

MAZAL TOV CLASS OF 2016! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

10th Anniversary of 8th Grade Israel Trip

The tenth consecutive annual 8th grade trip to Israel took place in April. We thank **Daniel Katz** for his dedication and time in planning and leading this trip each year. To view the videos from each day of the 9-day trip, visit our HillelTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/HillelTube>.

Below: KHDS 8th graders get ready for the Mount Arbel hike.

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL...

A truly incredible year has come to a close. Record enrollment, our largest graduating class, a successful "Burn the Mortgage" campaign and the renaming of our school to the Katz Hillel Day School were just some of the highlights. We are grateful to our families, our teachers and staff and, most importantly, to Hashem for the success we have experienced as we endeavor to provide our children with an outstanding Torah and general studies education.

One of the most important and impactful elements of this excellent education is the 8th grade graduation trip to Israel. We consider this experience to be the ultimate culmination of a KHDS education. So much of what we learn and value come to life during this 9 day journey.

- Torah and Tefillah - Tanach and Jewish history take on new dimensions as we walk in the footsteps of our ancestors and our children get the opportunity to pray and connect with Hashem in the holiest of places.
- Zionism - The miracle of the modern state of Israel is apparent to all. We gain an appreciation for the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made to ensure our freedom in our homeland as we learn about the land, meet soldiers on their bases and experience the powerful transition from Yom HaZikaron into Yom Ha'atzmaut.
- Ahavat Yisrael - We meet numerous individuals who are modern day heroes, we spend meaningful time with underprivileged children and we encounter average Israelis who are anything but average. We learn to truly appreciate and develop a deep love for our amazing brothers and sisters.
- The meaning of "Home" - There is an aspect of the trip that simply cannot be captured in words. There is a "feeling" when you are there and everyone feels it. It's a connection to something special, something different, something better. The best way I can describe it is the sense of knowing that you are "home."

May you all be blessed with a wonderful summer!



SPECIAL GUESTS

Rabbi Eli Eleff, Rabbinic Coordinator at the Orthodox Union, spoke to the 6th and 7th graders about Kashrut/dietary laws.



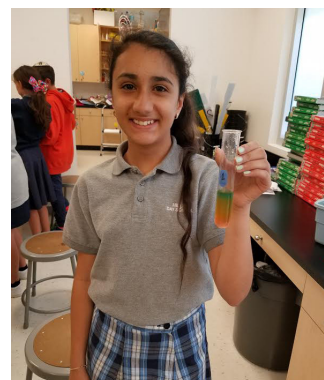
We were so honored to have **Rabbi Herschel Schachter**, Rosh Yeshiva and Rosh Kollel at Yeshiva University, daven with our Middle School and answer questions from our 8th graders about what they are learning in Toshba.

SHABBATON & ROPES COURSE



SCIENCE

6th grade students experimented with dyed ocean water to see how salinity affects density and 7th grade students dissected cow eyes in Mrs. Tinio's science class.



SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING PROGRAM



Our Sunday Morning Learning Program dedicated by **Avraham and Elana Belizon**, in memory of **Dr. Yitzchak Belizon, A"H**, made its annual visit to Boynton Beach. Thank you to the **Anshei Chesed Congregation** for hosting us and providing an awesome breakfast!



The 5th-8th grade boys who participated in the Sunday Morning Learning program this year were treated to a Marlins game! Kol HaKavod to the 30 boys who participated and thank you to the **Belizons** for making this possible!

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



"Summer"—what a beautiful word for children. A time when kids have more free time to run, play, swim, bike, and just recharge. And just like students, teachers and administrators also enjoy the freedom of summer. To be able to relax, take a deep breath, and think back

upon a very busy and industrious year. Teaching is probably one of the few professional fields, outside of sports, where there is a beginning, middle, and distinct end, and a time afterward to really reflect. Educators are very lucky to have this wonderful and unique opportunity to grow, improve, and challenge themselves to be better for the incoming classes, and to learn from what worked and what didn't. Over the summer, we, as educators, spend significant time reflecting upon our successes, failures, and reservations. We use the time to enhance our lesson plans, think up new and improved ways to encourage bright minds, and keep our skill sets sharpened. But with the summer break comes a bit of anxiousness about our pupils. How will they maintain all that they have learned over the school year? What will they do to keep up their skills? Will the new group coming in be able to be brought up to the level we want to take them?

