



2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

HILLEL
DAY SCHOOL
of Boca Raton

WHERE EXCELLENCE IN
TORAH & SECULAR STUDIES
IS OUR PASSION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL AND PRESIDENT

Traditionally, an annual report from a non-profit organization is about money. Specific dollar amounts for how much was raised, where it all came from and how it was spent are the backbone of a typical annual report and, on a certain level, ours is no different. But this publication, and this lead article in particular, is designed to give you - our dedicated friends and family - a deep sense for WHY supporting Hillel Day School must remain at the top of your priority list. To put it simply, the work that we do is the best possible guarantee for a vibrant Jewish future. Led by the most talented and dedicated teachers and staff, HDS combines a rich and inspiring Judaic studies curriculum

with a general studies program that rivals those found at the finest private schools. Our graduates are truly being prepared to lead lives as passionate, committed, Zionistic Jews who will contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

Every year we take pride in highlighting the many new programs and initiatives that we have launched as we believe this is the essence of a school community committed to excellence. We never rest on our laurels; we are always getting better. This is also part of the reason that we celebrated another year of record enrollment! To mention all that is new would take several pages so here are just a few examples:

New reading programs for our younger students in both English and Hebrew were launched to give our children a more individualized experience. We continue to experiment with some fantastic online educational programs with cutting edge technology that significantly enhances the tool boxes of

our teachers. Our science fair focused upon engineering as this subject is becoming vital for our children to be successful in the future. In conjunction with the Miami Dolphins, our students participated in an entertaining and informative health week. A new Siddur for young students is being used which emphasizes the understanding and connection that will lead to greater lifelong commitment to and appreciation of daily prayer. Our older students heard from great Jewish thinkers/heroes like Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Yosef Mendelovitch, the famous refusenik from the former Soviet Union and Rachelle Fraenkel, the mother of Naftali, one of the three boys murdered by terrorists last summer in Israel. These same students also participated in an organized campaign to buy Israeli goods at local stores to combat the unfortunate efforts of those that cause harm to our beloved homeland. Our EMET (Excellent Middot Every Time) and KAR²E (Kindness Always, Respect and Responsibility Everywhere) programs continue to evolve and teach our students the importance of outstanding character and behavior. And finally, who and what we honored this past year at our annual dinner made an incredibly loud statement as to what Hillel Day School is all about. We honored eight teachers for either 13 or 26 years of service and we highlighted the impressive extent of our school-wide Israel education.

Thank you for your continued support and may Hashem continue to bless Hillel Day School with growth and success!

Rabbi Adam Englander, M.S. Ed.
Head of School

Daniel J. Katz
President



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Hillel, we are committed to excellence and constantly looking for ways to improve. Although this focus tends to have us always looking ahead, our annual report is a great exercise for us to take a step back and reflect on our achievements over the past year.

Just before the start of the 2014/15 school year, we had the privilege of hosting the JCC Maccabi Games and JCC Cares chesed program on our campus. It gave us an opportunity to showcase Hillel Day School to an international audience, and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive.

Over the past year, we implemented the security enhancements that had been subsidized by our Department of Homeland Security grant. In addition to those projects, we invested in additional security upgrades and trainings, and added a full-time School Resource Officer to complement our existing 24/7 security presence.

In an effort to keep tuition stable over the past 3 years in the face of rising costs, we have found ways to reduce operating expenses in a way that still enables us to enhance our facilities and academic and extracurricular opportunities. Among our efforts, are investments in various systems that have added

operating efficiencies and lowered costs. DDC, our school information system has streamlined our admissions, registration, medical, grading, and communication systems. HotLunchOnline has offered convenience and accountability to our business office, as well as to families participating in our daily hot lunch program. We have recently implemented the MaintenanceDirect application, which has revolutionized our facilities maintenance systems. Very shortly, we will be introducing its sister program, FSDirect, a facilities scheduling component that will continue to add efficiency, organization, and accountability to our daily operation. This past year also saw several upgrades to the FACTS platform, which manages our financial aid applications, and processes all school payments from tuition to after school activities to bussing fees and nearly everything in between.

Boruch Hashem, our enrollment has increased 17% over the past 3 school years, and Camp Ruach has grown in each of its first 3 years, necessitating upgrades and modifications to our facilities in order to accommodate the record levels of enrollment. We pray, G-D willing, that these positive trends continue, and that we are able to offer our children the very best for many more years to come!

Joe Sharp
Executive Director

A MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Greetings from Financial Resource Development...let's take a look back on the 2014-2015 school year which raised \$544,988.91 for Jewish education.

Our major fundraiser, the Annual Journal Dinner, was held on January 8, 2015, and honored eight faculty members (six for 13 years of service and two for 26 years of service) and Ambassador Ido Aharoni was the featured speaker as we celebrated our commitment to Israel through education (recap on page 10). The Annual Golf Tournament was re-invented and our Inaugural Parent-Child Golf Outing debuted on June 7, 2015, with a huge turnout of golfers of all ages (see page 11). We also transformed our Annual Raffle into the Mega Raffle and raised a record-breaking \$22,820.

