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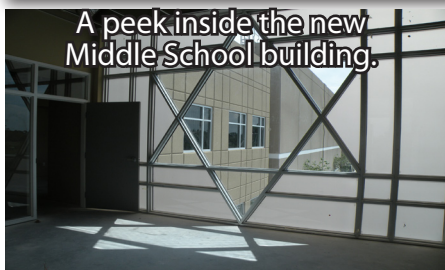
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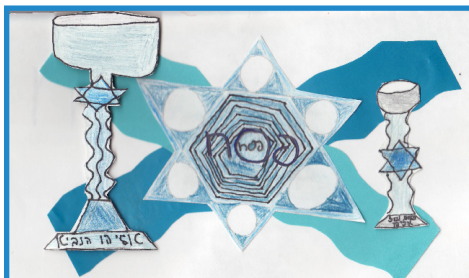
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Editor's Note: All items in green type are Midot related.



A peek inside the new Middle School building.



Congratulations to Ty Kay, winner of the Passover Card Design Competition (pictured above).

A Message from the Head of School, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine



Dear Parents,

Every year, before summer vacation, I remind our families to make sure that children daven every day, that Torah study does not take the summer off and that there is no vacation from reading. All of these practices must continue as they are not school practices but rather practices for life. A Jew davens every day, learns Torah regularly and spends a lifetime engaged in activities that require reading whether for utilitarian purposes, for edification or for the pure pleasure of imbibing the written word. I suggest that included in this summer's reading should be regular reading from the newspaper. For younger children, parents can read an article with their children and discuss the importance of the information contained therein. Older students should read the paper on their own and then follow up these readings with discussions with their parents. Children can be directed to read articles of interest related to sports, technology or entertainment, for instance. Parents may also suggest articles that relate to Israel and its relationship with the United States. In this way, children can become acquainted with the complexities that exist in this bilateral relationship and form opinions, grounded in fact, regarding these sometimes thorny issues.

I recently participated in the AIPAC Conference in Washington, D.C. Being part of a diverse group of people, 10,000 strong, meeting in our nation's Capitol for the express purpose of supporting Medinat Yisrael, was an exhilarating experience. Sharing this experience with two of my grandchildren was particularly meaningful to me and impactful for them. Prior to attending with my grandchildren, I was not certain that attending an AIPAC Conference would be worthwhile for children in early adolescence. Having had the experience, and witnessing the reaction of the scores of young teens who were there, I can say without equivocation, that it was an extraordinarily worthwhile opportunity for them. Being in the same room with the President of the United States and then with the Prime Minister of the State of Israel, hearing them speak and then carefully analyzing their remarks, is an atypical occurrence for young teens. Having been given this opportunity and the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and visit our elected representatives will inspire them to be more knowledgeable citizens who are mindful of the way we are governed.

But children cannot show up to such an event without having been prepared. Regular reading from the newspaper during the summer and throughout the year, coupled with regular discussions with parents about the important issues of the day, will prepare children to become more active participants in the political life of our country. I believe that, at one point during their teenage years, every child should have the opportunity to attend an AIPAC Conference. The summer months bring with them diminished demands on children in terms of required reading. We should utilize this time to read newspapers and start our children on the path to political activism and an informed, sophisticated approach to their role as citizens.

Have a great summer!
Congratulations, Graduates
and
Class of 2011!

The Hillel Day School Emergency Hotline number is 866-544-5535. Please keep this number handy so that you can access school opening or closing information in the event of any emergency, weather or otherwise.

Purim Dress-Up Days



Opposite Day
(dress like a teacher or administrator)



Crazy Hat Day



Israeli Flag Day



Wacky Hairdo Day

Purim Carnival



The Matzah Factory makes their annual visit to HDS and students learn the process of making matzah.



EC2 celebrates Pesach



On Friday, April 1, students in grades 1-5 participated in a fun-filled and educational day dedicated entirely to learning about Shabbat. During the day-long "Shabbat Fair," students went from station to station where they learned of the various customs and laws of Shabbat, while creating beautiful projects to take home in their Shabbat Fair bags. The beauty of preparing for and anticipating Shabbat was palpable as students were immersed in this creative, hands-on learning experience. The program culminated with an Oneg Shabbat and the singing of songs in honor of Shabbat. Parents were invited to attend and see for themselves the wonderful Shabbat spirit that the children get every Friday.

Tu B'Shevat was celebrated in many ways.



4th graders visited the Menorah House during Purim, where they delivered Mishloach Manot to residents.



Students Shine in Brachot and Hebrew Spelling Bees

Hebrew Spelling Bee Winners

First Team (2nd and 3rd grades): 1st Place - Jonah Gabor, 2nd Place - Aaron Gross, 3rd Place - Atara Greenbaum

Second Team (4th and 5th grades): 1st Place - Gabi Englander, 2nd Place - Max Abramovitz, 3rd Place - Ty Kay



1st graders take part in their very own Brachot Bee after having studied the brachot in class for 3 weeks! Mazal Tov to everyone for participating!



