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Admissions
September 2026

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Application Deadline: December 1

Admissions Timeline— September 2026 Entry

TanenbaumCHAT is open to all students of the Jewish community who meet our entrance requirements.

September 2025

Online Application Opens

A fee of \$1,100 must accompany each application (\$250 non-refundable, \$850 tuition deposit).

September 2025 to February 2026

Student Interviews

October 28, 2025

Parent Open House

December 1, 2025

Application Deadline

Sunday, November 2 OR Sunday, December 7, 2025

Mandatory Placement Tests

February 20, 2026

OFFER DAY

February 27, 2026

Deadline for Returning Offers

A \$1,000 confirmation deposit, which will be credited towards tuition, must accompany the acceptance.

Grade 8 student tours will take place in the fall.



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Welcome from the Head of School

Dr. Jonathan Levy, Head of School



TanenbaumCHAT is a journey—one that begins on the first day of Grade 9 and lasts a lifetime!

As Toronto's community Jewish high school, our school fulfills a unique role in the Jewish life of the city. Our students come from virtually every corner of the GTHA and represent a wide range of Jewish backgrounds. We welcome students from our feeder Jewish day schools as well as from many public and independent schools. They come for a premier Jewish high school experience that features an exceptional academic and extracurricular program grounded in Jewish values and community.

In TanenbaumCHAT's safe and supportive environment, our students make new friends, try new things, and are exposed to new ideas—and they have a great time doing it! Our highly qualified and caring educators allow our students to acclimate to high school, help them develop strong skills, and nurture them to fulfill their potential, and grow into who they wish to become.

Guided by core values, a commitment to the State of Israel and a dedication to *tikkun olam* ("repairing the world"), our students learn that they are part of a larger local and global community. When they graduate, they are eminently well prepared with the foundational skills to be successful in university, college or whatever path they wish to follow. They join more than 9,500 alumni who maintain strong connections to our school, to their TanenbaumCHAT friends, and to their fellow graduates.

For three generations, Toronto's Jewish community has relied on TanenbaumCHAT to equip our young people with the insights, knowledge, and skills to take their places in the world and to become tomorrow's leaders. We welcome you to be part of this incredible journey and hope you find yourself at TanenbaumCHAT!

Welcome from the Principal

Mrs. Renee Cohen '96, Principal



The TanenbaumCHAT experience is unparalleled in nature and it's here, ready for your children to explore. There are countless ways to "find yourself" at TanenbaumCHAT!

We teach our students to be knowledgeable and resilient leaders in their community, within the school, and beyond. Our students are deeply engaged in service learning and chesed work, guided by the Jewish values of *tikkun olam*, and *tzedakah*. We value learning for the sake of learning and encourage our students to think deeply about what matters to them most, as Jews and as young adults, growing up in a complex Canadian society.

We develop in our students a steadfast commitment to the State of Israel and its people. Finally, we assist in creating a strong sense of balance in our students' lives by encouraging them to work hard in their academic studies and get involved in the many extracurricular opportunities that our school has to offer.

The level of support, care, and concern from our staff and the whole-child approach that we take at our school greatly enhance and enrich the TanenbaumCHAT experience. As a proud graduate of the school, I can say with the utmost certainty that "TanenbaumCHAT is where it's at" and that this is a school like no other.



Michael Katchen '05, Founder & CEO, Wealthsimple

“I had teachers at the school who taught me how to think. They would challenge us to come up with an opinion and defend it—to have an independent point of view. That is one of the most formative skills I learned.”



לימודי יהדות / Jewish Studies

The TanenbaumCHAT family encompasses a wide range of observance and traditions. We celebrate this diversity of Jewish expression in our school and, unquestionably, are richer for it.

We are committed to making Jewish Studies lively and relevant. In fact, many courses are unique to our school and were developed with today's students in mind.

Our Jewish Studies program has four pillars:

- *Tanach* (Bible)
- Jewish History
- *Ivrit* (Hebrew language)
- Rabbinics (Rabbinic literature and Jewish traditions)

The program provides an essential foundation of Jewish knowledge, and allows students to address challenging questions about antisemitism, God, ethical dilemmas and differences among the Jewish people.

