



# The Silver Academy

*Central PA's Jewish Day School*



"...and I have imbued him  
with the spirit of G-d,  
with wisdom, with insight,  
with knowledge, and  
with [talent for]  
all manner of  
craftsmanship."  
-Shemot 31: 2, 3

...ואמלא אותו רוח  
אלקים בחכמה ובתבונה  
ובדעת ובכל-מלאכה:

מסורה • TRADITION  
2018-2019 YEARBOOK



# a LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## To the 8th Grade Class of 2019:

As I write this message to the graduating Middle School students, I am reminded of the old adage that size doesn't matter. The graduating class of The Silver Academy is small in number but elite and outstanding in quality. Our two graduating students are prepared to continue their education armed with a superior general studies education as well as with an excellent Hebrew and Judaic education.

In a poem by Hayim Bialik, he describes the role of a Jewish day school as, "The laboratory for the creation of our nation's soul." The Silver Academy is much like a laboratory that daily, weekly, and monthly, engages its students academically while at the same time blending together the values of Judaism with a solid, state-of-the-art general studies education. Every day we ignite the spiritual sparks within our students. We foster each of our students' religious growth and Middot (virtues) through the study of Torah, a commitment to Mitzvot and through acts of Chesed (kindness). Our entire school is inculcated with a love for and appreciation of the People of Israel and the State of Israel. Our graduating students are ready to pursue high school and meet any challenge with knowledge and understanding.

Thank you so much for being part of The Silver Academy. May you continue to shine in the classroom, at home, and everywhere you go.

Mazel Toy,

*Debra S. Freeburn*

Head of School

## a HUGE THANK YOU

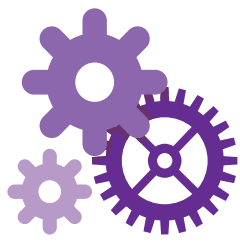
To everyone who helped create this yearbook!

Our student yearbook committee (Elez, Ben, Moshe, Uriel, and Josh) for working diligently to select photos and bring a new level of creativity to the yearbook.

- Teachers and parents who provided wonderful photos throughout the year
- Top-notch proofreader Amy Guilmette
- Tammy Reid for creating a one-of-a-kind yearbook cover and page designs
- Families, businesses, faculty and staff, who supported the yearbook by purchasing advertisements

*Gail Rebuck*

Yearbook Coordinator



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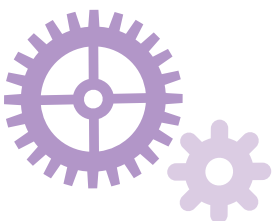
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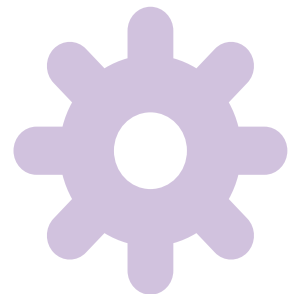
Dr. George Schmidt



Samara Sofian



Jessica Wenzelburger









# GANEINU

## OUR FAVORITE THINGS:



**Abigail** (מיכלה)

I like working on our alef - bet books.

**Daniel** (דניאל)

I like to learn about the alef - bet.

**Gerson** (חיים)

I like the Torah parade.

**Kaitlyn** (חיה)

I like doing our mitzvah chain because  
I like when it is my turn to talk and nobody else's.

**Logan** (מלכה)

I like to play with the blue moose.

**Mason** (שמואל)

I like that we don't have to take naps!

**Reuben** (ראובן)

I like color mixing.



Mason Friedman, Gerson Hervitz, Logan Birch, Abigail Flategraff, Rona Peiffer, Kaitlyn Davidheiser, Reuben Levine, Daniel Rubin, Morah Tamara (Tammy Reid)







# KINDERGARTEN



## OUR FAVORITE THINGS:

**Ariana** - My favorite classes are Computer and Science.; I like Kid Writing.

**Elan** - I like playing capture the flag at recess.

**Ezra** - I like Science and Computer Class.; I like fun days like the Purim carnival.

**Grace** - I like Computer, Science, Gym and Art class. I like reading with Mrs. Carpenter and making Hebrew letters.

**Henry** - I like Math and Kid Writing.; I liked the Chanukah bazaar.

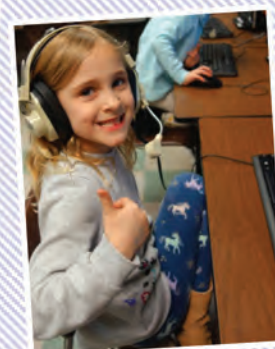
**Mena** - I like Science, Music and Computer Class.; I like doing art projects.

