



# Where Excellence In Torah & Secular Studies Is Our Passion



2012-2013 Annual Report







# A Message from the Head of School and President

The 2012-2013 school year was one of the most exciting in school history. The year began with the opening of our new playground, an outdoor play facility that was identified as a critical need for our Early Childhood Program. Along with a \$100,000 anonymous gift, the leadership of Chayim Dimont, our Lower School Principal, and Board Member Rachel Tripp, was instrumental in bringing our long-awaited Aunt Jessie's Playground to fruition, by raising an additional \$150,000. This new facility provides our students in early childhood through fourth grade with one of the premier playgrounds in Palm Beach County.

Technology was another area of tremendous growth as the school purchased 75 new iPads to support a number of new curriculum initiatives. Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik developed a comprehensive TOSHBA (Talmud/Gemara) curriculum that utilizes the iPad to teach Gemara. The use of iPads engages students in the study of esoteric texts and makes the material presented engaging and relevant. Rabbi Smolarcik's pioneering work was rewarded by a \$50,000 grant presented by the Mayberg Family Charitable Foundation, one of only two projects so honored nationally. The grant enables Rabbi Smolarcik to recruit educators from across the world to contribute content and to collaborate in producing interactive mini textbooks for use with the iPad. The work being done here at Hillel is transformative in nature and makes Hillel Day School a leader in using technology and 21st century skills in teaching Torah to students.

The use of technology is not limited to Middle School TOSHBA classes, however. The 75 newly purchased iPads are stored in three portable storage units that make regular rounds, moving from classroom to classroom throughout the school. Under the direction of our Educational Technology Director, iPads are now an ubiquitous learning tool available to teachers and students.

The second trimester brought with it the visiting committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The committee spent three days on campus, interviewing parents, students, teachers, administration and members of the Board as well as visiting fifteen classrooms. The committee recommended continuing the school's accreditation for an additional five years

and gave the school high grades for effectively engaging students in learning. Teachers were commended for their effectiveness in instruction.

The school's music program was also significantly enhanced. Students in fourth and fifth grades now receive regular instruction on the instrument of their choice and a school band was formed. The years ahead show great promise for music education as current fourth and fifth graders move through the middle school grades.

Of significant note is the opening of Camp Ruach, Hillel's newly established summer day camp. In its inaugural year, the camp was an outstanding success, providing over 260 campers with a stellar camp program.

Hillel students were exposed to a wide range of exciting and variegated learning experiences over the year. Speakers in middle school included Congressman Ted Deutch; Penina Taylor, a former activist in the Hebrew/Christian community who now speaks of the tremendous transformation in her life becoming an Orthodox Jewish woman; Alan Veingrad, ex-NFL star and inspirational speaker; Leslie Schwartz, who produced a movie about his Holocaust experiences; Irwin Stovroff, a WWII Prisoner of War; and Crys Soderholm, the artist who created the magnificent stained glass windows that adorn our Beit Midrash.

Our students read almost a quarter of a million pages in our first annual Read to Succeed Read-a-Thon and our campus was transformed into a colonial village as, at Thanksgiving, students studied the various aspects of colonial life. Hillel was named a Green School of Promise for its work in improving the ecology of our campus. The Bracha Bowl helped students familiarize themselves with the correct berachot for all occasions. Who can forget

"Hege" (AKA Rabbi Eisenberger) and "Phin" (AKA Rabbi Drang) as they made their appearance to introduce this year's Bracha Bowl. If you missed it you can access it on HillelTube.

We thank G-d for His abundant blessing in making this the best year yet as Hillel strives to "create America's best Jewish day school."



*Samuel J. Levine*

**Rabbi Samuel J. Levine**  
Head of School

*Daniel J. Katz*

**Daniel J. Katz**  
President



# A Message from Financial Resource Development

Dear Hillel Day School Community Families and Friends:

We want to wish you all a Shana Tova and a year filled with good health and happiness. This Annual Report provides you with an overview of the past fiscal year at Hillel Day School of Boca Raton. Our Honor Roll, listed on pages 6 and 7, recognizes Annual Campaign gifts made to the school of \$500 or greater during the 2012-2013 academic year. These contributions provide the essential scholarship funds necessary to educate children of our community who would otherwise be unable to receive a quality Jewish education, as well as allows Hillel Day School to continue to maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of its educational programming. For a complete listing of giving opportunities see page 4.

This past summer a new donor recognition display was installed in the school lobby. This beautiful new display recognizes donors who have given to the Annual Campaign, as well as designated gifts, our grandparent society donors, and philanthropic and endowment funds earmarked for the Annual Campaign. In addition, our three major gift societies, the Lamed Vav Society (\$36,000+), the Chai Society (\$18,000+), and the brand new Maimonides Society (\$5,000 annually for minimum 3 years), are prominently displayed to thank those pillars of our community who have made Hillel Day School and its students a priority with their generous tzedakah. The new donor wall leaves room for the growth of our campaign over the years. In addition, Capital Campaign donors are recognized prominently in a separate display in the lobby of the middle school building.



