

English



News & Facts

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The Arie Crown Motto

Where Middos & Learning
Are Linked Together



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Upcoming Events

- 3-8 Mon. Soup w/ Bagel Lunch
- 3-10 Wed. Pizza Lunch
- 3-11 Thu. Schnitzel w/ Rice Lunch

Luach

- 3-5 Candle Lighting Time-5:26 PM
- 3-6 Shabbos Parshas Ki Sisa;
Parshas Parah
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema-9:10 AM



Mazel Tov!

63rd Anniversary Banquet

Steve and Malka Miretzky

Guests of Honor

Rabbi Leizer and Debby Robinson

Torah V'Chesed Awardees

Monday, June 21, 2010



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Save the Date!

1st Grade Chumash Play
Wednesday, May 26th 9:15 AM

Mazel Tov to Mrs. Randi Loskove on being honored by Arie Crown at the 61st Annual Scholarship Woman of Valor Luncheon of the Yeshiva Woman. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 7th at the Double Tree Hotel in Skokie. Mazel Tov to the following members of the Arie Crown Family who will also be honored: Mrs. Linda Neiman, Mrs. Yael Ripstein and Mrs. Becky Starck. For more information, please call the Yeshiva at 847-982-2500.

Support Groups for Children with Divorced Parents

I will be starting groups for children in grades 3-5. The group will meet during lunch for four weeks, and will consist of activities that promote discussion or build skills. The girls group will start on Tuesday March 2nd and the boys group will start after Pesach vacation. Please let me know if you are interested in having your child participate by calling or emailing me at rkholzman@gmail.com.

Rivka Holzman, School Social Worker

Pre-Nursery and Nursery Afternoon Stay & Play



Registration for the 2010-2011 school-year is now open! Your child can now enjoy afternoons at Arie Crown in our thematic, child centered program

for Pre-Nursery and Nursery children!

Monday-Thursday 1:00-3:55pm.

Sign your child up today! Limited spaces available!!!

Dear Parents: We are proud to announce our introduction of the on-line Parent/Teacher Conference Reservation System by Virtual Paragon. The process of registering for parent/teacher conferences is about to become more convenient for everyone! This system will enable you to register for conference time slots by computer (over the Internet) *from the comfort of your own home*, in a few short minutes. It is designed to make it easy for you to find your optimal time slots even when scheduling with multiple teachers. **You become empowered to choose the schedule that best meets your needs!** Once in use, this on-line system will replace our current process, and we are confident that you will find the on-line system very easy to use. If you do not have Internet access at home or at work, now is a good time to think about friends or family that can help you out. And if you do have Internet access, please take the time now to make sure you have a recent version of your browser. **Stay tuned for additional information about this exciting new technology!!**

For those parents interested in applying for Financial Aid for the 2010-2011 school year, please be aware that the student aid form is now available and **must be sent to PSAS by April 15, 2010**. If you need a form or have any questions please call Rivkah Leah Friedman at extension 613.

NATIONAL READING CONTEST

(Sponsored by Parent's Magazine and the International Reading Association). Help our library win \$5000!!! Log on to

www.parents.com/reading/ariecrownhebrewdayschool

[skoi](#) and record the minutes read. Contest dates:

March 8 - May 31, 2010. Contestants: Kindergarten - 8th grade girls and boys. (Parents may read to children and record minutes)

Rules: The winning school will be chosen based on DAILY reading and MINUTES READ. (Minutes do not have to be recorded daily - you can record for previous days when you log in).

*Nationally, the 50 students who read every day and record the most minutes will be eligible to receive Barnes & Noble certificates from Parent's Magazine.

*The top Arie Crown students who read every day and record the most minutes will receive Subway certificates from Arie Crown.

Questions?? See Mrs. Steiner in the library

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USED BOOK SALE: Arie Crown's English Library is seeking donations of **USED BOOKS** for its FOURTH annual **USED BOOK SALE** to be held in April. We are looking for children's Paperbacks, Hardcover, Scholastic Book Fair Books, Fiction, Nonfiction and Easy. The **USED BOOK SALE** is a great way to recycle books you have read and enjoyed and **SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS**. The **THREE** classes that donate the most **USED BOOKS** will win an **EXTRA RECESS!!** Bring your books to the Arie Crown English Library **NOW!** (Be sure to label your donation with your teacher's name so your class will get the credit).