Congratulations to all of the participants and winners of the Hebrew Spelling Bee.



It has been another exciting and productive end of the year in the Upper School! Highlights include numerous holiday programs, color war, our first-ever evening sports ceremony, and trips to Billy Swamp Safari, Sea Camp, Washington, D.C., and Israel. The Middle School students are *already* excited to return to school after the summer break knowing they will move into a magnificent building with a brand new Beit Midrash, Apple Mac lab, science lab and student lounge. Many other enhancements to our overall program are planned for the upcoming year and I look forward to sharing them with you in future editions of the *Hillel Herald*.

My best wishes for a healthy, restful, and productive summer.



We Declare Color War!



Ernst Kahn, a Holocaust survivor, shares his story with students in observance of Yom Hashoah.



Congressman Ted Deutch visits HDS and speaks to Middle School students.





At the end of every school year, I'm always amazed not only at how fast the time has flown, but also at how much we've accomplished in just 10 short months.

This year, in particular, we've enjoyed a plethora of student activities and educational endeavors.

You cannot find a child more thrilled to have a paper band around their wrist than at Hillel Day School. The EMET Bands were a major hit! Students were so proud to show off their Excellent Midot Every Time when they went above and beyond to receive recognition for their good deeds displayed inside and outside of the classroom. We look forward to continuing the EMET Bands next year in promoting good Midot.

Oneg Shabbat celebrations were another wonderful addition to our Friday morning Ruach routine! The children really enjoyed the music and singing in preparation for Shabbat, and looked forward to learning the Zemirot they could share with their families. This component of their education is a rich part of our culture and served to enhance their spiritual development.

Our new Kindergarten Judaics curriculum was a huge success—two years in the making—and thanks to Morah Elisheva and Morah Talya, it was well worth the wait! Now the children can learn: Parsha, Chagim, Midot, letter recognition, reading, and so much more, in a more integrated manner. Having this curriculum will only help build upon a foundation of

strong Judaics learning for years to come. The fictional characters of *Flat Stanley*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Thing about Georgie*, and so much more, came to life this year, as the children not only learned about the novels, but interacted with them with projects that included friends and family (Flat Stanley attended the Royal Wedding!) and even a Skype session with one of the authors!

The Internet is here to stay, and KidSafe was a fantastic program where children learned about the safest ways to explore the World Wide Web! We hope this served as a guide for children on the computer, and were glad to see so many parents attend the workshop.

Classes at Hillel became living laboratories with the instructors brought in from Hightouch Hightech as well as science with Mrs. Rosen. A fun way to learn about science through hands-on exploration, the students enjoyed learning about everything from the rain forest to the world of germs! This state-of-the-art science program made little scientists out of our children.

The end-of-the-year KTP production, including the adorable ballerinas and very talented gymnasts, was a wonderful culmination of after-school KTP activities. The cast of "The Wizard of Oz" did a phenomenal job entertaining the audience! Congratulations to everyone involved!

This is just a *glimpse* of what went on this past school year, but we hope these programs impacted your children's education academically, spiritually and socially, and look forward to another, even more, exhilarating school year in the fall!



Early childhood students enjoy the annual Teddy Bear Day.



EC3A had parachute fun while learning colors in Hebrew and English.



Grandparent, Dr. Hilton Becker, performs a "mock plastic surgery" on his grandson as the 1st grade enjoys weekly 'grandparents story time' at their Shabbat party!.

3rd Grade Book Club

By: Elise Gross and Jackie Lome



Thanks to Mrs. Rebecca Gross, our tireless Reading Specialist, several of the third grade students participated in a book club this year. The first book read was *Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith. This book appealed to all our chocolate lovers and they all related to the main character, Henry, who wanted to eat chocolate with

everything. Unfortunately for Henry, he developed chocolate bumps and ended up on an unusual adventure where he learned the value of moderation. We followed our book discussion with a fun food project involving peanut butter, chocolate chips, condensed milk, and sugar. The second book we read was *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume. Some

of the parents remembered reading it as kids and it was fun for everyone. In *Freckle Juice*, the main character learns a very valuable lesson about being comfortable with his appearance. We concluded our discussion with a drawing exercise to illustrate each person's physical characteristics. Each meeting involved an animated discussion of the book, with particular attention to the plot and characters. The children really became involved in the discussions and introduced wonderful ideas and insights. Each meeting ends with a yummy ice cream party. The next book was *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of Monster Movie* by David Adler. We are all looking forward to continuing the club over the summer. We are hoping that the participants are learning that reading can be fun, especially when shared with friends.



SEMI-ANNUAL PRE-HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

On the evening of April 6, the Boca Raton Synagogue (BRS) bustled with excitement as hundreds of shoppers took a break from Passover cleaning to attend HDS PTA's Semi-Annual Pre-Holiday Boutique—hosted in conjunction with Torah Academy of Boca Raton, BRS, and the Boca Raton Mikvah. The many vendors provided shoppers with clothing, hats, jewelry, Judaica, vitamins,

and so much more, often at discounted prices. The PTA commends **Orlie Cohen** and **Rachel Harow** for their outstanding work in coordinating and organizing the event and also thanks our parent volunteers: **Naomi Abramovitz, Chani Katz, Sabrina Romano, Tzippi Rosen,** and **Andrea Zucker**. We also express our gratitude to **Matthew Hocherman**, BRS Executive Director and his staff for their support.



