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



Dear Parents,

The rapid expansion of knowledge and the speed with which technology makes information available to us poses an incredible challenge for educators. As a result, efforts to conceptualize the different skills children will need thirty years from now most likely will end in failure. What, then, are we to do? According to Carol S. Dweck, a noted psychologist and author of *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*, published in 2006, educators must re-conceptualize their thinking about intelligence and not educate children for short-term achievement, but rather for resilience that leads to long-term success.

Dweck posits that most people think that success is based on innate ability. This means that we subscribe to a theory that holds that our intelligence is fixed, something she calls a *fixed mindset*. In other words, intelligence is predetermined and, by extension, so is academic success. Others believe that success is based on having the opposite mindset, namely that success stems from hard work, learning, training and doggedness. In other words, belief that intelligence is incremental leads to what she calls a *growth mindset*. *Fixed mindset* individuals are found to give up easily when faced with a difficult challenge because they see their struggles as being a negative comment about their innate abilities. *Growth mindset* individuals do not fear similar challenges because they understand that their performance can be improved because they learn from their failures. *Fixed mindset* individuals (who believe that intelligence is static) want to look smart, avoid challenge, give up easily, see effort as fruitless, ignore useful feedback and feel threatened by the success of others. *Growth mindset* individuals (who believe that intelligence can be developed) desire to learn, embrace challenge, persist in the face of setbacks, see effort as the path to mastery, learn from criticism, and find lessons and inspiration in the success of others. Research indicates that those with the belief that their intelligence and ability can expand through hard work achieve better results than those with *fixed mindsets*. In fact, those with *growth mindsets* are less stymied by the inevitable frustrations and impediments that occur when learning new skills (Dweck, 2000, 2007.)



Atara Greenbaum, 5th grade, placed 1st in the Capitol Clash United States Fencing Association's Youth 10 Women's Saber held in Washington, D.C. Way to go, Atara!

We cannot foresee the challenges our children will confront in the future. We can be certain, however, that they will need to solve complex problems. The rapid changes we currently experience will continue and most probably accelerate. This will necessitate continual learning and perseverance. As parents and educators, therefore, we must help our children view themselves through the prism of a *growth mindset*. In speaking to our children, we must recognize their efforts rather than their intelligence. "I see you worked really hard on this project and the results show," is a far more productive response than, "I am proud of you because you are so smart."



Congratulations to Hannah Garby, winner of the Chanukah Card Design Competition (pictured above).

Chazal, too, were of a *growth mindset*. They knew that the struggle involved with learning Torah is the vehicle through which one becomes a true Torah personality. As Torah-observant Jews, we want to see our children grow in Torah. Keeping a *growth mindset* in all aspects of child rearing, is the means by which parents and educators can achieve their goal of raising children to be resilient, erudite, and well-rounded, Jewish adults.

The Hillel Day School Emergency Hotline number is 1-855-544-5535. Please keep this number handy so that you can access school opening or closing information in the event of any emergency, weather or otherwise.

HDS Happenings

Art Night Creates A Wonderful Evening

The 2nd Annual Art Night, *Creation: A Gallery Exhibit of Fine Art by the Early Childhood Students* was a beautiful evening for all who attended.

The event, organized by **Chayim Dimont** and **JoAnn Parker**, and chaired by **Rachel Tripp**, did not spare a detail from technology to culinary. Live music, including a special violin accompaniment by **Eva Markowitz**, set the mood. Parents were able to view individual videos of their children creating their art using the school's iPads, as well as their own smartphones, by downloading an app. In addition to the beautiful display of artwork from EC2, EC3, EC4 and Kindergarten students, the Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award was presented to both **Rabbi Samuel J. Levine** and **Barbara Rose** for their 13 years of dedicated service to Hillel Day School. And, the evening was toasted with an artistic signature cocktail.



Also thank you to all of the parent volunteers, whose help made this event possible: **Reut and Zevi Aber, Lillian Aharon, Orlie Cohen, Julie Ehrlich, Shira Englander, Shev Green, Kerri Greenfield, Rachel Harow, Lisa Houben, Naomi Katz, Bruria Kodosi, Ilana Landau, Kassi Lowenstein, Liz Pilkington, Lisa Pinkis, Elana and Jonathan Rackman, Gil Stein, Gila and Ido Stern, Stephanie and Josh Stern, Rachel and Jackie Tripp, Deborah Young, Rachel and Uri Yudewitz, and Andrea Zucker.**

Mazal Tov to **Ben and Cara Freedman**, who won the Silent Auction grand prize, "Gan Eden," a collaborative mural created by all the children in EC2 through Kindergarten. Also, a special thanks to **Mr. Leonardo Moran** who photographed the evening.