Thank you, Elaine Steiner, English Library

The P'tach students and staff are excitedly awaiting the installation of our new Smart Board. We graciously thank the Associated Talmud Torahs for extending part of a grant to include the Oscar and Bernice Novick P'tach Program. This new smart board will enhance our learning as well as our understanding of new material.



Announcing this year's S.O.A.R. Participants (Student's Outstanding Artist Recognition)

Congratulations to the following students. Their artwork will represent Arie Crown and will be displayed at the North Shore

Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd. The exhibit runs from March 3rd-March 26th.

1st Grade

Pelach Cohen
Elka Shenker

2nd Grade

Roie Arnet
Rina Bayever
Asher Finkel

3rd Grade

Chavie Berkowitz
Akiva Lafer
Annabella Muchnik
Ezra Schreiber

4th Grade

Siva Albom
Yehuda A. Carlsen
Benny Cohen
Masha Matten

5th Grade

Tamar Aberman
Shalhevet Argamon
Eliana Arnet
Shoshana Lefkowitz
Mala Lipson
Mandy Rubin

6th Grade

Hudi Finkel

7th Grade

Dovie Garfinkel
Sammy Greengus



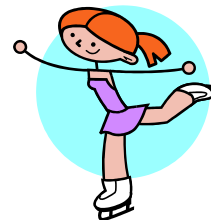
The new P'tach Palette – a wonderful cookbook of recipes compiled by P'tach families and staff is now available. The cost is \$15 with proceeds going to P'tach. Call the P'tach office at 847-675-1670 to order yours.

Early Childhood

Shushan castles with puppets for play,
Graggers for shul for when Haman is said.
Baskets with hamantashen we baked at school,
Crowns to wear when going to shul.
Achashverosh's pony so royal we rode –
Arie Crown Nurseries in full Purim mode!

From the Nurseries of Morah Yonina Yovits,
Morah Chaya Minkus, and Morah Malka Loterstein

Shushan Purim the entire Early Childhood came dressed in costume and enjoyed singing and parading with Joel Frankel through the hallways of Arie Crown!! Clip Clop...was the sound of King Achashverosh's royal horse...That's right the Early Childhood turned into the land of Shushan last Thursday as each child donned a cape and crown to be Mordechai Hatzadik as he rode on ponies through the land of Shushan...singing "This is what happens, to someone very special the King wants to honor!" A fun time was had by all! A special thank you to King Achashverosh's royal photographer Mr. Yudi Rine!



The Kindergarten children of Arie Crown prepared for their "Olympic" debut, "skating" on our own indoor ice-skating rink! Fashioned out of plastic drop-cloths, duct-tape and baby powder – our rink was slippery and fun! Look out U.S. Skating Team, here we come!!

Dental Health Month

The Kindergartens in K105 and K107 were dazzled by a visit from Dr. Shimmie Krauss, a local dentist. He taught children all about good dental health and how to brush their teeth. The children learned what happens to their teeth when sugar rests on their teeth for too long. Dr. Krauss brought a fun video on how to combat tooth decay and generously gave each child a "goody bag" to take home. Thank you, Dr. Krauss

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

The children in Mrs. Kotler and Mrs. Green's rooms celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. We read several of Dr. Seuss' books and as a special treat cooked and enjoyed eating green eggs while listening to the book Green Eggs and Ham. It was a fun party!

The Stay & Play (extended afternoon Early Childhood program) yeladim of 102/106 enjoyed making "stained glass" Hamantash serving platters to enhance their Purim Seudah tables! Each child designed his/her own glass plate by coloring creatively *flavored* hamantashen, affixing them as well as smiley ("מריבים ב"שמחה" stickers, then coating each with bright colorful tissue paper squares and a clear plastic-like painted coating. What a special Purim project fit for use for years to come!

Health Corner



Sleep

The quality and quantity of sleep that we get every night greatly affects our overall well-being. Trouble falling asleep, also known as insomnia, is a problem that can affect people of all ages. If you've ever had too little sleep, you know that you don't feel very well when you're not rested. When adults are tired, they can either be grumpy or have low energy, but kids can become hyper, disagreeable, and have extremes in behavior. Sleep deprivation can also make a condition like attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) worse. In teens (and adults) sleep deprivation can lead to decreased attentiveness, decreased short-term memory, inconsistent performance and delayed response time (for example; while driving).

