Columbus Torah Academy

CTA Dateline

School Highlights and Updates

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Communicate, Communicate...





Pictures of the Month!

The partnership between CTA and our most important stakeholders sits at the top of the food chain when thinking of what will perpetuate our Jewish community and Jewish life and learning for the Klal Yisrael.

YOU - our students, teachers, staff, parents, board, donors, alumni, grandparents, cousins, friends... however you term yourself, we can't do it without you.

Wishing each of you a bracha for a wonderful school year and a Chag Sameach

as we approach Rosh Hashanah!

Don't be a stranger! Reach out and visit! Come to events! Ask questions! We can't wait to see what the future brings for CTA!

It's all about our children!

Balancing Our Investment



Setting expectations and creating an environment ripe for success is just as important at the business end of running CTA as it is in the classrooms for our students. Managing the school and its many expenses is a tribute to the revenue sources and careful budgeting to ensure that the mission of a CTA education is met and we've accessed the resources needed to educate our students and future generations. Our investment is in our community's children and the Jewish people - truly a worthy cause!

Thank you to our many donors who participate in our Spring Fundraiser and Scholarship Fund through our annual Scholarship Dinner (save the date for December 13). We also have our established Endowment Fund which allows us to hold onto the principal funds but invest generated earnings back into our annual budget. This is a tremendous boost and creates donor legacies.

Thank you also to the many contributors donating their Ohio tax liability to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) which directly benefits CTA's Scholarship Fund. (More than $300,000 raised for tuition scholarships this year.) We look forward to seeing what the Federal Tax Credit brings and growing the SGO program. Looking for volunteers to help out!from their Ohio Tax Creditto the Scholarship Granting

Thank you to JewishColumbus whose success in their annual campaign of more than $15 million strengthens our

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Dvar Torah

by Rabbi Yisroel Weiner, Judaic Studies Principal

In Jewish thought, names are eminently powerful. Far from a mere compilation of sounds agreed upon by society to refer to a particular item, they reveal the very essence of that which they name. Moshe (Moses) is recorded as having 10 names, most provided either by his parents or G-d Himself, each revealing a different aspect of his greatness. However, of all his names, it is the one which originates from Egyptian, provided by the Egyptian princess who drew him from the water as a baby, given to commemorate her action of drawing him from the water in which Moshe himself was entirely passive, that G-d chooses to be the one by which he should be known for all time. How could it be that Moshe, the great redeemer and teacher of the Jewish People, is best defined by a name provided by an Egyptian princess commemorating her own act?

Rabbi Chaim Shmuelevitz, 20th Century Head of the famed Mirrer Yeshiva, provides an enlightening answer. This act of Pharaoh's daughter was one of extraordinary kindness and self-sacrifice. There was a decree from her own wicked father to cast every Jewish male child born into the Nile, yet upon seeing this helpless child, she risked her own life to defy her father's decree out of her great compassion and mercy. Moshe was the recipient of this great act of kindness, compassion and self-sacrifice. Therefore, these very virtues, which would be essential to his ability to one day lead the fledgling new Jewish Nation, became part and parcel of his personality. Because one who is on the receiving end of such great compassion and self-sacrifice cannot help but naturally acquire these traits for themself. Therefore, because it was the daughter of Pharaoh who instilled these critical virtues of leadership in Moshe, Moshe was given the name which commemorates her act of extraordinary benevolence.

At CTA, we know that we have the leaders of tomorrow entrusted to our care each day. As such, we realize that we must act with significant kindness and compassion towards them, so that when they are ready to take the reins of leadership, they will lead with that same kindness and compassion, those traits which are essential to a better future. And, as we all approach Rosh Hashana and the High Holy Days, and begin to take stock in yet another year and how we might improve upon ourselves just a bit in the year to come, I dare suggest that perhaps we might focus on being just a bit more kind and compassionate ourselves. Not only to those already in our circles, but to those we tend to see as "others" as well. And if we can genuinely broaden our tents by just a little, warmly accepting even those who might not be exactly like ourselves, then perhaps the year we are about to enter will finally be the year in which we too experience redemption, just like our ancestors in Egypt so very long ago. Wishing you and your family a Shana Tova!

Rabbi Yisroel Weiner has been the Judaic Studies Principal since 2024. He oversees Judaic Studies curriculum development, staffing, and school culture. The fall chagim are an exciting time in the Judaic Studies department with so much learning, celebrating, and experiencing!



