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Rabbi Adam and Shira
Englander were honored at the
Annual Journal Dinner,
held on December 12, 2016.
See pg. 8 for the full recap.



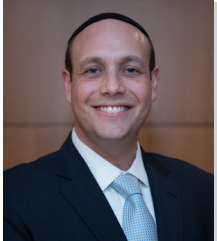
(Below) Marc Goldsmith, a Holocaust survivor who is being featured
in the 8th grade *Names, Not Numbers*® program, lit the Chanukiah
before all the 1st-5th graders during the Festival of Lights.

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NAMES, NOT NUMBERS®
8TH GRADE DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE
MONDAY, MARCH 20 @ 7PM
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM, CENTURY VILLAGE, BOCA RATON
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REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE FILM.



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



DID YOU KNOW?

The last several years have been marked by a significant shift in instruction and pedagogy throughout the educational world. Classrooms used to be “one size fits all” environments where the teacher would deliver the content to the mostly passive learners. Thankfully, Judaism’s most famous saying relating to education, *Chanoch le’naar al pi darko*, teach a child according to his/her unique ways, is now well accepted as the ideal. Great schools now pride themselves on learning environments that are more tailored to the individual strengths and challenges of each child and emphasize critical thinking, creativity and collaboration as they engage children in meaningful learning.

KHDS is “ahead of the curve” when it comes to providing this type of educational environment and we are constantly striving to keep getting even better. Recognizing that even a family with several children enrolled in our school could never know the full extent of what is actually going on across 12 separate age levels, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few areas of child-centered, 21st century minded education that we are particularly proud of:

- Our Rotational Model in the early elementary grades allows for multiple levels, a low teacher to student ratio and more opportunities for creativity and deeper thinking and questioning.
- Math curriculum throughout the school has shifted towards greater understanding, problem solving and word problems that emphasize real-life situations.
- The Middle School now has a faculty member dedicated to working with individual students on academic support and organizational skills.
- All grades and subjects are more engaged with projects, inquiry-based activities and collaborative learning. It’s very common to see students working in small groups in the Middle School lounge trying to “figure out” what they need to know or be able to do for their classes.
- Our wide variety of Middot programs (for character development and healthy social interactions) help children grow into respectful, kind, caring individuals. Not only is this of great value on its own, it promotes the positive culture we all need to maximize growth and learning.
- We use the E2K Science and Math Enrichment program from the Center of Initiatives in Jewish Education which provides enrichment for eligible students.
- An incredible array of after-school programs, sports opportunities and electives allow our children to explore areas of interest that may not be found during typical school hours.
- Elementary school projects and book reports are done primarily in school to ensure that the students are deeply engaged in all aspects of the learning and learn to be more independent.
- Teachers use numerous online/web-based programs that allow children to be at their exact level and promote learning and review beyond the classroom walls.
- We have harnessed the power of technology (with our hundreds of iPads and Chromebooks) to take learning to the next level with programs that are stimulating and promote the skills that the workforce of today (and tomorrow) demand.
- Our teachers and administrators are life-long learners themselves, always looking to learn new strategies and techniques that further all of the above. As an example, most teachers are involved in Professional Learning Communities within the school which means they voluntarily meet on a monthly basis with their peers to explore educational topics such as differentiated instruction, classroom culture, etc. When the teachers keep learning and growing, the students will truly get the very best!

Don’t hesitate to reach out to me or any of our administrators to learn more about these topics or to share your thoughts and suggestions.



8th grade boys learn Torah every Wednesday night... just for the sake of learning!



Middle School commemorates Kristallnacht as part of their KAR²E program.



Rav Herschel Schachter, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, davened with our Middle School and delivered words of Torah inspiration. What a great honor for us to host the Rosh Yeshiva!



Electives are intended to give students an opportunity to study new areas of interest and develop new skills; and they are always a fun addition to the school week! Art elective (pictured above left) and Chesed elective at JARC (pictured above right).



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



The Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center and the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School are thriving with so much going on. We are also excited to report that we are bringing back *Transportation Day*. Check out our website and Facebook page to see photos of *Art Night* and other great programs.