Sign up for Camp Ruach today! Camp Ruach, Hillel's new summer camp, will commence June 2013. The 8-week program is available to children from EC2 through 5th grade and includes swimming, arts & crafts, davening, learning, golf, Zumba, yoga,

field trips, computers, wacky science, sports drills, games, and so much more... Join the over 150 students already registered by going to www.hilleldayschool.org/CampRuach or contact Rachel Yudewitz, Camp Director, at ryudewitz@campruach.com.

MATH TEAM SCORES BIG!

Mazal Tov to our **Middle School Math Team** and their talented teacher, **Mrs. Vine**, on their recent success in the prestigious MathCounts competition!

Our team (listed below) did better than ever, topping most private schools in our area and scoring higher than all other Jewish day schools in South Florida!

We are very proud of their hard work and accomplishments! The MathCounts Team include: **Max Abramovitz, Gabi Englander, Noah Gabor, Ayelet Gross, Ty Kay, Yoni Mayer, Izy Muller, Jonah Rose, Lana Rosenthal, Aaron Senfeld, Akiva Stadlan, Jonah Tripp** and **Rebecca Wirtschafter.**

Inaugural Journal Dinner Dine-Out

Hillel Day School took a different approach to its biggest fundraising event of the year. Historically, the Annual Journal Event is held complete with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, speeches and entertainment, however this year the HDS leadership thought out-of-the-box and created a successful fundraiser without the expense of an "event."

This year's honorees were *Oht Hameseroot Faculty Dedication Award* recipients **Rabbi Samuel J. Levine**, Head of School, and **Barbara J. Rose**, Art Specialist, for their 13 years of service to HDS. Also being honored were retiring faculty **Jo Felman, Dianne Groendyke** and **Ellen Nadler**. With the lionshare of donations made from 52 Tribute Committee members and ads, this year Hillel sold Dine-Out gift cards in place of the regular \$250 covert to attend the event. Thanks to many generous donors, coupled with minimal expenses, this fundraiser was successful.

Many thanks to the Tribute Committee, those who placed an ad in the Journal, and those who purchased a Dine-Out card. This year the Ad Journal was distributed to all parents, staff and donors. Special thanks to **Orlie Cohen**, FRD Chair, for spearheading this effort, as well as **Daniel Katz, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine, Rabbi Adam Englander, Chayim Dimont, Ben Freedman** and **Helen Cohan** for their fundraising efforts, and to **Michele Dimont**, for once again taking on the role of Journal Editor.

But don't think that next year will follow suit... there will be many events and celebrations planned to commemorate Hillel's 25th Anniversary during the 2013-2014 school year...

HDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

MAZAL TOV! (as of 3/1/13)



Excellent
Midot
Every
Time

Daniel Aber
Eitan Aber
Lizzy Adler
Noa Amiel
Sarah Amiel
Ben Beim
Gabriel Beim
Batya Belizon
Yael Ben-Yosef
Jamie Berger
Caleb Berman
Uriel Berman
Ahava Bernstein
David Bernstein
Hila Blanka
Mali Blanka
Asher Broide
Miriam Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Tamir Cohen

Leora Cohn
Tamar Cohn
Nava Davis
Shai Deichman
Ezra Dimont
Orly Dimont
Fully Drang
Racheyl Drang
Eliyah Ehrlich
Meir Eisen
Yigal Eisenberger
Haim Elmakies
Rivka Englander
Shaina Fein
Harry Freedman
Rebecca Freedman
Judah Frohlich
Max Frohlich
Shira Goldberg
Atara Greenbaum

Jacob Greenbaum
Judah Greenbaum
Yitzi Greenbaum
Lily Greenfield
Tani Gross
Shira Grunhaus
Joshua Haik
Naomi Haik
Aliyah Harow
Gavriel Hollander
Chani Kaminetsky
Eitan Kaminetzky
Aidan Kaner
Reece Kaner
Zevi Kay
Talia Kodsi
Isaac Kovack
Rafi Krawatsky
Eitan Landau
Meir Lanner

Andy Levontin
Devorah Lome
Ayla Lowenstein
Miriam Marcus
Ariella Mayer (K)
Liora Mayer
Ari Mayzel
Maia Mayzel
Ari Mergui
Dassie Mergui
Liad Mussaffi
Sapir Nadav
Tova Pilichowski
Tyler Pilkington
Aiden Pinkis
Rhyan Rackman
Noam Rindsberg
Jennifer Rosen
Menachem Rosen
Simcha Rosen

Jonas Saida
Shayla Saida
Dafna Saketkhou
Mayrav Saketkhou
Akiva Scher
Michal Skoczylas
Rachel Shimonovitch
Shuey Silkin
Amit Sommers
Mishael Sommers
Simcha Spolter
Lilly Stern
Elana Tillis
Avi Young
Joshua Young
Daniel Yudewitz
Tehila Zaghi
Jacob Zucker
Sydney Zucker



Aaron Katz presents a check for \$1,279.13 to Laura Cohen, on behalf of Tomchei Shabbos, during an Oneg Shabbat. Aaron raised this money as part of his mitzvah program and was presented with an award for his outstanding fundraising skills by Rabbi Efreim Goldberg.

