

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

The 2020-2021 Tzedek Grant Recipients

Founded in 2016, The Davis Academy Alumni Tzedek Grant recognizes and supports charitable initiatives by our graduates. These efforts exemplify The Davis Academy’s *menschlichkeit* values of *Tzedek*, a Hebrew word that means righteousness or justice. Open to high school and college-age alumni, the grant is an opportunity to advance the efforts of our alum who continue to carry our Davis values out into the world beyond their years at Davis. This year, we are proud to award 2021 Tzedek Grants to three outstanding recipients: **Zoe Bober**, '16, **Josh Isaacs** '18 and **Alon Rogow** '18.

Our Davis Academy alumni are making a positive impact wherever their journey takes them. This instinct amongst our alumni emerges from a place of L.O.V.E. Living Our Values Every day is emphasized at The Davis Academy with the belief that it creates a lifelong mindset instilled from a young age. The Davis Alumni Tzedek Grant is a special resource that we extend to help them continue to live these values. Grant recipients receive a financial grant as well as marketing and media support that shines a spotlight on their good work.

Josh Isaacs and **Alon Rogow** are two high school students who launched a pressure washing business last summer. They didn't just want to start a business to make money, they wanted to help make a difference in the world. They named their company Pressure Wish and identified the Make-A-Wish Foundation as their cause. "We thought the name was perfect because it's clear to others the work that we're doing, but it also highlights the charity that we are honoring." A portion of the sales that they earn

is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Over the summer they were able to donate \$500 to the cause and plan to continue this work throughout high school and in the summer when they return from college. They are passionate about their business because they feel good about the fact that they are working hard and making a difference in someone's life at the same time. "One of the important things we learned while we were at Davis was to be a good person and look out for others. This is part of the reason we decided to look at

our business in a different way. We wanted to figure out a meaningful way to give back."

Zoe Bober is a member of the sorority Alpha Chi Omega at Florida State University, and her sorority's philanthropy is Refuge House. The Refuge House provides services to victims and their families of sexual assault and domestic violence. Zoe and her sorority sisters also work to empower their own members by providing tools to build their own healthy relationships. Zoe









is passionate about this project because she cares about women's rights and supporting one another. Domestic abuse is on the rise due to COVID-19 and victims of domestic violence being locked in their homes, unaware that there is an escape. The impact Zoe hopes to make is to initiate domestic violence awareness which will allow the power to be taken away from the abusers and given to the powerless. By changing the statistics of abuse, the victims are given a voice

against their aggressors and get to take the power back that has been involuntarily taken from them.

As we follow our alumni along their journeys post-graduation, it brings us great joy to see the many ways that they live our values. With more than 1,000 alumni, The Davis Academy takes tremendous pride in knowing that our L.O.V.E. reaches far beyond the walls of our wonderful school. We wish a mazal tov to Zoe, Isaac and Josh as they join the list of previous recipients.



Past Tzedek Grant Recipients

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Nikki Berne
 Class of 2010
 Miracle Children
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Zoe Light
 Class of 2012
 Sustainability
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Emily Brothman
 Class of 2013
 Terps Against Hunger
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Jacob Cohen
 Class of 2013
 JAM Bowl
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Max Kamean
 Class of 2013
 JAM Bowl
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David Antonino
 Class of 2013
 Homelessness
- 
Max Rubenstein
 Class of 2014
 Game Givers
- 
Amalia Haviv
 Class of 2018
 Nutrition Education
- 
Maya Laufer
 Class of 2018
 Foster Care Support