Our Major Gift Societies, of which \$216,000 of the year's total Annual Campaign hailed, includes donations to the Lamed Vav Society (\$36,000+), Chai Society (\$18,000+) and the Maimonides Society (\$5,000 for at least 3 consecutive years). We are grateful to our Major Gift Society donors for being pillars and role models for our children and the community (complete listing on page 8).

Our Every Parent Campaign strives for 100% participation of all families to make a donation in any amount, to the campaign. We thank those families who participated this past year through their gift of tzedakah (see page 9 for the full listing). Once again, thanks to the efforts of **Deena and Jeremy Lurie** and **Lori Landes**, the SCRIP Program, which sells popular merchant gift cards at no extra cost to the purchaser, raised over \$1,000 for HDS. The Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program raised \$7,875 for the Scholarship Fund, and \$33,000 since its inception in April 2012. 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 raised \$58,962.69 collectively. These specially earmarked gifts are crucial for many of the programs and projects that HDS implements. Donations to the ETGAR Program as well as the 6th, 7th and 8th grade class trips are some of the ways

designated gifts are utilized. We also acknowledge the **Jules L. & Dorothy M. Kamsly Teen Program Grant** from the **Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** for a portion of

funding toward the 8th grade class trip to Israel. Additionally the Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund was initiated this past year by the **Scher family** to assist faculty in need of financial assistance. The E2K Program which develops student capabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) was sponsored by **Dr. Joshua and Sara Light** in memory of Joshua's beloved father, **Dr. David Light, z"l**.

We also are excited to announce a new partnership with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to develop a permanent endowment campaign through planned giving (details on page 14).

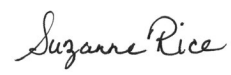
Phase II of the Capital Campaign is ongoing throughout the school year and we thank our current donors for providing a strong foundation for the future of Hillel Day School (list of dedications on page 8).

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.

Thank you to all of our donors and stakeholders for supporting Hillel Day School and Jewish education this past year including Hillel parents, grandparents, Board members, faculty and staff, vendors and community members. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of so many!



Orlie Cohen, Ph.D.
Financial Resource
Development Chair



Suzanne Rice
Director of
Development



IN MEMORIAM GERALD GOLDEN

The Hillel Day School of Boca Raton Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff, was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of **Gerald Golden, z"l**. Gerry was a long-time supporter of the Jewish community in so many ways. His passion for Jewish education was evident through his philanthropy. This past year Mr. Golden joined our Chai Society with a generous gift, and the year before he dedicated an early childhood classroom in memory of his daughter, **Cheryl Kari Golden, z"l**. He will be sorely missed.





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. The Maimonides Society was created in 2012 by a group of physicians.

- ◆ **Lamed Vav Society** members give a donation of \$36K or more (payable over 3 years).
- ◆ **Chai Society** members donate \$18K or more (payable over 2 years).
- ◆ **Maimonides Society** membership requires an annual gift of \$5,000 for a minimum of 3 years.

Major Gift Society membership includes listing on the Annual Journal Dinner Tribute Committee, a full page journal ad and two places at the Annual Journal Dinner.

Annual Campaign

- ◆ **Annual Journal Dinner**
- ◆ **Mega Raffle**
- ◆ **Parent-Child Golf Outing**
- ◆ **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

- ◆ Donations from grandparents are considered part of the Dor L'Dor Society.

Designated Gifts

- ◆ Gifts designated for specific programs or projects

Capital Campaign (for a full listing of naming and dedication opportunities see pg. 8)

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

Endowments and Planned Giving

- ◆ **Life & Legacy Program** Hillel Day School is one of 11 Jewish organizations in South Palm Beach County selected to participate in this prestigious program. Our school will receive consulting services from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and will be eligible to receive at least \$15,000 in unrestricted incentive grants over two years if we secure 18 letters of intent during the first year and another 18 letters of intent during the second year.

Leaving a legacy is simple. Some options include:

- ◆ Bequest in a will
- ◆ Gift of life insurance
- ◆ Gift of IRA or pension funds
- ◆ Gift of cash or assets
- ◆ Lifetime income vehicle