There is no doubt that children should enjoy their summer; however, in order for them to recharge, reflect, and, most importantly, grow, it is vital that they spend some parts of their days reflecting and reviewing all the skills they have worked so hard to achieve. Remember that while school stops for summer, learning never should.



Mazal Tov to the Kindergarten graduating Class of 2016. Look for a full recap in our Annual Report.



Kindergarten students applied what they learned in their reading program and created box cars, like *Superkid Hot Rod* did, using Sir Isaac Newton's 3 Laws of Motion as a guide.



ART NIGHT

The second floor of the Middle School building was transformed into an art gallery for the Annual Early Childhood Art Night event.

Thank you to **Chava Weisstuch**, Art Night

Committee Chair, as well as the committee: **Deena Frist, Naomi Katz, Elisheva Schwarzman, Penina Shoenfeld, Rachel Tripp** and **Michal Zisquit**. Also, thank you to **Deborah Young** for her assistance with the event.



Congratulations to **Ben & Cara Freedman** for winning the raffle prize, a beautiful canvas created by all of the EC students.



READATHON

The annual Readathon had students reading books to collectively reach a goal. Thank you to the **Florida Panthers** and **Stanley C. Panther** for helping us kick off the 2016 Wild About Reading Program!



(above left) **Rabbi Drang** and **Stanley C. Panther**; (above right) Middle school and elementary school students read together on the KHDS lawn as part of reading week.

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent

Midot

Every

Time

Mazal Tov to all of the winners!



Ruth Abramovitz
Gabriella Asher
Netanel Asher
Yael Avezbadalov
Abby Beim
Nava Berkeley
Caleb Berman
Eliana Berman
Liba Berman
Hila Blanka
Eliana Burack
Noa Carmel
Josh Cohen
Netanel Cohen
Shayna Cohen
Tamir Cohen
Elie Dahan
Nava Davis
Ezra Dimont
Shlomo Ehrlich
Meir Eisen
Yigal Eisenberger
Meir Englander
Asher Fellman
Rebecca Freedman
Shai Freedman
Sarah Goodfriend

Yaffa Goodfriend
Dovid Grajower
Shoshana Greene
Naomi Haik
Avi Hamburger
Isaac Hanina
Amitai Harow
Ariella Herschberg
Netanya Herschberg
Benny Hochner
Chana Kahan
Sholom Ber Kahan
Shuey Kahan
Eitan Kaminetzky
Naftali Kieffer
Sari Kirschner
Talia Kroll
Benjy Landau
Sara Lazar
Evan Levontin
Daniel Lugassy
Ilan Mayer
Tamar Mayer
Gadi Mayzel
Maia Mayzel
Caleb Meltzer
Dassie Mergui

Naomi Nachim
Tyler Pilkington
Aiden Pinkis
Ariella Pinkis
Rhyann Rackman
Hadarah Rosen
Abby Rosenthal
Dafna Saketkhov
Matan Scher
Joey Schoenfeld
Ella Schwarzman
Yosef Schwarzman
Eliana Shapiro
Gilad Shimonovic
Merav Skoczylas
Rebecca Slesinger
Ryan Sperling
Ari Spolter
Ethan Stern
Nate Stern
Eliana Tokayer
Arielle Tripp
Mirel Weg
Avi Young
Yoni Young
Calev Zak
Noah Zucker

Hadassah Smolarcik, M.S. Ed. Principal, Grades 4 & 5 and Judaic Studies



At the close of the school year, our Head of School, **Rabbi Adam Englander**, sent a message to KHDS parents thanking them “for entrusting us with their most precious possessions and for being loyal partners in building the Jewish future.” This beautifully expressed feeling of thanks came on the heels of, Baruch Hashem, an amazing academic year. We graduated the largest class in KHDS history, we are at record enrollment, paying off our mortgage, and lowering tuition!!!

Recently, I had a discussion with a parent considering the option of enrolling their children in a non-Jewish “gifted program” elsewhere. I cannot tell people where to enroll their children but I can present a persuasive reason why children should have a Jewish education and so I gladly elaborated on why a Jewish education is in fact a “gifted program.” There is an overwhelming amount of statistical evidence that demonstrates the value of such an education. Jewish day school students score in the top percentiles on national standardized exams. During children’s elementary years in Jewish day school, they are challenged with a dual curriculum. These children receive extra mental stimulation, including using one’s brain in a variety of additional ways such as analyzing texts, discussing ethics, studying a second language and even a third language when they learn Gemara. Another advantage is the emphasis placed on teaching middot and values, not just part of a curriculum, but as practiced and emulated by the role models, their teachers, and then in turn practiced among the students. Jewish day school students are more likely to be Jewishly active as adults who will then perpetuate the Jewish community.