This past year our Inaugural Journal Dinner Dine-Out recognized Oht Hameseroot recipients Rabbi Samuel J. Levine and Barbara Rose for 13 years of service to the school. In addition, faculty members Jo Felman, Dianne Groendyke and Ellen Nadler were wished well on their retirement. Donors who joined the Tribute Committee were able to place an ad in the Journal, as well as receive a dine-out gift card to a local kosher restaurant of their choice. Our other major fundraising event of the year, the Annual Golf Tournament and Raffle, co-chaired by Ted Struhl and Michael Zimmerman, was held in May 2013 (see page 10 for a complete recap).

Other successes for the year included the first full year of the Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program, endowed in memory of Menashe Koppel Cohn, A'H, by his parents, Naomi & Todd Cohn, and his siblings, Eli Meir, Leora and

Tamar. This ongoing program was a tremendous success, raising over \$11,000.

Hillel Day School received a grant funded by the Legacy Heritage Fund in conjunction with the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE) for its Leadership and Fundraising Academy (LFA). The LFA is designed to advance a school's financial sustainability by creating a holistic development effort that combines best practices in governance, professional leadership and fundraising. The initiative's 18-month curriculum engages key administrative staff and lay leaders in communal workshops and individualized coaching. The result is transformative cultural change toward sustainable financial growth.

Finally we would like to thank our Campaign Chairs for their time and dedication in fundraising: Major Gifts Chair Daniel Katz, Maimonides Society Chair Dr. Benjamin Freedman, Annual Golf Tournament Co-Chairs Ted Struhl and Michael Zimmerman, Dor L'Dor Grandparent Society Chair Helen Cohan, Every Parent Campaign Chair Gila Stern, Create a Jewish Legacy Campaign Co-Chairs Glen Golish and Leigh Katzman, and Jeremy Lurie for his help with the Annual Raffle and coupon booklet.

We also thank all of our parents, grandparents, volunteers, families and friends who made this year's campaign successful! For more information on any of our campaigns, or to join our Development Committee please contact our Development Office with your ideas, suggestions and donations.

We are excited about the 2013-2014 academic year, which is upon us as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, and hope that you join us in ensuring HDS' future for the next 25 years!

*Orlie Cohen*

**Orlie Cohen, Ph.D.**  
Financial Resource  
Development Chair

*Suzanne Rice*

**Suzanne Rice**  
Director of  
Development



**Celebrating 25 Years of Developing  
Minds, Hearts, and Torah Values**

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## SPONSOR A DAY OF LEARNING

Contact Suzanne Rice in the  
Development Office  
to reserve a Day of Learning!



The Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program is endowed in memory of Menashe Koppel Cohn, A'H, by his parents, Naomi & Todd Cohn, and his siblings, Eli Meir, Leora and Tamar.



# Ways To Give

## Annual Campaign

- ♦ Annual Journal Event
  - ♦ Annual Golf Tournament and Annual Raffle
  - ♦ General Donations (in honor, in memory of, non-designated)
  - ♦ Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program
  - ♦ Major Gift Societies: Lamed Vav Society, Chai Society and Maimonides Society
- A gift to any of the above opportunities qualifies as fulfilling the Every Parent Campaign (for HDS parents only)*
- ♦ Dor L'Dor Society (grandparents)

## Capital Campaign (see page 9 for the full listing of Naming Opportunities)

- ♦ Middle School Building
- ♦ Gymnasium
- ♦ Outdoor Haar Athletic Fields
- ♦ Benches

## Designated Gifts

- ♦ Gifts designated for specific programs or projects

## Endowments and Planned Giving

- ♦ Create a Jewish Legacy Program (see below)
- ♦ Wills
- ♦ Bequests
- ♦ Endowment Funds
- ♦ Charitable Remainder Trusts

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## Major Gift Societies: Lamed Vav, Chai and Maimonides Societies

The Lamed Vav and Chai Societies were established during the 2002-2003 school year to ensure that we meet the scholarship needs of our school. Lamed Vav Society members give a donation of \$36K or more (payable over 3 years) and Chai Society members donate \$18K or more (payable over 2 years). The Maimonides Society, chaired by Dr. Benjamin Freedman, requires a gift of \$5,000 annually for a minimum of 3 years, and was created this past year by a group of physicians.



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## Create a Jewish Legacy

The “Create a Jewish Legacy” campaign is a joint effort with the Jewish Federation’s Anne & Norman Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation, created to develop permanent endowment funds, lifetime gifts, bequests, trusts and planned giving to ensure the future of our Jewish community. This effort is co-chaired by Glen Golish and Leigh Katzman. For more information about this program please contact Suzanne Rice at 561-470-5000 ext. 225 or speak to your financial advisor about leaving your personal legacy to Hillel Day School today!

