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Congratulations to **Eliana Broide**, winner of the Rosh Hashanah Card Design Competition (pictured right).



Middle School students daven each morning in the Beit Midrash.  
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## A Message from the Head of School Rabbi Adam Englander, M.S. Ed.

As I write this *Hillel Herald* article, my first as Head of School, I am overwhelmed by feelings of gratitude and appreciation. The great honor and privilege of serving the Hillel Day School family is a gift I do not take lightly. Thank you for partnering with me so that we can, together, raise the next generation of committed, passionate, sensitive Jews, who see it as their mission to positively impact the world around them. I would also like to take this opportunity to express thanks to Rabbi Levine, our former Head of School and my personal mentor, who truly deserves the credit for where Hillel Day School is today (record enrollment - 501 students!) and, of course, to Hashem for the countless blessings he has bestowed upon our beloved school.

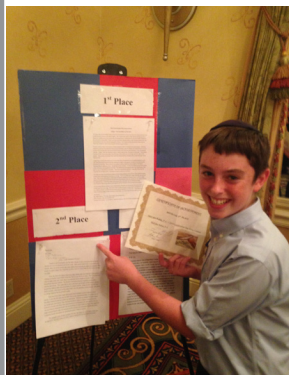
There is no question in my mind when it comes to what to highlight in this first issue. There is one thing we are proud of more than anything else at HDS - our continuous pursuit of excellence. Each and every year, we ensure that our school is better than it was the year before. The status quo is just not an option. Teachers and administrators are infused with a growth mindset that promotes improvements throughout the school so that we can give our precious children the very best foundation for life. The following are just some of the enhancements we are proud of:

- **Doors were installed between Early Childhood classrooms** to promote collaboration and increase socialization.
- Our new partnership with **Lindamood-Bell**, a nationally recognized organization for reading education, will ensure that every child gets the resources needed to succeed in reading.
- More **enrichment opportunities** in the lower grades will allow for all children to be challenged to their abilities.
- Our partnership with **Koren Publishing** has resulted in a new Siddur and educational approach that we are currently using in the first grade. This will soon expand to other grades.
- The new **Aleph-Bet Champion Hebrew reading program** will improve fluency and keep our children motivated and excited about their language.
- The **5th grade music program**, which already makes great use of the instruments we invested in a couple of years ago, is being expanded so that they have the time on task necessary for optimal success.
- The **student/teacher ratio** has been significantly improved in grades 3-8. This has allowed for more differentiation and smaller class sizes.
- Hebrew classes in the 7th grade have been experimenting with using the **siddur as a text** in class. So far it has been a resounding success!
- The **Toshba/Talmud program** in the middle school, already well known for its innovative, student-centered approach using iPads, has been increasing the amount of text exposure to ensure we strike the right balance between skill development and appreciation for the subject matter.
- The very popular **Middle School electives program** now boasts 18 different options including the E2K math and science enrichment program.
- The **ALEKS math program**, a blended approach using teacher and technology, is being used by several middle school classes as well as some individual students throughout the school to provide a motivating, individualized and data-driven experience.
- Our **sports program** continues to expand with more after-school clinics and, for the first time, a "junior varsity" soccer team so that more students can be involved.
- A **Middle School band** is being re-launched!

I look forward to sharing more highlights with you in future editions of the *Hillel Herald*. May the rest of the school year only usher in success, fulfillment and growth for you and your family!

Mazal Tov to **Dovid Zak** and **Jacqueline Zimmerman** for their award-winning essays in the Palm Beach 2014 Constitution Day Essay Contest. Dovid won 2nd Place and \$150, and Jacqueline placed with an Honorable Mention.

**Mrs. Danielle Frija**, Middle School Social Studies teacher, entered the 8-1 class into the contest. The awards ceremony took place Monday evening, September 15 in West Palm Beach. Constitution Day was Wednesday, September 17, 2014.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL: GRADES 6-8

### ELECTIVES



Cooking



Chidon HaTanach



Cookie Decorating



Chess



Golf



Welcome back to school!

The new 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start! We have made many improvements to both the Early Childhood and 1st-3rd grades to aid in learning and facilitate more social opportunities and educational growth.

Over the summer, in the Early Childhood classrooms, brand new doors were installed in between rooms to allow for more flow between classes, expanded relationships, and more combined academic learning. The teachers and students love being able to easily float between rooms to hold joint Shabbat parties, Parsha story times, and expanded center learning experiences. Our children now have more opportunities to learn from additional teachers as well as extend their relationships with other children and staff.

