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SINCE 1989/5749

2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

HDS HISTORY ~ SINCE 1989

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
2000-2014:	Rabbi Samuel J. Levine
2014-Present:	Rabbi Adam Englander

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



A Message from the Head of School and President



With so many successes, achievements and highlights, it could not have been a better year to celebrate Hillel's 25th anniversary. The 39 new families and 92 new children helped us reach record enrollment at 484 students!

As you read through this annual report, you will learn about the new and exciting fundraisers that were implemented during the year, you will take a walk down memory lane as we highlight some of the greatest moments in HDS history and you will be reminded of the great leadership of Rabbi Samuel J. Levine who took the school to new heights. However, the essence

of Hillel Day School, and that which is deserving of the most attention, is the outstanding educational program that is provided to our precious children on a daily basis. We say we are committed to excellence and we mean it. That means we can point to specific improvements, changes and enhancements that make us better this year than ever before.

Before mentioning some of the exciting and innovative educational initiatives that made this year great, it is worth quoting Todd Whitaker, a well known educational consultant and author of over 20 books, who is fond of saying "It's people, not programs." At the end of the day, schools are not defined by flashy programs, advanced technology or beautiful campuses. It's always about the people, and we simply have the best. We must never take for granted the amazing teachers and staff who devote their lives to shaping the future.

A new, schoolwide Zionism curriculum has been implemented in grades 1-8. This engaging program from the Lookstein Center in Israel, generously funded by Raph and Meira Gross in memory of their grandparents, has allowed us to teach about the most significant events and personalities that shaped the development of the modern state of Israel. The attractive booklets are well designed to ensure grade-level appropriateness and continuity between the grades. Our already popular Sunday morning learning program for boys, sponsored by the Belizon family, has doubled in size! Approximately 35 students came to the Boca Raton Synagogue on Sunday mornings between Thanksgiving and Pesach to daven, eat a light breakfast and enjoy Torah learning with Rabbi Eisenberger and Rabbi Kassorla. The Lower School, under the direction of Mrs. Klein, officially opened up the "Learning Garden," partially funded by the PTA. Students do virtually all the work and have a great time as they plant, weed, water, measure, harvest and sell/donate the produce. The Early Childhood and Kindergarten programs had the opportunity to experience Health Week. Many outside professionals and friends of the school came in to share their expertise and engage our youngest students so that they develop healthy habits. Our music program continues to expand and had its first dynamic performances. Our longstanding EMET (Excellent Middot Every Time) program was enhanced with badges and a Wall of Honor that recognizes students for outstanding behavior in areas such as respect for all, respect for adults, Torah and Mitzvah time and accepting responsibility/sharing a friend's burden. There is so much more to share including science and math enrichment programs, trips, a Shabbaton, color war, holiday programs, our Kids Time after school program, science fair, sports improvements, electives program, new technology and more, but space is limited so we will stop here.

We hope you enjoy this annual report and gain a better understanding and appreciation for what goes into running a Jewish day school that is committed to excellence. Thank you for your support.

Rabbi Adam Englander
Head of School

Daniel J. Katz
President



Rabbi Samuel J. Levine Retires After 14 Years As Head of School 2000-2014 5760-5774

For 14 years, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine led Hillel Day

School to become one of the leading modern Orthodox, Zionist schools in the nation. As Head of School, Rabbi Levine strengthened the school's reputation for academic excellence and distinction in both secular and Torah studies, and increased enrollment by 60%. He developed and expanded educational programs and vital partnerships that benefit students, faculty and the community at large.

The Milton B. Katz Campus flourished under Rabbi Levine's leadership. A new gymnasium and Middle School building opened in 2009 and 2011, respectively. Transportation with Hillel's own school bus began serving students in Boca Raton and Boynton Beach in 2011, and Aunt Jessie's Playground, a state-of-the-art outdoor playground, opened for play in 2012. Hillel's athletic program grew by leaps and bounds. The original Hillel Hawks morphed into the Hillel Hornets, and then into the Hillel Lions, bringing many championship trophies to fill the school's trophy case. Technology spawned many new curriculum initiatives including the purchase of 75 iPads and the development of a comprehensive TOSHBA (Talmud/Gemara) curriculum, which earned the school a \$50,000 grant. These are just some of the many milestones Hillel experienced during Rabbi Levine's tenure.

Rabbi Levine witnessed firsthand the school's Chai Anniversary, and shared his year of retirement with the school's 25th Anniversary. Three of his grandchildren, as well as a great-niece and great-nephew, were students during his tenure.

HDS prospered and flourished under Rabbi Levine's direction, despite trying economic conditions. After 14 years of committed service to our school and decades of wisdom and guidance, we wish Rabbi Levine and his wife, Breindel, good health and contentment in their retirement years.

A beautiful Tree of Life, in honor of Rabbi Samuel J. Levine, was dedicated on the last day of school, June 11, 2014. This day not only marked the end of the school year for the students, but also the end of Rabbi Levine's 14-year tenure at HDS.

Thank you to everyone who donated a leaf, acorn or stone in honor of Rabbi Levine, and thanks to all who came out for the dedication ceremony.

You can still be a part of the Tree of Life by placing your dedication order on our website.



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.