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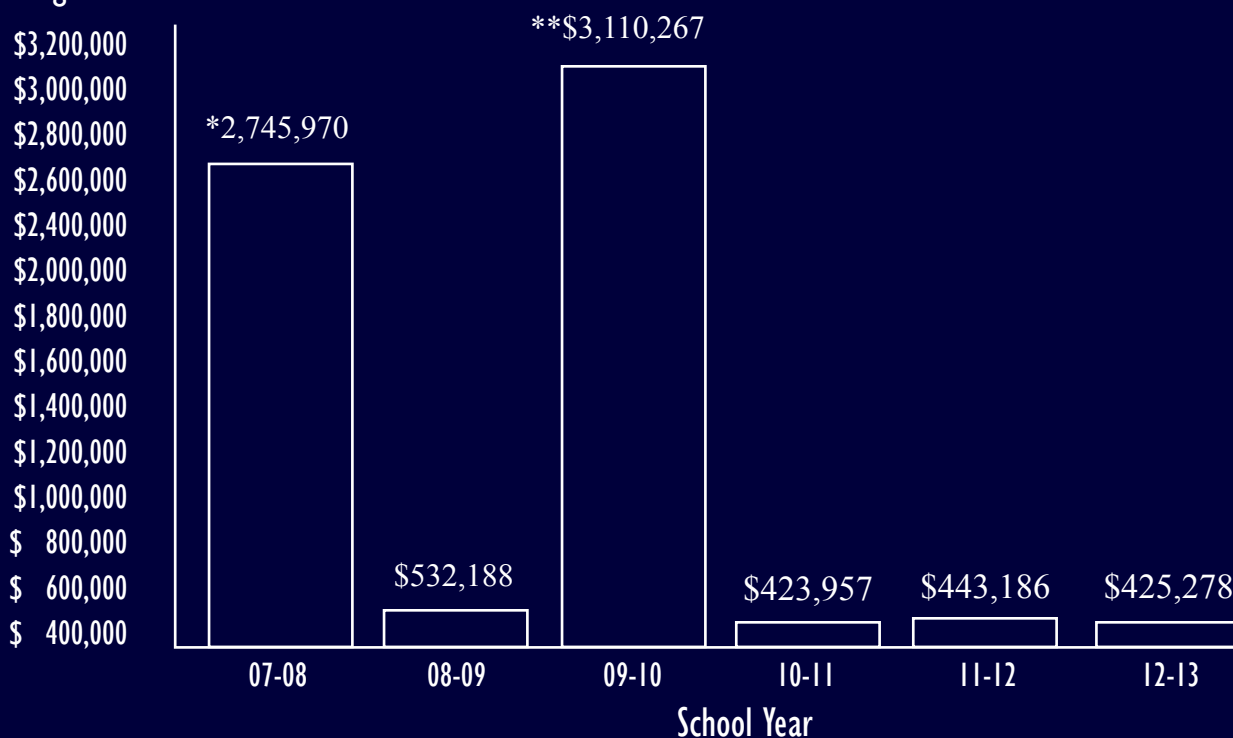
## Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT)

Achieve a higher rate of return on your investments and provide for the education of Jewish children by creating a CRT with Hillel Day School. A CRT provides the donor with enhanced profits during their lifetime and also provides the school with a legacy gift upon the donor’s passing. There are also significant tax advantages for the donor that can allow them to provide for their heirs as well as for the school.

