More than 1,000 community members came together for a spectacular SAR Family Fun Day at MetLife Stadium in November. Over $170,000 was raised for SAR buildings and Gan Elisha, an innovative new ELC playground and recreation area, dedicated in memory of Elisha Goldscheider z”l.
HOW WOULD YOU ADVISE PARENTS TO BE MOST HELPFUL IN THEIR CHILDREN’S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY?

The Discovery Channel used to have as its motto, “Explore Your World.” Every child who attends SAR is enormously lucky to be in a safe environment every day with many hidden nooks and crannies. Encourage them to find something new—attempt a sport they might not feel confident in, meet with a teacher to improve in a subject they feel nervous about, try their hand at art even if they believe they are not artistic. Tell them not to fear failing, but rather work at finding their way.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE FACULTY’S COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS?

Every single teacher is here for all of our students in exceptional ways. If teachers are aware of a difficult circumstance, from food for a holiday to buying a book at the book fair, to making a smicha, they let me know in a very private way. If there is a child needing extra attention they might take him or her to a favorite event or choose him or her to light the Chanukah candles for the school or lead a tour. Teachers are there to carpool students, set up play dates, and cook meals. And they show the same enormous care for each other. Just one example—for the fourth year in a row, our faculty members organized a siyum tanach in merit of a co-worker in need of a refuah shleima.

WHAT DISTINGUISHES SAR ALUMNI FROM OTHER YOUNG ADULTS?

I think that SAR kids are open to the world. They approach life, conversations, Orthodoxy, Israel, and other religions with a maturity towards respectful conversation.

I pray that our graduates are proud and strong in their commitment to mitzvah observance, Torah study, and being active members of their new college communities—both Jewishly and more broadly. Students must be engaged in the real world but work hard to maintain a counter-cultural stance, one that expresses dedication to Jewish life and living. And students must be better prepared than ever to advocate on behalf of the State of Israel in environments which have become increasingly unfriendly to Medinat Yisrael.

WE ARE ALL LIFELONG STUDENTS. WHO AND WHAT DO YOU LOOK TO FOR INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE?

Aside from my parents, who are my lifelong teachers, I have gained tremendously from Rabbi Yitz Greenberg’s writings. He contributes to a co-worker in need of a refuah shleima.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER A NEW PRESIDENT?

Take the high road, bring people together, inspire!

WHAT BOOKS ARE ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND?

5776’S THEME FOCUSED ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVERYDAY ACTIONS AND INTERACTIONS. WE CONTEMPLATED HOW LIFE PRESENTS COUNTLESS MOMENTS WHEN SIMPLY DOING THE RIGHT THING BUILDS CHARACTER, FOSTERS GOODWILL, AND ENHANCES OUR CONNECTION TO EACH OTHER AND TO HASHEM.

DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND GOOD
THE TORAH’S BEAUTIFUL AND TIMELESS EXHORTATION TO US ALL.

ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS

BIGGEST ART PROJECT IN SAR HISTORY
Thanks to the brilliant direction and innumerable hours contributed by Donna Salamon, parent volunteer and artist, nearly 1,000 square foot retaining wall on the field was turned into a mosaic mural using thousands of tiles and painted clay discs. The mosaic, עשית הישר והטוב, dedicated in memory of Emanuel Frankel z”l, grandfather of SAR alumna and teachers Batya Sharbat and Ayala Raice, depicts the core elements of the SAR experience that are part of each student’s journey.

ROOFTOP GARDEN TEACHES TORAH THROUGH GARDENING
n-12 students learned halakhah, science, nature, and horticulture through Gan Ilan, an urban, organic rooftop garden, dedicated in memory of Ilan Tokayer z”l.

Yosef Gillers, Director of Education at Amir, and founder of GrowTorah, worked with SAR on curriculum to teach Torah through gardening. The SAR HS Garden and Environmental Clubs launched the school's 6th plan Compost Initiative, fulfilling our obligation to take care of the earth.