Teacher of the Month



Mrs. Gwenn Lerman



Mrs. Dannie Grajower

Meet Nikki Lynch, HDS' New Music Teacher



We are pleased to welcome Nikki Lynch to our staff as our school's new music teacher. Mrs. Lynch, who recently relocated to our area, holds a degree in music from the University of Wisconsin and holds certificates in music education from both Florida and Wisconsin. She has considerable experience in teaching music to children in Early Childhood through Middle School. Mrs. Lynch's talents will allow her to work with the administration to greatly expand the opportunities for music education for our students. She will be expanding the music program by adding a Middle School band. Mrs. Lynch is married and has 2 children, Lydia (4) and Cadence (2). Originally from Green Bay, WI, she has been in Florida for 8 years and enjoys the beach, but still misses the snow. We wish Mrs. Lynch much success at Hillel and look forward to an enhanced music education program under her leadership.

SACS Reaccreditation Update

We are excited to announce that we have been recommended for reaccreditation from the visiting SACS Advanc-ED Team, who have been at our school for the past two days. There will be more details to follow.



Hillel Day School, in cooperation with the Kohelet Foundation, hosted its second event of the school year in February as **Rina Lanner** gave an inspiring presentation on "The Pursuit of Happiness" in conjunction with the month of Adar. Earlier this school year, **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** presented, "Thanksgiving: 365 Days A Year," a parent-child learning event. Although those parents enrolled in the Kohelet Fellowships Program must attend at least one Hillel-sponsored event, in addition to completing their learning curriculum through the Foundation, all Hillel parents, grandparents and community members are welcome to attend the free, Hillel-sponsored events. The school will sponsor two more events during the 2013-14 school year and we invite you to participate.



Transportation Day



4th Grade Biographies



Thanksgiving



Chanukah





Faculty participate in a play about the story of young David, his life struggles, and how he grew to become king of the Jewish people.



Another faculty play during Chanukah told the story of the Maccabees against the Greeks.



Welcome, Na'ama Krasna, our new Bat Sherut!

65 for 65



To kick off Israel's celebration of 65 years since the establishment of the Medina, HDS will be celebrating with a kick-off program, **65 for 65**. Monday, February 11, was 65 days before Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). To start the program, the students had an assembly hosted by Rabbi Nadav, Morah Gali and the B'not Sherut, Na'ama and Avia. Students received bags with packets of the 65 facts that pertain to the modern State of Israel. Each day the teachers are reviewing a new fact. When Yom Ha'atzmaut arrives, there will be a wonderful program in school celebrating the facts learned. Join your child in the discovery of Israeli facts!



Students created a flower arrangement from fruit, vegetables, and candy for Tu B'Shvat.

Bracha Style



During the month of February, students in grades 1-5 are taught the Mitzvot and Halachot pertaining to Brachot. To launch this project of the month, Rabbi Drang and Rabbi Eisenberger performed for the students! Students received packets teaching the importance of making Brachot and lists of foods with the correct Brachot to make before and after eating. Over the course of the month, teachers reviewed and taught the

materials, and then students received an assessment in class. The top three students from each class will participate in a schoolwide "Bracha Bowl" contest on March 4. We look forward to our kids knowing the correct Brachot and being excited to do the many Mitzvot connected to food!

PURIM 5773

Purim brought many fun dress-up days including Hat Day, Color Day, Tie Day, Opposite Day and Costume Day.