PHASE II
CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN

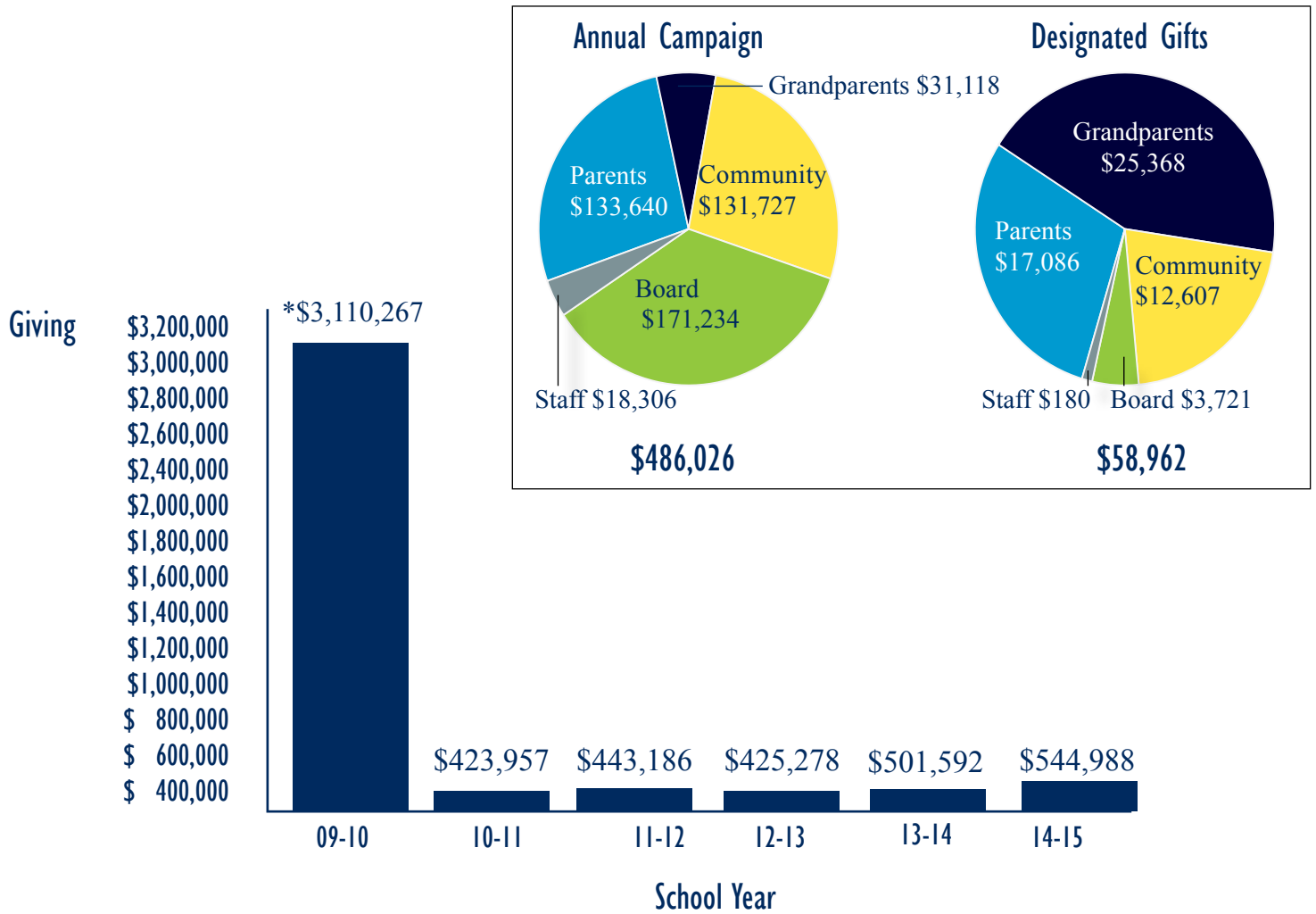


For more information on any of these opportunities contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225.

Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be listed on our Wall of Honor and gifts of \$500 plus will be listed in our Annual Report/Honor Roll.

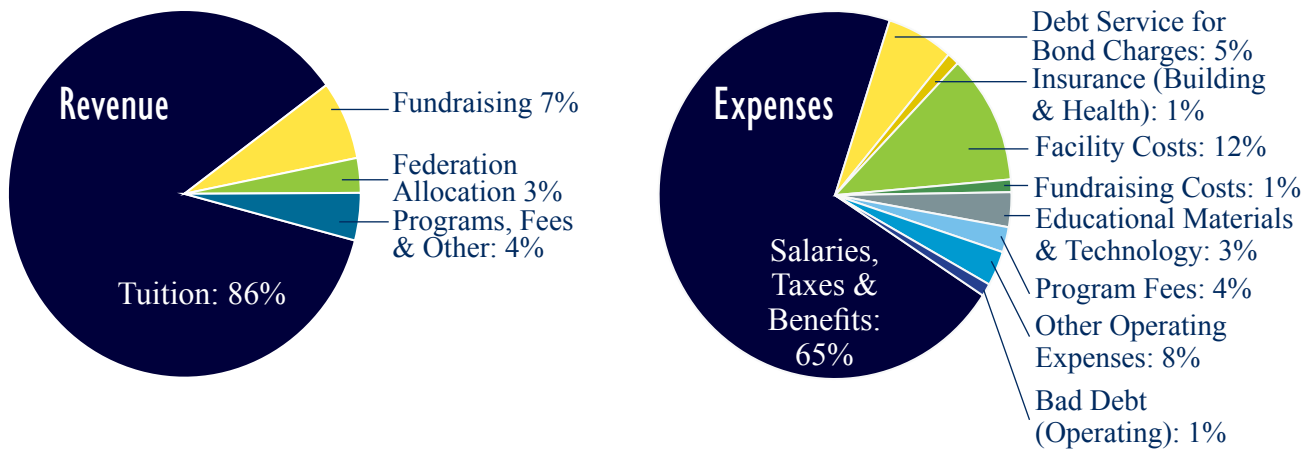
HILLEL DAY SCHOOL GIVING OVERVIEW

Fundraising Success of Hillel Day School



* Includes a \$2.6 Million Capital Campaign Gift.