**Orly** - I like Science, Math, Hebrew and reading with Mrs. Carpenter.; I liked dressing up as an elephant for Spirit Week.



Mrs. Kate Carpenter, Grace Novak, Emma Shanken, Henry Halper, Mena Anthony, Orly Sofian, Ariana Gevers, Ezra Bohn, Elan Elbert







# 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> Grades

## OUR FAVORITE THINGS:

**Bianca** - Race for Education; Art Class; Pajama Day...I felt comfortable all day!

**Eli** - Playing with Ozobots in Computer Class; Dressing up as Dracula for Favorite Book Character Day

**Evyn** - Dressing up for Purim as a unicorn; Crazy Hair Day and Pajama Day; Computer Class

**Geffen** - Playing games at the Purim carnival; Being with Evyn everyday; Doing a science experiment with balloons on the playground

**Isabelle** - Art Class; Doing Wixie projects in Computer Class; Being in the Pesach play

**Jane** - Being in the play Peter Pan; Learning the Chanukah story...It's really a cool story!; Turning three scribbles into a picture and then everyone trying to guess the picture

**McKenna** - Learning about the Rainforest in Mrs. Hurley's class; Coding in Computer Class; Looking at germs through the microscope in Science Class

**Noah** - Doing robots in Computer Class; Watching Peter Pan in Music Club

**Vinnie** - Gym Class; Robots in Computer Class

**Yael** - Art Class; I like everything about Mrs. Hurley's class!; Science and Computer Class

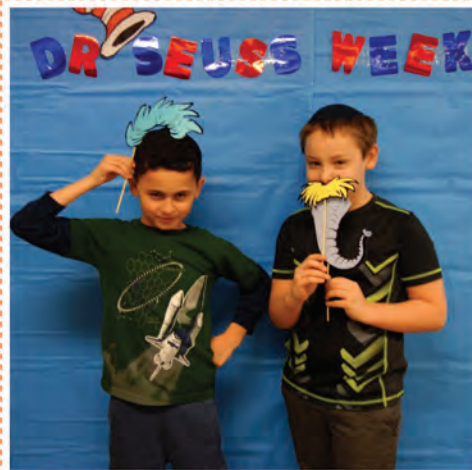
**Yonatan** - Pajama Day; Riding the rides at Hershey Park

**Ziva** - I like everything at school!



1st Row: Mrs. Brandy Hurley, Yonatan Shanken, Evyn Harringer,  
Isabelle Schaefer, Geffen Slonimisky, Eli Novak, Ziva Sofian;  
2nd Row: McKenna Konowitch, Vincent Graeff, Noah Rubin, Yael Pavolotzky,  
Jane Halper, Mrs. Alla Fligelman (missing: Bianca Smigel)







# 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Grades



## OUR FAVORITE THINGS:

**Adam** - Being with friends at school; Playing Dodgeball in Gym Class; Doing a book report on the "BFG"; Math Class

**Alexa** - Meeting Rabbi G. and Miss Romano in our first classes; Pajama Day; Making hamantaschen with Morah Tamara

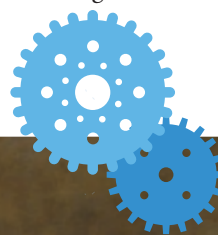
**Avi** - My friends at school; Gym Class, Robots and typing in Computer Class

**C'nai** - The Peter Pan play; Performing in the Celebration of Light and Learning; Field Day

**Michael** - Playing baseball with Adam at Recess; Wearing a tutu during Spirit Week; Using Ozobots in Computer Class

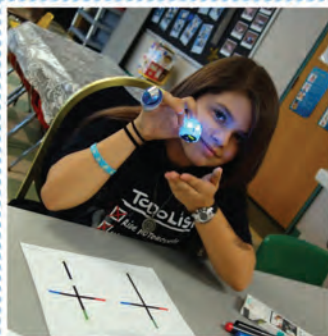
**Rena** - Singing a solo in the Peter Pan play; The continents project with Mrs. W.; Performing songs and plays at Purim

