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



Congratulations to **Lizzy Adler**, winner of the Chanukkah Card Design Competition (pictured above).

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



Dear Parents,

The Rabbinic dictum that without "kemach," flour, there cannot be Torah learning proves to be exceedingly true as HDS strives to meet its goal of being the best day school in America even as it faces the daily challenge of generating the revenue necessary to provide excellence in all of its educational programs. This "kemach" can be primarily derived in two ways: enrollment and fundraising. I am pleased to say that we are well on our way toward achieving our "kemach" goals for the year.

Our school enjoys record enrollment of 479 students with continued record enrollment for the coming year a distinct possibility. As of this writing, **we have accepted 40 new students with 28 applications pending.** Plans are in place for creating an extra section of at least one grade, a number of grades are closed and in other grades only one or two openings remain. With four full months remaining before the next school year begins the chance that we will exceed current numbers strongly exists.

I am also pleased to report that Our Annual Campaign currently stands at **\$421,915.** In the months ahead we will conduct our Every Parent Campaign, and our Annual Golf Tournament and Raffle. These, along with our first ever, exhibition basketball fundraiser featuring the Harlem Wizards, to be held on Lag B'Omer, Sunday, May 18, should help us reach our yearly fundraising goal of \$500,000.

Strong enrollment and successful fundraising will allow Hillel Day School to continue to improve the educational experience for all our students while also maintaining control of tuition costs. As you are aware, **there will be no tuition increase for the coming school year.** If current enrollment trends continue and fundraising goals are met tuition increases for the foreseeable future will be able to be kept to a minimum.

In order to make this a reality we need the help of all our parents. When called to participate in the Every Parent Campaign, Golf Tournament and Raffle, please respond in the affirmative. Contact Suzanne Rice, our development director, to volunteer and help with our fundraising efforts. When speaking with people new to the community, share information about the exciting learning environment we have created at Hillel. If we all roll up our sleeves and work together we can make our goals of excellence in education and minimal tuition increases a reality.

We acknowledge the members of our Major Gift Societies below and thank them for being pillars of strength and for their support of Hillel Day School and Jewish education.

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\*New Members this year  
\*\*Renewed members this year

The Hillel Day School Emergency Hotline number is 1-888-943-3212. Please keep this number handy so that you can access school opening or closing information in the event of any emergency, weather or otherwise.



Our 25th anniversary year continues to usher in more excitement, innovation and growth for the children of HDS!

The Middle School students recently enjoyed their annual Color War! The Winter Olympics theme generated more excitement than ever as the teams battled it out in the “sunshine” version of winter sport favorites such as luge, skeleton, cross-country skiing, bobsledding, speed skating and curling. Although the students were divided amongst four teams with only one being able to be crowned the winner, a powerful sense of achdut, unity, permeated during the entire two-day event. Color War is an ideal opportunity for students to showcase their unique talents and utilize their creativity, leadership and teamwork skills to achieve their goals.

We were so pleased to have the opportunity, thanks to the generosity of the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, to send two of our “all-star” Middle School teachers, **Mrs. Vine** and **Mrs. Tinio**, to Israel for a special three-day training seminar for a math and science enrichment program we will be bringing to HDS next year.

Our Elective Program boasted some new offerings this session in addition to the old favorites. Cookie decorating, Israeli/simcha dancing, creative writing and art (tribal masks) have already been very popular.

**Rabbis Drang and Eisenberger** have, once again, produced a music video that had kids (and their families!) laughing and learning at the same time. The “Be A Mentch” theme (B.A.M.) of the video tied seamlessly into what our students hear about daily from their teachers.

Our Sunday morning Torah learning program for boys in grades 5-8 is bigger and better than ever! Thirty-five children show up, voluntarily, each Sunday morning to daven and learn Torah with **Rabbis Eisenberger and Kassorla**. We even have a few devoted 8th graders who opt to learn advanced Gemara one night a week with **Rabbi Smolarcik**.

May you and your families be blessed with a Chag Kasher V'Sameach - a wonderful and meaningful Pesach holiday!

## SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING PROGRAM CONTINUES



We are extremely excited to announce another year of the very popular Sunday Morning Learning Program (SML), which will continue through April 6, 2014. The purpose of this program is to offer another high-level, Torah learning opportunity to our students.

This optional program for boys in grades 5-8, which began this past December, takes place on Sunday mornings at Boca Raton Synagogue. Boys attend the 9:00am minyan, followed by a learning session taught by **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** and **Rabbi Yosef Kassorla**, two of our dynamic Rebbeim. The boys are learning various halachic topics/sugyot.

This class is free of charge and students who attend at least 13 of the 15 sessions (which means they must attend davening *and* the learning) will be treated to a Miami Heat basketball game! Practices for sports teams have been made later to ensure no conflicts.

This program is generously sponsored by **Dr. Avraham and Elana Belizon** in merit of a continued refuah shleimah for their father, **Dr. Yitzchak Belizon, Chaim Yitzchak Yaakov ben Batya Sora**.

