

מה קורה? WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HEBREW DAY SCHOOL?



HEBREW DAY SCHOOL
OF ANN ARBOR

From Our President



Dear Hebrew Day School Parents, Staff, Teachers and Community Supporters,

As we approach Passover, I find myself reflecting on the growth and unity of our Hebrew Day School family with a heart full of gratitude. This year, we welcomed families and community members to celebrate academic achievements, nurture a spirit of curiosity (in the sky!), and rejoice in Jewish holidays together. These occasions have been a testament to the strong sense of community that our school cherishes and nurtures.

In the spirit of Torah learning, our students have engaged with the sacred texts and traditions of our people, uncovering timeless lessons that they apply both inside and outside the classroom. As the Passover season brings themes of liberation and reflection, we are inspired to see these lessons come to life in our students' thoughtful learning and their growing appreciation of our collective history.

Our school's commitment to Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) has been apparent in the various charitable initiatives our students have led. From food drives to acts of Chesed (kindness), our young leaders have shown what it means to live the values of compassion, generosity, and social justice, setting a powerful example for all of us to follow.

I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to our exceptional team of educators. They have tirelessly fostered an environment where curiosity flourishes and each child's unique gifts are recognized and honed. Their dedication to cultivating both intellect and character in our students is the cornerstone upon which our school's success is built.

Looking forward, we renew our dedication to our mission, nurturing knowledgeable, responsible, and compassionate students who will not only preserve but also thrive as ambassadors of our faith, upholding and advancing the Jewish legacy in an ever-changing world. Their enthusiastic faces and eager minds are the heart of Hebrew Day School, and it is through their achievements that we glimpse a bright and hope-filled future for our community.

Thank you for your unwavering support, trust, and partnership in this educational journey. May we go from strength to strength.

Wishing you a Passover filled with joy and peace,

Monica Woll Rosen
Chair, Hebrew Day School Board of Trustees

ANNA SCHWALB MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPDATE



Last fall, we unveiled our ambitious plan to construct the Anna Schwalb Memorial Library, a space dedicated to fostering a love of learning and literature within our school community. The Anna Schwalb Memorial Library promises to be a cornerstone of our school, providing a welcoming environment for exploration, imagination, and discovery. It will include the Chuck and Sunnie Tait Student Learning Center, honoring Chuck and Sunnie's deep connection to Hebrew Day School, and their love of learning.

Since then, we've been hard at work collaborating with the JCC, city officials, and our dedicated planning team to refine and optimize our vision. We're thrilled to announce that significant progress has been made in adapting our plan to maximize space and cost efficiency, ensuring that our new library will be both functional and beautiful. Be on the lookout for an updated announcement in the coming weeks as we unveil the latest developments! We expect construction to begin as soon as the school year ends.