CHANUKAT HABAYIT CELEBRATES LARGEST EXPANSION IN 42 YEARS
SAR Academy underwent its largest expansion since the original building was erected in 1974. The first expansion of the original structure took place in 2001 when the Junior High and Atrium were built. Fifteen years later, we celebrated an additional 34,000 square feet of living and learning space, including a new full-size gymnasium, new classroom spaces for our Middle School students, a new Beit Midrash, a renovated lobby, a new Multi-Purpose Room and Middle School lunchroom, a new science lab for students in Grades 3-5, and a new art classroom.

In February, each grade celebrated the opening of the new gym with SAR Sting spirit and a school-wide pep rally.

In April, more than 300 parents, grandparents, faculty, and friends attended a special community-wide Chanukat Habayit, at which the new 6th Grade classroom wing was dedicated in memory of founding principal Rabbi Sheldon Chwat z”l.

A student-driven project, each grade served as ambassadors— students teaching students—for a particular middah, including generosity, gratefulness, and compassion. Who will ever forget “MIDDAH MAN”?
**VOICE & CHOICE**

The inaugural Voice and Choice Interactive Arts Festival was the culmination of the Academy’s re-envisioned Arts programming. Gallery displays, musical performances, and interactive arts activities were showcased. Led by Sharon Marson, Director of the Arts and Enrichment, the program enabled students to nurture their strengths and discover new passions.

**NEW PROGRAMS INSTITUTED FOR THE YEAR**

**VOICE AND CHOICE,** included Visual Arts and Music Education courses for Grades 4-5 (e.g., Math Artist, Keyboard Konnect, and Tzamer Hafnikra)

- **Formalized ART AND MUSIC LITERACY** training for Grades 1-3

- **LIVE MUSIC** at morning arrival; Zemirot and classical music on Fridays

- OPEN ART STUDIO and Ceramics Institute during designated lunch periods

- LIVING TORAH ART WORKSHOPS for Grades 1-2

**JUDAIC STUDIES ACHIEVES MAJOR ADVANCES IN IVRIT IMMERSION**

Using best practice instructional strategies, we expanded SEVIVA IVRIT (Hebrew environment) for students in Grades 1-5. Ivrith proficiency connects us with Medinat Yisrael and Torah text.

**STEM DELIVERS AN ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**STEM SKILL DEVELOPMENT** was taught through problem-solving, collaboration, and technology integration, led by Dr. Chaya Fine, Director of Science Curriculum and STEM Initiative.

There was an evolutionary change in the Middle School science curriculum, while coding and robotics began at the ELC. Every grade had the opportunity to pursue STEM activities:

- **3N-Gr. 5 personal technology/3-D printing**
- **Grades K, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 coding and robotics**
- **Grade 7 inquiry-based life science curriculum**
- **Grade 8 engineering curriculum**
- **Student participation in STEM competitions**

Students in Grades 6-7 designed a multi-sensory basketball game for the first ever MakerXpo, sponsored by The J.D.E.A. Schools Network.

- **Grade 8**
  - Students built a Pesach-themed Rube Goldberg machine to compete in the first ever HAVSAK and Technion/Israel Institute of Technology Jewish Day School Challenge.

- **Students learned the brachot that Yaakov gave to each of his children at the end of his life, sung to the melodies of several Jewish songs (Hamalach Hagael, Yesh Tikvah), and performed them with an exciting chagigah in celebration of completing Sefer Bereshit.**

**JOY PREVAILED AS THE ENTIRE ELC CELEBRATED TOGETHER AT “SHABBOS ACROSS THE ELC.”**

**NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

- **Girls on the Run for Grades 3-4**
  - (Girls ran for a 5K run on Randall’s Island, Wipenuf, Aladdin, Structural Engineering)

**NEW 5TH GRADE ACTION LABS**

- **Including Golf, Tennis, Horseback Riding, Boy’s Hip Hop, Flag Football**

**9 NEW ENRICHMENT CLUSTERS**

- **Incorporated: Garden Workshop, Silverrush Studio, Design a Digital Camera (tent for children in Israel), Journey Pacific, Volcanoes and Pineapples, Broadway & Beyond**

**COLLABORATION FOSTERS RICH RELATIONSHIPS WITH YACHAD STUDENTS**

SAR’s Yachad collaboration continued to expand in beautiful ways. Special programs included a joint art/mitzvah workshop, a chagigah, matzah-making, and the Annual Yachad 7th Grade Shabbaton.