This program has been geared for boys who have expressed interest; however, if several girls are also interested, please let us know for a future program.

## Color War 2014 Congratulations, Team Red!





# Lower School News

Chayim Dimont, M.S. Ed., Lower School Principal



While every program at Hillel Day School is special, there are those that children and parents look forward to every year. Our Annual Transportation Day and Art Night are two such events that not only come off as fun and entertaining, but truly have an educational quality to them which makes them so unique. I'm so pleased to continue to see these programs blossom and grow, improving with each year.

The children were "riding high" learning about all of the fantastic new vehicles brought to campus this year for Transportation Day including the electric trikke, which many students and teachers (and maybe one principal!) got to try out, as well as a replica Spanish Galleon pirate ship, circa 1780, which told the story of how seamen lived life on the waters. It was wonderful watching the kids explore the boat, all its nooks and crannies, telescopes and port holes. Other vehicles debuting this year included a cherry picker and the Palm Beach County Library Bookmobile, where students were amazed to learn how reading could be done on the go! But one vehicle was probably considered the sweetest of all--the ice cream truck! As a special treat, EC2-5th graders cooled down with an ice cream from this popular vehicle. Of course Transportation Day could not be complete without the Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue, the National

Guard, the News Truck, our own parent-piloted plane flying overhead, and a home away from home favorite... the RV! Thanks to all our volunteers and participants for educating our children about life on the road!

Whether you have a talented brushstroke or can't draw a stick figure to save your life, everyone will agree that teaching children the importance of color and creativity is vital to a strong educational foundation. That's why Art Night has become a staple of our annual programming. And this year it truly came to life for our parents as they got to experience the art process similar to their children's at Hillel. Standing at the end of the Middle School building were three easels beckoning the passersby to grab a palette and brush and create some adult strokes for once. Moms and dads got the chance to paint a work in progress just like their kids, many remembering their own childhood art classes and the thrill of watching color come to life. A video captured our young Monets and Chagalls busy at the art tables, and displayed around the room were the actual masterpieces themselves, ready to be taken home and put on display. A wonderful student collaboration of colors and crafts created our annual auction piece, which was part of the theme of Matan Torah. Thanks again to all of our volunteers for raising the bar with each passing year.

I look forward to next year's special programs and invite you to participate with ideas of your own to make them even more special!

## COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK IN EC3



EC3 recently learned about community helpers. JoAnn Parker, past EC3 morah, visited HDS with her dog, Bacci, and the children had the opportunity to pet him and listen to his heartbeat with a stethoscope, like a veterinarian would. Bacci also did some tricks as the class learned that dogs can be community helpers as well as be trained to help police in their work. Hillel parent Ofer Amiel also visited and taught the children about diamonds and jewels. He showed them rough diamonds as well as cut diamonds, and they took turns looking at them through the microscope. Thank you to everyone who came to share in Community Helpers Week!



David New and his service dog, Carmichael, visited HDS to show students how technology helps him do so many things he otherwise would not be able to due to his blindness.

## TRANSPORTATION DAY

This year's Transportation Day was a huge success. Thank you to **Cara Beim** and **Michele Dimont** for coordinating this effort, as well as volunteers **Naomi Gross**, **Aliza Pilichowski** and **Stephanie Stern** for their help during the day. Thank you to **Nathan Zucker** for his awesome fly-over the Milton B. Katz Campus. This year's participating vehicles were:

- Electric Trikke
- Fire Truck
- Paramedic Truck
- Sheriff Patrol Car
- National Guard
- Hummers
- Food Truck
- Bookmobile
- News Truck
- Cherry Picker
- Boat
- CSI Truck
- RV





### B.A.M.: Be a Mentsch

“Say thank you,” “Sit up straight,” “Say please”... Most of us have heard these instructions umpteen times as we were growing up because our parents were teaching us manners. We do the same with our children. Never underestimate the importance of good manners. When children learn good manners at a young age, studies show that they will grow to be kinder and more sensitive to others. While the latest technological advances and mobile devices may be helping us “stay connected” research and indicators confirm that the new generation’s basic manners and niceties are beginning to fall to the wayside. We, at Hillel, work hard at creating a culture of emphasizing good Middot and officially recognizing good character traits. The EMET badge program has been a huge success and we will continue to recognize and applaud the Middot that are being demonstrated. Jewish tradition speaks

constantly about the importance of correct “derech eretz”- loosely translated as “the way of the world.” According to our sages, derech eretz precedes the Torah, which we understand to mean that even before we begin to study Torah and observe the Mitzvot, we must live with derech eretz. Just as we teach Torah, math, science, language and relate to the students how important these academic subjects are, so, too, must we educate our children and help parents teach correct manners and middot. It is for this reason that we are adding a program to the already exciting and enriched curriculum called B.A.M.- Be A Mentsch. With the creative talents of Rabbi Drang and Rabbi Eisenberger, (A.K.A. Hagah and Fen) the students will focus on various aspects of good manners. Weekly incentives and skits will keep the children excited and enthusiastic while at the same time instructional. May we all derive much Nachat from our children and remember also that good manners modeled in the home go a long way in teaching the children how to model standards of excellent behavior.