Operating Budget Fiscal year ending June 30, 2015



HILLEL DAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following donors of \$500 and above to the 2014-2015 Annual Campaign

GOMLAY TORAH

Benefactors of Torah \$50,000+

🕯 Daniel & Caroline Katz

MELAMDAY TORAH

Teachers of Torah \$25,000-\$49,999

🕯 Gerry Golden z"l

MEYASDAY TORAH

Founders of Torah \$10,000-\$24,999

🕯 Daniel & Liora Adler

🕯 Lisa Kaufman-Bensmihen

Norbert & Henry Bratt Charitable Trust

🕯 Eli & Orlie Cohen

Jerry Cohen

Fred & Judy Farbman

🕯 Martin & Ileana Flics

🕯 Benjamin & Cara Freedman

🕯 Joseph & Galit Freedman

Bruce Gendelman Insurance Services

🕯 Isaac & Ilona Grynstejn

🕯 Teddy & Phyllis Struhl

🕯 Michael & Risa Zimmerman

AMUDAY TORAH

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

Anonymous

🕯 Avraham & Elana Belizon

🕯 Steven Berkeley & Rebecca Stern

🕯 Mark & Helen Cohan

🕯 Hillel & Chayi Cohen

🕯 Meyer & Laura Cohen

Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander

Murray & Basheva Goldberg

🕯 Chanoch & Rachel Harow

🕯 David & Sharona Kay

🕯 Joshua & Sara Light

🕯 Leor & Gaby Skoczylas

🕯 Adam & Shaani Splaver

Gil & Lysee Stein

🕯 Joshua & Stephanie Stern

SHOMRAY TORAH

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

🕯 Sal & Leslie Abady

AbbVie Foundation Employee

Engagement Fund

Chaim & Debbie Abramowitz

Anonymous

🕯 Michael & Mirta Brown

Butters Construction & Development

Donny & Freyda Cohen

Erik Cooper & Aviva Klein

Leo & Heni Ehrlich

Menashe & Jamie Frank

Ayal & Deena Frist

Avi & Felicia Frohlich

Rabbi Efreim & Yocheved Goldberg

🕯 Glen & Rosa Golish

Raphael & Meira Gross

Ira & Jamie Gurvitch

Hillel PTA

Sheldon & Lorna Hills

Jean Katz

Kosher Marketplace

Rabbi Jonathan & Jennifer Kroll

Stephen & Elizabeth Landes

Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindel Levine

Robby & Linda Levy

🕯 David Markowitz & Sara Levine

Mass Mutual Financial Group

Daniel Rosenthal & Sara Goldberg

Barry & Dana Schechter

Ira & Arlene Schwartz

Joe & Shira Sharp

Rabbi Mordechai & Hadassah

Smolarcik

Ido & Gila Stern

🕯 Ted & Linda Struhl

🕯 Benjamin & Donna Tripp

Jackie & Rachel Tripp

Ashi & Chava Weissstuch

Ari & Shoshana Wirtschafter

MAYEERAY TORAH

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

Thomas & Elsa Adler

Anonymous

Class of 2015 8th Grade

B'nai Mitzvah Fund

Hannah Frank

Ronald & Lori Gabor

Russel & Lauren Glaun

Evan & Ilana Landau

Abe & Malkie Levine

Mutual of America/Ivan Gregory

Paul Pariser & Lynn Hahn Pariser

Rubin Obstgarten Family

Foundation

David & Rand Schwartzwald

Joseph & Selma Sitrick

Alan Veingrad

Mitchell & Ruthy Weiss

Marcel & Nadia Wikler

Jonathan & Suri Winograd

Young Israel of Hollywood-Ft.

Lauderdale (Jewish Education Fund)

CHAVERIM

Friends \$500-\$999

Zevi & Reut Aber

Yosef & Leah Amar

Howard Amster

Ari & Andrea Bernstein

Ari & Simone Blaine

Anna Cohen

Joel & Peshe Dennis

Chayim & Michele Dimont

Robert & Elise Dolgow

Eli & Laurie Epstein

The Erdle Foundation

Andrew & Sharon Fein

Samuel & Lisa Freedman

Yaakov Gelman /Mr. Air

David & Devorah Goldwasser

Charles & Simone Griff

Gutterman's Inc.

Michael & Dona Kahn

Dovid & Vivian Kestenbaum

Ralph & Pearl Kier

Sheva Rock Kipperman

Aaron Laub

Ruth Light

Stanley, z"l & Barbara Rose

George & Stephanie Saks

Aaron & Elisheva Schwarzman

Bernard Shafran

Carmi & Liz Stadlan

West Boca Medical Center

Rabbi Noah & Michal Zisquit

🕯 Lamed Vav Society Member

🕯 Chai Society Member

🕯 Maimonides Society Member

DOR L'DOR SOCIETY

Thank you to all of our grandparents who donated \$360 and above to the 2014-2015 Annual Campaign.
From generation to generation...

