

Mabat At a Glance

of Greater Hartford

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Schechter School **Office Hours** (Winter):

Monday-Thursday 8am -4pm

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For Your Calendar:

February 25 Hamentashen and **RELISH!** (bring your friends!)

Packing Purim

Shabbat Shalom Parashat Tetzaveh Candlelighting 5:16 pm

February 23, 2018 8 Adar, 5778

See you Sunday! Don't forget costumes!

HAMENTASHEN AND RELISH!

A community-wide Purim celebration for all ages, bringing the warmth of Schechter's Friday morning Shabbat RELISH to the joy of Purim.

Free and open to the public.



Bring your family and friends for Costumes, Singing, Storytelling, and Delicious Hamentashen

Sunday, February 25, 2018, 2:30-4 pm

At Solomon Schechter Day School 26 Buena Vista Road West Hartford, CT 06107

Kindly RSVP: rsvp@ssds-hartford.org

Solomon Schechter Day School



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March 1
Purim

March 5-7 ERB testing

March 9
EC RELISH

Fiesta Musical Latina

8th grade vs. faculty basketball game

Last 2:30 dismissal

March 12
Parent Conferences
No classes

8th grade Israel Experience Departs!

March 14
Evening Parent
Conferences

March 16
First 3:30 dismissal

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Parparim Students
Collaborate with
their Middle
School Buddies!



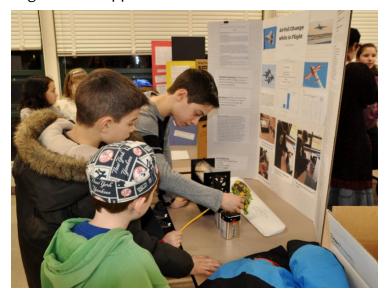
Middle School Students Shine at Science Fair!

Since I first met Schechter's Middle School students, I have been impressed with their intellectual fervor and have found that their ambitions align with Einstein's way of thinking: "To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination."

Ten weeks ago, the Rogow Middle School students and I embarked on a journey which led them to presenting their independent, passion-based learning projects to our community last week. In the process, they inspired our youngest Schechter



members, made everyone aware of opportunities to investigate the diverse avenues STEM exploration affords, and helped encourage equity in participation. **Elena Tunitsky Bitton** brought her two Lower School sons to explore the science projects and later shared, "What a great event! Impressive display of knowledge and creativity! It was amazing to see the community come together to support our two Jewish schools."



The goal of the Science Fair was to enable students from both Schechter and Hebrew Academy to experience the dynamic nature of science and featured their original research. They networked with other students who shared similar interests, received feedback from their HHNE mentors, and met community members who pursued STEM careers themselves, possibly because of experiences like last week's event. As **Jill Dulitsky**, parent of a Middle School student, describes it, "The Science Fair was inspirational. The kids weren't just checking the box. It didn't feel like they were forced to be there. They were actually enjoying















science. The kids were smiling and laughing, they were engaged and Bobbi was live Tweeting. It was an amazing night."



At every step along this journey, each student showed what it takes to be an authentic scientist: a questioning and imaginative mind. Conducting their independent research projects gave them an

opportunity to use their creativity and imagination to investigate what science revealed about the ideas they questioned - and they reached many intriguing conclusions. **Ofer Sadka**, a parent of Lower School and Early Childhood students, also brought his children to see what the older students had learned. He felt that the students' passion-based learning projects were "a great experience and introduction to scientific thinking and methods."

The process sometimes presented unexpected difficulties for the students as they investigated and experimented.



Each student rose to

these challenges, and after careful reflections, peer critiques, and teacher suggestions, they illuminated the evening with their tenacious nature. They handled critiques and accepted editing and revisions in stride. During the culminating event, their confidence shined? brightly. Nancy Rosen, Director of Teaching and Learning, remarked about the ways in which students developed self-confidence during the process, "Bobbi knows just how to help our students develop curiosity as well as the realization that they can truly be scientists even at this age."





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Mazel Tov to...

Grant and
Elizabeth Ehrlich
on the Bat Mitzvah
of their Daughter
Lilian

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Would you like a grandparent, relative, or friend to receive the Schechter newsletter? Email ASobel@ssdshartford.org and include the name, email address, and relationship to Schechter and we will add them to our list!

