

SHAFTY SCRIBBLER

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Spring Edition



After weeks of anticipation, SHAFTY's Senior Prom, held at The Birches, finally arrived on April 28th. Turnout was huge, at least two dozen participants arrived. Flowers were handed out at the beginning as we prepared for the first event, a quiz show! Sharing movies and music from the past was a great nostalgia trip. The main event, however, came afterward. We had a game of heads up ready as we split into smaller groups. Sydney played the piano for us as snacks and drinks were served to the prom goers. At the end of the prom we took pictures with our king and queen. Everyone at The Birches is excited for our return next year, and hopefully we can make the event an even greater experience.

-Matthew Prell-

What a journey it has been for our SHAFTY seniors. While they may have had similar journeys going through our board, they will go their separate ways to their respective institutions next year. I will be attending the University of Maryland next year and Naomi Straus Syracuse; Arlyn Buondonno- Penn State, Andrew Witten- McDaniel College, and Matthew Prell- Bucks County Community College. We wish them the best of luck next year and know that SHAFTY will play a big part in their leadership roles to come.

-Joey Axler-





Hag Mac brought a whole bunch of new members to join NFTY PAR with over 30 new freshmen! This event was centered around Color Wars. Each team was assigned a team and color, for example my team was Blue Beyonce. The teams competed in all sorts of competitions like gaga, basketball, cooking, dancing, and board games. Every team had multiple cheers and gained closer relationships with each other over teamwork. One highlight of the event besides color wars was Pie Mafia. The board chased everyone around with pies, even the advisors. Overall the event was a good time for everyone regardless of if your team won the color war or not because everyone had a good time together.

-Brandon Firestone-

Spring Kallah was a great, but a sad event for many participants. It is always one of the most memorable events of the year because it is the seniors last event in NFTY PAR. There are many traditions at Spring... goodbye speeches, a themed dinner banquet (where SHAFTY won the Tikkun Olam Award for best programming!) and hilarious roasts given by non-graduating friends in front of everyone for a good laugh. PAR yearbooks that recapped the year and all the fun moments were distributed Saturday night. The next morning the tears were flowing at friendship circle. We all had to say our goodbyes to our friends who we have made over the years. At NFTY we don't like to think of it as a goodbye but rather a see you later.

-Brandon Firestone-





This year SHAFTY had the pleasure of participating in a 5k color run to help support people diagnosed with cancer. The organizations name was For Pete's Sake. When I first heard about this I was elated to be a part of such an amazing organization and run for a good cause. One thing that I read that truly inspired me to run was this quote from the Pete's Sake website "The lasting memories from their respites help our patients recognize that it is their priceless lives, not cancer, that defines them. We aim to strengthen the hearts, minds, and souls of these courageous individuals as they battle the psychological, emotional, economic, and spiritual trauma that accompanies a cancer diagnosis". After the finish of the run I came in with a time of 24:54 and I felt as if I had served a bigger purpose than just the organization, but I also got others involved and excited about the event. The event was truly an inspiration for other to help the people in their community and continue to do work for others. I can't wait for next year's run!

-Sydney Mandel-

On Thursday May 24th, the SHAFTY board of 5777-5778 congratulated their seniors and thanked them for what they gave to SHAFTY over the years. Tears have been shed in the past by Joey Axler, but Ferne had him covered with a box of tissues she gave him planning for what was to come. This outing was a fun send off for the seniors and a way to welcome the 5778-5779 SHAFTY board while enjoying a nice BBQ dinner at the Rubin's house all while playing some football and backyard games. It was a bitter sweet night but overall it was an awesome time hanging out as a family haring laughs along the way. Seniors signing off.

-Andy Witten-



Chalutzim



What a great end of the great of the year event we had. Lots of jumping and lots of pizza eating. Boy your kids can sure eat. April was the end of our Chalutzim year. Looking back, we had a great year filled with new friends and old, new events that we tried this year and lots of fun. Thanks to ALL the parents that helped this year. Without you we can't have these great events. If your child is in 4th grade it was a pleasure getting to know them. They will have a blast with Jenn next year in Bonim. If your child is in 3rd, then I can't wait for another great year. Have a great summer.

-Judith Silverman-

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It's hard to believe that the year went by so quickly! We have had a blast hanging with old friends and making new ones. Thanks to all the parents for driving and helping to chaperone. We have some more fantastic events planned for next year! To the 5th graders, have an amazing summer! To the 6th graders, I know next year is a busy one, but I hope you will be able to join in some of the Jr. SHAFTY fun next year! See you all in the fall!

-Jen Shaffer-



Senior Advisor Ferne Levy

Fun. Friends. Community. We have a lot of fun when we are together. We make friends and strengthen friendships when we attend local or regional events. We help make this world a better place by doing things with and for our community. We are strong, and I am committed to making us even better!

We had a really FUN year with a good turnout & lots of pictures-- Ocean City, the Midnight bowling/Shul-in, Hibachi, Melting Pot, NYC, and Comedy Sportz. Our fundraising this year was successful as we had multiple pretzels sales and our 2nd annual Super bowl pool. Thank you to all who supported us as the proceeds go toward scholarship and supplement all our events. We had another year of successful social action as we collected 3 huge boxes of shoes for those less fortunate overseas, donated many pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald house, participated in the Color Run on Mitzvah day (raising money for cancer) and had the best time at our "Sr" prom at the Birches.

It's hard to believe that I've been a Shafty advisor since February 1992, well before any of our seniors were born! The best part of the job is watching them mature & helping them find their way. I am confident that each of our seniors are on a good path and I can't wait to see where life takes them.

Our candle lighting ceremony is always special. It's a way for us to say thank you to our outgoing board and welcome our incoming board. I am super psyched to work with next year's board. Some of them will be brand new to the board yet not new to Shafty, and many of them have been on our board for at least a year so they are more seasoned and ready to build legacies together!



Last, we have a new promotional Shafty video coming out this summer and I can't wait to debut it on the first day of RS in September!

Have a wonderful, relaxing and fun summer!!

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Wow! Was that a fast year! Thanks to the parents for driving your kids to and from our events. Outgoing 7th graders, I had an awesome time getting to know many of you and I hope to get to know many more of you next year when you enter 8th grade and have a more open schedule. To the outgoing 8th graders, cherish the memories you built with old and new friends this year and best of luck as you move onto High School and Senior SHAFTY! I am beginning to plan events for next year, so if you have anything you would like to see us do, please reach out and let me know! I can be reached by email at jenshaffer36@gmail.com or on my cell at 847-727-7735. Have an amazing summer!!

-Jen Shaffer-

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