As I sit down to write this article, I am in the holy city of Yerushalayim. I was privileged to be one of three principals from North America to be invited by Koren Publishers, a major Jewish publishing house,

for an intensive two-day meeting to help develop a unique Siddur for children in Jewish day schools. This monumental project, in conjunction with Yeshiva University's Institute



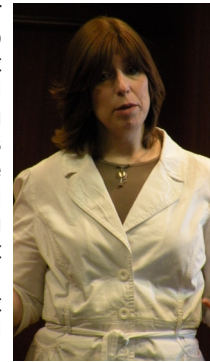
for University School Partnership, will not simply replicate another child-friendly Siddur in a market that already has several. Rather, this initiative will address the fundamental issues relating to Tefillah education by providing developmentally appropriate siddurim, along with curriculum for teachers, to ensure that our children truly appreciate the overall Tefillah experience and connect to Hashem through it. These Siddurim will be aesthetically pleasing, user friendly, and will include instructions and "kavanot" (thoughts to make each Tefillah more meaningful/relevant as well as questions to encourage deeper engagement) that are age appropriate. The curricular content provided to the teachers will not only be thorough and flexible, it will take into account the incredible opportunities that 21st century technologies afford us such as inspirational

videos. In essence, this project is more about the approach to the Siddur rather than the Siddur itself. It's about making sure that Tefillah is an engaging, inspirational, transformative, educational experience and not merely "reading words" which, sadly, has become common in too many schools and shuls. Ultimately, the goal is to educate a new generation of Jews who will connect to Tefillah in the way that our rich tradition actually prescribed.

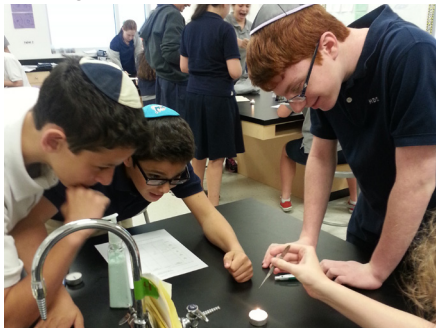
The encouraging news for now is that my invitation to this meeting was a result of the outstanding reputation our school has earned for a high-quality, engaging Tefillah education that already incorporates many of the aforementioned ideas. The credit really belongs to our dedicated and creative teachers who are the ones leading the inspiration in our classrooms and Beit Midrash on a daily basis. As parents, please make it a priority to utilize Shabbat and Sundays to model proper Tefillah and impress upon your children its importance. When we partner together on matters like these, our children will benefit immensely.



Wrapping Chanukah gifts for Tomchai Shabbos!



Born into a secular Jewish family, and faced with a traumatic childhood, Penina Taylor addressed Middle School students, on how, after 17 years in leadership in the Christian and Hebrew-Christian communities, her studies brought her to a revelation that turned her world upside down.



Seventh graders conducting a coin-flipping lab to model how traits are randomly passed from generation to generation in genetics.



Fifth graders participate in a political convention in anticipation of the November election.



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Would you rather get everything you wanted but not be happy, or have to work for everything you wanted and be happy? Would you rather be right, making others upset with you, or let others think they're right even if they're not, just to keep the peace?

One of my family's favorite games to play at the dinner or Shabbos table is, "Would You Rather?" The questions above are just examples of some of the thinking quandaries I put to my children. I love hearing their answers, as well as the "Would You Rathers" they've come up with on their own. (One of my kids' latest was a tough one to answer: "Daddy, would you rather have a wife and no kids or kids and no wife?" Hmmm, hard to answer, especially when she's sitting right next to me...) Even adult guests have enjoyed playing a game or two. This little game has mushroomed from my dining room into my Monday lunchroom, and now the Hillel students get a chance to come up to the microphone at lunchtime to give their "Would You Rather" preferences.

Some highlights to the Q&A have been:

- Would you rather make your own lunch but get exactly what you want, or have your parents make it for you but have to eat what they give

you? (Some students even rose to the challenge of attempting to make their own lunches to prove their answers, but then recanted when they realized the effort involved, ultimately deciding it was a much better option to make Mom and Dad do it. More importantly, this gave them perspective as to the work involved in making lunch every day!)

- Would you rather do a job that you loved but that just made enough to be happy, or do a job that you disliked but that paid you millions? (One creative answer was to get wealthy with the unhappy job first and then quit to do what you loved!)

The point of this is for kids to engage in open-ended questions that they have to think about where there isn't necessarily a right or wrong answer but rather a venue to articulate publicly in a way that can elicit confidence in their ability to express their thoughts. Getting kids to think; that's the goal! Their interpretations and reasonings are always fascinating to me; it's amazing to hear their thinking process that goes along with those answers. It also shows the morals we're instilling in our children and the value systems they're already making as part of their own.

Go ahead, and play the "Would You Rather" game. You'll get a winner every time.

You can follow me on Twitter (chayimd) to get some more examples of "Would You Rather."



KTP Poster Design Contest Winner:
Hodaya Gerlitz
Peter Pan



Morah JoAnn's dog, Bacci, came to school for a lesson on community helpers. EC3 learned about veterinarians and what they do to keep our pets healthy. Everyone was also taught that dogs can be community helpers by being rescue dogs, therapy dogs and seeing eye dogs. Bacci's primary job is to make people happy, and that's a mitzvah!



