Columbus Torah Academy

CTA Dateline

School Highlights and Updates

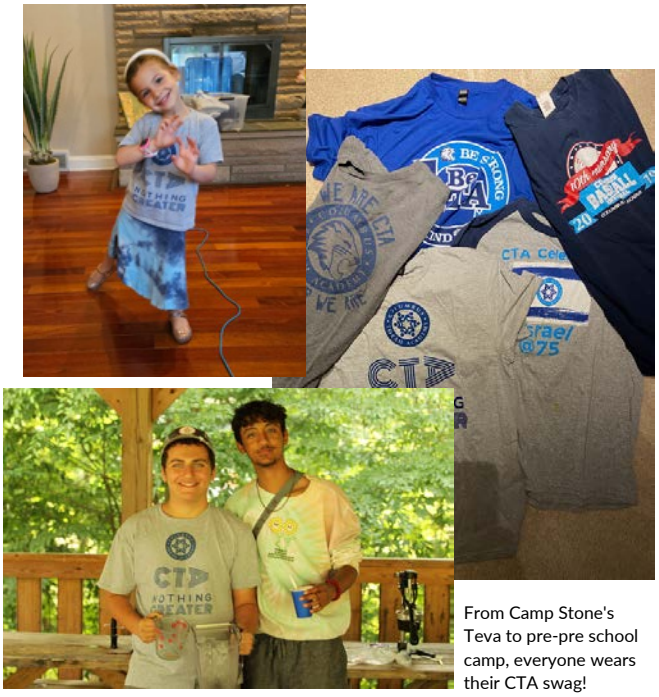
Summer 2023/Tamuz 5783

Summertime!

Into July, the school building is quiet. Clean up from the school year and preparations for the coming year are underway. Teachers are spending their time with family and friends and professional development. Students are attending day and sleepaway camps, travelling on Israel summer programs, taking family vacations, or lazing at parks, pools, or playdates. It's a time for growth, learning, and memory making.

Enjoy this highlight Dateline with some of the best of 2022-2023, especially those milestone events at the end of the school year. Check out all the Mazel Tovs on lifecycle celebrations for our students and alumni as well as those we have lost.

Keep smiling, keep shining, and see you in about 6 weeks!!



From Camp Stone's Teva to pre-pre school camp, everyone wears their CTA swag!



Pictured is the graduating class of 2023.
Front Row L-R: Talia Sukienik, Molly Binsky, Mia Cohen, Ruthie Blumberg
Back Row L-R: Philip Garvin, Telhun Liad Samuel, Aviel Metz, Ariel Ilin, Avigdor Steinberg, Yaacov Moshe Peltz, Seth Stein
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Class of 2023 graduates!

"There is no greater program than a CTA High School graduation". That's the phrase uttered by many who have attended one. And that's not just the parents or close family of the graduates.

At the June Commencement, the Class of 2023 shared personal reflections of their time as CTA students - seven of them started CTA in kindergarten - and what they plan to do next.

Heading off to Brandeis, Indiana University, Michigan State, OSU, Yeshiva University, and Orayta, Mevaseret, Tiferet, Bar Ilan XP and KBY in Israel, these alumni are varied in their interests and plans. We look forward to hearing more about their next steps. Graduation video recording at https://youtu.be/Uvu1mJ_9do8

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Dvar Torah

Embracing Our Differences and Connecting



Rabbi Avrohom Drandoff, Head of School

There is a well known passage of Gemara in Tractate Berachos that says “whoever brings happiness to a bride and groom is considered as if he had rebuilt the ruins of Jerusalem”. On the surface, the implication of the Gemara seems inspiring. If one wants to rebuild Jerusalem and put an end to the 2000 year exile, one should take advantage of the next time at a wedding to make sure to put a smile on the face of the bride and groom. However, in truth this Gemara requires a deeper understanding. What is the connection between increasing the joy of a bride and groom with the rebuilding of Jerusalem?

Rabbi Aharon Lopianksy explains in order to appreciate the Gemara we need to first understand the nature of the exile, which we are currently experiencing. There are two ways to destroy a structure. One method is to completely pulverize a building and reduce it to small particles with no trace of its original structure. The other method is to dismantle the building by removing one brick at a time. In the latter approach, the building is destroyed but the individual parts still remain intact. The essence of the destruction is the separation of the parts who are no longer a unified entity.

When the Jewish people are dispersed and separated from another the collective body of Jewry experiences exile. It is essentially a form of destruction similar to a building being destroyed one brick at a time. The individual Jew remains the same, however, the essence of being a united nation is lost. The exile we are currently experiencing is a punishment for baseless hatred so it is appropriate that it is described as a fragmentation of the Jewish people. The love for one another is ultimately the cohesive force that keeps a nation unified. The more we enhance the love for one another we are rebuilding the Bais Hamikdash.