What might contribute to insomnia in children and how can you help?

- * Fear of the dark or fear of being alone
 - * Fear of bad dreams
 - * Worried about things
 - * Changes like divorce, death, illness, or moving to a new town
 - * Feeling too hot, too cold, hungry, or crowded.
- Because so many people get insomnia, a lot of research has been done on how to deal with it.
- * Create a peaceful relaxing environment and a bedtime routine; Ideally try to go to bed at the same time every night and wake up at the same time every morning.
 - * Read a peaceful book, play soothing music.
 - * Talk about the nightmares (even drawing a picture of them) and limit screen time because children who watch scary or violent shows tend to have more nightmares.
 - * Write in a journal before you go to bed to help clear your mind.
 - * Sleep in a dark, comfortable room.
 - * Don't sleep with a pet, like a cat or a dog.
 - * Don't drink any caffeinated beverages (like soda or iced tea) after 3:00 pm.
 - * Don't exercise at night.
 - * Once you're lying in bed, try a peaceful mind exercise (count backwards from 100 with your eyes closed).

Sometimes kids might need extra help with tough sleep problems. That could mean talking to a counselor or a psychologist. There are also doctors who specialize in sleep disorders.

How much sleep is enough sleep?

The numbers listed here are simply averages. Some children need more and some need less.

newborns — at least 16 hours or more daily (sometimes up to 20), often for 3 to 4 hours at a time.

2 to 4 months — about 15 hours each day, including two or three naps.

6 to 9 months — about 14 hours a day, including two naps .

12 to 15 months — about 13 to 14 hours daily, including one or two naps.

18 months — about 13 to 14 hours daily, including one nap.

2 years — about 13 hours each day, including one nap.

3 years — about 12 hours a day, including one nap

4 years — about 12 hours a night and they still benefit from some "quiet time" every day.

5 years — about 11 hours a night with no nap.

6 to 9 years — about 10 hours a night. Bedtime is a good opportunity to squeeze in some "alone" time with kids this age.

10 to 12 years — a little more than 9 hours a night.

13 to 18 years — about 8 to 9½ hours a night, which many don't get. Teens actually go through a natural change in their sleep patterns — their bodies want to stay up late and wake up later.

Getting enough sleep makes all the difference in the world no matter how young or old you are— it's hard to be happy, healthy, alert, productive, etc. if your body doesn't get enough rest.

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Boys Ivrit Update: The boys in Mrs. C. Worch's classes are really working hard! In 4th grade, the boys are preparing for their first cumulative test. B'hatzlacha Rabbah boys! In 5th and 6th grade, the boys are also studying for their cumulative test. In 7th and 8th grade, the boys are putting the finishing touches on their children's books! I cannot wait to see all the final copies! I'm very proud of all the work the talmidim are doing. Kol Hakavod!

Mrs. C. Worch

This week in Rabbi Zuckerman's 4th grade boys' class, we learned Mishnah, Chumash and even started our Hagaddah. In the 1st-4th grade Olympics, France came in 1st, Sweden in 2nd, and China in 3rd. in Mrs. Astor's class we've started our oceanography unit, learned grammar, spelling and TONS of math.

By Kobi Karp and Yedidyah Rosenwasser

In Mrs. Litwack's 4th grade girls' class, we learned a lot of new things in Dikduk and Ivrit. We are also learning a lot more in Chumash. We are learning the Makkot and we're already up to Dever! We are having a Dikduk test on Thursday. We are also having an Ivrit test on Friday. We have been learning a lot this week!

By Shayna Brenner, Sara Greenberg,
Yael Leon, and Noa Malkin

This past Wednesday was a special day for the girls in Morah Shapiro and Morah Steinfeld's Kittah Alef classes. Each girl received her very own siddur! After hearing some inspiring words from Rabbi Samber in the library, they returned to their classes where they made beautiful bookmarks for their siddurim. The girls took pictures in front of the Aron Kodesh with their siddurim, played siddur bingo and were treated to a special treat in honor of reaching this milestone. May all their Tefillos be answered!

