

LAUDER JAVNE JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL,
KINDERGARTEN AND MUSIC SCHOOL
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
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NEW YEAR DINNER

This year's traditional New Year Dinner was held on the 1st of October in the Lauder assembly hall. The dinner offered a range of delicious foods as well as entertainment for our guests, who were not only Lauder parents, but also prominent members of Hungarian Jewish communities as well as supporters of our school. Several Lauder Music School students performed on stage.

Our head principal, Gábor Horányi's greeting speech was complemented by our alumnus Dániel Róna (consultant and partner, McKinsey&Company), with both of them emphasizing the Jewish community's rejuvenating power and the importance of education.

As is now tradition, the New Year Dinner is also a charity event. This year, donations were offered to the construction of our soon-to-be multifunctional community hall, with a record-breaking 4.6 million forints offered in total.

Photo: Daniel Biljanszki, Haiman Helga



EDUCATION

“TO US, WITH US, FOR US” – CHILDREN’S RIGHTS CAFÉ

The children’s rights project held by the Terre des Hommes Foundation has come to an end for our participating 11th grade Halacha class.

With it, a two-year journey comes to an end, the result of which was the development and operation of an internationally deployable online game.

Our students took part in many activities in partnership with the Rákospalota Correctional Institute and Children’s Home. They visited the Office of the Ombudsman, took part in a Living Library and videoconference with judge Renáta Winter, as well as played Children’s Rights Casino and met up with other related NGOs.

On 19th of October, the project officially came to an end with a press conference held by us at the CEU building.



LAUDER SUCCESS AT THE BOLYAI MATH COMPETITION

Our team of fifth graders, naming themselves “Indians”, received first place at the district round of the Bolyai Math Competition and were invited to take part in the national round.

Congratulations to: Bálint Dobák, Sára Lebovits, Daniel Szabó and Ádám Szécsényi.

And gratitude must go to their teachers: Évi Szabó, Csaba Zimonyi, Eszter Horváth, Tamás Kósa, Anikó Beszedics, Piroska Pausch and Rita Kanizsai.



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DEBATE COMPETITION IN OUR HIGH SCHOOL

According to traditional views, there is no place for debate in a school: the teachers are the sole proprietors of knowledge, their words are sacrosanct, and a student's job is to accept and absorb that knowledge.

At the Lauder School, however, we teach children to form their own opinions and to make them heard. A culture of debate is very important, and that is one of the reasons that teachers organized a debate competition for the high school students.

Four teams matched their wits, defending or attacking positions such as:

Zoos are bad for animals

Schools kill individuality

A person's fate is determined by where they are born

In the end, the jury came to the decision that this year's debate competition was won by our 10th grade Tavlinim team!



TRIP TO ISRAEL

Our 10th grade students were on a fieldtrip to Israel

Twenty students of our 10th grade Tavlinim visited Israel thanks to the Chail program. As every year, the group was joined by students from the Scheiber School. As part of the program, they visited our Israeli sister school, Sulam Tzor as well. The journey saw a lot of photographs and videos being taken, which will be used to create a visual project for next year's 70th anniversary of the State of Israel.



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SUCCESS STORIES

NEW WING OF OUR CAFETERIA

Our school is continuously expanding, and with more than 800 students this year, the buildings and community spaces are also expanding. The first phase was the extension of our kosher cafeteria this year. The new space means that an extra 90 number of people can have lunch at the same time, as well as enjoy the view, because the entire area has wall to wall windows.



OUR ALUMNUS BENDEGÚZ MOLDOVÁN BECAME THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS (EJJS)



Bendegúz Moldován of Budapest was elected to be the vice president of the European union of Jewish Students at the general assembly of the EJJS in Greece. Bendegúz Moldován is 21 years old, is currently a second year at ELTE social sciences, and has been an active member of Hungarian Jewish youth life for many years. He was an activist and later the president of the Hanoar Hatzioni Hungarian Jewish organization, while working as age-group and program leader at the International Jewish Camp at Szarvas.

SUKKOT IN THE KINDERGARTEN AND THE SCHOOL

Our kindergarteners built a wonderful tent in the garden, and decorated it with colorful and exciting creations. In the days of Sukkot, they spent a lot of time in the tent, playing and having snack time there. A tent was also erected in the high school garden. As well as decorating it, students also spent Jewish Studies and Hebrew classes there as weather allowed.



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JEWISH OUTREACH

THE NAIM ORCHESTRA ON THE “FLOWERS AGAINST VIOLENCE” FLASHMOB



On Wednesday, 18 October, our school's student orchestra, Naim, took part and performed in the “Flowers against violence” flashmob in front of the Dohány street synagogue.

The concert was really touching and successful, and all those taking part then planted flowers in memory of the 1.5 million children who were killed in the Holocaust.

THE NAIM ORCHESTRA ON STAGE AGAIN

Internationally renowned documentary director Willy Lindwer created a documentary film about the miraculous escape of two Hungarian Holocaust-survivor families for Dutch public television. One of the filming locations was the Frankel Leo street synagogue in Budapest, where our Naim Orchestra was performing.



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