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SHAHAR PROGRAM

Our Sahar Program continues with great success, now visible both in the school decoration and in the classwork. During the first week of October our classes began working with the days of Creation; the older students approached the topic through scientific texts and the younger ones through drama plays and drawings. During the second week of October all primary school students' program involved bread; students kneaded, braided and baked Shabbat Challah with much enthusiasm and then took them home to their families. In addition, quite a few classes started making challah covers too. During the last week of the month most classes started dealing with the topic of Jewish symbols; some decorations resulted from the cooperation of a number of classes.

As part of the Sahar Program we close the week with a common Kabbalat Shabbat service for all primary school students, occasionally involving invited guests from Jewish communities (Cantor Greg Nogradi; Eszter Bíró – Singer, a formal member of the Budapest Klezmer Band; Rabbi Tamás Verő)



COMMUNITY DAY FOR OUR COLLEAGUES

We held our autumn community day at Balatonfüred and even though participation was optional, as many as 52 of us joined this program. In the morning we visited The House of Jewish Excellence where in small groups we learned interesting information from this digital exhibition on Jewish inventors and scholars like Einstein, Freud or the founder of Google. . After a tasty lunch, as the weather was very pleasing our colleagues took a walk on the shore of Balaton. Some even visited another exhibition at the Vaszary Gallery.



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SINSINIM (VOLUNTEERS FORM ISRAEL)

Since the beginning of September two volunteer schlichim, Roni Arendt and Shahar Moshe have been working in Budapest. Three times a week they have been spending time with our students at the school. .

We believe their presence at our school is very beneficial as it enables our students to learn about contemporary Israel through the eyes of two young Israelis. Roni and Shahar hold lessons, dance and sing with our students.



LIMMUD FESTIVAL

This year's Limmud Festival took place on the weekend 26th-28th of October at the Budapest Youth Center which has spectacular views over the capital.

The Festival centered on discussions about new films that deal with Jewish issues.

Our head principal, Gábor Horányi, gave a talk at the Festival on 'Innovations in Jewish education'. The school was also represented there by our talented photographers and filmmakers of the Lauder- Eye program.

Some of our students and teachers contributed to the success of this Limmud Festival by doing volunteer work before and during the event.



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ANOTHER YEAR OF E-LEARNING AT LAUDER

Our distance-learning program has commenced its fourth year. This year 28 students from outside of Budapest entered this online Jewish Studies program after the High Holiday season.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VB3EgBpYmiI>

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD! – PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE GAME



It is important for all of us that our youngsters learn to get involved in decisions about matters that affect them and to become active participants of the process to find solutions to their community issues. Our high school students had the opportunity to practice these during a parliamentary debate game. This revolved around education, specifically the ways and means through which the European Union plans to assist youth education in the coming years and decades; that is how they intend to support poor families in the countryside, facilitate studying abroad, prevent segregation and which skills, professions they plan to underpin in the future. Our school started a faction called IPA - an acronym referring to a party of really passive people ☐. We debated questions of the education of the future with factions of nine other schools and made recommendations for solutions.

OUR STUDENTS IN ISTANBUL



At the end of October our middle school students made their third trip to our counterpart in Istanbul, the Jewish Ulus Özel School.

This similar-minded school has been our exchange partner for years; we are very familiar with their teachers and leaders.



We had the pleasure of five glorious days, enjoying the hospitality of Turkish families and the gorgeous weather. The program included a boat trip on the Bosphorus, haggling in the Grand Bazaar, meeting the Chief Rabbi of Istanbul and a visit to one synagogue too. The 7th and 8th grader students returned home with many lovely new memories.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATING WORLD BREAD DAY

Our primary school prepared many interesting and fun programs to celebrate the World Bread Day. The students even visited a bakery. We are currently organizing an exhibition to show the events of this project week.



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THE NAIM ORCHESTRA'S INVITATION TO EGER



Naim, the Lauder student klezmer orchestra was invited to perform on an exclusive event with prestigious guests celebrating Israel's birthday in Eger. The Naim Orchestra's performance was greeted with thundering applause from the audience.

GÁBOR HORÁNYI AND EINSTEIN

On the 9th of October approximately 200 people attended a lecture at the House of Jewish Excellence given by our head principal and physics teacher, Gábor Horányi, entitled "About Einstein, clearly and accessibly"



YOSSI AMRANI, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO HUNGARY VISITED OUR INSTITUTION

His Excellency was welcomed at the Lauder School by Mr Gábor Horányi, our head principal. During his visit Ambassador Amrani met with the students of Tavlinim grade (11th graders) who had the opportunity to raise questions of their interest regarding contemporary Israel as part of an informal discussion with the Ambassador. Most of the students were curious about Israel's start-ups and higher educational options.



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