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SHANA TOVA 5777

Students in the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center enjoy Sensory Day. Thank you to our Sensory Day Coordinators: **Leslie Firestone**, **Cindy Halbstein**, **Beth Kaminetsky** and **Gwenn Lerman**!



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



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL...

Fascinating, intriguing, inspiring and motivating are just some of the words that come to mind when I think back upon my experience this past summer at **The Principals' Center of The Harvard Graduate School of Education**. Thanks to the generosity and vision of the **Avi Chai Foundation**, I was accepted to a 14-person cohort of heads of school/principals of Jewish day schools from across North America for an intensive, week-long seminar entitled "Leading an Emerging Vision." We joined another 160 school leaders from all over the globe including those from Australia, Saudi Arabia, India, China, Europe and all over the United States.

We were engrossed in sessions from some of the most respected researchers and thought leaders in education today on a wide range of topics such as Universal Design for Learning, Effective Family-School Partnerships, Maximizing the Impact of Technology for Learning, School Culture, Strategy in Action, Leading Change and so much more. A significant emphasis of the overall program was placed upon taking the theory and bringing it to action. I have already incorporated some of my learning into my daily routine and, with the help of a consultant from Avi Chai, we will soon begin a specific, long term school improvement initiative that emanates from the learning at Harvard and that furthers the Jewish mission of our school. I look forward to writing about that in a future edition of *The Hillel Herald*.

While at Harvard, two "feel good" thoughts continuously circled through my mind. The first was that we should be so incredibly proud of our school and our commitment to excellence in education. Of course, we must always grow and improve - that is essential to who we are and why I attended this program in the first place. But it was great to hear how in line we are with so many best practices and philosophies in education today. Secondly, almost every school leader I met and interacted with (and there were a lot!) was so thoughtful, passionate, giving, caring and so deeply committed to improving their respective schools and communities. So despite the many articles and stories out there that paint a pessimistic portrait of our global educational system, these impressive leaders left me with an overwhelming sense of optimism and belief that our future, through our children and their education, is bright indeed!

One of the groups Rabbi Adam Englander worked closely with while at Harvard this past summer.



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ELECTIVES

Chess, cooking, golf, art, photography, grilling and Jewish music, debate/politics, CPR training, 3D-printing, yoga, piloxing, Lego robotics, jewelry making, Chesed Club, table tennis instruction, 90's TV, puzzles and brain teasers, self-defense, fitness... That's right--Middle School Electives are back and better than ever! Thank you, **Mrs. Grajower**, for organizing!



ELUL

8th graders kicked off week #2 of our Elul growth campaign with a push to be better about making Brachot on food!



SCIENCE

6th graders conducted a measurement lab to put their metric system skills to use.



9/11

As part of our KAR²E program and in commemoration of 9/11, **Mrs. Vine** read an incredibly powerful and emotional letter from her niece who lost her father in the tragedy when she was only 5 years old.

Chayim Dimont, M.S. Ed. Principal, Early Childhood - Grade 3



The Centers of Our Year!

What an incredible start to our school year! As I walk through the classes, I cannot help but feel excitement about all of the incredible, hands-on, focused, individualized learning going on in each and every room. I admit I am biased :), but as an educator, and as a person who truly loves to observe the science of education, seeing true differentiated instruction, allowing children to learn and work at skills that are meaningful to them, is, to me, truly a thing of beauty.

Our lower school classrooms have embraced the model of center-based learning, which has allowed our inquisitive minds to learn in small groups of 5 to 7 students. If you walk into a classroom you will find four centers running simultaneously: Math, Reading, Writing, and Technology. Except for the Technology Center, each center is facilitated by a teacher in order to maximize the learning quality of the children. More than ever before, children have the opportunity to be more engaged, participate further, and get direct instruction from teachers. As opposed to the single teacher model where one teacher facilitates the entire class on a single journey throughout the year, an approach like ours certainly takes more collaboration among several teachers, but allows for 20(!) different journeys with the same destination at the end of the year! This is a new way to keep our amazing KHDS student minds active and engaged!

Looking forward to another successful school year!

Shana Tova!

HEALTH DAY

Health Day 2016 brought a variety of programming that engaged students while promoting health and wellness in the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center on September 29. The event, planned by **Chayim Dimont**, along with Program Coordinators and faculty members **Sheri Siegel**, **Lauren Glaun**, and **Tzippy Wolf**, brought **Evolution Fitness**, **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic**, **Oopsy the Clown** and KHDS parent and author **Lillian Aharon** for a health-filled morning of activities.



