



IDA CROWN JEWISH ACADEMY

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, January 17** - Tu B'Shevat; Martin Luther King Day
- **Friday, January 17** - End of First Semester
- **Wednesday, January 19** - ICJA Chess Tournament begins (Click [here](#) to sign up.)

To Review ICJA's COVID protocols (updated Dec. 30, 2021) - [Click here](#)

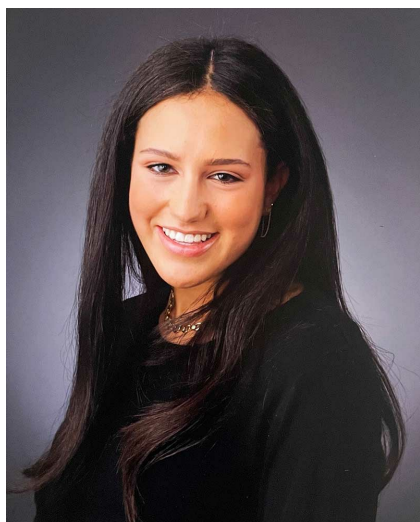
Mazal Tov to our 18 Under 18 Honorees: Laura Bellows, Kayla Kupietzky and Ilan Blumenthal!

Our JUF Springboard honorees enrich our community and school.

Mazal Tov to Senior Laura Bellows and Juniors Kayla Kupietzky and Ilan Blumenthal for being honored by JUF Springboard 18 Under 18!

These outstanding students were chosen because of their leadership and activism, both inside our school and out. In awarding this honor, JUF Springboard highlighted just some of these students' extraordinary achievements in the past and their commitment to continuing to be community leaders in the future.

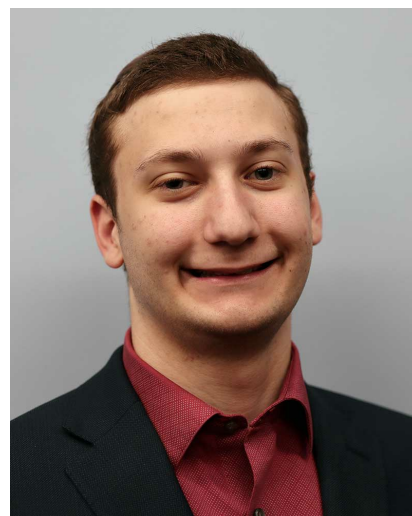
More information about this year's 18 Under 18 Honorees can be found on the JUF's Springboard [website](#).



Senior Laura Bellows



Junior Kayla Kupietzky



Junior Ilan Blumenthal

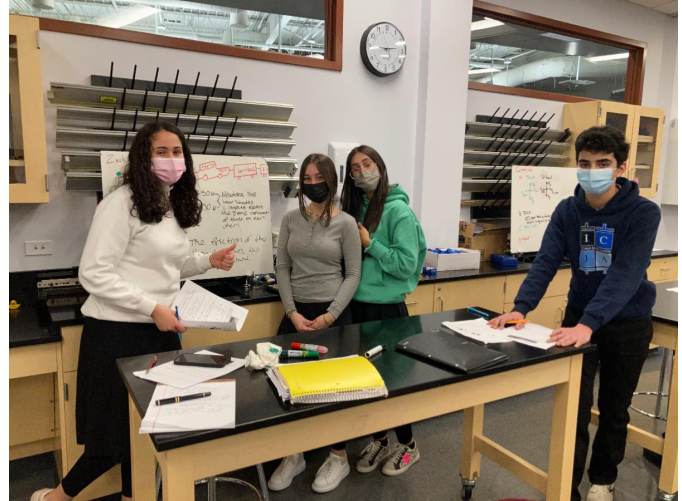
Mr. Sears's Physics Class

Illustrating Newton's 3rd Law of Motion

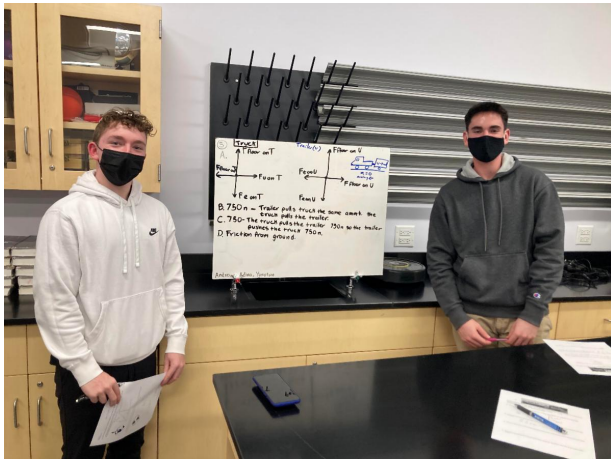
Newton's Third Law of Motion can be stated "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." Documenting this can be complex.

