KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT

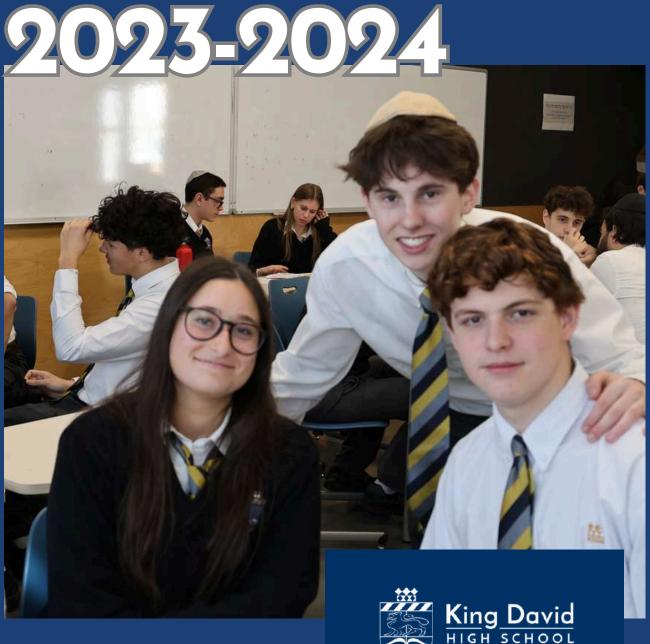


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MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENTS



As we reflect on another remarkable year at King David, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of our entire community.

This year has been a testament to our collective resilience. The strength of the King David community was profoundly evident as we came together following the tragic events of October 7, mourning the loss of our beloved alumnus, Ben Mizrachi z'l, who was murdered at the Nova Music Festival. This shared grief brought many alumni home, and the support extended within our building was a source of strength for students, staff, and families alike, further reinforcing the values and bonds that define King David as a special place.

In response to these events, we enhanced our security measures to prioritize the safety and wellbeing of our community. We also took an active role in attending and leading rallies, standing in solidarity with our community and advocating for peace, justice, and resilience. This resurgence of community spirit and connection demonstrated our resolve and unity during challenging times.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our students, whose enthusiasm for learning and growth continues to inspire us daily. Their achievements, both academic and personal, underscore the vibrant spirit and potential that thrive within our school. Our students are the heart of King David, and their successes reflect the nurturing and enriching environment we strive to create.

To our exceptional faculty and staff, we express our deepest appreciation for your innovation, tireless efforts and commitment to excellence in Jewish education. Your dedication to fostering a love of learning, instilling Jewish values, and supporting each student's unique journey is the cornerstone of our educational mission. This year's innovative programs, enriching curriculum, and meaningful extracurricular activities are a direct result of your hard work and passion.

We are also profoundly grateful to our parents and families for your continued trust and partnership. Your involvement and support are vital to our school's success. Whether through volunteer efforts, participation in school events, or contributions to our various initiatives, your engagement strengthens our community and enhances the educational experience for all.

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The highlights of the year were the unforgettable trips and experiential learning opportunities that allowed our students to connect with their Jewish heritage in profound ways. From our Grade 12 trip to Los Angeles to local community service projects, and overnight retreats and camping trips, these experiences have deepened their understanding of our shared history and values, reinforcing the importance of tikkun olam and community involvement.

We are particularly proud of our commitment to inclusivity and diversity, ensuring that every student feels valued and supported. Our initiatives to promote equity and inclusion have fostered a sense of belonging and respect, reflecting our dedication to creating a welcoming environment for all.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to upholding the legacy of our retiring Head of School, Russ Klein, ensuring King David High School remains a beacon of Jewish education and community spirit. Under his leadership, King David has flourished, nurturing generations of students who embody the values of integrity, perseverance, and community. His commitment to educational excellence, Jewish heritage and kindness has left an indelible mark on our school.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Together, we will nurture the minds and hearts of our students, guiding them to become thoughtful, compassionate, and engaged members of society.