CHESED DAY

Students in grades 1-3 participated with other local Jewish day schools in the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's** annual Chesed Day.



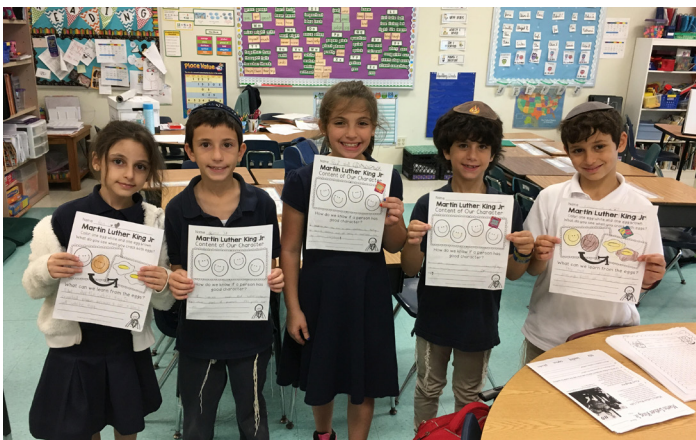
Students in Kitah Alef proudly display the medallions they earned as part of our Alef Champ reading program.



Our amazing 2nd graders performed for our neighbors at **Sinai Residences** and brought an incredible Chanukah spirit to the residents.

MLK, JR. DAY

3rd graders explored and celebrated the life of **Martin Luther King, Jr.** on January 17. They created a K-W-L chart about what they **Know**, what they **Want** to know, and what they **Learned** about this important day.



BUNNY TIME

It's always special and fun to have 'bunny time' at KHDS! EC-3 enjoys 'bunny time' with **Snowball**, the school bunny. Students learned the proper ways to handle the bunny, pet him, feed him, as well as learning about his habits and needs.

FUTURE VOTERS



3rd grade enjoyed learning all about the election process. They watched a BrainPOP video exploring why the United States has a president and the role of the president in our government. They also learned the requirements for becoming president, and saw examples of how the president interacts with the three branches of government. Finally they created 'Future Voter' necklaces to celebrate the day!

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent

Midot

Every

Time



Mazal Tov to all
of the winners!

(winners as of 2-23-17)

Abby Adler
Yael Avezbadalov
Matan Aghion
Aryeh Bar-Chaim
Efrat Belizon
Shira Beniluz
Liba Berman
Rena Beyderman
Ava Bienenfeld
Aryeh Bierman
Alexia Birnbaum
Leeraz Blanka
Ahuva Broide
AJ Broide
Yonah Burack
Gabriel Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Elie Dahan
Noam Dorfman
Nely Eisenberger
Liana Farbstein
Mia Frist
Ariel Gedz
Shira Goldberg
Manny Goldstein
Aryeh Gross
Nava Haik
Abby Karsh
Shai Karsh
Ariana Kassorla
Jacob Katz
Katie Katz
Hannah Klein

Benjy Landau
Naftali Leizgold
Evan Levontin
David Link
Daniel Lugassy
Mordechai Marcus
Abigail Matias
Idan Mayzel
Rachel Mochenyat
Michal Nachim
Aeli Ohayon
Gabi Ohayon
Kira Ohayon
Shalhevet Ohayon
Tiki Pickholtz
Ariana Raab
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Emunah Rosen
Matan Scher
Ben Shainberg
Itamar Shapiro
Doronit Skoczylas
David Slesinger
Elizabeth Slesinger
Eliahu Soffer
Aidan Struhl
Aviva Tokayer
Elana Tokayer
Gabe Weisfeld
Abby Weisstuch
Joshua Young
Elisha Zisquit

Hadassah Smolarcik, M.S. Ed.

Principal, Grades 4 & 5 and Judaic Studies Grades 1-8



DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY

We all want the same things for our children, we want them to grow up and be happy, successful and loved. Mostly though, we want them to be happy; but how do we go about ensuring our children's happiness? Joy and happiness are fundamental principles in our Judaism. We know that Hashem's presence can only be felt when there is joy; Torah cannot be acquired when there is a lack of joy. So, too, many of our Mitzvot and events are associated with joy-simcha.