### B.A.M.: Be A Mentsch

#### “MENTSCHEN”

- Leila Brown
- Alexandra Cohen
- Zachary Cohen
- Ethan Flics
- Naomi Haik
- Gavriel Hollander
- Zvi Landes
- Meira Pickholtz
- Naomi Pilichowski
- Ariella Pinkis
- Noam Rindsberg
- Simcha Rosen
- Lilly Stern
- Daveed Ilan Winograd
- Ethan Wirtschafter

(as of 3/11/14)

### TU B’SHEVAT PROGRAMS

This year in celebration of Tu B’Shevat, it was decided to go beyond planting trees. We took learning about Tu B’Shevat and the importance of trees to the next level by teaching our students that caring for the environment and “going green” is just as important as planting new trees. We need to pay attention to the trees that already exist and keep our environment clean in order to celebrate nature and thank Hashem for the beautiful world He has given us.

By: Batsheva Klein and Jodi Deichman



Students in grades 1-5 participated in Chesed Day with other local Jewish Day Schools on December 11, 2013, at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

Students in grades 1-5 enjoyed a day filled with fun and informative activities, such as recycling water bottles to create a tree inspired by the artist Dale Chihuly, nature walks, planting a new butterfly garden in our playground, writing nature poetry, learning about compost and then making some yummy edible compost, and much more.



### Daniel’s Butterfly Garden Dedicated

A butterfly release marked the official dedication of “Daniel’s Butterfly Garden,” donated by the Wultz family in loving memory of Daniel Wultz, z’l.

Photo Credit: Leonardo Moran



Early Childhood students performed their annual Chanukah program.



# The Lion's Den

Maia Shaffer,  
Athletic Director

## GIRLS SOCCER WINS GOLD

By: Coach Moishe

The Girls Middle School Soccer Team won the Championship, with an impressive win over Boca Christian. With a score of 3-1, **Pearl Katz** scored 2 of the goals, and the third goal was kicked in by Boca Christian. The players all contributed to a rousing comeback victory. The team was led by **Sara Baum, Isabella Berkeley, Gabi Englander, Pearl Katz,** and **Avital Shapiro.**



## BOYS SOCCER

By: Coach Moishe

The Boys Middle School Soccer Team had another competitive season by once again making the play-offs. The team lost to BMA in extra-overtime penalty kicks. The captains were **Ty Kay, Yoni Mayer, Yitz Spodek,** and **Jonah Tripp.** The leading goal scorer was **Yitz Lanner.** We look forward to another competitive season, and, hopefully, a championship trophy.



## VARSITY BASKETBALL

By: Coach Zack

The Lions Boys Basketball Team had an up and down season. Playing very competitive games and working through injuries, the boys ended up with a 2-5 record that didn't reflect how well they played. Even when they were outmatched in size the boys never gave up. Much can be said for how hard the boys worked and their progression throughout the year. They should be proud of their efforts.



## JV BASKETBALL



By: Coach Mike

Hillel's first ever JV season concluded with one last game against DKJA. It was a tough loss as it was our last game and the chance to go 4 wins and 4 losses making us .500 on the season. The team's record does not reflect all the hard work put in at practice to get better both physically and mentally. Our student athletes were challenged each week to reach a goal as a team, and each week they reached their goals and then exceeded them. We could not be more proud of the players because of how knowledgeable of the sport they all became in such a short time. They learned multiple offensive and defensive plays all while enhancing their fundamental skills. Many of them were just learning the rules of the game for the first time. This is a testament to how far we have come from our first

practice until our last one. It was a learning experience for them, myself, and the school. It teaches us all how hard work, dedication and team work can benefit us both on and off the court. It was an honor to coach the JV basketball team and I look forward to seeing the players continue to grow in our sports program.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



By: Coach Zack

The Girls Basketball Team had a wonderful year capped off by a hard-fought loss to the eventual champions in the Final Four. Finishing with a record of 8-2, the Lady Lions

were led by an outstanding group of 8th grade girls. The leadership from the older girls radiated throughout the team and each player got much better throughout the season. The highlights of the season included a great victory on the road against rival Donna Klein and an exciting overtime victory against Boca Christian. While falling short of the championship game, how well the team played together and how much each girl progressed were definitely noted by coaches and parents alike.

## OUR WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Come check us out at [www.bocamaccabi.org](http://www.bocamaccabi.org)



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Also check out the Jr. Maccabi for children ages 5-11.

**If you are interested in serving on one of the many committees please contact the Levis JCC at 561-852-3200.**

**GO LIONS! Sports Hotline: 561-470-5000 ext. 298**





## A Chanukah Fair To Remember



Boundless enthusiasm resounded at the PTA Annual Chanukah Fair & Open House. Boasting a terrific turnout—as prospective parents and current HDS families entered the Milton B. Katz Campus in droves—the November 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 bounce houses, which were sponsored in part by the PTA. Students also enjoyed captivating games led by magician and entertainer **Avi Frier**, an instructional session on weaving with Rainbow Loom®, and a host of fun carnival activities. Younger attendees in need of some winding down time hopped aboard an all-time Chanukah Fair favorite, the color-block train, which circled the Early Childhood parking lot.