Mrs. Bender's 7th grade honor's math class has just participated in the Illinois Math League Contest for our school. Moti Walder was in first place. There was a three way tie for second place. Those winners were Dov Klein, Joshua Saltzberg and Ben Schreiber. In third place there was also a tie with Chaim Gertsberg and Melech Chaim Lapson. In the girls' class Ayelet Shabat and Esther Bayever received the highest scores. Congratulations to our winners and to all of the students that participated in this year's contest.

Last week in Mr. Vinikoor's 5th grade boys' class: In science we made a boat out of tinfoil to demonstrate buoyancy and density. In math we are learning about multiplying fractions and equivalent fractions. In Rabbi Pomerantz's class we learned Mishna. We also learned about Purim. In Mishmor we are having a siyum because we finished Pisachim. We went to PARK PLAZA to sing! Then we went to Tel-Aviv Pizza. That was one awesome day!

By Bentzi Azose, Yonaton Gershman and the rest of Mr. Vinikoor's class
In Mrs. Greenberger's 3rd grade girls class we started our Haggados. When we daven nicely, we get a paper piece for our hot chocolate poster. We are almost done with it. How it works is that when we fill it, we have a breakfast in school with hot cocoa. In Shemoneh Esrai, we finished our last bracha. In Chumash, we learned two of our pesukim in a song with motions! We are having so much fun!

By Rena Goldwag and Kayla Richter

This week in Mrs. Camras' 3rd grade girls' class, we started chapter 7 in math with double multiplication. In cursive we are up to capital "D". We are also doing our spelling tests in cursive. Last week for the Olympics we had a spelling bee, math games, toilet paper wrap. We had a blast.

By Baya London, Tali Shabat and Shayna Vadnai

All first graders enjoyed their visit to Centre East Youth Theatre to see seven mini-musicals based on favorite books. Mrs. Brooks' class made booklets of our favorite stories after we returned to school. It was a fun day. We also welcomed March with a poem and "Lion or Lamb" project. We love FIRST Grade!

Room 305

In Mrs. Dubovick's/Mrs. Prero's 4th grade girls class, we've been learning more than a ton, for example, Chumash, Navi, Targilon, Ivrit and a lot more. In Chumash, we just finished Parshas Va'eira. We're getting updates on the siyum tomorrow. In Ivrit we're already up to test #13.

By Elisabeth Turok and Marli Gutman

ARIE CROWN

■ The Arie Crown Family would like to extend a Mazel Tov to:

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Mottie Dubovick on the birth of their son
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldstein on the birth of their son.
Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wolf

Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

Dr. and Mrs. Yosef Walder on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Mottel
Rabbi and Mrs. Gavriel Meyerowitz and Mrs. Heidi Meyerowitz on Dafna's Bas Mitzvah

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Zimmerman on the marriage of their son, Renan (class of '01)

The Arie Crown Family would like to extend condolences to:

* Mr. Charles Sulkin on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Jean Sulkin, a"n. Shiva is at 2928 W. Morse Ave. in Chicago until Sunday morning, March 7th.

* Mrs. Renee Russell on the loss of her father, Mr. Nathan Roseman, a"n. Shiva is at Park Plaza, 6840 N. Sacramento Ave. Visiting hours are from 10:00 am-1:00 pm, 3:00 pm-9:00 pm.; Visiting hours on Friday are from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.; Visiting hours on Motzei Shabbos are from 7:30 pm-10:00 pm. Mincha/Maariv is at 5:30 pm.

May they be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim and know of no further bereavement.

Dear Shoshana W.: In case you missed it the first time, we wanted to let you know that you were absolutely amazing in the "Welcome to Israel Dance" and in the "Rain Dance." We loved those umbrellas! How did it feel to be on stage for the first time without any sisters?? You're our star!

Your loving family

Congratulations to Shira Makowsky for such a wonderful performance during Erev Shira and for the way you led the Junior Choir. Your girls were magnificent! Thank you

for always being such a wonderful source of nachas to your family!

From Michael, Bubbie, Mommy and Daddy

House for Sale – What a buy! Jumbo Georgian in Peterson Park with a newly remodeled kitchen, fireplace in spacious 3room and dining room areas, den, 6 bedrooms in all – 3 on upper floor, 3 in finished basement, 2 ½ baths, plenty of extras. Situated on family-oriented, frum block. For more info, please call 773-454-1519 or 773-458-6211. Evenings: 773-267-6001.