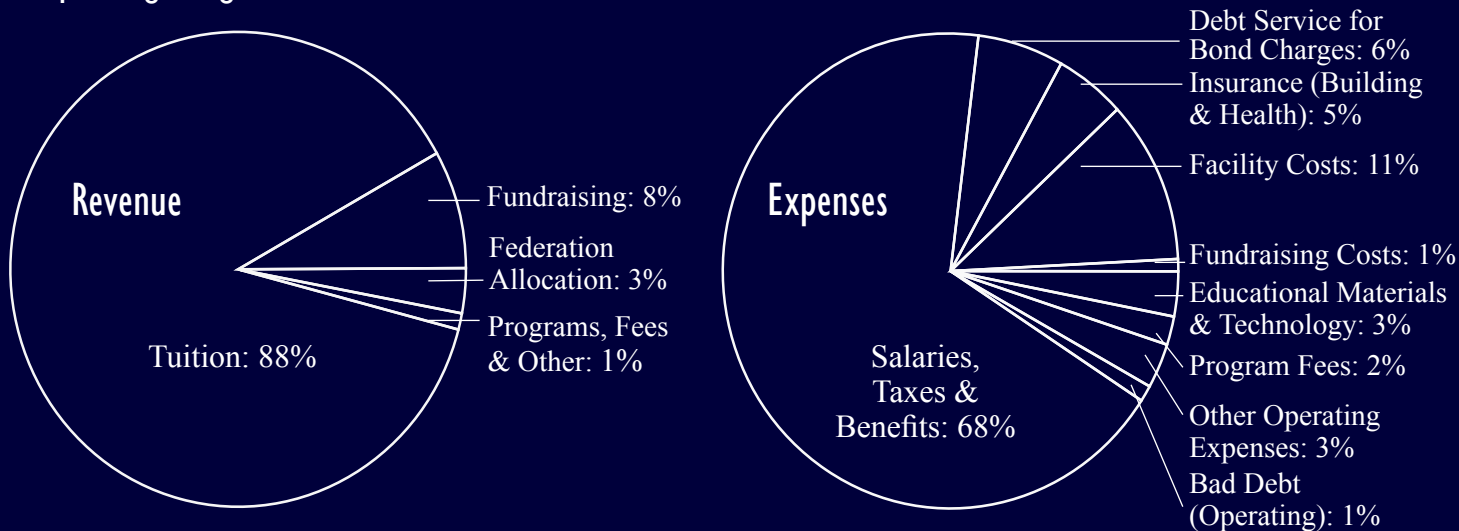
# Hillel Day School Giving Overview

## Fundraising Success of Hillel Day School

### Giving



### Operating Budget Fiscal year ending June 30, 2012



### Giving by Constituency Groups

	Parents	Grandparents	Community	Total
# of families:	180	30	115	325
\$ raised:	\$259,176.65	\$55,830.04	\$110,271.31	\$425,278



## HILLEL DAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following donors of the 2012-2013 Annual Fund Campaign

### GOMLAY TORAH

#### Benefactors of Torah \$50,000+

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### MELAMDAY TORAH

#### Teachers of Torah \$36,000-\$49,999

🕊 Daniel & Liora Adler

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#### Founders of Torah \$10,000-\$35,999

🕊 Joseph & Lisa Bensmihen

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### AMUDAY TORAH

#### Pillars of Torah \$5,000-\$9,999

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### SHOMRAY TORAH

#### Guardians of Torah \$2,000-\$4,999

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#### Enlighteners of Torah \$1,000-\$1,999

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#### Friends \$500-\$999

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### B'NAI HILLEL SOCIETY/ STUDENTS

Daniel Prince



## **DOR L'DOR SOCIETY** Grandparents & Grandfriends

**Thank you to all of our grandparents who donated to the 2012-13 Annual Campaign.**

**From generation to generation...**

### **HILLEL**

**\$10,000+**

Murray & Basheva Goldberg  
Leonard & Eunice Rose

### **RAMBAM**

**\$5,000-\$9,999**

Mark & Helen Cohan  
Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindle Levine

### **PLATINUM**

**\$3,600-\$4,999**

H. Gary & Rose Berlin  
Jean Katz

### **GOLD**

**\$1,800-\$3,599**

Chaim & Debbie Abramowitz  
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### **SILVER**

**\$1,000-\$1,799**

Bessie Galbut

### **BRONZE**

**\$500-\$999**

Errol Berman  
Eli & Laurie Epstein  
Max & Ronit Weinstein

### **DOR L'DOR**

**\$1-\$499**

Michael & Neomi Aharon  
Robert & Judith Bruckstein  
Ronald & Margie Cantor  
Leslie & Linda Cohn  
Leah Englander  
Rabbi Simcha & Anna Freedman  
Robert & Rita Galbut  
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Joseph & Diane Katzenstein  
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Morris Sternberger  
Lazar & Ida Wax

If you are interested in learning more about the Dor L'Dor Society please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000.

## **Designated Gifts**

**Thank you to those who donated a designated gift of \$500 or more to the 2012-2013 Annual Campaign.**

**Designated gifts are specified donations for programs, projects and other needs that are not for the general scholarship fund.**

Anonymous

Anonymous

Joseph & Lisa Bensmihen

Benjamin & Cara Freedman

Raphael & Meira Gross

Jewish Federation of SPBC/Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation's Jules L. & Dorothy M. Kamsly Teen Program Fund

Daniel & Caroline Katz

Frank N. Morgenstern & Carol Kaufman

Michael & Jill Rose

Ted & Phyllis Struhl

Successories

Tobie & William Wiener Endowment Fund

**A special thank you to the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County for their ongoing generosity and support of Hillel families needing tuition assistance.**

We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name.

Please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 so that we may make the appropriate corrections.



# MAJOR GIFT SOCIETIES: LAMED VAV SOCIETY • CHAI SOCIETY • MAIMONIDES SOCIETY

Hillel Day School gratefully recognizes the generosity of the members of the Chavurat Ha-Lamed Vav, the Lamed Vav Society, who contribute \$36,000 or more to the Hillel Day School Annual Campaign.

Sal & Leslie Abady  
 \*Daniel & Liora Adler  
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 Hillel Gomolin

Avi & Laura Greenbaum  
 Stanley & Ana Haar  
 Jeffrey & Jodi Harris  
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 Leigh & Stace Katzman  
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 Warren & Robin Struhl  
 Benjamin & Donna Tripp  
 Michael & Risa Zimmerman

Hillel Day School gratefully recognizes the generosity of the members of the Chai Society, who contribute \$18,000-\$35,999 to the Hillel Day School Annual Campaign.

