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IMPACT REPORT 2025



INSPIRING STUDENTS WITH THE STRENGTH
OF TRADITION AND THE POWER OF INNOVATION.



Message from the Director of Advancement **Ora Shulman**



AHS has long been recognized for its role in preparing future Jewish leaders to effectively and respectfully engage with our world's diverse society. In the face of the myriad challenges that present themselves to our people, Jewish education has always been our most powerful answer – and that has never been more true than in today's climate.

We know that the social intelligence and timeless Jewish values that we instill in our students are more critical than ever. AHS is at the forefront of the field in providing our students with the opportunities and supports to pursue their passions and achieve excellence. We are known for the cohesive and caring community we have fostered, for our students' sense of belonging at the school, and for the lifelong friendships formed within our walls that our alumni cherish for decades after graduation.

We are thrilled to say we have seen an upward trend in our fundraising over the past year, including donations to the Security Fund, community support for our successful Day of Giving in March, a very meaningful bequest, and support of renovated spaces at the school, such as the Makerspace and Danilack enhancements through our newly-launched Classroom Campaign. Thank you for supporting our school in countless ways. Your generosity demonstrates your belief in AHS, which strengthens us in our pursuit of our mission and vision.

We know that Jewish education is our best guarantee of a next generation of Jewish leaders who stand up against hate and care for one another in strong and vibrant communities. Investing in AHS is investing in the future of the Jewish People – and we can already see the incredible impact that we are having.



Meet the New Members of the Advancement Team!

We were delighted to bring on two new members of the Advancement Team this year:



Jennifer Singer | Fundraising Specialist

Will be overseeing Atid CHAI, our new legacy giving program at AHS.

Will be helping to expand major gift outreach



Alisha Farber '95 | Alumni Coordinator

Tasked with re-engaging Alumni community.

Will be planning exciting alumni events and programs

Jennifer and Alisha are joining our existing Advancement team members: Rella Margolis, Development Manager, and Ora Shulman, Director of Advancement.

Classroom Campaign

Our Classroom Campaign, designed to refresh and beautify the learning environment for our Danilack Middle School students, is well underway. A modern, inspiring learning space has a direct impact on how students engage, collaborate, and thrive in their educational journey.

We are deeply grateful to the two families who have already dedicated classrooms:

The Goldfarb Family, who dedicated a classroom in honor of beloved retired AHS educator **Ruth Stransky**, ensuring her legacy of nurturing young minds continues.

The Heller Family, who dedicated a classroom in memory of their parents, **Ronald and Aviva '55 Heller z"l**, whose passion for Jewish education will now inspire future generations.



One of the key objectives of our Major Gift Campaign is to enhance spaces throughout the school, creating dynamic environments that inspire learning and community connection, while recognizing our most generous supporters.

We are deeply grateful to Kaelen Sherman, whose vision and support brought to life the newly-renovated Honey and Barry Sherman z"l Makerspace at our Posluns campus. This vibrant space is already making an impact, serving as a hub for special events, community gatherings, and empowering students to unleash their creativity and innovation.

The Makerspace is a testament to how enhanced spaces can enrich the AHS experience for students, families, and the broader community.

Enhance students' learning experience by naming a classroom at AHS!

Interested in making a lasting impact? To learn more about this opportunity, connect with Ora Shulman

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Together, we are shaping the future of Jewish Education.



Honouring the Past and Inspiring the Future



“ Those who plan for the days ahead – plant wheat.
 Those who plan for the years ahead – plant trees.
 Those who plan for the generations ahead – educate children. ”

- Janusz Korczak (1878-1942)

Atid CHAI is Associated's new legacy giving program designed to recognize and thank our community members who have the foresight and generosity to make provisions for future gifts to AHS. By planning your estate now, you can ensure that your loved ones are looked after while also ensuring that the values and education provided by our school endures. When you advise us of your plans, we can show our appreciation to you during your lifetime with special invitations and activities.

You will find that there's a planned or deferred giving vehicle for everyone – small or large donations, from donors young and old. We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor to determine which works best for you and your situation.



Please contact Jennifer Singer for more information on Atid CHAI:
 416-494-7666, ext. 653 or jsinger@ahschools.com.



Carrying the Torch: The Goldberg Family's Legacy of Jewish Education



Former Board President Shawn Goldberg attended Jewish Day School in Ottawa. When Shawn and his wife Helene settled in Toronto, they knew they wanted a school for their own children that would honour their family's values while offering a comprehensive education for a new generation. After careful consideration, they were drawn to Associated by its unique approach: an environment where academic rigour meets Jewish values, and where Chaim '16 and Aaron '18 could flourish both intellectually and spiritually. Associated's well-rounded education, strong focus on Jewish identity, and commitment to character-building ensured that Shawn and Helene's sons would not only excel academically but also develop a deep connection to their heritage and community.

