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**Mazal Tov to our newest alumni in the
Class of 2024 / 5784!**



On Tuesday evening, the Etta and David Jonas Gymnasium was filled with warmth, gratitude, and joy as proud families, teachers, and friends gathered for the last major milestone of the school year: the commencement ceremony of the Class of 2024/5784.



Following Rabbi Jonathan Bubis' inspiring invocation, Ben Fisher, Schechter Board President, welcomed everyone and began his remarks by acknowledging the unwavering dedication of Schechter's extraordinary *tzevet* (faculty and staff), pictured waving their flags as our graduates sang "*Am Yisrael Chai*."

"They have guided you [our graduates] with wisdom and strength, challenged you in new and meaningful ways, and inspired each of you

with resilience and courage that will catalyze your success as you move into your next chapters," he said. "They have served as mentors, role models, and advocates for your success, and their impact on your lives will extend far beyond the walls of

Schechter."

The story continues. Read more [ON OUR BLOG](#).

To view a recording of the Commencement Ceremony, listen to the messages from our faculty, and hear the reflections of our graduates, [CLICK HERE](#). Check back on our social media to view photos from the Commencement Ceremony.

Kol Hakavod to the Class of 2024 / 5784



Keren Albo	קרן אלבו	Jack M. Lawrence	סנדר בן מרדכי לורנס
Liam Altbach	בנימין אלטבך	Yotam Marom	יותם מרום
Molly Altschul	מאירה אלטשול	Arava Meital	ערבה מיטל
Jonah Anisfeld	יונה אניספלד	Akiva Mishkin	עקיבה מישקין
Adam Aranyi	אדם אראני	Shir Paz	שיר פז
Noa Bareket	נועה ברקת	Zachary Perlen	זאב פרלן
Aviya Barlevy	אביה בר-לוי	Blake Redisch	חנה רדיש
Lian Basa	ליאן בסא	Drew Rosenberg	אבי רוזנברג
Cole Batt	אהרון שמחה באט	Lillie Saltzman	לאה זלצמן
Phoebe Berkowitz	חנה אביבה ברקוביץ	Asher J. Salzman	אשר זלצמן
Emerson Blum	יהודה דב בלום	Yael Schwartz	יעל שווארץ
Jonah Bornstein	יונה בורנשטיין	Lev Shulman	לב שולמן
Abigail Leona Faynshteyn	אביגיל פיינשטיין	Matthew Shuman	יחיאל שומן
Drew Gallo	דוון גלו	Elisheva Sudin	אלישבע סודין
Zachary Gilbert	זכריה גילברט	Gabriella Taitz	גבריאלה טייטץ
Eli Golan	עילי גולן	Ari Vachman	ארי וכמן
Joshua Harkavy	יהושע הרקאוי	Madelyn Wasserman	מלכה וסרמן
Elinoa Jacobs	אלינעה ג'ייקובס	Ezra Werlin	עזרא וורלין
Oriya Kalif	אוריה כליף	Jaclyn Wynes	יעל ווינס
Laya Kramer	לאה קרמר	Shai Yeger	שי יגר
Hannah Landau	חנה לנדו	Eitan Zuckerman	איתן צוקרמן

Mazal Tov to our Ariella Joy Frankel Keshet Day School Graduates

Sydney Reichert

סידני רייקארט

Alexis Villareal

אלקסיס ויאריאל

See Where the Class of 2024 / 5784 is headed!



A Special Thank You From the Taitz Family



The Taitz family is one of many families whose last child graduated from Schechter this year. However, they are the only family that has called Schechter their home away from home for 23 consecutive years! Congratulations to Cindy and Ari Taitz and to their five Schechter graduates: Adam (SSDS '10), Jason (SSDS '12), Jonathan (SSDS '15), Daniel (SSDS '17), and Gabriella (SSDS '24).

"Thank you Schechter for 23 incredible years," said Cindy Taitz. "You have given our children and family so much more than an excellent Jewish and academic education. We are so blessed and while we may have no more kids to drop at school each morning, we will always stay connected and cherish our time as proud parents of five Schechter alumni."

A Message of Inclusion by Lori Zisook, Keshet Inclusion Coordinator



It's a tradition at Schechter's 8th grade graduation that each student makes a short speech. On Tuesday evening, Keshet student, Sydney, did just that with the support of her friend, Hannah. The video speaks for itself; it's a testament to the friendships that are built and the ways our students grow within our inclusive therapeutic day schools.