A wedding is defined by two separate individuals uniting as one entity. When one enhances the joy of the bride and the groom, they are literally infusing and celebrating the love required to bring the collective Jewish people together. May our school community be blessed to participate in the rebuilding of Jerusalem by demonstrating our love and respect for all regardless of our differences.

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Culminating Celebrations

Beyond High School graduation, the end of the school year brings time for celebrating milestones. There are some transition points that stand out.

Freshman Speech was a great capstone event for the Class of 2027 who made their first community address as High School freshmen. No longer 8th graders, each student shared a reflective thought as they head to High School. So much nachat!

Kindergarten Celebration is always a fabulous program. Dressed in their finest with sweet smiles and singing voices, the kindergarteners show their are ready for 1st grade. To see what a year they had in tremendous growth in learning, maturity, and physical size is astounding.



New for CTA, thanks to our partnership with Gan Ephraim Preschool, is Pre-K Graduation. CTA will welcome 14 of of them to Kindergarten in the Fall. We appreciate their readiness for next steps.

2023-2024 Board Installed



The 2023-2024 Slate of Officers and Board of Trustees was approved at May's annual Board Meeting. Raanan Lefkovitz moves into the Immediate Past President role as Naomi Myers, MD takes the lead as Board President.

Cycling off due to term limits is Robin Garvin, PhD and Victoria Ilin serving full 10 year terms. Both will continue their volunteer roles on subcommittees and other leadership spots.

New Board Members include Stephen Lessnick, MD, Meir Perlmuter, and Meredith Weprin.

Full list of Board and Officers can be found at www.torahacademy.org/executive-board-of-trustees



The sixth grade tradition of "taking a last lap" around the gym is a great send off to Upper School and is highlighted each year with a Twirler Jump Rope team performance.

We are so excited for the coming school year and see all of the growth in our students over the summer.

Watch Freshman Speech, Kindergarten Celebration , and more on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@ColumbusTorah

Growth Mindset & Mastery

Inspired by an Innovation Grant, CTA's Upper School is embarking on an examination of mastery and a focus on strengthening Growth Mindset.

"In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. I want our students to have every opportunity at CTA to become successful in varied areas and their chosen passion", explained Debbie Grashin, Upper School Principal.

Mastery Portfolio CEO Constance Borro will be leading workshops and instructional surveys at CTA to strengthen growth mindset and the way academic instruction is delivered. Borro's 2022-2023 presentation to faculty, staff, and students on brain growth and development was just the beginning. She continue in Upper School using methods and rubrics to review the way instruction is delivered and improve the way students learn.

AP Computer Science 100% passing

Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles was a new course offered last year which introduces students to the foundational concepts of computer science and challenges them to explore how computing and technology can impact the world.

"I look forward to bringing more of my background in math and computer science to our students", explained Debbie Grashin, Upper School Principal. "The AP students were highly engaged and created amazing applications. I was so excited to see that 100% of the students passed the AP exam."

In the coming year, students will have the chance to take AP Computer Science A which introduces students to software engineering and object-oriented programming and design using the Java programming language.



CTA has been offering college level AP courses in the high school for many years. The rigorous coursework challenges students and the standardized testing qualifies many students for college credit following graduation. Available annually to 11th and 12th graders is an AP Science, Math, English, and now AP Computer Science.

Coding, Drones & More

Increasing the opportunities for exposure to technology and creating is a high priority in a 21st century education. Lower school students had lots of opportunities this past year to dabble in different tech modes.

"Our partnership with DriveOhio was a great start for coding and drones", shared Dr. Miranda Kogon, Lower School Principal. "I loved seeing our youngest kindergarteners through 6th graders engaged in the hands on workshops."

Coding Day and Drone Day through DriveOhio, a statewide organization focused on smart mobility and STEM education. Through coding the students worked with an engineer to code robots and on Drone Day they had the chance to manipulate active drones.

Additional opportunities for elementary students including after school coding club and a weekly 2nd-8th grade coding class using Scratch. We look forward to developing more of these opportunities







PTO Innovation Grants Enhance Learning

Established in 2019, the PTO Innovation Grants offer teachers a chance to make grant requests for their classroom to enhance learning for the studets. CTA's PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is excited to see the new ideas that teachers bring to the applications.

Two Innovation Grants were awarded last school year.

Lower School Grant recipients Billee Papson and Tamalynn Lerner led a program for 5th grade and 4th grade students to collaborate together to bring a Smarty Science Day, a hands-on program for students. 4th and 5th grade students created science projects for Kindergarten through third grade who came in to learn and experiment. It was an awesome educationally, but also increased leadership skills.