Students in Mr. Sears's Physics class divided into groups to create presentation boards illustrating the ways Newton's Third Law works in practice: they diagrammed the way a truck pulls a trailer along a road.

What are the forces involved?



Pictured above: Juniors Rina Yahav, Gabrielle Rosenzweig, Danielle Cohen and Zach Goldberg, standing in front of a presentation board created by Zach, Rina and Gavi.



Pictured left: Juniors Andrew Bersson and Yonatan Nudman with their presentation board.

"It was really fun" to create - Yonatan Nudman

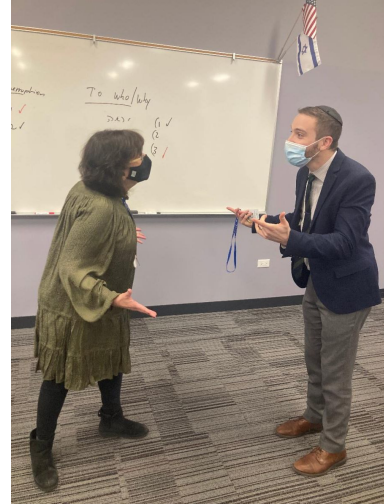
Mrs. Arons's Juniors Honors English Class

Can we ever persuade others by arguing with them?

Students entering class were shocked to see Mrs. Arons and Dr. Brown in a heated argument at the start of class, discussing how a student had expressed himself in school.

Dr. Brown argued in favor of the student's speech, giving logical arguments. Mrs. Arons said the student should not be allowed to talk that way; she gave ethical arguments. Then the two announced, "Scene!"

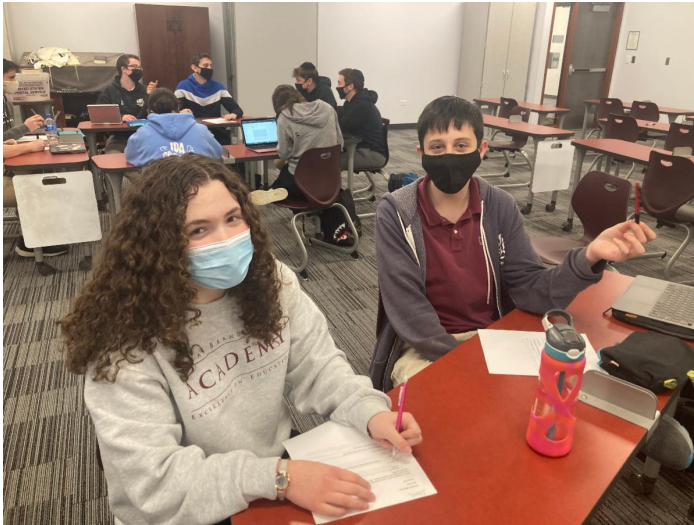
"The class is studying persuasion. It was a fun way to note active use of rhetorical devices." - Mrs. Arons



Students divided into two groups - called "She said" and "He said" - to evaluate Mrs. Arons's and Dr. Brown's debate styles.

"I thought this was an argument they'd had outside of class, and Mrs. Arons suggested repeating it here," noted Junior Charlie Singer (pictured left).

Junior Charli Ernstein (pictured left) explained that she realized at once that the argument wasn't real: "I know these people" and they never would have argued like that in real life.



Mrs. Yitzhak's 10th Grade AJSP

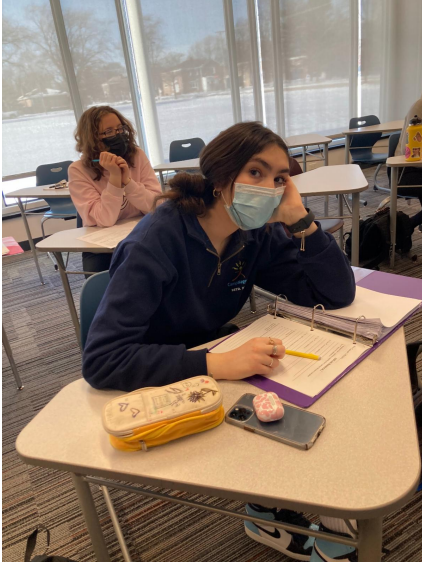
Hafrashat Challah - the mitzvah of separating challah - is a "key" we can use to unlock holiness.