And that's not all! While the sun was shining outside, the indoor gymnasium and Loewenstern Cafetorium radiated with excitement. Students played laser tag, and once again participated in fun arts and crafts activities run by the HDS B'not Sherut, **Riki and Nofar**. Parents and students also visited the annual Scholastic Book Fair, organized by **Dvorah Eisen**.



When it was time to refuel from shopping and playing, chef extraordinaire **Steve Luger**'s menu added extra flavor to the day. Families enjoyed succulent turkey legs perfect for the Thanksgiving season, as well as heavenly hot dogs and scrumptious chicken nuggets. Snacks included slushies, created on HDS's very own slushie machine—in part sponsored by PTA—sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), popcorn, and more.



Prospective parents enjoyed informative tours of the campus from **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Upper School Principal/Incoming Head of School, and **Chayim Dimont**, Lower School Principal, who gave them a glimpse into the quality Jewish education their children can receive at HDS.

The day concluded with the annual raffle. This year's prize was an iPad Air, generously donated by **Dr. Leor and Gabriela Skoczylas**. Thank you to the many parents who helped sell raffle tickets, and Middle School teacher **Danielle Mizrachi** for coordinating the Middle School volunteers who helped with the raffle.



While the day offered fun and prizes, it also provided other rewards—the joy that comes with giving back to the community. As children kept busy, adults fulfilled a very important mitzvah by donating blood. Thank you to **Beth Janock** for arranging this opportunity.

The day also typified the sense of commitment that permeates the HDS student and parent body. With the much appreciated help of HDS teachers, Middle School and Weinbaum Yeshiva High School students, and parents, this action-packed day created fond memories. We thank you so much for your support. Most importantly, a hearty yasher koach to the Chanukah Fair co-chairs: **Cara Beim, Simone Broide, Shira Englander, Lisa Houben and Tammy Pickholtz**. Hope to see you all again next year!



## VACATION FUN



During December break, students enjoyed exciting attractions at the The Wow Factory at a significant discount. Thank you to **Zipora Rindsberg** for coordinating this special day, and to **Lisa and Alan Houben** for promoting it. The day raised \$300 for HDS.



Students had a blast at Universal Studios Florida® and Universal's Islands of Adventure® during January break. Thanks to **Michele Dimont** for organizing a two-day package at a fantastic price, and to **Dvorah Eisen** for her help. The program raised \$700 for HDS.



## PTA VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

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

December: **Shira Englander**

January: **Julie Ehrlich**

February: **Liz Stadlan**

## HDS COUTURE: UNIFORM SHOPPE



Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** for running the HDS Uniform Shoppe, and organizing the January sale, during which shoppers enjoyed an extra 10% off. Because the PTA is responsible for storing, managing inventory, and ordering and selling the shirts, we are also able to provide students with wholesale prices on a regular basis. The Uniform Shoppe is also expanding its line to include new and improved apparel.



Tzitzit are now conveniently available at the Uniform Shoppe.



On February 11, students proudly wore Spirit shirts in honor of School Spirit Day.



**Pencil Skirts:** Thank you to **Michal Rovner** for her generous donation of chic black pencil skirts being sold through the Uniform Shoppe at a great price!

**Hair Klips:** Klipped Kippahs now offers blue and white Klipped Hair Klips for girls, complete with the Hillel Lions logo. Stop by the HDS Uniform Shoppe or the front desk to get yours. Each Klip is only \$5. Supply is currently limited.



## ONGOING PROGRAMS

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](mailto:carafreedman@yahoo.com).



Remember to drop off your **used printer and ink toner cartridges** at the front desk. The PTA receives money back for each cartridge we recycle—and is currently eighth out of 155 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.

## SHOP TILL YOU DROP... AND SUPPORT HDS



**Shop with a Smile**

It's always better to do things with a smile – an Amazon Smile! The

PTA is excited to share that any time you make purchases via Amazon, you can make an automatic 0.5% donation to HDS, courtesy of the Amazon Smile Foundation. It's a simple way to support HDS every time you shop, at no cost to you!

All you need to do is log in to your Amazon account via [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). 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. The first time you log in, be sure to select the Boca Raton Jewish Community Day School as the recipient of your donation. Questions? Contact Sharon Kay at [sharonakay@mac.com](mailto:sharonakay@mac.com).

## Shoparoo

**Shoparoo**

Thanks to a new free, downloadable application for smartphones and tablets, HDS 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 HDS just by snapping a picture of it. We applaud all of the HDS families who have helped us accumulate over 100,000 points. Through your efforts, HDS has earned its first \$225 Shoparoo donation. For more information, please contact Julie Ehrlich at [juliehrlich@hotmail.com](mailto:juliehrlich@hotmail.com).