Diane Friedman and Alain Guez Co-Presidents, Board of Directors



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF JUDAIC STUDIES

King David students are immersed in a vibrant mix of Jewish thought, experiences, ideas, and values. They are encouraged to ask difficult questions and to seek out and internalize their answers.

We aim to build a Judaism that is relevant to their lives and leaves a lasting, vibrant Jewish identity and pride. Since October 7th, we have helped students embrace the new reality and have emphasized embracing and owning their Judaism. We aim for our graduates to have the confidence and knowledge to confront anti-Semitism on campus as well as the ability and desire to engage in the world as proud, committed Jews. They leave King David with a sense of belonging to the Jewish People and a deep, meaningful connection to the State of Israel.

Knowing that the world is changing ever-increasingly, the Judaic department uses the summer months to discuss and explore how we might improve and innovate. We have been developing curricula and planning several new initiatives in all our Judaic Studies programming areas. Our focus is on professional growth, and our commitment to ongoing learning will positively impact our students' studies. We continue to partner with General Studies teachers to infuse Jewish life into other courses, including Social Studies, Science, Athletics, and Fine Arts, to increase opportunities for our students to express their Jewishness in all areas of life.

We continue to partner with Jewish programs and resources around North America to bring the best Jewish education has to offer to our students. We partner with Unpacked for Educators, which develops cutting-edge videos and curricula that explain and teach about Israel's past and present. We work with the Global Beit Midrash program out of Milken School in Los Angeles to connect with other Jews globally and see different viewpoints and perspectives as our students learn with others worldwide. We continue to expand our Moot Beit Din competition, which creates a detailed modern-day case where teams develop arguments using traditional and modern Jewish texts to address the questions presented in the case. Last year, for the first time in King David's history, we were awarded second place, competing against schools from around America. Our Hebrew coordinator Dorin Eilon-Heiber is hoping to continue developing ways for us to stay in touch and learn with the students at Har Vagay, our partner school in Israel's north, whose school has been closed for nearly a year and was just hit by rockets coming from Lebanon. This connection allows our students to experience what is going on in Israel through the eyes of their Israeli peers.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF JUDAIC STUDIES

We have brought back retreats, trips, Shabbat dinners, and holiday programs -- the experiential programming that is so impactful for our students and teaches them how to live what we teach. Led by our Director of Jewish Life, Orly Naim, we bring our learning to life through rich and varied Jewish experiences. From a welcoming Grade 8 family Shabbat dinner at the start of the year to a reflective family Havdalah ceremony at the end of Grade 12, our students, at different grades, are exposed to varied Shabbat experiences across the Jewish world in Vancouver, Los Angeles, and Israel.

To ensure continued professional growth, our Judaic Studies team continues to learn together over the summer months and teachers attend professional development courses in Israel and with organizations across the United States. We will also continue to have onsite professional development this year as well.

Jewish education at King David is designed to prepare students to live full and meaningful Jewish lives after graduation. We help our students develop vibrant Jewish identities and practices. As our world continues to change, our Judaic Studies and Jewish Life programs are continuing to grow and develop to meet the needs of Jewish Vancouver.

Rabbi Stephen Berger Head of Judaic Studies



MESSAGE FROM TREASURER

Buoyed by this strong financial performance, our school is poised to build on its existing strengths, enhance curricula, and take on new challenges in the coming year with confidence and determination.

Once again, I am pleased to report that our school has exceeded expectations and achieved a solid operating surplus. This remarkable outcome would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our generous donors, the steady growth of our school, prudent financial management, appropriate staffing, and the success of yet another fruitful fundraising campaign.

We remain deeply grateful to all those who continue to stand by us, enabling us to provide crucial financial support to families facing hardships and uncertainties. Our commitment to being a community-focused school remains steadfast, and we take great pride in sustaining a robust financial assistance program. It is through these efforts that we ensure King David remains an accessible and thriving high school for Jewish students in Vancouver.