Upper School Grant recipients Stephanie Glitsch, Inna Brodsky, Jenny Jones, Sharon Schramm, Shira Neuman, and Kristen Van Gundy used their grant to sponsor a student workshop, with related teachers' professional development, to help students develop and advance a growth mindset. We look forward to seeing more Mastery Portfolio and Growth Mindset setting the tone for 2023-2024.





PTO Fundraising supports all PTO activities including Innovation Grants. We look foward to seeing what teachers and admistrators bring the coming year. If you have not yet joined PTO or want to get involved, go to www.torahacademy.org/pto Support and volunteerism is an essential aspect of what makes CTA such a special place of learning for our children and our community.

CBI Rocks the House

2023 was another banner year for the Columbus Baseball Invitational (CBI). Boasting a field of 13 teams from Jewish day schools and yeshivot across the country, the three day tournament brought all the action on the baseball field.

Columbus Torah Academy hosts the annual event arranging competitive tournament play, hotel accommodations, meals and more for this year's more than 300 athletes, coaches, and chaperones.

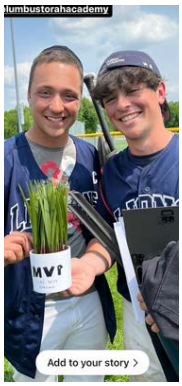
This year was punctuated by the leadership of volunteers Jeff and Meagan Buren and Dr. John Frank who took measures to enhance the CBI Fan Experience with expanded concessions, games and bounce houses at the JCC, CBI Fan "Swag", and food truck/Home Run Derby at CTA.

The event is a huge undertaking and squarely puts CTA and Columbus, Ohio on the national scene when it comes to baseball and Jewish day schools. The logo is easily recognized.

A big shout out to YULA who took home the Bob Lane CBI Championship Trophy after a fierce battle with TABC. Rounding out the top four places was The Frisch School and Ida Crown Jewish Academy.

Save the Date for May 19-21, 2024!!







A Parade Like No Other: CTA Goes to NYC

CTA's Upper School students joined more than 40,000 fellow marchers in the 75th Celebrate Israel Parade early in June. The Sunday parade was in the heart of Manhattan right down 5th Avenue. Open to students in grades 7-12, the CTA delegation spent a meaningful Shabbat in host homes in Teaneck, NJ. For many of the student delegates, it was their first time in New York and highlights of the trip included: marching, the view over the bridge, great kosher restaurants, American Dream Mall, pizza taste testing, davening at Rinat, that awesome cross country bus ride, and so much more.

Schools in the NY/NJ area march in the parade year after year. CTA faculty and parents who lived or grew up on the east coast recall their own memorable Israel Day Parade experiences. CTA parent, Joel Greff, remembers a trip led from Columbus by Rabbi Ciner 40 years ago!

"It was a tremendous experience for our students", remarked Rabbi Drandoff. "The trip is highly aligned with our core mission of developing a love of and connection to Israel. To experience the parade with so many fellow Jews will be a lifelong memory for our students."



A special thank you to parent volunteers and organizers: Joel Greff, Aaryn Rubin, and Cynthia and David Zimm as well as staff chaperones: Rabbi Drandoff, Shira and Rabbi Ari Neuman, Leah Savage.

Am Yisrael Chai! Our footsteps lead us straight to the Land and to our people. Go Lions! Go Buckeyes!

Survey Says: We Hear You

In 2022-2023 we were able to shift the conversation back to best practices in instruction and welcome our two new principals which inspired meaningful conversations and collaboration. An important part of this process was the community survey, executed by Dr. Sarah Kravitz. (Thank you for your time and expertise.)

Dr. Kravitz collected data from parents, staff, board members, alumni, and students in grades 6-12. The data are informative and helpful as CTA leadership makes decisions on how to allocate resources.

Some of the data confirm what we already believed, but some of the data provided a new perspective. For example, when asked “What are the primary reasons that you chose CTA”’, the most common answer, by a lot, was Judaics. When asked “Which of the following should CTA focus on or enhance during the next 5 years”, the two most common answers were Faculty and Academics. When asked “Which of the following skills need more emphasis?”, the most common response was Application & Real Life Skills. The data also revealed that in the time since CTA’s previous community survey there was a significant decrease in the percentage of stakeholders who feel that CTA’s Mission is Widely Known.

The survey data was confirmed with the anecdotal information collected during the Parent and Faculty focus groups. School leadership will use this information to inform upcoming decisions and professional development.