EC2A enjoys waterplay on Aunt Jessie's Playground.



The Palm Beach County Zoo paid a visit to HDS with lots of interesting animals and reptiles.



EC4's Annual Teddy Bear was nothing short of cuddly fun after Mr. Dimont unlocked the door to "beary" surprises!

A CHANUKAH FAIR TO REMEMBER

Boundless enthusiasm resounded at the HDS annual PTA Chanukah Fair and Open House. Boasting a terrific turnout—as prospective parents and current HDS families entered the Milton B. Katz Campus in droves—the long-awaited December event was a grand success. From activities for children of all ages to ample food choices, this very special day offered something for everyone.

Outside, the school lawn was a hub of entertainment, as squeals of joy emanated from HDS's very own bounce houses. With the much-appreciated help of Middle School students, Weinbaum Yeshiva High School students, and parent volunteers, students also enjoyed an array of fun challenges at the annual Chanukah carnival: bowling, a dreidel dig, face painting, a lollipop tree, Lucky Ducks, a ring toss, and much more. Toddlers and siblings in need of some winding down time hopped aboard an all-time Chanukah Fair favorite, the color-block train, which circled the carpool lanes in the Early Childhood parking lot. Students also enjoyed playing in HDS' brand-new Aunt Jessie's playground.

And that's not all. While the sun was shining outside, the indoor gymnasium radiated with excitement, where students had a blast playing laser tag with friends. Meanwhile, in the Loewenstern Cafetorium, students participated in an array of fun arts and crafts activities organized by **Lisa Pinkis** and hosted by our B'not Sherut, **Avia Jerbi** and **Na'ama Krasna**. Parents and students also visited the annual Scholastic Book Fair, organized by **Dvorah Eisen**.



When it was time to refuel from shopping and playing, Cook Extraordinaire **Steve Lugerner's** newly expanded menu brought added excitement to the day. Families enjoyed a fine dining experience, with succulent steaks available, grilled to order with a serving of fries and extra large drink. Steve's repertoire also included heavenly hot dogs, turkey legs, and scrumptious

chicken nuggets, supplemented with latkes, french fries, and ice-cold beverages. Dessert and snack options included the highly popular Sno-Kones, sufguniyot (jelly doughnuts), and popcorn.

Prospective parents enjoyed informative tours of the campus from **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Upper School Principal, and **Chayim Dimont**, Lower School Principal, who gave them a glimpse into the quality Jewish education their children can receive at HDS. Camp Ruach also made its debut at this year's fair, with registration booths, as well as fun giveaways including frisbees, pens, and notepads.

The day concluded with the annual raffle. This year's grand prize was an iPad Mini, sponsored in part by **Gil & Lysee Stein**. Congratulations to the **Beim family** on winning this fantastic prize. The PTA also extends a thank you to **Gabi Englander**, who raised \$300 for the raffle.

While the day offered much fun, it also provided other rewards—the joy that comes with giving back to the community. Thank you to **Aaron Katz** for organizing the sale of bracelets to raise funds for Tomchei Shabbos and to **Beth Janock** for arranging the opportunity for adults to donate blood, a very important mitzvah.

The day also typified the sense of commitment that permeates the HDS student and parent body. The dedication of the many student volunteers was greatly appreciated and the PTA applauds **Shira Englander** and **Rina Lanner** for coordinating this effort. In addition, thank you to the countless parents who assumed shifts at the ticket booths and fair venues. Most importantly,



a hearty yasher koach to the Chanukah Fair co-chairs: **Cara Beim**, **Simone Broide**, **Shira Englander**, **Lisa Houben**, **Tammy Pickholtz**, and **Rachel Yudewitz**. We are so sincerely grateful to you for organizing such a spectacular day.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Bar Mitzvah Suit Gemach

If you have a suit for a Bar Mitzvah boy that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the front desk. Suits are available to rent for just \$25. All suits must be returned dry-cleaned. If you have any questions, please contact **Dvorah Eisen** at contact@chayas.com or **Sharon Kay** at sharonakay@mac.com.

Adult Continuing Education Classes

Infuse your morning with the spirit of learning at Adult Education classes, taught by **Rabbi Moskowitz**. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the new conference room on the second level of the Middle School building.

B'nai/B'not Mitzvah Fund

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 **Jamie Gurvitch** and **Liz Stadlan** for organizing the gifts.