The study of Torah promotes ethical living, and broadens the curriculum to the breadth of the entire emotional and psychological human experience and when done well, integrates the arts, languages, social sciences and even health and fitness. When we promote a Jewish education, we must emphasize the most important aspect of Jewish life—Torah study. Torah study is not a value just for the immediate skills but rather for the long-term benefits that refine our minds and souls. When we commit to Torah learning, we integrate our minds, hearts and souls in ways well beyond what secular subjects can offer—it leads to a life that is rewarding, meaningful and purposeful. So to the parents who make the choice to send their children to the “gifted programs”—who is really getting a gifted education? I say the students of KHDS who are learning the greatest gift to mankind...our Holy Torah!

UNITED HATZALAH HQ

One of many nachat moments on the eighth grade Israel trip was our visit to the **United Hatzalah of Israel** headquarters. The students were privileged to meet the founder and chief visionary, **Mr. Eli Beer**, who spoke to the students and explained the vital role that United Hatzalah serves. With 3,000 volunteers throughout Israel, responders cover over 700 emergencies each day as they are the quickest emergency medical first response in Israel. After seeing the command center and watching a very informative presentation, the students were so moved that they took their own initiative to raise



MESSIBAT CHUMASH

The 1st grade proudly made their annual presentation at the Messibat Chumash in May. Thank you to **Naomi and Jeffrey Gross** for donating the Chumashim in loving memory of **Tobie and William Wiener**. Thank you to **Freyda and Donny Cohen** for donating the chocolate in loving memory of **R' Yisroel Elimelech**. Also thank you to the decorating committee: **Freyda Cohen, Yifat Elimelech, Rachel Harow, and Mor Panigel** as well as the entire 1st grade team: **Pammy Burns, Hana Marin, Shira Sharp and Samantha Witztum** for their hard work.



THANK YOU, MOR & YIFAT

KHDS extends a huge thank you to our amazing B'not Sherut for their hard work and dedication to our school. We wish them much success in their future endeavors and will long cherish the memories we have shared together.



DAVENING

Want to know why the Middle School has such a beautiful tefillah? One reason is that we don't only daven... we LEARN about davening!



money for Hatzalah. As we got on the bus, students pulled out money from their wallets and within 15 minutes they raised \$560. Two parents contributed as well, bringing the total to \$1,360 in order to purchase vital equipment needed to equip the ambulances used to bring lifesaving care. This mitzvah of Tzedakah and empathy towards our brothers, all of Klal Yisrael, can only come

from an education and environment in which students see and are taught that we do not stand idly by when someone needs our help. We must take action and offer assistance in any way possible. This was truly a proud moment!

THE LION'S DEN

Maia Shaffer, Athletic Director



Another school year is over and what an amazing one it has been! First, I would like to thank all of the student athletes for participating in our sports program. Here are some of the highlights from this fabulous school year!

Congratulations to our Boys Tennis Team and **Coach Ray** for winning 2nd place in the league! Also, congratulations to our Girls Volleyball Team, led by **Coach Samantha** and **Coach Taylor**, for making the playoffs for the very first time in KHDS history. We're very proud of our Girls Basketball Team led by **Coach Allan** for making the second round of the playoffs and coming really close to the championship game. Our amazing Boys and Girls Soccer teams led by **Coach Moishe**, **Coach Fritz**, and **Coach Ovadia** made it to the playoffs once again! Girls Tennis, Boys JV Basketball, and Boys Varsity Basketball and Softball teams did not make the playoffs, but demonstrated the highest level of dedication, skill, and sportsmanship during their seasons. Another highlight of this school year was the establishment of our 4th and 5th grade Flag Football, Boys and Girls Basketball, and Boys Soccer teams. This has provided our young athletes with a great opportunity to improve their skills and to prepare them for the upcoming competitive Middle School sports program.

I would like to thank our superb coaches for their hard work and dedication to our sports program. As always, I would like to thank **Rabbi Englander** for his strong support of KHDS' Athletic program. A special thanks to the dedicated parents for supporting our athletes at practices and games. With our strong family participation and our students' drive for excellence, we continue to expect nothing but great things.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

JRFH is a favorite fundraising event for many KHDS students. This year, a total of \$7,000 was raised for the American Heart Association, but most importantly, JRFH helps students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while raising funds to fight heart disease and stroke. The event was filled with great music, competitions, and rewards for outstanding performance.