Students in Mrs. Yitzhak's 10th Grade AJSP class have been learning about the mitzvah of hafrashat challah.

"Every woman has keys on her keychain that open doors" and allow holiness to enter - Mrs. Yitzhak (pictured right, holding a keychain). Hafrashat Challah is a "key" to open our homes to an awareness of G-d's presence.

Sophomore Gabriella Zipperstein (pictured below) answered questions about a famous rebbetzin the class learned about: Rebbetzin Batsheva Kanievsky, z"l, who performed hafrashat challah every day.





Covid Vaccine Booster Clinic

Over 50 students received a Covid-19 vaccine booster.



On Wednesday, over fifty ICJA students received Covid-19 vaccine booster shots.

Thank you ICJA alumni Seymour and Stan Gertz, and CareOne Pharmacy, for making this possible.

The CDC recommends that people aged 12 and older receive booster shots. To read the CDC's guidance, see [here](#).

Pictured left: pharmacist Christa Poskozim administers a booster vaccine.

Mr. Keller's STEM Class

Preparing to build items for Keshet students to use

"If you had a sibling that was enrolled in Keshet, what would you want them to have access to?" To answer this question - and build real-life tools for Keshet students - students in Mr. Keller's STEM class headed to Keshet this week to observe.



STEM students observed Keshet students as they took part in their daily activities; later on they'll document their observations and present what they learned to their fellow STEM students..

Watching Keshet students play a spirited game of Uno, Junior Adam Schwartz (pictured right) observed "It looks like a lot of fun."



The STEM class project will take several weeks, as students move from observation to planning to building prototypes and implementing their ideas.



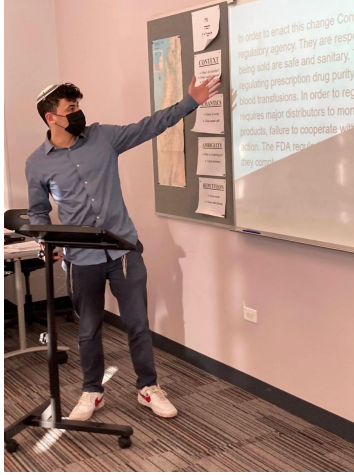
Ms. Sennett's Business Law Class

Students gave presentations on the importance of having clear, enforceable business regulations.

Students in Ms. Sennett's Business Law class gave presentations of regulatory agencies and clear standards.

Ms. Sennett explained: If an ad says four out of five dentists recommend a particular product, for instance, that has to be backed up by a meaningful study.

Senior Gavriel Engel (pictured left) explained that after muckraking journalist Upton Sinclair exposed horrific conditions



in food production, "Congress created the FDO as a regulatory agency. They are responsible to make sure that foods being sold are safe and sanitary."

Senior Laura Bellows (pictured right) illustrated how the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) prevents anti-competitive, deceptive and unfair business practices.

Laura invented a fictional case of a well-known product hypothetically making an untrue claim on its package, and discussed the ramifications and how this would be investigated by the FTC.



Launching ICJA Takes the Stage Preparations

This week, students signed up for ICJA Takes the Stage.

Over 70 ICJA girls signed up for "ICJA Takes the Stage" this Wednesday. The popular program - formerly called "ICJA Takes the Runway" - is returning this year IY"H after being cancelled last year due to Covid. A formal date is not yet chosen, but will likely be in the first week of April.

Students signed up to work on committees including music, dance, publicity and fashion. (It's not too later to sign up - if you'd like to get involved and missed the sign-up this week, contact Caroline Soffer at csoffer@icja.org.)



Seniors Dini Robinson and Laura Bellows are serving as ICJA Takes the Stage student chairs. ICJA alumna Talia Molotsky is joining us to direct and coordinate the project this year.

ICJA alumna and staff member Carolyn Soffer will managing the details, and ICJA mechanchot Mrs. Lynn Kraft and Mrs. Alyse Gold are also helping run the program.

Pictured left: Talia Molotsky with Seniors Tova Litwak and Shiri Kolom



Pictured above left: students signing up for different roles.