Welcome Back for 2026-2027


August Full Staff In Service

The first few weeks of school always bring a certain “something special” as we welcome new students, staff, and families. The 2026-2027 school year brings us 15 new families, 37 new students, and 15 new (or renewed) staff members plus all the fresh shiny returning faces after a summer hopefully filled with rest and relaxation.

The summer months bring time to reflect on the past year, clean up the building, and plan for the coming year. We are excited this year to welcome Miriam Gettinger from the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools who is our Director Academic Oversight. She launched our August In Service which was filled with lots of full and department level staffing sessions. Sessions ranged from reviewing and refining daily protocols and procedures to brainstorming best practices for education. A presentation from Barbara Hunter on Executive Functioning was full of helpful tools as we provide our students with the support and expectations for them to succeed.



New Staff Orientation

Welcome to new staff: Wendy Almasanu, GHS Digital Design, Emily Beach, US General Studies Teacher and Middle School Coordinator, Dr. Christina Billman, LS Instructional Coach, Beth Binsky, Visual Art Teacher, Sima Chansky, GHS General and Judaic Studies Teacher, Rabbi Chaim Davies, High School Judaic Studies Teacher, Daniella Guterman, US Judaic Studies Teacher and Dean of Students, Jennifer Laing, LS Intervention Specialist, Kayla Lebenbom, GHS Secretary, Rabbi Yeshaya Shonek, US Judaic Studies Teacher, Brocha Shuchatowitz, GHS Teacher, Maayan Sigler, Hebrew Language Teacher, Amanda Smagley, LS Operations Coordinator, Sarah Smith, 3rd Grade General Studies (in her new role),

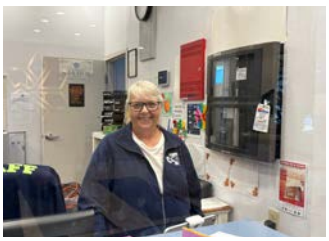
Welcome to our 16 new families: Camille and Brad Arner, Racheli and Tzvi Caplan, Ariella Cohen and Eitan Fleischman, Rachel and Dr. Matt Gold, Daniella and Tani Guterman, Mirav and Avi Hollander, Gabby Kirschner and Dick Joseph, Esther and Asher Kay, Devoiry and Pesach Kovalenko, Shana and Rabbi Elazar Kramer, Ellie and Daniel Lieberman, Rebecca and Yaakov Mayerhoff, Kayla and Zvi Stern, Drs. Rebecca and Adam Tuchinsky, Malka and Asher Young, Dr. Inna and Alex Zats.

Check out all of the great pictures from the first day of school at www.torahacademy.org/photos












Investment (continued from page 1)

Columbus Jewish community as a whole and also provides a per student investment that makes JewishColumbus our largest single donor. JewishColumbus also brought a significant security hardening upgrade which further ensures that our students and teachers are safe to learn.

We also have the benefit of being able to utilize a balanced budget to replace two 12.5 ton HVAC units highlighting our aging capital expenses to our beautiful campus and to extend salary increases to our most important resource - our teachers.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees, Finance Team, Business Office, and Development Office who are dedicated to the non educational aspects of making sure our school is running smoothly.

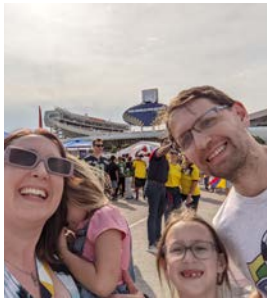


Our Talented Educators - New Staff & In Service - Summer

Summer is a time to recharge and our faculty and staff took advantage of the time to participate in things they enjoy including working, professional development, time with family, rest and relaxation, travel both near and far and lots of other interesting things which shows how varied and interesting our teachers are!