Winners:

1st place:

Akiva (4th grade) & Matan (K) Scher raised \$1,072

2nd place:

Tamir Cohen (4th grade) raised \$905

3rd place:

Akiva Kranzler (2nd grade) raised \$785

Based on the \$7,000 raised this year, the American Heart Association will reward KHDS with a \$600 gift certificate which will help us purchase new equipment for our PE Department.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

By: Coach Samantha Witztum

The Girls Softball Team had an exciting season this year. Throughout the season, the girls worked on many basic skills and increasingly improved in all areas. The athletes showed great improvement in base running, stealing and batting. In one game, we had two players hit first-ever home runs! 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 softball season!



2015-2016 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Lizzy Adler

and

Noah Mamann



TENNIS

By: Coach Ray Smith

It was a pleasure coaching the Tennis Team for the 2016 tennis season. The boys had a phenomenal season, falling just short of winning the overall championship. The boys team should be very strong next year. The girls had a more challenging season. However, with the 6th and 7th grade returning for the 2017 season, next year's girls team looks very promising. KHDS should be very proud of its tennis teams' effort and enthusiasm.



BOYS JV SOCCER

By: Coach Moishe Aquart



The Boys JV Soccer Team had a wonderful inaugural season. The team was led by **Caleb Berman**, **Judah Frohlich**,

and **Meir Lanner**. The team had a winning record of 3 wins and 2 losses and also made the playoffs. Thank you to **Mrs. Eisen**, **Coach Ben**, and **Coach Maia Shaffer** for their support and help throughout the season. We look forward to next year, and hopefully we will be able to get some silverware (a.k.a. medals).



KHDS HAPPENINGS

5TH GRADE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

KHDS grandparent, **Bonnie Weinreb**, visited the 5th grade class to speak about her oral history publication, "A Gift of Memories®," and techniques for conducting an oral history interview. She shared her own personal stories with the class, and students asked questions related to the topic. The 5th graders created their own family trees and interviewed a family member utilizing these techniques to create an online Google Docs version of the history.



LONE SOLDIER VISITS KHDS

Lone Soldier, **Joshua Lehman**, came to address the students at KHDS. Joshua is the cousin of **Noah, Jacob and Sydney Zucker**.

MEGILLAT ESTHER

KHDS parent, **Eli Tilis**, taught Kitah Alef all about Megillat Esther.



HAFRASHAT CHALLAH



6th grade girls bring their learning to life! They did Hafrashat Challah with **Morah Lanner** after learning about it in Chumash class.

AUTHOR'S TEA

The end-of-the-year performance, *The Author's Tea*, was a great success. Parents were invited to see a skit about the writing process and to witness the culmination of the students' hard work. Our talented authors dazzled the audience with their creative myth about how they reached the stars and transformed into a constellation.



INTERACTIVE FIELD TRIP

Thank you to **Morah Mindy** for organizing an interactive field trip to **Winn Dixie**. After a pizza lunch, generously provided by Winn Dixie, the students enjoyed a tour of the store by **Mashgiach Shaya**, who explained how the store keeps Kosher on a daily basis and how to identify Kosher items when shopping in a supermarket. After the tour, the students had a scavenger hunt related to what they learned. Thank you to **Morah Rosalee, Miss Jackie, Miss Sarah, Miss Melissa and Dr. Carmel** for accompanying the class on their trip.



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

David New, and his Service Dog, **Lola**, visited the 3rd grade and shared with the students interesting gadgets and technology that he uses to help him with his blindness.



KHDS HAPPENINGS

SCIENCE FAIR



This year's Science Fair theme was the simple machine. Students questioned, tested, and/or created a project that focuses on a simple machine after learning this year about all different types of simple machines, such as gears, levers, inclines, planes, pulleys, wheels and axles. Their hard work and final projects were showcased at the Annual Science Fair. Thank you to **Batsheva Klein** for her hard work on the Annual Science Fair.

END-OF-THE YEAR KTP PERFORMANCE MORE THAN JUST PEACHY!