Perfect Presents

Tired of shopping for last-minute birthday party gifts? You can save time, money, and energy with the PTA's Perfect Presents program. For a one-time fee, your child receives a generous gift for his/her birthday and giving gifts to your child's friends is effortless. You no longer need to shop for presents! For more information, please contact **Cara Beim** at carabeim4@gmail.com or **Naomi Katz** at nweisel@gmail.com.

Tribute Cards

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

Birthday Book Club

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 Lrosen1@hotmail.com.

Visit www.hilleldayschool.org/PTA.php to learn more about the PTA's exciting programs!

With Praise, Thanks & Admiration...

Congratulations to our PTA Volunteers of the Month, who help make our many activities and initiatives possible:

November: **Jill Kaminetzky**

December: **Susan Herr**

January: **Andrea Zucker**

February: **Naomi Cohn**

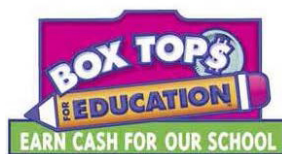
 Thank you to **Dvora Scher** for purchasing and organizing snacks during Parent-Teacher conferences in November.

The PTA expresses its gratitude to **Pita Pan Bakery** for its generous weekly donation of delicious, fresh challot for our Early Childhood Shabbat program.

Thank you to **Dvora Eisen** for coordinating and running the Hillel Uniform Shoppe, and to **Zipora Rindsberg** for her support as well.

Students had a blast during the January break at Orlando's EPCOT® and Wonderworks Museum. Many thanks to **Lisa Houben** for coordinating this memorable vacation!

BoxTops for Education



Congratulations to the **Bernten, Saketkhov,** and **Stein** families, our recent Rosh Chodesh BoxTops raffle winners. Please remember to keep bringing in your BoxTops labels. To be entered into the PTA's monthly raffle, simply write your name on the back of each BoxTop you submit. Winners receive a \$10 gift card donated by Aspaclaria Judaica.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts

Sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is a great way to recognize our HDS teachers and staff. For information on sponsorship opportunities or to volunteer to help with the breakfasts, please contact **Cara Freedman** at 561-750-3132 or carafreedman@yahoo.com.



Teachers mingling at the Feb. 6 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, honoring our EC2, 5th and 6th grade teachers.

Right on Target



Thanks to the families who registered for and use Target® credit cards. With a Target® card, shoppers get 5% off all purchases. Even better, if your card is linked to HDS, the school earns 1% on all purchases (in addition to your 5% back). HDS also receives 1/2% of purchases made elsewhere using a Target® credit card. Please be

sure to visit www.target.com/tcoe to designate HDS as your school of choice. Questions? Please contact Sharon Kay at sharonakay@mac.com.

PTA Troopers

Looking for an easy way to get involved with the HDS PTA but not quite sure which job is right for you? Consider enlisting with our dedicated volunteer group—the PTA Troopers. PTA Troopers help out when the PTA needs someone to go to a store for supplies, to set up a Teacher Appreciation breakfast, to run a PTA booth at a boutique, host a special event, and much more. E-mail sharonakay@mac.com to join!

School Spirit Days

Students show school spirit and team pride wearing their ROAR T-shirts on School Spirit days. Thank you to **Dvora Eisen** and **Keri Greenfield** for organizing the T-shirt orders and distribution.



Cartridge Recycling



Remember to drop off your used printer and ink toner cartridges at the front desk. The PTA receives \$2 for each cartridge delivered to stores for recycling. Thank you to the many families and businesses who are already participating in this important recycling effort and to all of our volunteers!

Get involved! The PTA is always looking for new ideas and willing volunteers. Please contact Sharon Kay at sharonakay@mac.com for more information.

SPORTS - The Lion's Den



By: Maia Shaffer, Athletic Director

It is that time of the year again that we are given the opportunity to share how our athletes did in the sports program during the late fall and winter seasons! During the fall season our Girls Basketball team won 7 games in a row, and qualified for the playoffs, where they unfortunately, lost to an undefeated BMA team. The Boys Soccer team had a great season with 3 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie. We just finished the Boys Basketball season and it was both exciting and challenging at the same time. I am continuously impressed with the sportsmanship that our players exude as it serves as a great example to our younger students. The Girls Soccer team again has made it to the semi-finals, demonstrating the highest level of dedication, skill, and sportsmanship. We will continue to focus on the strengths of our teams and

look forward to the next season and the challenges that we will overcome. I would like to thank **Coaches Zack Rogan, Moishe, Samantha, and Moshe Nadav** for their hard work with the teams. We look forward to our spring season, which includes Girls and Boys Tennis as well as Girls Softball. In closing, I would like to also thank the parents for all of their support at the games. Go, Lions!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

By: Coach Zack



The Girls Basketball season started off on a very high note. The Lady Lions got the privilege of playing at American Airlines Arena before a Miami Heat game! Being that they played the first game, the girls were nervous, to say the least. However, the girls worked together and prevailed. It was the start of a very good season. The girls won 7 games in a row. At the end of the season, the girls lost two very close and exciting games, but still qualified for the playoffs. In the first round, the girls lost a tight game to a good BMA team. It was a hard stretch to end the season but doesn't take away from a great season.