Pictured above right: Seniors Kayla Well, Yolie Starck, and Leora Lakser

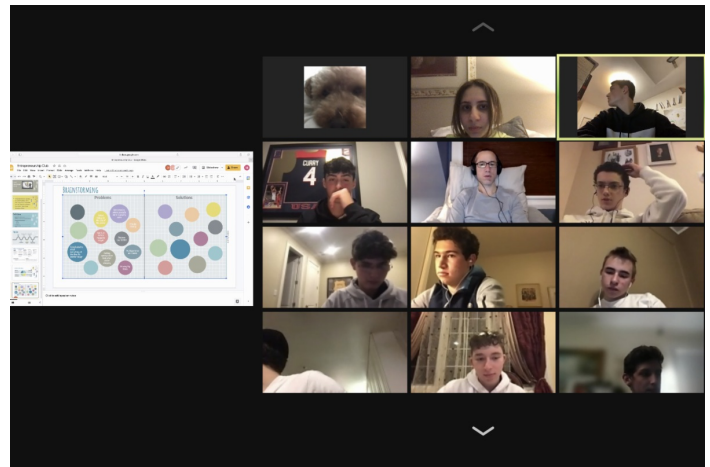
Entrepreneurship Club

The first meeting of ICJA's new Entrepreneurship Club drew twenty participants this week.

Juniors Ben Boyarsky, Matthew Schreiber, and Josh Kupietzky, co-chairs of Entrepreneurship Club, explained that ICJA students will learn from real world entrepreneurs.

"Students in the club) identify problems in their daily lives and the world and then find solutions that they turn into business ideas.

They then work on a business pitch in different groups to present before a panel of judges." - Ben Boyarsky

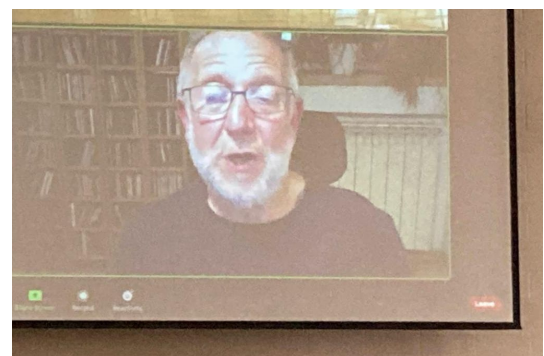


Yossi Klein Halevi Speaks to Senior MJH Classes

Enjoying a personal discussion with Israel's celebrated author

On Thursday, Rabbi Rosen's and Rabbi Simkovitch's Modern Jewish History (MJH) participated in a Zoom discussion with Israeli author Yossi Klein Halevi.

MJH students have recently read Halevi's *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* and asked him about the book.





Mr. Halevi explained that in college, ICJA students may encounter anti-Zionist narratives for the first time: he encouraged students to be educated and secure in their knowledge related to Israel and Zionism.

Student questions included how Halevi's book has been received by non-Orthodox Jewish communities (asked by Gavriel Engel) and how Jewish communities outside the United States have used the book differently from American audiences (asked by Eliyahu Malkin).

This Week's Learning Dedications

This week's sponsors included:

Monday, the 8th of Shevat, January 10, 2022, by the Landes Family, in loving memory of ICJA founder Rabbi Menahem B. Sacks, z"l.

Tuesday, the 9th of Shevat, January 11, 2022, by the ICJA Family, wishing a full and speedy recovery to Rabbi Michael A. Myers.

Friday, the 12th Shevat, January 14, 2022, by the Klein and Singer Families, in memory of Abraham Lerer, ז"ל, אברהם אריה בן מרדכי הלוי, to commemorate his upcoming yahrzeit on Tu B'Shevat.

For more information or to sponsor a day of learning, please contact our Director of Development, Deva Zwelling, at (773) 973-1450 ext. 115, or dzwelling@icja.org.

ICJA Spotlight: ICJA's Math Tutor, Jaeden Lee

Four days a week, from 5th period - 5pm, ICJA's math tutor can be found in the Math and Science Commons.

To help students get extra math help, ICJA ensures that a math tutor is available for help. We were caught up with this year's math tutor, Jaeden Lee.

Jaeden is available to work with any ICJA student who would like some extra help. His hours are Monday-Thursday, 5th Period - 5pm.

Where did you grow up? And where do you and your family live now?