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Traveler Mug $10



Fleece Blanket $15

Mazel Tovs - School Community

Since September 21, 2022 through July 10, 2023. Submit any updates or corrections to info@torahacademy.org Alphabetical and includes current and former students, parents, faculty and supporters.

Buddy and Ruth Adler on the engagement of their son Andrew to Maia Cattan

Rabbi Michoel and Shira Alt on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Aliza

Rabbi and Mrs Levi Andrusier on the marriage of their son Mendel to Molly Pinkhasov

Rabbi Yitzchak and Shifra Barer on the birth of a daughter

Mike and Debby Broidy on the birth of their granddaughter, daughter of Daniel and Samantha Broidy

Rabbi Chaim and Chani Capland on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, son of Shayna (Capland) and Menachem Greenwald

Aaron and Sharon Cutler on the birth of a son

Jon and Susie Diamond on the birth of a grandson, son of Josh and Katie Diamond

Rabbi Yaakov Yosef and Miriam Feigenbaum on the birth of a son

Tod and Cheri Friedman on the birth of a grandson to Matt and Rachel Gold

Yael and Hezi Levi on the marriage of their daughter Noa to Chen Sapir

Egon and Nechama Levy on the birth of a daughter

AJ and Chana Orbach on the birth of a son.

Amy Neiwirth, former faculty, on receiving the 2023 “Outstanding Art Teacher” award from the Ohio Art Education Association’s Central Region

Rabbi Ari and Shira Neuman on the engagement of brother Josh Redlich to Shuli Lowy

Sonny and Ellen Romanoff on the birth of their great grandson, son of Chaya Mirel and Moshe Chaim Reich and grandson of Binyamin and Rivka Romanoff

Drs. Naftali and Libby Rosenthal on the birth of a daughter

Aaryn Rubin and Dr. Ephraim Hollander on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Moshe

Aaryn Rubin and Dr. Ephraim Hollander on the birth of a daughter

Rabbi Dr. Asher and Dr. Miriam Schecter on the marriage of their daughter Neta to Yehuda Anteby

Rabbi Dr. Asher and Dr. Miriam Schecter on the birth of a grandson, son of Mordechai and Ori Schechter

Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein, and the entire Schottenstein family, on the completion of the Hebrew and English editions of the Schottenstein Talmud Yerushalmi

Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein on the birth of a grandson, son of Jeffrey and Ariella Schottenstein and to great grandmother Geraldine Schottenstein Hoffman

Drs. Yakov Sherk and Malvina Khozina on the B’nai Mitzvah of their children Ben and Talia

Rabbi Daniel and Devorah Steinberg on the birth of a daughter

Rabbi and Mrs Tzvi Tuchman on the marriage of their daughter Shifra to Zev Brull

Rabbi Baruch and Shoshana Weil, former faculty member, on the marriage of their son Menachem to Sori Orzel

Rabbi Pinchas and Elianna Weinreich on the birth of a daughter

Dr. Cynthia and David Zimm on the marriage of their daughter, Rivka, to Ben Kosowsky

Sponsor a day of learning

Show your support of our school, students and teachers!

Days of learning can be dedicated in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, b'nai mitzvah, for a speedy recovery or other life cycle event.

A Day of Learning is a $180 donation and dedications are listed on Fridays in the CTA Weekly Communicator and each month in the CTA Dateline. All proceeds directly support CTA.

Contact Shari Herszage to reserve your date.

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Mazel Tovs - Alumni

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1960s

David (8th grade class of 1969) and Gayle Gold on the birth of a grandson

1970s

Mark (Mordechai) (8th grade class of 1971) and Gittel Tanenbaum on the marriage of their son Yehuda to Devorah Leah Bankhalter and to grandfather Hal Tanenbaum

Joel (8th grade class of 1971) and Ronnie Stavsky on the marriage of their son Charlie to Rivka Holman and to grandmother Mrs. Ruth Stavsky and the entire family

Judy (Vinar) (8th grade class of 1978) and Ira Kahn on the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Jonathan Goldstein and to grandparents Barbara and Marvin Vinar

Eric and Dr. Anny (Almasanu) (8th grade class of 1978) Hoffman and Jordan (8th grade class of 1976) and Etti Stavsky, Ruth Stavsky, Geraldine Schottenstein Hoffman, and Lazar and Gerda Almasanu on the birth of a granddaughter and great grandaughter, daughter of Jordan and Nicole Hoffman

Eric and Dr. Anny (Almasanu) (8th grade class of 1978) Hoffman on the marriage of their son Aaron to Melissa Deutschman and to grandparents Lazar and Gerda Almasanu and Geraldine Schottenstein Hoffman

Rabbi Jonathan (8th grade class of 1979) and Aviva Rosenberg on the marriage of their son Akiva to Shayna Wilamowsky

1980s

Rabbi Andrew (8th grade class of 1983) and Elisheva Berenstein on the marriage of their son Yehuda to Bashy Tropper and to grandfather Michael Berenstein

Michelle (Vinar) (8th grade class of 1986) and Paul Schlanger on the engagement of their daughter Amy to Avi Rosskamm and to grandparents Barbara and Marvin Vinar.