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Kesher STaM will be having a CLEARANCE sale THIS WEEK ONLY as they prepare to move into their new location. Savings never seen before! Save up to 50% OFF IN STOCK merchandise (does not include Pesach or new publications): March 7-12. 773-973-STAM (7826)

It's time to think summer and Junior Gan Israel Day Camp, with quality programming for kids ages 1½ to 6. Options include: Tots Club, Expanding Horizons, or Hebrew Immersion Camp, as well as half and full day programs, hot lunches, and transportation. Special features include sports and gymnastics with "Stretch and Grow" certified coaches, for the ultimate in fun and skill building. Go to www.juniorganisrael.org, or call Mrs. Zeesy Posner, 847-679-1684.

Ida Crown Jewish Academy proudly presents: "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", directed by Michelle Bulgatz. Get in touch with your "inner peanut" and come see our play! Sunday, March 7th and Monday, March 8th at the Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 W. Church Street, Skokie. Both shows begin 7:30 Prompt! Great show for kids. Get your tickets quick! Call 773-973-1450. \$18 students; \$25 adults. Women only, please.

Would you like a botanical garden in your backyard? Would you like your outdoor space to be living space? Let us design your garden now, in the winter, so that come spring, we can plant! Contact Smadar Strauss, Chicago Botanical Gardens certified, at: (312) 301-7680, or e-mail her at SSOStrauss@yahoo.com.

Registration is now open for the 2010 Nathan and Shirley Rothner ATT Summer Program. Brochures will be available shortly and registration is now available online at att.org. Click "For Students". We are planning an awesome summer experience for your children. Register before March 15 and qualify for our Free Early Bird Bonus trips! Free hot lunches and snacks for all campers. For more information call Susan Feuer or Shelley Stopek 773-973-2828.

Attention Ladies: Do you want to lose weight, burn fat and get into the best shape of your life? Then it's time to join my fat blasting bootcamps or private one-on-one training and start getting the results you're looking for. Evening, Sunday and beginner's classes now forming, too – so call for more details. Call or text Marci at 847-722-4788 or itrainher@aol.com.

You're invited to come see Marci Fishman Weisel, Judaic Papercutting Artist from Gush Etzion, Israel. Don't miss this opportunity to see Marci's unique and colorful, richly meaningful artwork, exhibited and available for purchase Wednesday, March 10th from 7:30-10:00 pm at The Brauns, 3125 W. Columbia Ave in Parkside Estates. A percentage of the profits will benefit Chai Lifeline's "iShine" Chicago chapter. Visit Marci's website for a preview at www.papercutjudaica.com. For more info call 773-764-2228.

Don't miss out on outstanding Oneg pre-Pesach promo at select Jewel stores featuring: 2 for \$6 for Oneg 8 oz. shredded and all sliced cheeses. \$9.99 for the new family sized 2 Pound Shredded Low-Moisture Part-Skim Mozzarella and Pizza cheeses, 2 for \$7 on Oneg deli chunks and \$3.99 for Oneg gourmet oven-smoked deli chunks. Prices are subject to change. While supplies last. No rain checks.

A PASTOR'S JOURNEY TO JUDAISM: Shabbat Dinner and Lunch Join us for delicious and elegant Shabbat dinner followed by the inspiring account of an energetic young pastor and his spiritual journey. Now passionate and fiery Jews, Yaakov and Sarah Parisi were once leaders of a church in the Bible Belt. They searched for meaning in life and found truth in Judaism. Parisi will recount the awesome story, full of many challenging and humorous moments. Supervised play for children. Friday evening, March 5, 2010, 6:30 pm, by reservation. \$20 adult, \$10 child, receive a \$2 discount for each reservation paid through the website, www.Skokiechabad.org. At Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie. There will also be a special kiddush lunch with Yaakov and Sarah Parisi, with simultaneous programs for men and women and separate children's programming. For more information please call 847-677-1770.

Join YU Torah Mitzion Kollel for community-wide PRE-PESACH WORKSHOPS 5770 series **March 8-16**, check flyer postings for corresponding times/locations: Seder workshops at KINS, Congregation Yehuda Moshe, YI of Skokie, YI of WRP & Bais Chaim Dovid • Pesach for Parents "Making a Kid-Friendly Seder" at KCT & KJBS • Workshops for Women "Women at the Seder" at Or Torah & Ohel Shalom • For complete details click on "Community Programs" on Kollel website (www.chicagotorah.org) or contact us at 773.973.6557, email info@chicagotorah.org.

