

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



OUR MISSION

Frankel Jewish Academy is a rigorous college preparatory high school pursuing academic excellence and Jewish literacy.

We inspire students to think critically, creatively, and compassionately; to dedicate themselves to Jewish tradition, peoplehood, and the State of Israel; and to become lifelong learners and leaders.

OWN YOUR JOURNEY. DISCOVER YOUR TOMORROW.

The opening passage to Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers, the tractate of ancient Rabbinic wisdom and maxims of two millennia ago) describes the transmission of our heritage, laws, and traditions from G-d to Moses, Moses to Joshua, Joshua to the Elder, and so on. Not only does this convey the authenticity of our written and oral law, this also highlights the fundamental role of education - passing knowledge and inquiry from one generation to the next.

This transmission of tradition, values, and wisdom, known as "messora," assured our future as a people, even during the most turbulent times. It is that very same purpose FJA has as its core mission. Our work to inspire students to dedicate themselves to Jewish tradition, Peoplehood, and the State of Israel fortifies our students to meet current challenges with knowledge and pride, and ensures we will have selfless and dedicated Jewish leaders well into the future.



Rabbi Azaryah Cohen Head of School

For the past quarter century, FJA has carried out this sacred work through robust academic and co-curricular programs. Our world is changing faster than ever; even as the educational landscape and student learning and emotional support needs shift, we continue to proactively enhance and innovate our program. FJA is rated among the best private schools in the state and our teachers and staff are the highest caliber professionals. This important work, however, could not be sustained without the generosity of our supporters. Maintaining the quality of our program and the ability to provide much needed tuition subvention is dependent on passionate supporters, visionaries who understand the urgency, and primacy, of our mission.

To our supporters, thank you for being our partners, as G-d to Moses and Moses to Joshua, in conveying our precious "messora" to the next generation of Jewish leaders.

FJA - BUILDING A STRONG JEWISH FUTURE

BY INSPIRING STUDENTS **TO BE PROUD AND THOUGHTFUL JEWS**

THROUGH TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM.

FJA BY THE NUMBERS 2024-2025

TECHNOLOGY

Every student receives a MacBook with the full Adobe Creative Cloud

68%
of students receive tuition assistance

Ranked in the Top 10 Best Private High Schools in Michigan

9
students in a classroom, on average

5 TO 1
student teacher ratio

30%
of FJA students come from public schools

1:1
Individualized, one-on-one college counseling provided to every student starting in 9th grade

27
student-led clubs to choose from

72%
of students are currently enrolled in at least one AP class.

16 AP Courses
4 Dual Enrollment Courses
16 Honors Courses

123 post-secondary acceptances earned by our graduates in 2025

$2.3 MILLION
in scholarships awarded to the class of 2025

75%
of our students participate in athletics

994
Alumni

2000
community service hours performed by FJA students annually

5
experiential learning opportunities for students to explore the world

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INTERIOR DESIGN UPDATES

The recent aesthetic updates to our school have truly transformed the learning environment, bringing a fresh and inviting atmosphere that enhances both student and staff experience. For the first time since the building opened in 2007, significant renovations have taken place, marking a new chapter in our school's history. In April, the entire school was fitted with new carpet, replacing the old flooring with vibrant colors and patterns that add a modern touch to classrooms and hallways.

Over the summer, the school underwent a complete repainting, with every wall adorned with calming and inspiring hues that create a warm and welcoming ambiance. These updates not only improve the visual appeal of our school, but also foster an environment conducive to learning and collaboration. As students and teachers return this year, the beautifully refreshed spaces promise to inspire creativity and instill pride in our school community.





ADVANCEMENT NEWS



GRANDFRIENDS DAY

One of the highlights of the year was Grandfriends Day! It was a wonderful opportunity for students to bring guests to school to experience a glimpse of student life at FJA. Grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and family friends joined their student(s) and spent the morning at school, attending Town Hall and two classes with their beloved jaguar.

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you to the incredible FJA parent community for organizing and contributing to Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, February 10-14, 2025. The theme for the week was, “Our Star-Studded Cast.” Our teachers and staff are always stars, but felt especially bright this week. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week was made possible because of you!



GALA

On May 12, 2025, at our Annual Gala, over 300 supporters gathered to celebrate FJA's 25 years and recognize our community honorees, Arthur and Trudy Weiss, and our faculty and alumni honoree, Rebecca (Nadis) Strobehn '06. It was a meaningful and powerful evening, filled with positive energy that could be felt throughout the room. During the program, we heard from alumni, current students, and leaders of our community about all the incredible accomplishments of FJA over the past 25 years.

Thank you to our generous donors who helped raise funds for FJA. Your generosity enables us to continue providing an exceptional education for our community's future leaders.





L'HITRAOT





After 25 years at FJA, we bid farewell to Rabbi Baruch Lazewnik. Rabbi Baruch taught here when the school first opened and was loved by all his students. He made the decision to retire following the 2024-2025 school year. Rabbi Baruch will be greatly missed, but we extend our best wishes for his retirement.

LIFETIME GIVING

Frankel Jewish Academy recognizes the generosity of benefactors with lifetime contributions of $50,000 (or more).

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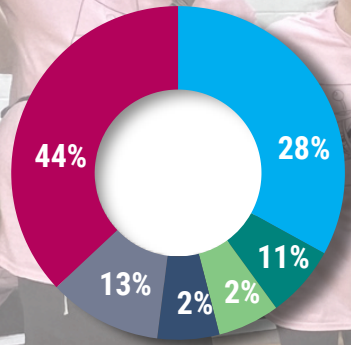
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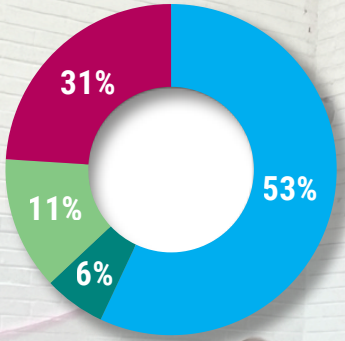
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- 28% Tuition & Fees
- 44% Direct Donations
- 13% Annual Fund
- 11% JFD Grants*
- 2% Other Income
- 2% Grants





EXPENSES

- 53% Program Expenses
- 11% Occupancy
- 31% Management & General Expenses
- 6% Fundraising & Development

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2024-2025
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Caleb Starr ‘25

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