Yael Shifman (8th grade class of 1987) on the birth of a grandson to Gavriel & Ariella Markovits and to great grandparents Minna and Cantor Baruch Shifman

1990s

Jenny (Shindel) (Class of 1993) and Uri Sinowitz on the engagement of their daughter Ahuva to Avraham Joffe of Ramat Beit Shemesh and to grandparents Harold and Elaine Shindel

Mitchell (8th grade class of 1996) and Liz Fisher on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Joel and Lynn Fisher

Sammy Levy (8th grade class of 1997) on being selected Columbus Academy's Alumni of the year in honor of his achievements and contributions in the field of health science and bio technology and to parents Barbara and Dr. Alan Levy

Jennifer (Sapir) (Class of 1997) and Brian Schuman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jacob and to grandparents Ami, z"l and Arlene Sapir

2000s

Elisheva (Capland) (8th grade class of 2000) and Eli Balouka on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and to grandparents Rabbi Chaim and Chani Capland

Rebekah (Lever) (8th grade class of 2000) and David Ribakow on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Cheryl and Dr. David Lever

Dr. Louis Nemzer (Class of 2000) was promoted to the rank of full professor at Noni Southeastern University. His wife, Dr. Florence Neymotin (Class of 1998) is already a full professor there.

Rebecca (Barnett) (Class of 2003) and Hal Levy on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Terri and Rick Barnett

Dr. David Szames (8th grade class of 2003) completed residency at University of Florida and to parents Dr. Steve and Linda Szames

Dr. David (8th grade class of 2003) and Elyse Szames on the birth of a son and to grandparents Dr. Steve and Linda Szames and great grandparents Miriam and Dr. Maynard Goldmeier

Corey (Class of 2004) and Stefanie Carson on the birth of a son

Aliza (Rosenberg)(8th grade class of 2005) and Moshe Leiter on the birth of a son and to grandparents Rabbi Jonathan(8th grade class of 1979 and Aviva Rosenberg

Meira (Zack) Class of 2007) and Benjamin Gorbaty on the birth of a son and to grandparents Rabbi Howard and Linda Zack and great grandparents Margot and Sid Zack

Asher (Class of 2007) and Esther (Geiger) (Class of 2013) Kay on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Kim Geiger, and Dr. Bruce and Nancy Kay and great grandmother Esther Schwartz

Aviva Hauser (8th grade class of 2007) on her marriage to Yisroel Tenenbaum and to parents Rabbi Yosef and Tova Hauser

Dr. Tolik (Class of 2008) and Hagar Goykhman on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Igor and Larisa Goykhman

Mazel Tovs - Alumni (cont)

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Aviva Shapiro (Class of 2008) on her engagement to Mendy Kanevsky of Brooklyn, New York and to parents Dr. Stewart and Beverly Roseman Shapiro

David (Class of 2008 and Jordana Schmelzer) on the birth of a son and to grandparents Dr. Victor and Susan Schmelzer

Jacob Portman (Class of 2009) on his marriage to Natalie Dibo of Chicago and to parents Drs. David and Miriam Portman and to grandparents Dr. Sam and Susie Portman

2010s

Shimra (Barnett) (Class of 2010) and Jonathan Bernstein on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Rick and Terri Barnett

Dr. Hannah (Polster) (Class of 2011) and Reuven Moshkovski on the birth of twins, a son and a daughter and to grandparents Jeff and Lori Polster

Chaya (Andruiser) (8th grade class of 2011) and Mendel Boyarsky on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Rabbi Levi and Aviva Andrusier

Noah Portman (Class of 2012) on his engagement to Elana Lerner of Teaneck , New Jersey and to parents Drs. David and Miriam Portman and to grandparents Sam and Susie Portman

Dr. Aliza (Emily Chase) (Class of 2012) and Akiva Schick on the birth of a son and to grandparents Drs. Dan and Leslie Chase and great grandparents Dr. Herman and Joyce Abromowitz

Dr. Jared (Class of 2012) and Chelly Stavsky on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Lisa and Seth Stavsky and great grandmother Ruth Stavsky

Ayelet Wenger (Class of 2012) on her engagement Ori Kinberg and to parents Drs. Shifra Tyberg and Rafe Wenger