HILLEL

\$10,000+

Fred & Judy Farbman
Lawrence & Anne Frisman

RAMBAM

\$5,000-\$9,999

Mark & Helen Cohan

PLATINUM

\$3,600-\$4,999

Jean Katz

GOLD

\$1,800-\$3,599

Chaim & Debbie Abramowitz
Stephen & Elizabeth Landes
Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindel Levine
Ira & Arlene Schwartz

SILVER

\$1,000-\$1,799

Thomas & Elsa Adler
Hannah Frank
Abe & Malkie Levine

BRONZE

\$500-\$999

Joel & Peshe Dennis
Eli & Laurie Epstein

DOR L'DOR

\$360-\$499

Sid & Susan Koslovsky
Rene & Beloria Levy
Max & Ronit Weinstein

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 2014-2015 Annual Campaign. Designated gifts are specified donations for programs, projects and other needs that are not for the general scholarship fund.

\$5,000+

Anita Katz
Jay & Tracey Schwartz

\$500-\$4,999

Lisa Kaufman-Bensmihen
Lorraine Blumenthal Friedman Endowment Fund
Isaac & Ilona Grynsztein
Hillel PTA
Jewish Federation of SPBC/Jacobson Jewish Community
Foundation's Jules L. & Dorothy M. Kamsly
Teen Program Fund

Michael & Dona Kahn
Daniel & Caroline Katz
David Markowitz & Sara Levine
Doron & Cheryl Scher
Herschel & Dvora Scher
Schiffman Family Trust
Teddy & Phyllis Struhl
Tobie & William Wiener Endowment Fund
Tuly & Sheryl Wultz
Michael & Risa Zimmerman



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	Hillel Gomolin
**Daniel & Liora Adler	Avi & Laura Greenbaum
Alliance for Jewish Education	Stanley & Ana Haar
Anonymous	Jeffrey & Jodi Harris
Al & Evelyn Begas	Bernie & Melanie Kaminetsky
Joseph & Lisa Bensmihen	**Daniel & Caroline Katz
Esther Berglas	Leigh & Stace Katzman
Steven Berkeley & Rebecca Stern	David & Sharona Kay
Michael & Mirta Brown	David & Marissa Levenson
Eli & Orly Cohen	Rabbi Alejandro & Sandra Lilienthal
Daniel & Gilah Danino	Harold & Donna Richter
Michael & Sheryl Dennis	Michael & Jill Rose
Brian & Sharon Ferber	Michael & Amy Schiffman
Marty & Ileana Flics	Reid & Naomi Shapiro
*Benjamin & Cara Freedman	Teddy & Linda Struhl
*Joseph & Galit Freedman	Warren & Robin Struhl
Roger & Lisa Gladstone	Benjamin & Donna Tripp
Glen & Rosa Golish	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
 *Lisa Kaufman-Bensmihen
 Mark & Helen Cohan
 Benjamin & Cara Freedman
 * Gerry Golden z"l
 Glen & Rosa Golish
 Avi & Laura Greenbaum
 *Isaac & Ilona Grynsztein
 Stanley & Ana Haar
 Rabbi Alejandro & Sandra Lilienthal
 David & Sara Markowitz
 Jack & Marilyn Pechter
 Michael & Jill Rose
 Stuart & Hindy Rubin
 Michael & Amy Schiffman
 Teddy & Phyllis Struhl
 Warren & Robin Struhl
 Hedy & Dori Zaghi
 *Michael & Risa Zimmerman

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	*David & Sharona Kay
Mark & Helen Cohan	*Joshua & Sara Light
*Hillel & Chayi Cohen	*Leor & Gaby Skoczylas
Meyer & Laura Cohen	Adam & Shaani Splaver
*Chanoch & Rachel Harow	*Joshua & Stephanie Stern

*New member for 2014-2015 Campaign
 ** Renewed member for 2014-2015 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 Grynsztein (2)
Martin & Edith Stein (1)

\$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

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. 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 or call 561-470-5000 ext. 225.

CAMP RUACH

We had another amazing summer as over 300 campers learned Torah, davened, played and had so much fun! Here are some of the incredible highlights:



- ▲ The leadership team of **Rachel Yudewitz, Cara Beim, Amy Horowitz** and **Rabbi Chaim Lanner** put together a jam packed schedule filled with awesome events and activities.
- ▲ Over 100 staff members including CITs made sure that children participated with their peers and were supervised with safety and care.
- ▲ Every day began with inspired tefilot led by energetic Rebbeim, Morot and counselors.
- ▲ Every Friday included a special Oneg Shabbat with ruach and creative skits about the Parsha!
- ▲ For the first time ever, every Friday was Bounce House Day with awesome slides and bounce houses on site!
- ▲ So many specials to choose from such as Art, Zumba, Science, Fit Rx, Sports and many more!
- ▲ Awesome field trips and events like Color War, Insider Tour of Panthers Arena, Rapids, and Camp-outs!
- ▲ Campers learned Torah, sports, swimming and so much more! They made new friends and learned new skills. It truly was a great summer!