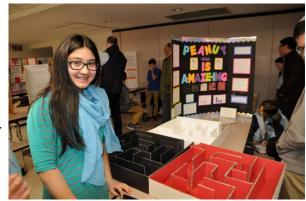




Rabbi Steven Chatinover was impressed by the thoroughness of the students' preparations and their presentations. "Whether it was the thoughtfully designed tri-fold displays, or their enthusiastic responses to my statement: "Tell me about your Science Fair project," all of the students gave generously of their insights. Clearly these were "passion projects" for the students. What a great night for scientific inquiry, and cooperation between two

Jewish day schools!"

Their research took time and it was hard work, though there was always time for their minds to ponder different scientific questions.



Students helped

each other and showed strength...they developed resilience. When some students asked me why I didn't have them "judged" so they could get used to failing, I asked them what was the point of that? To me they are all "winners," because they struggled, and they floundered, but ultimately they persevered. **Shera Golder** describes her daughter's experience: "I just want to tell you how much I enjoyed last night's Science Fair and how impressed I was by all of the Schechter projects. Thank you so much for the help and guidance you gave Pauline through the whole process. Seeing her explain her project so confidently was amazing."



To see more pictures of our students' Science Fair projects, visit our <u>Facebook</u> page!

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Save the Date for Ner Tamid!

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Evening of Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Beth El Temple

Solomon Schechter Day School is thrilled to announce this year's Ner Tamid featured performer....

Recording artist MATISYAHU!!



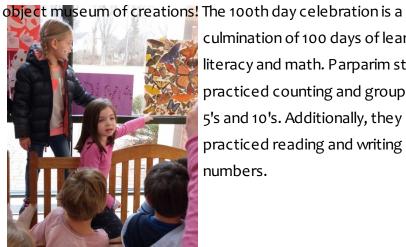
Matisyahu sings our favorite Friday morning RELISH song, "One Day."

We will be honoring Jessica and Eric Zachs along with their children at our annual fundraiser benefiting Schechter's scholarship fund.

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100 Days of School Project with Parparim

Parparim celebrated the 100th day of school with their annual 100



culmination of 100 days of learning in literacy and math. Parparim students practiced counting and grouping by 5's and 10's. Additionally, they practiced reading and writing numbers.

This year, their reading buddies from the 7th and 8th grades helped them with their creations. On a regular basis the 7th and 8th graders from Rogow Middle School visited the Parparim to build relationships and support their learning by reading together, playing games and creating these projects.





The rest of the day was spent completing fun 100-themed activities and showing other classes their museum exhibit located in the front lobby. Please come and take a look.



Awesome job, Parparim!

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Schechter Sports Coach shares Schechter's Core Values in the Game!

Guest Contributor, Riva Lewinter:

Meet Athletic Director and Scorpions Coach Matt Gionfriddo

As the Scorpions Head for the final games of their outstanding 2017-2018 Basketball Season with a record 9-3, we asked Coach Gionfriddo how the team embraces Schechter's Core Values.

Here are his words:

<u>Wisdom</u>- playing intelligently, being a student of the game. For



instance we have numerous plays we run and will always have a game plan heading into a game what it generally comes down tois execution and playing smart.

<u>Community</u>- Understanding that you are representing something that is bigger than yourself. On and off the court, you are



representing your teammates, your teachers, your school, your town, and your family. With all that in mind, you are playing for something a little bit more since you are playing to represent your community proudly.

<u>Good Heart</u>- Just being a good teammate. High fiving a teammate, giving words of encouragement after a tough play.

Go Scorpions!



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MS Science Discovers Distilling for a great purpose!



After the Q&A with NPR reporter Ryan Caron King in which he discussed his reporting on the Puerto Rico hurricane recovery efforts, Middle School students and Science educator Bobbi Woodbury explored how to make muddied and salty water potable.

Upon their return to school after a snow day, Middle School students collected icicles and snowmelt to distill in our science classroom.





This was an extremely important and helpful life lesson for the students, considering how many people lack access to clean drinking water during times of disaster or in cases of emergencies.