Dr. Maxwell Herszage (Class of 2013) with DDS from Columbia Dental School and to parents Dotan and Shari Herszage

David Polster (Class of 2015) on his marriage to Kayla Kigel of Passaic, New Jersey and to parents Jeff and Lori Polster

Shayna Herszage (Class of 2017) on her marriage to Daniel Feldan and to parents Dotan and Shari Herszage and grandmother Cheryl Miller and grandmother Rebecca Herszage

Ioni Wolfson (Class of 2017) on his engagement to Lexi Rosenblatt and to parents Silvia and Chaim Wolfson

Rachel (Chelly) Morris (8th grade class of 2017), graduated from Women's Institute of Torah Seminary & College and to parents Rabbi Henoch and Chaya Morris

Chani (Wolfson) (Class of 2019) and Rafi Spirn on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Chaim and Silvia Wolfson

Addison Horwitz (Class of 2019) graduated with a Bachelors, from Ohio State University and to mother Wendy Horwitz

Dani Lane (Class of 2019), graduated with MSW from Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work and to parents Bob, z"l and Betsey Lane

2020s

Drew Samuelson (Class of 2020) on finishing his training in Golani Brigade of IDF and to parents Scott and Pammy Samuelson

Eli Bernzweig (Class of 2022) on being inducted into the Israeli Defense Forces and to parents David and Esther Bernzweig

Condolences

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Dr. Michael and Sarah Blumenfeld, Hannah Blumenfeld (8th grade class of 2013) and family on the loss of mother and grandmother, Mildred Blumenfeld

To the Briskin family on the loss of husband and father Peter Briskin former staff member of CTA

Jeff (Meagan) Buren and family on the loss of mother and grandmother, Marcie Mazer

Dr. Robert and Ofra Chaykin and Dr. Adam Chaykin and families on the loss of mother and grandmother Elaine Chaykin

Shelly and Dr. Al Dembe, Dr. Danny Lebowitz (Class of 2011), Leah Savage, and Liba Eisenberg and families on the loss of mother , grandmother and great grandmother Esther Wachs

Beth Dolinger, Bari (Dolinger) (Class of 2008) and Avi Gorbacz , Molly (Dolinger) (Class of 2012) and Phil Seper on the loss of husband father and grandfather Ron Dolinger

Dr. Avrom and Marcia Epstein, Marc Epstein, Daniel Epstein (Class of 2006), Ben Epstein (Class of 2007)and Leah (Epstein) Korman (Class of 2009) and Sarah Epstein (Class of 2012) on the loss of mother and grandmother Judith Joy Epstein

Condolences, cont.

Mark (8th grade class of 1975) and Nicole Ebner, Patty and Mike Schiff, Murielle and Bruce Knisley , Alan Fretas, Zach Ebner (Class of 2011) and families on the loss of mother and grandmother Solange Fretas

Randy, Shelby and Jill Furman, on the loss of mother and grandmother Florence Furman

Sima Gellman and Fred Needham , Phillip (8th grade class of 1991) and Marie Needham and family on the loss of brother and uncle Steven Gellman

Igor and Larisa Goykhman, Lana (Goykhman) (class of 2005) and Mark Kirshteyn, and Dr. Tolik (class of 2008) and Hagar Goykhman on the loss of mother and grandmother and great grandmother Betya Goykhman

Rabbi Reuven Greenberg former faculty member on the loss of his mother Ellen Greenberg

Dr. Roman (Victoria) Ilin, Larisa Ilin, and family on the loss of father, husband, and grandfather Ilya Ilin

Rabbi Zvi and Sara Beth Kahn, Avi (Class of 2015) and Hadassa Kahn, Shmuel Kahn (8th grade class of 2013), Rena Kahn (8th grade class of 2014) and Adira Kahn on the loss of father and grandfather Dr. Saul Kahn

Ilana Klamka and Daniel Newman and Yaakov Newman (Class of 2022) and family on the loss of father and grandfather Ephraim Klamka

Bea Binsky, Rose Schwarz, Janet Schwarz, Lawrence and Kim Binsky, Daryl (8th grade class of 1986) and Beth Binsky, Jeremy Schwarz (class of 2005) Jordan Bardige(class of 2008), Molly Binsky (Class of 2023), Brooklyn Binsky (8th grade class of 2021), Ilana Binksy (8th grade class of 2023) on the loss of brother, uncle and great uncle Lloyd Lionel Klein

Chuck Kopp, Josh Kopp (8th grade class of 1992) and family on the loss of wife and mother Dora Kopp

