

Krieger Schechter Day School



2017-2018

ANNUAL REPORT

An Exceptional Year

Krieger Schechter Day School of Chizuk Amuno Congregation is fortunate to have a community that cares and demonstrates support of our school through donations, both monetary gifts and volunteered time. It's because of these contributions that our school is able to thrive and offer the excellent academic program that has become the hallmark of our brand.

The 2017-18 school year was exceptional. Our enrollment continued to climb, rebounding from the recession. Our 36th Anniversary brought our community together to rejoice and reminisce, creating a festive atmosphere throughout the year. We exceeded our Annual Campaign goal by 15%, thanks to increased participation from all cohorts. We received many notable endowment gifts, helping to strengthen our resources and programs. I am extremely grateful to all of those who have given so generously to further the mission of the school.

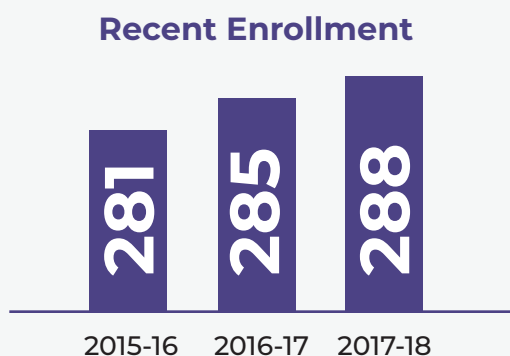
We welcome Chizuk Amuno's eighth Senior Rabbi, Joshua Gruenberg, and look forward to many years of collaboration and partnership.

Each year since my tenure began in July 2015, the school has experienced growth in every aspect and I'm excited to shepherd our school to continued success in the years to come.

B'Shalom,



Rabbi Moshe Schwartz



School Highlights

36th Anniversary

The 2017-18 academic year marked a special time for Krieger Schechter Day School as we celebrated our 36th Anniversary. KSDS commemorated our “double chai” with a year full of celebratory events that united and engaged our broad, caring community.

Read more on page 6.



Abramoff MakerSpace

Students were welcomed back to school with a brand new MakerSpace. This state-of-the-art space was designed to provide students with a collaborative learning environment that would help teach them the critical skills of cooperation, process development and problem solving. *Read more on page 12.*



Erev Zemer

As part of our 36th Anniversary celebration, we revived a popular KSDS tradition, *Erev Zemer*. The entire community united to sing along as students led songs that celebrated 36 years of learning. Each grade performed a song related to the Hebrew/Judaics curriculum and delighted their parents, teachers and fellow students with their joyful singing and dancing.

New School Logo

During our 36th year, we recognized our history and reminisced about the past. Feeling reenergized and renewed by our community and celebration, we decided to reinvigorate the school's brand. We culminated our 36th Anniversary celebration with a new logo and refreshed branding to usher us into the next 36 years and beyond.

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Middle School Highlights

New Middle School Journalism Elective

In partnership with JMore, KSDS 6th and 7th Grade students learned about the work and responsibility of journalists. Assignments were delegated and students worked independently on their pieces throughout the trimester. They interviewed subjects, researched topics, wrote drafts, proofread and edited their articles in preparation for the publishing process. Completed pieces were published on the JMore Juniors website.



Leadership

Middle School students receive leadership training on how to be role models for younger students. They put this to use through various mentor programs. During 'Friend-to-Friend', Middle School and Lower School grades partner together for activities, learning and fun, in preparation for *Shabbat*. For 'Schechter/Goldsmith Buddies', Middle Schoolers can assist Goldsmith Early Childhood Center teachers in the classroom in place of their scheduled recess. Also, 5th Graders and three- and four- year olds from the preschool meet monthly to work on interactive activities.



Annie

The 25th annual, all-Hebrew, 8th Grade musical was *Annie*! Students in the Class of 2018 brought their love of Hebrew language, song, dance and performance to the stage in this rags-to-riches tale of a lovable, Depression-era orphan. The heart-warming story and familiar songs delighted audiences during two performances at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts.

Athletics

The Middle School baseball teams were excited to play on a renovated field this season. After the a complete makeover in the Fall, the William and Irene Weinberg Athletic Fields include re-leveled grounds, a new pitcher's mound and home plate. The Boys A team finished with a nearly flawless record of 8-1.