The students learned how to make hydrogen fuel during electrolysis of water in this unit as well! This was a great building of knowledge and practice, all in an effort to find great solutions during difficult situations.





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Kohelet Foundation Prizes for Progressive Education: Schechter received an Honorable Mention!

This fall we at Schechter submitted an entry to the Kohelet Foundation for a prize in differentiated instruction as

implemented by our Lower School team. While we are disappointed that we did not win, the team did received the Honorable Mention.

A hearty Mazal Tov to Schechter's Lower School team: Gavi, Anita, Anat, Kate, Ziva, Susan, Limor, and Merissa.





Please see the link <u>HERE</u> to our full submission - it is impressive.

Additionally, a special thank you to Audrey and Nancy for all of your work in putting this submission together.



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Follow Schechter on Twitter & Facebook!!!

To keep up with all the happenings at SSDS, Follow us on Twitter <u>HERE</u> and on Facebook <u>HERE</u>

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Do You Shop at Big Y??

Big Y Education Express is a Family Program to help local schools get FREE, much needed supplies & equipment!

Everyone can participate! Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or even neighbors? You can support Solomon Schechter by signing up for Education Express. Click <u>HERE</u> to see more information about how to sign up and the benefits you can earn for Schechter.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Parents Night Out @ Muse Paintbar, Monday March 19

Bar opens at 6:30 - Painting Starts at 7:00 PM Cost is \$40/pp

Come out and paint with other Schechter parents.

We have the backroom reserved for us, but seating is limited to the first 22 people.

So please register as soon as possible.

Use the following private link to register HERE

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Schechter Spirit Wear!

Its back by popular demand!! The Spring Schechter
SpiritGear Sale is on NOW through March 9!!
Check our our new offerings! Order replacement shirts
or larger sizes for kids who have grown. Think about
ordering ahead for next year.
As before 10% of all sales goes directly back to
Schechter to help support our school.
As before, Youth and Adult Sizes can be purchased
using the following link:
www.spiritgeardirect.com/shop
Toddler sizes can be ordered via the attached order
form and turned into the office



Donate to the Makerspace!!

Do you have unused items around your house, basement, etc? The LowTech Makerspace would LOVE your old newspapers, used paint, tools, wood, or anything you can repurpose!

Please contact Ms. Van at **rvanbindsbergen@ssds-hartford.org** with any questions or to schedule a pick up!



Have you shopped at the Crown Lately?



Stop By the Crown Market TODAY!



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Young Israel of West Hartford presents 5778 - 2018

Ta'anit Esther & Purim-2/28

Fast Begins 5:05 AM
Shacharit 6:30 AM
Mincha 5:10 PM
Maariv 6:10 PM
Fast Ends* 6:15 PM
(ideally one should not eat until after

hearing the Megillah)

Megillah Reading 6:20 PM Immediately followed by break fast,

YIWH Shpiels and Parade

Late Megillah Reading 9:15 PM

at the Robinson Home

Purim Day - 3/1

Shacharit 6:15 AM Megillah (approx.) 6:45 AM

Shacharit @ HHNE 8:00 AM Megillah (approx.) 8:45 AM

Shacharit @ Hebrew Academy 8:00 AM Kids Megillah (approx.) 8:45 PM

Early Mincha (@YIWH) 1:00 PM

Open Cave 1:45-4:15 PM
@ the BRANDER'S

Come, you'll have a yabba-dabba-doo time!

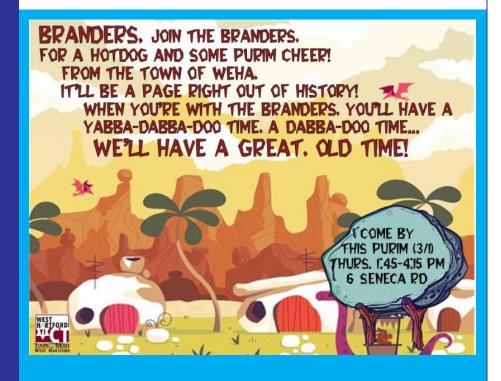
Women's Megillah Reading 3:00 PM at HHNE (300 Bloomfield Ave)

Chabad Communal Seudah (@ Emanuel)
Megillah 4:30 PM
Late Mincha 5:00 PM

Maariv 8:15 PM



YOUNG ISRAEL
WEST HARTFORD





JOIN US!