SAVE THE DATE! Sun morning, March 21 at Or Torah West Annex, Aron and Rivka Friedman Kollel Yom Rishon. 8:45AM: Light Breakfast. 9AM: Round-Robin mini-shiurim on Pesach topics led by our new Chicago RIETS Musmachim--*Rabbi Aaron Leibtag, Rabbi KJBS; Rabbi Daniel Kroll, Asst. Rabbi KINS & Rabbi Ira Wallach, Kollel Fellow*. 10AM: 'Rabbi Eliezer's Seder Table: Exploring the Halakhic and Philosophical Underpinnings of this Gathering' *Rabbi Kenneth Brander, The David Mitzner Dean, YU Center for the Jewish Future*.

Attention boys of all ages! Join Rabbi Reuven Levinson this Motzei Shabbos, March 6, at the Skokie Kollel's TNT program for an hour of Stories and Song! Pizza and Prizes too! Program meets at the Kollel, 3732 Dempster, from 8-9. Call 847-674-7959 for more info.

The CRC presents our annual Passover Review and Question Session, Tuesday, March 16th at KINS at 8:00 PM. Presentations will be made by Rabbi Sholem Y. Fishbane, Rabbi Chaim Goldzweig, Rabbi Dovid Cohen, and Rabbi Yaakov Eisenbach, Kashrus representatives, followed by questions and answers. Passover info will be posted on our website beginning March 1st. For more info, please call 773-465-3900.

Rabbi William Novick Bigdei Yisrael invites you to its annual clothing drop off on Sunday March 14 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Our NEW location is at 3450 Oakton St. Directions from McCormick - Oakton west toward St. Louis, make a right on to St. Louis and drive toward the loading dock. Please bring presorted men's, women's, and children's like new, gently used clothing. The clothing will be sorted (after Pesach) and shipped to assist the poor in Israel. Please send clothing that takes into account the Kavod of its recipients. Bigdei Yisrael is a project of the HTC alumni association. For more information call Pnina Levinson at 773-743-5438 or Zehava Krauss at 773-463-6611. Thank you and Tizku L'Mitzvot.

Congregation Or Torah of Skokie seeks Youth Director. For more information please contact: Jennie Rothner: jennierothner@gmail.com; Steven Lupovitch: steven.lupovitch@gmail.com or the Shul office: 847-679-3645

In town for one week only!! Come see New and beautiful Judaic papercut designs by Marci Wiesel of Alon Shvut, Gush Etzion (originally from Chicago). Her art will be on display at Laurie and Dov Pinchof's, 3606 W. Grove in Skokie, on Tuesday 3/9, 7:30-10 PM at Shoni and Shimmy Braun's, 3125 W. Columbia in Chicago; on Thursday, 3/11, 7:30-10 PM at Miriam and Louis Kolom's, 6620 N. St. Louis in Lincolnwood; on Saturday night 3/13, 8:30-11 PM as part of a general art show at Moriah Congregation, on 3/6, 3/7 and 3/8. Great new gift items for all occasions including a seder plate and mezuzah. A percentage of profits will benefit the Amy Kahan Memorial Fund, and the Chicago Chesed Fund.

Bnei Akiva News: We are so happy to hear all the great feedback from everyone about last week's snif. This week snif will be from 3:00-4:30 in all 3 Snifim. We would like to thank Zach Ashman and Matan Geller for running an awesome "Lets Make a Deal" game for all the kids. We have some very exciting activities coming up! The opening activity for Chodesh Irgun will take place **this** Sunday, March 7, from 2:00-4:00 at Or Torah. There will be two teams: Hapoel Jerusalem (4th & 5th grades) and Maccabi Tel Aviv (2nd, 3rd, & 6th grades)! Also, after the great Shabaton, this month's Zach activity is finally here, this Sunday, "Make Your Own Sub Sandwich and Movie Night," at the Lishka from 4-6 PM. Attention WRP- Batel the Bnei Akiva Shlichah and her family are coming to WRP in order to be with your snif this week and it's going to be so much fun!! This week all 3 Snifim will learn about a very special person who "invented" the idea of Kippa Sruga that many boys wear today! We look forward seeing you all there. Shabbat Shalom