"On behalf of Keshet, I'd like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone at Schechter who worked with us, never said no, and pulled off such a flawless graduation ceremony. Your Keshet family, as well as Sydney's family, could not be more appreciative. Syd and Hannah are still beaming! We're so thrilled to be such strong partners."

Dancing, Dodgeball, and Delicious Treats: A Great Way to End the School Year!



You could feel the *ruach* and excitement as Sager School students and their teachers celebrated the end of the school year! There was a DJ party on the basketball court, dodgeball and games on the field, colorful chalk to decorate the sidewalks, the Bubble Guy with amazing bubble creations, and of course an ice cream truck to provide delicious sweet treats!

Thanks to our Parent Organization for making sure that the last day of school was filled with laughter and joy. Additional thanks to Vibe Entertainment, Hot Shot Sports, The Bubble Guy, and all of our volunteers for a perfect end to a fantastic school year!

View more photos on our [FACEBOOK PAGE](#)!

Spring Issue of Schechter Inspectors is Here!

The Schechter Inspectors are proud and excited to share their **SPRING ISSUE**. "We hope you enjoy their creative stories, reporting on bias in the Israel-Hamas War, DIY crafts, and so much more," said Amy Schwartz, 7th grade language arts teacher. "I am very proud to have guided this team of creative students throughout the year and excited to work with them in the coming year."



Welcome to the Class of 2033!



Last week, we welcomed our incoming kindergarteners and their parents to a summer kick-off dinner! While our kindergarten team led the rising kindergarten students in fun games and activities, parents had a chance to meet and get to know each other. "We can't wait to see these bright young learners and their families embark on their Schechter journey," said Hillary Dunn, Director of Admissions.

To view photos from the event [CLICK HERE](#).

Sager School Tribes Compete in Maccabi Games!



Last Friday, the entire Sager School community celebrated Lag B'Omer with an exhilarating day of Maccabi Games. All of our Tribes competed in this spirited event to mark the conclusion of a great school year and to celebrate our 8th graders — the second full class to go through our Tribes program.

The festivities kicked off with a grand ceremony, reminiscent of the Olympic opening ceremonies. Each team paraded around the gym, proudly carrying their flags. Before the games began all the competitors recited an oath together: "We promise to take

part in these Maccabi Games, respecting and abiding by the rules and in the spirit of fair play."

The competition featured a variety of thrilling events, including tug of war, Ga Ga, soccer, and relay races. It was a day filled with excitement, teamwork, and celebration for our entire school.

Special thanks to Ariela Ish-Hurwitz and to all of the tzevet members who helped to make the Maccabi Games such a fun and memorable experience for our students.

Mazal Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



Max Gerson (SSDS '25) will become a Bar Mitzvah this coming Shabbat at Kol Sasson Congregation in Skokie. He will be reading parashat Bamidbar and is so excited to (finally) celebrate this milestone with friends and family from near and far. Max is a proud member of the Schechter community where he plays on the basketball team (Go Schechter Lions!) and is in the band. He loves baseball, hanging out with friends, spending his summers at Camp Ramah, and making playlists for every occasion.

Mazal tov to Max's parents, Sarina and Robbie Gerson; to his grandparents, Carol and Ron Fogel and Marlene and Herb Gerson; and to his siblings Cobi (SSDS 28) and Sadie (SSDS '31).


Joey Goodman (SSDS '25) will become a Bar Mitzvah this weekend, at B'nai Tikvah during Pashah Nasso. He is a cherished grandson to Jeffrey and Judy Silverman, Ron and Beverly Goodman, and Imy and Howard Wax, the son of proud parents Jamie and Greg Goodman, and a fantastic sibling to Benji and Goldie.

Joey's passions include paddle tennis, Camp Kawaga, music, card games, video games, spending time with his dog "Pippin" and his extended family. Congratulations, Joey!



Thank You to This Week's Day of Learning Sponsor!

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MONDAY, JUNE 3

In memory of **Ruth Strauss**
She was the matriarch of the family and was so proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
With love,
Danielle and Jonathan Pearl

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In Honor of our daughter **Mia (SSDS '20)**
who graduated from Niles North High School and will be attending Bradley University in the fall.
Faye and Benji Bearman

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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With gratitude for another great year
The Greenbaum Family

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