A few shared what they did:
AP training and scoring: Emily Beach, Eliza Delman, Steve Guinan
Travel: Karan Tanenbaum (France, Belgium), Michal Permuter (North Carolina/Tennessee)
Got Married: Joey Gengler
Attended a few concerts: Sydney Berg
New kitten: Sarah Smith
World Cup Game: Jenny Jones
Became a duck mom: Amanda Smagley
Chumash Curriculum training: Leah Savage, Shifra Barer, Sarah Weinstein
Built a patio: Steve Guinan
Ran and Competed in a Tournament: Dr. Zach Davis
Welcomed a Baby: Rochella Papoff, Nechama Fried, Rabbi Shonek








Getting Ready for 5787



The Chagim roll around just as we are ready to dive into the school year helping us stay in check that what inspires our living is the Torah. Rosh Hashanah preparations started immediately with each morning after Shacharit permeated by the sound of the Shofar waking us up and putting us on a meaningful path (aligned with the CTA Way!)

Thank you to 10th grader, Tuvy Cooper, who blasts the Shofar each morning with precision. The chants of tekiah, shevarim, teruah from the kindergarteners are sound enough to beckon anyone to prayer.



Throughout the grades, preparations for the holidays is on everyone's mind. Learning, experiencing, and celebrating Jewish life and learning and core to who we are at CTA. Students in the younger grades will for sure be coming home with lots of honey plates, challot, tasty apple treats, and more. In the older grades, the Divrei Torah and laws, traditions, and observances about the holidays are coming to your table. Our students SHINE at holiday and Shabbat tables with all they have learned and their confidence to share it.

Thank you Rabbi Yitzi Kaltmann for bringing us a Shofar presentation! Be on the lookout for details about Sukkot field trips, days off before and after the holidays so that families can celebrate, and a CTA/Gan Sukkah Party!

















Senior & Kindergarten Buddies Match Up



We love celebrating the fun relationship between our Seniors and their Kindergarten Buddies! It seems hard to recall that it was Fall of 2014 when the CTA Class of 2027 started in kindergarten. Their Class of 2015 senior buddies are now turning 30 years old and have embarked on careers, families, and successful lives. The Class of 2027 were matched up with the Class of 2039 kindergarteners. My, oh my! The passage of time. From generation to generation. Throughout the year they will meet up for different activities starting with an applepicking field trip. Be sure to say hi when your child sees their buddies. Some of these buddy friendships continue for years!













Middle Schoolers - Dedicated Space & New Sweatshirts

It's not just a new space for students in grades 6-8, it's a new attitude as the emphasis on what Middle Schoolers need developmentally is at the forefront of our minds. Focused on creating a schedule, environment, and activities which will support the academic, emotional, and social growth of this age group.



A newly added 9th period Torah learning class was added to extend learning even longer with more opportunities to go in depth on the text.

We look forward to sharing more information about how the Middle School project is progressing through the year and hearing about the student's feelings about all this attention they are being given.





They are really rocking the "Live School" points and flexing their new Middle School Sweatshirts regardless of the weather!

Shinshinim

Bruchim Ha Bayim and Welcome to Ofri and Amit who are spending the year in Columbus as Shinshinim, thanks to funding from JewishColumbus to bring young Israeli high school graduates to the United States for a year of volunteer service before their IDF military service. They are dividing their time between the synagogues, Jewish day schools, and other community agencies.

CTA is fortunate to have Ofri and Amit come for 1 ½ days every week and be on a scheduled rotation to see students throughout the grades and share Israeli culture, Hebrew language, and become integrated into the CTA community. They are working with teachers in all subject areas and getting to know the teens.

If you get the chance to meet them about town, say "hi"!

Thank you to CTA family, Devorah Lipkind and Dr. Justin Weprin who are hosting Ofri for the first semester.







Gan Ephraim Update

Our partnership with Gan Ephraim Presschool becomes ever stronger.

Our youngest learners have a wide range of options with Gan starting at age 2 ½ and a full day option from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. The bright classrooms are inviting and the curriculum is rich with Torah and early literacy skill learning to prepare for kindergarten and beyond.

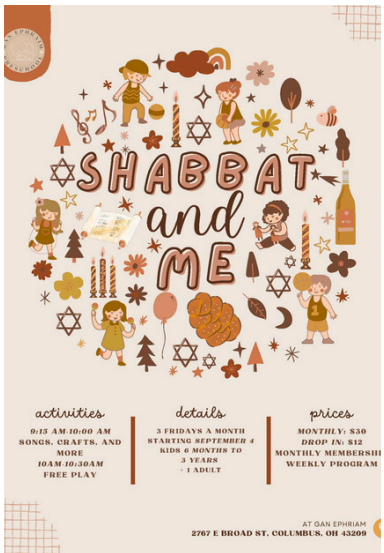
If you haven't taken the tour or want more information, contact Director, Miriam Gisser at **mgisser@ganephraim,org**