The 2010/2011 PTA Board thanks **PTA President Sharon Kay**, whose outstanding leadership, boundless capabilities, remarkable creativity, and kind spirit have made the PTA an invaluable organization within the HDS community.

PTA VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our PTA Volunteers of the Month, whose ongoing commitment and diligence help make our many activities and initiatives possible:

Karen Abir: Jan. '11 **Lauren Bakst:** Feb. '11
Lowil Stoller: March '11 **Ana Haar:** April '11
Cindy Zemel: May '11



MAH JONGG

HDS parents, family, and friends caught "wind" of the excitement at PTA's annual Mah Jongg event. Held April 4th at the Gelato Shoppe, the fun evening included multiple rounds of Mah Jongg, unlimited gelato, delicious coffee, and other desserts. There were also great raffle prizes, including gift certificates

to kosher establishments and local attractions. The PTA extends a winning hand to the event co-chairs, **Vanessa Brooks** and **Andrea Zucker**.



Women enjoy Zumba at HDS during weekly classes led by instructor Hanna Cohen and organized by Dvora Eisen.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

The HDS PTA is pleased to introduce the new *PTA Advertising Program*, a fundraising effort that benefits both local businesses and our school. We believe this program is a win-win, offering a great opportunity to advertise at reasonable prices while supporting HDS. The program is designed to ensure consistent pricing and visibility for all advertisers. For more information, please contact Dvora Scher at dvora@dwpalaw.com.

Help support someone in need and protect the environment by dropping new or used shoes in the *Shoes for the Cure* bin just outside the main school doors. If your family has difficulty affording new shoes, please let Nurse Robin Noble know.

If your children have gently worn uniforms they no longer wear, please bring them to the school office so

another family can benefit from them through the PTA's *Uniform Swap Shop* program. If your child is in need of uniforms, please stop by to take the uniforms for free or for a small donation to the PTA.

Do you find it hard to select the perfect Bar or Bat Mitzvah gifts? The *B'nai/B'not Mitzvah Fund* enables parents to provide Bar/Bat Mitzvah presents that benefit tzedakah and HDS. 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 **Lori Gabor, Sara Goldberg** and **Liz Stadlan** for organizing the gifts.

If you have used child's soccer cleats and shin guards in good condition, please donate them to the *Hillel Cleat Collection*. Coach Moishe

will distribute them to children in need. If your child needs new cleats or shin guards, please let Coach Moishe know and he can check if we have any available in the proper size.

Honor someone you know with personalized *Tribute Cards* from the PTA. For more information, please contact Dvora Scher at dvora@dwpalaw.com.

Celebrate your child's birthday with a gift to the class that can be opened again and again. For further details about the *Birthday Book Club*, please contact Lisa Friedman at nycrangers@comcast.net or Tzippi Rosen at LRosen_1@hotmail.com.

Special thanks to **Meira Gross** for her hard work on the PTA pages of the *Hillel Herald* throughout this school year.

P.T.A. PAGES

HDS FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS FAMILIES IN NEED



HDS was proud to once again lead the annual food drive to benefit the Forster Family Kosher Food Pantry. This year, several other local Jewish day schools joined our efforts to stock food and toiletry items on the shelves of the only kosher food pantry in Palm Beach County.

"The drive clearly demonstrates that by working together, we can make a real difference for our community," said Pam Cohen, who spearheaded the effort with Cara Freedman. "It is important that our children recognize the needs of Jews here, in Israel, and around the world, and understand that lending a helping hand is an integral part of being Jewish."

The Forster Family Kosher Food Pantry, a beneficiary agency of the Federation, was created in 1996 to "alleviate the burden of hunger in our

community." The Pantry delivers non-perishable groceries, some fresh fruits and vegetables, and challah every other week free of charge to people experiencing serious financial difficulties. The Pantry has recently experienced a further increase in local requests for food, with more than 400 families in need of this invaluable service. The average monthly cost for goods is \$7,000.

The PTA thanks our HDS families and teachers for supporting this worthy cause and commends **Pam Cohen** and **Cara Freedman** for their outstanding leadership. We applaud our HDS families for enhancing the Drive by also donating kosher for Passover items to the Pantry after Passover. With all of your help, we helped provide more than 500 pounds of food, including 600 cans of tuna fish, to help Jewish families in need. We are grateful to our students and congratulate the



1st grade, the 4th grade, and Mrs. Vine's Middle School Honors classes for collecting the

greatest number of non-perishable goods. These classes celebrated their efforts with an ice cream party sponsored by the HDS PTA.

Thank you to the 7th grade for helping to sort and package the food items, and to **Cara Zimmerman**, Food Pantry Director, and **Shaya Griner** for their support. Cara Zimmerman's tour of the Food Pantry and update on its mission were highlights of the drive.