**MATH COMPETITIONS MULTIPLY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- **MATH OLYMPIAD COMPETITION:** Michael Schwartz earned a perfect score in all five competitions.

- **CON EDISON MATHALON:** Grades 7 team won 2016 Bronx championship, besting schools including Riverdale Country Day and Psalms.

- **MATHEMATICS LEAGUE CONTEST:** 18 students from Grades 5-7 participated.

**SHOWTIME!**

- **After months of building music literacy skills and mastering the recordings, Grades 3-6 choir and Grades 4 drummers performed in Lincoln Center’s Plaza, and Grade 5 performed at Carnegie Hall.**

**THE DEBATE TEAM**

- Took home gold from the Yeshiva-wide competition.

- Ezra Bader and Batya Sarna won Best Individual Team, and tied for second place as Best Speakers.
YOU MUST NOT MAKE YOUR TIME HERE A JUNIOR YEAR OR A FRESHMAN YEAR, OR ANOTHER SOPHOMORE OR SENIOR YEAR…. YOU MUST CREATE MEANING FOR OTHERS, TO DO AND TO SERVE.... MUCH LIKE THE FREEDOM TOWER THAT STANDS ON GROUND ZERO TODAY, BE A SHINING SYMBOL FOR ALL. GUIDE, TEACH, INSPIRE.

WHAT MAKES SAR SO UNIQUE IS THAT WE ARE OURSELVES, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY BEING PART OF SOMETHING MUCH LARGER, MUCH MORE IMPRESSIVE, MUCH MORE IMPACTFUL.... IN A WORLD THAT OFTEN DEMANDS CONFORMITY, REMEMBER SAR AS A PLACE WHERE OUR INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER TRAITS ARE HONORED.”

SHABBI KESTENBAUM — GRADE 11, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 CEREMONY

SAR MAKES HISTORY:
TORAH BOWL CHAMPIONS!

POETRY BY THE SEA
Six AP Literature students, Laurel Dobkin, Ariella Gentin, Jessica Hecht, Ariel Inker, Lauren Kann, and Yael Marans, presented at the Poetry by the Sea conference. They represent the first group of high school students to attend this professional conference, part of the esteemed West Chester University Poetry Conference.

SAR COMPETES IN TECHNION’S ANNUAL ROBOTRAFFIC COMPETITION IN HAIFA
For the second year, SAR joined 24 other teams from Israel, Russia, the Ukraine, Mexico and Argentina. SAR was the only U.S. team, and non-technical school, to compete. Team awards: 2nd place, racing; 4th place, original traffic safety design; 7th place, careful driving.

SAR TEAM WINS BJE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THIRD YEAR IN A ROW.
The team won medals in 10 of the 12 events, including five golds. More than 130 students from 10 area schools competed.

AT THE Y.U. MODEL UNITED NATIONS, attended by 450 international students, SAR took individual Best Delegate and Honorable Mention awards, and first place for the third year in a row. Captains: Yaira Kobrin, Yael Marans, Avi Siegal. Team members: Matthew Heisler, Rebecca Kann, Madeline Nelkin, and Elana Sichel.

A ROCKING, INSPIRING SHABBAT
• 520 students
• 200 staff and family
• 63 Class of 2014 alumni (record-setting)
HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

CHESED FLOURISHES
SAR’s most successful year of chesed and volunteering: • 171 projects • 94 advisory and chesed day trips • 77 Chessed club events • New relationships: The Hostos School in Yonkers, supporting 300+ low-income students, and the Bronx Veterans Hospital.

CURRICULAR NEWS
“CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW” CURRICULUM ENRICHES GAP YEAR LANGUAGE SKILLS. A new class immersed seniors in conversational Ivrit, increasing their comfort as active Hebrew speakers.

INTENSIVE SEMINAR “HALAKHAH U.” PREPARES SENIORS FOR CAMPUS LIFE. Seniors explored basic halakhic scenarios that arise in college, including eruv knowledge and sharing a kitchen with a non-kosher roommate.