As I have mentioned in previous articles, reading is a vital component of early learning in Kindergarten though 2nd grade. While many children succeed, there are still some who struggle with early acquisition of fundamental reading patterns. In order to support those students early on, we have partnered with Lindamood-Bell, world-renown reading experts who offer intensive, process-based instruction to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension. Their program has proven

successful for individuals with learning challenges including dyslexia, ADHD, CAPD and ASD. They are tutoring students daily to give them the extra help they need to catch up and truly succeed in reading, and we are very excited about the future of our young readers.

Enrichment is also being offered this year to those children who show exceptionalities in both math and reading. These students will have the opportunity to expand on their high-level achievement.

Additionally, we will continue to stress resiliency, and how children learn from their mistakes. When students know how to deal with adversity, they only become stronger in the

end for it. Many aspects of education can be seen as ever changing, however, challenge, failure and success will never change. Children will meet up against failure at one point or another, and thus helping them refocus their attention on what went wrong and how to improve upon it will be the only constant that they can rely upon.

If you haven't already met her, I would like to introduce Risa Kahane, who will be assisting both Hadassah Smolarcik and me. She is a wonderful addition to the Hillel family.

There is much to come this academic year and we look forward to watching your children grow every day. Please know my office door is always open.



EC2A learns about apples for Rosh Hashanah.



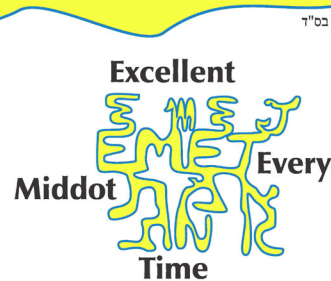
Kindergartners pose in the festive electric sukkah built by ETGAR.

### HDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

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		Shoshana Berman	Lizzy Klein
		Abby Bienenfeld	Jonathan Kogan
		Ezra Bierman	Devorah Lome
		Alexis Birbaum	Chavie Mergui
		AJ Broide	Rachel Monchenyat
		Edan Carmel	Tiki Pickholtz
		Netanel Cohen	Victoria Pilkington
		Abraham Eckert	Paige Rackman
		Haim Elmakies	Jonas Saida
		Ittai Fixler	Ella Saketkhov
		Adiel Frohlich	Akiva Scher
		Ariel Gedz	Samuel Shapiro
Shira Goldberg	Doronit Skoczylas		
Eli Goldwasser	Gabriel Stern		
Daniel Gross	Aidan Struhl		
Eitan Gross	Maayan Sussman		
Natalie Grunberg	Zahava Tilis		
Emma Harow	Akiva Tokayer		
Ariella Hershberg	Eliana Tokayer		
Benny Hochner	Daniella Weiss		
Chanala Kahan	Daveed Winograd		
Penina Kahane	Gavriella Yudewitz		
Rika Kahn	Shemaya Zangre		
Zev Kay	Noah Zucker		

Mazal Tov to all of the winners!

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Congratulations to Meir Eisen, this year's EMET logo design contest winner.

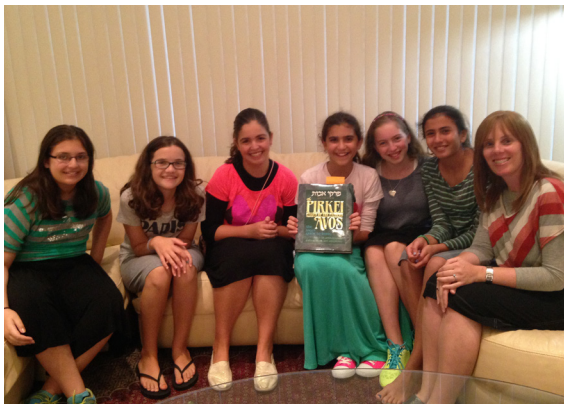


Another new year and Boruch Hashem we have a lot to be grateful for but at the same time we cannot ignore the turbulence

of the last couple of months. Our brothers and sisters are in a precarious position in Eretz Yisrael while the entire world is, also, confronting new challenges that aim to upset the balance of good and evil. Few of us, if any, can surmise what is happening to the world as we know it. So we search for answers, speculate, imagine...as we approach the new year, we re-examine our actions, some of us can measure growth in spiritual matters, some may experience growth in other areas.

Yaakov Avinu taught us all a lesson. Yaakov, who had to lead his children down to Egypt, knew well where his children were headed and he knew the difficult exile that they would have to endure. Yaakov had the foresight to bring down with his family cedar trees. These cedar trees would be used hundreds of years later for the building of the Mishkan. Yaakov was teaching his children an enduring lesson. He taught his children that light follows darkness, there will be difficult challenges but there would also be growth and rebirth, and better times will come. Just as Hashem has saved us time and time again, so, too, will He look out for us as long as we remain strong in our faith and in our connection to Him through His Torah and Mitzvot.

May we all experience growth, happiness and good health in this upcoming year.