SENSORY DAY

Students learned about plants and gardening during Sensory Day.

TOO CUTE!

Moments at the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center.



KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

E	Abby Adler	Caleb Meltzer
	Eliana Berman	Naomi Nachim
	Ava Bienenfeld	Aaron Newman
	Orly Bierly	Alexis Newman
M	Leeraz Blanka	Gavriel Ohayon
	Noa Deichman	Aeli Ohayon
	Noam Dorfman	Ossie Ohayon
	Eitan Farbstein	Mushka Popack
E	Asher Fellman	Rhyan Rackman
	Rebecca Freedman	Leah Saacks
	Shai Freedman	Matan Scher
	Yaffa Goodfriend	Joey Schoenfeld
T	Hannah Klein	Leah Shmuel
	Talia Kraines	Merav Skoczylas
	Akiva Kranzler	Evan Sperling
	Shalhevet Kranzler	Aidan Struhl
T	Pearl Krawatsky	Maayan Sussman
	Talia Kroll	Arielle Tripp
	Sarina Loewinger	Shana Weber
	Danielle MacLeod	Mirel Weg
T	Kayla MacLeod	Elisha Weisstuch
	Idan Mayzel	Hillel Zisquit



Mazal Tov to all of the winners!

(winners as of 11-2-16)

Hadassah Smolarcik, M.S. Ed. Principal, Grades 4 & 5 and Judaic Studies Grades 1-8



One of the most popular expressions used in recent years is the expression “being chill” (when I was younger--I date myself--we said being “cool”). The word can be used as a verb, as in, “I am chillin’,” or an adjective, “he is so chill.” There seems to be a great emphasis in today’s society on being chill, of not reacting too strongly to things but rather being fun-loving and living in the moment. At the other end of the spectrum is the rigid person, whom we may classify as the Type A individual, who by description is driven, intense, highly motivated to accomplish and will mercilessly try to whip him or herself and everyone around him or her into shape. This individual would probably be classified as the polar opposite of the “chill” individual.

There is much to admire about these driven individuals. They can be counted on to get jobs done, they work hard even when they should be relaxing. Often times when faced with resistance, they will persevere while the chill individual might choose to take a nap. Type A individuals are useful and highly productive in society except for when they aren’t. Abraham Maslow, a famous psychologist known for creating the “hierarchy of needs,” once said that if a person has only one tool--a hammer--he will approach every problem as if it is a nail. Therefore, each of us needs many tools in the tool box to survive the challenges and obstacles in life. A wise person will know which tool to pull out for each and every job.

Yaakov Avinu is known as the “*bechir ha’avot*,” the crown of the forefathers. How did he achieve this title? His grandfather, Avraham, was the paragon of Chesed--kindness. Avraham reacted first and foremost in every situation with this trait. Yitzchak, Yaakov’s father, approached every situation with the trait of “*Gevurah*”--self-control and strength. This characteristic allowed for no flexibility. Yaakov represented “*Tiferet*,” what is known as the beautiful synthesis of both of the above traits--adaptability! That is what made him the crown of the Avot--he was able to react with an appropriate reaction to each condition and experience in his life. He taught us by example that one must have a variety of possible reactions to the challenges that life brings. It is great to be driven and ambitious but it must have a sprinkling of “chill.” Knowing how to ride the waves will keep our heads and hearts above the water. Teaching our children how to do so will help them remain graceful in the tides that will constantly come up in life.



SUMMER READING

Members of the KHDS Summer Hebrew Reading Club enjoyed a *Siyum* in honor of their completion of *Sefer Tehillim*.

MEET INBAR & ORI



KHDS welcomes our new B'not Sherut, **Inbar** and **Ori**. If you would like to host the girls for Shabbat, Chagim, or any other time please contact **Rachel Harow** at rachelharow@yahoo.com.

WELCOME, ELUL



Students in 2nd through 5th grades gathered in the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School corridor after tefillah to listen to the Shofar each morning during the Hebrew month of Elul. **Morah Hadassah** shared a daily story and lesson with the students in preparation for the New Year.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Rabbi Yaakov Gibber (top) of the **Boca Jewish Center** addressed our Middle School students to inspire them before Yom Kippur and **Rabbi Josh Broide**, (bottom) KHDS parent and Director of Community Engagement of the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County**, inspired our Middle School students just before Rosh Hashanah.