**My Locker:** Be your own designer of HDS goods



and apparel, with MYLocker.com. Create your own clothing, backpacks, laptop cases and much more, bearing the HDS logo in a variety of forms. It's fun and easy to do, and the PTA receives a percentage of your purchase. Middle School students can wear their "My Locker"

designs to school on Spirit Days. For more information, please contact Greta Baum [baumer10@bellsouth.net](mailto:baumer10@bellsouth.net).

# HDS Happenings

## HDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

**E**xcellent  
**M**idot  
**E**very  
**T**ime

Eitan Aber	Elyah Ehrlich	Milan Berlin Ittleman	Ariella Mayer	Doronit Skoczylas
Nate Aharon	Bat-Zion Eisenberger	Sophia Juroviesky	Ari Mayzel	Michal Skoczylas
Tamar Amiel	Haim Elmakies	Mendel Kahn	Moshe Moskowitz	Aiden Smolensky
Aryeh Bar-Chaim	Tani Englander	Rivkah Kahn	Ruth Nadav	Benjamin Smolensky
Ben Beim	Jonathan Freedman	Eitan Kaminetzky	Sapir Nadav	Kayla Stein
Nava Berkeley	Daniella Frist	Aidan Kaner	Meira Pickholtz	Aidan Struhl
Milan Berlin	Hailey Gately	Bryce Kaner	Tikva Pickholtz	Aerin Tripp
Judah Berman	Ariel Gedz	Reece Kaner	Tova Pilichowski	Atara Tripp
Edan Carmel	Noa Gedz	Abigail Karsh	Rhyan Rackman	Leora Tripp
Gabriel Cohen	Shira Goldberg	Eliana Kodsi	Menachem Rosen	Ethan Wirtschafter
Miriam Cohen	Max Goodman	Moria Kodsi	Simcha Rosen	Ari Wultz
Sarah Cohen	Eytan Greenfield	Akiva Kranzler	Lily Rudensky	Avi Young
Ari Cooper	Yair Gritzman	Eitan Landau	Judah Sabag	Joshua Young
David Dahan	Shira Grunhaus	Akiva Lanner	Carson Schwartz	Daniel Yudewitz
Ezra Dimont	Naomi Haik	Meir Lanner	Aleksandra Shapiro	Calev Zak
Srulik Doch	Aliyah Harow	Ella Levine	Eliana Shapiro	
	Ami Harow	Andy Levontin	Samuel Shapiro	
	Talia Hochner	Ayla Lowenstein	Ettie Sharp	
	Gavriel Hollander	David Lunski	Sruli Sharp	
	Zehava Houben	Miriam Marcus	David Skoczylas	

Mazal Tov to all of the winners! (as of 3-11-14)



## COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

By: Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik and Ms. Cindy Zemel



Hillel was excited to participate in "The Hour of Code" event for Computer Science Education Week, December

9-15. The "Hour of Code" is a nationwide initiative by CSEdWeek and code.org to recruit 10 million students to learn programming by trying 1 hour of coding.


During Computer Science Week, students in K-8 were introduced to various programming software that teaches them how to use coding skills in computer class. Famous individuals in the computer field, such as Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates, guided our students step by step through online tutorials as they played animated games. To begin each application, the students incorporated basic coding commands like directional words and action words such as run and jump. Through these interactive activities, our future software engineers strengthened their problem solving skills and became more familiar with programming languages such as JavaScript and HTML.

Thank you to Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and many others who were the masters behind this campaign. Our students at Hillel will certainly benefit from this event.

## 4th Grade Biographies: Guess Who They Are!

See the back page for the answers.





### PARENT-CHILD LEARNING EVENTS

Thank you to **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** and **Rabbi Yosef Kassorla** for presenting this year's Kohélet Fellowship parent-child learning events, which took place on November 3, 2013 and March 4, 2014. Parent participants in the Kohélet Fellowship program, as well as all those who were interested in these wonderful and educational programs, had the opportunity to attend both of these events free of charge.



HDS was well represented at iJED2014, the biggest Jewish day school conference of the year, which was held in NY in early March.



# HDS Happenings



## Early Childhood Art Night a Huge Success!

A special thank you goes to **Rachel Harow**, who spent hours, days, weeks, and months planning the evening.

Thank you to our dedicated Art Night committee: **Cara Beim, Orlie Cohen, Aviva Klein Cooper, Shira Englander, Naomi Katz, Ilana Landau, Lisa Pinkis, Elana Rackman, Stephanie Stern,**

**Rachel Tripp, Deborah Young, and Andrea Zucker.**

Thank you to the **Hillel Day School Early Childhood staff** and **Mrs. Barbara Rose, Art Specialist**, and **Mrs. Tova Hocherman, Art Assistant**, for all of their help getting the artists ready for the event.

EC student artwork was on display and available for sale. Each unique piece included a QR code and link to a personalized video, as well as a professional quality photo.