Anonymous  
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 Mark & Helen Cohan  
 Benjamin & Cara Freedman  
 Glen & Rosa Golish  
 Avi & Laura Greenbaum  
 Stanley & Ana Haar  
 Rabbi Alejandro & Sandra Lilienthal  
 David & Sara Markowitz  
 Jack & Marilyn Pechter  
 Michael & Jill Rose  
 Stuart & Hindy Rubin  
 Michael & Amy Schiffman  
 Warren & Robin Struhl

Hillel Day School gratefully recognizes the generosity of the members of the Maimonides Society, who contribute \$5,000 per year, for a minimum of three years, to the Hillel Day School Annual Campaign.

\*Steven Berkeley & Rebecca Stern  
 \*Meyer & Laura Cohen  
 \*Adam & Shaani Splaver

\*New member for 2012-2013 Campaign  
 \*\* Renewed member for 2012-2013 Campaign

## Summer Fun: Camp Ruach Officially Opens By: Rachel Yudewitz, Camp Director

The enthusiasm was palpable at last year's Chanukah Fair! In addition to the usual atmosphere of fun and excitement, Camp Ruach opened registration for its inaugural year. Everyone involved anticipated an amazing but modest start with somewhere around 100 campers over the course of the summer. Never in our wildest dreams could we have imagined that over 260 children would enjoy Camp Ruach this past summer!

And OH what a summer it was!

Our early childhood program, led by Mrs. Cara Beim, was so popular that we had to close certain age groups. The early childhood campers enjoyed daily water play and bounce houses and learned new skills and games under the supervision of licensed EC teachers! Special activities such as petting zoos, transportation day and wacky wild science, enhanced the already jam-packed schedule.

The girls and boys 1st-5th grade divisions, under the leadership of Mrs. Amy Horowitz and Rabbi Chaim Lanner, respectively, were a smashing success! The exciting and diverse daily schedule began each morning with Davening and a middot-themed Chinuch period and continued with swimming, sports, computers, art, dance, and so much more! In addition, campers looked forward to extra ruach-filled programs such as color war, twice-weekly trips, and an amazing end-of-summer carnival extravaganza.

Overall, it was an unbelievable summer and it could not have happened without so many dedicated and talented people making it possible. Thank you to the CITs, junior and senior counselors, and staff for making every day wonderful and unique for our campers! Thank you to Cara Beim, Amy Horowitz, Rabbi Chaim Lanner, and Rabbi Yaakov Green for the vision, energy and ingenuity that made the first summer of Camp Ruach so special.

See you next summer!

For more information about Camp Ruach e-mail [campinfo@campruach.com](mailto:campinfo@campruach.com).





# STAINED GLASS WINDOW DEDICATION

Middle School students, Capital Campaign donors and members of the PTA and Hillel Board of Trustees attended an educational program on March 13, 2013, where the artist of the four beautiful stained glass windows in the Beit Midrash, **Crys Soderholm**, explained their meaning.

Thank you to our Capital Campaign donors, who enjoyed a reception afterward and were able to view the brand new donor recognition wall that has been installed in the lobby of the Middle School building.

Thank you to our Capital Campaign stained glass window donors:

**Anonymous** - Chevron

**Mark & Helen Cohan** - Yerushalayim

**Merv & Elaine Jacobs** - Teveria

**The Muller Family** - Tzfat

And thank you to our additional Capital Campaign Phase II donors to date:

**Isaac & Ilona Grynsztein** - 2 Classroom Mezuzot

**The Haar Family** - Upper School Principal's Office and Haar Athletic Field

**Hillel PTA** - Apple-Mac Computer Lab and Haar Athletic Field Scoreboard

**The Markowitz Family** - Main Entrance Mezuzah

**Leonard & Eunice Rose** - Rose Middle School Conference Room

**Martin & Edith Stein** - Classroom Mezuzah

**The Tripp Family** - Aron Kodesh

**Michael & Risa Zimmerman** - Ner Tamid

*Classroom mezuzot are available for a Capital Campaign pledge of \$12,500 each. The existing classroom mezuzah will be replaced with a beautiful new one, showing it has been dedicated, and the donor may choose the classroom to which it will be affixed. Your name and dedication message will also be displayed on our permanent Capital Campaign Wall of Honor, located in the Middle School.*



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## Hillel Day School of Boca Raton Capital Campaign Naming Opportunities Building Upon a Strong Foundation

### Middle School Building

\$1,500,000 Middle School & Building

\$500,000 Beit Midrash

\$250,000 Atrium

\$100,000 Science Lab

**\$80,000 Apple-Mac Computer Lab/ Hillel PTA**

**\$60,000 Upper School Principal's Office/The Haar Family**

**\$60,000 Middle School Conference Room/ Leonard & Eunice Rose**

\$50,000 Elevator

\$50,000 \*Classrooms

\$36,000 Offices (3 available)