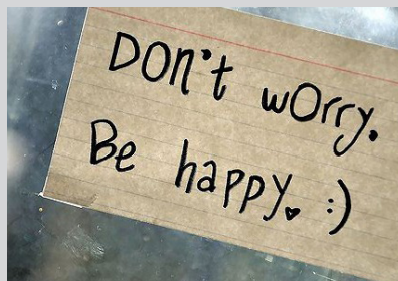
So how do we help our children strengthen their capacity to experience joy and happiness? Research shows that children who are happy and optimistic are usually the products of happy and optimistic homes. A sure way to promote this is by helping the child feel connected—to you, other family members, friends, neighbors—the more connections the better. Keep in mind, too, that children absorb everything around them. Our own moods matter; happy parents are more likely to have happy children.

Not surprisingly, many studies link self-esteem and happiness. Praise effort, praise creativity, and praise persistence. Foster a growth mindset. Allow children to risk failure. Few skills are mastered on a first try and it is through practice that mastery is achieved. Through repeated experiences of mastery does a child develop a can-do attitude that then allows the child to approach future challenges with optimism.

Feelings of gratitude also contribute to emotional well-being. People who describe themselves as consciously cultivating gratefulness are rated as happier by those who know them, as well as by themselves. Help your child find the joy in everyday things. Studies show that people who notice small miracles of daily life, and allow themselves to be touched by them, are happier. Daily life overflows with joyful experiences; help your child learn to recognize them.

Teach the child that sometimes our greatest obstacles can become our greatest sources of growth—it all depends on our perspective. There is a famous story brought down in our tradition that occurred during Creation. All the new animals were busy testing their newfound abilities. They were flopping, running, hopping and jumping. There was one animal, however, that was limping along very frustrated. The animal cried out. Hashem comforted the animal so that he would be able to rise above other creatures. Suddenly two appendages grew out of the sides of the animal. The creature tried to walk but found that these appendages now weighed him down. "This is even worse than before!" said the animal. Hashem replied, "Silly bird, those are wings, use them to fly."

May we all have success in raising our most precious possessions, our children!



4th graders presented "Biographies" of historical figures.



Our Sunday Morning Learning kicked off on December 4 with thirty-one boys in attendance from grades 5-8!



KHDS 5th graders created Chanukah cards to send to former students serving in the IDF.



Our amazing B'not Sherut, **Ori and Inbar**, planned a wonderful program commemorating the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

THE LION'S DEN

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



The Winter Athletic season is coming to an end. There has certainly been much excitement throughout! Each sport is specified below but we must give kavad to the following teams: the Boys Soccer Team, coached by **Coach Moishe** and **Coach Fritz**, which remained undefeated heading into the finals; the Boys Varsity Basketball team, coached by **Coach Allan**, made it to the playoffs undefeated; and the Girls 4th-5th Grade Basketball team, coached by **Coach Samantha Shields**, which also made it to the finals with an undefeated record.

It has been a pleasure watching the boys and girls improve their skills and follow the lead of their coaches. We hope you had a chance to be a spectator at some of these games, which were filled with the true spirit of competition. Here is a recap as of press time...

Boys Varsity Soccer

The Boys Soccer team, with **Head Coach Moishe** and assistant **Coach Fritz**, had an unbelievable season. They were undefeated division champs who made it to the championship, but lost to Hillel NMB 2-1. What a pleasure it was to watch these athletes succeed on the field!

Girls Varsity Soccer

The Girls Soccer team, led by **Coach Moishe** and **Coach Samantha Witztum**, had a very successful season with 3 wins and 1 loss. The improvements from the first game to the last game have been tremendous. Once again, this young squad made it to the playoffs.

Boys Varsity Basketball

What a fantastic season!!! The boys, coached by **Coach Allan**, had an undefeated record going into the playoffs! Many of these boys have been playing together for 3 years and it is clear that they work as a team. This combination of coaching and teamwork is what has led to the success of the team.