BOYS SOCCER

By: Coach Moishe



The Boys Soccer team had a great season even though they did not make it to the Championship match. Every year the division we play in gets tougher and tougher and we played our first playoff match against the very skillful Hillel NMB team. The team ended up with 3 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie. The team was led by **Sam Baum, Adam Ovadia, Owen Beylus, and Noah Gabor**. We look forward to competing next year for the Championship. Thanks to **Coach Moshe Nadav, and Goalkeeper Coach Jeff Baum**.



GIRLS SOCCER

By: Coach Moishe



The Girls Soccer team had another stellar season, even though we fell short of the Championship. The team had another fantastic record of 6 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. We also lost to our rivals, St. Marks, in semi-finals, but paved the way for our young team to get the experience they need, which will be invaluable for next season. The team was led by Captains **Marcie Hartman, Malya Sacher, Kyra Firestone and Isabella Berkeley**. The leading goal scorer was **Pearl Katz** with 9 goals. I would like to thank **Coach Samantha, Assistant Coaches Hanna Baum and Sara Haar, and Goalkeeper Coaches Aaron Shapiro and Jeff Baum**.

BOYS BASKETBALL

By: Coach Zack



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Help Us Turn Up The Heat

Next time you are in the lobby of the main school building, check out the Every Parent Campaign Thermometer. Help us raise the temperature, ultimately to reach our goal of 100 degrees with 100% participation by our parent body. Your contribution to the Annual Campaign, no matter the amount, will help us raise the temperature and your family name will be displayed reflecting your support of Hillel Day School.

Hillel will be selling Annual Raffle tickets, with a chance to win \$2,000 towards your tuition, as well as many other great prizes. Winners will be drawn at the Annual Golf Tournament, on May 6.

**Win \$2,000 towards your HDS tuition,
Disney tickets and more!
\$100 each ~ 3 for \$250**



**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.

- Anonymous** - Chevron Stained Glass Window (Beit Midrash)
- Mark & Helen Cohan** - Yerushalayim Stained Glass Window (Beit Midrash)
- Isaac & Ilona Grynstein** - 2 Mezuzot (Middle School)
- Stanley & Ana Haar** - Upper School Principal's Office (Middle School)
- Hillel PTA** - Apple/Mac Computer Lab (Middle School),
Scoreboards (Haar Athletic Field)
- Merv & Elaine Jacobs** - Teveria Stained Glass Window (Beit Midrash)
- David & Sara Markowitz** - Main Entrance Mezuzah (Middle School)
- David & Joyce Muller** - Tzfat Stained Glass Window (Beit Midrash)
- Jackie & Rachel Tripp** - Aron Kodesh (Beit Midrash)
- Michael & Risa Zimmerman** - Ner Tamid (Beit Midrash)

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



**Annual Golf Tournament
May 6, 2013**

Co-Chairs: Ted Struhl & Michael Zimmerman

Create a Jewish Legacy



We are excited to announce the kick-off of the "Create a Jewish Legacy" campaign, a joint effort with the Jewish Federation's Anne & Norman Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation, to develop permanent endowment funds, lifetime gifts, bequests, trusts and planned giving to ensure the future of our Jewish community. For more information about this program please contact Suzanne Rice, Director of Development, at 561-470-5000, or speak to your financial advisor about leaving your personal legacy.

Lamed Vav & Chai Society

*Daniel Katz & Dr. Orly Cohen,
Co-Chairs*

The Lamed Vav and Chai Societies were established 11 years ago to ensure that we meet the scholarship needs of our school. Lamed Vav Society members give a donation of \$36,000 or more (payable over 3 years) and Chai Society members donate \$18,000 (payable over 2 years). Membership includes Annual Journal Event Tribute Committee listing, a journal ad and two dinner tickets.

Maimonides Society

Dr. Benjamin Freedman, Chair

The Maimonides Society, a new society initiated by a group of physicians, requires a donation of \$5,000 annually for 3-5 years. This society has 3 family members to date.