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

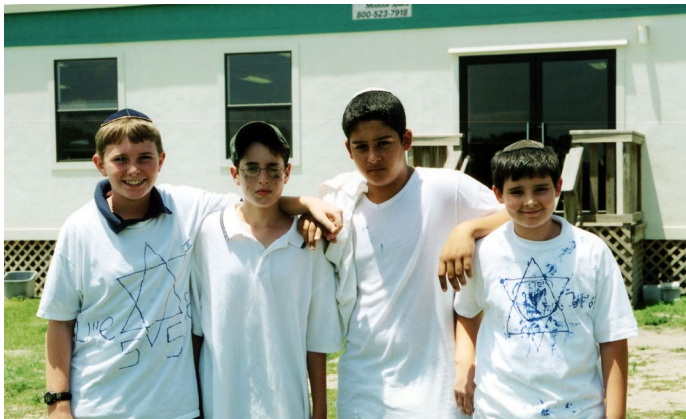
2009

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 500 students from age 2 through 8th grade.





A Message from Financial Resource Development

The 2013-2014 school year was a busy one for the Financial Resource Development department! We are proud to report that our Annual Campaign Goal of \$500,000 was achieved, and we thank all of our donors and stakeholders for supporting Hillel Day School and Jewish education this past year.

Fundraising events throughout the year included the **25th Anniversary Journal Event & Celebration** held on December 16, 2013; the **3-on-3 Men's Basketball Tournament** held on February 23, 2014; the **Harlem Wizards Exhibition Basketball Game** held on May 18, 2014 (Lag B'Omer); and the **Annual Golf Tournament** held on May 19, 2014 and the first **Double Raffle** with two drawings this year. In addition, the **25th Anniversary Art Project** "Artistic Expressions," under the direction of **Barbara Rose** and **Tova Hocherman** of Hillel's Art Department, was a creative way for students to express what the school meant to them through art while raising funds for Jewish education. The year concluded with the **Tree of Life** campaign, which was developed to pay tribute to Hillel's Head of School, **Rabbi Samuel J. Levine**, for his 14 years of dedicated service to the school.

Our Major Gift Societies, which comprised \$145,000 of the year's Annual Campaign, include the **Lamed Vav Society** (\$36,000+), **Chai Society** (\$18,000+) and the **Maimonides Society** (\$5,000 for at least 3 consecutive years) members. We are grateful to our Major Gift donors for being pillars and role models for our children and the community (see pg. 12).

Thanks to the efforts of **Deena and Jeremy Lurie** and **Lori Landes**, the new

SCRIP Program was launched recently to supplement the campaign. Gift cards to popular merchants were purchased and a percentage was returned to the school.

The Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program raised over \$9,000 for the Scholarship Fund in its second full school year. The 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**. Other ongoing programs that benefit the Scholarship Fund include **general donations** and **tribute donations**, which can be made in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Designated Gifts, although not included in the Annual Campaign budget, raised an additional \$131,000 for specially earmarked programs and projects throughout the year, including the new Zionist Curriculum for 1st through 8th grades. The program was generously donated by **Raphael and Meira Gross** in memory of their beloved grandparents, **Haim and Sadie Gross, Rabbi Baruch Meir and Tova Rabinowitz, Meyer and Lillian Shatz and Dr. Nahum and Deborah Zackai, A"H**. Other Designated Gifts include a \$50,000 grant by the **Mayberg Family Charitable Foundation** in support of **Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik's** innovative iPad-based curriculum and textbook for the study of Gemara, and a generous \$25,000 grant to the Early Childhood Program through the **Cheryl Kari Golden Memorial Fund**.

Phase II of the Capital Campaign is ongoing throughout each school year and we thank our current donors for providing a strong foundation for the future of Hillel Day School. If you are interested in naming opportunities, please contact the Development Office. Many can be paid over 5 years.

Create a Jewish Legacy, a joint effort with the **Jewish Federation's Anne & Norman Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation**, was created to develop permanent endowment funds, lifetime gifts, bequests, trusts and planned giving. Consider leaving a personal legacy through your planned gift.

The **Leadership Fundraising Academy** that HDS has been participating in over the past 18 months has come to its conclusion. The grant, funded by the **Legacy Heritage Fund** in conjunction with **PEJE**, has allowed for key administrative staff and lay leaders to participate in the 18-month curriculum including workshops, coaching and other vital components to ensure the school's financial sustainability.

If you haven't already made your tax-deductible gift of tzedakah, you may still do so through our website at www.hilleldayschool.org. Click on the "Ways to Give" tab on the left side and then "Donate." We look forward to another successful Campaign this year.

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

Suzanne Rice
Suzanne Rice
Director of
Development

HDS Approved for \$75,000 Grant

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Hillel Day School has implemented many security enhancements on the Milton B. Katz Campus.

After many months of research, the school Administration, with the full support of the Board of Trustees and a recently formed security committee, decided to employ an armed security guard dedicated to our campus. Officer Michael Massengill (a.k.a. Office Mike) will work in concert and be in continuous communication with the rest of the security force on the Federation campus. He will be responsible for ensuring that the best security practices are in place at school and will be patrolling, profiling, checking doors, etc., throughout the school day.