HILLEL PTA

You may know about all of the programs and events that the Hillel PTA runs throughout the school year (and even over the summer months). But what you may not know is that the Hillel PTA has been a major financial supporter of Hillel Day School since its inception. Below is a list of just some of the wonderful things PTA has made possible for HDS and our students:

Middle School Apple/MAC Lab	\$80,000
Aunt Jessie's Playground	\$25,000
School Computers	\$15,000
Soundproofing Gym	\$15,000
Scoreboard	\$10,155
Learning Garden	\$5,000
Gym Equipment	\$4,000
Bounce Houses	\$3,300
Popcorn & Slushie Machines	\$2,500
Digital Camera	\$2,048
Trophy Case	\$1,755
HDS Mascot (Ari)	\$827



...and much, much more! PTA has donated over \$200,000 worth of needed and wish-list items.

Thank you to **Sharona Kay**, PTA President, the PTA Board of Trustees, and all of the PTA volunteers who helped make this possible.

EVERY PARENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all of our Every Parent Campaign (EPC) participating families. This annual fundraising effort provides every Hillel family with the opportunity to donate and 'give back' to our school with a gift of tzedakah, regardless of their financial situation, as everyone is acknowledged equally. Every dollar counts and families can give any amount they are comfortable with, based on their own personal circumstances. This year, 67% of families made a donation, in some way, to the campaign. Our annual goal is to reach 100% participation in this critical effort to raise scholarship funds in support of Jewish education.

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| Zevi & Reut Aber
Samuel & Naomi
Abramovitz
Daniel & Liora Adler
Joseph & Lillian Aharon
Michael Aloof
Yosef & Leah Amar
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Ariel & Milcah Barashi
Rabbi Barak & Aliza
Bar-Chaim
Jeff & Greta Baum
Ari & Cara Beim
Avraham & Elana Belizon
Shalom & Aliza
Ben-Shimon
Joseph Bensmihen
Lisa Kaufman-Bensmihen
Shmuel & Ilana Benyosef
David & Ranana Berger
Steven Berkeley & Rebecca
Stern
Rabbi Gur & Ira Berman
Jay & Chari Bernten
Marc & Sara Bienenfeld
Tyler Bierly & Aviva Reich
Joshua Bierman & Debbie
Friedman
Ari & Simone Blaine
Michael Bock
David Brafman & Sara
Shapiro
Rabbi Joshua & Simone
Broide
Michael & Mirta Brown
Steven & Devora Burack
Rotem & Jordana Carmel
Donny & Freyda Cohen
Eli & Orlie Cohen
Eyal & Elise Cohen
Hillel & Chayi Cohen
Joseph & Shira Cohen
Meyer & Laura Cohen
Michael & Elysa Cohen
Pam Cohen
Todd & Naomi Cohn
Erik Cooper & Aviva Klein
Jonathan Cutler & Susan
Mussaffi
Ronnie & Lisa Dahan
Yanive & Jade Dahan
Daniel & Anne Deakter
Brian & Jodi Deichman
Chayim & Michele Dimont
Yosef & Bracha Doch
Richard & Penina Dorfman
Richard & Julie Ehrlich
Eric & Devorah Eisen
Rabbi Gershon & Shoshana
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Rabbi Adam & Shira
Englander
Andrew & Sharon Fein
Nomi Feinberg
Ira & Lisa Feintuch
Marty & Ileana Flics
Menashe & Jamie Frank
Ben & Cara Freedman
Joseph & Galit Freedman
Samuel & Lisa Freedman | Howard & Lisa Friedman
Ayal & Deena Frist
Avi & Felicia Frohlich
Seth Frohlich & Kimberly
Galbut
Ronald & Lori Gabor
Atzmon & Gila Gedz
Ilan & Tami Gerlitz
Russel & Lauren Glau
Ian & Suzanne Goldberg
David & Devorah
Goldwasser
Glen & Rosa Golish
Howard & Claire Goodman
Rabbi Josh & Dannie
Grajower
Avi & Laura Greenbaum
Rachel Greenbaum
Avi & Sara Greene
Steven & Keri Greenfield
Charles & Simone Griff
Jonathan Gritzman &
Tamara Liss
Jeffrey & Naomi Gross
Raphael & Meira Gross
Isaac & Ilona Grynstein
Jill Gumper
Tomer & Shari Haik
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ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATES HDS' COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL THROUGH EDUCATION

Hillel Day School of Boca Raton held its Annual Journal Dinner Event on Thursday evening, January 12, 2015, at Congregation B'nai Israel. Parents, grandparents, faculty members and community members gathered to "Celebrate Hillel's Commitment to Israel Through Education," the theme of the school's major fundraiser of the year. Six faculty members received the Oht Hameseroot Faculty Achievement Award for 13 years of service to HDS: **Morgan Comart, Tova Gil, Rina Lanner, Leonardo Moran, Ofra Struogano, and Cindy Zemel**. In addition, **Karen Berman and Lea Friedman** received the Double Oht Hameseroot Faculty Achievement Award for 26 years of service.

Thank you to everyone who participated, either through attending the dinner, placing an ad in the Journal or joining the Tribute Committee, as well as to the event co-chairs, **Dr. Chanoch & Rachel Harow** and **Dr. Joshua & Stephanie Stern**, and Master of Ceremonies, **Dr. David Kay**. The evening was filled with ruach, delicious food and our first official "Kahoot" contest, won by **Rachel Yudewitz**. In addition, thank you to **Hadassah Smolarcik**, Principal, Grades 4 & 5 and Judaic Studies, as well as the **1st through 5th grade Judaic faculty**, for coordinating the meaningful letters to the IDF soldiers produced by their students. The letters were displayed during the dinner and then sent to the Israeli soldiers.