THE DIGITAL MUSIC ROOM WAS REDESIGNED AND REBUILT WITH INDUSTRY-LEADING MUSIC TECHNOLOGY, enabling full-fledged music composition on student iPads, using internal iPad tools, third-party software, and a digital interface connecting instruments to recording software.

WITNESS THEATER, a unique theatrical production presented by Holocaust survivors and students, reenacted survivor stories.

MODERN ISRAEL
To provide students with a strong background in events and personalities shaping Israel, 10th-graders spent six weeks studying political, social, and economic issues through the decades. A mini-Course on Modern Israel focused on diverse narratives for seniors, e.g., Jewish, Arab, religious/secular and Ashkenazi/ Sephardic.

Eicha and Kinsa For Tisha B’Av: This series is the latest in a series of original publications designed by the “Drawing From the Text” class, a collaboration between the Fine Arts and Judaic Studies departments.

Modern Studies
- “A House Divided: political and historical journal (new)”
- Euphrates: foreign language journal (new)
- Hieroglyphics: foreign language journal (new)
- Math Mag: math journal
- Ruach SARah: Torah journal
- The Buzz: student newspaper
- The SAR, pop-culture SAR cultural magazine (new)
- Kol HaNe’am: Yeshiva Torah publication (first year SAR contributed).

40 MATH PEER TUTORING VOLUNTEERS
147 2016 GRADUATES
90 CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS
30 ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC TEAMS

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A myriad of publications allowed students to explore their individual passions, and work with a cross-section of classmates.

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- Apis: science journal
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NY MATH FAIR
Students presented research at the New York Math Fair, winning bronze and silver medals, competing against 78 other regional finalists from the top New York science schools.

SAR COMPETES AT THE WEITZMANN INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS TOURNAMENT
SAR was the only team from the northeast to compete in the “safe-cracking” competition, vying against 54 Israeli and 18 international teams.

STING NATION CHAMPIONS!
2 METROPOLITAN YESHIVA ATHLETIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS
- Girls’ Tennis
- Girls’ Varsity Basketball
- Boys’ Varsity Soccer
- Boys’ JV Soccer
- Boys’ Volleyball
- Boys’ Baseball
- Boys’ Tennis

FIRST PLACE, 21st Annual YWA Wittenberg Wrestling Invitational
ANOTHER COMPETITIVE SEASON for second-year teams: Cross Country and Outdoor Track, Fencing, and Ultimate Frisbee

7 YESHIVA LEAGUE DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- Girls’ Hockey
- Girls’ Softball
- Boys’ Varsity Soccer
- Boys’ JV Soccer
- Boys’ Volleyball
- Boys’ Baseball
- Boys’ Tennis

78 seniors participated in LEAD (Leadership Exploration and Development), a new leadership initiative, advancing the school’s mission and building community.
“EVER SINCE THE KIDS BEGAN ATTENDING SAR I HAVE BEEN IN AWE OF THE SCHOOL. IT IS THEIR DAYS ARE FILLED WITH LOVING AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE WHOSE GUIDING 6,000+ VIEWS; 200+ HOURS FACULTY’S PARSHAT TANAKH HA’SHAVUAH 11 years 12 years Ilene Strauss 14 years 16 years Shifra Shafier RABBAH HATZLAKHAH ROLE MODELS AND MENTORS OUR FACULTY SERVED AS TEACH AT SAR 318 TOTAL FACULTY 6 NUMBER OF ALUMNI WHO CURRENTLY TEACH AT SAR HIGH SCHOOL INVESING IN OUR FACULTY HIGH SCHOOL SAR focused on teachers and students using technology to support innovative instruction and learning. The faculty worked to develop curricular goals and units to highlight areas where the technology would be used as powerful educational tools. Aside from learning interesting and effective apps, like performatve, eduQuest, and Showbie, which allowed teachers to maximize workflow efficiency and to easily and quickly assess their students, the faculty also engaged in philosophical discussions about the role technology plays in shaping the lives of 21st-century learners. Teachers were given space and time to experiment and to continue to train and learn from our Ed Tech Integration Team and from each other. THE ACADEMY DR. MICHELLE SARNIA joined the Guidance Department as Coordinator of Parent Engagement and Professional Development (PD). Michelle launched the Teacher Assistant Induction Program to ensure every faculty member internalizes SAR’s mission, philosophy, and pedagogical approach. SAR also worked with consultant Gene Thompson-Grove to train teachers in Critical Friends Groups (CFG), based in cooperative adult learning. MIDDLE SCHOOL PD focused on what makes excellent curriculum and instruction. Teachers then engaged in departmental exploration of content and methods to ensure student-centered progressive pedagogy. The Academy’s new Arts Team, led by SHARON MARSON, focused on “Models of Excellence: Helping Students Create High Quality Student Work” in their professional development and participated in an Artist Belt Midrash led by Rav Steven Exler.