THE LION'S DEN

Maia Shaffer, Athletic Director/Julie Dorfman, After School Sports Coordinator



The 2016 flag football season has come to an end and it was the most successful season for the team to date! After an undefeated season, the team made it to the first game of the playoffs against Renaissance Cooper City. They played hard and all did their best! Congratulations to all the athletes for their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship. They competed at the highest level in all of the games and practices, while improving every day. Our girls' volleyball team had a great season as well. Even with only a few returning players, the girls finished their season with 3 wins and 3 losses.

With these two sports behind us, we want to remind the players, parents and coaches of the positive impacts that playing on a team has on each student athlete. Not only are our athletes furthering their physical skills, but they are also building upon a variety of social and emotional skills. All of our athletes should be proud!

Thank you to our amazing flag football coaches: **Coach Casey Kelly**, and **Coach Eddy Jean-Pierre**; and to our volleyball coaches: **Coach Samantha Witztum** and **Coach Samantha Shields** for their hard work.

The late fall season will feature boys soccer and girls basketball and we hope to make it to the championships!

BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL



Go Lions!

Co-Coaches: Eddy Jean-Pierre & Casey Kelly

The Middle School flag football team has concluded its regular season with a perfect 7-0 record. The team really bought in to the concept of teamwork and working together as a unit. This group of athletes is an inspirational example of what can be achieved with hard work and a selfless attitude. Every player on the team contributed to this memorable season. We have coached many teams at various levels from high school to recreational and can honestly say this is one season and team that will always be remembered. Led by some incredible student-athletes, we competed hard in the playoffs against one of the best teams in the South Division. Despite the loss, our student-athletes should be very proud of their accomplishments and applauded for their achievement on the field as well as their display of stellar sportsmanship!



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Head Coach: Samantha Witztum

Assistant Coach: Samantha Shields

The volleyball season for the Middle School Lady Lions concluded with a record of 3-3. We had a young team this year with only one returning player and three returning members from last year's practice squad. The veterans were very encouraging and welcomed the new team members with open arms. The squad has shown great teamwork, a good work ethic, determination, dedication and eagerness to learn. These impressive attributes have not gone unrewarded and the team showed a lot of potential.



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

2016

November

- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Middle School only (evening)/SCRIP Order Deadline
- 23 Noon dismissal/Trimester 1 ends
- 24-25 No School (Thanksgiving)

December

- 12 Annual Journal Dinner
- 18 Open House & Chanukah Fair
- 24 1st night of Chanukah
- 30 No School (Chanukah Break)

2017

January

- 2 No School (Chanukah Break)
- 17 Chesed Day
- 19-27 No School (Winter Break)

February

- 7 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Grades 1-8 (evening)
- 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Grades 1-8 (day)/EC2-5th regular school/6th-8th no school
- 17 No School/Professional Development Day
- 20 No School (Presidents' Day)

March

- 3 Trimester 3 ends
- 9 Ta'anit Esther/2:15pm dismissal for Middle School
- 12 Purim
- 13 Shushan Purim
- 19 Joint Parenting Seminar
- 20 SCRIP Order Deadline

April

- 10-19 No School (Pesach Break)
- 25 8th grade Israel Trip (through May 5)

May

- 15 SCRIP Order Deadline
- 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences - EC2-K (evening)
- 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences - EC2-K (day)
- 18 Mesibat Chumash (6pm)
- 21 Parent-Child Golf Outing
- 25 KTP Night
- 29 No School (Memorial Day)
- 30 Erev Shavuot/2:40pm dismissal
- 31 No School (Shavuot)

June

- 1 No School (Shavuot)
- 8 Kindergarten Graduation
- 9 Last Day of School
- 11 8th Grade Graduation (tentative)
- 19 Camp Ruach begins

KHDS WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES



A New Parent Orientation was held on August 16 for families new to KHDS. The program provided them with the opportunity to interact with the administration and ask questions in an open forum. Families also mingled with other KHDS newbies and received a welcome goody bag (thank you to the PTA for providing the lunch bags!).



SHANA TOVA

Mazal Tov to **Ariella Pinkis** for her winning design of this year's Rosh Hashanah card.



SAFETY TRAINING

KHDS faculty and staff participated in a safety and situational awareness training prior to the start of the school year. The presentation, by **Guardian Defense**, included 13 law enforcement professionals (most of them on local S.W.A.T. teams) who came to our school to do training in active threat response, including intruder and active shooter scenarios and trauma care. May Hashem bless us that we never have to experience such scenarios and may we always make the safety of our children our top priority.