Ambassador Ido Aharoni, Consul General of Israel in New York, delivered an inspiring message, and two videos produced by **Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik** were featured. Special thanks to **Dr. Orlie Cohen**, Financial Resource Development Chair, for her attention to every detail of the program as well as spearheading our fundraising campaign. Thank you to **Michele Dimont**, Ad Journal Editor, for her assistance with the Ad Journal. Once again, thank you to **Deborah Young** of *Got It Covered*, for her time and effort with décor. The room looked beautiful thanks to her creativity. We also thank **Cara Beim** for helping with the giveaway mugs. We acknowledge **Elise Cohen** for her graphic design assistance, as well as **Leonardo Moran** for photography, and **Noah Light** (HDS Class of '11), for videotaping highlights of the evening.

We thank this year's Tribute Committee for their support of Hillel Day School and Jewish education.

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75 GOLFERS TEE OFF AT INAUGURAL PARENT-CHILD GOLF OUTING

On Sunday, June 7, 2015, seventy-five golfers participated in the Hillel Day School Inaugural Parent-Child Golf Outing at Boca Lago Country Club. This event, co-chaired by **Dov Hochner, Dovid Kestenbaum, Teddy Struhl, and Michael Zimmerman**, brought in over \$50,000 for the school's Annual Scholarship Fund.

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We also gratefully acknowledge **Leo & Heni Ehrlich, FACTS Management Co., the Hillel PTA, and Supreme Energy, Inc.** for their generous donations. Thank you to **Dr. Eli Cohen** for donating the sunscreen and to all of this year's volunteers for helping make the event run smoothly throughout the day: **Orlie Cohen, Chayim Dimont, Dov & Shaindi Hochner, Jill, Noam & Daniella Kaminetzky, Jeremy Lurie, Liz Pilkington, and Phyllis Struhl.** The outing offered a parent-

child track, which included an instructional clinic, followed by 9 holes of play, as well as an adults-only 18-hole track. Golfer ages ranged from 5 years old to grandparent participants. After play on the links, a lunch buffet, including delicious steaks grilled by **Steve Lugerner**, had over 115 mouths watering as the players joined with family members, sponsors, and friends.

This year's contest winners, who each received a medal and HDS "Flair" gift bag donated by the Hillel PTA, were:

Longest Drive:
Parent: **Josh Light**
Child: **Ben Blaine**

Closest to the Pin:
Parent: **Phil Landau**
Child: **Azriel Galbut**

Putting Contest:
A three-way tie by **Ben Blaine, Elisha Horowitz, and Eitan Landau** resulted in a sudden death putt-off with the winner being **Eitan Landau.**

All child participants received trophies. A participant raffle followed with prizes generously donated by **Five Star Golf, the Hillel PTA, and Mutual of America.** It was truly an amazing and memorable day. We look forward to planning our next Parent-Child Golf Outing. If you would like to get involved please contact the Development Office.



KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

By: Naomi Gross

Prior to the actual Kindergarten graduation on June 11, 2015, I heard someone who viewed a rehearsal remark, “It’s almost like a Broadway production.” That statement comes close to summing up the magnificence of this event. In a room festooned with colorful kites to symbolize the evening’s theme of soaring, the 29 Kindergarten students put on a rousing performance that was the culmination of months of hard work.

The evening began with the graduates gracefully walking down the aisle in their blue and white caps and gowns towards the expectant smiles—and more than a few tears—of their parents. After some preliminary heartfelt remarks about the children’s unique and individual journeys by **Mr. Chayim Dimont**, Principal (Early Childhood-Grade 3), the students sang a selection of entertaining Hebrew and English songs under the musical direction of **Mr. Chaim Parchi**. These were accompanied by hand movements, synchronized scarf waving, dance steps, and even cartwheels! The highlight of the evening was their hilarious version of “It’s a Hard Knock Life,” which described the transition from Kindergarten to first grade (“More homework! Every night!”). The audience was enthralled, laughing, cheering, and clapping along with these amazing performers.

The graduates were then called up individually to receive their first Siddurim, generously donated by the **Schiffman family** in memory of **Susan Rubin, z”l**. Special thanks to **Karen Berman** for sewing the Siddurim covers and to **Tami Gerlitz** for inscribing them with the children’s names. In a moving conclusion to the program, the students read in unison the “Shema” prayer aloud from their own Siddurim for the first time.

After the graduation ceremony, guests enjoyed a delicious dessert reception organized by the Kindergarten parent volunteers: **Freyda Cohen, Naomi Gross, Rachel Harow, Shaindi Hochner, Batsheva Klein, Elana Rackman, Diane Saketkhou, Suri Spolter, and Andrea Zucker**.