“WHERE IS MY GRAND CONVERSATION? WHERE IS MY MORAH GABY? THE SCORES OF TALENTED AND NURTURING TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS THAT ALLOW GROWTH AT ALL LEVELS IS QUITE UNEQUIVOCAL AND HUMBLING…. THANK GOD THAT I LIVE WITH FOUR SAR ALUMS WHO ARE ABLE TO GUIDE ME THROUGH THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE.” DAVID NOBLE, SAR WANNABE. HIS WIFE SHOSHANA (’78), AND HIS CHILDREN SARAH (AC ’05, HS ’09), Zachary (AC ’08, HS ’12), ADNA (AC ’12, HS ’16).

HA’KARAT HATOV A heartfelt thank you to outgoing PTC presidents: SOPHIA HERSHMAN and STEPHANIE MINKOVE (’91). SAR is grateful to them for supporting and enhancing the educational and social environment of the school. Their dedication, passion, and creativity have been truly invaluable. SAR ALUMNII PARENTS We appreciate the many parents who created opportunities for Senior Exploration Fieldwork placements: Gary Berger Susan Bernstein Daniel Bloom Laurent Chorna Jonathan David Carey Davidson Andrew Eisenberger Carin Feldman Naomi Fischer Elaine Goldberg Seth Haberman Josh Hartman Reena Hyman Sharon Marson Billy Schalner Rachael Spirgel Jonathan Wiener The following parents, representing many industries, generously donated their time and professional expertise for the High School Alumni Networking Night: Rahul Bayer Ellis Bennett Debra Frohlinger Dr. Jodi Halper Steve Halper Benji Karsch Stu Loeiser Tova Lwowleski Dov Schwartzben Dana Toplitsky (’99) Daniel Wiener (’99, incoming parent) SAR ALUMNI PARENTS WELCOME TO MALKI BERNSTEIN, INCOMING ACADEMY PTC PRESIDENT.

“THE REAL GUARDIANS OF A STATE ARE THE TEACHERS.” — TALMUD
THE YEAR IN PICTURES

“What an amazing place!!! What joyous, positive energy, compassion, values, it’s just too good to be true... When they finished with Levana the rebuilding begins. I just imagined lifting up that whole school and putting it down again in ירושלים.”

MENACHEM FROMER, SAR ACADEMY PARENT
TO THE SAR FAMILY:

Spend a morning in the lobby of either the Academy or the High School, and you will feel the positive energy of 1,450 students. These students enter the school each day with confidence, security and excitement about what the day will bring. SAR is a place where Jewish values are the basis for action, where inspiring staff and faculty put the best interests of every child first, and where Israel and the Jewish people are front and center. They understand that academics and doing what is right are paramount to success. Actions speak volumes. Whether you volunteer, take leadership positions, join a committee, teach an enrichment class, network with alumni, support the Scholarship Fund, underwrite a new program, join the fun of Bee4SAR Day, attend events, or sponsor a program, you are why SAR continues to excel. This year with over 1,800 donors, you showed how much you care. The 1,800+ gifts to the school complete our budget—your generosity is the reason why SAR is a dynamic and progressive place of learning. The embrace of the SAR community is part of what makes our children feel special. Many of you made SAR a top tzedakah priority and for this we are grateful. Thank you for your continued support.