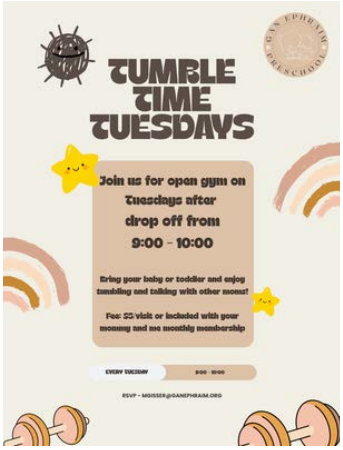








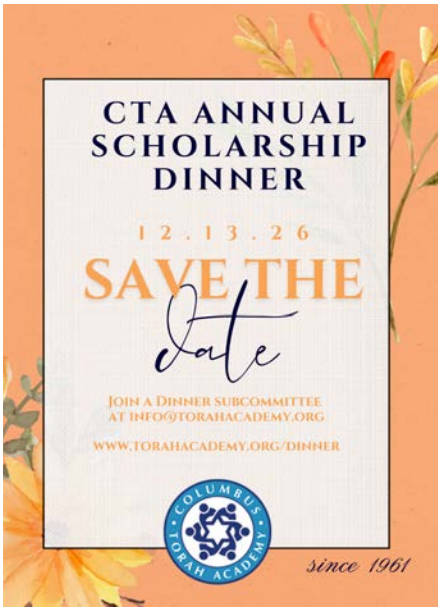




Scholarship Dinner Co-Chair and Save the Date







The co-chairs for the 2026 CTA Scholarship Dinner are CTA parents, Jodi Fried, Victoria Ilin, and Sveta Kirshteyn. Their dedication to the success of the annual event will welcome our community to a celebration and fundraiser to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Plans are underway for a remarkable evening that will include highlights about the school, a sit down dinner, and a silent auction. ABSOLUTELY save the date for Sunday, December 13 at CTA!

More information is forthcoming. Committees are being formed now to help solicit prizes, plan decorations, sell ads for the Journal and make a wonderful evening. If you are available to help, contact one of the co-chairs or Shari Herszage at sherszage@torahacademy.org

Priorities in Torah Education



From the moment students walk into the building to the end of the day when they head home, Jewish life and learning surrounds them. Even on the first day of school, a young 7th grader launched into his Bar Mitzvah weekend. Stepping up to the bima to read from the Torah, he was joined by fellow students in 6th grade, 12th grade, and everywhere in between. Proud grandparents and parents sat in the pews. This is just a taste of the magic that happens every day at CTA.

High School Girls Talmud class is growing and new students are learning from returning students how to navigate a page of Gemara.



This year we bring new rigor to the Judaics with Middle School 9th period additional Torah text with exciting incentives that include the Chidon HaTanach (National Bible Contest) and the Siyum HaShas.

The L'havin U'Lehaskil Chumash Curriculum is being introduced this year into grades 2-5. The decodable Hebrew language skills based curriculum is used in over 200 schools worldwide with assessment tools for student mastery as well as growth compared to peers.





PTO Intro from Tamar Weisbrod

PTO Is excited for the new year and welcoming it's 2026–2027 PTO Executive Board.

A heartfelt thank you to Aaryn Rubin, Immediate Past President, for her leadership and dedication to the PTO and our school community.

The PTO is a team of parent volunteers working to support our students, teachers, and families through teacher appreciation, student programs, family events, and community-building opportunities.
We have already been busy!

