

CJDS Welcomes This Year's *Shinshinim*: Ben, Naor, Neta & Shai!



The shinshinim are young Israelis who recently graduated from high school and are taking a gap year before they begin their national service. They serve as ambassadors to the state of Israel and celebrate the close bond American Jews have with Israel. They come to different cities throughout the US to with with children and connect to Jewish communities, celebrating our shared culture while also enhancing our connection to Israel and the Hebrew language. This year, the Chicagoland area welcome 13 shinshinim and CJDS is hosting 4 of them. This is the 5th year Chicago Jewish Day School has participated in this program.

The shinshinim are hosted by school families so they also become part of the fabric of our community and through shared experiences, our students learn Israel is an incredible and complex country with a diverse population and a rich history.

One Week with Our *Shinshinim!*



It's only been a few days, but **Ben, Naor, Neta,** and **Shai** have made their mark on our CJDS. Their energy, creativity, and enthusiasm can be heard and felt all around campus. Pictured above are just a few of the highlights from the week!