There is also an opportunity to study *Talmud* (Jewish Law) and in Grade 12, there are numerous electives to allow students a chance to explore areas of particular interest.

Engaging creatively with Jewish texts advances critical thinking and capacity to ask insightful questions. Our students—and our alumni once in university—demonstrate clearly that the interpretive and analytical skills honed in Jewish Studies are highly transferable to a broad range of academic subjects and to other areas of life. To ensure that each child is challenged and can thrive, we offer various levels of learning.

Our students' experience is further enhanced by hearing guest speakers and attending a *Shabbaton* (weekend retreat). We also always come together as a community to celebrate and mark important days together, such as: Jewish holidays, *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israel Independence Day), *Yom Hazikaron* (Memorial Day), and *Yom Hashoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day).



Chloe Perlon '22

“What I love most about New Stream is that everyone comes from unique experiences but when we join together we strengthen our ties between the Jewish community and Israel. The New Stream program has provided me the opportunity to be a part of a tight-knit community of friends.”



New to Jewish learning? New Stream is for you.

Since the mid-90s, our New Stream program has welcomed students from a wide range of educational backgrounds—many of whom are completely new to Jewish learning.

The program is open to students from public schools and secular independent schools, along with those who have been out of the Jewish day school system since the end of Grade 5.

This tailor-made program encompasses Jewish Studies only. This means that New Stream students discover and engage in Jewish learning together, and are fully integrated with the rest of their cohort for General Studies classes and extracurricular opportunities.

Just like all students at TanenbaumCHAT, New Stream students take four Jewish Studies subjects each year. With the exception of *Ivrit* (Hebrew language), all of these courses are taught in English. By the time they reach Grade 12, New Stream students are equipped to become mainstreamed into the full range of Jewish Studies electives.

Please note that entry into New Stream is in Grade 9 and applications for Grade 10 are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Gabriella Treitel '22

“New Stream has shown me the power and value of a Jewish community. In just four short years, we can speak and read Hebrew and share stories from our historical past, thus allowing New Stream students to play a more meaningful and active role in the Jewish community.”

General Studies

Our school offers a full General Studies program that leads to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Along with required courses, more than 100 electives allow students to round out their studies based on personal preferences as well as requirements for post-secondary programs.

Our courses are wide-ranging and offer enriched learning environments that encourage students to gain confidence, tackle problems, take risks, and freely express their ideas. We foster innovation, creativity and collaboration so that our students are well prepared for the challenges of today's fast-moving world.

Our dual curriculum and extensive extracurricular program are excellent primers for life after TanenbaumCHAT. Feedback from universities, colleges, and our graduates themselves indicates overwhelmingly that our students are equipped for the rigours of post-secondary study and cope exceptionally well with their workloads and commitments.

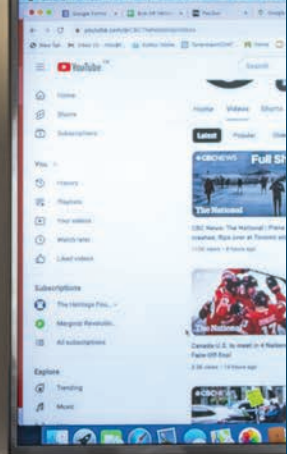
Our facilities include:

- Abramsky Family Art Studio
- Buckstein Family Fitness Centre
- Gales Family Engineering & Robotics Workshop, in conjunction with the Anita and Daniel Chai Engineering Academy
- Gorewicz Music Studio
- Greenberg and Samuel Families Greenhouse
- Guttman Family Science Wing featuring state-of-the-art science labs
- Hennick Family Atrium
- Cooki & Barry Levy Centre for Torah Study (*Beit Midrash/ The Mercaz*)
- Neuberger Drama Studio & Matlow Black Box Theatre
- Meyer/Finkelstein Gymnasium
- Ossip and Flatt Families Business Boardrooms (for business studies courses)
- Singer and Zagdanski Families Learning Resource Centre



Tessa Rootenberg '14, Genetic Counselor, Weill Cornell Medicine

“High school served as the core foundation for my university and graduate school education, and equipped me with tools for academic and professional success. The TanenbaumCHAT faculty went above and beyond, and helped me realize the standards to which I should aspire.”