\$36,000 Tutoring Classrooms

**\$36,000 Main Entrance Mezuzah/ The Markowitz Family**

**\$36,000 Aron (Beit Midrash)/The Tripp Family**

\$36,000 BRS West Entrance Mezuzah

**\$25,000 Beit Midrash Stained Glass Windows Anonymous**

**Mark & Helen Cohan**

**Merv & Elaine Jacobs**

**The Muller Family**

**\$25,000 Ner Tamid (Beit Midrash)**

**Michael & Risa Zimmerman**

**\$12,500 Classroom Mezuzahs & Other Outer Door Mezuzahs**

**Isaac & Ilona Grynsztein (2)**

**Martin & Edith Stein (1)**

### Outdoor Haar Athletic Fields

\$100,000 Basketball Court

\$100,000 Softball Field

\$100,000 Soccer Field

**\$25,000 Scoreboards (2 left) Hillel PTA**

\$25,000 Bleachers (6 available)

### Other Naming Opportunities

\$1,500,000 Lower School & Building

\$500,000 Early Childhood Program

**\$250,000 Aunt Jessie's Playground**

\$3,600 Benches

### Gymnasium Building

\$1,500,000 Gymnasium

\$100,000 Main Lobby

\$50,000 Bleachers

\$36,000 Main Entrance Mezuzah

\$36,000 Offices (2 available)

\$25,000 Scoreboards (2 available)

\$25,000 Boys Locker Room

\$25,000 Girls Locker Room

\$18,000 Trophy Case

\$12,500 Classroom Mezuzahs & Other Outer Door Mezuzahs

\*Many classrooms in the new Middle School or main building are available.

Many contributions have the option to be payable over as many as five years.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in one of our Capital Campaign opportunities, please contact the Development Office at [suzanner@hilleldayschool.org](mailto:suzanner@hilleldayschool.org) or call 561-470-5000 ext. 225.



Photo Credits: Leonardo Moran



# Great Day for a Golf Tournament

Mazal Tov to **Ted Struhl** and **Michael Zimmerman** for their efforts once again in co-chairing an extremely successful Golf Tournament, held on May 6, 2013, at Stonebridge Golf & Country Club. In addition, thank you to the leadership and collaborative efforts of **Sal Abady, Avraham Belizon, Orlie Cohen, Rabbi Adam Englander, Daniel Katz, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine** and **Gil Stein**.

In addition, this event would not be possible without the help of the following awesome volunteers: **Orlie Cohen, Naomi Cohn, Jill Kaminetzky, Caroline Katz, Alan Linker, Trevor Meyerowitz, Larry Pomeranz, Joe Sharp** and **Deborah Young**. Special thanks to **Jeremy Lurie** for his help once again securing a portion of the raffle prizes and also to **Jeremy Lurie** and **Orlie Cohen** for their efforts on this year's Savings Booklet.

And the Golf Tournament winners are....

**1st Place Gross: Sal Abady, Steven Cohen, Rabbi Efrem Goldberg & Rabbi Philip Moskowitz**

**1st Place Net: Rabbi Brian Galbut, Eric Galbut & Eric Pinkis**

**2nd Place Gross: Alan Berger, Jim Plotkin, Martin Schandelson & Rabbi Josh Spodek**

**2nd Place Net: Rabbi Josh Broide, Jerry Cohen, Sheldon Hills & Daniel Katz**

**Longest Drive: Rabbi Efrem Goldberg**

**Putting Contest: Sal Abady**

**Closest to the Pin: Alan Berger**

**Closest to the Line: Alex Gomez**

Thank you to our sponsors, supporters and everyone who participated by either golfing or purchasing a raffle ticket. We could not have raised over \$63,000 without your support!

And the Annual Raffle Winners are...

**Sal Abady:** Grand Prize - \$2,000 towards HDS tuition

**Julie & Richard Ehrlich:** Three Night Deluxe Stay at the Omni Championsgate, Orlando (value \$750) provided by Omni Hotels and Resorts

**Gabrielle & Trevor Meyerowitz:** Flat Screen TV (provided by Best Buy)

**Shira & Joe Sharp:** 4 Disney One-Day Hopper Passes (value \$496) provided by Walt Disney World Community Relations

**David Fischberger:** 4 SeaWorld Orlando Tickets (value \$379) provided by SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment

**Rebecca & Steven Berkeley:** Wine Gift Basket (includes 6 bottles of wine) Congratulations to all of the winners!

Thank you to our Golf Tournament Sponsors:

Presenting Sponsors: **Daniel & Caroline Katz and Family**

Lunch/Dinner Sponsor: **Bruce Gendelman Insurance Services**

Hat Sponsors: **Butters Construction & Development** and **Dr. Barry Schechter/Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute**