Lower School Highlights



BGE Award

For the 3rd consecutive year, KSDS 4th Graders, under the direction of the Lower School Science teacher, Alex Thaler, conceived and created the \$10,000 Grand Prize-winning entry in BGE's Wires Down Video Challenge! The 4th Graders integrated their study of electricity and conduction into the filming of their version of the BGE public service announcement.



Kindergarten Clubs

Each week, Kindergartners followed their passions and developed new interests in small-group Kindergarten Clubs facilitated by teachers, administrators and parents. From building toys out of trash and multicultural crafts to embarking on undersea adventures and creative building excursions, the students exercised their choice to direct their active learning.



Schechter STEAM Showcase

Over 100 students brought their families to learn and play at the 7th Annual Schechter STEAM Showcase. This year's theme was MakerSpace Shark Tank. In addition to rotating through age-appropriate sessions led by members of our KSDS community, all students had the chance to develop prototypes for personal inventions and present designs to a panel of real-life experts in e-commerce, intellectual property, and software design.

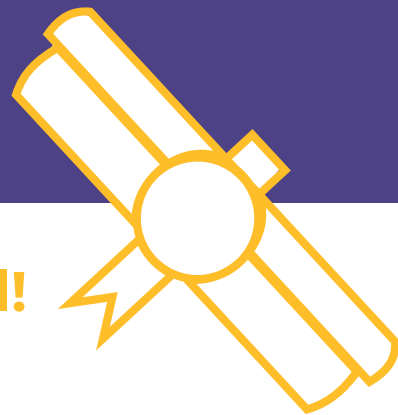


Israel's 70th Birthday

Students learned about Israel in a fun way as the Lower School participated in a 70-day "Fun Fact Countdown" to Israel's 70th birthday. Fun facts ranged from meaningful — At many Israeli bus stops, you can find a box for *tzedakah*, to startling — Israel is roughly half the size of Lake Michigan, to just plain silly — In 2015, the movie *Paddington 2* was scheduled to open in Israeli theaters during Passover. In Israeli ads, the advertisers swapped *Paddington*'s marmalade sandwich for Passover-friendly *matza*.

Class of 2018

Off to High School!



Blanca Berger Sollod - Baltimore City College

Nathan Bogin - Pikesville High School

Allison Cohen - Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School



Lauren Cohen - Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School

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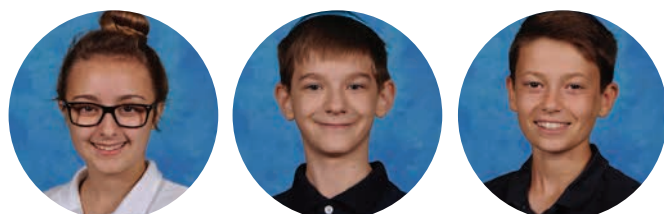
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36th Anniversary

The goal of our 36th Anniversary was to engage our community. We wanted current families, faculty, grandparents, alumni families and former faculty to come together in celebration of our school. Events allowed participants to reminisce about our rich past and recognize our current success.



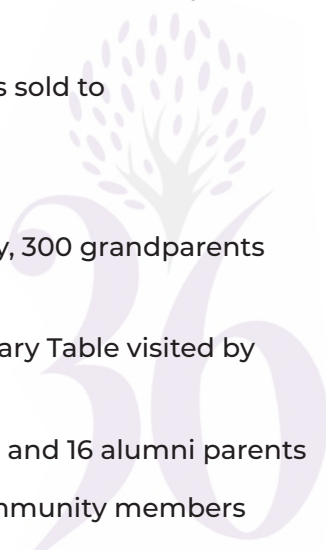
We were overwhelmed by the participation of our community at the following 36 events:



1. **09/8/17** • Welcome Back to School *Shabbat* Services and Dinner, 445 current families, grandparents, alumni, and faculty
2. **09/10/17** • Tailgate with a Purpose (Jewish Volunteer Connection partnership), 46 current families
3. **09/13/17** • Grandparent Tour, 16 grandparents
4. **09/24/17** • Alumni Orioles Game, 20 alumni families
5. **10/09/17** • Musings with Moshe, 50 grandparents
6. **10/19/17** • Grandparent Tour, 23 grandparents
7. **10/27/17** • Alumni Parents *Shabbat* Share, 69 alumni parents
8. **10/27/17** • Alumni Faculty *Shabbat* Share, 12 alumni faculty families
9. **10/27/17** • Faculty *Shabbat* Share, 12 current faculty families
10. **10/30/17** • 36th Day of School, 293 students, faculty (current & former), administrators (current & former)
11. **11/05/17** • Book Fair, 500 students, faculty, current parents
12. **11/19/17** • Film Festival, 200 alumni, alumni parents, current families, former and current faculty
13. **11/24/17** • Alumni Brunch, 20 alumni
14. **12/05/17** • Roots and Wings (Session One), 12 grandparents
15. **12/10/17** • KSDS Alumni Talks, 123 alumni, alumni parents, current families, former and current faculty
16. **12/12/17** • Sponsored 36 families for *Chanukah*, 300 gifts collected from families and faculty
17. **12/13/17** • Alumni Table at the *Chanukah* Brew-Ha-Ha, 10 alumni



18. 12/26/17 • Jewish Volunteer Connection *Mitzvah* Day Service Project
19. 01/28/18 • Donor Appreciation Event, 240 donors from the community
20. 01/30/18 • Roots and Wings (Session Two), 12 grandparents
21. 02/07/18 • Grandparent Letter Writing Campaign, 7 grandparents
22. 03/02-03/18 • Shabbaton, 132 families from the community
23. 03/04/18 • Epic Faculty Party, 140 former and current faculty
24. 03/06/18 • 3.6.18 social media campaign, 202 donors
25. 03/13 - 14/18 • 8th Grade play, 1,000 community members
26. 03/16/18 • Grandparent *Shabbat* Share, 17 grandparents
27. 03/25/18 • Passover Preview Party, 47 grandparents and grandchildren
28. 03/25/18 • Dear Sylvia Film Screening, 48 alumni parents and community members
29. 04/10/18 • Roots and Wings (Session Three), 10 grandparents
30. 04/22/18 • *Chai* Society Dinner, 60 donors from the community (who give \$1,800 and above)
31. 05/01/18 • 36 Trees in Israel Plant Sale, 603 plants sold to parents and faculty
32. 05/03/18 • *Erev Zemer*, 300 participants
33. 05/14/18 • Grandparents and Special Friends Day, 300 grandparents and special friends
34. 05/16/18 • Instructional Showcase 36th Anniversary Table visited by 300 students, parents and faculty
35. 06/03/18 • Class of 2014 Launch Party, 28 alumni and 16 alumni parents
36. 06/10/18 • 5K Race and Post-Race Party, 750 community members



Schechter on the Move



On Sunday, June 10th, 2018, approximately 750 people participated in the 7th Annual

Schechter on the Move 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run.

Every year, this event is a true highlight for our students and families, marking the conclusion of another school year and celebrating our special community. This year we raised \$75,000 which helps to support nearly 50% of KSDS families who receive tuition assistance. After walking and running through the Stevenson neighborhood that adjoins our campus, participants enjoyed a special post-race party that culminated our year-long 36th Anniversary celebration. Festivities included live music, food trucks, a silent auction, water tag, face painting and moon bounces as well as our new school logo reveal.



6.10.18

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Community Partnerships

Community partnerships are an integral part of our school.

Not only do they bring specialized resources into our building and enhance our curriculum, but they also give our students opportunities to be part of the larger Baltimore community. Partnership development was particularly strong during the 2017-18 year.



Community Partnerships

Jewish Community Center

Jewish Volunteer Connection

Sandy Nagel's Weekend Backpacks for Homeless Kids, Inc.

Synagogues: Chizuk Amuno Congregation & Schools, Beth El Congregation, Bolton Street Synagogue, Beth Tfiloh Congregation, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Oheb Shalom, Beth Am Synagogue, Beth Israel Congregation, Har Sinai Congregation



Day Schools: Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School and Ohr Chadash Academy

Center for Jewish Education

PJ Library and PJ Our Way

Edward A. Myerberg Senior Center

Dorothy I. Height Elementary School

Gordon Center

Pearlstone Center

Center for Jewish Camping at the Associated

Local Day and Overnight Camps: B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp, Camps Airy & Louise, Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Camp Havaya, Camp URJ, Capital Camps, Habonim Dror Camp Moshava, 6 Points Creative Arts of Camp Harlam, and JCamps



Partnership Highlights

Bunches of Lunches and Weekend Backpack Program

The value of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, is important and we give our students many opportunities to perform *gemilut hasadim*, acts of loving kindness, both at school and in the larger community. We work closely with the Jewish Volunteer Connection to identify needs in the community and together create community service projects for our students that will have a positive impact on underserved populations in our community.