Lev and Lidia Kucherski, Marsha (Kucherski) (8th grade class of 1984) and Andrei Dorochenhko and Inna Kinney on the loss of father, sister and aunt Elena Dorochenhko

Bari and Roni Leeman, Stacy (Gary Liebesman) Leeman, Yaki Liebesman (Class of 2022) and family on the loss of sister and aunt Cheri Leeman

Gary Liebesman (Stacy Leeman) and family on the loss of sister Amy Beth Liebesman

Tari Modes and family on the loss of husband father and grandfather Stuart Modes

Julia Modes, Dena Modes and Sonia Modes Schottenstein on the untimely loss of son husband and nephew Rabbi Joey (Yosef) Modes (8th grade class of 1991)

Sarita Moss and Steven Moss (8th grade class of 1995) on the loss of husband and father Michael Moss

Anne Neiwirth and Amy Neiwirth former faculty of CTA and family on the loss of father and grandfather, Meyer Berkowitz

The Nichol family on the loss of mother, grandmother and great grandmother Betty Nichol

Ephraim Hollander and Aaryn Rubin and family on the loss of grandmother and great grandmother Phyllis Rubin

Arlene, Jennifer (Class of 1997) and Brian Schuman, Dr. Benjy (Class of 2000) and Lauren Sapir and families on the loss of husband, father, and grandfather, Amnon "Ami" Sapir

Daniel Schottenstein Class of 2001 on the loss of his mother Jacqueline Schottenstein

Dr. Steve and Linda (Goldmeier) (8th grade class of 1972) Szames, Liz and Jeremy Kalef, Brian and Andrea Szames, Dr. David (8th grade class of 2003) (Elyse) Szames, Michelle (Szames) (8th grade class of 1997) O'Donnell, Rachel (Szames) (8th grade class of 1999) Licker, Rose Kalef Class of 2017, Max (8th grade class of 2015) and Lily Kalef, and Neil Kalef (8th grade class of 2010) on the loss of mother and grandmother and great grandmother Francine Szames

Berwyn (8th grade class of 1970) and Lisa Wajnryb and Heidi Wajnryb (8th grade class of 1977) on the loss of sister Gisela Wajnryb

Dr. Justin and Devorah Weprin and family on the loss of grandfather Lorry Lokey

Diana D'Angelo-Wolff and family on the loss of niece Miriam Davis Kessler

Rabbi Moshe and Kelsey Yachnes on the the loss of Moshe's grandmother Ruth Abramson

To the family of Dr. Laura Pienkny Zakin former faculty member of CTA

Drs. Jay & Barrie Zweier, Dawn Zweier and family on the passing of Jay's mother, Edith Zweier

Rick and Sheila Zwelling, Paul (Class of 2006) , Daniel (Class of 2006) and Molly (Class of 2006) and families on the loss of father and grandfather David Zwelling

Save the Date

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

August 22 - First Day of School
August 27 - Back to School BBQ
August 30 - Lower School Meet the Teacher
September 7 - Upper School Meet the Teacher
October 22 - Steak Dinner
October 29 - Sefer Torah Celebration
November 21 - Thanksgiving/Chanukah Show
December 10 - Scholarship Dinner

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Around Campus

Just a few pictures from the end of the school year. So much learning and experiences!



Teacher Appreciation Week



Teen Award Standouts



First Aid Training



Visit to Upper School



Faculty Pizza Party



CESA Soccer & Handel's Ice Cream



Middle School Baseball


Yom HaShoah


Yom HaZikaron


Yom HaAtzmaut


Writing Workshop Poets



Lag BaOmer & Field Day


Lag BaOmer & Field Day







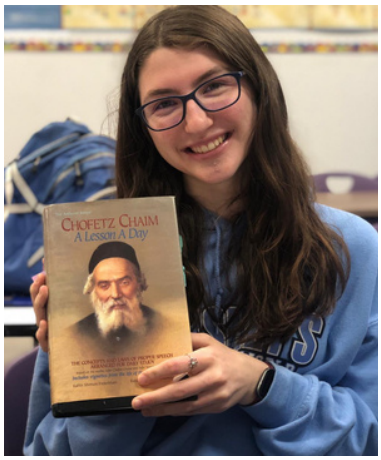
Kindergarten & Senior Buddies



Yom HaShoah



Therapy Dog visit



Siyum on



Girls on the Run



Seniors!



