

# Austin Jewish Academy

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## Shabbat Information

Candlelighting:  
Fri., Nov. 21 at 5:14pm

Torah Portion:  
Chayei Sara

Havdalah:  
Shabbat ends on  
Sat., Nov. 22 at 6:32pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

# The MaccaBEE

On behalf of the board, faculty and staff at Austin Jewish Academy I would like to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving. May we use this time to acknowledge and appreciate the many blessings in our lives.

Please see the notes below about the updated BeeHive/MaccaBEE schedule due to Thanksgiving and our efforts to match-up families for the Thanksgiving meal.

Have a wonderful week,

### **Bernice**

Bernice Tabak  
Head of School

## BeeHive/MaccaBEE Schedule

Please note: due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, the grade level BeeHives and community MaccaBEE will not be distributed.

Regular distribution will resume the week of December 1.

## TONIGHT!

### Growing Up Online:

### Parent Strategies for Internet Safety

Austin Jewish Academy Parent Education Series

Tuesday, Nov. 18; 7:00pm - 8:30pm;

AJA MPR (Second Floor)

**Facilitated by Detective Joel Pridgeon,  
Austin Police Department**

FREE and open to the community!  
Spread the word! Invite a friend!

(Ages 13 - adult; no children, please!)

Jewish values emphasize a moral responsibility to protect the

PARENT  
EDUCATION:  
GROWING UP  
ONLINE  
PARENT  
STRATEGIES FOR  
INTERNET SAFETY  
Tues., Nov. 18  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
AJA MPR, SECOND  
FLOOR

SIXTH GRADE  
PARENT COFFEE  
Wed., Nov. 19  
8:05am - 8:45am  
AJA MPR

SEVENTH GRADE  
IMPROV  
PRESENTATION  
2:50pm - 3:30pm  
Community Hall,  
Stage Side

TORAH SERVICE  
Thurs., Nov. 20  
8:05am - 8:45am  
Chapel

SECOND GRADE  
PERFORMANCE:  
"THE FIRST  
THANKSGIVING"  
Thurs., Nov. 20  
2:30pm - 3:30pm  
Community Hall,  
Stage Side

SEVENTH GRADE  
PARENT COFFEE  
Fri., Nov. 21  
8:05am - 8:45am  
AJA MPR

KABBALAT SHABBAT  
Fri., Nov. 21  
2:15pm - 2:45pm  
AJA MPR

EIGHTH GRADE

integrity and welfare of the community, especially the welfare of the community's most vulnerable populations. Guided by these values, it is our responsibility, as parents and teachers, to protect our children. Kids of all ages spend an increasing amount of time chatting online, posting and watching videos, making "friends," exchanging information, playing games, and so much more.

How can we ensure that our children are as responsible online as they are in the real world? What steps can we put into place to better protect our family? Join us for this important discussion about online dangers and a presentation on practical parenting strategies to help children and teens learn to use the Internet safely and responsibly. Recommended for parents with children ages eight and up.

RSVP to [Shira Strosberg](#) (512.735.8370).

*AJA is a partner agency of the Jewish Community Association of Austin's SULAM Initiative: A multi-denominational Jewish collaboration among synagogues and agencies which join together in the spirit of enhancing Jewish learning opportunities for adults in the greater Austin area.*

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## AJA Thanksgiving Match-Up

Are you hosting a Thanksgiving meal and have a few extra seats at your table?

Or are you looking for a place for Thanksgiving dinner?

If you responded "yes" to either of the above questions, please email Shira Strosberg at [shira.strosberg@austinjewishacademy.org](mailto:shira.strosberg@austinjewishacademy.org). We hope to match up as many families as possible!

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## AJA Food Drive: Through Nov. 21

During the week of November 17-21, AJA's First Grade is sponsoring a food drive in conjunction with Capital Area Food Bank of Texas. Each AJA family is encouraged to bring in non-perishable goods. Items most needed are canned meats like tuna, stew and chili (pop-tops preferred), canned vegetables, pasta & pasta sauce, beans, rice, cereals, peanut butter, baby food, and baby formula. Items need to be non-breakable and unopened.

Thanksgiving season is a great time to help others, and think

PARENT COFFEE  
Mon., Nov. 24  
8:05am - 8:45am  
AJA MPR

FIRST GRADE  
THANKSGIVING  
PLAY  
Mon., Nov. 24  
3:00pm - 3:30pm

KINDERGARTEN  
THANKSGIVING  
FEAST  
Tues., Nov. 25  
12:00pm  
AJA MPR

EARLY RELEASE AT  
NOON  
Wed., Nov. 26

THANKSGIVING  
BREAK - NO  
SCHOOL  
Thurs., Nov. 27 -  
Fri., Nov. 28

NACHSHON - AJA  
PARENT  
ORGANIZATION  
MEETING  
Tues., Dec. 4  
8:00am - 9:00am  
Community Hall,  
150-C

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Association of  
Austin**

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of those less fortunate. Your child can bring their items to their homeroom class each morning. Each homeroom will keep track of how many items are collected and we will also post a school wide total for all of our families to see and feel proud of. Our students will see first hand how much good can come when people work together.

Thank you so much for taking part in this gesture of kindness and giving.

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## **SAVE THE DATE: A Celebration of Jewish Education**

During this season of Thanksgiving, join us for a special event to show appreciation for the teachers in our Jewish community.