Grade 9 Electives

Computer Technology

The Anita & Daniel Chai Engineering Academy



Drama



Music Instrumental



Music Vocals



Physical Education



Technology



Visual Art



TanenbaumCHAT Quick Facts

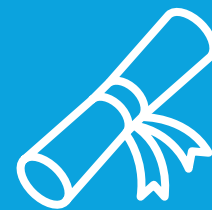


**Founded
in 1961**

***Tikkun Olam*
Jesin-Neuberger Community
Service Program**

Students collectively complete
more than 27,000 hours of
community service annually

**Largest Jewish
community high school
in North America**



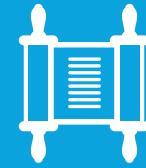
**More than
9,500 alumni**

**28% of
new students
enter New Stream**

**Over 20% of
current faculty and
current parents are
TanenbaumCHAT alumni**



**Over 100 clubs
and committees**



**Daily optional
*Minyan***



**29 TanenbaumCHAT sports
teams compete in the TDCAA**



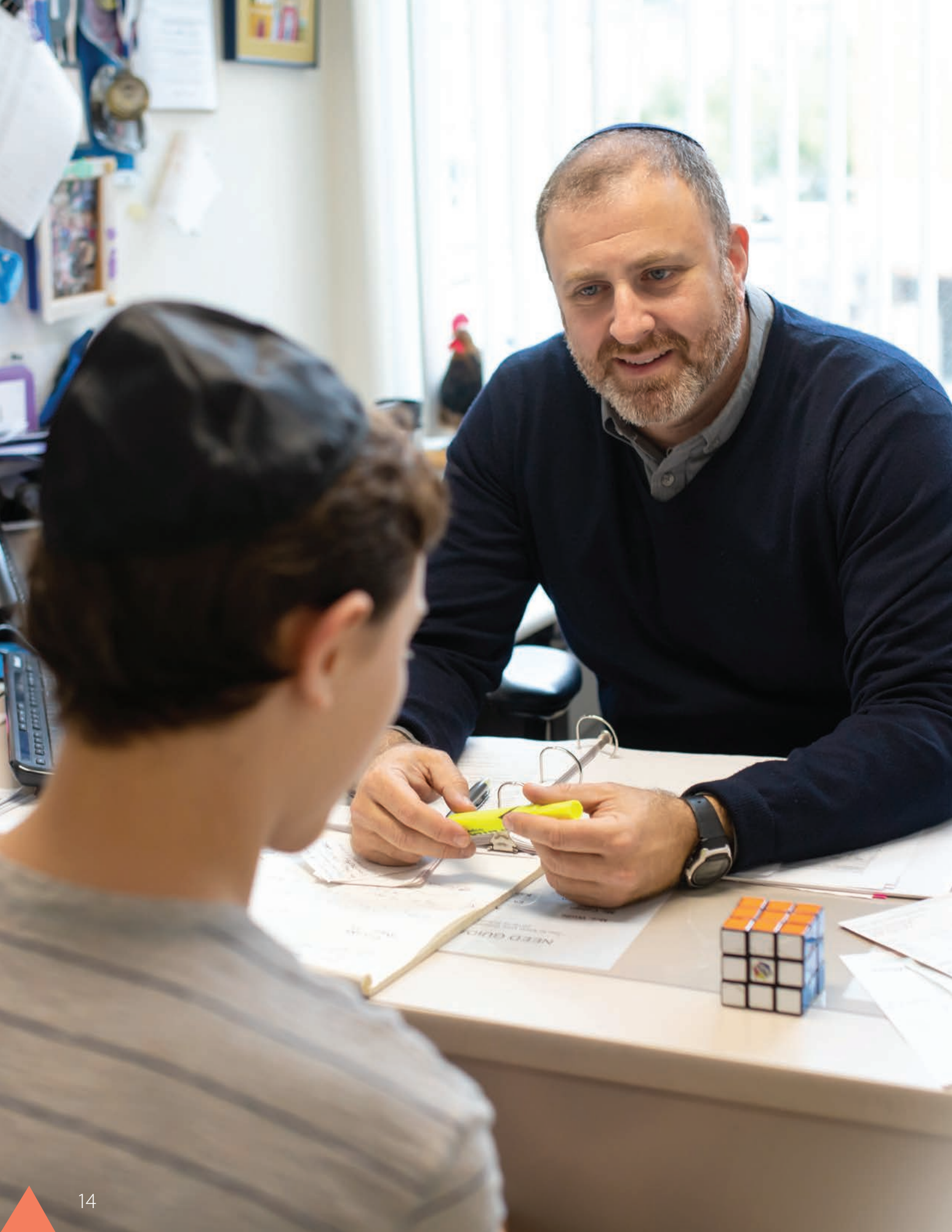
**Over 100 electives,
Grades 9 to 12**

**Busing options
are available**

**4 out of 5 of
our graduating students
last year were accepted
to their first choice
of university or program**

Get Involved!

- ▶ Parent Committees & Programs
- ▶ Staff Appreciation
- ▶ Parent Ambassadors
- ▶ Power of Grads
- ▶ Community Campaign
- ▶ Major Gifts



Student Support