Shabbat, March 3rd for an sumptuous gala cholent kiddush! Sample the finest and best cholents from across region and cast the deciding VOTE for West Hartford's Best!

Dare to put your culinary skills to test?

Do you have what it takes to bring home the golden ladle? Try your hand this year in our competition—enter at www.youngisraelwh.org/chulent





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Young Israel ESCAPE STHE ROOM STATE CHALLENGE



Join us for an evening of adventures, teamwork, puzzles and friends!! February 24th · 8 PM \$30/person Complexity Rooms (2 Eastview Drive in Farmington) RSVP at bit.ly/ETRYIWH

Questions? Contact Eli at EliAroesty@Gmail.com
Space is limited

















Purim 2018!



The Emanuel Synagogue invites you to Celebrate Purim with us!!

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

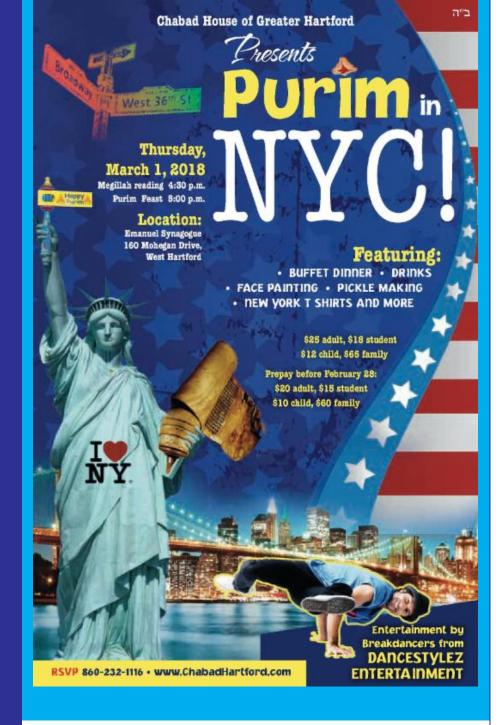
5:30 pm Pizza in the lobby
5:30 pm Mincha/Maariv
6:00 pm Megillah reading
Costume Parade
Gaga + Face-painting + Hula Hoops + Photo Booth
7:30 pm Purim Café

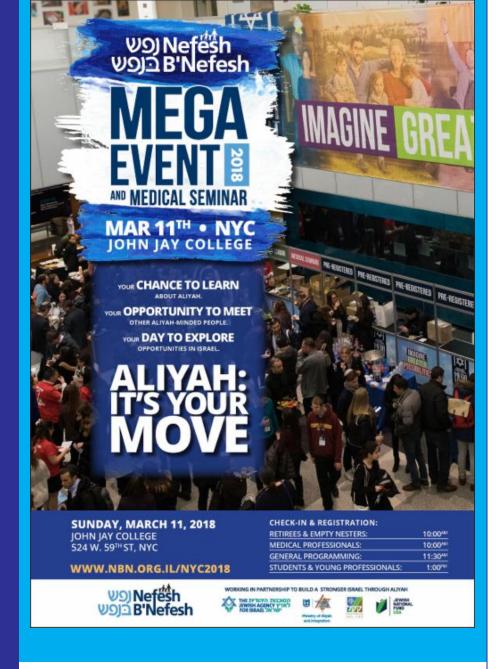
Mishloach Manot (Purim Basket) pick up starting at 5:30 pm

The Emanuel Synagogue 160 Mohegan Drive www.emanuelsynagogue.org











Monday, March 12 | 7:30 PM | Mandell JCC

GREATER HARTFORD PREMIERE

Director: Yari Wolinsky Documentary | USA | 85minutes | 2015 | English and Polish with English subtitles

Artists Rick and Laura Brown are not Jewish and not Polish, and yet they set out to rebuild Gwaździec, one of the magnificent 18th-century wooden synagogues of Poland, the last of which were destroyed by Nazis during World War II. Their vision inspires hundreds of people to join them. Using their hands, old tools and techniques, they rediscover Gwoździec's history, culture, and art.