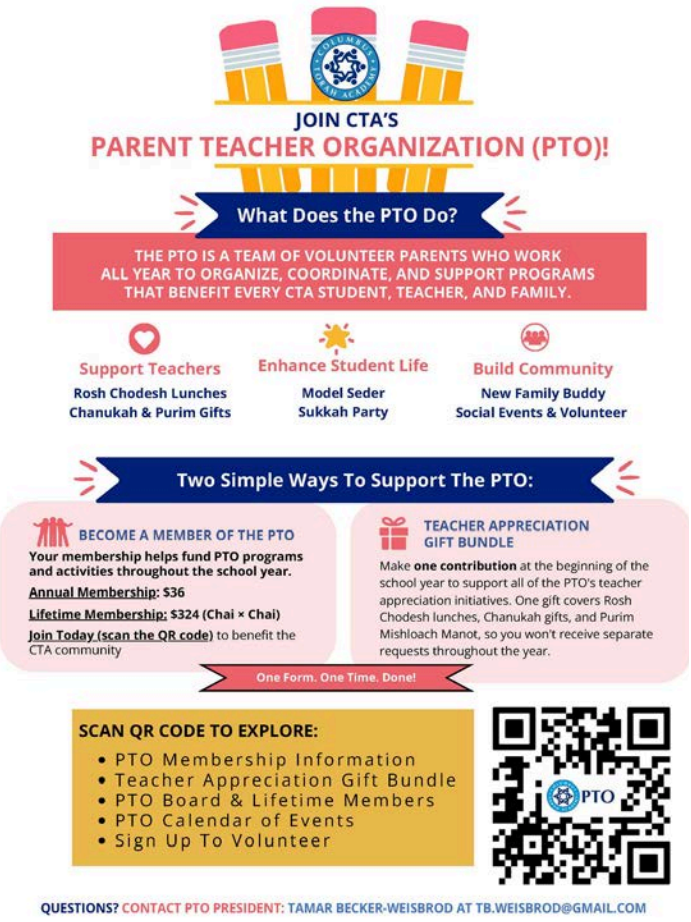
2026-2027 PTO Membership Is Now Open: Membership includes the upcoming PTO Directory, with K–12 class lists, teacher and staff information, family contacts, and helpful Columbus-area resources. Your membership helps fund PTO programs and activities throughout the year.

- Teacher Appreciation Gift Bundles and optional sponsorships are also available.These contributions help support initiatives such as Rosh Chodesh lunches, Chanukah gifts, and Purim Mishloach Manot, as well as other PTO programs throughout the year. Complete the PTO Form: Membership,Teacher Appreciation & Holiday Bundle 2026–2027

Learn more, volunteer, or support the PTO at the www.torahacademy.org/pto

We look forward to a great year together and to building an even stronger CTA community.

The 2026-2027 CTA PTO Executive Board
Tamar Becker Weisbrod, President
Naomi Schwartz, Vice President
Victoria Illin, Treasurer
Rivka Dubinsky, Incoming Treasurer
Aaryn Rubin, Immediate Past President









Support our Varsity Girls and our 8th grade Trip to DC by having a great night out thanks to griller extraordinaire, Coach Eddie Karmia.

RSVP required at www.torahacademy.org/steakdinner

Salmon option on request.

Around Campus

CTA Board Retreat - taking names and getting stuff done - leaders in action. A special welcome to Julie Tilson Stanley and Ginna Rinkov from JewishColumbus who joined us for some of the sessions

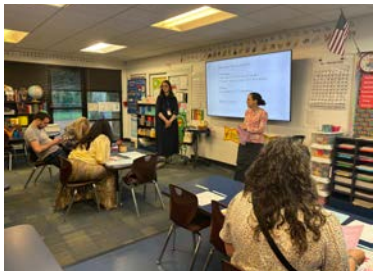





Meet the Teachers are an important opportunity for parents and teachers to connect and build the partnership that will help students to become successful.







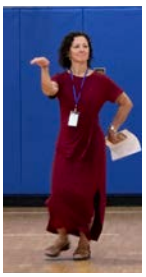
Snapshots from Mrs. Brodsky's classes







Lower School First Day of School and Middot Assemblies







Budding Kindergarten Artists at Visual Art Classes with Mrs. Binsky






Around Campus

Seniors spend a build day with Habitat for Humanity







What a special treat for students in 4th grade through high school to hear from inspirational speaker Charlie Harary. His presentation captivated students and teachers with his humor and reflection. Thank you to the Columbus Community Kollel for bringing him to town and CTA! Good inspiration for Rosh Hashanah!





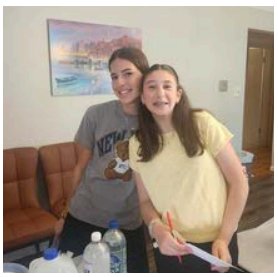

7th graders share their personal artifacts with the class as part of our archaeology unit. They shared why the object was important to them, what future archaeologists could know for sure about the artifact, and what could only be surmised about the object in the future.