We recognize that every child has unique social, emotional, and academic needs and are committed to creating an environment in which all our students have the opportunity to thrive. The Student Services team is coordinated by the Director of Student Services and comprises the Centre for Differentiated Learning (CDL), the Deans' Office, and the Guidance Department. Together, they offer a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach to supporting the whole student. We see parents and guardians as active partners in this endeavour.

Freedman Centre for Differentiated Learning & Nussbaum Jewish Studies Remediation Centre

The CDL provides support to students with learning exceptionalities identified in a psycho-educational assessment that is no more than three years old when applying to TanenbaumCHAT (an assessment from Grade 5 is acceptable). Through ongoing consultation with parents and students, the CDL oversees academic accommodations to help ensure that the student's unique learning profile is addressed in all academic and extracurricular settings.

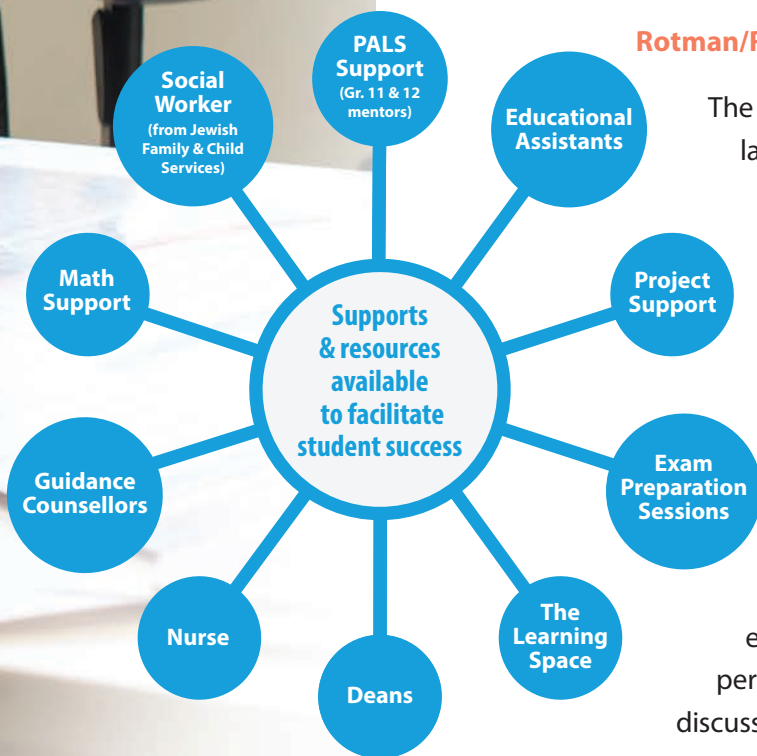
Please note, all Grade 9 students must take French (FSF1D) as a compulsory credit, except those requiring Learning Strategies (GLE10) as outlined in their SLP (Specialized Learning Plan). However, students enrolled in Learning Strategies who begin Grade 9 with reach-ahead credits will also take French.