Italian Sausage Shack Sponsor: **Jerry Cohen**

Scottish Watering Hole Sponsor: **Risa & Michael Zimmerman and Family**

Hole-In-One Sponsors: **Phyllis & Ted Struhl (Boca Executive Realty), The Harris Family, Anshei Chesed Congregation of Boynton Beach** and **New Wave Surgical**

Thank you to all of our Tee Sponsors:

**PBC Dermatology, Charles & Simone Griff**

**Guardian Sports Group, LLC**

**Haar Capital Management**

**Sheldon Hills**



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**Anonymously sponsored with gratitude to this year's B'not Sherut, Avia, Na'ama and Doreen, for enhancing our children's HDS experience.**

**A and L Medical**

**Brian H. Galbut, MD FACC Cardiology, Medical Specialists of the Palm Beaches**

**Evan Landau, MD, Radiation Oncology 21st Century**

**Dr. Daniel Lindenberg, MD**

**Dr. Ringelheim & Family**

**Donna, Ben, Rachel and Jackie Tripp, Jackie Tripp MD PLC and South Florida Medicine**

**Our Community Rabbis: Rabbi Adam Eisenberger, Rabbi Adam Englander, Rabbi Shimon Feder, Rabbi Joshua Flug, Rabbi Efrem Goldberg, Rabbi Meir Kessler, Rabbi Chaim Lanner, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine, Rabbi Philip Moskowitz and Rabbi Mordechai Smolarick.**

-Thank you to **Ted & Warren Struhl** of Successories for producing and generously donating the award plaques.

-Thank you to **Dr. Eli Cohen, M.D., P.A.**, for donating sunscreen.

-Thank you to **Michael Zimmeman's** Court Liquors for donating the cigars.

-Thank you to our gift card sponsors: **Asia** and **Boca Pita Express**.

-Thank you to **Golish Financial Group** for donating a portion of the giveaways.

-Thank you to **Isaac & Ilona Grynsztein** for donating the Swatch Watch.

-Thank you to **Amazing Savings Kosher Supermarket** for donating the Psagot wine.

-Thank you to **Five Star Golf** for donating the 2 Toski wedges.

- Thank you to **Stonebridge Golf & Country Club** for donating a foursome of golf.

This annual major event raises funds for HDS Scholarship Assistance and those families who otherwise could not afford a quality Jewish education.



# Shalom Chaverim! Kindergarten Graduation June 6, 2013/5773

By: Cara Beim

There was a buzz of anticipation and excitement that filled the Loewenstern Cafetorium as family and friends arrived for the graduation of the Kindergarten class of 2013/5773. This important ceremony concludes the year as Kindergarteners received the siddurim that will be used the following year in first grade.

The Cafetorium walls were adorned with beautiful works of art and the stage was decorated by Mrs. Barbara Rose, Art Specialist, and Mrs. Shira Sharp, Art Assistant. The banners that hung were specifically created for the event by artist and parent, Ilana Landau. Each colorful design pictured a dove, which ran concurrent with the special day's theme--peace.

As the music began to play and the graduates walked down the aisle, all that could be seen were the beaming faces of the children and the pride they had for all of the hard work that culminated with that moment.

Once the children were seated on stage, they dazzled the crowd in their blue and white caps and gowns. Mr. Chayim Dimont, Lower School Principal, began with warm opening remarks welcoming everyone. Head of School, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine gave an inspirational D'var Torah while the children sat respectfully waiting for the program to begin.

The program was upbeat and full of Ruach! The children performed several songs, both in Hebrew and English, under the direction of Mrs. Nikki Lynch, Music Teacher, with accompaniment by Mr. Chaim Parchi.

The ceremony concluded with Mr. Dimont presenting the children with their siddurim and diplomas. Each child designed and decorated their siddur cover. Thank you to Mrs. Ana Haar for lovingly sewing them together, and thank you, Morah Tami Gerlitz for beautifully inscribing each child's name on the inside of their siddur as well as on their diploma.

A special thank you to the Schiffman family for generously donating all of the siddurim in loving memory of Susan Rubin z"l, mother of Amy Schiffman.

After the ceremony the guests were invited to partake in the celebratory



reception that was organized by wonderful parent volunteers: Ilana Benyosef, Andrea Bernstein, Michele Dimont, Rachel Harow, Ilana Landau, Lisa Pinkis, Elana Rackman, Leah Saida, Deborah Young and Andrea Zucker.

Each child also received a personalized frame with their cap and gown photo. Thank you to Mrs. Caroline Katz for taking these magnificent pictures and truly capturing each child's unique personality. Thank you to Deena Lurie and Lisa Pinkis for beautifully painting each frame. Tied to each frame with ribbon was a delicious chocolate boy or girl graduate lollipop and a personalized pencil box filled with fun writing accessories. Thank you to Rachel Tripp for her hard work personalizing them, and to Ranana Berger for picking up the chocolates from Le Chocolatier in North Miami Beach.