OU ADVOCACY MISSION

Executive Director **Joe Sharp** and Treasurer **Daniel Adler** joined the OU Advocacy mission to Washington D.C. in September to advocate for grants critical to our school and community. Among the many Senators and Representatives they met with were our own **Rep. Ted Deutch** (D-FL), **Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen** (R-NJ), and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-SC).



STUDENT COUNCIL



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Class Representatives

8th Grade:

Ella Dreyfus/Gavi Plotkin

7th Grade:

Titi Cohen/Tani Englander

6th Grade:

Hila Blanka/Judah Greenbaum



THE POWER OF YET

Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade are participating in a year long program about Growth Mindset and "The Power of Yet." The program includes monthly activities that emphasize the message that hard work and practice lead to change and growth.



LUNCH DATE

Middle School students who just transferred into KHDS had an opportunity to have lunch with the administration.



WEIRD SCIENCE

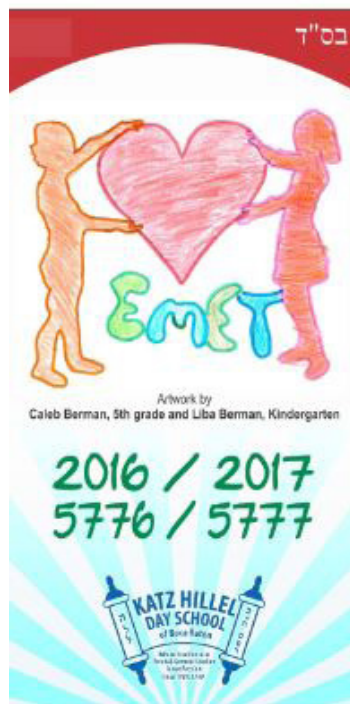
8th grade students using dry ice in lab to investigate phase changes in chemistry.

EXCELLENT MIDOT EVERY TIME



BUZZZZZ

Students learned about honey from the **Bee Factory** as one of the programs leading up to Rosh Hashanah.



Mazal Tov to **Liba and Caleb Berman**, for their winning EMET banner design and thank you to all of the artists who participated in the EMET banner annual contest.



NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Introducing some new, and some 'not-so-new' members of our KHDS family. Additionally, each year, faculty and staff participate in a variety of professional development programs throughout the year.



Veeta Abramchik

is Assistant to the Executive Director working with Mr. Joe Sharp and in her words, "here to help!" Veeta and her husband, Rabbi Yigal Abramchik, have 4 daughters: Chaya (15), Hudi (13), Tamar (9) and Reena (4). Veeta was born in Jerusalem and moved to Florida from Queens, NY two years ago. She enjoys party planning and using her creative talents in a variety of ways.



Cara Beim

is excited about her new role as the EC2A lead teacher, working with Tzippy Wolf. Cara was born in Hollywood, FL and raised in Riverdale, NY. She and her husband Ari have 4 children, all KHDS students: Matthew (13), Gabe (11), Ben (9) and Abby (6). Cara also works as the early childhood division head for Camp Ruach during the summer.



Jesse Brownstein

is the 2nd grade Judaics Assistant Teacher. She was born in Loxahatchee, FL and she and her husband, Natan, have one child, Temima, who is 2. Aside from her love of Judaic studies, Jesse has a passion for nutrition and is always trying to whip up a creative recipe for Shabbat. She also enjoys the outdoors and riding her bike.



Julie Dorfman

joins the Athletic Department as the After School Sports Coordinator and is working with Maia Shaffer to help supervise after school clinics and teams. Born in New Rochelle, NY, Julie has two children, Stephanie (24) and Andrew (21). She thoroughly enjoys sports and played college softball. She moved from South Carolina to Florida in May and loves it here. Julie recently adopted two adorable puppies, Magic and Dynamite.



Ziona Kennedy

has returned to KHDS as the EC2-B assistant teacher and will be helping Morah Lauren in the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Program. Born in Belgium, Ziona made Aliya when she turned 21. She and her husband Marc, have 4 children, all KHDS graduates: Jonathan (20), David (18), Talia (15) and Ella (KHDS 3rd grader), each born in a different country. The family speaks French, Hebrew and English at home.



Robyn Klebanow

joins us as a Reading Specialist and her job is to ensure that all students become fluent readers. Robyn was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. She has two daughters and one son: Jamie (21), Leigh (19) and David (15). She lived and taught in Long Island, NY for many years and just recently moved to south Florida. She is so happy to be here and be a part of the KHDS family.