Special thanks to **Mr. Leonardo Moran** for taking all of the display photos, and to **Ms. Cindy Zemel**, for her integration of technology and art through QR coding.

Thank you to **Marty & Ileana Flics**, who had the winning bid and won the beautiful art piece in the silent auction.



Photo Credits:  
Cindy Zemel



## Eight Teams Compete in HDS Inaugural 3-on-3 Men's Basketball Tournament

Hillel Day School of Boca Raton held its Inaugural 3-on-3 Men's Basketball Tournament on Sunday, February 23, 2014 in the gymnasium with 8 teams competing. Thank you to Tournament Co-Chairs **Donny Cohen** and **Jeff Baum** for their

vision and organization of this successful fun-raiser! Thank you to our generous event sponsors: **PrivCap Companies** and **Mutual of America**. We also thank **Sysco** for their donation of beverages.

Thank you to our participants:

**Team Black:** Cobi Citron, Michael Citron, Chanoch Harow, Uri Yudewitz

**Team Maroon:** Yogev Berdugo, Hillel Cohen, Jonathan Cutler, Josh Grajower

**Team Grey:** Daniel Bensimon, Donny Cohen, Mark Zeidman

**Team Green:** Jason Brody, Ari Clements, Yitzchak Kaminetsky, Joey Tabakin

**Team Purple:** Seth Frohlich, Brian Galbut, Jonathan Gildin, Noam Lipshitz

**Team Orange:** Chaim Ohayon, Yoni Ohayon, Zalmy Sussman

**Team Navy:** Aryeh Hochner, Dov Hochner, Yosef Hochner, Eric Pinkis

**Team Olive:** Adam Bender, Michael Hoffman, Jon Kaweblum

Thank you to our student volunteers: **David Arshawsky, Ari Cohen, Doni Jacob, Jordan Landes, Yoni Mayer, Jonah Tripp, Ari Wax, Yehuda Weiss, Etan Winograd, and Justin Wolff.**

Also, thank you to our parent volunteers: **Shira Englander, Rachel Harow** and **Shira Sharp.**

And the winner is...**Team Green!**



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## ANCIENT JUGLETS DONATED TO HDS

Three ancient juglets, generously donated by **David & Honey Lichterman**, from the collection of their beloved mother, **Carole Lichterman, z"l**, are encased and on display in the Beit Midrash. Each is identified with a description and historical era (Bronze Age and Iron Age) so that Hillel students can learn about their deep-rooted history. Carole had a passion for Jewish education, history and Jewish values, and her children subsequently donated these artifacts so that her legacy would be honored in a meaningful way. The gift also serves as an example of tzedakah. Those students and parents who daven in the Beit Midrash, along with the Boca Raton Synagogue West congregation, have the opportunity to view these ancient artifacts daily. If you have not seen them, we invite you to visit.



# HDS Celebrates 25th Anniversary

## 25th ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL EVENT IN REVIEW

Over 320 people attended Hillel Day School of Boca Raton's 25th Anniversary Journal Event & Celebration on December 16, 2013 at Congregation B'nai Israel to honor **Dr. David & Sharona Kay, Rabbi Samuel J. Levine** and **Mrs. Maia Shaffer**.

The event raised over \$200,000 for Jewish education scholarship assistance as well as ensuring the high quality of Judaic and secular studies for all of our students. Thank you to everyone who participated, either through attending the dinner, placing an ad, or joining the Silver Tribute Committee.

Thank you to this year's event Co-chairs, **Dr. Samuel & Naomi Abramovitz** and **Daniel Rosenthal & Sara Goldberg**. They created a wonderful program that was meaningful, humorous and paid tribute to our well-deserved honorees.

Special thanks to **Dr. Orlie Cohen, Financial Resource Development Chair**, for her attention to every detail of the program as well as spearheading a fundraising campaign that has surpassed previous years.

Thank you to **Helen Cohan, Anna Cohen** and **Linda Levy**, for their assistance in the production of the 25th Anniversary video and timeline, providing valuable information about the school's history. We also thank them for co-chairing the Founders' Reception for Hillel's founding families.

Our video producers, **Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik** and **Zachary Cohen**, did amazing jobs on their respective videos (go to [www.hilleldayschool.org](http://www.hilleldayschool.org) to view the videos)!

Our 25th Anniversary Commemorative Ad Journal was the biggest journal ever, and thank you to **Journal Editor Michele Dimont** for her assistance with production.

Kudos to **Deborah Young, Got It Covered**, for her creativity, time and effort in making each beautiful centerpiece by hand and designing the beautiful decor. Thank you to our co-chairs as well as **Lana Rosenthal, Jennifer Rosen** and **Tzippi Rosen** for also helping to arrange the centerpieces.

We would also like to acknowledge **Elise Cohen**, for her graphic design assistance, as well as **Leonardo Moran** for photography.

We continue the celebration of HDS' 25th Anniversary through the end of this school year!