JACK C. BENDHEIM
President, SAR Board of Trustees

DEAR SAR FAMILY,

We are always humbled by what our community, working together, achieves each year. We have the opportunity to ensure that our children and grandchildren have access to the best educational experience we can provide. A basic tenet of the SAR philosophy is that we also have the obligation to make sure that Jewish education is accessible to everyone by providing tuition assistance to those in need. Gratefully, we are a community of like-minded people. This year, more than 1,800 donors made it possible to fund every qualified request for tuition assistance and to provide students with tremendously valuable experiences in every area—from the arts and theater, to robotics and science, Torah and foreign language, physical education and competitive sports.

Your generosity makes all that we do at SAR possible. You give of your time, energy, talents, and resources to see that this generation of SAR students have what they need to prepare them for Jewish living, learning, and life in a globally connected world. The success of SAR is attributed not only to our great faculty and staff, but to the enormous number of lay leaders, volunteers, and community members who give of themselves in so many ways. Thank you for all you have done and for what we know we can count on you to do in the upcoming year.

DANA JASON (’92)
Chair, Development Committee

THE YEAR IN DEVELOPMENT

FINANCIAL REPORTING

THE SAR ENDOWMENT

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A LEGACY GIFT TO THE SAR ENDOWMENT

SAR CAPITAL ACTIVITY

SEPTMBER 2015-AUGUST 2016

$128,300

LOAN REPAYMENTS

$1,817,289

CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

$1,945,589

TOTAL CAPITAL SPENDING

83.4%

Tuition, Annual Fund & Fees

10.9%

Fundraising

5.2%

Educational Grants & Other

0.5%

Endowment Withdrawal

Total expenses are $34.9 million.* Salaries and benefits are 82.67% of the total.

Endowment Withdrawal

85.2%

Salaries & Benefits

9.4%

Academic Benefits

8.1%

Academic Salaries & Payroll Taxes

6.7%

Facility—Expenses

2.0%

Supplies & Equipment

2.1%

Food Program

1.3%

Legal, Accounting & Other Services

1.3%

Student Activities, Trips & Teams

0.3%

Technology

0.0%

Other Expense

*Not including construction/improvements, and loan repayments. All figures unaudited, as of 8/31/16.

A COMMITMENT TO JEWISH EDUCATION

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WE THANK OUR ALUMNI

SAR CELEBRATES NEARLY 1,000 HIGH SCHOOL AND 2,300 ACADEMY ALUMNI, SPREAD ACROSS MANY CITIES AND COUNTRIES. YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO SAR IS LIFELONG—YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT SAR! WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP YOUR WINDOWS OPEN TO SAR AS AN EVENT ATTENDEE, VOLUNTEER, MENTOR, DONOR, AND SCHOOL AMBASSADOR. THANK YOU FOR ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS CAN EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF SAR.

40 SoulCycle riders “tapped back” at CYCLE4SAR to support the Shavuot Appeal. #BE4EASAR

55 members of the Class of 2011 returned to SAR to celebrate their five-year reunion.

365 Mehran Michmbets returned to SAR to celebrate their 40-year reunion.

63 Record high alumni at the Shabbat

35 High School alumni at the SAR Anniversary Dinner

30 Alumni attended our three-week program this year.

SAR Alumni Association Group

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

20 WINDOWS | SAR HIGH SCHOOL & ACADEMY

New Toledot Association: 80 alumni families returned to SAR as parents, bringing the next generation to our school.

Several SAR alumni, including Tamar David ('16), Aliva Futter ('15), and Jessica Kane ('15, shown above), became new olim (new immigrants).

“It isal, our lifestyle is woven into the fabric of everyday life, and I feel that is a place where I want to lay down my roots.” — Aliva Futter (HS ’15)

Yoel Frenkel (AC ’05, HS ’09), Yeshiva College (16) veidelahman mourns the very highest standards of scholarship, devotion to Jewish values, and dedication to community.” — Yeshiva University’s Dean’s Office

Dr. Shira Lerner Baratz (AC ’06, HS ’09), Alumni Relations Coordinator: We thank Shira for her dedication to the existing alumni program this year.