Miriam Klein

joins us as a Floater assisting in Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 3rd grade Chumash and ETGAR. Miriam was born in Budapest, Hungary and is married to Rabbi Pinchas Klein. She returned to south Florida after being up north for 19 years. Her three granddaughters attend KHDS and her daughter-in-law is Batsheva Klein, KHDS Science Teacher.



Karene Mordechai

joins KHDS in her role as Middle School Academic Support. Karene assists a diverse group of students allowing them to develop and grow both academically and socially. She was born in Paramus, NJ and she notes that she is passionate in her every day personal and work life and is driven by love and compassion.



Roselee Redelheim

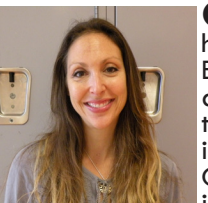
is working as a Judaics ETGAR teacher. She was a teacher and principal in Jewish day schools in New Jersey for over 30 years. After retiring and moving to Deerfield Beach 4 years ago, Roselee missed working with children and decided to return to teaching. She was born in New York and

her son Nachman and his wife, Batya, have 4 children: Debra, Stevie, Jonathan and Sophia; and son Elie & his wife, Tziona, have 5 children Leelah, Atara, Aderet, Kayla and Talya.



Yehudis Rosenfeld

joins us as an ETGAR teacher for Middle School where she teaches secular studies. Yehudis was born in Monsey, NY and is married to Moshe Rosenfeld. She previously taught at The Frisch School in Paramus and she also provided educational support for underprivileged students in Harlem before she relocated to Florida. She is so excited to be at KHDS!



Cortney Zdanowicz

has returned to KHDS as a Middle School English teacher. She also assists in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, teaches a KAR²E group and teaches the Yoga elective. Cortney was born in Philadelphia, PA and she and her husband, Cory, have one child, Cooper (1). She also is a certified Yoga instructor and teaches in Deerfield Beach.



Faculty and staff participate in a safety training program.

CAMPAIGN MATTER\$

Orlie Cohen, Ph.D., Financial Resource Development Chair/Suzanne Rice, Director of Development



We are excited to kick off our 2016-2017 Campaign! There are many giving opportunities available so that your gift of tzedakah can be most meaningful to you!

We also want you to be aware of our ongoing **Capital Campaign**, with a variety of naming opportunities, as well as our **Major Gift Societies** and **Atid Legacy Society**.

Additionally, the school holds two major fundraising events during the year. Hold the dates for the **Annual Journal Dinner** (12-12-16) honoring **Rabbi Adam and Shira Englander**, and the **Annual Parent Child Golf Outing** (5-21-17).

With an extremely successful campaign last year raising over \$1.4 million, thank you to everyone who made their gift of tzedakah to KHDS! We have mounted a new plaque in honor of our **Burn the Mortgage** campaign donors in the south lobby of the Middle School Building.



We look forward to another successful campaign, all in the name of Jewish education! We look forward to speaking with you to discuss your gift of tzedakah!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

- Major Gifts Societies
- Annual Journal Dinner
 - Mega Raffle
- Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing
 - Koppie Cohn
- Day of Learning Program
- General & Tribute Donations

DESIGNATED GIFTS

- Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund
 - Class Trips
- How would you like to allocate your donation?

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Many naming opportunities are available!

LIFE & LEGACY CAMPAIGN

- Create a Jewish legacy and become an Atid Legacy Society member



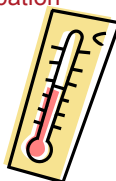
Koppie Cohn
Day of Learning Program

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.

Every
Parent
Campaign

100% Participation
is our goal!

A donation of any
amount ensures
your participation!



PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR FUTURE

Katz Hillel Day School is proud to be participating in this important program to promote planned giving, endowments and other after-lifetime giving opportunities. Our school is receiving consulting services from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and has already received a \$10,000 unrestricted grant for securing at least 25 Letters of Intent (LOI's) during the first year of the program. By securing an additional 25 LOI's during this year, we will receive another \$10,000. Thank you to our **Atid Legacy Society members** who have already made their commitment to a legacy gift.

