

Dear Parents of Vav (6th Grade) Students,

We are pleased to announce that the Vav Class will hold our annual Heritage Fair at Temple Emanuel on **Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 5:20–6:00 p.m.**

For this project, each student will select, research, and write a story about a family heirloom, which they will then display and discuss at the Heritage Fair. The goal of this project is for students to explore their family history and, together with their classmates, present these meaningful items as part of a “living museum” showcasing our shared Jewish heritage.

Please help your child choose their heirloom **before class on February 24th**, and email a **photo of the selected heirloom** to either:

- Adam Schwartzbard: Schwartzbard@tecloster.org
- Shelby Efron: effron@tecloster.org

We ask that the **final heirloom story be submitted by March 3, 2026.**

Each student will be provided with an heirloom questionnaire to help guide their research but is not required. This will assist them in learning details such as who first owned the item, how it was acquired and used, and why it holds significance to your family. We will also share examples from successful projects from past years to help clarify expectations.

Heirlooms may, but do not have to be, Judaica-related. In the past, students have presented items such as Shabbat candlesticks, menorahs, mezuzot, siddurim, tallitot, or tefillin. Other meaningful heirlooms might include a treasured watch, a military medal, a special plate or utensil, a book written by a family member, a photograph, a piece of jewelry, music, or a book with personal significance.

Project Timeline

- **Early February:** Students explore the Heritage Fair project in class
- **By February 24:** Email the chosen heirloom and a clear photograph
- **Week of March 3:** Submit final heirloom stories via email
- **March 17:** Heritage Fair
 - Students should bring their heirloom to display and speak about during the Fair
 - Heirlooms may be brought in earlier and will be safely secured in the Religious School office
 - Students arrive at their regular time; families will join later for the Fair

We are very excited about this project and look forward to welcoming you and your extended family on March 17th. Following the Heritage Fair, each student will receive a Heritage Fair book containing the entire grade’s projects for your family to keep and enjoy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to an amazing Heritage Fair.

Warm regards,
Adam Schwartzbard