WITH PRAISE, THANKS, & ADMIRATION

Karen Abir, Lauren Bakst, and Lowil Stoller, displayed outstanding culinary talent as the hostesses of HDS PTA's 7th Annual Cooking Demonstration on February 16. We applaud these three women and also wish to recognize the **Bakst family** for opening their home to us for this event. We also thank **Elaine Aiken, Rosa Golish, Marci Herman, and Leah Louis** for their help with planning, and **Aliza Bar Chaim** for an inspiring D'var Torah.

Thank you to **Sabrina Romano** and **Tzippi Rosen** for coordinating the annual PTA Book Sale. Thank you also to our volunteers: **Cara Beim, Lisa Friedman, Dvora Eisen, Rachel Greenbaum, and Emily Rosenstein**.

PTA Purim cards were a great success this year, raising significant funds for tzedakah. We are grateful to **Vanessa Brooks, Susan Herr, and Dvora Scher** for all their hard work. Thank you to **Sharon Fein** and **Sara Goldberg** for coordinating Family and Sibling Picture Day with LifeTouch®, and to volunteers **Naomi Abramovitz, Galit Freedman, and Naomi Shapiro**.

The PTA is pleased to sponsor challot from **Sweet City** for our Early Childhood weekly Shabbat programs. Thank you to **Dvora Scher** for coordinating this effort.

Thank you to **Andrea and Ari Bernstein** for overseeing the Tzedakah box distribution and collection and to **Zipora Rindsberg** for affixing labels to the boxes.

Thank you to **Dvora Scher** for coordinating the annual PTA School Supply Sale.

The PTA would like to acknowledge **Gila Stern** for organizing Ice Cream Events at **New York Cafe** and **Yogurt Rendezvous**, during which a percentage of profits benefitted HDS.

Thank you to **Deana Karp** for organizing the sale of drinks and snacks at our Sunday soccer clinics.

Thank you to **Liora Adler** for buying, organizing, and delivering treats to our Early Childhood teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences.

P.T.A. PAGES

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS

Sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is a great way to recognize our HDS teachers and staff. We thank those families whose generosity helps make the breakfasts possible:

Annual Sponsors

Abady, Abramovitz, Bensmihen, Berman (Rabbi Gur & Ira), Borzak, Cohen (Eli & Orli), Freedman (Ben & Cara), Friedman (Lisa & Howard), Goldstein, Greenbaum (Neil & Rachel), Haar, Katzman, Kay, Krawatsky, Muller, Scher, Skoczylas, Stadlan, Struhl, and Tansman families.

Adar - Honoring 7th Grade Teachers and Specialists

(PE, Art, Academic Support, Computers, and Music) Baum, Hartman, Jason, Katz (Naomi & Eli), and Stein families

Iyar - Honoring Kindergarten and 8th Grade Teachers

Bernstein, Deakter, Dimont, Harow, Sides, Silverstein, Sonnenberg, and Zucker families

The PTA extends its gratitude to **Cara Freedman** and **Naomi Shapiro** for their detailed planning of the breakfasts, as well as to the numerous volunteers who assisted at these events: **Leora & Joshua Bakst**, **Orlie Cohen**, **Cheryl Saragossi**, **Susie Siedler**, and **Augusto Saldarriaga**.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP—& SUPPORT HDS

The PTA is pleased to offer many easy ways to support our school—even during the summer break. You can make a valuable contribution just by going about your daily routine and taking care of your family's needs. Here's how:

BoxTops for Education Clippings: HDS receives 10 cents for each BoxTops label your child brings in. You can find labels on items from hundreds of manufacturers, including General Mills, Hefty®, Kleenex®, Ziploc®, and more. For a complete list and to receive product coupons, visit btfe.com.

BoxTops Marketplace: HDS receives varying percentages (as much as 9%) of purchases made online at some of your favorite stores. Shop at over 70 vendors, including Best Buy®, Lands' End, Oriental Trading®, The Home Depot, Walmart, and more. For a complete list, check out btfe.com.

Bravo Academy offers music, dance, and theater classes for children of all ages. Just by registering your child, you will earn \$25 for the PTA. Be sure to mention that you're an HDS family.

Carvel (Glades & Lyons Rds.) is pleased to offer 10% off to HDS families.

Chaya's Vitamins offers HDS families a 20% discount on all vitamins and mineral supplements, and will donate 10% of your purchase to the PTA. Please call Dvora Eisen at 561-208-1201 for more information or email contact@chayas.com.

Gili's Goodies offers the opportunity to send freshly baked goods, birthday cakes, chocolate, nuts, wine, and more to your family and friends in Israel and the U.S. When ordering online at www.gilisgoodies.com, be sure to use the code HILBOCA and a percentage of your purchase will benefit HDS. To find out more about Gili's Goodies, you can also call 866-721-7292.