**Rotem** - I like gym class outside, math class and Mrs. Wenzelburger's class. I like the lunch food and ice cream.



1st Row: Avi Harringer, Rena Cheskis, C'nai Zecharya, Michael Beck, Alexa Kushner, Adam Brodsky;  
2nd Row: Mrs. Susan Gaughan, Mrs. Alla Fligelman, Rabbi Yosef Gewirtz, Mrs. Jessica Wenzelburger,  
Mrs. Jane Dalton (missing: Rotem Gez)







# 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> Grades

## WE WILL NEVER FORGET:

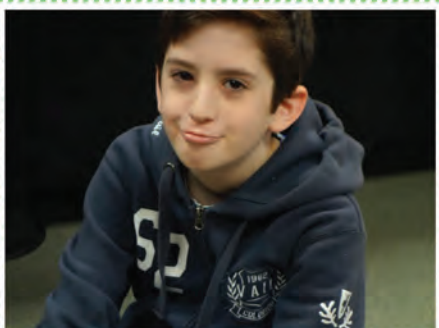
Dissecting Worms • Hero's Journey Movie Project • Reading "Hatchet" • Singing "Old Town Road", and seeing Mrs. Wenzelburger's reaction • Researching multidimensional objects • Playing Oregon Trail in Social Studies Class • Playing the studying game in Social Studies • Coding in Computer Class and working with Ozobots • Performing the Midas Reader's Theater play • "Can we get an R.I.P. in the chat please?" • Yom Ha'Atzmaut party • Hearing Rabbi G's puns everyday • Designing Graffiti in Art Class

• Writing "Mission Catastrophe" stories about how the world ends • Studying Greek mythology stories • Making Hamantaschen for Purim • Creating moves to go along with a song in Music Class



1st Row: Mrs. Susan Gaughan, Ariella Jackson, Meital Pavolotzky, Marley Johnson-Cazier, Elle Beck, Selena Steinberg, Sasha Tsimmerman, Mrs. Jane Dalton;  
2nd Row: Rabbi Yosef Gewirtz, Nadav Sofian, Yaakov Reid, Gilad Goldman, Abie Schertz, Mrs. Alla Fligelman, Mrs. Jessica Wenzelburger









# 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grades



## OUR FAVORITE THINGS:

Going to Israel! Some special memories from the trip: Cats were everywhere trying to steal our food; Rafting and trying not to capsized; Friends from everywhere...Alon, Coach, Meir, Adam; Beautiful sunset at Rosh Hanikra

Dr. Seuss dress up days are memorable!

Doing a choreographed rap during the Light and Learning Celebration to The Jewish parody remix of "In My Feelings", by Drake

Science Fair and the feeling of accomplishment

Everything about Color Wars was fun!

Making the world map in Social Studies

"Rabbi G., can we go to the gym?"



1st Row: Uriel Pavolotzky, Elez Bell, Joshua Jackson, Ben Shvartsman, Moshe Schertz  
2nd Row: Mrs. Susan Gaughan, Mrs. Alla Fligelman, Rabbi Yosef Gewirtz, Mrs. Jane Dalton



# JEWISH HOLIDAYS...



*Sukkot at Hershey Park*



*Eating the Shiv'at Ha'minim during our Tu B'shvat Seder*



*Blowing the shofar to prepare for the new year*



*Lunch in the Sukkah! Students had fun making and hanging decorations.*





# ...AND CELEBRATIONS



*Reading Megilat Esther lets us have fun with groggers and do mitzvot!*



*Kabbalat Shabbat... a fun way to have our own monthly Shabbat practice*



*Making Hamantashen!*



*We celebrate Chanukah in the JCC Rotunda and at the Light and Learning Celebration*





# SPRINGTIME JEWISH FUN!

*Model Seders for all ages*



*I found the Afikomen!*

*We all loved the games at the student-run Purim Carnival!*





## Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration with Flags, Songs and Dance



## Yom Hazikaron



## Monthly Rosh Chodesh Projects





# extra SPECIAL FUN Days



DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY



SPIRIT WEEK



THE HEAT SOCCER GAME

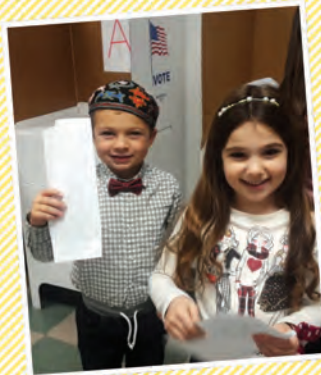


FIELD TRIP TO FORT HUNTER





## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION DAY



## SPECIAL PERSON DAY



## MITZVAH DAY— LOTS OF GREAT PROJECTS !



## STUDENTS COLLECTED ABOUT 1,000 BOOKS FOR DONATION!



Alexa donated  
her hair for wigs!