Weekly throughout the summer, Morah Lanner and some of the seventh grade girls got together at the girls' homes for a voluntary learning session. They spent time studying the invaluable lessons of Pirkei Avot.

Meet our new B'not Sherut...

Hadar Gomry & Talya Shamash



Hadar Gomry (left) was born in Be'er Sheva, Israel, and is the youngest sibling in her family with two older sisters and one older brother: Moran (28), Adva (27) and Netanel (21). She has participated twice in the National Bible Quiz, "Chidon Hatanach Artzi."

Talya Shemesh (right) has two brothers: Malachi (27) and Shilo (25), and is a triplet with her sisters Noa and Yitza (19).

The girls will be teaching lessons about Zionism and the culture and history of Israel through activities, dance and other programs. They will decorate the school to bring out the spirit of the holidays, take field trips and participate in activities with students throughout the school year. Every two weeks they will teach a new folk dance to the 7th graders, as well as teach the 5th graders Daglanut, the Israeli Flag Dance, for the annual Yom Ha'atzmaut performance.

If you would like to host Hadar and Talya for Shabbat, chagim or any other time, please contact Rachel Harow at rachelharow@yahoo.com.



Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger blows the Shofar each morning during the Hebrew month of Elul as students in 2nd through 5th grades gather in the hallway and Morah Hadassah shares a story and lesson with the students.

## NEW FACULTY & STAFF



**James Daily** is no stranger to HDS. Last year he substituted for Mrs. Tinio's science class, and this year he officially joins Hillel as a faculty member teaching 6th grade science. Mr. Daily will bring science to life and make it meaningful for the students. Originally from Upstate New York, Mr. Daily and his wife have two sons, Chris and Jamie, and two granddaughters, Olivia and Elan.



**Yona Lobel** joins us as the new 3rd grade Judaics teacher. She came from Magen David Yeshiva in Brooklyn, NY, and said that when she came for her interview she never felt such warmth and already feels like part of the HDS family. She was born in Jerusalem, Israel, and has 3 children: Chaim (36), Shimon (34) and Bracha (28).



**Nomi Feinberg** has joined the Middle School staff in several capacities. She describes her role at HDS as interdisciplinary, teaching 6th and 8th grade social studies including world geography and American history, as well as teaching 6th and 7th grade math, specializing in blended learning, which utilizes a 21st century online, self-paced math program hosted in the HDS computer lab.

In addition, she feels blessed to teach Tefilla, raising awareness of our connection to Hakadosh Boruchu and the power and meaning of prayer. Ms. Feinberg was born in West Islip, NY, and has six children: Sarit (19), Tzvi (17), Yehudah (16), Eliezer (13), Miryl (12), and Peri (10), the youngest three attending HDS. While attending Emory University, she decided to embark for a "Semester at Sea," a university program on an ocean liner circumnavigating the globe. On her first journey they ran aground in Alexandria, Egypt, causing the vessel to be dry-docked for months. She, along with 100 faculty and 500 students, were bussed across the Sinai (her own personal exodus from Mitzraim) to spend 2 months in a hotel in Jerusalem. It was that "coincidence," which most shaped her life as a Jew, as she fell forever in love with Israel, and then with Torah. Ms. Feinberg dedicates her life to our children, and their Jewish education fills her soul every day.



**Sarah Meyers** has returned to HDS, now teaching 4th grade secular studies. Previously, Mrs. Meyers taught at Hillel for 3 years, then took a break to raise her two sons, Aiden (6) and Asher (3). She was born in New York and is happy to be back at HDS after a 6 year hiatus.



**Esther (Esti) Ohayon** is HDS' new Middle School math teacher and will also be teaching advanced math for 5th grade. She was born in Brooklyn, NY, and she and her husband Corey have three children: Kira (7), Ossie (3) and Aeli (3), who all attend HDS.



**Peninah Salid** is teaching 4th grade Judaics, 6th grade Chumash, and 7th grade Ivrit. She is very excited to have joined the HDS faculty. Born in Memphis, TN, she and her husband Jay have eight children: Zvi (20), Nessia (18), Basya (17), Yehoshua (15), Moshe (14), Devorah (13), Rafael (12), and Miriam (10). Last summer she took a course at Yad V'shem to learn how to teach Shoah studies, and this past winter she traveled to Poland.



**Devora Gutman** is our new 3rd grade secular studies assistant teacher, working with Ms. Kridos. Born in Royal Oak, MI, she has two brothers, Geoffrey (29) and Danny (32). Ms. Gutman is a recent graduate from the University of Central Florida. She has been in Florida for 12 years, seven of them in South Florida. An avid "road-tripper," Ms. Gutman is planning her 7th one in June 2015 and is excited to be part of the Hillel family.