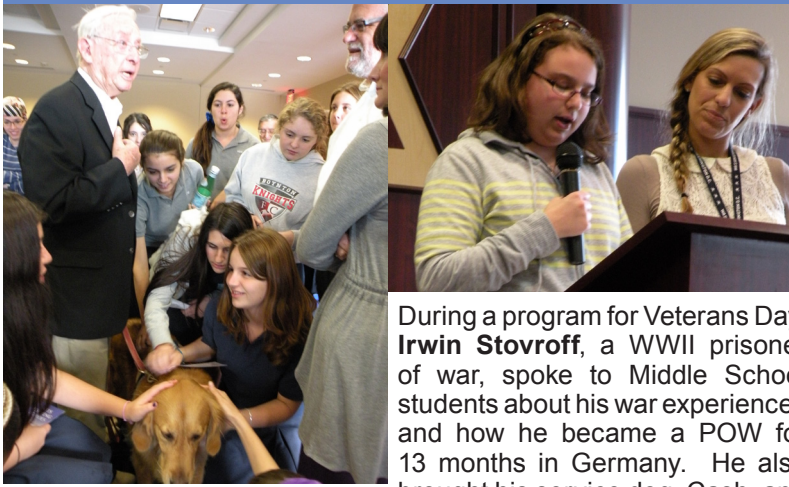
Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program



If you are interested in sponsoring a Day of Learning in honor of, in memory of, or for the refuah shlema of a loved one, please contact Suzanne Rice at suzanner@hilleldayschool.org, A \$100 donation per family to the Scholarship Fund will entitle you to sponsor a dedicated Day of Learning.

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.

VETERANS DAY: Honoring Armed Services Veterans



During a program for Veterans Day, **Irwin Stovroff**, a WWII prisoner of war, spoke to Middle School students about his war experiences and how he became a POW for 13 months in Germany. He also brought his service dog, Cash, and

explained how he created the organization, Vets Helping Heroes, by providing assistance dogs for those soldiers in need. Following his presentation, **Shaina Agami**, HDS 7th grader, spoke about her brother, **Army Specialist Daniel Agami**, of blessed memory, who lost his life fighting in Iraq. A special prayer was recited, led by **Rabbi Smolarcik**, in honor of and in memory of Daniel. The November 12 Day of Learning was sponsored by the Agamis in Daniel's memory. To learn more about Mr. Stovroff's foundation please visit their website at www.vetshelpingheroes.org.



Parenting 302 Seminar

On Tuesday evening, February 5, approximately 50 Hillel parents and teachers met in the Hillel Middle School building for a variety of informational sessions with local psychologists, physicians and social workers. **Dr. Judith Aronson-Ramos** presented a session entitled, *Everything You Wanted to Know About the A's in School: ASD and ADHD*. **Dianne Matthew**, the director of Social Services at Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services, presented, *The ABCs of Parenting*. **Dr. Raphael Wald** presented two sessions: *Boundaries: How Close is Too Close* and *Bullying: Helping Your Son Navigate the Playground and the Internet*. **Dr. Arthur Brand** also presented two sessions: *Helping Your Child to Manage Anxiety* and *Self Esteem Issues in Children*. **Shoshana Eisenberger** did a presentation on *Mean Girls - Helping Your Daughter Manage Friendships and Deal With Bullying*. She not only researched this topic, but she also had surveyed the girls in grades 4-8 to get their opinions and experiences. **Jeffrey Kranzler** did another parenting presentation called *Stop Arguing and Just Do It!*

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2013 Calendar At-A-Glance

March

- 8 • End of Second Trimester
- 17 • Jewish Federation's Super Sunday
- 19 • Pesach Program (EC2-K)
- 25 • Erev Pesach/Pesach Break Begins (school closed through April 3)

April

- 4 • Classes Resume
- 7 • Yom Hashoah
- 8-18 • 8th Grade Israel Trip
- 15 • Yom Hazikaron
- 16 • Yom Ha'atzmaut
- 22-26 • SATs for Grades 2-8
- 28 • Lag B'Omer
- 30 • EC2-K Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)

May

- 1 • EC2-K Parent/Teacher Conferences (day)
- 6 • Annual Golf Tournament
- 6-8 • 6th Grade Sea Camp Trip
- 7-8 • 7th Grade Washington, DC Trip
- 8 • Yom Yerusalayim
- 14 • Erev Shavuot/Early Dismissal (2:40pm)
- 15-16 • Shavuot (school closed)
- 22 • 1st Grade Chumash Presentation (6:30pm)
- 23 • Sports Banquet (tentative)
- 27 • Memorial Day (school closed)
- 30 • KTP Night (tentative)

June

- 6 • Kindergarten Graduation
- 7 • Last Day of School
- 9 • 8th Grade Graduation



Professional development training for our teachers in Hebrew language.

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.

