



MARCH

COMMUNITY DAY FOR OUR COLLEAUGES

Our usual spring community day was held this year in Buda, where the participating colleagues could choose to attend different guided walking tours. Each tour offered a theme linked to the city's Jewish past. There were two different tours covering the Jewish history of Városmajor quarter: one led by Laura Csonka, historian and archivist, dealing with the bloody events followed by the Arrow Cross Party's transfer of power in the quarter, and another concentrating on the importance of the quarter's medical history, introducing the yellow-star houses and the story of the children protected and hidden by Gábor Sztehlo. There were three more walking tours to choose from: the New World in Óbuda - in the footsteps of Jewish magnets and merchants; the Medieval Jewish Quarter in the Buda Castle district; Youth education at Frankel Leó Street – long ago and now. After the guided walks, we dined together at the Trophy Restaurant close to the Margit Bridge.



LAUDER SUCCESS AT THE HEBREW-HUNGARIAN, HUNGARIAN-HEBREW LANGUAGE TRANSLATION COMPETITION



At the Hebrew-Hungarian and Hungarian-Hebrew language translation competition held for the first time this year at the Budapest University of Jewish Studies, two of our students achieved excellent results.

In the beginners category, Eszter Krauth (7th grade) won 2nd place among 30 mixed-age participants.

Benedek Zentai (11th grade) won 3rd place among the 8 adult participants in the highest, advanced category.

The awards were handed over by Dr. Péter Kunos, Managing Director of MAZSIHISZ.

16 students took part in the competition; their preparatory teachers were: Krisztina Papp-Kovács, Ágnes Fenyő.

GUEST STUDENTS FROM DE TOLEDO SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES

Two years ago, an exchange program was launched between our school and the De Toledo School, Los Angeles.

In January, 13 students from our 10th and 11th grade traveled to the De Toledo School, where they attended Jewish Studies, Media-, Drama- and Art classes and debates.



Now, the American students, along with their teachers, visited Budapest and Lauder School. Together with our students, they discovered the Jewish Quarter, the Buda Castle, the Dohany Street and the Kazinczy Street Synagogue, visited the Jewish University and attended a workshop held by the Gólem Theater. While American students attended lesson in English, American teachers held classes for our students. The American students also played music and organized a joint performance with our music school.

Our school organizes art study trips regularly to Vienna. This time the students from the De Toledo School joined this trip as well.

PHOTOS – MONUMENTS - REMEMBRANCE



Krisztián Ungváry, Hungarian historian and university lecturer was invited to our school by the members of our Talent Care Program to hold a lecture for our students. It was not the first time Krisztián Ungváry was a guest lecturer at our school and as always, he has been engaging his audience.

Among other things, he talked about the role of emotional history, which can be helpful to understand past event, can also lead to sad simplifications. The message of the lecture was:

Let us approach historical events not only with emotion, but with intelligence and the exact exploration of facts.

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MOSAIC DAY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL



After last year's great success, this April we organized the second Mosaic Day for our middle school students. The content of this special day differed from the high school Mosaic Day's, of course; however students from grades 5-8 could also select their own timetables of lessons offered on that day.



On the Mosaic Day – let be it in high school or middle school - students can choose what classes they want to attend; and teachers can introduce some other field of interest of their own to them. Lauder parents, administrative staff colleagues, external lecturers and even our senior students can give lectures and lead a workshop. The point is to offer something exciting and new to kids.



Our principal, Gábor Horányi, for example talked about time to a large crowd. There were also lectures about Korean films and school system, and some could attend an interactive fairytale workshop. In addition, students could participate in playful arts and craft lessons or listen to scientific lectures.

PURIM

On the 21st of March, there was a Purim pageant in school. Teachers and students were all dressed in costumes, classes prepared gifts for each other on this occasion. The first and fourth grade students, as part of the school's Sahar program, prepared a special Purim surprise for our teachers, self-made shalach manos (mishloach manot).



One of the four Mitzvot of Purim is listening to the reading of the Megillah (Esther's book). Rabbi Dov Lévi, who is famous in Hungary for reading the story of Esther, was invited to our **assembly hall to read the Megillah for our students, so everyone could fulfil this Mitzvah.**

Purimkor az egyik micve a Megilla (Eszter könyve) olvasásának meghallgatása.

CHESS AWARD CEREMONY

This year, for the third time, the prize-giving ceremony named after László Szabó was organized.



PLANTING TREES



17 new trees were planted in our school yard. Elementary kids helped gardeners and three classes also adopted a tree. From now on they will take part in taking care of these tree. The kids were very enthusiastic and interested.

PLAYING MUSIC TOGETHER WITH STUDENTS OF ÓZD

Our 5th graders and the students from Ozd were playing music and singing together, as part of the Common Ground Project. In May we will visit Ozd to continue this joint program.

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SELECTION PROCEDURE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A so called playhouse, the selection day for our prospective first graders was organized on the 10th of March. Our elementary school teachers, the school's psychologists and the administration were meeting the families who would like to bring their children next year to our school in groups of 12.



JACADEMY



Yossel Remmis from the Lauder Foundation present the JAcademy internship opportunity to 11th grade students.