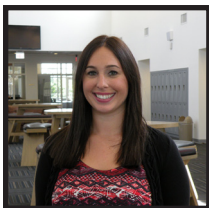
**Rabbi Matan Wexler** is teaching Middle School Judaic studies, including Toshba to 6th through 8th graders, and Chumash to 7th and 8th grade students. He looks forward to getting to know all of the students and being part of the HDS family. Rabbi Wexler was born in Eilat, Israel, however he comes to us directly from Minneapolis, MN, and notes that he is familiar with weather 60 degrees below zero! He and his wife, Yaffi, have two children: Shlomo (2, and an HDS student) and Ezra (7 months).



**Risa Kahane** is our new Assistant to the Principals, and is working with Mr. Chayim Dimont and Morah Hadassah Smolarcik. She hopes to help make our school even more wonderful for the students, families and faculty. Mrs. Kahane was born in Bogata, Columbia, and loves reading, cooking, going to the beach, skiing, playing Scrabble and spending time with her family. She and her husband Levi have four children (all HDS students): David (13), Benjamin (10), Penina (10), and Olivia (9).



**Michael Massengill, a.k.a. Officer Mike** is HDS' new School Resource Officer. His role is to help keep the students, staff and visitors safe and secure on the Milton B. Katz Campus. He welcomes the opportunity to be a resource to the Hillel Day School community. Born in Bay Shore, Long Island, he and his wife Cindi have two children: Daniel and Kim.



**Alyssa Kinigsberg** is our new Middle School English teacher. Her goal is to inspire her students to achieve a love and respect of literature and the English language. Born in Thousand Oaks, CA, Mrs. Kinigsberg attended Florida State University and is a huge Seminoles fan. A newlywed, she and her husband Cory, traveled around Europe on their honeymoon last year and saw many amazing things. They have a dog named Mickey.

Officer Mike retired from Boca Raton Fire/Rescue as a captain after 29 years of service as a firefighter and EMT. He has worked in various fields over the years including education, investigation and medical and code compliance. His most recent training has been in security and protection related to executives, assembly areas and schools.

## Shop 'Til You Drop – and Support HDS

### Pre-Rosh Hashanah Boutique

On the evening of September 17, the Boca Raton Synagogue bustled with excitement as hundreds of shoppers took a break from their busy schedules to attend HDS PTA's Pre-Rosh Hashanah holiday boutique. The semi-annual event raised funds for HDS, while bringing business to our community vendors and providing one-stop shopping for our patrons. From clothing to hats, housewares, jewelry, Judaica, paper goods, toys, children's accessories and more, the event offered something for everyone—often at discounted prices.

The PTA commends **Orlie Cohen** and **Rachel Harow** for their outstanding work in coordinating and organizing the boutique. Thanks also to all of our parent and student volunteers: **Alexandra Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Dvora Eisen, Sharon Fein, Tani Gross, Aiden Harow, Ami Harow, Chani Katz, Lori Landes, Michalie Landes** and **Andrea Zucker**. Kudos to **Jeremy and Deena Lurie** and **Lori Landes** for promoting our Scrip gift card program. We also express our gratitude to **Matthew Hocherman, Linda Gordon** and the **BRS staff** for their help setting up the event.



Thanks to a 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 206,340 points (30,450 since the start of the 2014/2015 school year). Through your efforts, HDS has earned a \$385 donation (\$60 this school year) from Shoparoo. For more information, please contact **Julie Ehrlich** at [juliehrlich@hotmail.com](mailto:juliehrlich@hotmail.com).

The PTA expresses its gratitude to **Pita Pan Bakery** for its generous weekly donation of delicious, fresh challot for our Early Childhood Shabbat program, in loving memory of Rachel Vidal. We also thank all of the volunteers who pick up challot weekly.



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

**Coupon Books:** PTA is offering coupon books for \$10. Each book includes \$20 worth of Winn Dixie coupons, as well as coupons from many vendors such as Men's Wearhouse® and Party City. The coupon books are available at the front desk.

**Perfect Presents:** Tired of shopping for last-minute birthday party gifts? If you have a child or children in Early Childhood through fifth grade, you can save time, money and energy with PTA's Perfect Presents program. For a one-time fee, your child receives a gift for his or 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 **Naomi Katz** at [nweisel@gmail.com](mailto:nweisel@gmail.com).

**B'nai/B'not Mitzvah Fund:** Do you find it hard to select the perfect Bar or Bat Mitzvah gift? 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 **Sara Goldberg, Lori Landes** and **Suri Winograd** for organizing the gifts.