“I MISS HAVING TEACHERS WHO ARE NOT ONLY INCREDIBLE PEDAGOGUES BUT ALSO ROLE MODELS AND OYEDE HasHem.” — Bogrim participant

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1972
Tamar (’72) & Dov Kahane

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1973
Tamar & Josh Stein

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1974
Maria Carbonale & Erez Belko

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1979
Allison & Jonathan Bellin

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1981
Michelle Zevi & Mitchell Foont

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1984
Hudi & Lawrence Bennett

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1987
Michelle & Robert Zellner

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1990
Margaret & Yehuda Sheinfeld

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1991
Eliana Fishman

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1993
Tamar Bezborodko & Jordan Balaban

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1996
Sahar Segal (AC ’04), Jamie Schneider (AC ’04), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Perry Siegal (AC ’04)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1997
Shira Lerner (AC ’08, HS ’12), Alumni Relations Coordinator: We thank Shira for her dedication to the existing alumni program this year.

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ALUMNI CLASS OF 1998
Michelle Berman (AC ’04), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Sahar Segal (AC ’04), Jamie Schneider (AC ’04), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Perry Siegal (AC ’04)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1999
Shayndi Raice

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2000
Jessica Bartel & Ethan Zadoff

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2003
Avigayil Smolar

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2004
Michelle Berman (AC ’06), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Sahar Segal (AC ’04), Jamie Schneider (AC ’04), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Perry Siegal (AC ’04)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2005
Gideon Weiler (AC ’05), Joshua Trachtenberg, Jack Zev Hait (AC ’05), Amanda Fogel (AC ’05), Gabriel Falk (AC ’05)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2006
Eitan Itzkowitz

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2007
Zachary Schwarzbaum

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2008
Shoshana Bar-David (AC ’03), Shari & Uri Kanovsky

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2009
Ilana Wilner (AC ’03)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2010
Eytan Drelich

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2011
Avigayil Smolar

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2012
Hanna Garber

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2013
Stefanie Ebrahimoff, Emily Beker (AC ’07)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2014
Michelle Berman (AC ’06), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Sahar Segal (AC ’04), Jamie Schneider (AC ’04), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Perry Siegal (AC ’04)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2015
Shira Lerner

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2016
Jackie Zev Hait (AC ’05), Amanda Fogel (AC ’05), Gabriel Falk (AC ’05)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2017
Samantha Meisels (AC ’08)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2018
Talya & Mark Douek (AC ’06), Michelle Berman (AC ’06), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Sahar Segal (AC ’04), Jamie Schneider (AC ’04), Ari Susswein (AC ’04), Perry Siegal (AC ’04)

ALUMNI CLASS OF 2019
Stefania Corbo (AC ’05), Rachel Cohen (AC ’05), Nancy Herzberg (AC ’05)
SAR ACADEMY EVENTS

PARENT SURVEY FORUMS
- Deborah Shapiro & Barry Stern, Manhattan
- Ariel & Josh (’92) Weiner, Riverdale
- Amy & Noah Weisberger, New Rochelle

LEARNING LOUD
- Regina Haberman, Rachel Parker Jatter, Melissa Moshufal, Sarah Zitter Moshufal, Sarah Firegold Newton, Chairs

SAR AT METLIFE STADIUM - FAMILY FUN DAY
- Shana Krauss, Hila Stern, Chairs

CHANUKAT HABAYIT
- Jessica Muis, Chair

BEE4SAR AUCTION
- Adina Haller, Chair

CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION
- Joanna Aranoff (’88), Suri Cohen, Simona Semer, Chairs

INCOMING 2016 ELC NEW PARENT RECEPTION
- Maki Bernstein, Sarah Roer Bendheim, Chairs

GRADE ONE SIDDUR SPARKS
- Avi & Scott Weitz, Scott Weitz, Chairs

GRADE TWO SHABBAT SPARKS
- Tamar Schiller (’97), Adina Haller, Chairs

PARENT-TEACHER COUNCIL, PRESIDUM
- Academy: Sophia Hershman, Stephanie Minovke (’91)
- High School: Phyllis Freilich, Judy Federspach Greenwald
- Treasurer: Carrie Rose

ACADEMY PTC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BOOK FAIR
- Ellie Goldenberg, Jill Goldfein, Michelle Zellner (’91), Chairs