Atid Legacy Society

Sal & Leslie Abady

Daniel & Liora Adler

Mark & Helen Cohan

Anna S. Cohen

Eli & Orlie Cohen

Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander

Benjamin & Cara Freedman

Rabbi Simcha & Anna Freedman

Rabbi Efrem & Yocheved Goldberg

*Glen & Rosa Golish

Matthew & Tova Hocherman

*Daniel & Caroline Katz

David & Sharona Kay

Evan & Ilana Landau

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*Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindel Levine

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David & Rand Schwartzwald

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CREATE A
JEWISH LEGACY



KHDS Scrip Gift Card Program

Winn-Dixie



Walmart

UPCOMING ORDER
DEADLINES

Monday, November 14
Monday, March 20
Monday, May 15
Mark your calendars!



CVS
pharmacy



OLD NAVY

Raise money for KHDS with NO COST to you
Order gift cards to hundreds of retailers!!!

For more information please contact Jeremy Lurie (jerlur@bellsouth.net), Deena Lurie (deenaf@aol.com) or Lori Landes (seattlelandes@comcast.net).

CHANCE TO WIN \$100,000!
THE MEGA RAFFLE IS BACK!

<http://www.hilleldayschool.org/MegaRaffle.php>

PTA PAGES

Sharona Kay, M.A., Ed., PTA President



GET INVOLVED

We're pleased to share that you can now learn more about the PTA's many exciting programs and view volunteer opportunities on our website at <http://www.hilleldayschool.org/PTA.php>. PTA is a great way to get involved, work with great people and help the school! Additionally, all parents and grandparents are invited to attend our Board meetings!

ANNUAL PTA ICE CREAM SOCIAL



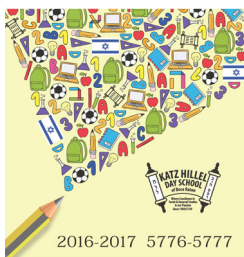
What better way to start off the new school year than to gather with family, friends and teachers on a Sunday (or should we say *sundae*?)!

During drop-in day on August 21, parents and students attended the Annual PTA Ice Cream Social, excited to reunite with friends, meet teachers and staff and, most importantly, welcome new families to KHDS. The PTA thanks **Chuck** from our neighborhood

Carvel store on Glades Road for generously donating the ice cream and toppings. We applaud **Kimberly Frohlich** and **Elana Rackman** for "whipping up" this exciting event, and thank all of our student volunteers: **Caleb Berman, Judah Berman, Hymie Frohlich, Judah Frohlich, Max Frohlich, Brennan Gumpfer, Lleyton Gumpfer, Ami Harow, Ariella Meyer, Yosef Scher** and **Sruli Sharp**.



NEW SCHOOL CALENDAR



The PTA thanks the many parent volunteers who worked countless hours during the summer to help make the KHDS calendar possible. Your outstanding efforts resulted in a profit of nearly \$15,000 for KHDS. **Jordana Carmel** oversaw the entire project with determination and exceptional organizational skill. **Lillian Aharon** was instrumental in creating the calendar's layout and feel, and we are grateful for her expertise. **Deena Lurie** lent

her artistic talent to creating the cover design. **Miriam Roberts** used her remarkable computer expertise to make all the technical aspects of the calendar possible. The PTA thanks the many parents, too countless to name, who solicited ads. Advertising space was fully sold out! Thanks also to **Lillian Aharon, Susan Herr, and Amir, Noam and Zipora Rindsberg** for their help distributing the calendars.

GET APPY!

Getting in touch with other KHDS families has never been easier, thanks to a new app that allows you to easily access student and parent contact information. The PTA applauds **Michele Dimont** for leading this initiative. If you have questions, please contact Michele at mc.dimont@comcast.net.

PRE-ROSH HASHANAH BOUTIQUE



On the evening of September 22, the Boca Raton Synagogue bustled with excitement as shoppers took a break from their busy schedules to attend KHDS PTA's Pre-Rosh Hashanah holiday boutique. The semi-annual event raised funds for KHDS, while bringing business to our community vendors and providing one-stop shopping for our patrons. From clothing to hats, housewares, jewelry, Judaica, paper goods, toys,

children's accessories and more, the event offered something for everyone—often at discounted prices. The PTA commends **Orlie Cohen, Rachel Harow** and **Andrea Zucker** for their outstanding work in coordinating and organizing the boutique. Thank you to parent volunteers **Emely Aghion, Chani Katz, Lanie Meltzer, and Chava Weisstuch** and to all of our student volunteers. We also express our gratitude to **Matthew Hocherman, Linda Gordon** and the BRS staff for their help setting up the event.