In addition, a state-of-the art security camera system has been installed throughout the entire campus, a new perimeter fence is in place and an improved alarm system, with panic buttons, has also been installed.



"An access control system for many of the doors on campus will be installed in the near future," explained Joe Sharp, HDS Executive Director, who has been working closely with all of the contractors involved with these enhancements. There is nothing more important than the safety of our children and we are very pleased to announce these improvements.

Ways To Give



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 \$36,000 or more (payable over 3 years) and Chai Society members donate \$18,000 or more (payable over 2 years). Membership includes listing on the Annual Journal Event Tribute Committee, a full-page journal ad and two dinner tickets. The Maimonides Society, chaired by Dr. Benjamin Freedman, requires a gift of \$5,000 annually for a minimum of 3 years.

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

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.

A gift to any of the above opportunities qualifies as fulfilling the Every Parent Campaign (for HDS parents only).



Dor L'Dor Society (Grandparents)

Designated Gifts

- ◆ Gifts designated for specific programs or projects

Capital Campaign (see page 12 for the full listing of Naming Opportunities)

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

Endowments and Planned Giving

- ◆ **Create a Jewish Legacy Program:** 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!

- ◆ Wills
- ◆ Bequests
- ◆ Endowment Funds
- ◆ **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.



For more information on any of these opportunities contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225.

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

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Benefactors of Torah \$50,000+

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

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\$10,000+

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Thank you to those who donated a designated gift of \$500 or more
to the 2013-2014 Annual Campaign.

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

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or misspelled your name.
Please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000
so that we may make the appropriate corrections.*

**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.**

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.



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Warren & Robin Struhl
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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.



Avraham & Elana Belizon
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Glen & Rosa Golish
Avi & Laura Greenbaum
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Rabbi Alejandro & Sandra Lilienthal
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Stuart & Hindy Rubin
Michael & Amy Schiffman
*Teddy & Phyllis Struhl
Warren & Robin Struhl
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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
*Mark & Helen Cohan
Meyer & Laura Cohen
*Benjamin & Cara Freedman
Adam & Shaani Splaver

*New member for 2013-2014 Campaign
** Renewed member for 2013-2014 Campaign

Hillel Day School of Boca Raton Capital Campaign Naming Opportunities

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 Kodesh (Beit Midrash)/The Tripp Family

\$36,000 BRS West Entrance Mezuzah

\$25,000 Beit Midrash Stained Glass Windows

Anonymous (Chevron)

Mark & Helen Cohan (Yerushalayim)

Mervin & Elaine Jacobs (Teveria)

The Muller Family(Tzfat)

\$25,000 Ner Tamid (Beit Midrash)/Michael & Risa Zimmerman

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

Isaac & Ilona Grynstein (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/Estate of Rosalind Henwood, z"l

\$250,000 Aunt Jessie's Playground

\$3,600 Benches

Gymnasium Building

\$1,500,000 Gymnasium

\$100,000 Main Lobby

\$36,000 Main Entrance Mezuzah

\$50,000 Bleachers

\$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.

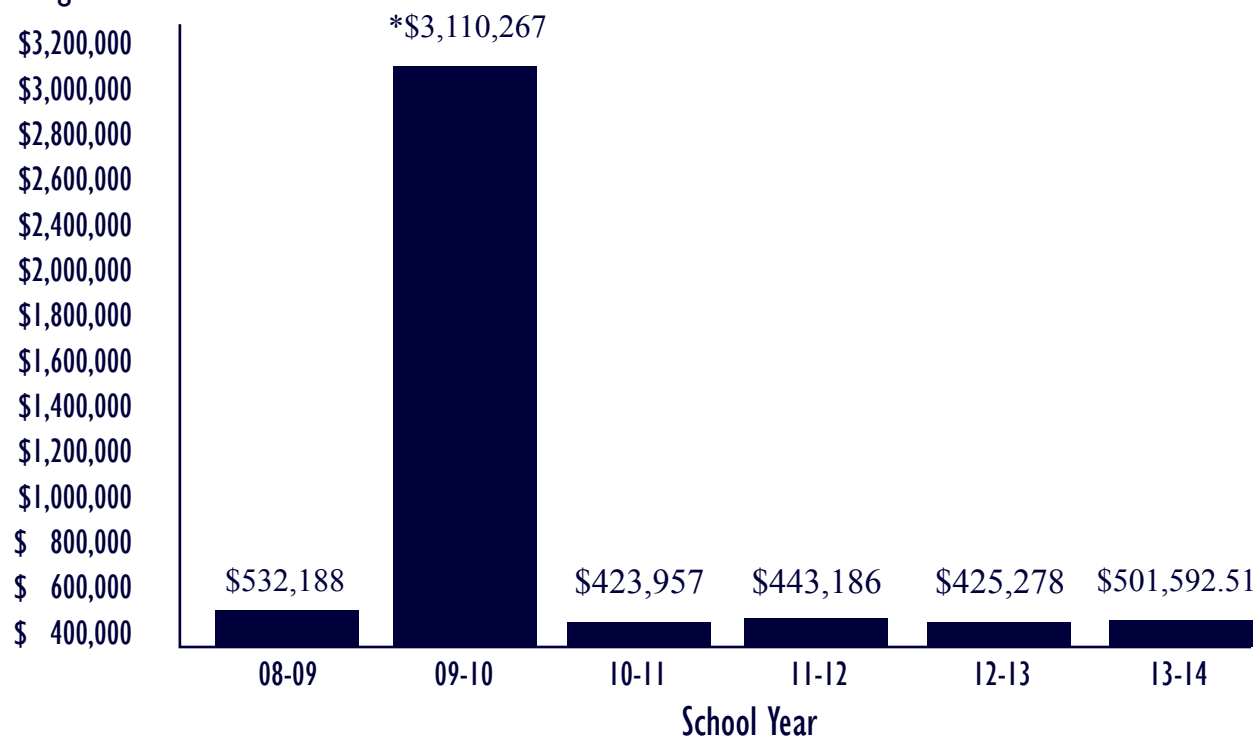
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Hillel Day School Giving Overview

