



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Shalom! We are very excited for the 2010-2011 school year! Welcome back, and for those of you who are new to the school, the Parent Association (PA) would like to extend a warm welcome.

The PA is an independent volunteer membership body composed of parents of Levine Academy students. Board meetings are held throughout the year and are open to the entire parent body. Our focus is to provide the school community with programs, people power, resources, and information. Our primary goal is **“to improve and enrich” the educational, social, and individual experiences of our children, parents, teachers, and staff.** We encourage you to join the PA and show your support. **In order to receive the school directory you must be a PA member.**

We are very proud of the work we do. Our fundraising efforts are of primary importance to Levine Academy. Our successes enable us to purchase or underwrite many of the “extras” for the school. Over the past few years, we have funded such needs as Smart Boards, science curriculum enhancements, playground enhancements, digital cameras, and the reading incentive program. We also underwrite the Book Fair author, human sexuality programs, our libraries, and Zimriyah. In addition, our fund raising dollars go towards many important programs such as Teacher and Staff Appreciation, DOGS (Dads Of Great Students) programming, providing weekly challah for the classrooms, welcome back breakfasts, and so much more.

Without parent involvement, this could not have been accomplished. Your help is needed, and we welcome your participation in any or all of the wonderful programs and projects sponsored by the PA. Please take time to read through our different activities and then go online and sign up for the ones that work for you. It takes all of us to make our school the wonderful place it is – find where you fit and where you can make your mark on the education of our children.

Please take the time to review the materials found in this packet. Mail back the appropriate forms along with your check no later than **Monday, August 2, 2010**, as they are **TIME-SENSITIVE!**

We look forward to welcoming you on board at our PA Breakfast on the first day of school, and we hope you will become involved in some of the many activities the PA offers throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Your Levine Academy PA Board Co-Presidents

Nina Goodman and Debbie Weinstein

PARENT ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP 2010-2011

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co-President	Nina Goodman
Co-President	Debbie Weinstein
Vice President	Jolene Risch
Vice President	Jen Goldstein
Vice President	Amy Schachter
Secretary	Carrie Sternberg
Treasurer	Suzanne Fine
At-Large	Marla Buskin
At-Large	Michelle Feinberg
At-Large	Julie Haymann
Immediate Past President	Marci Frenkel

BOARD

Book Fair	Jackie Hoffman
	Abbe Witheiler
Candles and Honey	Ilanit Glanger
	Orna Even
Challah	Carol Tatum
	Arona Ackerman
Chanukah Celebration	Stacey Butler
	Debbie Harris
	Michelle Yona
	Stacy Uzick
DOGS	Cynthia and Tim Christnagel
	Jody and Charles Norton
Directory	Karen Friedman
	Mary Jo Kleiman
Directory Ads	Suzanne Fine
End of Year Teacher/Staff Luncheon	Margie Weinstein
	Sue Ableman
Graduation Gifts	Shari Goldberg
Mag-a-thon	Nina Goodman
	Debbie Weinstein
Room Parents - ECC	Michelle Feinberg
Room Parents - LS	Lauren Zlotky
Room Parents - MS	Mahra Paillet
Spirit Wear	Marla Buskin
	Marci Frenkel
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	CasSandra Kessner
	Stephanie Taylor
Welcoming	Stacey Butler
	Julie Haymann
Wrapping Paper	Lisa Birenbaum
	Kristen Fagelman

PA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Levine Academy Parent Association needs you! Volunteers are needed to help chair and serve on various committees for the 2010-2011 school year. This is the best way to be involved with your children's education and make a difference in their lives. Below you will find listed many of the different volunteer opportunities available through the PA. Signing up is easy. Please follow the following steps to go online, register (if you haven't done it already), and volunteer.

To Register/Log on:

1. Click here to access the [Volunteer Page](#).
2. Sign in or click New Volunteer and set up your account.

To Join a Committee:

1. Log on to the site.
2. Click on the "Join Committees" tab.
3. Select your division of the school.
4. You will see a list of all committees. All committees are listed as well as volunteer opportunities (like room parent and first friend) that are not Board Positions. You will also find the volunteer opportunities that are available at the school that are not PA sponsored. Committee descriptions are found by clicking the "+" sign.
5. Place a check mark in the boxes of all committees or positions that you would like to do.
6. Click "Submit."

If you have any questions pertaining to the website, please email [Debbie Weinstein](mailto:Debbie.Weinstein@flash.net) (jadews@flash.net).

***Annual Campaign-Ongoing**

Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the school's Annual Campaign.

***Art Room Volunteer - Ongoing**

Volunteers are needed throughout the year to help with the musicals, matting pictures, hanging pictures, special events & Zimriyah.

Book Fair – Monday, November 22 – Wednesday, December 1

Volunteers are needed to help in planning the book fair as well as volunteering for shifts during the week of the book fair.

***Buddy Shabbat Dinners – As scheduled**

Volunteers are needed to help in preparing and setting up for the dinner.

Challah – Fridays

The PA organizes the challah distribution every Friday that school is in session. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs put labels on the challot. Volunteers are needed one Friday a month with additional help during High Holidays.