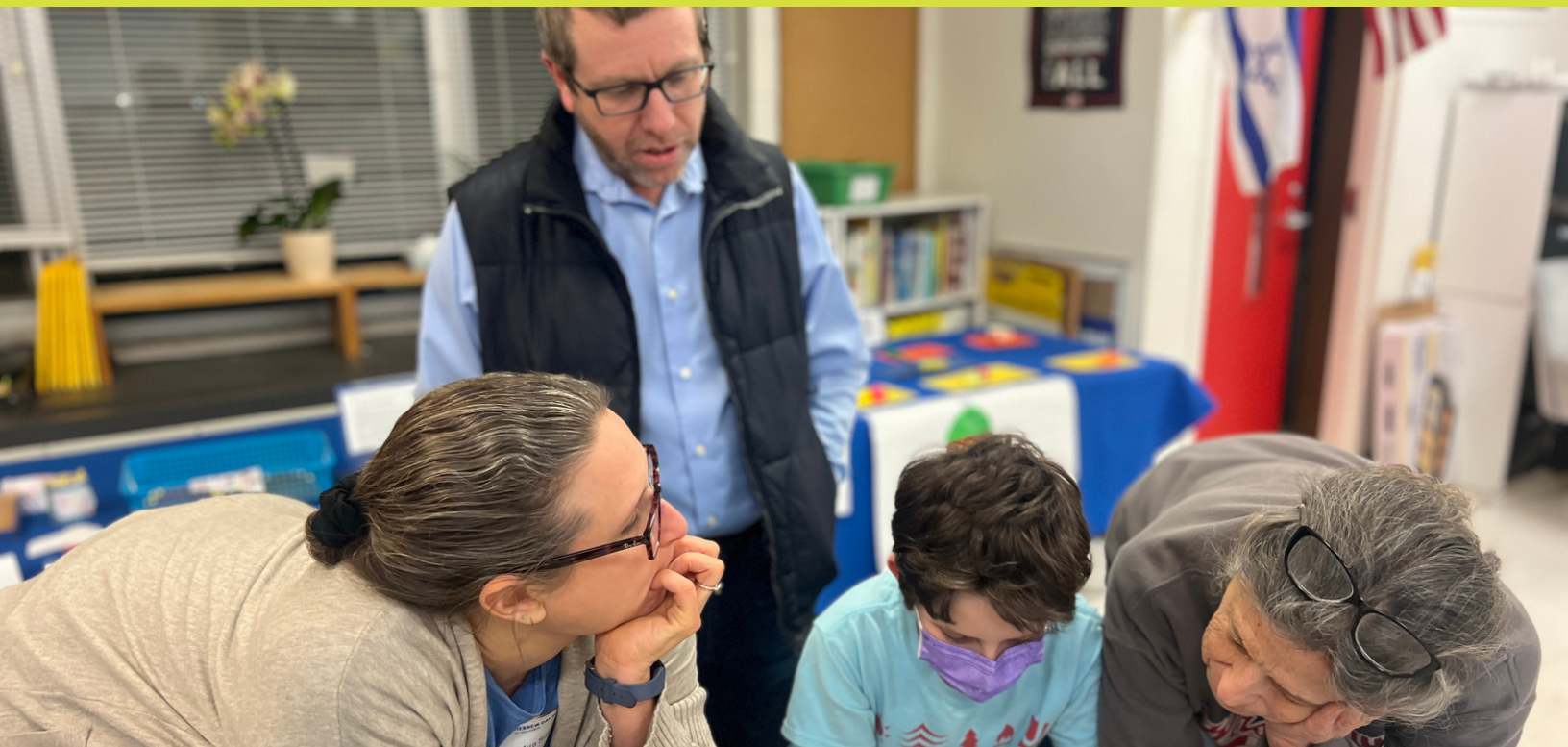
Our updated vision includes a limited number of opportunities for named or dedication sponsorships. We invite you to create a lasting impact in our newly renovated library. Your support in creating this vibrant space will be recognized for years to come. We will share more about the ways you can create a dedication within our new space in the months to come. Please contact Tamar Jacobson (tjacobson@hdsaa.org) for more information.

We can't wait to share more details with you soon and celebrate this exciting milestone together!



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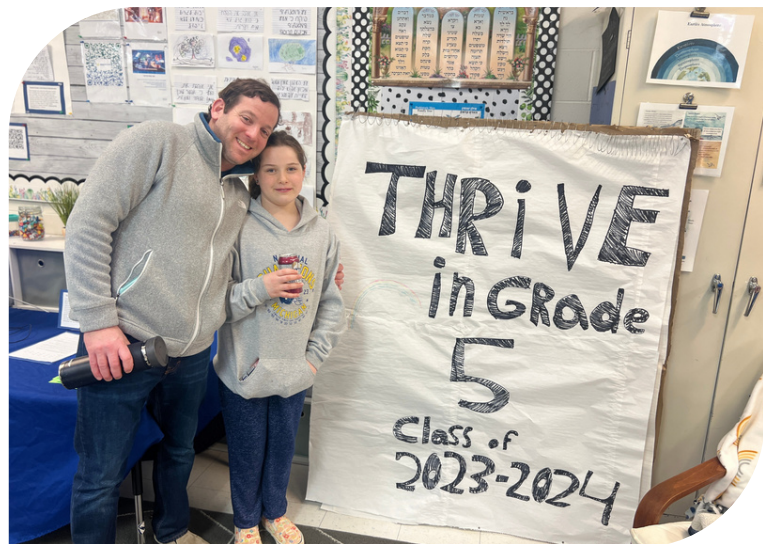
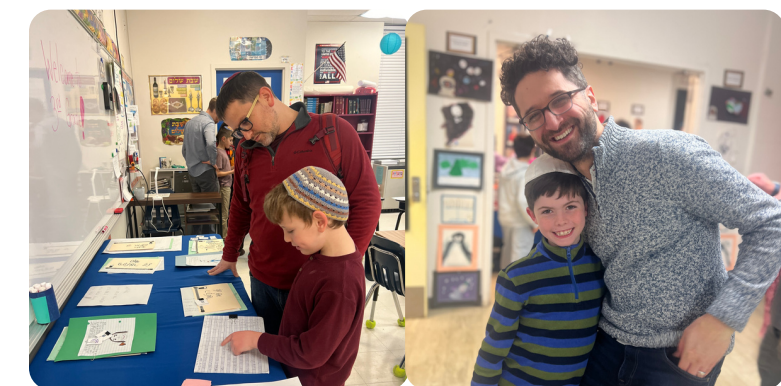
ACADEMIC FAIR



The 2024 Academic Fair was a vibrant showcase of young students' creativity and intellect. From a variety of projects to beautiful artwork, the fair exemplified the budding talent and enthusiasm within the student body. Parents and teachers marveled at the students' achievements, fostering a supportive and encouraging atmosphere for lifelong learning.



