

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

The 2019-2020 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* value of *Tzedek*, a Hebrew word which 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 2020 Tzedek Grants to two outstanding recipients: **Amalia Haviv ’18** and **Maya Laufer ’18**.

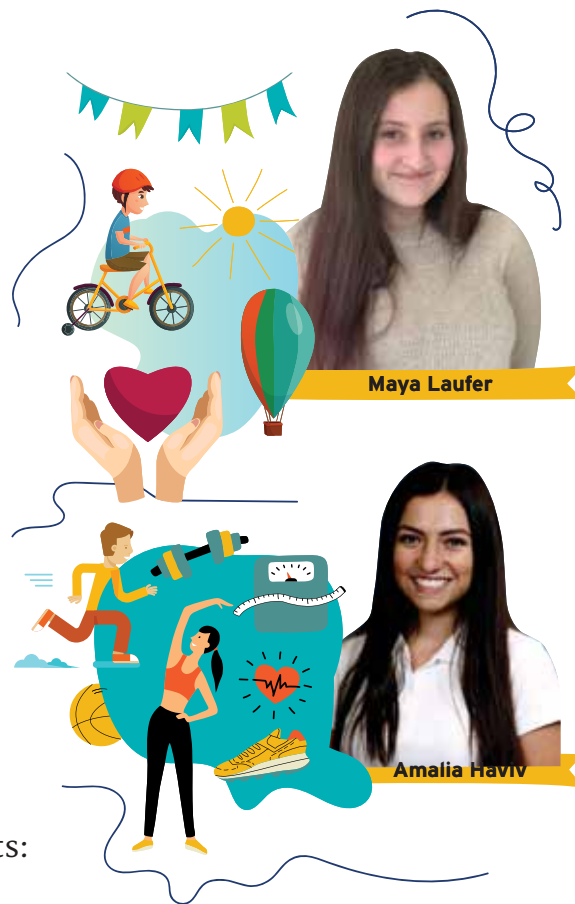
Our Davis Academy alumni are making a positive impact wherever their journey takes them. This instinct amongst our alumni emerges from a place of L.O.V.E. Living Our Values Every day is emphasized at The Davis Academy with the belief that it creates a lifelong mindset instilled from a young age, The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

Amalia Haviv is in the process of founding an organization called “Triple E.” As she explains, “Triple E’s mission is to bring education, exercise, and nutrition to low income middle schoolers in metro Atlanta through an after school program once every two weeks. In this after school program, we will have professional nutritionists

and trainers to work out with the kids and teach them about keeping a healthy lifestyle.” Explaining further, Haviv shares, “Triple E wants to see an increase in healthy BMI’s in our kids. Most importantly, we want to see a continuation of the kids living a healthy lifestyle after they graduate from our program. We hope we can influence them to continue to eat healthily and exercising the recommended amount.”

Maya Laufer is involved in an array of Tzedek activities. She has been awarded the Tzedek Grant to support her leadership role in the Dunwoody DECA Chick-fil-a Leader Academy. Laufer is disappointed that a project she had invested a lot of time and energy toward: a field day for foster children, had to be postponed due to COVID-19. Having said that, it is illuminating to hear about her passion for foster children. Laufer writes, “My grandparents were very passionate

about the foster care system. During their marriage they fostered about 150 kids and adopted five. I want to carry on their legacy by helping kids in the foster care system.” Laufer will use the grant funds to support her leadership within this organization.



Maya Laufer

Amalia Haviv

Past Recipients

Nikki Berne '10
Miracle Children

Zoe Light '12
Sustainability

Emily Brothman '13
Terps Against Hunger

Jacob Cohen '13
JAM Bowl

Max Kamean '13
JAM Bowl

David Antonino '13
Homelessness

Max Rubenstein '14
Game Givers