The Middle School Mixer was a great way to start the school year - making monster smoothies and hanging out with friends and classmates. Morah Guterman and her family gladly welcomed the students and fellow teachers into her home as the first big Middle School event of the year.







Mazel Tovs

July 8-August 31, 2026. Includes current and former families, faculty members, and supporters of CTA. Alumni graduates are listed by graduation year. Apologies in advance for any omissions or errors. Thank you for submissions and updates which can be sent to info@torahacademy.org

Rabbi Michoel and Shira Alt on being recognized with the the Kesser Torah Award by Beth Jacob Congregation

Rabbi Levi and Aviva Andrusier on the marriage of their son Shmuli to Shayna Estrin

Shimon and Shira Berger on the birth of a son

Tzvi and Racheli Caplan on the birth of a son

Charlie and Jodi Fried on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Shifra

Marc Ebner on being recognized with the Am Seridei Cherev Award by Beth Jacob Congregation

Rabbi Yehuda and Nechama Fried on the birth of a son

Rabbi Shlomo and Rachel Gabay on the birth of a daughter

Rabbi David and Shulamit Ginsburg on being honored by Congregation Ahavas Sholom at their Annual Gala

Yaffa Gindoff on her marriage to Joe Morris

Ben and Adina Kozberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Eli and to grandparents Rabbi Cary Kozberg and Rabbi Arthur and Miriam Ruberg

Rabbi Henoch and Chaya Morris on the birth of their granddaughter, daughter of Ahuva and Jeremy Pomerantz

Rabbi Ari and Yoetzet Shira Neuman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Moshe

Tali Preisler on her marriage to Steve Nichol

Rabbi Levi and Chanee Raichik on the birth of a son

Michal and Alevel Samuel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Mulu

Rabbi Yeshaya and Tzipora Lea Shonek on the birth of a son

Rabbi Yisroel and Suri Weiner on the birth of a son

1970s

Dr. Philip (8th grade class of 1974) and Laurie Goldmeier on the birth of a grandson

Diana (Zians) (8th grade class of 1977) and Behzad Hakakian on the marriage of their son Yoseph to Arden Poller of Teaneck, New Jersey

1980s

Marc (Chaim) (8th grade class of 1986) and Dina Romanoff on the birth of a granddaughter to parents Shira and Yisroel Shuster and to great grandparents Ellen and Sonny Romanoff

2000s

Benji (Class of 2000) and Lauren Sapir on the birth of a daughter and to grandmother Arlene Sapir

Jamie (Class of 2000) and Avi Bindell on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ella and to grandparents Linda and Barry Starr

Ellie (Capland) (8th grade class of 2000) and Eli Balouka on the birth of a son and to grandparents Rabbi Chaim and Chani Capland

Chanan (Class of 2001) and Giselle Siegel on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Jeff and Tobi Siegel

Daniel (8th grade class of 2007) and Leah Rosenberg on the birth of twin sons and to grandparents Rabbi Jonathan (8th grade class of 1979) and Aviva Rosenberg

Meira (Zack) (Class of 2007) and Ben Gorbaty on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Rabbi Howard and Linda Zack

Rena (Stavsky) (8th grade class of 2000) and Dovid Weinberg on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Ora Temple and Joel (8th grade class of 1971) and Ronnie Stavsky and great grandmother Mrs. Ruth Stavsky

2010s

Sppencer (Class of 2010) and Alexa Eppstein on the birth of a daughter and to grandmother Susan Bonowitz and great grandmother Anne Bonowitz

Jonah (Class of 2014) and Michal Stavsky on the birth of a son and to grandparents Seth (8th grade class of 1979) and Lisa Stavsky and great grandmother Mrs. Ruth Stavsky

Mazel Tovs (cont)

Rena Kahn (8th grade class of 2014) on her marriage to Yossi Dietz and to parents Rabbi Zvi and Sara Beth Kahn

Yehuda (Class of 2015) and Estie Rosenberg on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Chaviva Rosenberg and Richard Rosenberg

2020s

Hannah Garvin (Class of 2021) on her marriage to Dov Jacobson and to parents Larry and Robin Garvin



Condolences

Leo Katz, Cheryl and David Lever, Nathan (Naftali) (8th grade class of 1998) and Nechama Lever, Rebekah (Racheli) (Lever) (8th grade class of 2000) and Dovid Ribakow, and family on the loss of wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother Shirley Katz