Raise the Roof follows the Browns and the Handshouse Studio team to Sanok, Poland, as they begin building the new Gwoździec roof. The crew has six weeks to hew, saw, and carve 200 freshly logged trees and assemble the structure. Working against this deadline and despite torrential downpours and exhaustion, the team must create the structure, and disassemble it again for shipping and eventual installation in Warsaw's Polin Museum.

* Audience Awards Philadelphia JFF, Rutgers JFF, Washington DC JFF, Seattle JFF

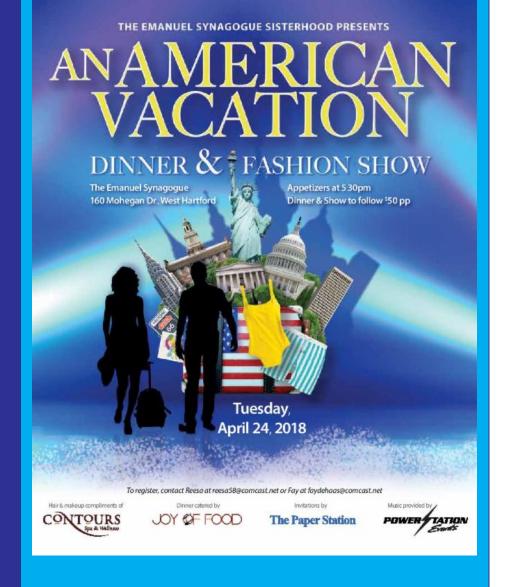
6:00pm: Pre-screening Dinner Program with filmmakers, Cary and Yari Wolinsky and Professors/Artists Laura and Rick Brown - \$30 (includes dinner and film) rsvp to ekafer@jewishhartford.org by March 5th, 2018 (film only - \$12.00)

SPONSORED BY: Solinsky Eye Care

Community Partners: The Jewish Hartford Heritage Project -Sponsored by the Konover/Copps Fund at UConn Global Affairs The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford Venue donated by Spotlight Theaters



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Dinner and Fashion Show

West Hartford - The Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood invites you to "An American Vacation" Dinner and Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Fashions for women, men and children will be provided by J.Jill and REI. The evening will begin with appetizers at 5:30, followed by a catered dinner and fashion show. As part of this event, we are giving back to the community by asking attendees to bring new baby and toddler clothing or toiletries as a donation to Jewish Family Service. This event will be held at The Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford. For more information, contact Reesa Olins at reesa58@comcast.net or Fay Dehaas at faydehaas@comcast.net.



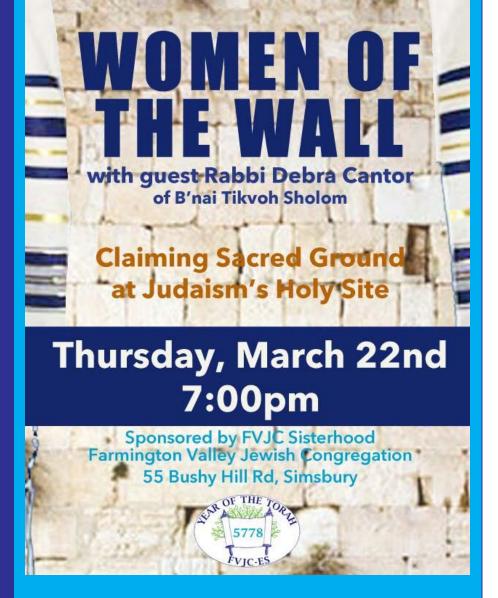
Shabbat Speaker

March 16th, 7:00pm

Uncle Nat Rescues the Torah!

Presentation by Shari Cassutt on the rescue of a Holocaust Torah by her Uncle Nat







FVJC-ES Sisterhood

Mah Jon Tournamen



Sunday, June 3, 2018 8:45am - 4:30pm

8:45..... Player Arrival, Coffee and...