Chanukah Carnival – Friday, December 3, 2010

Our K-8 students enjoy an afternoon, fun-for-all Chanukah celebration. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs plan and implement activities for the day.

***C.H.E.S.E.D Day – November 23**

Help K-8 classes prepare and cook a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless.

DOGS (Dads Of Great Students) – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to help in planning DOGS events and to help in manning the events. This is a great opportunity to get our dads involved!

***ECC Lunch Helper – Weekly or Monthly**

Volunteers are needed to deliver ECC lunches between 11:30-12:30 daily. Volunteers can sign up to volunteer weekly or monthly.

End of Year Teacher and Staff Luncheon – Friday, June 4, 2011

Volunteers are needed with planning and set-up of a luncheon to thank our teachers and staff on the last day of school.

***Gala – Ongoing**

Volunteers are needed to assist with planning the school's Gala. Areas of need are planning, marketing, mailings, and fundraising.

Gift Shop – Ongoing

We are looking for volunteers interested in all aspects of running a gift shop. Volunteers are also needed to work in the store – this is a weekly or monthly commitment. This is a great opportunity not just for parents but also for grandparents and special friends to help out in the school.

***Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day – November 23rd and before**

Volunteers are needed to help with the planning of this day. Volunteers are also needed to help on the day.

*** Library Volunteers – Ongoing**

Volunteers are needed to work in the Lower School and Middle School libraries and must commit to one day a week for a 2-3 hour shift on an ongoing basis. They will help with accessing books, assisting the librarian, etc. In our Preschool library, volunteers may be asked to work on an as-needed basis.

Mag-A-Thon – Wednesday, October 6, 2010 – Friday, October 22, 2010

This is our biggest fundraiser. The students are asked to sell magazines to help raise money for our school. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs tabulate magazine orders on turn-in days. Our Turn –in Dates are Oct. 13th, Oct. 19th and Oct. 22nd.

*** Office Help – Ongoing**

Volunteers are needed on a periodic basis to help in the school offices doing such tasks as copying, sorting, mailing, answering phones, etc.

Room Parents – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed for each class in the ECC and LS and for each grade in the MS to help teachers and to organize class/grade level events. Room parents are also responsible for getting the parents together in the Fall, an end of school party for the students, and a back to school party the following August.

***Sunshine Committee – Ongoing**

Volunteers are needed to read the various local papers and keep development department apprised of life cycle events for our constituents.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation – Ongoing

Periodically throughout the year, we honor our teachers and staff with special surprises. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs plan and create these special days.

Uniform Resale – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to help with organizing donations and setup/sales during uniform resale days.

Welcoming Committee – Summer and Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs set up and plan the First Day of School Parent Breakfasts that are held in the lobby of the School. These breakfasts give our parents the opportunity to “catch up” with one another after the long summer, as well as pick up any needed forms or supplies.

Wrapping Paper – Friday, August 20, 2010 – Friday, September 3, 2010

Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs organize the sale and to distribute the wrapping paper packets and the wrapping paper.

* These programs/events are supported by the PA but are organized and run by the school administration or staff.

Opportunity for involvement is knocking!

Please answer by taking responsibility within our school community. Your child is the beneficiary.



CHALLAH PROGRAM 2010-2011

The Challah Program is a service as well as a fundraising project sponsored by the Parent Association. Parents may participate in the program in the following ways:

1. Ordering a **weekly challah** for their homes
2. Ordering the special round **holiday challot** for their homes
3. **Sponsoring challot** for their children's classes



WEEKLY AND HOLIDAY CHALLOT

We will distribute **weekly challot** to your children on Fridays. We hope this service helps each family enhance the Shabbat celebration at home. The program will begin on Friday, August 20 and end Friday, May 27. Please fill out the challah order form on the reverse side of this page if you would like to order weekly challah.

You may also order **holiday challah** for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret (see the challah order form). Holiday challot is a two-pound round loaf (the weekly loaf is one pound), with or without raisins. We will distribute holiday challah for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and for Shemini Atzeret. The holiday challah will be distributed the last day of school before the holiday. Please use the form on the reverse side of this page to order holiday challah.

If there is no school on Friday due to a holiday or school closing, there will be no challah delivery on that day. If your child will be away at a school fieldtrip, your personal challahs will be placed at the front desk for you to pick up at your convenience. No refunds will be given for challah.

CHALLOT SPONSORSHIP

Every Friday each class receives challah for Kabbalat Shabbat. The PA asks families to help underwrite the cost of those challot by becoming a challah sponsor in your child's name. Parents may sponsor the challot for one month, one semester, or the entire year. Your family will receive recognition for sponsoring the challah in our Thursday emails.

When you sponsor classroom challah you do two things: you help the Parent Association underwrite the cost of the challah, and you give your child the opportunity to be a challah sponsor. If your child's class has no challah sponsor, the Parent Association will sponsor the challah. **Every class will receive challah on Friday.**

The PA needs your help in sponsoring the challot. By underwriting the class challot you are enabling the PA to redirect its funds to other worthy projects and programs the school needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Tatom at 972-596-7065 or at ccieli@aol.com.