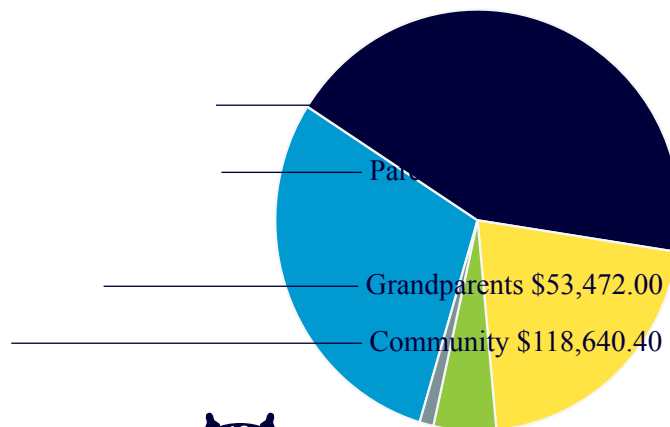
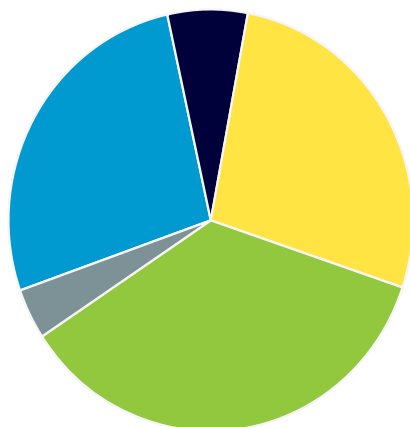
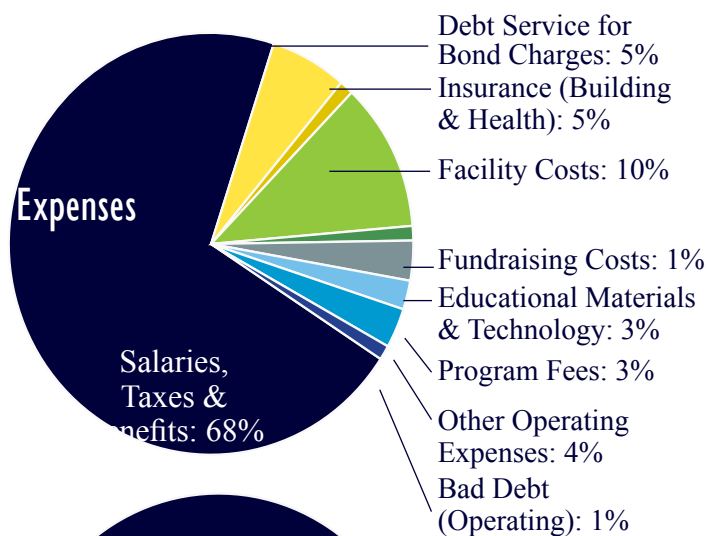
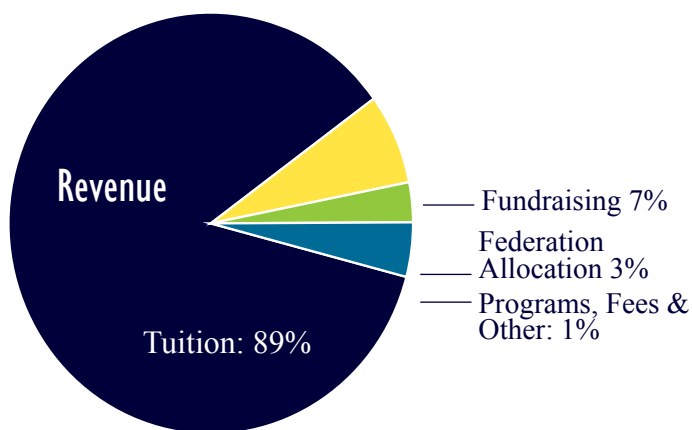
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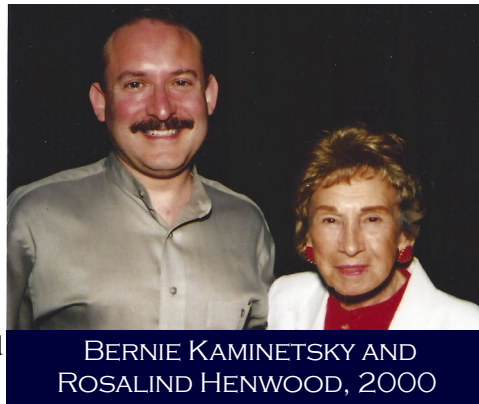
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Everyone Can Make a Difference