Michael and Barbara Schwartz, Nancy (Schwartz) and Bruce Kay, Ken (Yaakov) (8th grade class of 1972) and Priva Schwartz, William (8th grade class of 1974) and Susie Schwartz , Yehuda (Class of 2001) and Adina Kay, Gabe (Class of 2005) and Zahava Kay, Dina (8th grade class of 2000) and Zach Gillespie , Asher (Class of 2007) and Esther (Geiger) (Class of 2013) Kay, Sharona (Kay) (Class of 2012) and Dovid Kotkes on the loss of mother, grandmother, and great grandmother Esther Schwartz

Keve Zians, Michael (8th grade class of 1976) and Joy Zians, Diana (Zians) (8th grade class of 1977) and Behzad Hakakian, and Phillip (8th grade class of 1983) and Andrea Zians on the loss of wife, mother, and grandmother Tina Zians

Dee Dee and David Stein, Judah Stein (Class of 2016), and Seth Stein (Class of 2023) on the loss of brother and uncle Morris Pavlofsky

Dr. Bob and Patti Wolf, Josh Wolf (Class of 2016) and Rachel Wolf (Class of 2019) on the loss of mother and grandmother, Evelyn Wolf

CTA Days of Learning

August 27 in memory of Shmuel Yehoshua Ben Yosef
September 3 in honor of Eli Kozberg Bar Mitzvah
September 4 in memory of Anne and Gus Block
September 8 in memory of Moshe Frank

Details with the name of the sponsor can be found at www.torahacademy.org/daysoflearning



As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we are proud to offer you the opportunity to participate in our Day of Learning program—a meaningful way to honor a loved one's yahrzeit or mark a special occasion through the power of Torah learning.

Sponsoring a Day of Learning at CTA is a beautiful way to connect to our students' Torah study and support our mission. Whether in honor of a simcha, in memory of someone special, or in recognition of a meaningful day, your dedication will be shared with the student and parent body and displayed prominently in our building.

There are several ways to participate:
Day of Learning: $180
Week of Learning or Special Program: $1,000
Month of Learning: $1,800
Day of Learning in Perpetuity: $3,600

To schedule your dedication, please click here or reach out to **sherszage@torahacademy.org** directly with any questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership and generosity as we look ahead to another inspiring year of Torah learning and growth.

Stay Connected to CTA

Make sure you are keeping up with what is happening at CTA. Jewish education is at the center of a thriving Columbus Jewish Community and it all starts with our children's education. If you haven't visited in a while, come schedule a tour! At a minimum, subscribe to our emails and stay connected or follow us on Social Media. Email to info@torahacademy.org or access links using QR code or go to:

www.torahacademy.org/socialmedia

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Tzedakah

July 1, 2026 - August 30, 2026. Does not includes donations to special projects, Scholarship Dinner or the Spring Fundraiser. Submit any updates or errors to info@torahacademy.org. Make a donation at www.torahacademy.org/give

Annual Fund

Natalie Berenstein in honor of Elaine Shindel for her ongoing kindness and being my go to person, Mindy and Matt Cooper for their kindness, Mrs. Tari Modes fo her kindness and always being there

Todd and Eliza Delman for a day of learning in memory of Shmuel Yehoshua Ben Yosef on his 2nd yarzheit

Susie and Jonny Diamond in memory of Michael Rosen

Yitzchak Gold in memory of sister, Sonia G. Fesman

Dr. Bruce and Nancy Kay in memory of Esther Schwartz

Ellen Kozberg in honor of Eli Kozberg's Bar Mitzvah to support Middle School incentive program and athletics

Carrie and Andy Madison in memory of Evelyn Wolf

P. Jon and Karen Shore Meyer in memory of Evelyn Wolf

Michael N. Rabe Family Fund in memory of Geraldine Schottenstein

Alan Rothman for seforim

The Ruberg Family of New Jersey in honor of Eli Kozberg's Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi Jeremy and Rebecca Ruberg in honor of Andrew and Meredith Weprin with appreciation for their passion for community and gratitude for their hospitality

