



# Hand in Hand

## Giving Opportunities 2009-2010

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There are many ways to support Schechter Manhattan, and each partnership adds a new dimension to the education we provide to our students. While we greatly appreciate *unrestricted* gifts (whose best use is determined by the school), designated sponsorships provide a wonderful way to see the specific tangible results of your charitable gift.

Sponsorships in each of the following four categories are available either for a single year or, through program endowments, for multiple years. Donors will be recognized in our Annual Report and other materials. For specific information on such endowments, please contact the Development Office at 646-472-5395 or uricohen@sssm.org.

### I. School-Wide Sponsorships

*Opportunities to sponsor programs and materials that benefit the whole school*

#### W1. Scholarships

Contribute to Schechter Manhattan scholarships through the A. Stanley Gluck Scholarship Fund, enabling students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to take advantage of a Schechter Manhattan education. Donations at all levels are deeply appreciated. Financial aid accounts for 31% of our total operating budget. The annual cost of educating each child exceeds even a full tuition payment by more than \$2,000. Please contact the Development Office for more details.

#### W2. Alumni-Faculty Basketball Game

**\$1,000**

Schechter Manhattan graduates go on to the finest high schools in New York, but they welcome opportunities to return to their alma mater. The Annual Alumni-Faculty Basketball game (with refreshments following, of course!) is a highlight of the spring semester.

#### W3. Community Service Program

**\$3,000**

As a highlight of Schechter Manhattan's focus on *menschlichkeit*, we participate in programs with many community organizations that serve constituents in need. Sponsorship of this program would underwrite the activities, materials and transportation related to community service.

#### W4. Yom Chesed – Community Service Day

**\$2,000**

Our annual *Yom Chesed* - Community Service Day engages students and their families, in community service projects around New York City. In teams, students, parents and siblings spread out on a Sunday morning in early spring to help clean up a neighborhood park, prepare food and packages for the needy, and engage in similar hands-on projects that support local communities. These acts of *chesed* (action) build on the regular *zedakah* and community service experiences the students have throughout the year. Sponsorship will underwrite project materials and participant t-shirts, highlighting Schechter Manhattan's participation for the wider community.

#### W5. School Music Concert

**\$1,500**

The school celebrates its music program and students at an annual year-end gala concert, featuring students from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Performances range from first-time ensemble recorder players to advanced string, keyboard, and vocal performances. **(Sponsored by Julia and Leo Shlovsky)**

<b>W6. School Shabbaton</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
The annual end-of-year celebration in the Berkshires, the Schechter Manhattan <i>Shabbaton</i> brings together students, their families and the school's faculty in a joyous celebration of Shabbat as a school community outside of Manhattan. The weekend is a capstone community-building experience for the school family. <b>(Sponsored by Harriet Seiler in memory of Dr. Jerome Seiler z"l)</b>	
<b>W7. Fifth Grade Shabbaton</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
A highlight of Schechter Manhattan Shabbat activities, this program gives our fifth graders a Shabbat to remember, spent with their classmates and teachers at a local New York City synagogue. In addition to spending a weekend with friends and the fun of spending a night together "camped out" on the floor of an auditorium, this <i>shabbaton</i> provides our 11 year-olds with the opportunity to eat, sing, pray and study together in the warm embrace of a <i>Shabbat</i> experience.	
<b>W8. Schechter Manhattan Read-a-thon</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
This sponsorship creates a challenge grant to spur on the Read-a-thon, contributing \$1 for every \$4 the program raises for the school. More than 1800 books were read during last year's Read-a-thon, which also raised over \$12,000 for the school! Sponsors can be recognized in all communications regarding the Read-a-thon.	
<b>W9. Grandparents and Special Friends Program</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>
Grandparents and others close to Schechter Manhattan's students are important members of our school community. Sponsorship of the program covers special mailings sent inviting these important guests to students' class and individual presentations and special events. It supports the Arts for the Ages program and other activities of the Grandparents and Special Friends gatherings.	
<b>W10. Current events Magazine Subscriptions</b> (grades 3-8)	<b>\$500</b>
<b>W11. Graduate Gifts</b> – (A tangible expression of the school's pride in each of its graduates and recognizing their new status as Schechter Manhattan alumni)	<b>14 @ \$100 each</b> <b>\$1,400</b>
<b>W12. Daf Kesher</b> (weekly school newsletter) (sponsorship per issue)	<b>\$180</b>
<b>W13. Time for School - sponsor:</b>	
a. "Schechter Manhattan for a Day"	<b>\$19,700</b>
b. "Schechter Manhattan for an Hour"	<b>\$2,800</b>
c. "Schechter Manhattan for a Minute"	<b>\$47</b>

## II. Curriculum Enrichment

*Opportunities to sponsor programs and materials in specific areas of study*

### Jewish Studies

<b>C1. Fifth Grade Siddurim</b> (prayer books) (\$25 per student, 14 students)	<b>\$350</b>
<b>C2. Hebrew curriculum materials:</b>	
a. "NETA Program" – Middle School Division	<b>\$2,000</b>
b. "Chaverim Be'ivrit" – Lower Elementary Division	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>C3. TaNaKH (Bible) curriculum materials</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

### Mathematics

<b>C4. Math curriculum workbooks, guides, etc.</b> (grades 2-5) <b>(Sponsored by Irene and Albert Libchaber)</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>C5. Graphing calculators</b> (15 @ \$100) <b>(Sponsored by Natasha and Daniel Labovitz)</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>C6. Faculty support for Math</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>C7. Faculty development:</b>	
a. <b>Conferences</b> (training and presentations)	<b>\$4,000</b>
b. <b>New Teacher Mentoring</b> (coaching for first and second year teachers)	<b>\$1,000</b>

**c. Workshops** (training and presentations) **\$6,000**

Science

**C8. American Museum of Natural History** - Science membership **\$350**

Only five blocks from our West Side campus, the Museum is a rich resource for science study in all grades. This sponsorship underwrites our students' use of the museum's resources as a key ingredient in our Science curriculum. **(Sponsored Anonymously)**

**C9. Science Curriculum Support** – teacher guides **\$1,500**

**C10. Environmental Retreats at the Teva Learning Center**

Fourth graders' three-day retreat to the Teva Learning Center gives them a deep and substantive introduction to Jewish and human perspectives on environmental issues. Sixth graders return for a four-day retreat, at which they learn what they each can do to help protect the environment. Sponsorship of this program underwrites transportation and incidental costs not covered by student fees.