CARING COMMUNITY INITIATIVE
- Leanne Levin, Lauren Lieberman, Chairs

CHESED WEEK
- Dana Jason (’92), Talia Matson, Stephanie Minovke (’91), Reina Schel Rosen, Elena Saenger, Chairs

ELC NIGHT
- Sarah Roer Bendheim, Tamar Schiller (’95), Chairs

ELC WELCOME PICNIC AND CONCERT
- Miriam Filer, Chair

FAMILY MENTORING/WELCOME PROGRAM

MISHLOACH MANOT
- Yael Baker, Malki Bernstein, Chairs

MINI MALL
- Yael Baker, Maki Bernstein, Chairs

MISHLACH MANOT
- Leora Kulak, Simona Semer, Toby Smith, Chairs

PAINT NIGHT
- Maki Bernstein, Dana Teptiksky (’90), Chairs

THE RABBI WILLIAM Z. & EDA BESS NOVICK 2°L

SAR YOM HAATZMAUT CELEBRATION
- Sara Bloncher, Yardaena Osband, Chairs

SPIRITWEAR
- Orit Smith (’84), Toby Smith, Chairs

SAR HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS PARLOR MEETINGS
- Rochelle & Simon Blitz, Queens
- Adina & Lawrence Burien, New Rochelle
- Susie & Mark Chandeloff, Englewood
- Deborah Goldstein & Elan Florio, Teaneck
- Karen & Daniel Kosowsky, Scarsdale
- Emily Blum & Leo Metzger, Riverdale
- Robyn & Alan Samuels, Manhattan
- Danielle (’83) & Steven (’82) Thou, Stamford

FALL INCOMING NEW PARENT BREAKFAST
- Peggy Danishtshofsky, Rabia Mitchell, Chairs

PARENT FALL SOCIAL EVENING
- Deborah Stern-Elkmanthal, Decor Chair

JUNIOR COLLEGE NIGHT
- Sharon Berger, Phyllis Freilich, Mindy Luxenberg Grant, Chairs

GRADE LEVEL SOCIAL EVENTS
- Nataly & Stephen Neuwirth, Grade 9 Hosts
- Rina & Ilan Slasky, Grade 11 Hosts

CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION
- Joy Goldsmith, Beny Meisals, Chairs
- Karen Kurfie, Creative Advisor

PTC TEACHER APPRECIATION BBQ
- Judy Federspach Greenwald, Phyllis Freilich

CLASS OF 2020 INCOMING PARENT DINNER
- Elizabeth Samuel, Chairs

If you would like to get involved, please drop us a note at volunteer@saracademy.org or volunteer@sarhighschool.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Otto Prestefeld
Longtime SAR supporter
October 2, 2016
19 Teirel 5776

Gary Turkel
SAR parent
June 26, 2016
6 Sivan 5776

Stefä Hasson
39-year faculty member
June 20, 2016
14 Sivan 5776

Louis Benjamin
Principal board member
May 29, 2016
21 Sivan 5776

Avi Karam
SAR Parent
August 17, 2016
15 Av 5776

IN THE NEWS

2016-2017 OFFICERS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND BOARD COMMITTEES

Thanks to the commitment of our Board and their loyalty to SAR, we enter the 2016-2017 school year in a strong financial position, proud of the past year’s accomplishments and inspired for the years to come.
SAMUEL MARDER IS A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR (AND VIOLIN VIRTUOSO) WHO SPOKE WITH SAR STUDENTS ON YOM HaSHOAH. SAR FACULTY MEMBER MORAH GOLDA STURM DESCRIBED THE OCCASION:

"THE VISIT HAD THE DEEPEST IMPACT, MORE SO THAN ANY OTHER VISIT HE HAS EVER MADE TO ANY SCHOOL. HE EVEN SHARED WITH US THAT WHEN HE WENT HOME, HE CRIED FOR AN HOUR. . . . THE MIRACLE OF SURVIVAL AND REBUILDING WAS NEVER AS DRAMATIC FOR HIM AS WHEN HE VISITED SAR AND HAD THAT VIEW OF ALL THE 'BEAUTIFUL JEWISH CHILDREN SINGING' ON THE MEZZANINE."