Finally, we must mention our amazing Kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Gwenn Lerman, Morah Tami Gerlitz, Ms. Sheri Siegel and Morah Neomi Aharon. Thank you for all of your hard work in making graduation a smashing success! Thank you for teaching, loving and preparing the children for 1st grade!

## 8th GRADE GRADUATION

By: Rosa Golish

Parents, siblings, families and friends gathered in Zinman Hall, excited to be a part of the 2013/5773 Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony. Everyone marveled at the 39 graduates, all grown up, as they proudly walked down the aisle ready to take their seats. Graduate Aaron Senfeld did a splendid job playing the piano as everyone participated in the National Anthem and Hatikvah. Upper School Principal, Rabbi Englander enlightened everyone with his speech, first thanking Hakadosh Baruch for bringing everyone together on such a wonderful day, and then thanking Head of School Rabbi Samuel J. Levine, President Daniel Katz, staff, administration, the Board of Trustees, and the leaders and visionaries for another successful year at Hillel Day School. He spoke about how important it is to emphasize the future of our graduates as they embark on their journeys, and not just what they have accomplished in statistics and numbers. He explained that each living Jew is like a letter in the Sefer Torah and if one letter is missing, it becomes invalid. He then asked, "Will you be a letter in the scroll of the Jewish people? Will you live up to your awesome potential and achieve all that you can? Will you take your rightful place in the Sefer Torah?"

Next, Rabbi Levine took the stage congratulating the Fifteenth Graduating Eighth Grade Class, 9 of whom started at Hillel in EC2, and 18 of whom began their Hillel journey in 1st grade. He spoke about the school's growth from 300 students to over 460. Our graduates enjoyed the new, state-of-the-art Middle School building for the past 2 years, and were the last class to experience the old Middle School building known as the "Annex." He explained that the mitzvah of learning Torah is the journey and not the destination. Rabbi Levine emphasized, "Not to think you are smart; but to think that you can get smarter."

Yearbook Editors Jonah Rose and Malya Sacher spoke of fond memories and wonderful years spent at Hillel. Gaining an outstanding education with



a strong emphasis on midot tovot, character development and positive influences are what Malya hoped would stay with all the graduates throughout their lives. This year's yearbook was dedicated to our brothers and sisters in Eretz Israel because of the missiles that were launched toward them. "We recall the lessons of the past as we plan for the future," Jonah said.

Sharona Kay, PTA President, thanked all the PTA volunteers for their precious time to support our graduates in providing them small gifts such as Shabbat candles and Challot, to bigger gifts, including the soccer field scoreboard, trophy case in the gymnasium, and the Apple-Mac computer lab, as well as their final precious gift of Siddurim.

The evening ended with an amusing video, thanks to technology expert, Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik. At the reception the students gave each other their final hugs, took photos and wished each other well for what would come next...high school.

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## School to Receive \$500,000 Bequest

We are pleased to announce that Hillel Day School is the recipient of a \$500,000 bequest from the Estate of Rosalind Henwood, of blessed memory, a life Board member and strong supporter of our school, as well as many other Jewish causes. For many years, Rosalind conducted a popular Stamp Club during lunch period for Hillel students interested in philately, the study of stamps and postal history, as well as collecting stamps from the United States and around the world. Despite her advanced age, Rosalind delighted in interacting with students and combined her passion for stamp collecting with her love of Jewish children.

In recognition of Ms. Henwood's bequest to the school, our Early Childhood Program will be named in her memory. The funds will be used to make much needed capital improvements, including the replacement of the roofs on the main building and the Loewenstern Cafetorium, as well as replacing the entire air conditioning system in the



forementioned buildings. The bequest provides funds to make these much needed repairs without placing any strain on the school's annual budget.

Anyone interested in making a legacy gift to Hillel Day School should please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225.

## Hillel Day School Teachers of the Month



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## Mission Statement

Hillel Day School of Boca Raton is a Modern Orthodox Jewish Day School whose mission calls for an ongoing commitment to excellence in providing each student with a synthesis of Jewish and general studies without compromise in either area. Hillel Day School educates children who are knowledgeable in academic areas and sensitive to moral and ethical concerns.

HDS imbues its students with a life-long love of Torah learning and living.

HDS' faculty are passionate in their commitment to motivate and inspire children to achieve their personal best, to enhance their self-esteem, and involve parents as partners in the educational process.

HDS inculcates a love for our American heritage, loyalty to the Jewish people, and love of and support for the State of Israel. The school teaches students

that all Jews are part of Klal Yisrael and that Jews are responsible for one another despite differences that may occur.

HDS students understand the importance of good manners and Derech Eretz at all times and exhibit sensitivity for teachers, parents and each other. The school instills a sense of responsibility, Tzedakah, and community service.

Hillel Day School develops students who are enthusiastic about learning and the pursuit of knowledge.

The creation of the State of Israel is one of the seminal events in Jewish history. Recognizing the significance of the State and its national institutions, we seek to instill in our students an attachment to the State of Israel and its people as well as a sense of responsibility for their welfare.

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