## 2013-2014 Silver Tribute Committee

(Gifts of \$2500+)

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| Sal & Leslie Abady (L)                   | Bernie & Melanie Kaminetsky (L) (C)              |
| Samuel & Naomi Abramovitz                | Arieh Karger, z"l, Stephanie Karger & Family     |
| Chaim & Debbie Abramowitz                | Daniel & Caroline Katz (L)*                      |
| Daniel & Liora Adler (L)*                | Jean Katz  |
| Yosef & Leah Amar                        | Leigh & Stace Katzman (L)*                       |
| Anonymous                                | Ari, Sydney, Alisa, Benjamin, Estelle & Iser Kay |
| Ari & Cara Beim                          | David & Sharona Kay (L)*                         |
| Avraham & Elana Belizon (C)*             | Kosher Marketplace                               |
| Joseph Bensmihen (L)                     | Rabbi Jonathan & Jennifer Kroll                  |
| Steven Berkeley & Rebecca Stern (L) (M)* | Evan & Ilana Landau                              |
| Mindy Berlin                             | Abe & Malkie Levine                              |
| Ari & Andrea Bernstein                   | Elie & Jody Levine                               |
| Boca Raton Synagogue                     | Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindel Levine                |
| Mark & Helen Cohan (C) (M)*              | Robert & Linda Levy                              |
| Eli & Orlie Cohen (L) *                  | David & Sara Markowitz (C)                       |
| Hillel & Chayi Cohen                     | Leonard & Eunice Rose                            |
| Meyer & Laura Cohen (M)*                 | Michael & Jill Rose (L) (C)                      |
| Chayim & Michele Dimont                  | Daniel Rosenthal & Sara Goldberg                 |
| Howard & Stacey DuBosar                  | Daniel & Rachel Rudensky                         |
| Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander             | Barry & Dana Schechter and Family                |
| Fred & Judy Farbman                      | Jay & Tracey Schwartz                            |
| Marty & Ileana Flics (L)*                | Reid & Naomi Shapiro (L)                         |
| Benjamin & Cara Freedman (C) (M)*        | Joe & Shira Sharp                                |
| Bruce Gendelman Insurance Services       | Rabbi Mordechai & Hadassah Smolarcik             |
| Rabbi Efram & Yocheved Goldberg          | Zorik & Ellen Spektor                            |
| Murray & Basheva Goldberg                | Adam & Shaani Splaver (M)*                       |
| Glen & Rosa Golish (L) (C)               | Carmi & Liz Stadlan                              |
| Avi & Laura Greenbaum (L) (C)            | Joshua & Stephanie Stern                         |
| Charles & Simone Grifff                  | Ted & Linda Struhl (L)                           |
| Jeffrey & Naomi Gross                    | Teddy & Phyllis Struhl (C)*                      |
| Raphael & Meira Gross                    | Benjamin & Donna Tripp (L)                       |
| Isaac & Ilona Grynysztein                | Jackie & Rachel Tripp                            |
| Stanley & Ana Haar (L) (C)               | Mitchell & Ruthy Weiss                           |
| Chanoch & Rachel Harow                   | Michael & Risa Zimmerman (L)                     |
| Jeffrey & Jodi Harris (L)                |  |
| Hillel PTA                               |  |

(L) Lamed Vav Society members (\$36,000 over 3 years maximum)

(C) Chai Society members (\$18,000 over 2 years maximum)

(M) Maimonides Society members (\$5,000 annually for 3 years minimum)

\* Current Lamed Vav, Chai, or Maimonides Society contributors for 2013-14



**Celebrating 25 Years of Developing Minds, Hearts, and Torah Values**



# CAMPAIGN MATTER\$ Orlie Cohen, Ph.D., Financial Resource Development Chair

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Lamed Vav & Chai Societies:** The Lamed Vav and Chai Societies were established during the 2002-2003 school year to ensure that we meet the scholarship needs of our school. 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).

**Maimonides Society:** The Maimonides Society, a new society initiated by a group of physicians, requires a donation of \$5,000 annually for a minimum of 3 years.

**Phase II Capital Campaign:** Naming opportunities are available for many of the campus buildings. Many contributions have the option to be payable over as many as 5 years.

**Koppie Cohn Day of Learning:** The Koppie Cohn Day of Learning has continued to grow since its inception in April of 2012. Dedicated days of learning by the students of Hillel Day School can be reserved in honor of, in memory of, or for the refuah shlema of a loved one. A list of available dates can be found on our website. To reserve a Day of Learning for \$125 contact the Development Office.

**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.**



**Create a Jewish Legacy:** A joint effort with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Anne & Norman Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation, this campaign focuses on the development of permanent endowment funds, lifetime gifts, bequests, trusts and planned giving to ensure the future of our Jewish community. Contact your financial advisor to discuss options for leaving a personal legacy to Hillel Day School.

For more information about any of these programs contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000.

## THE ANNUAL RAFFLE IS COMING...

This year, **DOUBLE** your chances of winning!  
Drawings will take place at both of the below upcoming events.

A raffle ticket purchase qualifies as an "Every Parent Campaign" donation.