Tables were laden with delicious treats, including a cake decorated with a photo of the graduating class and candy shaped into a soaring rainbow. There were also beautifully packaged gifts for each student: the book *Unstoppable Me*, generously donated by **Dr. Chanoch and Rachel Harow**, a personalized pencil case, decorated by **Rachel Harow**, along with a framed photo of each child in his or her cap and gown. We are so grateful to **Caroline Katz** for graciously donating her time to providing each family with these cherished mementos, as well as the enlarged yearbook photos of each child that adorned the Loewenstern Cafetorium. Thanks also to **Lisa Pinkis** for decorating all of the frames.

Additional thanks are extended to **Barbara Rose** for all of her help with the stage decorations, **Risa Kahane** and **Suzanne Rice** for assistance putting together the Kindergarten graduation invitations and diplomas, and **Joe Sharp** and his maintenance staff for all of their hard work with set up and clean up.

Finally, we are enormously indebted to our amazing Kindergarten teachers: **Gwenn Lerman, Tami Gerlitz, Neomi Aharon, and Sheri Siegel**, for all of the countless hours spent making this incredible graduation a reality and, of course, all that they have done throughout the course of the year. Our children did indeed soar to great heights under their guidance and care.



8TH GRADE GRADUATION By: Ilona Grynsztein

On Sunday, June 14, 2015/5775, Hillel Day School of Boca Raton celebrated its 17th Annual Commencement Exercises as forty-eight students received their diplomas in Zinman Hall on the Federation campus. After the students proudly marched down the aisle and took their seats on the stage, **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Head of School, addressed the graduates. He noted that the graduating class were Kindergarteners when he first began at Hillel, and now, nine years later, the students prepare to go on to High School. In his message to the graduates, Rabbi Englander challenged them to use a Torah lifestyle as a means of recognizing the good that we all have in our lives and how we should never let the “scarcity culture” that we live in negatively impact us.

A D’var Torah, given by **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik**, Principal of Grades 4 & 5 and Judaic Studies, expressed a message that hard work and effort promotes growth in Torah, Mitzvot and positive character traits. Yearbook Editors **Yakirah Rosen, Akiva Stadlan, Shana Weiss** and **Rebecca Wirtschafter** addressed the class and explained the meaning of the Google themed yearbook; a perfect choice for a class that has been raised with the Internet at their fingertips. PTA president, **Mrs. Sharona Kay**, gifted the students at an earlier rehearsal with their own Artscroll Siddur. Students were encouraged to use them every day of their lives, just as they have throughout their days at Hillel. She closed with a wish that all the graduates’ prayers come true.

A video presentation entitled “Those Were The Days,” produced by **Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik**, was a meaningful photo montage and included videos showing many of the students dating back to their Kindergarten days. Each student had their own “facetime” and an opportunity to speak about their personal favorite Hillel moment. The video culminated with images of the class trip to Israel.

Diplomas were presented By **Rabbi Adam Englander, Morah Hadassah Smolarcik** and **Mr. Chayim Dimont**. Thank you to **Caroline Katz** for the life sized portraits of each student that filled the reception hall and served as a signing board for the students to take home and cherish; to **Rabbi Smolarcik** for producing the graduation video; and to **Jill Kaminetzky** for once again planning each and every detail of the graduation from start to finish.

Last but not least, Kol ha Kavod to the parents and families of the graduates. Mazal tov! May our children continue to be life-long learners and committed to Torah values.



LIFE & LEGACY PROGRAM...

Hillel Day School of Boca Raton has been accepted into the "Life & Legacy" program, sponsored by the **Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** and the **Harold Grinspoon Foundation**, to help promote planned giving, endowments and other after-lifetime giving opportunities.

Through training, support and monetary incentives, HDS, along with 10 other local Jewish organizations, will be motivated to secure legacy gifts, steward donors and integrate legacy giving into the philanthropic culture of the Jewish community. Hillel's Legacy Team members include **Sal Abady, Helen Cohan, Orlic Cohen, Glen Golish, Daniel Katz**, and staff members **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Head of School, and **Suzanne Rice**, Director of Development.

HDS will receive consulting services from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and will be eligible to receive at least \$15,000 in unrestricted incentive grants over the next two years if 18 letters of intent are secured during the first year. Additionally, another 18 letters of intent must be secured during the second year. But more importantly, making your Legacy commitment now will ensure the future of Hillel Day School of Boca Raton so it can continue to provide a stellar Jewish education to our future; our children.

Your planned Legacy gift will:

- Help us to continue to provide best practices in education, programming, technology, and facility so that we will always offer the very best and be attractive to new students.
- Help stabilize and ultimately lower tuition costs so that more families can choose HDS for their children.
- Ensure that no child, regardless of their family's financial situation, is denied this impactful Jewish education.

Leaving a legacy is simple. Some options include:

- ◆ Bequest in a will
- ◆ Gift of life insurance
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- ◆ Gift of cash or assets
- ◆ Lifetime income vehicle

Becoming our partner in ensuring the Jewish future will not only make a huge difference in the lives of so many, it is the most powerful statement you can make to your family and your community about what you truly value. For information on how you can make your planned gift to Hillel Day School, and help with this effort, please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225 or visit our website to download a Letter of Intent at <http://www.hilleldayschool.org/LifeLegacy.php>.

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