**A Refreshing Summer-End Treat:  
Annual PTA Ice Cream Social**



What better way to start off the new school year than to gather with family, friends and teachers on a Sunday (or should we say *sundae*?!). On August 24, parents and students attended the Annual PTA Ice Cream Social, excited to reunite with friends, meet teachers and staff and, most importantly, welcome new families to HDS. The PTA thanks **Chuck** from our neighborhood **Carvel** store on Glades Road for generously donating the ice cream and toppings. We applaud **Kimberly Frohlich** and **Elana Rackman** for *whipping up* this exciting event, and thank all of our volunteers: **Caleb Berman, Judah Berman, Zachary Cohen, Jacob Freedman, Sydney Freedman, Hymie Frohlich, Judah Frohlich, Max Frohlich, Seth Frohlich, Yoni Mayer, Sarit Scher, Yosef Scher** and **Sruli Sharp**.



**Annual New Moms' Gathering**

Over 40 women gathered at the home of **Daniel and Liora Adler** on August 30 for delicious desserts, mingling with old and new friends, and learning more about the role of the PTA and exciting volunteer opportunities. This year, Liora flawlessly planned and presented an array of delicious desserts and creative beverages. Thank you to **Shirley Mayer** and hostesses **Lizzy Adler, Rebecca Adler, and Ariella Mayer** for their help setting up this wonderful event.



If you're looking for an easy way to get involved with HDS, consider enlisting in the PTA Troopers—and find the type of volunteer opportunities that are just right for you! Please email [sharonakay@mac.com](mailto:sharonakay@mac.com) to join and learn more.



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



Students wore Hillel ROAR T-shirts for School Spirit Day on September 4.

**With Praise, Thanks & Admiration...**

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



July:  
**Miriam Raul**

**PTA VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH**



August:  
**Ileana Flics**



September:  
**Leslie Davis**

Thank you to **Liora Adler** who purchased and labeled teacher school supplies for our HDS teaching staff to use throughout the year.



Thank you to **Lea Saïda** for keeping a watch on the Tzedakah boxes we have placed in local establishments.



Teachers enjoyed the first **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** of the school year, sponsored in honor of EC4, 2nd and 3rd grade teachers. Sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is a great way to recognize our HDS teachers and staff. For information on monthly 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).

## Hillel Founder Dedicates Classroom



On June 16, 2014, **Anna Cohen**, Hillel Founder, and her family, officially dedicated an Early Childhood classroom in memory of her beloved father, **Nat Wasserman, z"l**.

Anna's brother, **Danny Wasserman**, along with her three children, **Sarah, Josh** and **David** (who were first-year Hillel students in 1989), and other close family friends all gathered for the dedication ceremony, which took place outside of the EC3 Classroom #1213. Anna spoke about her father's involvement in the school during the early years, including his building of wood cubbies and chairs for the original classrooms.

Her father, a proud Jew, was devoted to Jewish education throughout his lifetime. Also in attendance of this befitting tribute were **Rabbi Samuel J. Levine, Rabbi Adam Englander**, and **Suzanne Rice**.

Anna Cohen has followed in her father's footsteps with her passion for Jewish education, and was one of the original Founders of the school over 25 years ago. She, along with many of the school's Founders, attended last year's 25th Anniversary Journal Event held in December 2013. You can hear Anna's story about the beginning of Hillel Day School in the 25th Anniversary video, posted on the school's website at [www.hilleldayschool.org](http://www.hilleldayschool.org).



## New Parent Orientation

A record-breaking number of new families to Hillel Day School received a warm welcome at the New Parent Orientation held on August 19. After families were greeted with a welcome bag of HDS goodies, they entered the Beit Midrash for an informational Q&A session.

Presentations by the Administration included **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Head of School, **Chayim Dimont**, Principal (Early Childhood - Grade 3), **Hadassah Smolarcik**, Principal (Grades 4 & 5 and Judaic Studies), **Joe Sharp**, Executive Director, **Suzanne Rice**, Director of Development, and **Jill Kaminetzky**, Assistant to the Head of School and New Parent Buddy Coordinator.

Following the presentation to the new and newly returning families, parents schmoozed with one another as well as with the Administration as they enjoyed cookies and fruit.

This orientation is a wonderful way to make our new families feel welcome, as well as meet other new families at HDS. This year HDS breaks its record with 49 new families to the school.







Mazal Tov to the winners of this year's Jewish holiday card contest: **Eliana Broide** (Rosh Hashanah), **Alexandra Cohen** (Chanukah) and **Leora Bakst** (Pesach). Special thanks to Barbara Rose and Tova Hocherman, HDS Art Department, for overseeing this annual project.

## HDS Joins JCC Maccabi Games



This past summer the Adolph & Rose Levis JCC hosted the JCC Maccabi Games, an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in North America, and the second largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers in the world.