I was born and raised in South Korea for about 9 years before my family immigrated to the States. I lived in Chicago and attended Jamieson Elementary School until 8th grade, then moved to Skokie, where I still live today, and attended Niles West High School until my graduation in 2016.



My dad is an engineer who works with cell phones and tablets and my mom handles the marketing/business side of my dad's company. I also have a younger brother who is currently a senior at School of Art Institute of Chicago.

Where did you go to college? What made you decide to be a tutor this year?

I attended Illinois Wesleyan University and graduated in 2020 with a Biochemistry degree.

I was drawn to tutoring this year, because of my experience as a chemistry tutor in college. I personally felt that teaching was the best form of learning, and it was also rewarding and satisfying to help others through material that I once also struggled with.

What is your favorite part of working at ICJA?

Tutoring at ICJA has been incredible! All the faculty members and students have been very welcoming since the beginning, and it's been a pleasure tutoring so far.

What are your plans for next year?

In the future, I hope to continue my education through either Medical School or Masters/PhD program, but I feel passionate about both so I'll have to make the difficult decision of picking one option. But for now, I'm just enjoying my gap year and I feel my decision will come naturally.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

When I'm not tutoring, I enjoy working out and training in mixed martial arts. I also like to play chess and violin during my free time and also go snowboarding on days off.

**Watch Home Games on the
Zaidy Robert Berezin z"l Court Cam**

Watch home games live-streamed on ICJA's Zaidy Robert Berezin, z"l Court Cam

The Zaidy Robert Berezin, z"l Court Cam, generously donated by the Schwartz family, allows ICJA fans to live-stream home games.

Upcoming Home Games include:

- Monday, January 17 - Boys JV Basketball play HRK at 6:15pm.
- Monday, January 17 - Boys Varsity play HRK at 7:45pm
- Tuesday, January 18 - Girls Varsity Basketball play Northshore Country Day at 5:30pm
- Wednesday, January 19 - Wrestling Intra-Squad match at 6pm.

Upcoming Away Games:

- Tuesday, January 18 - Girls JV Basketball play Regina at 6pm
- Wednesday, January 19 - Boys JV Basketball plays CICS Northshore at 5:30pm
- Wednesday, January 19 - Boys Varsity Basketball plays CICS Northshore at 7pm

School Events and Annoucements

ICJA's **Chess Tournament** is beginning **Wednesday, January 19**, and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 16. To sign up, click [here](#).



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questions

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Introducing ICJA Bar Association: a way for ICJA alumni who are lawyers to form informal connections.

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To join the ICJA Bar Association, please contact Howard Rosenberg, Esq. (ICJA '91) hrosenburg@ksrlaw.com

FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, YOU AND ALSO CONTACT DR. YVETTE MILLER, ICJA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, AT YMILLER@ICJA.ORG

ICJA ISRAEL CONNECT: Connecting ICJA Alumni in Israel

The first ICJA Israel Connect directory is out.

Over Chanukah, ICJA gave its Class of '21 alumni a Chanukah gift: a brand-new directory that lists ICJA alumni who live in Israel and have graciously offered to open their homes to recent ICJA '21 grads who are currently spending a gap year in Israel this year.

Thank you to the many alumni who have reached out to us, offering to host.

The directory was sent out to the emails of '21 grads that we have on file. If you have any questions or would like to update our contact information to help recent ICJA grads obtain a copy, please contact Dr. Yvette Miller, ICJA Director of Communications, at ymiller@icja.org.



INTRODUCING ICJA ISRAEL CONNECT

CONNECTING ICJA ALUMNI IN ISRAEL

ICJA ISRAEL CONNECT is a new program that will help ICJA alumni who are spending a gap year in Israel find a home away from home.

We're looking for ICJA alumni who are living in Israel and are willing to open their homes to host Shabbat and yomtov meals for recent ICJA grads on their gap years.

If you're interested in signing up to host, please contact Yvette Miller, ICJA Director of Communications, at ymiller@icja.org.

We are still taking submissions from alumni who are willing to host, to include in future copies of this directory.

Community Bulletins

There's still time to express yourself!

Enter the Pogrud Family Essay and Judaic Artwork Contests!

Deadline: Thursday, January 27, 2022

Use your creative skills to explore a Judaic topic via the written word or art.