We often underestimate the impact that we can have in advancing the needs of Hillel Day School. Individuals, within the context of their everyday interactions, have opportunities to make a significant impact on the future of our school. A case in point is the legacy gift the school recently received from the estate of **Rosalind Henwood**, of blessed memory, for whom our Early Childhood program is named. Rosalind served on our Board and volunteered in school for over a decade. How she came to be interested in Hillel Day School is a fascinating story. Ros, a single woman with no heirs, was a patient of **Dr. Bernie Kaminetsky**, and they developed a close patient/physician relationship. Ros, as a senior citizen, wanted to engage in some activity that would make productive use of her time. Dr. Kaminetsky introduced her to HDS and Ros became active at the school. Additionally, Bernie and Melanie, former Hillel parents, invited Ros to their home to celebrate Shabbat and holidays and she became close to the entire Kaminetsky family. It was because of Melanie and Bernie Kaminetsky's kindness that Ros found a meaningful, rewarding activity at a later stage in her life. That kindness also led directly to the school's receiving



BERNIE KAMINETSKY AND ROSALIND HENWOOD, 2000

a legacy gift in excess of \$500,000.

Once Ros' will was probated, other claims were made against her estate. Hillel's interests had to be vigorously defended. In stepped Hillel parent and attorney **Ido Stern**, who devoted countless hours and at least two years to make sure that Hillel would receive the gift that Ros wanted it to receive. Acting pro bono, Ido saved the school tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees, ensuring the school would receive its legacy gift

without unreasonable encumbrances and legal bills.

The above two instances demonstrate how individuals and families can make a huge difference to our school beyond the donations that we make. We thank **Dr. Bernie and Melanie Kaminetsky** and **Ido and Gila Stern** for their part in securing the Henwood gift and encourage our entire school community to keep their example in mind.



Top Ten Reasons Camp Ruach's Second Summer was Such a Success

- 1) Daily Davening and learning with amazing Rebbeim and Morot
- 2) Sports skills and games with expert coaching
- 3) Campwide weekly Shabbat Onegs with songs and skits
- 4) Free swim and swim instruction with licensed swimming school for grades K-6
- 5) Daily water play and bounce houses for EC2-EC4
- 6) A variety of specials, including Art, Science, Zumba, Parsha Art, Kidokinetics, Fit RX Conditioning and so much more...
- 7) Exciting trips twice a week for grades 1-6 and weekly special programming such as Color War, Scavenger Hunts and Camp Carnivals
- 8) Over 300 new friends to make, ages 2-12
- 9) Highly trained and caring counselors led by Mrs. Cara Beim, Mrs. Amy Horowitz, Rabbi Chaim Lanner and Camp Director Mrs. Rachel Yudewitz
- 10) 8 full weeks packed with daily excitement, friendship and....Ruach!



Teacher of the Month



OCTOBER 2013
Ms. Nicole Kridos



NOVEMBER 2013
Morah Devorah Kahan and Morah Sara Mizrahi



FEBRUARY 2014
Morah Shira Sharp

Calling all HDS Alumni! We want to stay connected to our alumni so please visit our website at www.hilleldayschool.org and fill out the Alumni contact form. We would love to hear what you have been up to!



Check out our Facebook page
Hillel Day School of Boca Raton

HDS CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Over 320 people attended Hillel Day School of Boca Raton's 25th Anniversary Journal Event & Celebration on December 16, 2013, at Congregation B'nai Israel to honor **Dr. David & Sharona Kay, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine** and **Mrs. Maia Shaffer**. The event raised over \$200,000 for Jewish education scholarship assistance as well as ensuring the high quality of Judaic and secular studies for all of our students. Thank you to everyone who participated, either through attending the dinner, placing an ad or joining the Silver Tribute Committee.

Thank you to the event co-chairs, **Dr. Samuel & Naomi Abramovitz** and **Daniel Rosenthal & Sara Goldberg**, who created a wonderful program that was meaningful, humorous and paid tribute to our well-deserved honorees. Special thanks to **Dr. Orlie Cohen, Financial Resource Development Chair**, for her attention to every detail of the program as well as spearheading a fundraising campaign that has surpassed previous years. Thank you to **Helen Cohan, Anna Cohen** and **Linda Levy**, for their assistance in the production of the 25th Anniversary video and timeline, and for providing valuable information about the school's history. We also thank them for co-chairing the Founders' Reception for Hillel's founding families. Our video producers, **Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik** and **Zachary Cohen**, did amazing jobs on their respective videos (go to www.hilleldayschool.org to view the videos)!

Our 25th Anniversary Commemorative Ad Journal was the biggest journal ever, and thank you to Journal Editor **Michele Dimont** for her assistance with production. Kudos to **Deborah Young, Got It Covered**, for her creativity, time and effort in making each beautiful centerpiece by hand and designing the beautiful decor. Thank you to our co-chairs as well as **Lana Rosenthal, Jennifer Rosen** and **Tzippi Rosen** for also helping to arrange the centerpieces. We would also like to acknowledge **Elise Cohen**, for her graphic design assistance, as well as **Leonardo Moran** for photography.

