Dismissal at noon (Erev Yom Kippur).

CONDOLENCES TO...

Grade 1 teacher Julia Gilbert on the loss of her mother.

SENIORS SELLING LULAV AND ETROG SETS

The Maimonides Class of 2011 is planning to sell fully-assembled lulav and etrog packages for \$35, to raise money for senior projects and activities. Students will receive order forms next week; they should be returned to receptacles in the Brener Building or Saval Campus offices by 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 13. Contact David Schwartz (617-645-7568 or dschwartz1993@gmail.com) with any questions.

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, Elisabeth Zygadlo, needs some extra hands to help with the inventory. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Judy Boroschek, Middle and Upper School general studies principal, at (617) 232-4452, ext. 118.

2020-2011 EMERGENCY CARDS DUE

Maimonides families are reminded to complete and submit emergency cards as soon as possible.

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) 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.

FORMER STUDENT JEWISH HERO NOMINEE

Former Maimonides School student Leah Larson is among more than 125 nominees for the designation 2010 Jewish Community Hero in an on-line contest sponsored by the Jewish Federations of North America. Leah, 19, daughter of Evelyn Krieger and Brond Larson of Sharon, founded *Yaldah* magazine for Jewish girls several years ago. Her enterprise has expanded to include girls' retreats, unity projects, creative arts contests, and camp scholarships. Recently, Leah created YM Books, devoted to providing girls with high-quality Jewish-themed books. Her biography on the contest website says Leah's mission is "to encourage all Jewish girls to express creativity, develop leadership skills, and strengthen Jewish observance." To vote for her, see <http://www.jewishcommunityheroes.org/nominees/profile/leah-larson>. One vote a day is eligible until Oct. 8. Among the judges in the contest is Etan Cohen '92, now a prominent screenwriter in Los Angeles.

PROFILES OF SOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

David Grinstein, Middle School mathematics instructor, earned his master of science degree in mathematics from Tufts University. After graduate school he taught math and physics at Goffstown, NH High School before embarking on a 25-year career as a software engineer in the Granite State. Mr. Grinstein says he loves math and strives to pass that love on to his students.

Lynn Conover, Upper School French immersion LINX leader, received her BA in French language and literature from the American University in Paris and her MBA from Boston University. She lived in French-speaking countries for more than 12 years, most recently in Aix-en-Provence, France. Mme. Conover has taught languages, including French, to all ages for seven years, using games and electronic media in her classes.

Middle School Ivrit teacher **Dafna Gan** holds graduate degrees in management of nature and environment resources from the University of Haifa, and performing arts and harpsichord from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. She earned undergraduate degrees in performing arts and physical geography. For the past nine years she has headed the development and training department of the Society for the Preservation of Nature in Israel. Ms. Gan also plays early music in various chamber ensembles and harpsichord solo pieces at music festivals in Israel.

Director of Student Activities **Sara Herst** served as *chesed* and *middot* coordinator for the Elementary School for the past two academic years. Ms. Herst grew up in Silver Spring MD and received a bachelor's degree from the Blitstein Institute of Hebrew Theological College in Chicago in January 2008. She also served as full-time building substitute and interim librarian in the Elementary School, including teaching weekly library literature classes for students in Kindergarten through Grade 3.

Rabbi Moshe Lieberman is teaching eighth grade Talmud and Chumash. Rabbi Lieberman, rabbi of the Chabad shul in Newton Centre, attended the Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn and received *semicha* from Torat Emet, the Lubavitch yeshiva in Jerusalem. His teaching experience includes several years at New England Hebrew Academy in Brookline; he also is on the 11th grade faculty at Gann Academy. Rabbi Lieberman lives in Newton with his wife Sari and their children.

Jacqueline Novikov joins the Middle School staff as full-time substitute teacher. She is assisting in the office as well. A native of southern California, Mrs. Novikov earned degrees in music and history at the University of Rochester (where she met her husband Lev '03). She earned a master of music degree in classical voice from Manhattan School of Music and taught privately in the New York area. She continues to give voice lessons.

Ken Rosenstein, Middle School mathematics and science teacher, recently received his master's in education degree from Lesley University with a concentration in Math 5-8. Last year, Ken taught math in grades 6 and 8 at Brookwood School in Manchester. Mr. Rosenstein, a graduate of Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston, earned his bachelor of science degree in engineering management at Purdue University. He has many years of experience in the business and engineering sectors. He resides in Newton with his wife and their son Sam.

Nancy Wassner (Middle and Upper School English) arrived at Maimonides last spring as a substitute Middle School English teacher. Her resume includes 10 years in informal Jewish education settings -- as a camp counselor, *madricha*, teacher, and curriculum consultant. A graduate of Young Judaea Year Course in Israel, Ms. Wassner worked for Young Judaea Israel programs and organized trips for Birthright Israel before receiving her M.Ed. in secondary education. She says she looks forward to surprising students occasionally with Hebrew poems in English class.

Library Director **Elisabeth Zygadlo** earned an undergraduate degree in communications from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's in library science from Simmons College. Most recently she was on the library staff at Newton North High School. A Newton resident, Elisabeth says "I particularly enjoy spending time with my son Joshua, 14, and daughter Hannah, 11, playing games, walking the large, friendly family dog (Devon), and reading great books!"