Girls Varsity Basketball

Coach Allan and **Assistant Coach Samantha Shields** worked together to bring the Girls Basketball team to the playoffs. Their regular season record was 4-2. Even though they lost in the first round of the playoffs to BMA, the girls played hard and fought for each win.

Boys JV Basketball

The JV Boys Basketball team worked very hard this season! Led by **Coach Eddie**, the boys learned so much more than just the game and they did it with passion. Coach Eddie commented that these athletes were all very respectful of each other, on and off the court. He truly loved being around them. The season ended with a three-way tie, however the tie-breaker rule for this type of tie excluded KHDS from the playoffs.

Boys 4th and 5th Grade Basketball

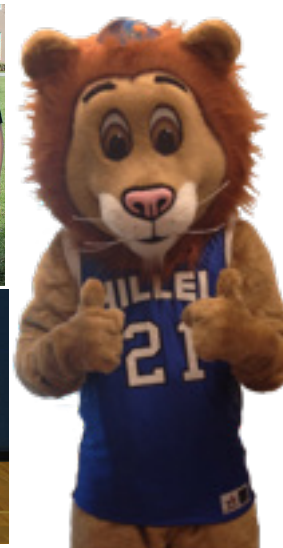
Coach Manolo instructed these young athletes through a very dynamic season. He worked to show the boys not only skills 'on-the-court' but worked to teach them how to take what they learned and apply it 'off-the-court' as well. Many of his "bench" talks were about respect, patience and citizenship. The boys should feel proud for all they accomplished this season.

Girls 4th and 5th Grade Basketball

The girls team, coached by **Coach Samantha Shields**, had an undefeated season so far, and clinched the number one seed. This team is a selfless, hard working, fun and energetic group that have taught the coach life-lessons and have been a joy to teach. They work together as a unit, which resulted in a very successful season. They show respect for themselves, each other, and their coach by keeping the team's goals first: improve each day and win!

Boys 4th and 5th Grade Flag Football

Our youngest athletes really began to learn the spirit of the game this year. Led by **Coach Casey**, the boys learned plays, improved their skills and went on to a season record of 4-2. The boys made the playoffs and lost a close first round game to Lehrman.



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

2017

March

- 12 Purim
- 13 Shushan Purim
- 19 Joint Parenting Seminar
- 20 *Names, Not Numbers*® Premiere/SCRIP Order Deadline

April

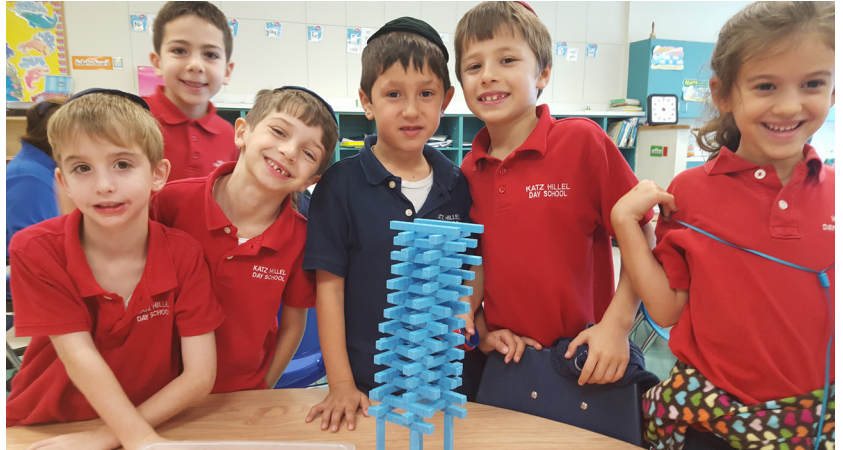
- 10-19 No School (Pesach Break)
- 25 8th grade Israel Trip (through May 5)

May

- 11 Sports Night
- 15-18 TerraNova (Grades 1-8)
- 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
- 29 No School (Memorial Day)
- 30 Erev Shavuot/2:40pm dismissal
- 31 No School (Shavuot)

June

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



1st grade learned to count by 10s using Base Ten Blocks to build.