Participating in the Boca Raton-based Games were 900 teens from North America and Israel, ages 12-16, competing in a variety of sporting events during the week of August 10-15. Many Hillel students and alumni competed including: **Henry Bensmihen, Maital Citron, Maya Citron, Ari Cohen, Alex Factor, Kyra Firestone, Jonah Gabor, Noah Gabor, Jeremy Griff, Talia Gritzman, Sara Haar, Doni Jacob, Jeremy Jacob, Ty Kay, Jordan Landes, Yoni Mayer, Adam Ovadia and Jonah Tripp.**

In addition, there were 200 coaches, 1,300 volunteers and 300 host families, many of whom were HDS parents, all coming together to make the games an amazing success.



**Shirley Mayer**, HDS parent and faculty member, along with her family, hosted three boys from Panama and said that the cultural experience of having the multilingual guests stay with them was a positive one for her family. "We shared Shabbat with them, transported them to events and cheered them on throughout the week," said Mayer, whose son **Yoni**, also participated in the Games. Mayer noted that one of the boys asked which direction was east so that he could daven, while another studied with her husband for the Chidon Hatanach Artzi.

The Hillel Day School gymnasium was a host venue for the basketball competitions during the week, while Chesed activities took place in the Loewenstern Cafetorium.

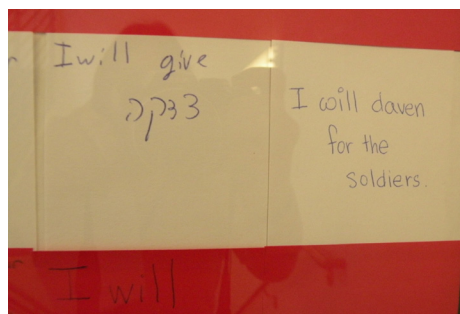
To learn more about the JCC Maccabi Games go to [www.jccmaccabigames.org](http://www.jccmaccabigames.org).



One of the first **KAR<sup>2</sup>E** (Kindess Always, Respect & Responsibility Everywhere) programs this year was in commemoration of September 11.

Middle School students had the opportunity to hear **Sari Vine**, HDS Middle School faculty member, and her sister, **Gina Cayne**, speak about

the unfortunate events of 9/11 and the tragic loss of Mrs. Cayne's husband in the World Trade Center. In order to create something positive out of this horrific day, this KAR<sup>2</sup>E program, created by **Dr. Jordana Carmel**, Director of Student Support and Guidance, set forth a program for the students to partake in the "I will" campaign, which encourages people to make a commitment to do something positive on 9/11. Every Middle School student and teacher wrote an "I will" commitment on either a red or white piece of paper. Commitments ranged from "I will make 5 people smile" to "I will say thank you to our Officer Mike." These papers were later put together to create the American Flag which now hangs in our Middle School building, acting as a daily reminder to do something positive.





The start of the 2014-2015 school year began with Boys Flag Football and Girls Volleyball. Both teams enjoyed a very competitive and exciting fall season. This was a rebuilding year for both teams, and they showed a lot of promise for the future. 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. As always, we were so proud of the outstanding sportsmanship displayed by our teams.

We look forward to our late fall season, and we are very happy to announce that along with our Varsity Boys Soccer, Girls JV and Varsity Basketball teams, Hillel will have their first-ever JV Soccer team, which will include students in 5th, 6th and 7th grades!

**GO LIONS!!!**

**MEET ARI,  
HDS' NEW MASCOT!**



Meet Ari, the "Lion," Hillel Day School's new mascot! Ari debuted at the end of the last school year and is generously donated by the PTA. Look for Ari at the Lions games and throughout the school year!



**BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL**

*By: Coach Mike Nieves*

The Lions football team had a rebuilding season this year with no returning starters, a handful of returning players and a new head coach. The Lions learned a lot about the game and teamwork and put together a great season. A fourth-quarter comeback win against Sagemont illustrated that when the Lions trust in one another anything is possible.



**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

*By: Coach Samantha Witztum*



The Girls Volleyball team finished their season 2-5. The athletes worked on a lot of their basic skills and steadily improved in all areas. At least half of the team will be returning next year, and their enthusiasm is incredible. We are looking forward to improving our record with these veterans and any new players next year.

I thoroughly enjoyed working with the girls this season and I feel that the players have a sense of accomplishment. Each member of the team improved their individual skills and I am so proud of each and every one of them. Well done on an enjoyable Volleyball season!

*Special thanks to Leora Cohn for her assistance in taking the sports photos.*

Sports Hotline: 561-470-5000 ext. 298



**2014-2015 Campaign Kick-Off**

**HDS Approved for \$75,000 Grant**

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Hillel Day School has implemented many security enhancements on the Milton B. Katz Campus.