# SPECIAL CLASSES

## SCIENCE



## ETHICS



## ART





## COMPUTER



## MUSIC



## Lag B'omer Field Day & Race for Education





# STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council Officers: President, Josh Jackson; VP, Sasha Tsimmerman; Secretary, Gilad Goldman; Treasurer, Moshe Schertz

## PAJAMA DAY



## CHANUKAH ACTIVITIES



## CAREER DAY



# COMPETITORS

## SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS



**Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair Winners:**  
Josh Jackson, 1st place, and nominated for the 2019 Broadcom Masters Award; Elez Bell, 2nd place; Benjamin Shvartsman, 2nd place and special awards - The Harrisburg Chapter of the PA Society for Professional Engineers Award and The American Society of Civil Engineers Central PA Award; Uriel Pavolotzky, 2nd place; Moshe Schertz, Honorable Mention

## JCC SWIM TEAM



## MATH 24 WINNERS





# Is He an Imposter?

Mr. Tony has asked the yearbook committee to warn students to be on the lookout for imposters. If you see...



Mrs. Dalton missing the trash can 3 times in row



Josh missing a Basketball shot



Mrs. Gaughan taking down her frogs



Meital yelling



Elez getting stumped on a Math 24 card



Rabbi G. singing 'We Are Family'



Mrs. Hurley giving a lot of homework



... report them to Mr. Tony right away!



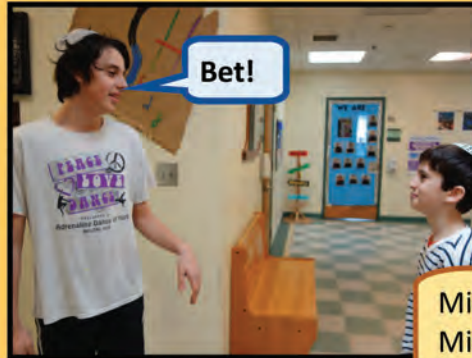
# WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?

Have a donderful way!



See you  
toooooooooomorrow!

Bet!



Mishe Mishe Mishe  
Mishe...



Did you credit the  
author?"



You know what happens  
when you assume...



Yeet!



# YOU'VE BEEN PIXELATED!

Can tell who these  
students are?

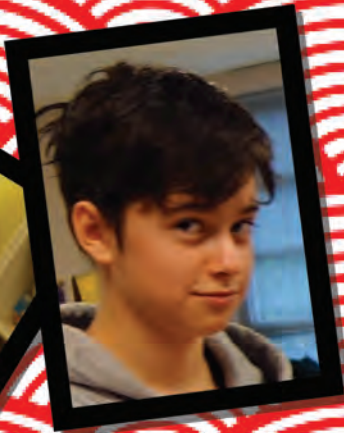
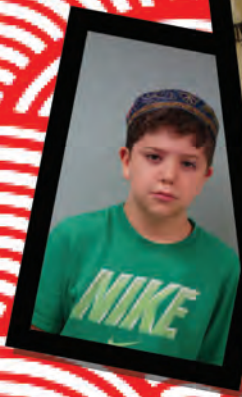




# THEN - VS - NOW



*Wow.. We have grown!*



*Can you tell which one is this year?*







# ISRAEL

"It was amazing to be a part of the transition between *Yom Hazikaron* and *Yom Ha'atzmaut* on Ben Yehuda street in Jerusalem. Ordering from a Kosher McDonalds at 10:15pm was the highlight of Ben Yehuda street." -Josh

"It was nice volunteering at Leket, and picking 2.4 tons of kohlrabi, which would go to people who don't have food. Also, it was meaningful having *Kabbalat Shabbat* at the Kotel." -Uriel

"It was interesting to see the Statue of Faith, which was built before modern day Tel Aviv. It's message is that anything is possible when you have faith in Hashem. When you look between the two pillars, you see Tel Aviv, which shows its message came true." -Elez