ANNUAL GATHERING FOR NEW KHDS MOMS

Over thirty women gathered at the home of **Daniel and Liora Adler** on August 28 for delicious desserts, mingling with old and new friends, and learning more about the role of the PTA and exciting volunteer opportunities. Liora once again flawlessly planned and presented an array of delicious foods and creative beverages. Thank you to **Lizzy, Rebecca, and Abigail Adler, and Liora and Ariella Mayer** for their help setting up this wonderful event.

PTA SHOPPE



Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** for running the KHDS PTA Shoppe, and organizing the back-to-school sale, during which shoppers enjoyed an extra 10% off. Because the PTA is responsible for storing, managing inventory, and ordering and selling shirts, skirts, school spirit shirts, and more, we are also able to provide students with wholesale prices on a regular basis. The PTA Shoppe is also pleased to offer kippot and tzitzit at great prices.

AMAZON AFFILIATES



The PTA is pleased to offer the opportunity for you to participate in Amazon Affiliates, a simple way to support KHDS every time you shop at Amazon. All you need to do is visit <http://www.hillelpta.org/amazon.html> to place your Amazon order, and the school will receive up to 10% back on your purchases. You'll find the exact same prices, product selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon's standard web site – with the added bonus of knowing you are supporting our school. Thank you to all of the KHDS families who have helped us raise over \$3,000, and to **Suri Spolter** for her efforts to help spread the word and increase our Amazon earnings.



Thanks to a free, downloadable application for smartphones and tablets, KHDS families are turning their grocery receipts into donations to our school. When you download Shoparoo, it does not matter what or how much you buy – every grocery receipt allows you to earn points for KHDS just by snapping a picture of it. We applaud all of the families who have helped KHDS earn a donation from Shoparoo.

With Praise, Thanks & Admiration



❖The PTA was pleased to provide each KHDS family with a phone wallet. Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** for coordinating distribution.

❖Kudos to **Dvora Scher** for again organizing EPI student school supply orders, and to **Liora Adler** for purchasing and labeling teacher school supplies for use throughout the academic year.

❖Thank you to **Lea Saida** for keeping a watch on the tzedakah boxes we have placed in local establishments.

❖The PTA expresses its gratitude to **Pita Pan Bakery** for its generous weekly donation of delicious fresh challot for our Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Shabbat program, in loving memory of **Rachel Vidal**. Thank you to **Gila Stern** for coordinating weekly challot pick-up, and to all of the parent volunteers.

❖Many parents enjoyed stopping by the PTA welcome table on Drop-in Day to learn about, and volunteer for, various PTA activities. Thank you to **Rachel Harow** for organizing, and to **Jennifer Kroll** and **Jill Kaminetzky** for their help.

❖The PTA expresses its gratitude to **Jill Kaminetzky** and her welcome committee, **Bina Asher**, **Rachel Greenbaum**, **Rachel Harow**, **Arielle Kieffer**, **Deena Kizelnik**, **Crissy Kogan**, and **Penina Schoenfeld**, who worked tirelessly over the summer to help ensure a smooth transition for new KHDS families and students. New KHDS families also benefitted from a list of local activities and important information, compiled by **Andrea Zucker**.



❖Thank you to new KHDS parents **Emely Aghion** and **Shari Bloom**, and returning parent **Penina Schoenfeld**, for organizing our Book Share shelves. The PTA Book Share, located in the hallway just outside the main office, is a great place to find books for your children. A 50-cent donation is appreciated but not required to purchase or borrow a book. If you find that you visit the PTA Book Share often, you can sign up for an \$18 annual book-share membership and take home as many books as you would like for the rest of the school year. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at the front desk. If you have questions, please contact sharonakay@mac.com.

B'NAI MITZVAH FUND: Do you find it hard to select the perfect Bar or Bat Mitzvah gifts? The B'nai Mitzvah Fund enables parents to provide Bar/Bat Mitzvah presents that benefit tzedakah and KHDS. That means you save time on shopping and support a valuable cause. A variety of gifts are available to choose from, and you designate any of several charities as the recipient of your donation. Thank you to **Sara Goldberg** and **Rachel Rudensky**.

SHOE RECYCLING: Help support those in need by depositing old, worn shoes in the recycling bin outside the main office. The shoe recycling programs also helps raise funds for KHDS while allowing you to do your part to recycle.

SWAP SHOP: Please remember that in addition to selling new uniforms year-round at the PTA Shoppe, the PTA Swap Shop offers gently worn uniforms. Kindly consider donating uniform tops and bottoms and Spirit shirts that your child has outgrown. If your child is in need of uniforms or Spirit shirts, you are invited to check out what is available and take it at no charge, or make a small donation to PTA. Please see **Susan Herr** or **Nurse Robin** for further information.