The Middle School chesed elective visited the **Menorah House** and put smiles on everyone's faces!



KHDS parent **Matthew Hocherman** spoke to our Samaritans 365 Club as a representative of the **Gift of Life Marrow Registry**. Matthew was a match for a recipient in need.



NATURE TRIP

The 5th grade took a field trip to the **Gumbo Limbo Sea Turtle Rehabilitation and Nature Center** where they used the outdoor laboratory to

compare the pH levels of water samples in learning about the causes of coral bleaching. They also took a trip to **Red Reef Park** for a nurdle hunt using a grid system and sifters similar to an archeological dig.



KHDS HOSTS COJDS

KHDS was honored to host a conference run by the **Consortium of**

Jewish Day Schools in which over 100 principals, aspiring principals, teachers and educational leaders gathered to learn and collaborate around best practices in 21st century education. Our own **Rabbi Englander** was one of the presenters!

Welcome New Faculty Members



Welcome **Hallie Muchnick**, our newest addition to the ETGAR team. Hallie was born in San Antonio, TX and moved to Florida in 2008 to attend Lynn University. She has a dog, Rebel, and is engaged to be married to fiance Keith Alexander this month!



Welcome **Rachel Steele**, our new music teacher. Rachel is teaching KHDS students general music skills and also is facilitating band classes. She was born in Tampa, FL and has played the trumpet for almost 15 years. She says that she has been a musician "since birth!"

KHDS HAPPENINGS

CHANUKAH



Our beautiful school Chanukah, made from a rocket that fell in Southern Israel in 2014, reminded us that Hashem's miracles continue to this very day. We were able to turn hatred into a mitzvah!



The B'not Sherut created an amazing glow-in-the-dark Chanukah activity for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade.



Rabbi and Rebbetzin Mirzoeff hosted the 8th grade boys for a Chanukah Mesibah at their home!



Students enjoyed a treat of sufganiyot - mmmmm!



Katz Yeshiva High School Band joined KHDS for our awesome Middle School Chanukah Chagigah!



"THIS IS HUNGER" EXHIBIT

6th graders had the privilege of participating in an amazing Chesed opportunity at **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services**. **Mazon's This Is Hunger** interactive experience exhibit taught the students about the prevalence of hunger in America and provided encouragement for them to get involved.



CELEBRATING TU B'SHEVAT



5TH GRADE "KOTEL"

Thank you to KHDS parents, **Atzmon and Gila Gedz**, for donating a beautiful mural of the Kotel for Rabbi Drang's 5th grade classroom.



Each day, five students now have the opportunity to daven by "the wall."

ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER



Yasher Koach to event Co-Chairs **Dr. Joshua & Stephanie Stern** and **Uri and Rachel Yudewitz** for helping to plan an amazing Annual Journal Dinner, held on December 12, 2016. Mazal Tov to the esteemed and well-deserved honorees, **Rabbi Adam and Shira Englander** and Faculty Dedication Award recipients **Leslie Firestone, Beth Janock** and **Beth Kaminetsky**.

The evening, which took place at B'nai Torah Congregation, began as guests enjoyed cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres while being serenaded by **The Y-Studs**. Additionally, KHDS parent attendees were pleasantly surprised to receive a photo of their own child(ren) accompanying their table seating card thanks to the efforts of **Veeta Abramchik** and **Leonardo Moran**.

The tribute program kicked off with a wonderful rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner* and *Hatikvah* performed by **Shimmie Kaminetsky** and **The Y-Studs**, followed by a hysterical video, compliments of our creative co-chairs and produced by **Zachary Cohen**.

Next, the Faculty Dedication Award recipients received their awards following a montage video, and a grand finale Tribute to **Rabbi Adam and Shira Englander** for "A Decade of Dedication." Board President **Daniel Katz** spoke on behalf of the Englanders and the video presentation followed. Rabbi Englander's speech focused on the core questions that we must ask ourselves each day to ensure the success and growth of our children and our school for the future. Then, the guests entered the ballroom for a top-notch dinner, prepared by **Rose Caterers**, and were entertained by **The Y-Studs**. Guests received a copy of the composition book-themed Ad Journal, of which proceeds benefit the KHDS Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks to the following people for their time and commitment to making this year's event a great success!