Sunday, November 23 · 6:30 PM  
Dell Jewish Community Campus  
7300 Hart Lane

FREE

Presentation of Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award to Orit Yehezkel-Ruiz, Austin Jewish Academy Educator  
Recognized for exceptional achievement, commitment, and work ethic and serving as a role model in Jewish Education

Keynote Address by Bernice Tabak, Austin Jewish Academy Head of School: "The Value and Critical Importance of Jewish Education and the Role of Jewish Educators"

Complimentary Dessert Reception

**Please RSVP to [Shira Strosberg](#).**

We hope that many of our students and their families will join us to celebrate our educators.

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## **Grandparent Email Addresses**

The launch of AJA's Grandparents Club was a huge success! Several families are now part of our planning committee.

Would your child's grandparents like to be involved? Would they like to receive the weekly MaccaBEE and other exciting Grandparent updates? Grandparents and Special Friends Day is Friday, January 16th! Please email Jodye Friedman with Grandparent and/or Special Friend contact info at

Save the date!  
AJA Gala 2008

## *Deep in the Heart of AJA*

Sunday evening,  
Dec. 7th

Honoring  
Renee Lafair  
*AJA Past President*

For more info,  
contact:  
[Jodye Friedman](mailto:jodye.friedman@austinjewishacademy.org)

Join Our Mailing List!

[jodye.friedman@austinjewishacademy.org](mailto:jodye.friedman@austinjewishacademy.org).

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## Reminder: Grade Level Coffees

Our coffees are going really well! Please join us for the remaining Grade Level Coffees as follows (8:05am - 8:45am in the MPR):

Wednesday, November 19	6th Grade
Friday, November 21	7th Grade
Monday, November 24	8th Grade

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## Tributes and Acknowledgements

- Thank you to the 5th Grade Room Parents for providing a delicious lunch at the AJA staff meeting last week!
- AJA students are grateful for the gift of new tables in the MPR, donated anonymously by an AJA family.
- Donations:
  - ~ From David Goldstein in memory of Howard Swedlow, father of Sharon Swedlow, grandfather of Isaac and Sarah
  - ~ From Angelica and Mark Simon in memory of Howard Swedlow, father of Sharon Swedlow, grandfather of Isaac and Sarah

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## Parents and Friends: Please Join Us!

You're invited! Please join us for our weekly Torah Service (Thursdays, 8:05am - 8:45am, with Grades 4-8, CAA Chapel) and Kabbalat Shabbat (Fridays, 2:15pm - 2:45pm with the entire school, AJA MPR).

These are incredible opportunities to experience AJA. We hope that you will join us.

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## NEW Technology Camp for Jewish Youth

A new state-of-the-art technology camp for Jewish youth, called eCamp, will be available in the summer of 2009 at the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina, creating an exciting opportunity for Jewish parents looking for an alternative to traditional summer camps (for students ages 8 - 18).

Three two-week summer sessions are planned on the Greensboro campus. The sessions will run June 21 through July 3, July 5 through July 17 and July 19 through July 31. For more information, visit [www.eCamp4u.com](http://www.eCamp4u.com) or call 877.322.6748.

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## **NEW Car Stickers!**

New carstickers are now available for all campus members and organizations. You may pick up your new car sticker from the school office. Stickers are also available through the JCAA Congregation Agudas Achim, Temple Beth Shalom, and Tiferet Israel.

Families may pick up two stickers. Families wanting more than their allotted number of stickers need to pay \$3.00 for each additional sticker. Lost or replacement stickers will also cost \$3.00 each.

All vehicles must have the new sticker in place by Fri., Dec. 19, 2008.

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### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

#### **Shabbat Afternoon Program for Girls in Grades 4-7**

**Hosted by Esther Rosner**

**Begins Sat., Nov. 15 at Ms. Rosner's home**

(6905B Thorncliffe Drive, Austin)

Email [esther.rosner@austinjewishacademy.org](mailto:esther.rosner@austinjewishacademy.org) for more info.

#### **Approaches to Jewish History: Zionist, Non-Zionist and Anti-Zionist Lecture by Professor Yoav Gelber**

**Thurs., Nov. 20 at 12:45pm at Texas Hillel Building**

**Lunch will be served**

Please RSVP to: [galit@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:galit@mail.utexas.edu).

**92nd Street Y Live Satellite Broadcast  
Radical Islam and the Nuclear Bomb:  
Understanding Contemporary Genocidal Anti-Semitism  
Mon., Dec. 1 at 6pm; JCAA Community Hall  
Includes prelude by UT Professor Ami Pedahzur**

Tickets: \$5 without food, \$10 with dinner-RSVP required by Nov. 21 for dinner. For more info, please contact Pam Prais at [pam.prais@shalomaustin.org](mailto:pam.prais@shalomaustin.org) .

**Middle School Opportunities at the JCC!  
Ongoing after-school programs, enrichment classes, club  
JAM and more!**

Email [shlomit.weinberg@shalomaustin.org](mailto:shlomit.weinberg@shalomaustin.org) for more information

**JCAA's Jewish Life and Learning  
SULAM Adult Learning Collaborative**  
[www.shalomaustin.org/sulam](http://www.shalomaustin.org/sulam)

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