By: Michele Dimont

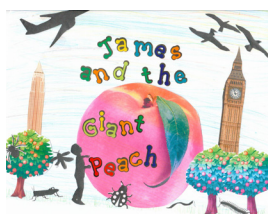


To audiences nationwide (or those just at Zinman Hall), the annual end-of-the-year performance of the Katz Hillel Day School Kids Time Program (KTP), highlighting ballet, gymnastics, and drama, was more than just peachy! Held at the Jewish Federation theater Thursday evening June 2, the program was the culmination of an amazing 2015-2016 school year featuring the always-adorable ballerinas, the athletically coordinated gymnasts, and the ever-talented junior thespians.



Keeping us all on our toes, 3- and 4-year-old ballerinas started the night off delightfully in dazzling blue leotards and tutus. They did not disappoint as they twirled, waved, and simply smiled on stage. The little dancers were absolutely darling as they held on tightly to teddy bears, swinging their bodies to the catchy tunes playing in the background. Under the direction of ballet instructors **Monica Sherman** and **Tia Hofendender**, with the assistance of **Sheri Seigel** and **Sara Mizrahi**, the tiny ballerinas were—as always—a much loved favorite!

Then came the gymnasts! Kindergarten and 1st-5th graders impressed audience members with their well-choreographed tumbles, jumps, splits, somersaults, and backbends. Running across the stage in multi-colored leotards and matching black pants, the gymnasts looked as if they were flying through the air. It was a bittersweet night for 5th grade gymnasts, **Nava Berkeley**, **Orly Dimont**, and **Mia Kogan**, who would be saying their final goodbye. Thanks to **Maia Shaffer**, who outdid herself with her talented crew of assistants, **Batya Belizon**, **Jamie Berger**, and **Elise Mazar**.



The fantastic finale of the evening, *James and the Giant Peach JR.*, based on Roald Dahl's adventurous tale of an orphan boy, his "buggy" friends, and a very magical peach, explored the lessons of courage and self-discovery. The entertaining theatrical presentation featured colorful sets and costumes and extremely talented actors with amazing musical abilities. Thanks to **Robin Braun**, director, and **Nicole Kridos**, assistant director, for all their hard work in ripening this peachy play. Congratulations to **Ettie Sharp** for winning the KTP banner design contest.

A special thanks to **Chayim Dimont**, who oversees KTP, and **Risa Kahane**, who coordinates and assists, as well as: **Hila Blanka**, **Mali Blanka**, **Leslie Firestone**, **Devora Gutman**, **Benjamin Kahane**, **Penina Kahane**, **Liora Mayer**, **Ettie Sharp**, and the **Federation Team** for all their unbelievable help throughout the year and on performance night.

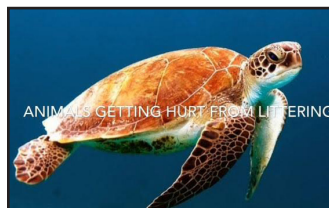
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR DOCUMENTARY DEBUTS

Over 800 students, parents, grandparents, faculty and community members attended the long-anticipated premiere of *Names, Not Numbers*®, a documentary chronicling the lives of nine survivors, on March 28 at **Temple Beth Shalom** in Century Village, Boca Raton. The 8th grade class worked on the oral history project throughout the year and personally interviewed the survivors and recorded, edited and produced the final film. Thank you to **Harry and Marilyn Wanderer** for sponsoring this program in memory of Harry's father, and thank you to **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** for taking on the crucial role of faculty advisor for the project. If you would like a DVD copy of the documentary please contact the school at 561-470-5000.

Names, Not Numbers® is an interactive, multi-media Holocaust project created by Tova Fish-Rosenberg.



FILM FESTIVAL FEATURES 5TH GRADE SHORT



The fifth graders participated in the 2015-2016 "Beneath the Waves: Youth Making Ripples" Film Festival showcasing films about ocean conservation. Due to the overwhelming response, only thirty student films were chosen out of 70 submissions

to be included in their online video database. Being a part of the online database means that our films will be shown at future "Youth Making Ripples" festivals throughout the year. We are proud to announce that two of our KHDS groups were chosen to serve as a voice for our precious oceans and sea animals! We would like to congratulate **Rebecca Adler**, **Ezra Cohen**, **Judah Greenbaum**, **Netanya Herschberg**, **Ariella Mayer**, **Abigail Rosenthal**, and **Eliana Shapiro**. In addition, we would like to express our gratitude to the entire fifth grade for their dedication and hard work on their group videos. Each and every video is truly creative and unique.