Mah Jongg Junior: A kid-friendly version of Mah Jongg created by Nancy Factor of Modiin, Israel (a former HDS parent!), is now available through the PTA. And 10% of your purchase will benefit the PTA. For more information, please contact Elise Gross at 561 702-7974.

Office Depot®/OfficeMax®: Shopping for your school and office supplies at Office Depot® or OfficeMax® can mean an automatic contribution to HDS. Just be sure to give the proper ID number to the cashier when you check out and the school will receive rewards for your purchases. If you forget the ID number, be sure to let the cashier know that you want your purchase to benefit HDS.

-Office Depot® ID# 70020721 - HDS receives cash back on 5% of your total purchase.


-OfficeMax® ID # 635907134 - For every \$500 spent, HDS receives a \$25 OfficeMax gift card that can be used to purchase supplies for our teachers.

Printer Cartridges: Drop off used printer cartridges in one of the bins outside the front office or leave them in the PTA mailbox. If you own a business, please consider donating your used cartridges to the PTA. The school will earn \$2 for every one you donate. Thank you to **Cara Freedman**, **Keri Greenfield** and **Andrea Zucker** for coordinating the printer cartridge recycling effort and to the many parent volunteers who help deliver cartridges.

Target®'s Take Charge of Education® Program: Remember to use your Target® card when shopping at all Target® locations. You receive 5% back on purchases and can potentially benefit HDS. Here's how: If you have a Target® Visa® Card, Target® Credit CardSM, Target® Check CardSM and/or Target® Business CardSM, please call 800-316-6142, log onto Target.com/tcoe, or visit your local Target® store to designate Hillel Day School as your school of choice for the Take Charge of Education® program. HDS will receive 1% of purchases made at any Target® store with any of these cards and a ½% back for purchases made elsewhere using the Target® Visa® Card.

TELL THE WORLD HOW YOU FEEL

with a Gilad Shalit Car Magnet



Each Car Magnet is \$5

All donations will be sent to:

THE KEREN MAOR FOUNDATION — VE'SHAVU BANIM LE'GVULAM
"and thy sons shall return to their borders"

Donations will be made to **KEREN MAOR**
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HDS is pleased to partner with the Boca Raton Synagogue and Torah Academy of Boca Raton in raising funds to help free Gilad Shalit. Doing your part is simple—with the purchase of a magnet that spreads the word.

Annual PTA Luncheon



Laughter, warmth, and a sense of camaraderie permeated the room at the *Annual PTA Luncheon* honoring HDS kindergarten teacher **Roz Falkoff** and dedicated volunteer **Naomi Abramovitz**. The immeasurable impact that these extraordinary women have made at HDS over the past decade drew many attendees to the event. The PTA also welcomed 10 new members and 38 returning members to the *Guardians of Learning* program.

The annual luncheon, held at JARC, opened with a performance by special guest stars--Roz Falkoff's kindergarten classes--who graced the room with an adorable rendition of Hatikvah. Attendees also savored JARC's delicious food choices and enjoyed party favors from **Vanessa Brooks**, Jordan Essentials Independent Consultant.



The luncheon speakers emphasized their joy in having this year's honorees as part of the HDS community. Beloved kindergarten teacher Roz Falkoff was heartily congratulated by Lower School Principal **Chayim Dimont** on her retirement following a 40-year teaching career, including 10 years at HDS. Roz's warm, nurturing personality and incredible teaching capabilities have inspired hundreds of young students. Similarly, her professionalism and kind heart have earned her admiration from administrators and colleagues.

Naomi was singled out for her honor because of her commitment and steady service to the PTA in a wide variety of capacities. PTA President **Sharona Kay** explained. Naomi is the current PTA Secretary, and has also served as Treasurer and Adult Education Coordinator. She has also organized countless projects for the school over the past decade, such as the Chanukah Fair, Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts, Teacher Appreciation Week, Grandparents Day, Transportation Day, and even PTA luncheons. Beyond her PTA projects, Naomi is admired for her kindness, humor (quite evident during her hilariously funny acceptance speech), and the gracious personality with which she greets each and every person who crosses her path.

Following the presentations to the honorees, Guardians of Learning Chair **Caroline Katz** recognized the many women who choose to participate in this important program. Caroline thanked our new Guardians of Learning, who will receive pins, as well as those who renewed their commitment to the program. Renewing Guardians of Learning receive an additional diamond for their existing pins. Caroline also thanked **Sabrina and Sal Romano** for producing and providing the pins and diamonds at cost each year.



New Guardians of Learning pictured with Caroline Katz.



Renewed Guardians of Learning attending the luncheon.