CHALLAH ORDER FORM

PARENTS' NAMES _____

STUDENT'S NAME (one to bring challah home) _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____ GRADE entering _____

WEEKLY CHALLAH

FULL SCHOOL YEAR: 1-lb challot (BEGINNING 8/20/10, ENDING 5/27/11)

TOTAL COST: \$120 X _____ = \$ _____

HOLIDAY CHALLAH (2-pound round challah)

ROSH HASHANAH

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

YOM KIPPUR

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

SUKKOT

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Shemini Atzeret

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

CHALLAH SPONSORSHIP

YEAR SPONSOR: \$120.00 X _____ = \$ _____

HALF-YEAR SPONSOR: \$60.00 X _____ = \$ _____

MONTH SPONSOR: \$18.00 X _____ = \$ _____

PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH CLASS(ES) YOU WISH TO SPONSOR BY LISTING EACH CHILD AND HIS/HER GRADE.

(NAMES)

TOTAL COST FOR CHALLAH \$ _____

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT WITH THE SUMMARY PAYMENT FORM. Remember to make a note of the challot (particularly holidays!) you signed up for.

ADVERTISE IN OUR LEVINE ACADEMY DIRECTORY

We recognize the value of our local businesses. Let us help support you by getting your name out. Reach hundreds of families, teachers and staff by advertising your business in the Levine Academy school directory 2010-2011.

Directory Advertising Rates

<u>Size</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Full Page (5x8)	\$90
Half Page (5x4)	\$60
Business Card	\$36

Business Name _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Email address _____ Contact Name _____

Submission deadline is August 10, 2010. Submit this form and payment along with PDF file, camera-ready art or business card to:

Suzanne Fine
Levine Academy PA
2704 Mendocino Circle
Plano, TX 75093

or via email suzannefine@yahoo.com

We accept VISA or MasterCard (\$1 processing fee). Make checks payable to Levine Academy PA.

Card Number _____ VISA MasterCard

Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Name _____ Address _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

***The Levine Academy Parent Association
Is sponsoring our largest school fundraiser:***

MAG-A-THON '10

October 6, 2010 – October 22, 2010

- *Magazines make wonderful birthday or Chanukah gifts
- *Magazines are easy to order
- *Magazines can be educational and encourage family reading

We are doing our annual Mag-a-thon later than normal this year. Please hold off on renewing your magazines through the mail and start saving your renewal slips today. You are welcome to renew online now, and your child will be credited with the sale for prizes on the first turn-in day. To renew online, go to www.qsp.com and use the code 425067321 for Levine Academy and for your child to receive credit for the sale.

Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade
will have the opportunity to participate
and win prizes by selling magazine subscriptions.

The ECC will receive funds from the sale based upon participation. Sheryl has a wish list of items that will be purchased with these funds.

We need [volunteers](#) to keep Mag-A-Thon successful.
Please go to www.theschoolvolunteer.com to sign up to help.

Have a great summer!

For questions relating to Mag-a-thon, please contact Nina Goodman (goodmanemail@verizon.net) or Debbie Weinstein (jadews@flash.net).

Back by Popular demand.....

Wrapping Paper '10

August 20, 2010 – September 3, 2010

We will be selling Innisbrook wrapping paper, a new vendor, this year. They have more Chanukah choices and a wide variety of generic gift wraps. In addition, they offer Helen Grace chocolates which are all OU certified and delicious.

Keep an eye out for the catalogue which will come home the first week of school.

For questions relating to wrapping paper, please contact Lisa Birenbaum (lisa@thebirenbaums.com) or Kristen Fagelman (kristen.fagelman@hotmail.com).

DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you have recently moved and have a new address, new email address, new home phone number or cell number, please fill out the form below so we can update your information for the directory. Please make sure to let us know which parent the change in info pertains to.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Work Number: _____

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Levine Academy Parent Association

THE LAPA GIFT SHOP IS BACK!

Levine Academy Parent Association will be opening the gift shop once again and we are looking for volunteers. LAPA is recruiting a dedicated core of volunteers to assist with selling, buying and management. The gift shop will continue to offer a wide variety of life cycle and religious giftware as well as Spirit Wear, Levine Academy Logo items, and much more!

*We are very excited about our new venture but we **NEED YOUR HELP!** You can volunteer for one day a month (or more), in the gift shop which is a fun way for both parents and grandparents to be involved in our school on an ongoing basis. If management of a store is up your alley, we would love to talk with you.*

Have an idea for a new name for the Gift Shop? Submit your ideas today; we would love to hear from you!!!!

Please return this Form With your LAPA summer packet:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Days you are available: _____

Areas of interest: Buying, Selling, Management: _____

Do you have any past retail experience (not needed to help)? _____

Thank you and we look forward to a great school year! Any questions or comments? Contact Nina Goodman at goodmanemail@verizon.net or Debbie Weinstein at jadews@flash.net your 2010-2011 LAPA Co-Presidents.

