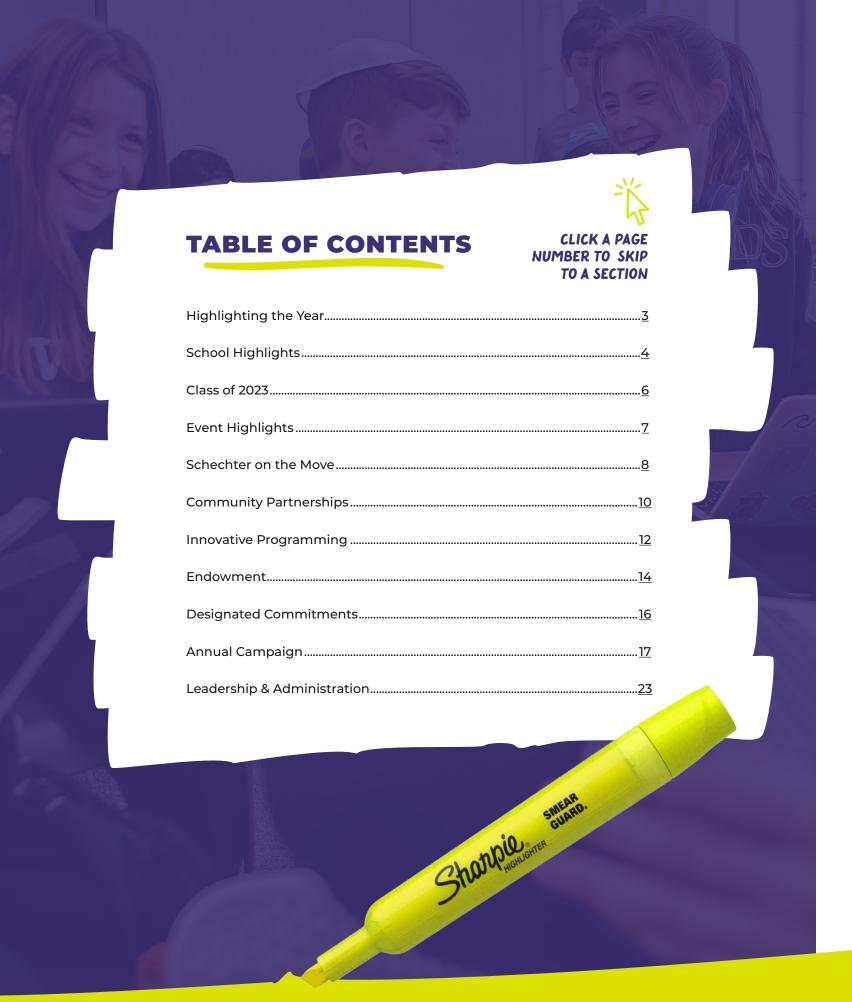


ANNUAL REPORT

Highlighting Our Achievements, Growth, and Academic Impact Throughout the School Year

Krieger Schechter Day School



HIGHLIGHTING THE YEAR

THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR WAS EXCEPTIONAL.



Several highlights from this year include:

Achieving our ten-year re-accreditation through the Association of Independent Maryland & DC Schools. Coupled with Kadima: The KSDS Strategic Plan, launched in 2021, we are well positioned to implement the strategic goals we have set for ourselves for the next five and ten years.

Hosting a delegation of national leaders in the field of Hebrew language instruction to see the 30th anniversary all-Hebrew production of *West Side Story*. In addition, we performed the show for a second consecutive year to an audience in Israel.

Piloting an e-notebook technology via the Jotit platform as part of a groundbreaking partnership with an Israeli tech start-up. *Learn more on page 12*.

Krieger Schechter Day School (KSDS) of Chizuk Amuno Congregation is fortunate to have a community that cares and demonstrates support for our school through donations, which include 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.

I am extremely grateful to all of those who have given so generously to further the mission of the school. It is an honor to shepherd our sacred community to continued success in the years to come.

B'Shalom.