"The Academic Fair is an exhilarating experience... students are able to look back and reflect on what they learned in the creation of those projects. This makes it special for everyone involved!"
-Leila Harooni and Elias Kress
5th grade students class President and Vice President



TU B'SHVAT



HDS students had a special treat celebrating Tu B'Shvat at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum! They participated in a scavenger hunt designed to help them learn about and gain appreciation for many different types of trees. Thank you to our wonderful staff for putting this trip together!



BE HAPPY IT'S ADAR TALENT SHOW



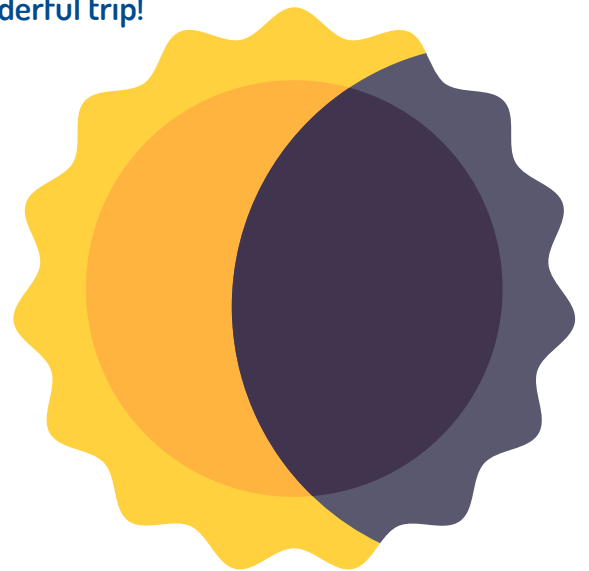
In celebration of the Hebrew month of Adar, we had a spectacular Talent Show! We saw so many amazing performance from our students from songs and dances to jokes and musical instruments! We are so proud of our talented, brave performers! We had a total of 25 performances from grades Pre Gan - 5th that included violin, comedy, dance, singing, karate, magic tricks, piano, group cheer, gymnastics, saxophone, tuba, acapella, and video!



SOLAR ECLIPSE TRIP



Students embarked on an educational journey to Findlay, OH, eagerly anticipating the rare spectacle of a solar eclipse. Guided by amazing teachers and University of Michigan CLaSP volunteers, they observed the unique celestial event firsthand! We were so fortunate to have the opportunity to take our learning on the road to see the full eclipse unfold in Ohio! It was a unique and meaningful experience that we hope students remember forever. Extra special thank you to Judit Szente and HaMorah Susan for planning this wonderful trip!



Over 130 people joined us for the solar eclipse trip to Findlay, Ohio!

GET TO KNOW TAMAR JACOBSON



Tamar joins the Hebrew Day School community in April as our new Director of Development. She has extensive experience in fundraising including creating and managing sponsorships, events, grants, and annual campaigns. She holds an MBA specializing in non-profit management and is experienced in volunteer management. Tamar is excited to dedicate her expertise to our school's fundraising success. Tamar came to Ann Arbor from Westchester, New York almost 5 years ago and is the mom of an incoming Ganster, Aviva. Contact Tamar at tjacobson@hdsaa.org or 734-971-4633 x103.

GRADUATION GIVING

Are you looking to make a lasting impact at Hebrew Day School? Please consider making a gift to honor a graduating student or a faculty member who made a difference in a graduate's educational journey. We are so proud of our graduating class, and eager to celebrate their years of learning and at HDS. We hope you are too! Help sustain the school's future (l'dor va'dor) with a graduation gift. Visit our website at www.hdsaa.org or Venmo @HebrewDaySchoolAnnArbor to make a graduation gift to help future Hebrew Day School students. Click "In Honor of" and Hebrew Day School will send an acknowledgment note as indicated.



LIFE AND LEGACY



Be remembered forever with a gift to the Federation in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy. Please be sure to let us know if you have already done this, so that we can thank you! Contact Jennifer Rosenberg, jrosenberg@hdsaa.org for more information. Learn about LIFE & LEGACY in 45 seconds [here](#).

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

YOM HA'ATZMAUT
TUESDAY, MAY 14
5:30-7:30 PM

GENERATIONS DAY
FRIDAY, MAY 24TH
1-3:30 PM

GRADUATION
THURSDAY, JUNE 6
5:30-7:30 PM

