



JANUARY

THE 7TH E-LEARNING GATHERING

Families taking part in our educational outreach program were welcomed once again at Lauder. On Sunday, the 20th of January our teachers in the Lauder e-learning program and the students from outside Budapest who are studying Judaism and Hebrew, spent a day together.

The main theme of the event was celebrating Tu B'Shevat, as the gathering was held on the eve of New Year for trees. The morning started with playing in small groups, while Szojna Komoróczy held a lecture about the holiday for the parents. Roni and Shahart, the two volunteer schlichim from Israel who also work at Lauder this academic year were invited to the event too. They taught more than one Horah choreographies to the participants and all the students and their parents were dancing together in the assembly hall.

In the morning the participants also decorated Tu B'Shevat plates and created fruit mandalas. They could taste thirteen different fruits. The Tu B'Shevat Seder was held after lunch, but before that everyone got to know interesting facts about the holiday at a Quizlet Live game. Later the program continued at a mini golf club, where the participants could test their skills on many different courses.



COOPERATING WITH THE DE TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL FROM LOS ANGELES

A partnerships program started two years ago between our school and the de Toledo School from Los Angeles, and as part of this program thirteen Lauder students from the 10th and 11th grade visited Los Angeles this January. They enrolled in many school activities, visited media, drama and art lessons, debated with the students from the de Toledo High School. Apart from gaining educational experiences, they also discovered the famous sights in the city, the Hollywood Boulevard, Beverly Hills and the Universal Studios. They visited the Broad, the Skirball, the Getty, the Grammy and the Tolerance Museums; met the representatives of the Jewish communities; went to Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the Venice Beach. They also had the chance to get an insight into the work of a charity organization at the Skid Row neighborhood.

During the visit the students from both school created a 5*2 meters large wall painting, naming it Golem and its Friends.

This exchange program became a lifetime experience for both the American and the Hungarian students. Many of the participants are also friends now.

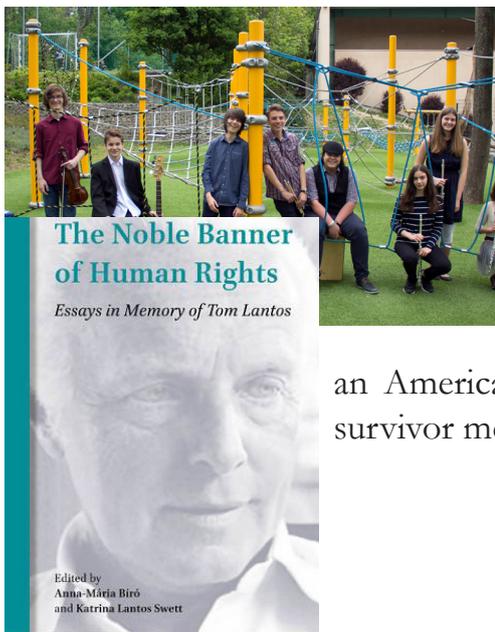


PARTNERING UP WITH THE KTZINEY YAM SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

This year our school is continuing its cooperation with our partner school in Acre.

The students from both schools are launching another start up project, which will be presented in Israel. The Lauder team meets every week to prepare for the video conference with the Israeli team every second week. The outcome of the startup project is still a surprise, and we can only hope this year's teams will be as successful as last year ones.

The project is professionally and financially supported by Unistream. One of our English teachers, Rita Oláh is coordinating the project from our side, leading a very enthusiastic team of students from the 9th, 10th and 11th grade.



THE NAIM ORCHESTRA AT THE TOM LANTOS BOOK LAUNCH

Our school's klezmer orchestra, Naim performed at the ceremonial hall of the Hungarian Academy of Science following the book launch 'The Noble Banner of Human Right: Essays in Memory of Tom Lantos'.

The book launch was held on the 31st of January to honor an American congressman with Hungarian origins, the only Holocaust survivor member of the House of Representatives, Tom Lantos.

LAUDER ART FESTIVAL

The 12th Lauder Art Festival took place on the 3rd of February at the school's assembly hall. Both Lauder students and our partner music school's students performed at the festival, including guitar bands, one flute band, one choir, our students' Jack the Cable band and a recently formed percussion group. During the festival the spectators could also visit Ildikó Szarvas, our audiovisual culture and art history teacher's students exhibition.

<https://www.facebook.com/LauderJavneIskola/videos/2263850830551509/>

LAUDER SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL ACADEMIC COMPETITION

Helga Haiman, 11th grade enters the finals in the Motion Picture and Media Studies Competition. She is currently ranked 4th.

AWAITING CHANUKAH MIRACLES – THANKING NOTES

We received many thank you notes from the families in need we surprised with support packages in December as part of this program.



INTERESTING WILD ANIMALS, GAMES AND TU B'SHEVAT FRUITS!

On the 22nd of January we welcomed experts from the Kiskunság Forestry, the Mecsek Forestry Co. Ltd. and the Mezőföld Wildlife Management Co. Ltd. organized by the Federation of Hungarian Jewish Communities (MAZSIHISZ) and the Ministry of Agriculture. They presented interactive programs for our students relating to nature, trees, wild animals as part of the school's Tu B'Shevat celebrations. Our elementary school students had a chance to meet some interesting wild animals at three different locations and learned about wildlife through fun games.

At the Tu B'Shevat Seders every student could taste fifteen particular fruits that are accustomed to be eaten on this day, like dates, figs and pomegranates.



MITZVAH – DELIVERING LEFTOVER SNACKS

Some of our elementary school classes have been collecting the leftover snacks, sandwiches and bakery rolls and once a week with parental support deliver them to a children's home nearby. The children living in the Csepkő Children's Home are always thankful and accept the donations happily.