The students not only learned about ocean awareness but learned numerous video techniques throughout the filming process which included how to add intro designs, voice-overs, avatars, transition effects, action scenes, and scrolling credits.

Thank you to **Cindy Zemel**, Educational Technology Director, and **Jodi Deichman**, 5th Grade Teacher, for their collaboration on this project and for assisting the fifth graders in designing their film festival videos.

Check out the videos:

Coral Bleaching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsZUGAD62V0>

Savubg Sea Turtles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkyjy9TbRN0&nohtml5=False>

KHDS HAPPENINGS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION



Our Middle School students heard an incredible presentation about mental illness from a renowned expert, **Hakeem Rahim**. Thank you to **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services** for making this possible and to **Dr. Jordana Carmel** for organizing the program.



(pictured above): **Rita Thrasher**, President & CEO, Boca Raton's Promise; **Dr. Jordana Carmel**, **Rabbi Adam Englander**, **Hakeem Rahim**, **Danielle Hartman**, President & CEO, JFS and **Aliza Blumenthal**, JFS Community Outreach Coordinator.

GRADE NIGHTS

Thank you to **Danielle Frija**, Middle School social studies teacher, along with the **KHDS Student Council**, for organizing Grade Nights.

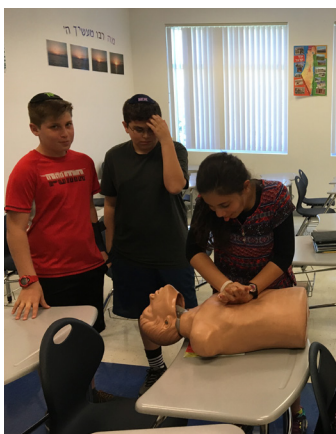


PARENT/CHILD LEARNING

KHDS was pleased to host an amazing parent/child learning program for the Middle School! Parents and children studied a Haggadah of their choice and then wrote Divrei Torah together. A truly special evening. Thank you **Morah Lanner** for organizing, and thank you to the awesome **Judaics team** for being there to assist.

ELECTIVES

3D printing, sports statistics, CPR training, track and field and cake decorating were just a fraction of the amazing offerings for Middle School electives!



STATE FAIR

The 3rd grade State Fair took a tour of the U.S. without leaving KHDS.



KHDS HAPPENINGS

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LAG B'OMER



YOM HA'ATZMAUT



YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

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KHDS HAPPENINGS

8TH GRADE ISRAEL TRIP



8th graders connecting with IDF soldiers during their class trip.

7TH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP



7th graders visit our nation's capital on their annual class trip.

6TH GRADE PIGEON KEY TRIP



6th grade students at the Sea Camp trip to Pigeon Key.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIVERSAL TRIP



Middle School students have a blast at Universal's 'Islands of Adventure' in honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar!

5TH GRADE LEGOLAND TRIP



5th graders hang out with "Legoman" at Legoland in Orlando.

KINDERGARTEN QUIET WATERS PARK TRIP



Kindergarten cools off at Quiet Waters Park.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

This year was truly an amazing year on the **Milton B. Katz Campus**. The school was officially named **Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton**, announced at our Annual Journal Dinner honoring **Daniel and Caroline Katz**. Also announced was the naming of the **Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School**, in honor of the **Struhls**, Founders and long-time supporters. We officially "Burned the Mortgage," retiring

the debt and enabling the full list price of tuition for grades K-8 to drop by \$1,000 per child beginning with the 2017/2018 school year. And, our Atid Legacy Society, an endowment and planned giving society to ensure the future of KHDS, was officially launched.

Our Every Parent Campaign had the most participation to date and our Annual Golf Outing also broke a record with over 100 golfers teeing off. This year's Annual Journal Dinner was the highest attended and raised the most money of any dinner in KHDS history. So what does all this mean? A milestone campaign year with over \$1.4 million raised for Jewish education!

Thank you to each and every one of you who made an impact. Have a wonderful summer!

Atid Legacy Society

Sal & Leslie Abady	Robert & Linda Levy
Daniel & Liora Adler	Michael & Jill Rose
Mark & Helen Cohan	Herschel & Dvora Scher
Anna S. Cohen	David & Rand Schwartzwald
Eli & Orlie Cohen	Gil & Lysee Stein
Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander	Ted & Linda Struhl
Benjamin & Cara Freedman	Teddy & Phyllis Struhl
Rabbi Simcha & Anna Freedman	Hommy & Syd Tannenbaum
Rabbi Efrem & Yocheved Goldberg	Ashi & Chava Weisstuch
*Glen & Rosa Golish	Jonathan & Suri Winograd
*Daniel & Caroline Katz	Uri & Rachel Yudewitz
David & Sharona Kay	Hedy & Dori Zaghi
Evan & Ilana Landau	Michael & Risa Zimmerman
Stephen J. & Elizabeth Landes	
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THANK YOU TO...