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Uri & Rachel Yudewitz
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CAMPAIGN MATTER\$

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



Our campaign is in full swing for the 2016-2017 school year! The **Mega Raffle** raised over \$38,000, a new school raffle record. Thank you to everyone who donated and mazal tov to **Sruli Sharp** (8th grade) for winning the Solicitor Incentive Raffle grand prize of \$2,000.

We urge all KHDS families to participate in the **Every Parent Campaign (EPC)**. A donation of literally "any amount" ensures your commitment to this important goal of reaching 100% parent participation.

The next big fundraiser is the **3rd Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing**, scheduled for May 21. Men, women, boys and girls alike are all encouraged to attend and play. Grandparents, come on out too! It is really a great way to spend the day with family and friends.

As always, your feedback is appreciated and we welcome hearing from you! Let's keep raising the important funds needed for Jewish education!

Until next time...

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

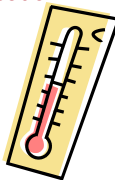


Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program

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 grateful to our **Atid Legacy Society** members for their dedication in ensuring the future of our school for decades to come. Planned gifts including endowments, life insurance and other after-lifetime gifts are crucial to preserving the longevity of KHDS and allowing us to provide a stellar Jewish education for students for the future.

Help us receive a **\$10,000** grant by sending in your intent for a legacy gift no later than **March 30, 2017**.

<https://www.hilleldayschool.org/support-hds/atid-legacy-society/>



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CREATE A
JEWISH LEGACY



KHDS Scrip Gift Card Program

Winn-Dixie



Walmart

UPCOMING ORDER
DEADLINES

Monday, March 20
Monday, May 15

Mark your calendars!



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 (deenafra@aol.com) or Lori Landes (seattlelandes@comcast.net).



3rd Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing

May 21, 2017

Boca Lago Golf & Country Club

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. 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 CHANUKAH FAIR & OPEN HOUSE



Once again, the KHDS Chanukah Fair & Open House, held Sunday, December 18, was an overwhelming success, with adults and children of all ages joining in the festivities. Whether they came to see the beautiful Milton B. Katz Campus or just to enjoy the multitude of activities, everyone had a blast with their families and friends during this fun-filled day!

The day was truly a kid's dream come true with a plethora of goings-on including not one, but *three(!)* bounce houses and inflatable slides, as well as two new attractions — Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf and Knockerball, among many other activities. And we can't forget the annual colorful trackless train, which circled the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood parking lot, giving rides to engineers both young and old!



To satisfy their more creative sides, children became little artists with enjoyable arts and crafts projects in the Loewentern Cafetorium. **Avi Frier**, our DJ extraordinaire, did another fabulous job this year playing Jewish music, running games, and announcing events throughout the busy afternoon. **Ari**, the Lions mascot, could be seen high-fiving students, while Middle Schoolers ran the exciting kiddie games—pin the tail on the lion, potato sack races, a bean bag toss, lucky ducks and the yummy lollipop tree. Prizes were awarded to the winners. Fun carnival food was available including tasty iced coffees, sticky bright cotton candy, delicious salted popcorn, sufganiyot as well as veggie and fruit cups!

Prospective parents received informative school tours from **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Head of School, and Principals **Chayim Dimont** and **Hadassah Smolarcik**, who aimed to give them a glimpse of the amazing Jewish education their children will receive at KHDS. Camp Ruach Director **Rachel Yudewitz**, as well as Division Heads **Amy Horowitz**, **Rabbi Chaim Lanner**, and **Cara Beim** were on hand to help moms and dads of campers-to-be sign up for another amazing summer at Camp Ruach.



For those interested in performing a very important mitzvah: the **Bloodmobile**, organized by **Beth Janock**, was parked out in front, reminding people of the countless lives they can save with just a few minutes of their time. Thanks to all of the people who came to the drive—even those who attempted but were unable to donate—and to all the Middle School students who signed up to babysit during the drive. There was also a toy drive to benefit **Chai Lifeline** and **JAFCO**. Thank you to **Rina Lanner** for arranging all the Middle School volunteers, and to our **Mega Raffle** volunteers.



