



# Inside SCHECHTER

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Weekly Parashat : Terumah

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## Schechter Students Have BIG IDEAS

*Former chairman of PepsiCo, Roger Enrico once said, "The real leaders of tomorrow are already working on the next big idea, the one that will drive growth into the future. They're already far beyond the ideas that created today's results!"*



In January, our 7th and 8th-graders embarked on an exciting journey of discovery and learning. During the month, they engaged with world-renowned experts in diverse fields including science, medicine, journalism, government, and advertising. Students immersed themselves in science fiction, entrepreneurship, journalism, spycraft, and suspense. Whether witnessing the intricate workings of a particle accelerator, mastering crime-solving techniques in a lab, exploring the dynamics of a local newsroom, or engaging in other enriching activities, they gained first-hand knowledge and stepped into the shoes of professionals in their desired fields.

As a culmination of their learning journey, students collaborated on their final capstone projects. These projects reflected their creativity and newfound knowledge, ranging from meticulously crafted business plans to captivating short suspense films, innovative ad campaigns, compelling podcasts, and unique escape adventures.

We are eager to share highlights of our curriculum. Click the link below to [read all about it on our blog!](#)

**Suzy Hakimian, 7th and 8th Grade Science Teacher**



**Read All About the Big Idea**

## **Alumni Organize Walks to Raise Awareness of Hostages**



From the moment Schechter students enter our doors, they learn they have the ability and responsibility to use their knowledge, creativity, and skills to give back to our world. Since the horrific events in Israel on October 7th, so many members of our Schechter community have stepped up to support Israel — including our Schechter alumni from throughout the decades. Below, is one more example of Schechter alumni, parents, and parents of alumni living our mission.





Schechter alumni, **Mimi Sager Yoskowitz** (SSDS '89) and **Rebecca Minkus-Lieberman** (SSDS '89) have united, with the help of fellow Schechter parent **Karen Nochimowski** (pictured with **Ellen Nathan** (SSDS '84) and Schechter parent of alumni **Lisa Levitas**), to organize walks to support and show solidarity with the hostages and their families. The 18-minute walks are part of the global Run4TheirLives initiative, which advocates for the release of the hostages.



The first walk was held at Northbrook Court on Sunday, January 14th, to mark the hostages' plight on the 100th day of their captivity. News of it spread by word of mouth. "We expected about seven people to attend, and instead over 70 came out to show their support," said Mimi.



Since then, the walks have continued each Sunday morning in either Deerfield or Northbrook Court, depending on the weather. Another Run4TheirLives walk takes place each week in Highland Park, organized by Schechter parent **Danielle Pearl**. "We continue to pray that all the hostages will be home soon. Until then, we'll keep walking," said Mimi.

*For more information or to be added to the What's APP groups for the walks, contact [Mimi](#) or [Rebecca](#).*



This week at our ECC, students have been studying Vincent Van Gogh. They learned about his love of flowers and nature, as they looked at his painting of sunflowers in a vase. Sunflowers, for Van Gogh, represented 'gratitude.'

"After studying different colors and shapes in his work, our yeladim created their own versions of his *Sunflowers*," said Sandra Greenblatt, Alonim Aleph teacher. "As they painted, many of the yeladim added details such as the vase and table. Afterwards, we discussed how our yeladim are artists, just like Van Gogh, and that each one of their paintings looks different, as every artist is different."

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