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Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik for designing and creating the ball markers.
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Golfsmith, Sports Authority and Warrior Custom Golf for the gift certificates.
 And to **Dossman Cleaning Services**, the **Hillel PTA**, **Sheldon Hills**, **Kosher Marketplace**, **LifeSafety Management** and **Mutual of America** for their generous support.



2ND ANNUAL PARENT-CHILD GOLF OUTING

Mazal Tov to this year's 2nd Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing Co-Chairs, **Dov Hochner** and **Ari Schwarzman**, as well as the Golf Outing Committee, **Ari Blaine**, **Rotem Carmel**, **Orlie Cohen**, **Jeremy Lurie** and **Phyllis Struhl**, for their efforts on a successful event held on Sunday, May 15 at **Boca Lago Country Club**.

In addition, thank you to this year's amazing volunteers: **Noah Bernten**, **Rotem Carmel**, **Chayim Dimont**, **Shaindi Hochner**, **Daniella Kaminetzky**, **Jill Kaminetzky**, **Yonina Kaminetzky**, **Tsippy Kilstein**, **Deena Lurie**, **Justin Lurie**, **Isaac Shapiro**, **Yitzchak Spodek**, **Phyllis Struhl**, and **Jonah Tripp**.

100 golfers enjoyed a day on the links at Boca Lago Country Club with proceeds benefiting KHDS' Scholarship Fund. The day started with lunch and an instructional Jr. Golf Clinic, followed by a 9-hole shotgun scramble. Simultaneously, an 18-hole course track also took place. Following golf, participants were joined with family members for the happy hour while children enjoyed the game room. The evening concluded with dinner and the awards ceremony.

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Although no one made the Hole-in-One to win the BMW i8, we congratulate our contest winners:

Longest Drive

Students: **Ben Blaine & Yosef Golish**
 Adults: **Joel Berley & Eric Pinkis**

Closest to the Pin

Students: **Ben Blaine & Yosef Golish**
 Adults: **Sid Koslovsky & Teddy Struhl**

Kids' Putting Contest **Tani Englander**

Additionally, winners of our golf participant raffle were **Ari Schwarzman**, who won a hoverboard, generously donated by **Joe & Shira Sharp and Family**, and **Eric Pinkis**, who won a camping package generously donated by **McGuire Army Navy**.

PTA PAGES

Sharona Kay, M.A., Ed., PTA President



KHDS expresses sincere appreciation to **Sharona Kay**, PTA President, for spearheading an amazing year of accomplishments!

We are so excited that Sharona will be continuing her leadership for the next school year! Thank you to Sharona for her time and dedication!

With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖ Thank you to **Phyllis Struhl** for creating the poster collage from the 2nd Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing. Great memories of these, and other past events, can be found in the school corridors.

❖ Parents and teachers on the go enjoyed complimentary coffee in the KHDS main lobby on various school days. We express our gratitude to **Lanie Meltzer** and **Marisa Weg** for organizing these events and donating the coffee.

❖ Thank you to **Liora Adler** for preparing snack-bag treats for our teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

❖ Thank you to **Sara Goldberg** and **Jen Kroll** for coordinating Class Picture Day.

❖ Thank you to **Lea Saida** for continuing to chair the Tzedakah box community collection, and to all the families who have been collecting and turning in their KHDS tzedakah boxes.

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

❖ Thank you to our **PTA Volunteers of the Month**, who help make our many programs and initiatives possible:

April: Crissy Kogan

May: Suri Weisfeld-Spolter



PTA BOOK SHARE: The PTA Book Share, located in the hallway just outside the main office, is a great place to find books for your children. A 50-cent donation is appreciated but not required to purchase or borrow a book. Please come and take books for your child(ren) or bring your kids by to select their own. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at the front desk. If you have questions, please contact **Sharona Kay** at sharonakay@mac.com.