- Eligible participants: 3rd – 12th grade students attending an ATT school
- Prize: \$50.00 check for each winner
- For essay / artwork rules and guidelines, , visit www.att.org → Student Programs or call ATT at 773-973-2828.



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POGRUD FAMILY Judaic Artwork Contest

PRIZE \$50.00
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GUIDELINES

- Eligibility: Students in grades 3-12 who attend an ATT school
- Maximum # of Entries: 1 Pogrud Family Judaic Artwork entry and 1 Pogrud Family Essay entry per student
- Written Essays may be submitted by:
MAIL: 3531 Madison Street, Skokie, IL 60076
EMAIL: pogrudfamilyessayatt@att.org
ONLINE: Go to <https://www.att.org/essay-contest/>
- Artwork should be hand delivered to the ATT at 3531 Madison Street, Skokie, IL 60076

SEE CONTEST RULES:

- Pogrud Family Essay Rules: Visit <https://www.att.org/essay-contest/>
- Pogrud Family Judaic Artwork Rules: Visit <https://www.att.org/judaic-artwork-contest/>

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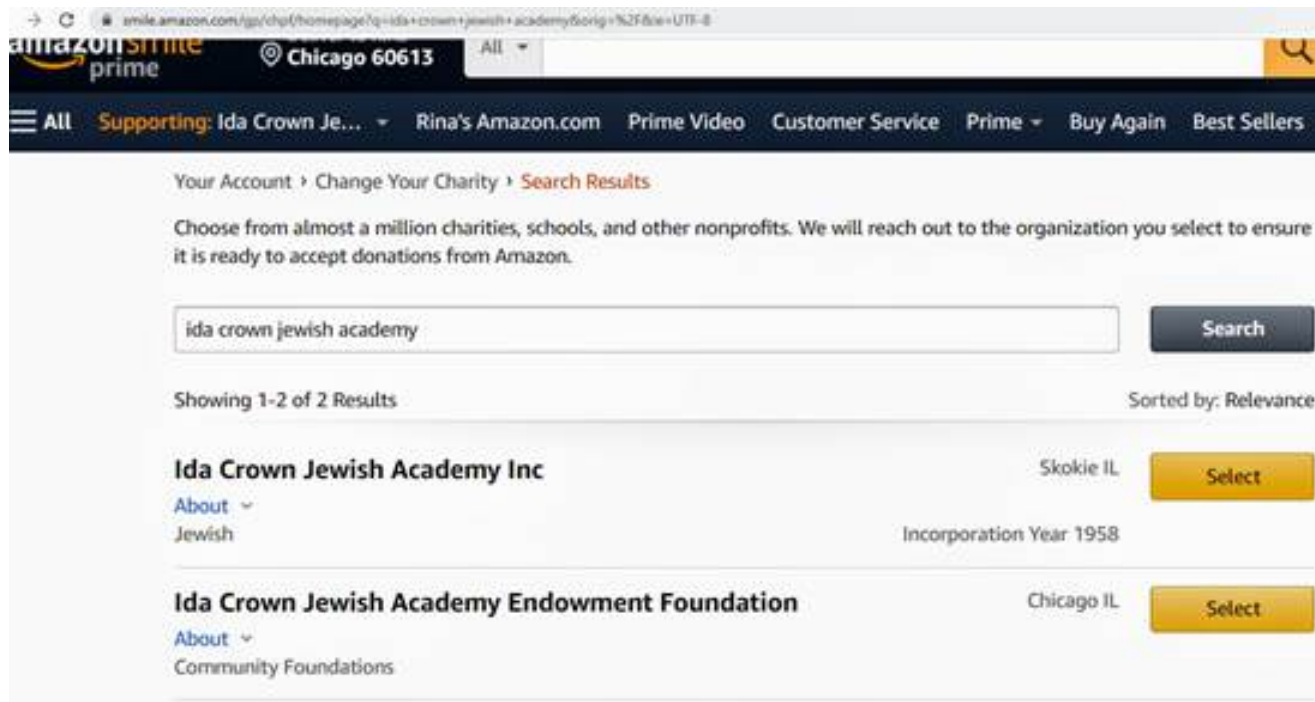
- To encourage students to do research in their preferred Judaic area of interest for written essay or on what chesed means to me for artwork
- To explain the relevance of Torah/chesed to all aspects of life
- To allow students the opportunity of strengthening their commitment to Judaism through writing and/or art
- To provide a platform for students to express their creativity using writing/art

DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
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