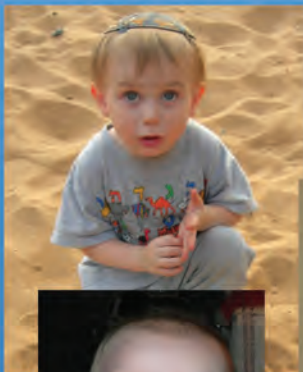
"Comparing stories with geological artifacts, to find what actually happened at Masada was memorable. According to the artifacts, we learned that the defenders of Masada retreated multiple times before being defeated." -Moshe

"I enjoyed going to the *Yom Ha'atzmaut* barbecue and meeting tons of new friends. In addition, as a good bye celebration, we went on a disco boat and listened to the music and danced." -Ben





# Elez Yosef



How can someone who started out so tiny loom so large in so many lives?

We are so proud of you and the mensch you have become. You uplift those around you with your smile, your voice, your listening ear and your sensitive soul. Your thirst for knowledge is only surpassed by your joy at sharing your discoveries with others. Including all Dveykus songs...

You have excelled in the classroom and out: in Math 24, science fair, your Cadena project and adventure in Mexico City, and your performances on stage. You have shown care for others in school and out, running supply drives for Jewish Family Services and for Caitlin Smiles, cleaning shuls and shoveling snow for neighbors. You light up at the idea of helping someone, whether hosting them for a שבת meal or visiting someone who is ill.

Your years at The Silver Academy have inculcated you with a strong understanding of midot. You exemplify the teaching in our tradition : הלומד מכל אדם ואיזה הוא חכם?

Who is wise? The one who learns from all people (no matter how big or small:).

May you continue to learn and grow. We are grateful to ה' that we have the opportunity to learn from you and love you.

All our love - Ema and Aba



I have been going to the Rabbi David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy for 9 years and have many good memories. I remember Kid Writing in Kindergarten, Ariot in 1st and 2nd grade, multiplication tests in 3rd grade, learning Chumash over hot chocolate in 4th grade, dissecting worms and frogs in 5th grade, going on the Mishna Club field trip in 6th grade, Science Fair in 7th grade, and this year's Israel Trip. I will miss the school and all its teachers.

- Elez Bell





# Joshua Jackson

My time at the Silver Academy was so much fun. I will miss the amazing times I had here with all my friends and great teachers. There are so many events that make the school a fun place, like field day and career day. I will miss all the exciting times and hope to keep in touch with my friends. I have only been here for four years, but it is still the best memory that I have of school. Therefore,

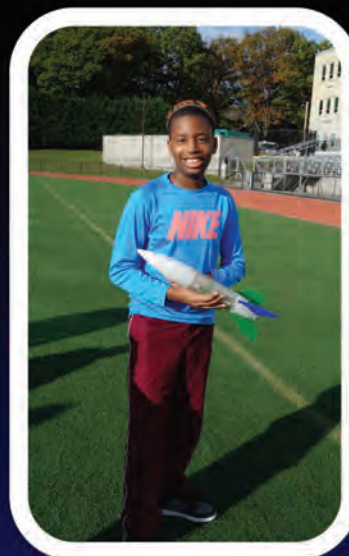
Silver Academy is my childhood. It is sad to leave, but it has definitely prepared me for the road ahead and my future. Thank you to my parents for helping me throughout the years as well as my grandparents. So long Silver.

- Josh

We would first like to extend our highest gratitude to the teachers and faculty at Silver Academy, you were instrumental in partnering with us to ensure that Joshua remained on track and that he always put his best foot forward. We can't be any more proud of Josh than you are - he came, he saw and he conquered. You have the best teachers in Pennsylvania and it clearly shows.

Joshua, we can't help but call you our little Josh, but the truth is you are a young man now. Do not take this day lightly, for what you have achieved here will propel you into the next stages of your life. Some of which will challenge you, make you mad, even make you sad, but keep your head up and remember that mom and I will always be here to lift you up. The many hours of "study time" at times seemed to be a waste of time, but it prepared you for this wonderful day. A day that makes us proud of you, because it is not just this moment that make us smile and sometimes cry, but it was every little moment that we are privileged to be with you. We witnessed your championship while at Hebrew Academy but since being at Silver, you have carried that success with you. We love you when you miss, we love you when you score, but most of all we just love the young man you have become. We are super duper, proud of you and we eagerly look forward to witnessing your journey into high school and beyond. Remember to "Fail Big and Fall Forward" don't be afraid to be different, dream big and do what your heart desire. Hard work, works and you have proven that time and time again. Congratulations son!