Family Fun  
Lag B'Omer  
Event

1st Time Ever  
Basketball  
Exhibition

Harlem Wizards  
vs. HDS Faculty

**Sunday, May 18, 2014 ~ 5pm**

Co-Chairs:

**Naomi Gross ~ Aviva Klein ~ Stephanie Stern**

Join the planning committee!  
More information coming soon!



## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Enjoy a great day of golf!  
Become a sponsor!  
Don't play golf?  
Attend the dinner  
for only \$100!

Reduced sponsorship  
pricing in honor of  
Hillel's 25th Anniversary!

**Monday, May 19, 2014**

Co-Chairs:

**Teddy Struhl ~ Michael Zimmerman**

Contact Suzanne Rice in the Development Office at  
561-470-5000 ext. 225 to register or for more information!



## TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



**Teacher of the Month for October 2013 is Nicole Kridos.** She was nominated by parents and teachers alike for being a "motivated, dedicated teacher who really knows each and every child in her class." She was commended for spending "countless hours" preparing for her classes as is evidenced by her interesting and varied lessons and projects. Ms. Kridos has also received high praise for her timely communication with parents, "via email, her blog, notes and phone calls, much of which is done in the evenings." We congratulate Ms.

Kridos on receiving so many nominations for this honor.

**Teachers of the Month for November 2013** are the team of **Morah Devorah Kahan** and **Morah Sara Mizrahi**. Mainstays of our Early Childhood staff for many years, they were cited for their professionalism in "adjusting their curriculum and teaching style to always be developmentally appropriate and based on the individual needs of their students." As Early Childhood educators, they are warm and nurturing. Morah Devorah was described as being boundlessly creative, while Morah Sarah was described as being humble and spiritual.

**Morah Shira Sharp** has been chosen **Teacher of the Month for February 2014**.



Shira received multiple nominations from parents and colleagues for her work with our first graders. The word "amazing" appeared again and again with reference to her ability to inspire and motivate her students to work to their potential. Parents appreciate her communication skills as well as the time and effort she puts in to knowing each child. One parent wrote, "It is easy to teach easy kids. My child does not know he is struggling because he gets all the support he needs. To watch him is like watching a

flower open." Morah Shira volunteers her time to work with students after school. "I consider that going beyond the call of duty," wrote another parent. Many parents also stated that their children truly "love" their Morah. The environment in Morah Shira's class is one of love, nurturing and support. We are blessed to have this "amazing" teacher on our staff.

All of these teachers are outstanding role models for their young charges as well as for the entire school community.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW TEACHER OF THE MONTH  
RECOGNITION BOARD IN THE LOBBY!**

## MAZAL TOV, MATH TEAM!

The Hillel Day School Math Team came in 6th place out of 16 participating schools. Kudos to **Ty Kay**, who placed 10th out of 115 students! The team members included: **Ayelet Gross, Ty Kay, Yoni Mayer, and Jonah Tripp**. Individual competitors included: **Talia Kennedy, Akiva Stadlan, Shana Weiss, and Dovid Zak**.

**BIOGRAPHIES ANSWERS:** 1) Queen Elizabeth 2) Lucille Ball 3) J.K. Rowling 4) Sasha Cohen 5) Elvis Presley 6) Julia Child 7) Mozart 8) Douglas MacArthur 9) Harry Houdini 10) Neil Armstrong 11) Ponce de Leon 12) Albert Einstein

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.

If you have information to include in a future Hillel Herald, please e-mail [suzanner@hilleldayschool.org](mailto:suzanner@hilleldayschool.org).  
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## 2013-14 Calendar At-A-Glance

### April

9 EC2-K Pesach Program  
14 Erev Pesach; Pesach Break begins (no school)  
14-23 Pesach Break (no school)  
24 Classes Resume  
27 Yom Hashoah  
28-30 6th Grade Sea Camp Trip & 7th Grade Washington, DC Trip  
28 8th Grade Israel Trip (departs)

### May

5 Yom Hazikaron  
6 Yom Ha'atzmaut  
7 Miss Rita (EC2-K) 9:30-10:15am  
8 8th Grade Israel Trip (returns)  
12-15 SATs for Grades 2-8  
13 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening - EC2-K)  
14 Parent/Teacher Conferences (day - EC2-K)  
15 Sports Night  
18 Lag B'Omer/ Fundraiser Family Event with the Harlem Wizards  
19 Annual Golf Tournament  
22 KTP Night  
26 Memorial Day (no school)  
28 Yom Yerushalayim

### June

June 1 1st Grade Chumash Presentation (10:30am)  
June 3 Erev Shavuot (noon dismissal)  
June 4-5 Shavuot (no school)  
June 10 Kindergarten Graduation  
June 11 Last Day of School (noon dismissal); 8th Grade Graduation



Register for  
**Camp Ruach**

**Summer 2014**

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



Many local Jewish day school representatives joined the South Florida Jewish Leadership Coalition in Tallahassee to lobby senators and representatives on the critical issues relating to Jewish day school affordability.