- a. Fourth Grade Teva Retreat (three days)** **\$1,500**
- b. Sixth Grade Teva Retreat (four days)** **\$2,000**

Art and Music

**C11. Arts and Music Program**

Our arts and music programming is innovative and very popular with our students. The programs below serve to reinforce and highlight the cultural activities in which our students participate throughout all grades.

- a. Arts Materials:** Supplies supporting the in-class art program **\$3,000**
- b. Arts Festival:** Mid-winter visual arts showcase for each division **\$2,500**
- c. Artist-in-Residence:** Visiting artist conducts workshops and public exhibitions for students and community **\$5,000**
- d. Music – Recorders (Upper Elementary):** Supports the purchase of instruments and sheet music for third and fourth grades **\$200**
- e. Music – Rhythm instruments (Lower Elementary):** Supports the purchase of supplementary rhythm instruments for kindergarten, first, and second grades **\$200**
- f. Music – Electronic keyboards (5<sup>th</sup> grade and Middle School):** Supports the purchase of new keyboards – a mainstay of the music program **(Sponsored by Irene and Albert Libchaber)** **\$300**

Physical Education

**C12. Basketball team uniforms** (2 @ \$500 – home and away) **\$1,000**

**C13. Soccer team uniforms** (2 @ \$500 – home and away) **\$1,000**

**III. Jewish Calendar Celebrations**

*Opportunities to sponsor Jewish holiday programs and activities*

**J1. Kabbalat Shabbat Program**

Each week, every class welcomes Shabbat. Programming differs by division, and is supplemented by periodic "Divisional Kabbalat Shabbat" programs which bring together all the classes in each division for a joint celebration. The program details are:

- ~~Divisional Kabbalat Shabbat (per event / per year sponsorships)~~ **\$500/\$1,500**  
**(Sponsored by Pamela and Peter D'Amato)**
- Annual Elementary Kabbalat Shabbat Program (K-5)** **\$4,500**
- Annual Middle School Kabbalat Shabbat Program (6-8)** **\$1,500**

**J2. Chanukah Zimriyah** **\$500**

Our annual song festival and community sing-along at Chanukah time is one of the highlights of our year for students and families alike, with presentations by the students of each grade.

### **J3. Purim Programming**

**\$500**

Besides the reading of the Megillah by the school community, Purim celebrations at Schechter Manhattan include “Mishe Mishe” (a festive conga line), Daf Sheker (our annual spoof newsletter), imaginative costumes, and other activities. The Purim sponsorship covers the costs of materials and refreshments for the student Purim carnival. **(Sponsored by Pamela and Peter D’Amato)**

### **J4. Model Pesach (Passover) Seder**

**\$1,000**

The Seder is one of the cornerstone ritual observances of the Jewish year, and one of the most beloved traditions at Schechter Manhattan. Our students learn by doing in school, and prepare for the Seder nights through immersion in Pesach history, rituals and traditions.

### **J5. Yom Ha’atzma’ut Celebrations**

**\$750**

We celebrate Israel’s Independence Day in style at Schechter Manhattan with a full day of special activities in each division. For \$250 per division, sponsorship includes the cost of materials and refreshments that will help make this day one of the most memorable of the school year.

### **J6. Lag Ba’Omer – Field Day**

**\$1,000**

Our annual family field day and picnic showcases menschlichkeit and camaraderie across grades, as well as the physical development of our students. The sponsorship includes t-shirts and a pizza lunch for all participants.

## **IV. Middle School Special Activities**

*Opportunities to sponsor signature activities that help give the Schechter Manhattan Middle School its special flavor and “ruach” (spirit)*

### **M1. B’nei Mitzvah Celebrations**

**\$1,000**

Our in-school Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations are joyous and inspiring. Sponsorship of this program will underwrite the purchase of the school’s gifts to each bar and bat mitzvah student. We offer each the choice of one of several possible Jewish content-rich gifts, e.g., books and software.

### **M2. Simchat Beit Hashoe’vah**

**\$500**

During the Sukkot holiday the Middle School re-enacts, in a contemporary idiom, the ancient tradition of celebrating the life-giving power of water. The celebration includes supper (in the *sukkah*, of course, weather permitting) and a full evening of activities planned by the Student Government.

### **M3. Chanukah Ice-Skating Party**

**\$500**

The Student Government Special Events committee plans the yearly Chanukah Skating Party. The trip to an ice skating rink includes a communal candle lighting and eating *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts – a traditional Chanukah treat).

### **M4. Trip to Washington D.C. – Seventh Grade**

**\$2,500**

A trip to the nation’s capital brings valuable firsthand insight to the seventh grade’s study of the American government.

### **M5. Israel Study Tour – Eighth Grade**

**\$18,000**

Each year our eighth grade class takes a two-week trip to the State of Israel, a fitting culmination of the Schechter Manhattan education and nine years of study about Israel. A deeply moving trip, the Israel Study Tour encourages students to forge stronger connections with Israel throughout their lives. Partial scholarships are available at \$2,000 per student.

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