9:00.....Reading of Rules

9:30..... Round 1 10:30.....Round 2

11:30.....Round 3

12:30-1:15..Catered Kosher-Style Lunch

1:15..... Round 4 2:15..... Round 5 3:15..... Round 6

4:30..... Announcement of Winners

Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation 55 Bushy Hill Rd. Simsbury, CT



Cost: \$36

Questions?

Call Terry Cole 860-558-2587 (please also use this number in case of a problem on event day)

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YESI I have a	set and I am happy to b	ee East! *No black or vintage sets, please.
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Celebrating Family History Day is designed to help individuals and families (appropriate for students in middle and high school) gain the necessary tools to discover, document and record their own unique history. Professionally-led workshops will teach you how to conduct an interview, trace your family's genealogy, protect priceless photos and documents, create a treasured family history or write your own memoir.

SCHEDULE

9:30 - 10:00 / Registration/Coffee 10:00 - 11:00 / SESSION I 11:10 - 12:15 / SESSION I 12:20 - 1:30 / Lunch & Keynote Speak 1:40 - 2:40 / SESSION IV 2:45 - 3:45 / SESSION IV

This program is partially funded by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford and the Jeffrey Hoffman Family Fund.

SESSION I / 10:00-11:00AM
A. GETTING STARTED IN YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH
— Monica Talmor, Barney Miller — Research your family
roots in the U.S. and abroad using various approaches
and sources of information.

AND DIGITAL FAMILY PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS Sue Werner and JHSGH staff – Learn about the preservation of papers, photos, and other family treasures. Bring items for examination and discuss

C. FROM MEMORY TO MEMOIR: WRITING AND PRE-

SERVING YOUR LIFE STORY — Susan Omilian — Turn memories of your life into a memoir for your children and grandchildren, learn where to start, how to get writing and some tips on self-publishing your story.

SESSION II / 11:10-12:15PM

D. HOW TO WRITE AND PUBLISH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY – Dr. Leon Chameides – Dr. Chameides will provide information and resources to help you compile a family history in book format.

E. CREATIVE PHOTO ORGANIZING - Sarah Beck -Explore many ways to preserve your photos in a creative and artistic way. Learn how to tell your life story through pictures, clippings, stickers, and journaling.

SESSION III / 1:40-2:40PM
R. THE INTERNET — THE GENEALOGY RESEARCHER'S
PRIMARY TOOL IN THE DIGITAL AGE — Doris Nabel —
Explore the sources and methods relevant to the
family historia who has already done a lot of the
basic groundwork and wants to go further.

G. CREATIVE PHOTO ORGANIZING - Sarah Beck -Explore many ways to preserve your photos in a creative and artistic way. Learn how to tell your life story through pictures, clippings, stickers,

H. ORAL HISTORY FOR FAMILIES - Marcy Cain and Rob Kagan – Learn how to interview family members using digital devices. Explore ways to help family members share and preserve their stories for future generations

SESSION IV / 2:45-3:45PM

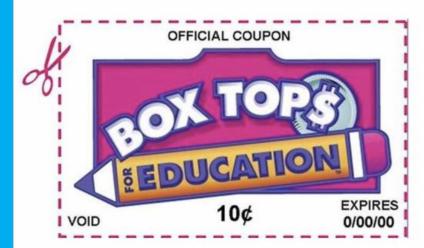
SESSION IV 2:45-345PM
I. DNA FOR GENEALOGY. WHY, HOW, HOW MUCH, AND WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT? — Monica Talmor — This presentation will explain why DNA analysis an important genealogical tool, how to decide what tests to do and with what company, and what one can realistically expect to gain from testing.

J. FROM MEMORY TO MEMOIR: WRITING AND PRESERVING YOUR LIFE STORY — Susan Omilian — Turn memories of your life into a memoir for your children and grandchildren, learn where to start, how to get writing and some tips on self-publishing

K. LEARN ABOUT THE PRESERVATION OF BOTH PAPER

AND DIGITAL FAMILY PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS -Sue Werner and JHSGH staff — Learn about the preservation of papers, photos, and other family treasures. Bring items for examination and discussion

 $\textbf{Second Generation Speak Up-unique story telling from children of Holocaust Survivors 3:00 pm Mark Twain House (to register visit www.ctvoiceiofhope.org)$



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