After many months of research, the school Administration, with the full support of the Board of Trustees and a recently formed security committee, decided to employ an armed security guard dedicated to our campus. Officer Mike (see pg. 5) will work in concert and be in continuous communication with the rest of the security force on the Federation campus. He will be responsible for ensuring that the best security practices are in place at school and will be patrolling, profiling, checking doors, etc., throughout the school day.

In addition, a state-of-the art security camera system has been installed throughout the entire campus, a new perimeter fence is in place and an improved alarm system, with panic buttons, has also been installed.

"An access control system for many of the doors on campus will be installed in the near future," explained Joe Sharp, HDS Executive Director, who has been working closely with all of the contractors involved with these enhancements. "There is nothing more important than the safety of our children and we are very pleased to announce these improvements."



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Faculty and Community Members,

We are excited to announce the kick-off of the official 2014-2015 Campaign season and a goal of raising \$500,000.

We hope that each of you will help us meet this goal. Our "Every Parent Campaign" strives for 100% participation, no matter the amount of your donation.

There are so many ways to give and we are happy to discuss with you options of what would make for a meaningful gift of Tzedakah for you. We look forward to a successful year ahead!

- Orly & Suzanne

**MAJOR GIFTS**

~Lamed Vav Society~

~Chai Society~

~Maimonides Society~

**PHASE II**

Capital Campaign

**Every Parent Campaign**

100% Participation!

**CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY**

**PRESERVE COMMUNITY BUILD TRADITION**

**GOAL \$500,000 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

- Annual Journal Event
- Annual Golf Tournament/Annual Raffle
- General Donations
- Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program
- Tribute Donations

**DESIGNATED GIFTS**



**The Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program**

The Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program is endowed in memory of Menashe Koppel Cohn, A'H, by his parents, Naomi & Todd Cohn, and his siblings, Eli Meir, Leora and Tamar.

We thank our Major Gifts Society members for being pillars of strength and for their support of Hillel Day School and Jewish education.

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| <p><b>Lamed Vav Society</b><br/>Sal &amp; Leslie Abady<br/>**Daniel &amp; Liora Adler<br/>Alliance for Jewish Education<br/>Anonymous<br/>Al &amp; Evelyn Begas<br/>Joseph &amp; Lisa Bensmihen<br/>Esther Berglas<br/>Steven &amp; Rebecca Berkeley<br/>Michael &amp; Mirta Brown<br/>Eli &amp; Orly Cohen<br/>Daniel &amp; Gilah Danino<br/>Michael &amp; Sheryl Dennis</p> | <p>Brian &amp; Sharon Ferber<br/>Marty &amp; Ileana Flics<br/>*Benjamin &amp; Cara Freedman<br/>*Joseph &amp; Galit Freedman<br/>Roger &amp; Lisa Gladstone<br/>Glen &amp; Rosa Golish<br/>Hillel Gomolin<br/>Avi &amp; Laura Greenbaum<br/>Stanley &amp; Ana Haar<br/>Jeffrey &amp; Jodi Harris<br/>Bernie &amp; Melanie Kaminetsky<br/>**Daniel &amp; Caroline Katz<br/>Leigh &amp; Stace Katzman</p> | <p>David &amp; Sharona Kay<br/>David &amp; Marissa Levenson<br/>Rabbi Alejandro &amp; Sandra Lilienthal<br/>Harold &amp; Donna Richter<br/>Michael &amp; Jill Rose<br/>Michael &amp; Amy Schiffman<br/>Reid &amp; Naomi Shapiro<br/>Teddy &amp; Linda Struhl<br/>Warren &amp; Robin Struhl<br/>Benjamin &amp; Donna Tripp<br/>Michael &amp; Risa Zimmerman<br/>* New Members for 2014-15<br/>** Renewed Members for 2014-15</p> | <p><b>Chai Society</b><br/>**Avraham &amp; Elana Belizon<br/>Mark &amp; Helen Cohan<br/>Benjamin &amp; Cara Freedman<br/>Glen &amp; Rosa Golish<br/>Avi &amp; Laura Greenbaum<br/>*Isaac &amp; Ilona Grynstejn<br/>Stanley &amp; Ana Haar<br/>Rabbi Alejandro &amp; Sandra Lilienthal<br/>David &amp; Sara Markowitz<br/>Jack &amp; Marilyn Pechter<br/>Michael &amp; Jill Rose<br/>Stuart &amp; Hindy Rubin</p> | <p>Michael &amp; Amy Schiffman<br/>Teddy &amp; Phyllis Struhl<br/>Warren &amp; Robin Struhl<br/>Hedy &amp; Dori Zaghi<br/>*Michael &amp; Risa Zimmerman</p> <p><b>Maimonides Society</b><br/>Steven Berkeley &amp; Rebecca Stern<br/>Mark &amp; Helen Cohan<br/>Meyer &amp; Laura Cohen<br/>Benjamin &amp; Cara Freedman<br/>*Joshua &amp; Sara Light<br/>Adam &amp; Shaani Splaver</p> |
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**PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE:  
Glen Golish Supporting  
"The Helping Israel Fund"**



