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### Take note

- December 8-9 are Pupil Free Days for Parent Teacher Conferences. ES parents can register online at [www.schoolbookings.net](http://www.schoolbookings.net) and enter code 67M38
- The Bookworms are reading! Join us for session #2 as we discuss Simon Mawer's "The Glass Room" on January 17 at 6:30 pm
- See the Calendar of December Events on page 2 for Heschel events you won't want to miss.

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## Heschel Continues Tradition of Making Thanksgiving Baskets

### Baskets delivered to Family Violence Project in LA.

Last week each class made a Thanksgiving basket brimming with all the makings for a delicious Thanksgiving feast. The baskets were delivered to the Jewish Family Services Family Violence Project which provides assistance to survivors of domestic violence and their children.

"I enjoy making the Thanksgiving baskets because it reminds me that when we work together we can make a difference in our community," says 6th grader Shira.



## 3rd Graders Express Appreciation in Thanksgiving Assembly

A wonderful morning of song and music was on the agenda for faculty, staff, and parents. Students played new drums, sang, and recited personal thoughts about the holiday. They posted Thanksgiving decorations, hand-made of course, and provided a lovely snack for the audience. Staff and faculty were treated to a morning performance while parents enjoyed an afternoon presentation.

It is a Heschel tradition that the Thanksgiving assembly gives our third graders a moment to share their appreciation with the staff and faculty and their parents for their wonderful lives.



## HESCHEL FUND



### Why Is It So Important to Give to the Heschel Fund?

We consistently offer reasons to give to the Heschel Fund, including providing exemplary programs, supporting our faculty with professional development opportunities, maintaining our beautiful campus, and acquiring the newest technologies.

*NOW, we offer you another reason that might be less obvious but is critical to Heschel's future.*

Heschel strives to obtain grant funding from outside resources that focus on charitable giving; grants play a big role in supporting the growth and development of Heschel. Every organization that we solicit for grants considers the level of parent participation in our Heschel Fund with the reasoning that strong schools serve their community and, therefore, are supported by their community.

Investment in Heschel by parents, staff, faculty, grandparents, and alumni matters because each gift sends a message to the community that you believe in Heschel. Please make sure to donate if you haven't yet done so. 2011 donations received by December 31, 2011 are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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### Gala Honors Lynne and Jeff Lainer, Lisa Lainer-Fagan and Brian Fagan

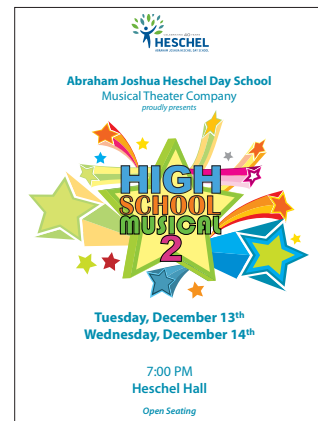
Heschel's Annual Gala celebrates our 40th anniversary and the generations of families who continue to support the school.



*Make it a weekend! Stay overnight after the Gala at the hotel at special Heschel rates starting at \$185. Call Four Seasons Hotel for reservations.*

### DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 7 Elementary School Open House, 9:30am
- Dec. 8-9 Parent-Teacher Conferences and No School for Students
- Dec. 8-9 Mini-Camp for TK-5
- Dec. 13-14 Middle School Theater Performs "High School Musical 2", 7pm



- Dec. 15 Elementary School Hanukkah Experience, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 17 Last Day of School; Noon Dismissal

### Friday, February 17 is Elementary School Generations Day

Elementary School Generations Day is right around the corner, on Friday, February 17, 2012. This is a wonderful tradition when each child brings a special family friend, aunt, uncle, or grandparent to school. Please email [rina.finkelstein@heschel.com](mailto:rina.finkelstein@heschel.com) prior to December 15 with the name, address, and relationship of each guest you would like us to invite.



*Andrew Shinbane enjoying Generations Day 2011 with his grandparents*

### Spread the Word about Upcoming Open Houses

Heschel is a community of people who care about each other and who share a commitment to Jewish education. We welcome visitors to our campus and we encourage you to invite friends who have elementary and middle school children.

Our Middle School Open House last Sunday was attended by record numbers of guests, including families with children in our elementary school and a large group of families new to the school. The schedule was packed with opportunities for guests

to have true middle school classroom experiences and to meet the middle school faculty.

Two Elementary School Open Houses are on the calendar for Wednesday, December 7 and Thursday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the elementary school curriculum and to hear about our innovative approach to technology. Families new to Heschel will enjoy a tour of our campus.

### Giving to This Year's Heschel Fund —Thank You

*Thank you to all who have given this year. We have raised \$215,000 toward our goal of \$300,000. If you haven't yet given, please do so at [www.Heschel.com/giving](http://www.Heschel.com/giving) or use the remittance envelope.*

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### Community Gathers to Shop and Visit at Fall BouTEAque

Thanks to the Parent Organization for a truly celebratory fall community event. Spirits were high as guests shopped for beautiful, specially-priced items, shared lunch and chatted at the Westlake Village Inn on Sunday, November 13. Logo'ed mugs and L.L. Beans canvas bags can still be purchased by emailing Jodi Groff at [jodimlu@aol.com](mailto:jodimlu@aol.com). Mitzvah Day and the Fall BouTEAque needed a lot of helping hands this year and we thank all the volunteers for coming together to make both events a huge success.