~New Guardians of Learning~

Liora Adler • Batzi Berman • Anne Deakter • Michele Dimont • Shira Englander • Simone Griff • Stace Katzman • Revital Levinrad • Orach Moshe • Hadassah Smolarcik • Shoshana Wirtschafter

~Renewed Guardians of Learning~

Anonymous • Leslie Abady • Naomi Abramovitz • Evelyn Begas • Elana Belizon • Lisa Bensmihen • Rebecca Stern Berkeley • Helen Cohan • Laura Cohen • Orlie Cohen • Sheryl Dennis • Elise Dolgow • Lauren Glaun • Yocheved Goldberg • Laura Greenbaum • Rachel Greenbaum • Ilona Grynstein • Ana Haar • Caroline Katz • Jean Katz • Sharona Kay • Beatrice Levine • Linda Levy • Debra Linzer • Sara Markowitz • Joyce Muller • Cindy Nimhauser • Jill Rose • Diane Saketkhou • Dana Schechter • Dvora Scher • Naomi Shapiro • Sharon Stauber • Linda Struhl • Phyllis Struhl • Robin Struhl • Risa Zimmerman

The PTA applauds Luncheon Chairs **Ana Haar** and **Lori Landa** for the beautiful job they did planning this successful event.



8th Grade Israel Trip



For more pictures and exciting videos check out our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/HillelTube.
Photo Credit: Jordan Stauber

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION



7th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.



7th graders enjoyed the sights, science, history, and politics of Washington, D.C. on their annual trip.



HDS Happenings

HDS EMET CLUB WINNERS



**Excellent
Emet
Every
Time**

Rebecca Adler
Adam Agus
Michael Aharon
Jolie Aloof
Sarah Amiel
Matthew Beim
Liron Ben-Zikry
Nava Berkeley
Caleb Berman
Judah Berman
Noah Bernten
Hila Blanka
Shoshana Braverman
Avigayil Broide
Eliana Broide
Elnadav Brooks
Benjamin Cohen
Haley Cohen

Shaindie Cohen
Zachary Cohen
Eli Cohn
Leora Cohn
Danielle Dahan
David Dahan
Jake Davis
Al Dimont
Orly Dimont
Racheyl Drang
Asher Eisen
Meir Eisen
Hannah Friedlander
Yosef Fruhman
Jonah Gabor
Ruth Glaun
Sophia Golberg
Tamar Goldberg
Jacob Goodman
Max Goodman
Jacob Greenbaum
Judah Greenbaum
Lily Greenfield
Tani Gross
Pamela Gurvitch
Gavin Haber
Gavriel Hollander
Daniella Kaminetzky

Yonina Kaminetzky
Aidan Kaner
Shayna Kaskel
Daniela Kestenbaum
Sofia Kestenbaum
Arye Kovack
Zohara Lam
Meir Lanner
Jacob Levinrad
Abby Linker
Eli Lome
David Lugassy
Yehudah Marcus
Maia Mayzel
Ashira Meyerowitz
Adam Miller
Jade Miller
Tiffany Miller
Eva Moskowitz
Ruth Nadav
Sapir Nadav
Franki Noble
Chen Ohana
Matan Ovadia
Dahlia Pickholtz
Ariella Pinkis
Shira Rindsberg
Yarden Rindsberg

Yakirah Rosen
Abigail Rosenthal
Jasmine Rubin
Dafna Sakethkou
Mayrav Sakethkou
Chana Adina
Schandelson
Lauren Schechter
Sarit Scher
Ashley Schiffman
Aleksandra Shapiro
Eliana Shapiro
Isaac Shapiro
Ariella Sides
Shoshana Sides
Shuey Silkin
Adina Silverstein
David Skoczylas
Mishael Sommers
Noah Sonneberg
Bailey Spolter
Shoshana Stadlan
Izak Stern
Sam Stern
Aaron Stoller
Gili Zamosh
Nitay Zehavi

(as of 5/16/11)

Thanks to all of the Hillel volunteers who helped at Super Sunday this year. Hillel Day School receives an allocation from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County each year for scholarship assistance.



The Emerald City Murals of 5th Grade Art Classes

By: Barbara Rose, Art Specialist

A collage is considered a work of art made from an assemblage of different forms, thus creating a new whole.

Its origins can be traced hundreds of years, but it made its reappearance in the early 20th century with such artists as Kurt Schwitters, Pablo Picasso and George Bracque. The concept extended into the 3-dimensional level with the Dad School and Marcel Duchamp. Found materials became part of the artists' vocabulary as the technique continues throughout the 20th century in a highly creative and conceptual form of expression. The artist has always been a recycler of materials; and so, our highly creative, conceptually oriented grade 5 students were able to become a new young group of recyclers creating art.

Our major purpose was to promote our Spring Theatrical Production, "The Wizard of Oz," through the creation of imaginative murals expressing an original concept of an Emerald City, either urban or suburban. Thus, we were dealing both with the idea of the Emerald City as well as with the idea of use of found materials to create a visual image. Students worked as teams of two or three. We viewed, on the SmartBoard, numerous Emerald City themes created by artists through the many years since the story

was first written. Architectural forms were also observed. Students went to work dealing with decision-making skills and all the technical skills they have accumulated over the years. A variety of recycled materials in many hues and values of green were presented. An assortment of drawing and painting materials as well as a variety of techniques also added to the creations. The exchange of ideas was wonderful to observe as were the materials students asked for and the solutions they had for using them. The choices offered in the art room, coupled with the continuous reinforcements of the elements and principles of art, resulted in many exciting images. They are now organized together in a large mural on the first floor. We thank Mrs. Stace Katzman, one of our parents who volunteered to assist in the art room with the many jobs that needed to be done. Thanks also to Leonardo Moran for his photos of the students at work.