- Will, Maly, and Ariella





**Dear Elez Y. Onion,**

Mazal Tov on passing through approximately half the  
years of your schooling! I bequeath you a shrubbery.

-Chaim L. Y. Onion





## Our Dearest Marley

You are a precious blessing with your boundless creativity, intelligence and talent. Our fondest wish is for you to happily, confidently use all your gifts to make the world a better place. You will be successful! We trust you will work hard, be courageous and remember to be a valuable community member. There's no limit to what you can achieve, Marley. Please keep being curious, and never stop learning. Your accomplishments are thrilling. You do such amazing things and your light shines so brightly!

All our love forever, and behind you all the way, your very very proud.

*Mom and Grammy*



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*McKenna,*

Congratulations on a  
successful year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

We are so proud of you and  
love you very much.

*Mommy, Daddy,*

*Grace, and Rainbow*

**Mazel tov!**

**to Shulameit**  
and all her classmates from





VINNIE, YOU'RE AWESOME!  
Second grade was another great year...  
Look how you've grown!



*Vinnie*

We love you!  
Mom, Dad and Marcus

**MAZEL  
TOV**

on a wonderful  
school year!

Thank you to all our  
amazing teachers and staff.

*The Sofian Family  
Josh, Samar,  
Nadav, Ziva and Orly*

Have a great  
summer!



*McKenna,*

Congratulations on another great  
year at The Silver Academy. So  
very proud of you.

Love,  
*Mo*



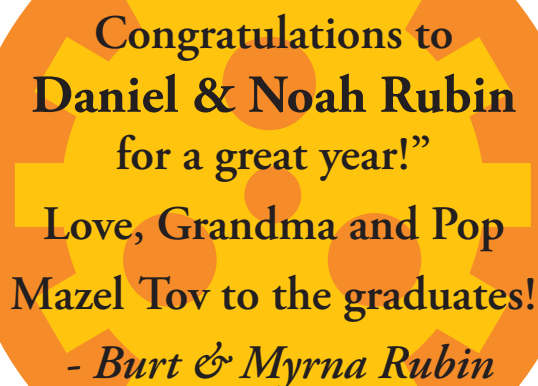




Thank you to the  
faculty and staff  
for a wonderful year!  
*The Konowitch Family*



MAZEL TOV  
*Isabelle*  
WE ARE PROUD OF THE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU'VE  
HAD THIS YEAR.  
WITH LOVE,  
MOMMY, DADDY, & ARI



Congratulations to  
**Daniel & Noah Rubin**  
for a great year!"  
Love, Grandma and Pop  
Mazel Tov to the graduates!  
- *Burt & Myrna Rubin*

## OUR SINCERE THANKS

to those who through their vision,  
generosity, and hard work, created  
and sustained The Silver Academy.

We are grateful for

- the extraordinary faculty and staff
  - the daily exercise in mind,  
body, and soul
  - being part of  
The Silver Academy family