Shawn and Helene intend to create a 21st century legacy that will instill such timeless Jewish values as Tzedakah, Tikun Olam, and Derech Eretz, while providing an excellent education. The Goldbergs have shared with the school about their intentions for a bequest and are pleased to be among the first members of Atid CHAI.

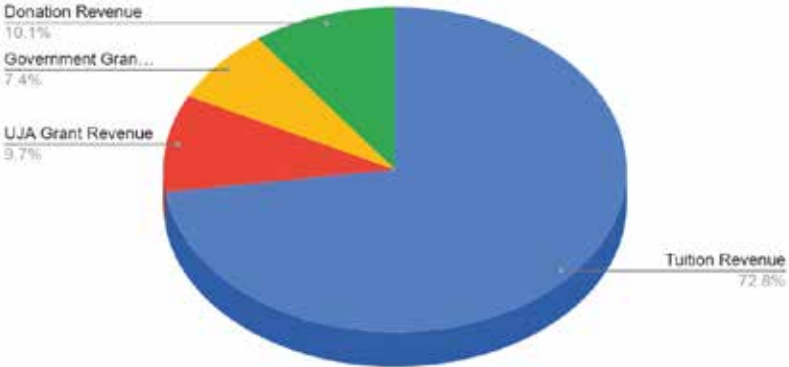
Shawn and Helene know that their grandparents Eileen and Ben would be so proud of their commitment to AHS.

AHS is deeply grateful to them for their vision and dedication.



Your Philanthropic Support At Work

While tuition fees and funding support from the UJA Federation form the essential pillars of our school's budget, we look to donations to help cover the remaining costs of providing the accessible high-quality education grounded in Jewish values and innovation that AHS is known for.



Fundraising plays a vital role, enabling us to prioritize what matters most – our students' growth, learning, and connection to their Jewish identity. It also allows us to address key priorities identified each year; for 2023-24, we prioritized ensuring financial assistance was made available for those of our families in need, and opened our doors to Israeli children who were temporarily in Canada.

AHS 2023-24 Fundraising by the Numbers



45.9%: Students receiving tuition support



36: Number of Israeli children temporarily in Canada who attended AHS following October 7 at no cost to their families, filling all available classroom spaces for children of relevant ages



2,657: Square footage of floors that were refinished at Danilack



\$62,591 spent on Arts and Athletics equipment



\$12,400: Total value of Israel Bonds purchased as Grade 8 graduation gifts for our Class of 2024



\$36,658: Cost of professional training and workshops for faculty and staff



\$206,002: Technology enhancements such as Chromebooks, iPads, desktops, laptop computers and interactive digital screens purchased for school use



\$132,449: Amount spent on additional security services to keep our campuses safe in the wake of October 7



\$625,763: Costs and lost revenue incurred in order to remain eligible for Canada-Wide Early Learning & Child Care funding for parents



\$29,680: Spent to produce in-house Judaic Studies curriculum, including Ya'ad book on comprehensive Jewish knowledge and Israel Myths & Facts introduced for our Danilack Middle School Jewish History program



\$907,666: Amount in bequests we received from 5 loyal donors



LEARNING

34: Days of Learning at AHS in 2023-24



51%: Percentage of parents who donated to AHS



DAY GIVING

760: Number of donors who participated in Day of Giving 2024

Supporting Excellence: How You Can Make an Impact on Associated This Year

Your generosity in any form helps us provide exceptional education and sustain our community's values – whether through our Annual Campaign*, scholarships, major gifts, or legacy giving with Atid CHAI.

Together, we can make an impact that lasts for generations.

From enhanced classroom technology, upgraded security measures, dynamic extracurricular programs, and innovative learning initiatives, your philanthropy ensures we can continue delivering excellence while maintaining accessibility for our community. Every gift helps ensure that our school continues to meet the needs of our students and families.

Thank you for being a partner in this important work!

**The Annual Campaign includes Day of Giving, Day of Learning, Partnerships and general online giving.*





Posluns
Education Centre



Hurwich
Education Centre

Together, We Are Coding Our Future. One Block at a Time

Every block tells a story - add yours!

Celebrate your journey at AHS by leaving a lasting mark. Your personalized block will symbolize your story, your legacy, and your connection to the AHS family.

Scan to learn more!



The mission of Associated Hebrew Schools' Advancement Office is to secure the long-term sustainability and growth of our school through strategic fundraising and meaningful community engagement. Weaving the generosity of our community into the fabric of our future, we are committed to making Jewish education accessible to all by fostering strong partnerships, offering impactful opportunities for our donors to invest in the future of our students, and celebrating Jewish identity, Tikun Olam, and a deep love for Israel.

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