The 5th grade art classes also worked on flyer designs portraying the characters in the play. These flyers were distributed to advertise the performance. Congratulations to Ayelet Gross, who created the winning poster design.



The 3rd graders performed for 1st graders with their recorders.



Math lovers celebrated Pi Day on 3-14.

HDS Happenings



The 4th graders performed Hatikvah and The Star Spangled Banner at the Federation's Lion of Judah Luncheon in February.



HDS Middle School students sold snow cones at the Levis JCC's Dog Fest to raise funds to plant trees in Israel in memory of Elijah Webberly.



HDS supported Team Wolff Pack on the Multiple Sclerosis Walk held in March. Team Wolff Pack raised over \$1,500 towards the search for a cure for MS.

Transportation Day

Thank you to Elaine Aiken for once again helping to coordinate this year's Transportation Day. This year we welcomed the Palm Beach County Sheriff patrol car, police horses, SWAT Team, classic sports car, Magen David Adom, RV, news truck, cement truck, tow truck, boat and Panther's Hockey Team mobile vehicle. We hope that everyone enjoyed all of the vehicles.



The 1st graders welcomed grandparents as they read a story each Friday.



The State Fair showcased 3rd graders' exhibits of their favorite states.

SPORTS



Maia Shaffer,
Athletic Director

With another school year wrapping up, Hillel's sports program has gone above and beyond. Starting from our humble beginnings to the current successful program, we have created competitive relationships with some of the top schools. This year we had our first soccer championship with the boys team winning 1st place. Our girls sports program had 3 second place trophies in soccer, basketball and softball.

With the inspiration of Mrs. Leslie Abady, we also introduced the Boys and Girls Tennis Team, which has not only brought fantastic participation, but also a championship in its first year! All in all, Hillel's sports program has grown immensely through our high level P.E classes, intense afterschool sports clinics and the desire of our students to achieve excellence.

I would like to thank our superb coaches: Coach Moishe and Asst. Coach Rosenstein, Coach Jeff Harris and Asst. Coach Bassy, Coach Lavoie, Coach Grubbs and Coach Sawn, Coach Crews and Asst. Coach Truman. Also, thanks to Rabbi Samuel J. Levine and Rabbi Adam Englander for their support, and of course Sharona Kay and Greta Baum for all their help with the Athletic Department. With our strong family participation and our students' drive for excellence, next year will only be better.

Boys Basketball



Boys Basketball Team 2010-2011.

Girls Softball



Congratulations to the Girls Softball Team and Coach Lavoie for their 2nd place trophy!

Once again we had a very successful Jump Rope for Heart event. We raised a total of \$6,370. Hillel's students worked very hard practicing for the Jump Rope for Heart event, and performed superbly. The event was filled with great competitions, and rewards for outstanding performance. We would like to thank the PTA for providing the ice pops for this exciting event.

Congratulations to our top two winners:

Haley Cohen – 1st grade, total donation of: \$1250

Star Katzman – 4th grade, total donation of: \$1000

Girls Soccer



By: Coach Moishe

The 2010-2011 girls soccer season was a huge success. This year's team made it to the first ever championship game but lost in a competitive match against its rival—St.

Marks. Each year the program has progressed, and the girls' level of technical and tactical ability has also increased. With a commendable record of 9 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss, the team developed their skills and spread their Lions' spirit throughout the school. The team was led by Hannah Katz, the leading scorer, Jessica Griff, Kayla Petrover, and Ellin Gurvitch; Raquel Zimmerman and Kayla Gross were also leading scorers and part of the 8th grade class who will give way to the younger players. Together with Coach Rosenstein and Maia Schaffer, we put together a cohesive program for the coming years. "Hillel on 3. Hillel on 3. 123... Go Lions!"

Boys & Girls Tennis



By: Art Snow

It's been a champion season for tennis. In our first year to have a tennis team entered in the league, we could not have been more successful. We finished our season with a 6 win and 1 loss record. All season, steady improvement carried us to a dominating performance in the playoffs. We defeated Boca Christian 4-1 in the Semi-Finals, and Weston Christian 5-0 in the Finals. Our singles players, Sam Glaun, David Abady, and Noah Brown, had a combined record of 15-3 in the regular season. Our Big Three were also undefeated in the playoffs! Sam Glaun finished undefeated in Singles and Doubles for the entire season. We'd like to extend a special thank you to all the parents for their incredible support this season.



CAMPAIGN WRAP-UP

We are pleased to report that this year's Annual Campaign has raised \$421,900.99. Of that, \$281,664, or 67%, is from our parent body. Included in this total is \$2,534 raised from our Every Parent Campaign effort through 43 gifts. Thank you to **Gila Stern**, EPC co-chair, for coordinating this year's Phone-a-thon. Also thank you to this year's parent volunteers: **Orlie Cohen, Monique Golberg, Gabrielle Meyerowitz, Melinda Tansman and Rachel Yudewitz**. We could not have done it without your help! And to those of you who have participated in our EPC with a contribution to the Hillel Annual Fund Campaign, we thank you for your support.

