



## NOVEMBER

### MORIM PROJECT – ONE WEEK TOGETHER WITH TEACHERS FROM THE US

Between the 4th and 11th of November we welcomed teachers and leaders of the Dr. Miriam & Sheldon G. Adelson Educational Campus from Las Vegas, as part of the SOS International Morim Limmud Program. This is an international educational program enabling American and European Jewish schools to exchange best practices.

The guest teachers from Las Vegas were with us every morning from Monday to Friday: they visited and held lessons at our middle and high school, introduced their campus to our students and talked about living in Las Vegas. They also met, discussed and exchanged practices with our school's leadership, teachers, counselors and teachers of special education. They ended their week on Friday with a joint Kabbalat Shabbat where the American school's music teacher and two of our music teachers held a special performance together with our school's band and chorus singers in the Lauder assembly hall.

The video of the collective singing can be seen on the Morim Project's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sosinternationalenrichingjewishidentity/videos/...>

This program was both beneficial and very pleasant for all of us. Feedback we have received so far shows that the students too enjoyed the lessons given by the American teachers.



## WE FELT LIKE STAYING THERE – THE 10TH GRADE STUDENTS' FIELDTRIP TO ISRAEL

25 students from our 10th grade joined by some students from the Scheiber School spent 10 unforgettable days in Israel. One of our students wrote the following after the trip:

„Words can't explain how much this trip has given us. This is thanks to the marvelous scenery, the nice people, the amazing weather and last but not least the great traveling team. It is very hard to list how many different places we visited, how much we did in those 10 days. We went hiking, sightseeing, had an intimate Kabbalat Shabbat, saw interactive exhibitions and visited Israel's historic sites; we commemorated historic events,, sailed on the Kineret, visited a cave and a prison, made some chocolate, swam in the two seas, bargained at the markets in Jerusalem, ate delicious food, rode camels, met students from one of the schools in Arce, listened to music, sang, played and laughed a lot. All the while we learnt a lot from our guides and from each other. At the end of this trip we were not students from two different schools next to each other but a united team of 45 students from Budapest coming home from Israel. This experience filled us up with so much energy. It was a life time experience. We would like to thank everybody who made this possible!”



## 19TH BOOK FESTIVAL

It is now the 19th time we organized a Book Festival in our school. On these occasions we invite Hungarian writers to have discussions with our students about books, their latest novels or about the procedure of writing one. This year we were delighted to have some of the most famous writers



as guest speakers at our school who held interesting lectures and were interviewed by our students. This is a day highlighting books and literature; even our staircases were dressed up in rhymes at the high school wing. In the library the little ones were greeted by a charming exhibition of miniature stoves, where they were told tales involving stoves. Teachers recorded audiobooks of these tales and the elementary school students were listening to them as they visited the exhibition. Even our kindergarten kids had a



great surprise: our senior students visited them to read them fairytales.

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## MITZVA-DAY



Our 4th grade students joined the Mitzva-Day program of Mazsihisz (the Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary). They prepared mitzvah-bags, with touching good wishes for the children in the Bethesda children's hospital in Budapest.

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## OPEN DAY

On the 6th of November we held our first open day of the year. We invited families who would like to apply next year to our school. We opened lessons not only in the first grade but even in the high school, and interested students and families could visit and sit in these lessons.

Just like in the previous years, this open day was a great success. All together we welcomed 165 visitors at our school, who did not only visit lessons but took part in discussions with our head teachers and had the opportunity to raise questions.



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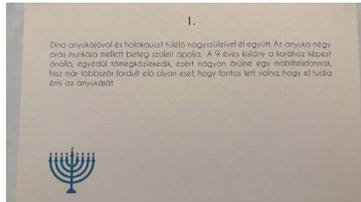
## MUSIC CLUB

On the 29th of November we played music again! Many performed at this Music Club: young ones, older ones and teachers too, there was marimba, guitar solo, pop, rock and classical music. The spectators listened to a song that was created jointly with the guest teachers from Las Vegas as part of the Morim project. Both our school's bands, the Naim and the Jack the Cable took part in this performance.



## AWAITING CHANUKAH MIRACLES

Our 'Awaiting Miracles' program made the Chanukah of 85 Jewish families and elderly in need more joyful. Children, families and even whole classes together aimed and strived to grant individual and everyday requests. Every year it is heartwarming to witness our students' involvement, solidarity and willingness to help.



## RABBI MICHAEL PALEY VISITED THE LAUDER KINDERGARTEN



On Friday, November 23 Rabbi Michael Paley and his wife visited the Lauder Kindergarten. They lit the Shabbat candles together with the English-speaking group, and then the children gave them the presents they prepared: their hand-made challah.



## UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S RIGHTS DAY -#GOBLUE CAMPAIGN



On the 20th of November both the students and the teachers at Lauder dressed in blue to be part of and demonstrate their support of the UNICEF World Children's Day campaign.

Panni Horányi, Helga Haiman, Ildikó Pogáts and Vilma Körtvéyesi represented our school at the UNICEF Voices of Children campaign. They took part in the editorial work of one of the Hungarian weekly newspapers, the 168 óra.

STUDENTS OF THE LAUDER SCHOOL VOLUNTEERED TO HELP DURING THE SUMMER MACCABIAH, WHICH WILL BE ORGANIZED IN BUDAPEST.



## HAVDALAH WITH RABBI ZSOLT BALLA



It was an honor for us to have Rabbi Zsolt Balla, an alumnus of our school, and currently rabbi in Leipzig, to make Havdalah with our primary school children on a Monday morning in November.



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## CROCUS PROJECT



The Crocus Project has participants from several schools in Hungary and in the European Union, aged 12-18. One part of the project is to plant crocus flowers, and the other is to complete a project related to the crocus plants until the spring, the Memorial Day for the Hungarian victims of the Holocaust. Students of the Lauder School planted the bulbs around the miniature of the “Shoes on the Danube” Memorial, which was recently put up in the school garden. They are now working on the common project, which will have to be completed by the time these flowers blossom in the spring.

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## OPEN COURT PROGRAM

Every year, we organize the Open Court Program for our 9th graders – this year, the students of Nahar. Through the program, they get an insight into the work of judges, prosecutors, lawyers, and get an understanding of the most important legal concepts and roles, of the trials and litigation.



## WE ORGANIZED OUR DEBATE COMPETITION THIS YEAR AGAIN

Each year high school students have the opportunity to take part in our in-house debate competition. They have to choose and defend a position within previously given topics. This competition is a great opportunity to practice argumentation.

This year we had six teams for the following topics:

1. Introducing capital punishment
2. Students should be able to choose their own teachers
3. Handwriting had lost its significance in the 21st century
4. Small nations will disappear
5. Globalization kills local culture
6. Competitive sports have lost their original function
7. Beauty contests are harmful for women
8. School does not prepare us for life or work

The competition was won by the MeNaPaSzu, an 11th grade team. The Brokkoli, a 9th grade team came second.



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## OUR EXHIBITION “MISSING CHAINS, BLAND TRACES” WAS OPENED IN LENTI



On November 9, 2018, our exhibition was opened in the Cultural Center in Lenti, commemorating the Jews deported from the town. There were over 100 guests at the opening ceremony, including László Horváth, the mayor of Lenti; Ági Berta, writer from Napoli; Dejan Suc, historian of Lendva; Piroska Virág, teacher; László Nógrádi and Tamás Suchman, former members of parliament, and several local and regional residents.

After many years of research, the exhibition returned the memory of 51 people to the place from which they were deported by the executors of brutal laws only because they were Jewish. Drawings by children from the Lauder Javne School in Budapest were also included in the exhibition.

The opening greetings of the exhibition all stressed the importance of remembrance, of personal history.

<https://www.zaol.hu/kozelet/helyi-kozelet/kiallitas-nyilt-az-elhurcolt-z...>

## LAOCOON - (STILL) STAYING ALIVE

The Staying Alive Cup is a great success every year. It was the brainchild of our head principal, Gabor Horanyi and it involves teams of children, teachers and parents. The teams have to set off to a destination unknown to them until they arrive at the scene. During the night time they hike and they have to collect various objects. Then they have to find their way back to the school. The winner is the one with the most objects collected in the shortest time. This night time hike takes everybody out of their comfort zone.

This year the competitors were dropped off at Hereg. Altogether 177 competitors set off on this extraordinary trip. They all managed to return too ☐



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## 5TH ON THE NATIONAL BOLYAI MATHEMATICS GROUP COMPETITION

The group of 6th graders from the Lauder School finished at the wonderful fifth place in the final round of the national Bolyai group competition in mathematics. It is very hard to get into the final round on this competition. After the written part in the morning, our group became one of the six best of the 39 participating groups, so they could continue, and in the afternoon they participated on the oral part as well.



Members of the group: Sára Lebovits, Bálint Dobk, Dániel Szabó, Ádám Szécsényi.

Their teachers: Anikó Beszedics, Rita Kanizsai, Piroska Pauscch, Réka Szász and Tamás Kósa.

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## SHAHAR PROGRAM



Our Shahar program continues. In the beginning of November we focused on Jewish symbols: the smaller kids played memory and concentration games around the symbols, the bigger kids formed the symbols with their bodies. One of the classes prepared mezuzot. The second half of the month was spent with preparations for Hanukkah, for example, joining the mitzvah-program of the school