Summer Safety and Learning



Chag Ha Siddur



1st Grade Zoo Field Trip



3rd Grade Adaptive Plays



Upper School Chesed Day



CESA Soccer Kindergarten Team



Fruit Kabob b'Ivrit



2023 Cum Laude Inductees



Upper School Awards Ceremony



Siyum on Mishnayos



Twirlers Jump Rope



CTA Pride in the Bexley 4th of July Parade

Tzedakah

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- Janet Schwarz
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- Dashah Harris
- Walt and Norma Whitmyre
- Marla Mazer
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- Linda Edie
- Amy Winer

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- in honor of my children Ari and Gil who attended CTA in the early 1990s
- in honor of my granddaughter Liv Jolie Wasserman

Yitzchak Gold in memory of sister, Sonia G. Fesman, AH
The Ferrin Family in honor of Sonia Weprin's Bat Mitzvah
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Mark Epstein in memory of Jean Epstein
Mark Epstein in memory of Bart Epstein
Ken and Nancy Supowit in memory of Amy Beth Liebesman and Ilya Ilin
David Mendel in memory of Leon and Barbara Mendel
Sheila Nutis and Michael Cutler in memory of Tzvi and Itty Ainsworth
Gary Liebesman and Stacy Leeman in memory of Judith Epstein
Gary Liebesman and Stacy Leeman in honor of Jenny Jones and in memory of Carol Park in appreciation of AP testing preparations last year

Tzedakah Box
Roni Delman
Edwin Mellman
Natalie Berenstein
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Dr. Roman and Victoria Ilin
Josh Wolf
Yaakov and Miriam Schulman
Jeffrey and Meagan Buren
David and Arava Weller
Maxx and Liraz Blank

Scholarship Fund
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Mr. & Dr. Robert Kirschbaum in honor of performer Chana Nava and in honor of performer Yitzchak Yisrael
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CTA's Day of Learning for:
May 8 in memory of Ruth Schwarz by Henry and Candis Schwarz
March 22 in memory of Moishe Herszage by Shari and Dotan Herszage & family
March 6 in memory of Kenneth Scott Garlikov
March 3 in memory of Yehuda Ben Yechezkel by Aaryn Rubin and Dr. Ephraim Hollander
March 2 in memory of Sharon Delman/Chaya Sarah Nacha bat Ze'ev Wolf by Todd and Eliza Delman & family
February 28 in memory of Irving Prizer and Barry Beigelman by Rachelle Beigelman
March 24 in memory of Jerome Schottenstein
February 22 in memory of Rebecca and Moysey Kirshteyn by Lana and Mark Kirshteyn
February 21 in memory of Lauri Podell Zofan by Ely Zofan
February 17 in honor of Rabbi Drandoff and Saul & Dov's birthday by Naomi Myers
February 15 in memory of Ann Klamka (Chanah bat Chyah v'Alexander) by the Newman Family
February 14 in memory of Dr. Carol Park by Talia Sukienik
January 6 in memory of Abe Weinrib by Henry and Candis Schwarz
January 5 is memory of Glenn and Jeri Wasserman, Naim and Latifa and Meir Nachum. Harry and Esther Sonkin, Milton and Meta Wasserman Yonaton and Shoshana Nachum and Myron and Eve Wasserman and Sandford Bergman by Robert Wasserman
January 4 in memory of Don Leeman by Stacy Leeman and Gary Liebesman
December 14, in honor of Victoria and Dr. Roman Ilin by the Hellman Family
December 9 in memory of Lana Covel by Gary Covel
December 1 in honor of Michal and Isla by David and Frances Rosenberg
November 28 in memory of Irv Baker on his yarzheit
November 22 in memory of Boots Nutis/Sima bas Yosef by Ira and Laura Nutis
November 14 in memory of Mack Gilbert
November 11 in memory of Professor Gilbert Ginsburg by Sarah Miriam (Ginsburg) Weixelbaum
November 10 in hononr of the shloshim for Ruth Abramson/Rochel Leah bas Moshe by Rabbi Moshe and Kelsey Yachnes
November 2 in memory of Michael Weisz
October 28 in memory of Perel bas Mendel and Yitzchak ben Yehuda Aryeh Halevi by Joseph and Ruth Weinreich and family
October 26 in memory of Robert Leitson/Reuven Mendel ben Shmuel by Laura and Ira Nutis and Family
October 21 in honor of the Grashin and Weinerman families by the Balkanys family
October 19 in memory of Meira Bresler Riemer/Meira Bindel bat Moshe by Elad & Abby Cnaan
October 14 in memory of Larry Pollak/Shlomo Zalman ben Yisrael by Henry and Candis Schwarz
October 12 in memory of Ari Grashin/Ari Noam ben David Yehuda by Josh and Debbie Grashin
October 6 in honor of all the CTA students who fasted on Yom Kippur by Rebecca and Raanan Lefkovitz
October 3 in memory of Lorry Lokey/Leib Yitzchok ben Avroham by Devorah Lipkind and Justin Weprin

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