Two examples of ongoing community service initiatives are Bunches of Lunches and Weekend Backpacks. Through the Bunches of Lunches program, families make an extra lunch once a month, and parent volunteers deliver these lunches to shelters and senior centers in our community. Through our partnership with Weekend Backpacks for Homeless Kids, Inc., KSDS students work with community volunteers to assemble bags of food that feed homeless children in Baltimore City.



Reading Buddies Program and Better Together Program

Through our community partnerships, we send our students into the community to participate in service projects. Our 6th Graders travel monthly to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School where they are paired with a pre-K or Kindergarten student to help them learn to read. Through our Better Together Program, 7th Graders go once a month to the Edward A. Myerberg Senior Center where they are paired with a senior buddy to help them learn about technology and create digital legacies.



The Tallit Project

The *Tallit* Project, a five-part workshop for 5th Grade students, is the result of a community partnership with the Jewish Community Center. It's designed to give students a deeper understanding of the meaning and beauty of wearing a *tallit* by hand-crafting his/her own *tallit* in our state-of-the-art Abramoff MakerSpace. Rabbis from the community help students select meaningful texts from the *Torah* to put on the *atara* of their *tallit*. The relationship-building with rabbinical leaders in our community enhances the educational experience we give our students.

JCamps at KSDS

KSDS and the JCC partnered for the first time to offer an exciting new edition to the JCamps lineup. For two weeks in the summer, JCamps ran two STEM-Plus camps in our KSDS Abramoff MakerSpace. Campers engineered, explored, built, and invented while having fun. Campers were expertly guided by KSDS teachers through the steps of the design process as they created their own solutions to authentic problems.



Abramoff MakerSpace

Students were welcomed back to school in August with a brand-new MakerSpace.

The idea to build a makerspace was a collaboration on the part of school leadership and our donors, alumni parents David and Sandy Abramoff (Sandy is a former KSDS faculty member). The Abramoff MakerSpace opened in August 2017 after many months of conception, planning, designing, construction, and teacher development led by our 20-year-veteran teacher, Amanda Levine. This exciting addition brings heightened opportunities to the learning potential of our students and aids in our vision of offering a dynamic educational experience that exceeds the traditional model.



Lower School MakerSpace Projects

The Lower School launched a new trimester-long course in which students engaged in Maker activities that focused on solving authentic problems as part of a collaborative group. With the expert leadership of Amanda Levine, students brainstormed, modeled solutions, assessed and optimized their designs using analog and digital tools. Projects ranged from building functional storage units and designing bat homes to programming robots for an “escape” simulation and designing kaleidoscopes to represent a star-filled night sky.

Middle School MakerSpace Projects

Under the guidance of Robin Nesky, Middle School teachers created curricularly-connected design and problem-solving projects for students. Among many other activities throughout the year, students created monuments symbolically honoring their English upstander research subjects, designed and built model sukkot to withstand weather circumstances, created Hebrew verb conjugation machines, and built the Berlin Wall to knock it down as part of this year’s 1980s Learning Festival.

Endowment



Endowment: Investing In The Future

Endowments create a perpetual source of funding to support our school and students as well as our programs and our facilities. A strong endowment gives us the ability to plan and make strategic long-term decisions with financial security.

Endowment Balance as of June 30, 2018: \$7,329,804

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Annual Campaign

Philanthropic Statement

Annual Campaign dollars directly impact every student and faculty member by providing KSDS with the flexibility to address current and emerging needs. These include tuition assistance, educational programs, outside-the-classroom experiences, and professional development for faculty, ensuring they have the tools necessary to meet the needs of our 21st century learners.

Annual Total: \$321,788

Total Number of Gifts: 475

Average Gift: \$677

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