Thank You to our 2013-2014 Silver Tribute Committee Members (Gifts of \$2500+)

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Great Day for a Golf Tournament

Mazal Tov once again to Golf Tournament Co-Chairs **Teddy Struhl** and **Michael Zimmerman** for their efforts on this year's Annual Golf Tournament, held on Monday, May 19 at Stonebridge Golf & Country Club. This event raised close to \$60,000, including the Annual Raffle.

In addition, thank you to this year's amazing volunteers: **Mirta Brown, Orlie Cohen, Jill Kaminetzky, Jeremy Lurie, Trevor Meyerowitz, Larry Pomeranz, Cathy Rippee** (LifeSafety Management), **Tzippi Rosen, Lea Saida, Joe Sharp, Phyllis Struhl, Deborah Young** and **Risa Zimmerman**.

THANK YOU, GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS!

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

Dinner Sponsor: **Gerry Golden**

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Grandparent Tee Sponsors:

Thomas & Elsa Adler, Phil Berger, Bill & Batzi Berman, Rabbi Moshe & Rochelle Brand, Dr. Mark & Helen Cohan, Dr. Joel & Peshe Dennis, Bernie & Linda Kannen, Dorothy Zimmerman

Thank you to **Ted & Warren Struhl (Successories)** for producing and donating the award plaques, to **Michael Zimmerman (Court Liquors)** for donating the cigars, to **Dr. Eli Cohen** for donating the sunscreen, and to **Richard Ehrlich (Secure Wealth Planning Group)** for donating the gift bags.

Finally, thank you to **Dr. Orlie Cohen (FRD Chair)** for her time and efforts on this (and EVERY) event, **Dr. Avraham Belizon** for his help with fundraising and **Helen Cohan** for her help with our first Grandparent Tee signs.

Tournament Winners:

1st Place Gross: (Mutual of America) Mike Cruz, Ivan Gregory, Tim Johnson & Ellen Privitera

1st Place Net: (TriNet) Rob Beck, Alex Casanova, John Hock & Irwin Schechter

2nd Place Gross: Alan Berger, Steven Cohen, Carmi Gross & Martin Schandelson



2nd Place Net: Sal Abady, Rabbi Efrem Goldberg, Rabbi Philip Moskowitz & Daniel Katz

Contest Winners:

Longest Drive - Mike Cruz

Putting Contest - Tim Johnson

Closest to the Pin - Daniel Katz

Closest to the Line - Chris Goldberg

Thank you to our Golf Participant Raffle prize donors: **Isaac & Ilona Grynzstein** (Swatch Watch); **Five Star Golf** (Toski Wedges & Solar Spec Sunglasses); **Larry Pomeranz** (miscellaneous golf prizes); **Stonebridge Golf & Country Club** (Golf Foursome); **Kosher Marketplace & Winn-Dixie** (gift cards)

The second half of the "Double Raffle" drawing took place at the Golf Tournament and the lucky winners are:

- \$250 BuyMeBeauty.com shopping spree (**donated by Daniel & Liora Adler**): **The Skoczylas Family (Leor & Gaby)**

- Four Tickets to SeaWorld's Aquatica (**provided by SeaWorld Parks & Resorts**): **The Baum Family (Jeff & Greta)**

- Art Piece "Two Cokes" by Mark Schiff (**donated by The Muller Family**): **The Goodman Family (Howard & Claire)**

And the **GRAND PRIZE WINNER** of \$2,000 toward tuition: **Aviva Klein & Erik Cooper**

Thank you to **Jeremy Lurie** for his help in securing a portion of this year's raffle prizes and for helping with raffle sales and to **Phyllis Struhl** for helping with photography!



Eight Teams Compete in HDS Inaugural 3-on-3 Men's Basketball Tournament

Hillel Day School of Boca Raton held its Inaugural 3-on-3 Men's Basketball Tournament on Sunday, February 23, 2014 in the gymnasium with 8 teams competing. Thank you to Tournament Co-Chairs **Donny Cohen** and **Jeff Baum** for their vision and organization of this successful fundraiser! Thank you to our generous event sponsors: **PrivCap Companies** and **Mutual of America**. We also thank **Sysco** for their donation of beverages.

Thank you to our participants:

Team Black: Cobi Citron, Michael Citron, Chanoch Harow, Uri Yudewitz
Team Maroon: Yogev Berdugo, Hillel Cohen, Jonathan Cutler, Josh Grajower
Team Grey: Daniel Bensimon, Donny Cohen, Mark Zeidman
Team Green: Jason Brody, Ari Clements, Yitzchak Kaminetsky, Joey Tabakin
Team Purple: Seth Frohlich, Brian Galbut, Jonathan Gildin, Noam Lipshitz
Team Orange: Chaim Ohayon, Yoni Ohayon, Zalmy Sussman
Team Navy: Aryeh Hochner, Dov Hochner, Yosef Hochner, Eric Pinkis
Team Olive: Adam Bender, Michael Hoffman, Jon Kawebloom

Thank you to our student volunteers: **David Arshawsky, Ari Cohen, Doni Jacob, Jordan Landes, Yoni Mayer, Jonah Tripp, Ari Wax, Yehuda Weiss, Etan Winograd, and Justin Wolff.**



Also, thank you to our parent volunteers: **Shira Englander, Rachel Harow and Shira Sharp.**
 And the winner is...Team Green!

