

Mishpachat Geshher (PTO) eNews

New Name! Same Commitment

Breaking News: Geshher's Parent Teacher Organization has a new name! Mishpachat Geshher (pronounced meesh-PAH-chat Geshher) means "The Geshher Family". In addition to providing programs and funding to enhance our children's educational experience, the PTO strives to foster a



sense of community and school ruach (spirit) here at Geshher. Our new name reflects that vital role. Look for our new logo--currently being designed by our very own Heidi Lamar--in the next issue of "On the Bridge."



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Letter from the President

The Mishpachat Geshher (PTO) Board extends its best wishes to Geshher families, faculty and staff for a very happy 2008! With the new year upon us, I hope many parents have made a resolution to continue to volunteer their time at Mishpachat Geshher (PTO) events. Todah Rabah (a big thank you) to the forty-two(!) parents who participated in Mishpachat Geshher (PTO) programs last semester! The children enjoy seeing their loved ones at school and the Mishpachat Geshher (PTO) Board greatly appreciates your help! If you were unable to get involved last semester, there are still plenty of chances to offer your time this semester. Most urgently, we need a volunteer to chair our end-of-year picnic. Contact me at 703-242-9177 or at zoo.keepers@verizon.net and we will find a volunteer opportunity that is perfect for you. I look forward to seeing you at school in

Mishpachah Geshher (PTO) Officers

President: Shari Schwartz

Vice President: Jeanette Astrow

Treasurer: Yvonne Fujimoto

Secretary: Mindy Griffiths

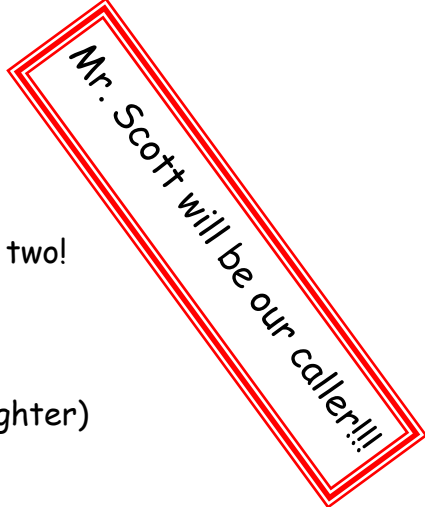
Join us for the first Annual Geshher

Bingo Night

January 26 at 7:00pm



Please bring your children to a wonderful fun-filled night of BINGO! We will start off the evening with a Havdalah Service and then on to bingo and fun!



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- Where:** In the Chader Ochel
- When:** Saturday, January 26th at 7:00 pm prompt
- Why:** To have a lot of FUN and maybe win a prize or two!
- Who:** All are welcome to play
- Cost:** \$5 for all ten games (includes take home tri-lighter)

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Refreshments available for purchase.

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Don't miss the 50/50 Raffle

What's this you say? I am glad you asked! Buy raffle tickets at Bingo Night and wait for the drawing at the break. If your ticket is selected, you have won 50% of the total in cold hard cash! Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

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All profit from Bingo is allocated to buying new gym equipment for our very own Mr. Scott!!

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For questions, comments or to volunteer at Bingo Night, contact Mindy Griffiths at mindygriffiths@cox.net

Hot Lunch Update

Thanks to the many students (and parents) who took the time to complete the Hot Lunch Survey late last year. We are dedicated to provide our students with a healthy and tasty lunch.

Changes coming include:

- ⇒ Milk on dairy and Pareve days
- ⇒ More healthy options for side items
- ⇒ Tighter adherence to FDA guidelines



Kol Bo Geshher

Introducing ... drum roll please .. The Kol Bo Geshher (The Geshher School Store)!!!

Items available include:

- ⇒ Mood pencils (assorted colors) - See your pencil change colors before you very eyes! 50¢ each.
- ⇒ Tri-lighters—triple the fun of doing your homework with 3 different highlighters in one cool pen! 75 ¢ each.
- ⇒ Water bottles—these wonderful 18 ounce bottles can be used for school lunch, to leave on your desk, or for a day hiking in the woods! \$6.00 each
- ⇒ Carabiner keychains—hang an assortment of items off your back pack with your very own Geshher carabiner (not rated for climbing). \$2.25 each.
- ⇒ Geshher license plate frames- show your support for Geshher for all to see! \$2.00 each.
- ⇒ For the environmentally conscious, we have a limited number of bento boxes. These durable sealed Bento boxes with their nestled interior containers fit inside most ordinary insulated lunch box, providing individual compartments and a dip/dressing container for foods/ sandwiches/salads/fruits/veggies/side dish combinations that do not require the use of extra ziplock baggies or the purchase of individual serving size packaging. This product is dishwasher safe on the top rack. \$15.00 each.

Initial sales offered at Bingo Night (January 26th) or via Kiddie mail to Mindy Griffiths—checks payable to "Geshher" and please note "Kol Bo Geshher" on the memo line.

Save the Dates!

January 26 at 7:00 prompt

Family Bingo Night

Bring your luck and join us for Family BINGO Night. Prizes provided. Refreshments available for purchase. \$5.00 per child.



Feb 1-14

Mishpachat Geshher Pesach Candy Sales

Support your sweet tooth while supporting Geshher. Check your student's backpack for catalog and order form.



March 7—12:00 to 1:20

Shalom Science

Need Something to Do with the Kids after Noon Dismissal? Send them to school with a dairy lunch and let them enjoy a dose of Jewish history the Mad Science way! Hands-on fun for kids ages 4-11. \$5 per child.



March 17—following drop off

Mishloach Manot Assembly

Help put together the many Mishloach Manot for our students and community. Contact Michelle Nash to volunteer at Mnash95@verizon.net

Note change of date from Mishpachat Geshher (PTO) form.



June 18 at Noon

Mishpachat Geshher (PTO) Picnic

Join your student after dismissal for a fun-filled afternoon at our very own campus! Details to follow.

We still need a volunteer to chair this popular event. To volunteer, please contact Shari Schwartz at zoo.keepers@verizon.net

Box Tops for Education



Remember to collect Box Tops for Education. Drop them off anytime in the office. Geshher receives 10¢ for each box top. Every little bit adds up!

Hebrew for Parents

Phrase	Meaning
Boker Tov	Good morning
Boker Or	Response to "Good Morning"
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Mah shlomcha	How are you? (masc)
Mah shlomech	How are you? (fem.)
Tov todah	Good, thank you (response to "How are you?")
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Eich hayom hayom	How was your day?
Tov	Good
Lo tov	Not good
Cachah cachah	So-so



"The new name for the PTO, Mishpachat Gesher, is fantastic! It says: warmth, support, connection, kids, grown-ups, and togetherness... all the things our vibrant PTO offers the school!"

Dr. Zvi Schoenburg

Feedback

Feedback is always welcome! Questions, concerns, suggestions can be sent to the Mishpachat Gesher (PTO) via the Mishpachat Gesher (PTO) mailbox.



Mishpachat Gesher Photo Gallery

