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Bonnie Tenenbaum, grandmother of former JCDS student, **Abigail (Abi) Tenenbaum ('16)** passed away just after her 76th birthday on October 15, 2020 after a long illness. However, her legacy and impact on education both within the Jewish world and beyond, including on JCDS, lives on.

Her deep love of education, ardent support of Jewish day schools, life-long commitment to Judaism, and profound appreciation of math, science, and technology are the essence of why *The Bonnie Tenenbaum Memorial Fund* was established lovingly in Bonnie's name.


Bonnie was never one to toot her own horn so many of us never knew of the many contributions she made or the numerous honors she received. Abi reflected, *"After she passed away, when I learned so much about her past life I didn't know, I came to appreciate all that she did for the future in setting up all these structures that are investments in education and in my generation."*

JCDS founder **Arnee Winshall** and Bonnie shared a passion for progressive, pluralist, engaging, and meaningful Jewish education. Who could have imagined that, as a result of **Walt Winshall** and **Marty Tenenbaum** attending a business meeting together one morning in 2007, Arnee, Bonnie, and Marty would end up meeting, in person, at JCDS where they were attending Abi's in-school birthday party and that a beautiful friendship would form that additionally would lead to Bonnie's help in developing a cutting edge academic program right here in the halls where they met 14 years ago!

To continue kindling the memory of this most extraordinary woman, philanthropist, and dear friend of our school, we have gone beyond the curricular aspects of the aforementioned areas about which Bonnie was so passionate, creating **JSTREAM**, an innovative, cutting edge K-8 program incorporating **J**udaics, **S**cience, **T**echnology, **R**eadings, **E**ngineering, **A**rt and **M**ath which the *The Bonnie Tenenbaum Memorial Fund* will help to flourish and grow.

STEM is a popular acronym describing curriculum involving science, technology, engineering, and math, but at JCDS, we have added a few more letters! The **J** is for Judaism, as we intentionally wish our students, from a very young age, to understand and experience the connections between our Jewish tradition and the secular subjects they learn in the classroom. The **R**, for reading, incorporates further information gained from text and literature, and of course the **A** for art which, in this wonderful program, will allow creativity to thrive through technology.

This fall, JCDS is introducing JSTREAM programming to match the pulse of our teaching practices, the soul of our school, and the ever-present creativity of our children. Beginning with grades K-5, we hope to expand our program into the middle school in the 2022-2023 school year. Our JSTREAM program will honor and support the curiosities of students and challenge all learners. Through active engagement in JSTREAM projects, K-8 students will build academic strengths, collaborative skills, growth mindsets, and technological proficiency.

Bonnie's influence continues to inspire us and through this fund will support JCDS' ability to innovate. May her memory continue to be of a blessing. 

## THE BONNIE TENENBAUM MEMORIAL FUND

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אביבה ברכה טננבאום



**ARLENE "BONNIE"  
TENENBAUM z"l  
1944-2020**

**BELOW:** This year's Sukkot, the harvest festival, a holiday filled with imagery, ritual rejoicing, and thanking God for the completed harvest, brought new meaning to our 8th grade class as they were able to harvest the fruit of their labor on Sukkot after planting seeds in the JCDS garden when they were in 7th grade! This is an apt and timely example of JCDS' new JSTREAM program.