Rabbi Moshe Schwartz

Head of School

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Leadership Councils

As "seniors" in the Lower School, our fourth graders can participate in the Leadership Council. They meet regularly and participate in different leadership activities with a particular emphasis on hesed kindness. These meetings involve discussions around what it means to be a leader, ways we can be models for younger KSDS students, and how we can contribute to the broader community around us. Throughout this year, the Council organized multiple collection drives around the Jewish holidays to give back to local organizations.

The Middle School Leadership Council continues its mission to foster a positive and inclusive school environment. During the year, our young leaders organize and execute various events and initiatives to promote teamwork, empathy, and community engagement. They actively listen to their peers' ideas, concerns and suggestions to address the needs of the student body effectively. The Leadership Council looks forward to building upon previous successes while embracing new opportunities for growth and improvement.



The Schechter Connector Podcast

This year, KSDS launched a podcast! Episodes are created by, and feature, our students. In this seventh grade club, our students highlight school happenings and focus on signature programming throughout the school, including: annual field trips, behind the scenes of the school play, special events, holiday cooking episodes, and more. Students lead efforts to write and film episodes and work closely to learn about the video-editing process with the equipment in the Abramoff Makerspace.





Athletics

KSDS was proud to host three seasons' worth of tournaments this past year! Our Girls Soccer A team came in second place in the BAC Soccer tournament and our Boys and Girls Basketball teams hosted the annual KSDS Basketball Tournament, which welcomed eight teams from our conference. To end the year, our softball team was undefeated throughout competition and our baseball team finished in second place in the tournament held on the William and Irene Weinberg Playing Fields. Our Cross Country and Track & Field participants shined throughout their meets this year, including many top-ten finishes.





Shinshinim Program

The Shinshinim are Israeli high school graduates who spend a full year volunteering with Jewish communities abroad before their army service. Here in Baltimore, the Shinshinim stay with local host families and serve as informal educators in schools, synagogues, camps and more!

At KSDS, the Shinshinim have an integral part in planning and executing lesson plans and activities about Israel's geography, history, and culture, as well as Jewish holidays and rituals. This year, Rotem and Amir, KSDS's shinshinim planned school-wide special celebrations for Jewish holidays and special days such as Yom HaAtzma'ut, Yom HaZikaron, and more.

THE SHINSHINIM PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS AND FACULTY WITH A DEEPER CONNECTION TO ISRAEL AND ISRAELI CULTURE THROUGH CONVERSATIONS, QUESTIONS, STORIES, AND PICTURES.

Having them at our school enhances our Jewish identity and we feel closer and more connected to Israel every time we see them walking through the halls of our school.



KSDS wishes Mazal Tov to our 38 graduates who will be attending the following high schools:

Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School The Park School of Baltimore Bryn Mawr School Gilman School McDonogh School

Roland Park Country School St. Paul's School St. Timothy's School

Jemicy School The Madeira School Pikesville High School

Class of 2023 Student Lounge

There is a tradition in which the parents of the graduating class aim to leave a gift for our school, as it marks the end of an era for these families. This year, our graduating Class of 2023 contributed, with 100% participation, to a collective legacy gift for KSDS. Through their generosity, we have upgraded an area of the middle school hallway into a contemporary student lounge and collaborative learning space. We are very appreciative of this class, their families' support, and the generous precedent for future graduating classes. We hope the Class of 2023 will visit this space in the coming years and pridefully reflect on their time at KSDS.



Generously donated by the families of our graduates:

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

30th Anniversary of the KSDS All-Hebrew Musical

For the entire month of January, the KSDS Class of 2023 participated in intensive preparation and rehearsals to take the stage for their 8th grade production, West Side Story—all in Hebrew. On January 30 & 31, they shared their hard work and performed to two sold-out crowds of friends and family members at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts. Mazal Tov and Kol haKavod to our 8th graders on this tremendous achievement.

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the signature KSDS 8th Grade Play, KSDS, the Baltimore Jewish Council, and The Associated hosted a pre-reception at KSDS for major donors and community leaders. They were joined by Rabbi Andrew Ergas, Executive Director of Hebrew at The Center (HATC), and Lt. Col. Zohar Vloski, Global Executive Director of Zionist Education for the JNF-USA, who shared remarks at the reception.