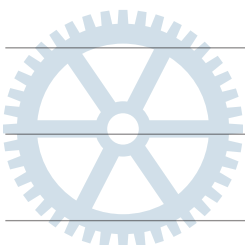
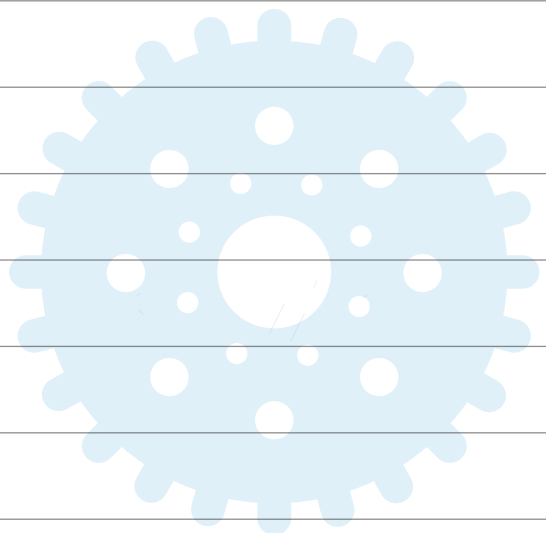
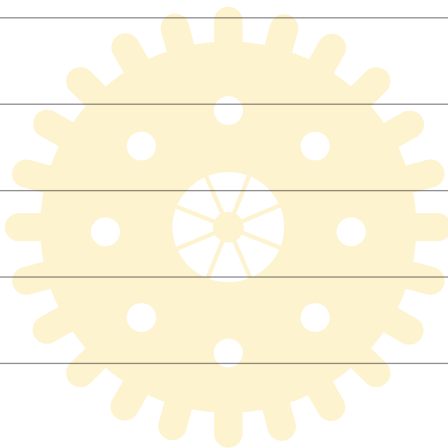
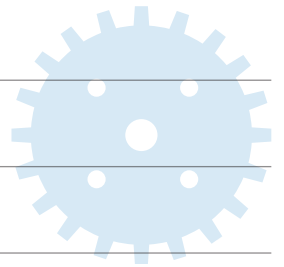
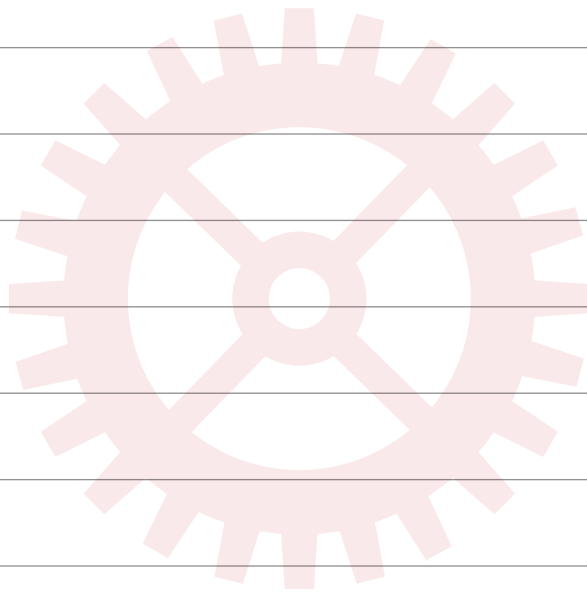
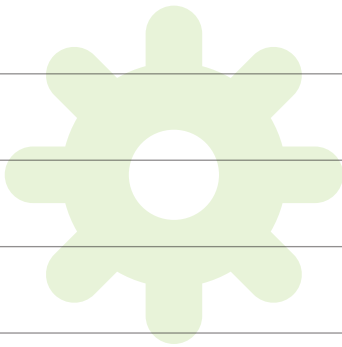
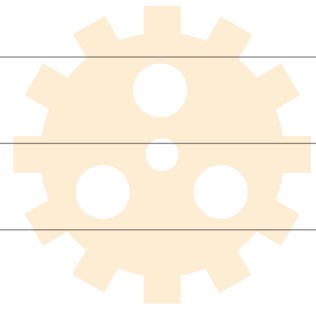
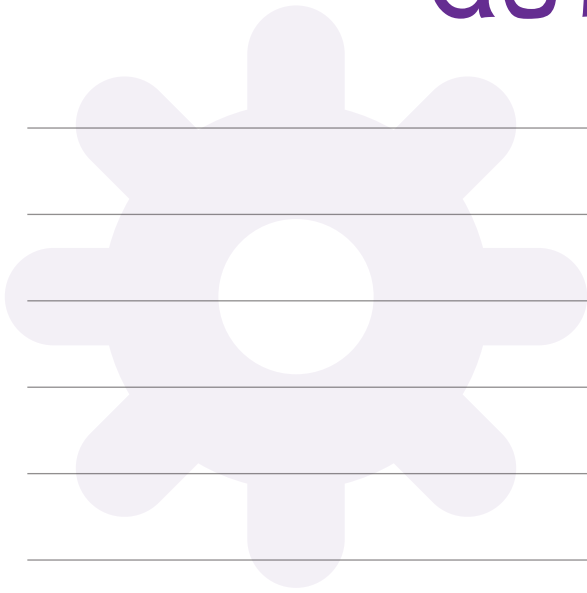
Wishing The Silver Academy many  
more years of success! Looking  
forward to many more years of  
learning from and being inspired by  
Silver's wonderful students!

Love,  
*the Engelman-Bells*





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