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Schechter Manhattan is an environment where we learn both through classroom learning and hands on experiences. This results in us creating a community where we can depend on each other and learn from each other. Menschlichkeit and collaboration are important values to Schechter Manhattan and they strengthen our close community that we are a part of. It is important that everyone feels welcome, comfortable, and supported by the teachers, students and families. The older students understand that they are role models for the younger students and develop relationships with them. The relationships students develop with their teachers are also important and influence the way they feel and learn at Schechter Manhattan. Teachers support and genuinely care about their student's lives, in and out of school.

Shirah b'tzibur is one example of how the whole school comes together as a community. Every month on rosh chodesh, we all gather together in the Ulam and sing together for 15 minutes. It is something we all look forward to and enjoy. We are so excited to sit with the younger kids and sing our hearts out. It is amazing to see kids and teachers singing together. It unites us as a school community and makes everyone feel good. As we graduate and move on to high school, Shirah b'tzibur is one of the many things we are going to miss. Schechter Manhattan has and will always be our community, and we will treasure the relationships we have formed in our years there.