

The Shalhevet Flame



Midreshet Shalhevet

מדרשת שלהבת

High School for Girls

Illuminating Minds. Warming Hearts

Friday, October 30, 2015

The Shabbat Project Challah Bake



By now you've all heard about The Shabbat Project's "Great Big Challah Bake?" Well, guess what? Our ninth and tenth graders were part of the behind the scenes action of it! On Wednesday, October 21 the girls helped the organizers set up the tables and baking necessities at The Sands in Atlantic

Beach, for the over 1,500 participants they were expecting. The students got the opportunity to hear inside details about how The Shabbat Project would be conducted. They had a great time setting up for the event, and were proud to be a part of the record breaking success of the Challah Bake! Thank you to the administration for allowing us to be part of such a unique chessed.

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By: Shana Schapira and Leah Feder (10th grade)



Midreshet Shalhevet Blood Drive



Midreshet Shalhevet hosted a blood drive for Maimonides Medical Center on Thursday, October 22. Juniors and seniors signed up to donate blood for patients in need. **Tamar Beer** (12th grade) remarked that "it made me feel appreciative of my good health." Even though it's draining to donate

blood, rather than complain about it, students felt very appreciative for the opportunity to participate. The doctors from Maimonides were very impressed with how healthy the girls are, and how few rejections there were. We are looking forward to hosting another blood drive again in the future. Special thanks to **Tzippi Gluck** (12th grade) for organizing this entire event.

By: Tamar Yastrab (12th grade)



NCSY JUMP Weekend



The Midreshet Shalhevet NCSY JUMP team was granted the incredible opportunity to hear many dynamic and informative speakers talk about the upcoming challenges at the kickoff seminar this past weekend. JUMP is a national program for Jewish high school students to become leaders and make positive changes in their communities. Captains **Tamar Beer** and

Ava Korman and team members **Tamar Yastrab** and **Aviva Marmer** participated in many team building activities including attempting to build a tower using only raw spaghetti and a marshmallow, as well as a game of "find my monster" (similar to "escape the room") which they won! With the energy inspired by the recent seminar, the Midreshet Shalhevet JUMP team is excited to complete this year's challenges featuring mental health, anti-BDS, Shabbat, and an annual fundraiser. We are so appreciative to the school for allowing us to attend, and to **Mrs. Andrea Borah** for being our mentor.

Stay tuned for ways that **YOU** can help the JUMP team accomplish our goals!

By: Tamar Beer (12th grade)



Stand with Us - Media Bias



On Monday, October 26, we had the privilege of hearing from Former Consul for Media Affairs at the Consulate General of Israel in New York and currently a Stand With Us director, **Mr. Shahar Azani**. He addressed the student body and faculty on the issue of media bias. Mr. Azani touched on the different forms of media, and explained how and why their information is biased, while clarifying that bias is a human factor that is unavoidable. He warned us that when media bias affects the factual information in an article, it is our job as advocates of Israel, to reach out to the media outlet and attempt to correct the misconceptions. Mr. Azani said that in advocating for Israel, we need to be aware of our target audience; the 70% of people whose beliefs are not radical on either ends of the spectrum. He recounted his experiences as a diplomat and how he learned to portray Israel as the incredible, beautiful, and just country that it is, in a way that is relatable to them, and advised us that we should attempt to do the same.

Michal Elkouby (12th grade) remarked how "Mr. Azani's charisma really added to the enjoyable, yet informative, presentation." After the presentation, some of the girls were heard in the hallways saying Mr. Azani is the best speaker we have ever had at Shalhevet!

By: Tzippi Gluck (12th grade)



*** Coming Attractions ***

Sunday, November 1: Daylight Savings Time ends