



*Temple Beth Shalom*

*Adam Kamberg*

Adam Kamberg is a junior at Wheatley High School. Adam has been a part of the Temple Beth Shalom community since attending nursery school. Adam attended religious school as well as currently being a part of Makom. Last year he participated in the Adopt a Survivor program where he was given an opportunity to develop a relationship with a Holocaust survivor. He has spent the last 3 years as a Madrichim in the religious school assisting the classroom teachers on Sunday mornings. Adam enjoys his Sunday mornings because he knows he helping children to learn, explore curiosities, grow and have fun. All qualities that he himself has enjoyed throughout his childhood.

In the summer of 2017 Adam spent four weeks in Costa Rica. The program included helping to run a day camp, building homes for those in need, working on community improvements such as beautifying homes, building a greenhouse for a school and planting trees to rejuvenate the area. Adam best memory from that summer was developing a strong connection with children in the day camp.

Adam is an active participate in his high school. He is part of a unique program developed at Wheatley known as School Within a School (SWS) where students not only learn through literature and writing but are active participants in the school community. Students have the opportunity to teach to their fellow students, learning how to prepare, present and engage others. He is member of the Spanish Club as well as the ICU (Inter Cultural Unity ) Club which helped to organize a yearly school wide celebration. Adam plays percussion in the symphonic band as well as the stage band (which is an extracurricular club ) at his high school. Adam has participated in intramural basketball, cross county track and played on the JV baseball team his freshman and sophomore years. He really enjoys being part of a team.

Adam is a avid METS fan as well as huge baseball fan in general. He has always enjoyed going to games with his Grandfather (may he rest in peace), father, and many friends. His favorite activity is autograph signing of which he is an avid collector, allowing the opportunity to engage in conversations with some of his favorite players. He also loves to help younger children learn the skills of baseball.

When Adam is not traveling during his summer breaks he spends his summers as a camp counselor at Camp Jacobson Day Camp. There he is doing what he loves everyday with children within a Jewish learning community.

When Adam is not doing schoolwork, he enjoys watching football or baseball.

Adam has begun the process of looking for the right college. As a result of his past participation in BBYO, Adam has enjoyed engaging in activities that connect him to his Jewish heritage. Adam will continue his Jewish life through local Hillel and Chabad organizations on whichever campus he ends up on.

With all that Adam does, he continues to always find time to be with his family. Adam always makes sure he is around for family meals, makes time to teach his Grandmother how to FaceTime or to help his mother around the house with basic chores.

We are so very proud of Adam and we know he is honored to receive this very special award.