Alongside the unwavering support of our donors, our administration has upheld a practice of prudent financial management, maintaining appropriate staffing levels, and exercising control over administrative expenses. King David's outstanding performance stands as a testament to the fiscal competence and dedication of our administration in balancing operations on a sustained basis.

Buoyed by this strong financial performance, our school is poised to build on its existing strengths, enhance curricula, and take on new challenges in the coming year with confidence and determination. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Russ Klein and the entire King David team for their unwavering dedication and hard work throughout the year. A special expression of gratitude goes to Natasha Winestock, May Lam, and Karen Wong for their dedication. I must also acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our Finance Committee members, who bring their strong financial backgrounds, professional expertise, and management experience to ensure sound financial oversight and direction for King David.

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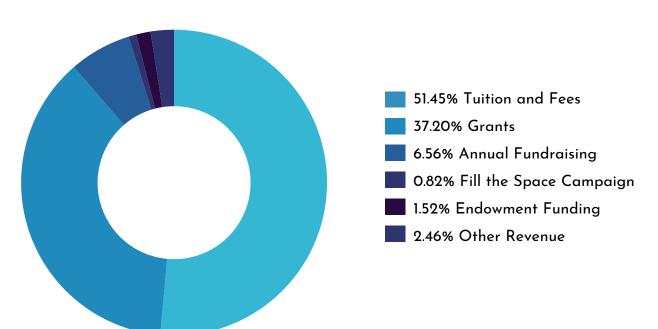
As Treasurer of the Board of Directors, I am proud of the collective efforts that have brought us to this point. We look forward to the future with optimism and a shared commitment to the success of our beloved school.

Roni Greif Treasurer



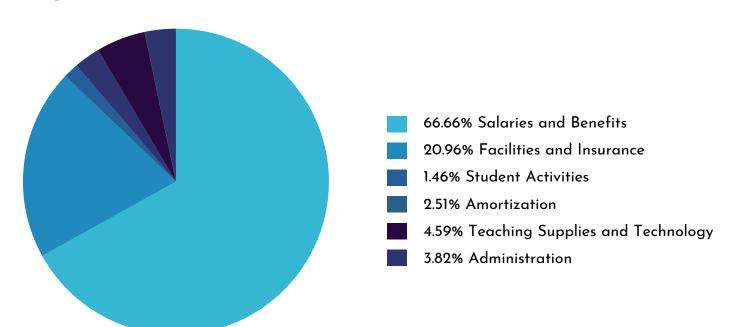


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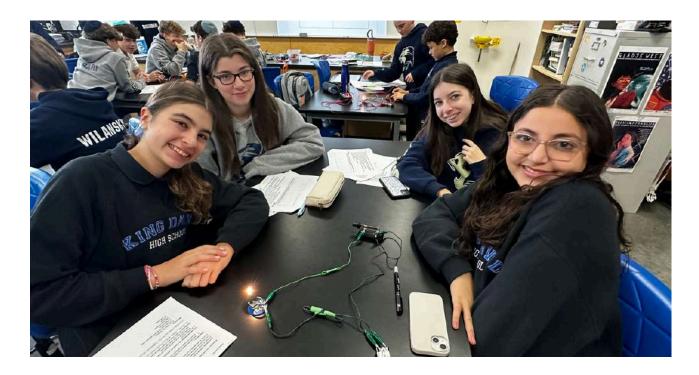
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219

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450

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271

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Our vision is to be a dynamic leader in empowering Jewish minds and engaging Jewish hearts for the modern world.

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King David High School is a pluralistic Jewish high school committed to:

- Creating academic excellence by providing a challenging integrated dual curriculum and extra-curricular activities that inspire lifelong learning and empower each student to achieve his or her full potential
- Imparting Jewish values by instilling an enduring understanding of and love for Torah, the Jewish people, the community, and Eretz Israel
- Developing effective leaders by teaching and inspiring individuals to be giving of themselves, both to the Jewish community and to the greater society in which they live







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