We continue to solicit and receive support from grandparents and community members who choose to support Torah education. Thank you for your continued support of Jewish Education and the future of our children.

It is never too late to support Jewish education! Please contact Suzanne Rice at suzanner@hilleldayschool.org or call 561-470-5000. (as of 5-20-11)

CAMPAIGN MATTERS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to our Capital Campaign supporters who have made their pledge to support the new Middle School building and Gymnasium.



Mark & Helen Cohan - Stained Glass Window (Beit Midrash)
Stanley & Ana Haar - Faculty Lounge (Middle School)
Hillel PTA - Apple/Mac Computer Lab (Middle School)
Daniel & Bruria Kods - Stained Glass Window (Beit Midrash)
Harold & Lori Landa - Girls Locker Room (Gymnasium)
Jackie & Rachel Tripp - Aron (Beit Midrash)
Michael & Risa Zimmerman - Ner Tamid (Beit Midrash)

For more information on available naming opportunities, contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000.

GOLF TOURNAMENT & RAFFLE RESULTS



Mazal Tov to **Ted Struhl** and **Michael Zimmerman** for their efforts once again in co-chairing an extremely successful Golf Tournament, held at Stonebridge Golf & Country Club. In addition, thank you to the leadership and collaborative efforts

of **Rabbi Samuel J. Levine, Sal Abady, Daniel Katz** and **David Kay**. We are thankful that the rain cleared out and made way for a fun afternoon of golf, food and fun!

And the winners are....

1st Place Gross: Rabbi Efreim Goldberg, Sal Abady, Steven Cohen

1st Place Net: Daniel Katz, Sheldon Hills, Jerry Cohen, John Lubatsky

2nd Place Gross: Trevor Meyerowitz, Wayne Ostrovsky, William Tobin, Ken Bender

2nd Place Net: Rabbi Dr. Brian Galbut, Eric Galbut, Glen Golish

Longest Drive: Glen Golish

Straightest Drive: Sheldon Hills

Putting Contest: Rabbi Efreim Goldberg

Closest to the Pin: Steven Cohen, Aaron Shapiro, Daniel Katz, Sal Abady (overall)

Most Fun Foursome: Michael Zimmerman, David Kay, Daniel Adler, Chaim Rosen

Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who participated by either golfing or purchasing raffle tickets. We could not have raised over \$63,000 without your support! Extra special thanks to our volunteers:

Leslie Abady, Orlie Cohen, Matthew Hocherman, Noam & Jill Kaminetzky, Caroline Katz, Alan Linker, Deena Lurie, Marty Robins, Zahava Webberly and Risa Zimmerman.

Raffle Winners...

Trevor & Gabrielle Meyerowitz: \$2,000 towards HDS tuition

Eric & Devorah Eisen: weekend stay at Omni ChampionsGate Resort, Orlando

Ruth Light: Royal Wine Corp. wine gift package (donated by Gabe Lasry)

Dan & Rachel Rudensky: One year technical support from SupportSquad.com (donated by Reid Shapiro)

Joseph & Seema Loskove: Florida Panthers Tickets (donated by Neil Greenbaum)

Mordechai & Suri Spolter: Foursome of golf

(donated by Stonebridge Golf & Country Club)

Ira & Jamie Gurvitch: Foursome of golf

(donated by Stonebridge Golf & Country Club)

Eli & Naomi Katz: Four tickets to a minor league game at Jupiter Stadium

Josh & Stephanie Stern: Four tickets to a minor league game at Jupiter Stadium

Joseph & Seema Loskove: Gift certificate to Kosher Marketplace and four ice skating passes and skate rental at Saveology.com Iceplex.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

This annual, major event raises funds for HDS Scholarship Aid and those families who otherwise could not afford a quality Jewish education. If you have not yet made your Every Parent Campaign donation you may still do so before the end of the school year.



Name that Biography

Can you correctly identify these 4th grade biographies?



Answers to Biography Quiz: 1) Queen Elizabeth 2) Babe Ruth 3) Princess Diana 4) Betsy Ross 5) Annie Oakley 6) Walt Disney 7) Neil Armstrong 8) Benjamin Franklin 9) Benjamin Franklin 10) Sacagwea 11) Florence Nightingale 12) Michael Jackson.



The 2nd graders show off their beautiful flower headbands as part of a fundraiser for the PTA. Thank you to Ms. Zemel for hand-crafting the headbands and flower clips and coordinating this effort.

If you have information to include in a future *Hillel Herald*, please e-mail suzanner@hilleldayschool.org.
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Teacher of the Month



Rabbi Yaakov Drang
March 2011



Mrs. Marjorie Tinio
May 2011



Thanks to the Hillel PTA, we now have an outdoor electronic scoreboard to keep score on the Haar Athletic Field. Go Lions!



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.