**Glen Golish** is a member of HDS Board of Trustees and co-chairs the Create a Jewish Legacy campaign at HDS. He and his wife, Rosa, have 4 children: Ariella (HDS Alumna), Leora (HDS Alumna), Shoshanna (HDS Alumna), and Yosef (6th grade).

Thank you, Glen, for Making a Difference!

**How did the Helping Israel Fund get started?** I was chairman of a golf tournament for many years that supported the soldiers through the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. The Helping Israel Fund, Inc. was created to reach more soldiers through additional charities and focus on more direct giving and to make an immediate impact in meeting the needs of the soldiers.

**What type of fund it is?** The Helping Israel Fund Inc., is a 501c (3) non-profit, public charity. The sole purpose of the charity is to raise funds for Israel and the Israel Defense Forces. 100% of the net proceeds are directed to multiple worthy organizations and are designated for projects that don't have administrative fees associated with them.

**How can students get involved?** Students can raise money to provide soldiers with care packages that will be distributed to soldiers by Yashar LaChayal and the Israel Defense Forces Rabbinate. For \$39 a soldier will receive a jacket and a few pairs of tzitzit or for \$41 they will receive a jacket and shlukerim (an insulated water backpack that is a phenomenal replacement for a canteen). To provide a complete care package that includes a jacket, Tzitzit, shlukerim, neck warmer, hat, gloves and thermals the donation would be \$102. The student can also include a personal letter to a soldier.

**Tell us about any upcoming projects/events you are working on:** The needs are great so we raise money year round. However, our biggest fundraiser, The Golish Financial Group Annual Charity Golf Tournament Benefiting the Israel Defense Forces will be taking place on Nov. 17th at Boca Lago Country Club. This year we are honored to dedicate the tournament in loving memory of Jeff Harris' father, Stewart Harris, A"H". 100% of the net proceeds will help provide, as an example, tuition for college for soldiers from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds; winter clothing; Tzitzit; water backpacks for a Pluga (unit) of soldiers and much more.

*For more information contact Glen Golish, 561-869-4600.*

**Do you know someone who makes a difference?**

Email [srice@hilleldayschool.org](mailto:srice@hilleldayschool.org) to make your nomination for the next *Hillel Herald*.

If you have information to include in a future *Hillel Herald*, please email [srice@hilleldayschool.org](mailto:srice@hilleldayschool.org).

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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.

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.

**2014-2015 Calendar  
At-A-Glance**

**November**

- 11 Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)
- 20 Individual Picture Retakes and Class Picture Day
- 26 End of 1st Trimester (school closes at noon)
- 27 Thanksgiving (school closed)
- 28 Thanksgiving Break (school closed)

**December**

- 10 Chesed Day
- 14 Chanukah Fair & Open House
- 16-23 Chanukah
- 26 School closed

**January**

- 1 New Year's Day (school closed)
- 2 School closed
- 15-23 Mid-Year Break (school closed)

**February**

- 4 Tu B'Shevat
- 16 Presidents' Day (school closed)
- 24 Grades 1-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)
- 25 Grades 1-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (day) - regular school day/no school for grades 6-8 only

**March**

- 4 Fast of Esther (2:15pm dismissal for grades 6-8)
- 5 Purim (school closed)
- 6 Faculty In-Service (school closed) (tentative)/end of 2nd trimester
- 8 Daylight Savings Begins
- 29 Federation Super Sunday

**April**

- 2-10 Pesach Break (school closed)
- 3 Erev Pesach
- 14-24 8th Grade Israel Trip
- 20-22 6th Grade Sea Camp Trip
- 21-22 7th Grade Washington DC Trip
- 6 Yom Hashoah
- 22 Yom Hazikaron
- 23 Yom Ha'atzmaut

**May**

- 7 Lag B'Omer
- 11-14 SATs (grades 2-8)
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences EC2-K (evening)
- 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences EC2-K (day)
- 14 Sports Night (tentative)
- 17 Yom Yerushalayim
- 22 Early Dismissal at noon
- 23 Erev Shavuot
- 24 Shavuot/Memorial Day (school closed)

**June**

- 4 KTP Night (tentative)
- 11 Kindergarten Graduation (tentative)
- 12 Last Day of School
- 14 8th Grade Graduation (tentative)
- 22 Camp Ruach Begins