Grandparents and Special Friends Day

On Friday, May 19, 2023, we had over 350 guests in our building for our first in-person Grandparents and Special Friends Day since 2019. Following classroom visits, we welcomed everyone to the Krieger Auditorium for a special program featuring first and third grade performances, Israel trip reflections by 8th graders, and remarks from Head of School, Rabbi Moshe Schwartz, Chizuk Amuno Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg, and our Grands Chairs, Susan Cohen and Jody Levy.



Race Chairs: Kerri Pine and Danielle Epstein Silent Auction Chair: Joanna Rogers

Schechter on the Move

On Sunday, June 4, 2023, over 600 people participated in our 12th Annual Schechter on the Move.

THIS YEAR, WE RAISED OVER \$70,000 TO BENEFIT THE KSDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WHICH HELPS TO SUPPORT NEARLY 50% OF KSDS FAMILIES WHO RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE.

We hit a record high for this year's silent auction, raising \$15,000, with the most bids and bidders to date. After walking and running through the Stevenson neighborhood that adjoins our campus, participants enjoyed a special post-race party that culminated our 2022-2023 school year. Festivities included a DJ, ice cream trucks, silent auction items, water tag, and inflatable activities.





SILENT AUCTION TOTAL: 2023

Total Items	157
Total Raised	\$14,922
Total Bids	1,182
Total # of Bidders	158

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

At KSDS, we value being part of the incredible community that surrounds us. It is important to us to foster relationships with community organizations so that our community partnerships both bring specialized resources into our building to enhance our curriculum and give our students opportunities to be part of our larger Baltimore community. This year, we continued to focus on deepening our current partnerships and added important elements to enhance and extend our partnership opportunities.

KSDS

Bunches of Lunches

Once a month, KSDS is a drop-off spot for lunches that are collected through Bunches of Lunches. Bunches of Lunches began as a program between the Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC) and KSDS in 2012, where families made bagged meals to be donated to local shelters. Families are encouraged to bring lunches that include a sandwich or wrap, fruit, snack, and bottle of water. KSDS has continued to be a drop-off center monthly (roughly 600 meals), but more so, we have taught and inspired others to implement this program.



KSDS *Tallit* **Project**

The KSDS *Tallit* Project is a unique opportunity for our students to engage with clergy from around the Greater Baltimore Jewish Community. Fourteen clergy members of our extended community visited KSDS to share their own personal *tallit* stories, as well as their textual expertise with our students.

After this introduction, our students spend time creating their own *tallit* by hand using KSDS's state-of-the-art Abramoff Makerspace. This five-part workshop is designed to give students an understanding of the meaning and beauty of wearing a *tallit* and a way to find a deeper, personal connection to prayer. Funding for this unique program is made possible through the KSDS Rabbi Moshe and Evelyn Goldblum Fund.



CA Camps Inaugural Summer

This summer, KSDS partnered with the new summer camp affiliated with Chizuk Amuno Congregation and Schools, CA Camps. A dozen KSDS faculty worked in various roles at CA Camps, including supporting the Judaic content and programming that enriched the campers' summer. Campers utilized KSDS's classrooms, outdoor spaces, and gym for programs and elective activities. Camp families met with members of our school administration during "Friday Morning Brew with the KSDS Crew," where parents were treated to a cup of coffee during drop-off. Additionally, KSDS hosted *Shabbat* programming at the John Evan Bearman Aquatic Center and facilitated art activities with campers.



Shapiro Family Camp at School Partnership

In partnership with The Associated's Center for Jewish Camping, each year, KSDS students experience a day at camp — at school! KSDS Judaics teachers partner with Camp Directors from overnight camps to bring a day of immersive, experiential Jewish learning to students where they can participate in a day of themed camp-style programming. We continue to partner with: Camps Airy and Louise, Camp Ramah, Capital Camps, Camp Havaya, Habonim Dror Camp Moshava, and Tiyul Adventure Camp.



INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

Gitomer Family Learning Festival

This February, our middle school students participated in the annual KSDS Gitomer Family Learning Festival. The Learning Festival is a three-day experience—a break from the regular curriculum—during which students and faculty immerse themselves in thematic and Project Based Learning activities. This year's theme examined the concept of Exploring New Frontiers—pushing boundaries, groundbreaking ideas, and thinking outside of the box.

Students spent three days studying some of the following topics through teacher and community-member-led learning sessions: A South Indian Dance workshop, EDM production, Abstract Art, Al Learning, Virtual Reality with Oculus Headsets, Stock Market, Military Justice.

Our students capped off their experience with the opportunity to work in groups of their choosing to create a product that would solve a problem — Shark Tank style! Thank you to the Gitomer Family for their continued support of this signature KSDS middle school program.





Academic Support Program

As a result of a generous donation, Darchei Schechter—The Many Paths to Student Success at KSDS was excitedly envisioned this spring. Our goal is to embrace the current educational pathway available for the majority of our learners and also develop an educational journey for bright students with diagnosed language-learning needs who want a Jewish Day School education. This gift will allow us to increase staffing, provide additional training in specialized programming, and purchase state-of-the-art curricular materials. We will continue specialized training of relevant faculty, expand our support to areas beyond reading to math, and specialized support for general studies, Hebrew and Judaics, and social-emotional well-being.





Jotit Partnership

This year, KSDS partnered with an Israeli tech start-up called Jotit. Jotit strives to change the paradigm of students constantly losing loose papers and filling their backpacks with heavy textbooks to and from home each day, and to assist with students' executive functioning skills. KSDS was one of two schools selected to pilot this innovative e-notebook platform. For five months, our fourth graders used the devices for both general and Judaic studies. Students completed assignments as if they were writing on paper (interfacing with the device primarily through a stylus with erasure features), but without having to juggle multiple notebooks, binders, worksheets, and more. The Jotit provided our students with the efficiency of learning in a developing digital world, while preserving the essential needs to expand physical pen-and-paper components of learning, such as writing, erasing, and problem-solving. Connected to the students' individual Google Classroom accounts, the Jotit platform allowed students to stay organized with their schoolwork more efficiently.

On the Jotit, students have access only to the apps and websites provided by their teachers; students are not freely connected to the entire internet. Unique to Jewish day schools who use the device, the Jotit is entirely Hebrew compatible and has on it the full complement of biblical and rabbinic texts.

KSDS IS CONSTANTLY INNOVATING AND, THANKS TO THIS PROGRAM, WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF LEARNING DEVELOPMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Jotit platform will extend into 5th grade for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 allows us to plan and make strategic long-term decisions with financial security. The income generated from KSDS endowment funds provided 4.5% of the school's operating budget in FY23. These funds are part of the Chizuk Amuno Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that oversees the management of restricted and unrestricted endowment funds.

Endowment Balance as of June 30, 2023: \$9,039.820

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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.



We are grateful to our leadership who contributed to this year's successful fundraising efforts:

Randi Turkel and Lauren Mendelsohn-Levin Development Chairs

Meg Gerstenblith Cohen and Samara Sisserman Annual Campaign Chairs



Annual Campaign Pizza Challenge

For the second year, KSDS families were involved in a participation incentive for the Annual Campaign. Those grades that achieved 85% participation in support of the Annual Campaign celebrated with a pizza party.

K-7 REACHED OVER 90% PARTICIPATION RAISING ALMOST \$40,000.

Our current school families contributed to over 20% of the total raised in this year's Annual Campaign!



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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Chai Society:

On March 30, 2023, we hosted our annual Chai Society Event to show appreciation to those who support our community with contributions of \$1,800 or more annually. Donors gathered for a "Mix and Mingle" with our special quest, KSDS Alumnus Molly Silverman (16), who joined in conversation with our Head of School, Rabbi Moshe Schwartz. We are extremely grateful to Janine Frier, who generously made this event possible.



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