The day could not have been a success without the help of the many parent and student volunteers who came together to support KHDS. A huge Yasher Koach to the Fair Committee: **Emely Aghion**, **Cara Beim**, **Shira Englander**, **Jen Kroll**, **Naomi Katz** and **Penina Schoenfeld**.

Hope to see you again next year!

PTA MOMS' NIGHT OUT

KHDS moms enjoy quality bonding time at PTA Moms' Night Out events.



Over twenty 6th grade moms mingled and enjoyed delicious food at **Kosha** during a night out organized by **Andrea Zucker** and **Rachel L. Greenbaum**.

2nd grade moms enjoyed great conversation and getting to know each other better during an enjoyable evening hosted by **Eve Sperling**.



VACATION FUN

Students had a blast at Universal Studios Florida® and Universal's Islands of Adventure® during January break. Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** and **Zipora Rindsberg** for organizing discount packages at fantastic prices.



CHANUKAH CHESD



Thank you to the many families who participated in the KHDS Chanukah Toy Drive to benefit the children of **Chai Lifeline**. Kudos to **Penina Schoenfeld** for organizing this initiative, to **Lisa Freedman** for her help, and to **Eva Saka** for transporting the bins to the Chai Lifeline office in Miami.

We express our gratitude to **Cara Freedman**, **Rachel Harow**, **Miriam Roberts** and **Andrea Zucker** for organizing our Chanukah Collection for KHDS teachers and staff. Thanks to the generous contributions of so many parents, as well as PTA's supplement to the gift, we were able to give a \$100 Chanukah gift to every KHDS employee.

Thanks to **Julie Ehrlich**, **Dvorah Eisen**, **Susan Herr**, **Suri Spolter**, and **Deena Weisfeld** for overseeing pick up, labeling and distribution of Chanukah candles to all KHDS students.

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 website — 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 \$4,000 over time, and to **Suri Spolter** for her efforts to help spread the word and increase our Amazon earnings.

With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖ Thank you to **Phyllis Struhl** for once again creating event poster collages from the *Annual Journal Dinner* and the *Chanukah Fair*. Posters are displayed in the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School corridor.

❖ We are grateful to **Sara Green** for organizing the *Mabel's Labels* program and thanks to all of our label shoppers. PTA just received a check for \$50 from those label purchases to benefit our school. Thank you!

❖ Thank you to **Liora and Lizzy Adler** for making the snack bags for Parent-Teacher Conferences for our hard-working teachers.

❖ The PTA is grateful to **Arielle Kieffer** and **Alli Zak** for assuming the task of organizing the PTA storage room.

❖ Thank you to **Arielle Kieffer** and **Penina Schoenfeld** for organizing and running *Picture Day*, and to all of our parent volunteers.

❖ Kudos to **Deena Frist**, **Naomi Katz** and **Suri Spolter** for taking the time to distribute the PTA gift (choice of a KHDS jacket or polo shirt) to faculty and staff. It is a pleasure to be able to offer our outstanding staff a token of our appreciation.



❖ The PTA expresses its gratitude to **Dvorah Eisen** and **Crissy Kogan** for chairing the annual *KHDS Scholastic Book Fair*, and thanks all of our volunteers.

❖ Thank you to **Tzippi Rosen** for picking up free tickets for the *South Florida Fair* and making them available to KHDS families.



❖ Thank you to **Ilana Landau** for designing a beautiful new label for our KHDS tzedakah boxes. Thank you to **Lea** and **Shayla Saida** for affixing the new labels to the boxes, and to Lea for continuing to lead our tzedakah box collection and distribution to local establishments. If you need a new tzedakah box, please ask **Susan Herr** at the front desk.



❖ 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.

❖ Thank you to **Meira Gross** for once again writing the PTA Hillel Herald pages as well as editing the entire issue.

PTA BOOK SHARE

The PTA Book Share, recently expanded due to popular demand to also include the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School and Middle School, is a great place to find books for your children. Books are now located outside the main office, on the second floor of the elementary school, and in the Middle School lounge. 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 PTA Shoppe across from the main office.