HARLEM WIZARDS TAKE ON RABBIS AT LAG B'OMER EVENT

A huge thank you to Wizards Event Co-Chairs **Dr. Naomi Gross, Aviva Klein** and **Stephanie Stern** for their planning, organization and execution of an amazing family fun event featuring the Harlem Wizards vs. Team Hillel. With over 550 in attendance, the big game took place at Boca Raton Community High School on Sunday, May 18, 2014 (Lag B'Omer). Special thanks to **Dr. Orlie Cohen**, FRD Chair, for her involvement in ensuring the event's financial success, **Sharon Kay**, PTA President, for her assistance securing the venue, and **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Upper School Principal/Incoming Head of School, for his vision and leadership. Thank you to **Shlomi Lugassy** for photographing the event and **Gila Stern** for her assistance with PR. We are thankful to our sponsors without whom this event would not have been possible: Slam Dunk Presenting Sponsor, **Leor & Gaby Skoczylas and Family** 3-Point Sponsor, **The Flies Family**

Hotel Sponsor, **Embassy Suites Boca Raton** (Yamato Road)

Thank you to **Winn-Dixie** for providing the food at a discounted price.

The "talented" Team Hillel players included Hillel administration and faculty members: **Rabbi Samuel J. Levine, Rabbi Adam Englander, Chayim Dimont, Joe Sharp, Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger, Rabbi Yosef Kassorla and Rabbi Moshe Nadav**; Boca Raton Synagogue Senior **Rabbi Efrem Goldberg** and HDS students: **Ari Cohen, Asher Eisen, Ty Kay, Jordan Landes, Yosef Lupin, Yoni Mayer, Jonah Tripp, Ari Wax and Yehuda Weiss**. **Tamir Goodman**, "the Jewish Jordan," also joined Team Hillel for the 2nd half. The team was coached by **Dannie Grajower** and officiating was an unbiased **Rabbi Josh Grajower**.

Opening ceremonies included the singing of the National Anthem and Israeli National Anthem by HDS 3rd graders under the direction



of **Gali Nadav**. The half-time show featured the HDS 5th graders' performance of Daglanut, the Israeli flag dance, under the direction of the B'not Sherut, **Riki Fishman** and **Nofar Mintzer**. Special thanks to **Hadassah Smolarcik** for overseeing these performances.

Our amazing volunteers kept everything running smoothly, from ticketing, will call, souvenir and food sales. Thank you to parent volunteers: **Naomi Abramovitz, Cara Beim, Dvora Eisen, Shira Englander, Cara Freedman, Shaindi Hochner, Vivian Kestenbaum, Jeremy Lurie, Shira Sharp, Gila Stern, Josh Stern, Rachel Yudewitz and Andrea Zucker**. Thank you to student and alumni volunteers: **Matthew Beim, Maurice Bensmihen, Jojo Cohen, Asher Eisen, Baila Eisen, Tani Englander, Gabi Frohlich, Yaakov Griner, Ayelet Gross, Tani Gross, Gabriella Katz, Izy Muller, Rebecca Salpeter, Aaron Senfeld, Joey Tabakin and Dovid Zak**.

The first half of the "Double" raffle prize winners were drawn during half-time and winners were:

- Four Marlins Tickets (*provided by the Marlins Foundation*): **The Cohen Family (Eli & Orlie)**
- Three One Direction Tickets (*anonymously donated*): **The Eisen Family (Eric & Dvora)**
- Four SeaWorld Tickets (*provided by SeaWorld Parks & Resorts*): **The Ehrlich Family (Richard & Julie)**
- Four Disney One-Day Park Hopper Tickets (*provided by Walt Disney World Community Relations*): **The Smolensky Family (Lon & Sara)**

The two half-court shot contestants for a chance to win \$2,500 each were: **Max Goodman** and **Dr. Eli Cohen**. Unfortunately, neither made the shot, however, their raffle tickets were re-entered back into the drawing!

Congratulations to our free ticket stub drawing winners:

- **Rotem Carmel**, who won an autographed photo of Panthers Captain Ed Jovanovski provided by Sunrise Sports & Entertainment
- **Eytan Landau**, winner of a Harlem Wizards Autographed Official Game Ball

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Team Hillel! You helped us raise over \$10,000 for Jewish education!

Kindergartners' Big Day

By: Mindy Berlin

The Kindergarten graduation was nothing less than perfection, in every aspect. The feeling that the parents, grandparents, friends and relatives had as they walked into the Loewenstern Cafetorium was one of excitement and pure joy! No matter where you turned you saw aspects of greatness covering the Cafetorium. Upon entering, my eyes immediately gravitated to the breathtaking pictures that **Caroline Katz** took. Through her photographs one could view every single Kindergarten graduate's personality; it truly was amazing. The stage was decorated in bright and festive colors, which were designed by **Barbara Rose** and **Tova Hocherman** of the Art Department. Then, as my eyes peered to the back of the room, I couldn't help but glance at the adorably decorated picture frames by **Lisa Pinkis**, with all of the graduates' pictures in them and engraved with their names. What a fabulous memory to be able to take home and cherish for years to come. Before I knew it, the time had come for the ceremony to commence.

