

LAUDER JAVNE JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL,
KINDERGARTEN AND MUSIC SCHOOL
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

2015-2016

October

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR KINDERGARTEN

October 14th saw the official opening of our new kindergarten. The second home of our youngest attendees not only provides extra rooms, but a traffic safety practice field and several colorful ideas as well. The new kindergarten was greeted by Zoltán Pokorni, Mayor of the 12th district, Josh Spinner, the Vice President of the Lauder Foundation, Jutka Haas, the eternal mother of the kindergarten, Anna Szeszler, our previous head principal, as well as curators, founders and Gábor Horány current head principal and Szonja Merényi head of kindergarten.

The children were very happy to see the great big cake that was specially created for the occasion, and they gave gifts of pictures they had made themselves to the guests.



EDUCATION



LAUDER CUP

We celebrated Lauder victories as well at the 31st Lauder Cup

On October 23rd we held the 31st Lauder Cup in our assembly hall, wherein 120 young chess players competed in 6 groups for prizes and medals. The long weekend saw a lot of important competitions organized in the Budapest area, which meant that we were very pleased with the turnout, as it still shows its status as an important children's competition, even if it lags behind the "good old days" of 240 competitors. Throughout the competition, we celebrated some special Lauder victories as well.

SUCCESSSES AT THE BOLYAI MATH GROUP COMPETITION

Four Lauder teams among the first six in the regional round

It was only by a few points that the 3rd graders "Öröm" (Joy) team and the 7th graders "Albanian Spacenails" team missed getting into the national finals, that is the best 30 teams in the country. Both groups of four reached second place in their respective age groups of nearly 40 teams each. Looks like next year will also have something to be excited about! The 6th grade "Bubis víz" (Bubbly water) and 8th grade "Kék Kanári" (Blue Canary) came in third and sixth place, respectively. Congratulations to all of them!



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JEWISH OUTREACH

FIELDTRIP TO ISRAEL

Our 10th grade Z'man class spent 10 days in Israel in October

During the ten day visit, students visited the Negev desert, climbed Masada, floated in the Dead Sea, harvested oranges, voyaged on the Kinneret, saw the treasures of the Israel Museum, rode camels, walked in Jerusalem, had a chance to visit Kotel, and were the guests of high school students in Herzliya.



MUSIC CLUB

October 29th saw this year's first Music Club in our music school. Students who learn to play any kind of instrument in our school perform for the attending guests. Everyone played one or two selected songs. From classical music to more pop-cultural adaptations, students showed their musical stuff on the stage.



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MICVAH

8TH GRADE MITZVAH

Though it was only October, our 8th grade Dallam (Melody) class had already performed two mitzvahs. The class organized a charity collection for the refugees coming to Hungary.

Thanks to their work, as well as the generosity of students, parents and teachers, an incredible amount of donated items were collected, leaving enough for Hungarian families living in poverty in Csobánka and Bódvalenke.

Dallam (Melody) visited Bódvalenke with the help of their parents, taking down all the donations and distributing them. Eszter Pásztor, the project leader of the village showed them the mural wall paintings that the village is famous for, and our students got a chance to peek into everyday life in the village as well as meet local youngsters.



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PUBLIC RELATIONSHIP



ON OCTOBER 29TH WE ONCE AGAIN WELCOMED GUESTS TO OUR SCHOOL

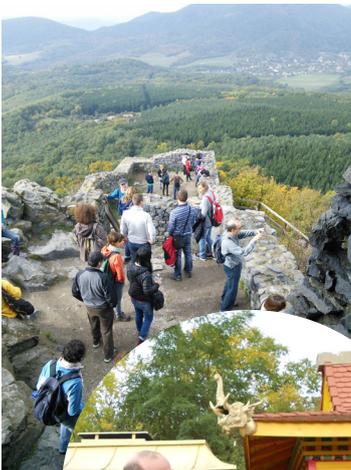
On October 29th we had the pleasure of welcoming prominent members of the Los Angeles Jewish community, who, upon their visit to Budapest focused on charity work, sought out the institutions of Jewish life in the capital, including Lauder.

The visiting 37 ladies got an in-depth look at our school, from its founding and history to present day activities and achievements. Our well-prepared students showed them

around our building, and they were finally treated to an excellent kosher meal in our canteen and said farewell with a cheerful group photo.

SUCCESS STORIES

TEAMBUILDING



This year our faculty went to Somoskő and Salgóvár as a teambuilding fieldtrip. The visit near the Hungarian-Slovakian border gave us a chance to get to know our new colleagues. Somoskő castle can be found on a volcanic peak in Slovakian territory, while Salgóvár castle is in the forests and mountains of Börzsöny atop a 730 meter mound.



The trip was followed by a lunch spent together, and finally by a visit to the Hungarian Tibet explorer Körösi Csoma Sándor's Memorial Park near Tar. We were shown the exhibit by the person who had originally set it up, our head principal, Gábor Horányi.

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