

New Leadership Announced

Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley Announces New Leadership

This week the Board of Trustees at Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley announced their new Head of School to be Dr. Howard Rosenblatt (right, above) and their newly created position of Principal of General Studies to be Dr. Stephan Charton (right, below). This is the result of a nationwide search conducted by the school's selection committee which consisted of local Rabbinic leaders and other highly credentialed educators. The community and all those interested in learning more about the school are invited to meet and greet the new administration, on Wednesday, May 24th starting at 7:30pm at the school in East Brunswick.



The hiring of these two individuals is being unanimously lauded by the school's teachers, parents and board members. Henry Salmon, President of the school's Board of Trustees expressed his support of the decision and stated that, "Both men are experienced educators with impeccable backgrounds and talents. Each is steeped in curriculum development that will propel Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley forward to advanced levels. They will continue our tradition of educational excellence and work with student's individual learning styles. Each has a warm and engaging personality. They both believe that the school exists to provide the best education possible to each student enrolled and look forward to serving the communities that our school draws from." Other members of the Executive Committee joined Henry in praising the school's new leadership. "They have vision, are good leaders and, as seasoned professionals, they have decades of experience in successfully working with all types of people. These men are motivated by educating children and improving the institutions they serve and we are very excited to have them join our Schechter family" said Steve Talmud, Vice President of Education for Solomon Schechter.

Dr. Rosenblatt, the new Head of School, has 32 years' experience as Principal, Superintendent, and Head of School at various Jewish institutions. He received his Ph.D in Curriculum and Instruction from Case Western University as well as an M.R.E. and B.D. in Education and Bible from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Dr. Rosenblatt also holds an M.A. in Educational Psychology from Columbia University as well as degrees from Boston University, Boston Hebrew Teachers College and the Hayim Greenberg Institute in Jerusalem.

Dr. Rosenblatt stated, “I am very excited about becoming Head of Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley. It is a vital program of education where we help our students develop a positive sense of themselves as Jews and human beings. We want our students to become sensitive, thoughtful people who integrate the values of Judaism and American life as they embark on their intellectual, spiritual and social quest for meaning.” He will begin his responsibilities to Solomon Schechter on July 1, 2006, however, to ensure a smooth transition from Rabbi Scott Bolton, current Head of School for Solomon Schechter, Dr. Rosenblatt will be spending several days at the school between now and the end of the school year.



Dr. Charton is joining Solomon Schechter of Raritan Valley directly from his position as Principal of Marlboro Middle School in Marlboro, NJ. Dr. Charton’s impressive credentials include Doctorate and Masters of Education degrees in Administration and Supervision from Rutgers Graduate School of Education as well as a Masters degree in Supervision and Curriculum also from Rutgers Graduate School of Education.

“I am very much looking forward to becoming part of a three thousand year tradition of teaching and learning. Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley is a vital and exciting place of learning for all of us. My skills of listening and building consensus will truly allow me to work with the parents, students, and dedicated teachers to insure a great future for our children and our school” proclaimed Dr. Charton who will also begin his service to Solomon Schechter on July 1, 2006.

Alan Binstein, Executive Vice President and father of three students at the school extolled the two new administrator’s virtues. “I believe the new administrative team will bring Solomon Schechter to a new high regarding educational excellence in both Jewish and secular studies. We will continue to be a leader in delivering superior education that allows our graduates to gain acceptance into any high school and university to which they apply.”