Rotman/Rohringer Deans' Office

The Deans' Office offers students and parents an added layer of support. The Deans oversee matters related to managing behavioural and school expectations, workload, tardiness, absences due to illness, and many other important issues in the life of a high school student. The Deans are available to assist in all aspects of school and teenage life.

Guidance Department

Our team of Guidance Counsellors advises students on course selection and personal educational planning, career counselling, university and college entrance, and study programs in Israel. Confidential personal counselling is also offered to students who wish to discuss academic, social or personal issues.





Israel Engagement and *Shabbatons*

In stilling a strong and vibrant connection to the State of Israel enriches students' identities as Jews and fosters an understanding of the important role Israel plays on the global stage and in the lives of Jewish people around the world.

Israel engagement is a shared vision, part of the consciousness of all our teachers and educators. It pervades our curricular and extracurricular programming and infuses the celebration of Jewish holidays. We also emphasize the centrality of the Hebrew language in creating a strong bond with Israel. Through connecting with staff, guests, and visiting speakers, our students develop relationships with Israeli peers and other Israeli role models.

It's been said that more than the Jewish people have kept *Shabbat, Shabbat* has kept the Jewish people. This idea comes alive on every TanenbaumCHAT *Shabbaton* (weekend retreat), during which students enjoy a unique opportunity to celebrate *Shabbat* together and have a safe place to talk about personal practices and beliefs. Teachers, older peers, and young alumni serve as *madrichim* (guides) and lead participants in fun and creative activities and meaningful discussions. There is also plenty of singing around the campfire—in English and in Hebrew!

Jason Mausberg, current parent

“We have experienced an unbelievable community environment led by remarkable, caring, knowledgeable and wise teachers and administrators. The real foundational strength has been the love of learning that has been fostered within the students and the love of teaching that exists within the staff.”



Josh Sable '90, Co-Director of Student Activities, TanenbaumCHAT

“Many of our students find their voices through our dynamic extracurricular programs. Our students are involved in an incredibly diverse collection of student activities that are interactive, creative and challenging, and ultimately help shape their identities and skills.”

Extracurriculars

TanenbaumCHAT enjoys a lively school culture and *ruach* (spirit) with an extensive roster of extracurricular activities. More than 100 clubs and committees provide a full array of options. Students can deepen existing interests or explore new ones, strengthen their skills, make new friends, and take on leadership roles. There is an active Student Council and there are many special events throughout the year including a school musical, a dance/fashion show, a talent show, school-wide celebrations, carnivals, and more.

Clubs, committees, shows and special events*:

- Ambassadors
- Athletic Council
- American Sign Language Club
- Art Club
- Baking for a Cause
- Baycrest Buddies
- Big Sisters
- Biology Club
- Birthday Club
- Black History Club
- Board Game Club
- Book Club
- Bracelets for the Better
- Business Council
- Chai Lifeline
- Chanukah Assembly
- CHAT's Got Talent
- Chess Club
- *Chidon Hatanach*
- Clothing and Food Drives
- College Football Club
- Commerce Council
- Community Service Committee
- Cooking Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Crochet Club
- Current Events Club
- Debate Club
- DECA
- Dance Fashion Show
- Disney and Chill
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Engineering Club
- Environmental Committee
- Ethics Club
- Feminist Literature
- Feminists Club
- Finance Club
- Fireside CHAT
- Formula 1 Club
- Ginger Club
- Girls in Sports
- Girls in STEAM
- Golf Club
- Greenhouse Club
- Grilled Cheese Club
- Help the Homeless Committee
- Holocaust Education Committee
- Hope for Hounds
- HOSA
- Indigenous Peoples Committee
- Interfaith Club
- Investment Council
- Israeli Council
- *Ivrit* Fitness Club
- JSU
- *Keshet*
- *Madrichim*
- *Kiddish* Club
- Kindness Committee
- Leadership Lens
- Magic: The Gathering Club
- Marketing Club
- Medical Mentors
- Medicine in the Media
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Model UN
- Movie Club
- Music Appreciation Club
- NBA Club
- Neuro Aesthetics Club
- NFL Club
- Pen Pals Club
- Philosophy Club
- Photography and Film
- Pickleball Club
- Pickle Club
- Purim Assembly
- Poetry Club
- Politics Club
- PS I love you
- QLEAD
- Reach for the Top
- Robotics
- Save a Child's Heart
- Science Fun
- Shakespeare Club
- Schluff Club
- Send a Smile
- Sick Kids Club
- Spirit Committee
- Sports Trading Cards Club
- Stress-less! (all-in-action)
- Student Council
- *Tanach* Learning Club
- Tech Committee
- Theme Park Appreciation
- *Tikvah* Council
- Ukelele Club
- U.S Politics Club
- *Ve'ahavta* Committee
- Weightlifting Club
- Women In Business Club
- Yearbook
- *Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron* and *Yom Ha'aztmaut*
- Young Entrepreneur Society