Shoparoo 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.

BOXTOPS: Congratulations to the Lome, Bierman and Kroll families, recent winners of our monthly BoxTops raffle. Each family 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. The new refrigerator magnet clip, designed with Ilana Landau's assistance, offers a convenient way to gather your BoxTops. Simply attach a Ziploc® bag to the clip to get started. 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.

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BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

Joe Sharp, Executive Director



If you've followed the KHDS happenings of late, you've seen a lot of incredible developments. We've enjoyed record turnout and fundraising at our Annual Journal Dinner, record fundraising for our scholarship fund Mega Raffle, record Camp Ruach enrollment, record school enrollment, 4 years of stable tuition and a tuition decrease for 2017/18. Certainly, we should be proud of our accomplishments and feel a sense of satisfaction—but just for a brief moment. All of our efforts today, and over the past 28 years, have been to ensure that KHDS is thriving 28 years from now, and beyond. That is why we are committed to continually assessing our entire operation and identifying innovative strategies to improve the KHDS product—both inside and outside of the classroom.

One may wonder why we are devoted to this mindset in the midst of such an auspicious and blessed period in our school's history, but that is precisely the point. We have been given the extraordinary gift of being able to operate from a position of strength, and we intend to build upon that foundation to ensure long-term stability. Case in point: Harvard University is arguably one of the most prestigious universities in the world and is perennially among the top few institutions in philanthropy. Despite that, they recently charged themselves to raise the bar again with a record-breaking \$7 billion campaign. As Harvard President **Drew Faust** stated, "We launch The Harvard Campaign at a moment when higher education is being challenged to reinvent itself, and we embrace this opportunity for a campaign that aims to do more than merely extend or reinforce long-standing strength and eminence. The Harvard Campaign calls on us to articulate and affirm the fundamental values and purposes of higher education in a world transformed by globalization and technology, a world filled with promise for improving human lives, a world in which talent recognizes no boundaries, and in which creativity and curiosity will fuel the future." Our goals at KHDS, too, are so clearly expressed in that statement. **There should be no room for complacency so long as there are ways to improve upon your child's KHDS experience, and as long as tuition affordability remains at the forefront of the issues facing our community.**

Through the efforts of **Teach Florida/OU Advocacy** and **Agudath Israel of Florida**, we are fortunate to have access to programs such as **Step Up for Students**, the **Gardiner Scholarship**, and the **McKay Scholarship**, and we are endeavoring to broaden the impact of those programs. We have been fortunate to receive Federal funds for educational and health services, technology, professional development, and campus security, but are working multiple channels to take advantage of all that is available to us that we have not yet been able to access. For example, I was fortunate to have met recently with **Dr. Robert Avossa**, Superintendent of Schools for Palm Beach County, to determine how we might best capitalize on the programs commonly known as 'Title' funding under the newly revised ESSA legislation.

In our recent meeting, **Helen London** of Prizmah remarked that just like Harvard needs to keep being Harvard, KHDS needs to keep being KHDS. Sure, we are blessed by Hashem to be in the position that we find ourselves in, but just as Harvard continues to raise their bar of expectations, so should we, at KHDS, do whatever we can to maintain and build upon all that we currently offer. We cannot simply expect to be able to 'extend or reinforce long-standing strength and eminence' and coast along from one year to the next. Rather, we must commit ourselves today, more than ever before, to perpetuate the proud legacy of Katz Hillel Day School for generations 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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LEARNING THE ROPES

Faculty and staff attended the **FAU Ropes Challenge Course** for Professional Development Day 2017. The entire faculty and staff had the opportunity to spend the day learning and growing together while working with trained facilitators who provided a stimulating, collaborative, growth-oriented, team-building experience.



The entire Middle School went to see the movie "Hidden Figures" for its incredible educational value. Teachers in every subject also prepared engaging lessons related to the movie and the many important issues it raises, primarily civil rights and equality.

*In loving memory of
Avital "Avi" Peress,
Class of '05.*