Ken and Nancy Supowit in memory of Esther Schwartz

Deena Tanenbaum in gratitude to Hashem

Scholarship Fund

Andrew and Allison Lipsman in honor of Eli Kozberg's Bar Mitzvah

Alex and Susan Rosen

Dr. Irving Fried Fund

Cousin Family Philanthropic Fund to help CTA families

Candlelighting

Times based on zip code 43209

Sept	11	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:28
Sept	12	Rosh Hashanah	8:57
Sept	19-20	Yom Kippur	7:13
Sept	25	Erev Sukkot	7:05
Sept	26	Sukkot	8:34
Oct	2	Erev Shmini Atzeret	6:54
Oct	3	Simchat Torah	8:23
Oct	9	Bereshit	6:43
Oct	16	Noach	6:32
Oct	23	Lech-Lecha	6:22
Oct	30	Vayera	6:13
Nov	6	Chayei Sara	5:05

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Inspire. Learn. Achieve.

Invest in our children's education

ANNUAL FUND

Making a gift each year supports our operating budget and is a direct investment in the educational product of our school. Funds go to recruit, retain, and support our teachers and staff, advance our learning with updated curriculums, technology, and educational resources, and maintain our beautiful campus. Ongoing gifts can be made through tributes, sponsored days of learning, and special projects. Save the Date for Spring Fundraiser kick off on May 24-25, 2027!

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Providing the opportunity for a Jewish education to all children in central Ohio within the limits of our educational and financial resources is a central tenet of our mission. To accomplish this, we offer assistance through a needs based tuition assistance program through our Scholarship Fund. Program, individuals and corporations can support student tuition through this Fund and through advertising in the Scholarship Dinner Journal. Save the date for the can't miss gala event on Sunday, December 13, 2026! www.torahacademy.org/dinner

ENDOWMENT FUND

Held primarily by the Columbus Jewish Foundation at JewishColumbus, the CTA Endowment is an investment fund that yields contributions back to the school each year. Knowing that the principle in the Endowment Fund remains intact ensures that future generations can rely on a strong CTA. We have added commitments to the Endowment through newly established funds and bequests and perpetuated the legacy of our donors through the endowment fund.

OHIO TAX CREDIT

Ohio law has established Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO), a way for individuals and pass through entities to make donate their Ohio taxes to K-12 private schools. This unique program allows every Ohio taxpayer to contribute up to $750 for an individual or $1500 for a couple filing jointly, to make a donation through an SGO to benefit a selected private school like Columbus Torah Academy. These donations directly benefitted our Scholarship Fund and allowed other funds to be put back into education. Go to www.torahacademy.org/ohiotaxcredit for make a donation, for more info, and to receive a reminder for 2026. Be on the lookout for information about an SGO option based on your Federal Taxes. Rules to come from the IRS.

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars and get involved for these events at CTA. Check out updates and details at www.torahacademy.org/calendar

Sept. 15: CTA Board Meeting
Sept. 23: School Pictures
Sept. 29-Oct 1: Chol HaMoed Activities
Sept. 30: CTA and Gan Family Sukkah Party
Oct. 18: CTA, Gan, and Torat Emet Parsha Noach Party
Oct. 20: The Wellness Institute Webinar
Nov. 1: Steak Dinner
Nov. 24: K-4 Thanksgiving Show
Dec. 13: Scholarship Dinner

Photo Gallery

There are SOOO many pictures from this school year - some good and some bad quality, but all depict meaningful moments of learning and connecting.

Check it out at **www.torahacademy.org/photos**

Feel free to add your own or like the ones that you think are best.

Send any pictures to info@torahacademy.org

Fall Sports are Underway: CTA is proud to offer league athletics which elevates the CTA experience and provides students with a structured environment to develop physical health, learn critical life skills like teamwork and resilience, and build a sense of school community.

Varsity Volleyball - Flag Football Intramural - Middle School Volleyball - Middle School Soccer

Special shout outs to Varsity Volleyball on these standouts so far in their season: 3-2 win at their home opener vs. Marburn Academy, 3-1 win vs. Marburn Academy away with Rena Harow as player of the match, huge milestone for Bella Cieplinski with 100 career aces, 3-0 win away game vs. Foxfire

Also be on the lookout for updates from our other teams and hearing more about our intramural lunchtime wiffleball league.

Be on the lookout for updates about the Varsity Volleyball Tournament in Atlanta! For fans, check out the sports calendar at www.torahacademy.org/sports and head to a game to cheer on the Lions!

Thank You for Your Strong Investment in a CTA education!

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