BOXTOPS: Congratulations to these families for winning the monthly BoxTops drawing: **Wolk, Lome and Bierman families**. Each won a gift certificate to the KHDS PTA Shoppe.



Remember to bring your BoxTops to the front desk and include your name on the back to participate in the raffle. Thank you to **Deena Frist**, **Penina Schoenfeld** and **Eve Sperling** for advertising

and coordinating the BoxTops collection and to all of our BoxTops collectors for helping to raise 'free' money for KHDS.

RECYCLING: Please remember to



drop off your used printer and ink toner cartridges, cell phones, laptops, digital cameras and other small electronics at the front desk. KHDS is proud to be among the many schools participating in the **Dade Recycling Program**. Thank you to **Andrea Zucker** for leading this initiative, and to the many families and businesses who are already contributing to this important effort.



TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS:



Sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is a great way to recognize our KHDS teachers and staff. Now, thanks to KHDS parent **Miriam Roberts**, you can sign up to help sponsor a breakfast online at <http://www.hillelpta.org/teacher-appreciation-breakfasts/>, or by contacting **Cara Freedman** at 561-750-3132 or carafreedman@yahoo.com. You can also contact Cara if you're interested in helping to set up these events.

GOOD & WELFARE CARDS: The PTA offers



beautiful Good & Welfare cards to honor lifecycle events. The suggested donation per card is \$10 or three for \$25. The PTA saves you time and postage by sending the card(s) for you with your message! You can pay for your donation by cash or check, or via credit card online. For more information, please contact **Dvora Scher** at dvora@dwpalaw.com.

MABEL'S LABELS: KHDS is pleased to partner with Mabel's Labels in a fundraising effort. Simply shop for Mabel's Labels products online (mabelslabels.com) and our school will earn 20% back for your order. All you need to do is select "Support a Fundraiser" in the top right corner of the webpage and choose KHDS when placing your order. For more information, please contact **Sara Greene** at sagreene74@gmail.com or (310) 614-1836.



BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

Joe Sharp, Executive Director



Welcome back! There was a whirlwind of activity on campus this summer with record **Camp Ruach** enrollment and a number of improvements being made throughout our facilities. We appreciate all of the positive feedback from children and staff alike on the upgrades in areas such as the front offices, the hot lunch program, classroom technology, and recreational spaces, and invite you all to come and see it for yourselves.

Finding the resources to invest in our extraordinary staff and making necessary improvements to our facilities is not an easy task. Continuing to do so throughout a 4-year tuition rate freeze, and looking ahead to a \$1,000 per-child tuition reduction in '17/'18 is even more daunting. Despite such limited resources, we are also keenly aware of world events and the need to continue to invest in campus security--one such measure being our intensive staff training and ongoing consulting with **Guardian Defense**.

Nevertheless, we are eager to make these critical investments and continue to maintain or lower tuition costs. To do so without further burdening our families, we are actively seeking outside sources to fund these projects. For instance, our technology infrastructure has been upgraded this summer thanks to the **Federal eRate** program. We are also grateful for steadily increasing funding from the **Step Up for Students**, **Gardiner Scholarship**, and **McKay Scholarship** programs.

In September, I had the privilege of joining a delegation to Washington, D.C. organized by the **Orthodox Union**. In private meetings with our legislators, we were able to advocate on behalf of our children for valuable programs such as the **Energy Modernization Act**, and the **Nonprofit Security Grant**- the latter of which we have been a recipient of, and hope to be again. This fall, I'll be organizing a coalition of our local Jewish schools to work under the guidance of **Agudath Israel** to best utilize the resources that may be available to us with the soon to be enacted **ESSA bill**.

We are looking forward to sharing updates and progress on these efforts, and hope to be able to continue to find alternative resources so that we may be able to add value to our programming, improve our facilities and energy efficiency, and elevate our campus security. We are proud to say that the education, resources, and facilities offered by Katz Hillel Day School are a model of all-around excellence, and are working hard to ensure, with Hashem's help, that we continue to be for many more years to come.

Katz Hillel Day School is a "Makom Torah," a place where Torah is studied. As such, dress should conform to what would be appropriate when visiting a synagogue.

CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY! Please remember to speak with us about including Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton in your planned giving. Legacy gifts such as wills and bequests, or including the school in your estate plan, life insurance policy or retirement account, are vital to the future generation of Katz Hillel Day School students.



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