25 Years In Review

1989

Several Jewish families were interested in establishing a high quality Jewish day school for their children. They approached the Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School in North Miami Beach about opening a branch of their school in Boca Raton. After months of hard work, their efforts paid off, and in September 1989 the Boca Raton Community Day School opened its doors with 42 students.

As the school grew, it became evident that responsibilities for the school needed to be community based. It was decided that the school could most efficiently be pursued as an independent entity, and so Hillel Day School of Boca Raton was born.

Bank to finance construction

Hillel Day School of Boca Raton recently closed on its loan with 1st United Bank in Boca Raton. This $4 million partnership will allow for the construction of a brand new, state-of-the-art campus in west Boca Raton.

The new campus will serve students in pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade.

"As the world gets ready for the 21st century, Hillel is getting ready to meet the educational challenges of that century in a new building with a renewed sense of spirit," said Rabbi Tsvi ICilstein, Hillel Day School's Headmaster.

This same feeling of excitement and anticipation of the new campus came from bank officials as the loan documents were signed.

"From the first moment we heard about the project, we were proud to be financing something so important to the community – especially for the children," said Ward Kellogg, Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer for 1st United Bank.

Debra Michaud, President of Hillel Day School of Boca Raton signed the loan documents. Among those also in attendance from the school were: Rabbi Tsvi Kilstein, headmaster; executive committee members Howard DuBosar, ICen Esrig, Ted Struhl and Mitchell Shadowitz; PTA co-president Robin Isaacson and school legal counsel Arvin Jaffe.

The Hillel Day School of Boca Raton will commence the 1998-99 school year on a brand new campus located adjacent to the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. This has been made possible through the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations.

For more information about the Capital Campaign, please contact Elise Dolgow, Capital Campaign Coordinator at 392-3788. For information about Hillel, please call the school office at 392-3788. □

Ted Struhl, Debra Michaud and Arvin Jaffee

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1995

A $7 million Capital Campaign was initiated to build a permanent home to accommodate the expansion and superior educational opportunities serving students in pre-K through the eighth grade.

1997

March 16, 1997 – Groundbreaking for the new campus

1998

The school officially opens on its beautiful 15-acre campus

25 Years In Review

2000

March 22, 2000 - A Campus Dedication Chanukat Habayit takes place in honor of the school's Capital Campaign donors

2006-2007

2006 - The campus is officially named the Milton B. Katz Campus

February 19, 2006 - The Haar Athletic Fields are dedicated and the school celebrates its Chai Anniversary

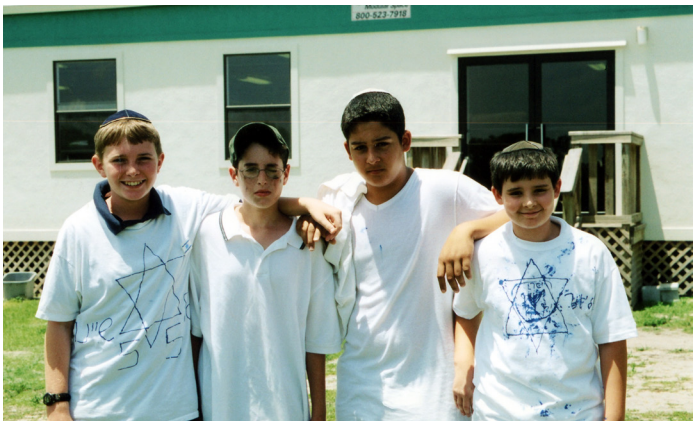
25 Years In Review

2009

The new Gymnasium opens, the Hillel Hornets change their name to the Hillel Lions, and the Girls Basketball team brings home Hillel's first championship trophy

2010 - 2011

During the summer of 2010 the "Annex" is destroyed and the new Middle School opens in September 2011



August 2011 - Saba's Bus begins transportation services for HDS students in Boca Raton and Boynton Beach

25 Years In Review

2012

March 1, 2012 – The Middle School Dedication and Chanukat Habayit, co-sponsored by Israel Bonds, takes place

September 23, 2012 – Aunt Jessie's Playground Opens for Play

Over the past 25 years, Hillel Day School of Boca Raton has grown tremendously and currently serves over 480 students from age 2 through 8th grade.

25 Years In Review

Presidents

1989-1994: Brad Cohen
1994-1996: Ellen Channing & Linda Levy
1996-1998: Debra Michaud
1998-2000: Elise Dolgow
2000-2003: Howard DuBosar
2003-2006: Hindy Rubin, Psy. D.
2006-Present: Daniel J. Katz

Heads of School

'94-'95/'95-'96: Rabbi Irwin H. Schwartz, Principal
'96-'97: Rabbi Jay Neufeld, Principal Judaic Studies/Jack E. Sotsky, Principal General Studies/Dr. Dorothy Pierce, Executive Director
'97-'98/'98-'99/'99-2000: Rabbi Tsvi Kilstein, Headmaster/Karen Murphy, Principal
2000 – Present: Rabbi Samuel J. Levine

PTA Presidents

1989-1992: Anna Cohen & Linda Levy (Co-Presidents)
1992-1994: Elise Dolgow
1993-1995: Sharona Loeffler
1994-1996: Hyla Levine
1995-1997: Ellen Tozzi
1996-1998: Robin Isaacson
1997-1999: Melanie Jaffe
1999-2000: Liliane Weinstein
2000-2001: Debbie Weiss
2001-2002: Elizabeth Wolff
2002-2003: Lauren Bakst
2002-2004: Gini Raab
2004-2005: Beverly Jacob
2005-2009:Janice Marriott
2009-Present: Sharona Kay