*Extracurricular offerings may vary annually.

Athletics

Athletics are an important part of life at TanenbaumCHAT. The school routinely fields as many as 29 sports teams that play across three seasons. We compete in the Toronto District Catholic Athletic Association (TDCAA) and some of our teams also qualify for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championships.

We are proud to host visiting schools from Israel and the US at our Israel Becker Invitational Basketball Tournament, and our basketball teams travel to the Weiner Basketball Tournament in Baltimore every year.

Our student Athletic Council helps run many athletic programs and intramural activities, and there are many ways for students to be involved—as team managers, student coaches, scorekeepers, and fans. We are all Tigers!

Our teams*:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boys Baseball
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Field Hockey
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Boys Ice Hockey (non-contact)
- Girls Ice Hockey
- Ski
- Snowboard
- Soccer
- Girls Softball
- Swim
- Tennis
- Volleyball

*tentative teams

Amy Werger '22

“TanenbaumCHAT athletics have allowed me to meet new people, get active, grow as a person and take on leadership roles. I’ve had the opportunity to organize and take part in athletic programs regardless of making it onto teams, and the connection I have to the athletics staff is one of the highlights of my time at the school.”







The Journey Continues

Even as our students graduate and go out into the world to continue their journeys, they remain firmly a part of the TanenbaumCHAT family. Our alumni number more than 9,500. TanenbaumCHAT friendships endure and there is an ever-increasing number of three-generation alumni families. Many meet their life partners here, and later rejoin the school as parents, grandparents, and staff. More than 20% of our staff members and current parents are alumni.

Alumni find ways to volunteer and give back to the school. They serve as board and committee members, visit classes to share their expertise with students, and donate their time and resources to strengthening the school. We are immensely proud of the fact that our alumni also contribute in numerous ways to the wider community, both within Jewish frameworks and beyond, in Toronto and much further afield. For TanenbaumCHAT alumni, it's never just "goodbye" but rather "*lehitraot*"—see you soon!

Malka Lebi '97, TanenbaumCHAT teacher and current parent

“TanenbaumCHAT gives you a foundation for the rest of your life and provides you with a framework Jewishly, socially and academically. It makes you proud of who you are.”



Tuition

Enhancing tuition accessibility is a priority for us and we welcome students from a wide spectrum of economic backgrounds. In the 2024/25 school year, we were able to support 23% of our families with financial assistance. We encourage all families to apply to our school, and are honoured to partner with them to help them achieve their goal of sending their child to TanenbaumCHAT.

Based on combined family income, families may be eligible for reduction in fees through one of two programs:

- the UJA Community Scholarships Program
- the TanenbaumCHAT Tuition Accessibility Program (TTAP)

All families automatically receive tuition assistance information, and both programs are completely confidential.

Tuition for 2025/26 is \$24,800. Next year's tuition will be set in Spring 2026.

Please note that a portion of the tuition fee may be eligible for a Canadian charitable tax receipt.

Our Powering TanenbaumCHAT annual campaign is dedicated to supporting tuition assistance at our school, and is funded through the generosity of our parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends.

To learn more, please visit tanenbaumchat.org/tuition or contact Angela Buslovich at abuslovich@tanenbaumchat.org or 416-636-5984 x 234.



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