As the Cafetorium began to fill up to capacity and all you could hear were the voices of excitement echoing the room, **Chayim Dimont**, Lower School Principal, walked up on stage. I don't think anybody was expecting to get teary eyed before the children walked down the aisle, but, in fact, this emotion came much earlier than anticipated. Mr. Dimont offered words of inspiration, appreciation, dedication and the utmost sincerity for Head of School **Rabbi Samuel Levine's** tenure at Hillel Day School. Listening to him speak about his mentor, as he referred to him, was the highlight of the evening. It was wonderful to see Mr. Dimont possess such an innate and true respect for such a great person. As we all know, Mr. Dimont is not the only one who shares this sentiment for Rabbi Levine. It was one that is shared by the entire community.

After Mr. Dimont's moving tribute, the time had come for the graduation to officially commence. I am not sure who was more excited: the families or the graduates? Before the children walked down under the balloon arches two by two and three by three, the room was filled with beautiful



music. As the children began heading up to the stage, I thought it was very poignant how they held hands and grasped onto each other. It reminded me of how they held onto their parents as they were dropped off for their first day of Kindergarten. But now they had learned how to support each other. The children sang four beautiful songs, including an original one written by music teacher **Mrs. Lynch** and Kindergarten teacher **Mrs. Gwenn Lerman**. One by one, the children walked up to receive their diplomas and Siddurim. The covers were sewn with love by **Ana Haar**, and **Morah Tami Gerlitz** hand wrote each graduate's name on the name plates for the Siddurim and on the diplomas. The children received their very first Siddurim due to the **Schiffman families** endowment fund in loving memory of Mrs. Schiffman's mother.

The evening concluded with a delicious reception in honor of the graduates. The evening could not have been possible without the hard work and unwavering dedication of the following individuals: **Orlie Cohen, Deena Frist, Elisheva Green, Keri Greenfield, Lisa Houben, Liz Karsh, Naomi Katz, Ziona Kennedy, Rina Lanner, Arielle Moskowitz, Naomi Shapiro, Sheryl Wultz, Riki Fishman, Nofar Mintzer, Beth Janock, Victoria Martinez, Jo Felman, Joe Sharp, and Suzanne Rice**. In closing, the children had a fabulous year of Kindergarten and that was primarily due to the outstanding educators who nurtured them. Thus, a very special thank you goes to **Mr. Dimont, Mrs. Lerman, Morah Tami, Morah Neomi, and Ms. Sheri**, for giving all of the children the tools they require to fly into First Grade!

8th GRADE GRADUATION

By: Suri Winograd

Proud parents, siblings, family and friends gathered together in Zinman Hall on June 11, 2014/5774 for the Hillel Day School of Boca Raton 16th Annual Eighth Grade Graduation. Fifty excited graduates walked down the aisle and took their seats on stage. The ceremonies began as everyone participated in singing the national anthem and Hatikvah. **Rabbi Levine's** granddaughter, **Eva Markowitz**, magnificently played the violin to the tune of Hatikvah. This was especially meaningful since it was Rabbi Levine's last year as Head of School.

Rabbi Adam Englander, Upper School Principal, was first to address the students during the commencement ceremony. His message was heartfelt and profound as he reminded all present about the sad state of assimilation in American Jewry today. However, he reminded the guests that the 50 graduates sitting up on stage were the "good news," the product of a strong foundation and an outstanding Jewish education. They are the future of the Jewish people.

This year's ceremony was especially meaningful as it marked the last graduation for **Rabbi Samuel J. Levine** as Head of School. His remarks were emotional as he said farewell as Head of School and passed the torch of leadership to Rabbi Adam Englander. His leadership, commitment and dedication have undoubtedly paved the way for the outstanding education our children are privileged to benefit from today. The Hillel Day School family will always have tremendous Hakarat Hatov for all he has accomplished for our school. **Rabbi Efrem Goldberg**, Morah D'atra of Boca Raton Synagogue, followed with a beautiful Dvar Torah and



heartfelt wishes to all the graduates.

Yearbook Editors **Gabriella Englander, Ayelet Gross, Tani Loskove** and **Shoshana Marcus** expressed gratitude and appreciation to all of the educators who brought them to this day. **Sharona Kay**, our dedicated PTA president, presented each graduate with a Siddur. This would be their last of many gifts received from our amazing and productive PTA. Thanks to **Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik**, everyone enjoyed a memorable montage video. We watched happy graduates through their years at Hillel from EC2 through 8th grade.

The moment everyone was waiting for arrived when all of the students received their diplomas, presented to them by **Rabbi Levine, Rabbi Englander, Board President Daniel Katz, and Hadassah Smolarcik**. The evening concluded with a wonderful reception in honor of our graduates. The room was lined with beautiful portraits of all the students, thanks to **Caroline Katz**. A special thanks to **Jill Kaminetzky** for her tireless efforts and meticulous attention to detail in coordinating the evening.

Mazal Tov to all of the graduates and their families. We look forward to watching your success as you enter the next phase of your lives.

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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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