B'not Sherut

2002-2003: Hila Leybovitch, Michal Zabrovsky
2003-2004: Leora Frohlinger, Chana Samuels, Karin Shmila
2004-2005: Yaara Fuchs, Ornit Klein, Tamar Nathan, Atar Telman
2005-2006: Idit Druyan, Anat Engel, Tessy Samet
2006-2007: Raaya Adler, Na'ama Elmashaly, Hadas Kaminsky, Noa Zilberfarb
2007-2008: Meital Fried, Orit Freireich, Hila Hadad, Efrat Yafet
2008-2009: Flor Bender, Hadar Edry, Esti Oved
2009-2010: Odeya Harush, Tehila Magenheim
2010-2011: Yael Berkowitz, Shoham Malul
2011-2012: Ayala Nir, Ronee Rotterman
2012-2013: Avia Jerbi, Naama Krasna
2013-2014: Riki Fishman, Nofar Mintzer

Annual Journal Events In Review

1994-1995 Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School
Honorees: Thomas & Elissa Katz
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman

1995-1996 Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School
Honorees: Dr. Bob & Elise Dolgow ~ Scott & Debra Michaud
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman

1996-1997 Hillel Day School of Boca Raton
Honorees: Jon & Ellen Channing
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman

1997-1998
Honorees: Dr. Mark & Helen Cohan
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman

1998-1999
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman
FIRST 8th GRADE GRADUATING CLASS of '99

December 8, 1999
Honorees: Rabbi Kenneth & Ruchie Brander
Co-Chairs: Dr. Mark & Helen Cohan ~ Jeffrey & Carla Klein

December 12, 2000
Honoree: Rebbetzin Frances Sacks
Tomchei Torah Award: Rosalind Henwood (z"l)
Yehoshua Leadership Award: Dr. Daniel & Debra Weiss
Co-Chairs: Teddy & Linda Struhl ~ Jackie & Nancy Markovitch
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman

December 4, 2001
Honorees: Roger & Lisa Gladstone
Yehoshua Leadership Award: Jackie & Nancy Markovitch
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman

December 12, 2002
Tomchei Torah Award: Sigmund & Millicent Nathan
Yehoshua Leadership Award: Dr. Jeffrey & Fay Wolkowicz
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Karen Berman & Lea Friedman
Co-Chairs: Tony & Judy Gelbart ~ Dr. Mark & Tilda Fisher
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman

November 20, 2003
Tomchei Torah Award: Rav Binny & Doreet Freedman
Yehoshua Leadership Award: Dr. David & Marissa Levenson
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Esther Behar
Dinner Co-Chairs: Robert & Shu Shu Frohlinger ~ Daniel & Caroline Katz
Tribute Committee Chair: Sal Abady
Journal Co-Chairs: Harry & Gayle Silverman
Journal Editor: Amy Schiffman

November 17, 2004
Honorees: Howard & Stacey DuBosar ~ Sal & Leslie Abady
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Hana Marin
Co-Chairs: Dr. Al & Evelyn Begas ~ Dr. Bernie & Melanie Kaminetsky
Journal Editor: Amy Schiffman

December 1, 2005
Honorees: Teddy & Linda Struhl
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Judy Weinstock
Co-Chairs: Warren & Robin Struhl ~ Dr. Robert & Elise Dolgow

March 15, 2007 ~ Chai Anniversary Celebration
Holocaust Survivors: Alex Gross, Rabbi Gene Klein, Jack Pechter & Jean Schreibman
Founding Families: Jon & Ellen Channing, Anna Cohen, Brad Cohen, Tom & Elissa Katz, Robby & Linda Levy, Scott & Debra Michaud
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Cheryl Mirsky
Co-Chairs: Robby & Linda Levy ~ Dr. Jeffrey & Fay Wolkowicz
Honorary Chairs: Etta & Raymond Zimmerman
Journal Editor: Michele Dimont

November 29, 2007
Honorees: Jeffrey & Jodi Harris ~ Chayim & Michele Dimont
Retirement: Gerry Baden
Co-Chairs: Michael & Mirta Brown ~ Noam & Jill Kaminetzky
Journal Editor: Michele Dimont

January 8, 2009
Honorees: Dr. Hindy & Stuart Rubin ~ Rabbi Mordechai & Hadassah Smolarcik
Co-Chairs: Daniel & Caroline Katz ~ Linda & Teddy Struhl
Journal Editor: Michele Dimont

February 24, 2010
Honorees: Glen & Rosa Golish
Tomchei Torah Award: Dr. Michael & Sheryl Dennis
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Roberta Cidoni & Tami Gerlitz
Co-Chairs: Steven & Rebecca Berkeley ~ Dr. Benjamin & Diane Saketkhou
Journal Editor: Michele Dimont

December 13, 2010
Honorees: Rabbi & Mrs. Samuel J. Levine
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Dianne Groendyke & Hadassah Smolarcik
Event Co-Chairs: Sal & Leslie Abady ~ Daniel & Caroline Katz
Journal Co-Chairs: Drs. Eli & Orlie Cohen ~ Nancy Markovitch
Journal Editor: Michele Dimont

December 15, 2011
Defenders of Israel Award: Congressman Ted & Jill Deutch
Tomchei Torah Award: Dr. Mark & Helen Cohan
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Chayim Dimont & Cindy Halbstein
Co-Chairs: Sal & Leslie Abady ~ Dr. Ben & Cara Freedman ~ Dr. Larry & Debra Halperin
Journal Editor: Michele Dimont

2012-2013
Inaugural Journal Dinner Dine-Out
Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award: Rabbi Samuel J. Levine & Barbara Rose
Retirement: Dianne Groendyke & Ellen Nadler
Journal Editor: Michele Dimont