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



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

AMAZON AFFILIATES: The PTA is pleased to offer the opportunity for you to participate in Amazon Affiliates, a simple way to support KHDS every time you shop at Amazon. All you need to do is visit <http://www.hillelpta.org/amazon.html> to place your Amazon order, and the school will receive between 6% back on your purchases. You'll find the exact same prices, product selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon's standard web site – with the added bonus of knowing you are supporting our school. Thank you to all of the KHDS families who have helped us raise \$4,296. We express our gratitude to **Miriam Raul** and **Andrea Zucker** for coordinating this program.

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS: Sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is a great way to recognize our KHDS 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.



SHOPAROO: Thanks to a free, downloadable application for smartphones and tablets, KHDS families are turning their grocery receipts into donations to our school. When you download Shoparoo, it does not matter what or how much you buy – every grocery receipt allows you to earn points for KHDS just by snapping a picture of it. We applaud all of the families who have helped KHDS earn \$207 in donations from Shoparoo.

SWAP SHOP: Please remember that in addition to selling new uniforms year-round at the Uniform Shoppe, the PTA Swap Shop offers gently worn uniforms. Kindly consider donating uniform tops and bottoms and Spirit shirts that your child has outgrown. If your child is in need of uniforms or Spirit shirts, you are invited to check out what is available and take it at no charge, or make a small donation to PTA. Please see **Susan Herr** or **Nurse Robin** for further information.

MABEL'S LABELS: KHDS is pleased to partner with *Mabel's Labels* in a fundraising effort. Simply shop for Mabel's Labels products online (mabelslabels.com) and our school will earn 20% back for your order. All you need to do is select "Support a Fundraiser" in the top right corner of the webpage and choose KHDS when placing your order. For more information, please contact **Sara Greene** at sagreene74@gmail.com or (310) 614-1836.

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B'NAI MITZVAH FUND: Do you find it hard to select the perfect Bar or Bat Mitzvah gifts? The B'nai Mitzvah Fund enables parents to provide Bar/Bat Mitzvah presents that benefit tzedakah and KHDS. That means you save time on shopping and support a valuable cause. A variety of gifts are available to choose from, and you designate any of several charities as the recipient of your donation. Thank you to **Lori Landes**, **Rachel Rudensky**, and **Suri Winograd** for organizing the gifts.

BOXTOPS: Congratulations to the **Schoenfeld family**, winner of our BoxTops collection for May. The Schoenfelds won a gift certificate to the KHDS Uniform Shoppe. Remember to bring your BoxTops to the front desk and include your name on the back to participate in the raffle. Thank you to **Deena Frist** for coordinating the BoxTops collection.



GOOD & WELFARE CARDS: The PTA offers beautiful Good & Welfare cards to honor lifecycle events. The suggested donation per card is \$10 or three for \$25. The PTA saves you time and postage by sending the card(s) for you with your message! You can pay for your donation by cash or check, or via credit card online. For more information, please contact **Dvora Scher** at dvora@dwpalaw.com.



Thank you to this year's **PTA Officers** and **Board members** for their dedication and time.

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Thank you to **Meira Gross** for compiling the information for each issue of the Hillel Herald's 'PTA Pages'. Additionally, Meira assists with editing the Hillel Herald in its entirety as well as every Weekly Shavuon and many other projects. Meira, your time and assistance are greatly appreciated!!!



Students celebrated Lag B'Omer on Thursday, May 26, by wearing their Spirit shirts. School Spirit Days are always marked with enthusiasm and true school spirit!

PTA CONTRIBUTIONS

KHDS would like to acknowledge the PTA for its generosity. You may know about all of the programs and events that PTA runs throughout the school year (and even over the summer months), but what you may not know is that the PTA has been a major financial supporter of KHDS as well. Below is a list of just some of the wonderful things PTA has made possible for KHDS and our students:

Sata's Pool \$100,000....coming soon
 Middle School Apple/MAC Lab \$80,000
 Aunt Jessie's Playground \$25,000
 School Computers \$15,000
 Soundproofing Gym \$15,000
 Scoreboard \$10,155
 Learning Garden \$5,000
 Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund \$4,000
 Gym Equipment \$4,000
 Bounce Houses \$3,300
 Popcorn & Slushie Machines \$2,500
 Digital Camera \$2,048
 Trophy Case \$1,755
 Ari (KHDS Mascot) \$827
 Aunt Jessie's Playground Water Fountain \$2,267

...and much, much more!
Thank you, PTA!

ANNUAL KHDS PTA BRUNCH HONORS THE TWO "S's" WHILE RAISING OVER \$22,000

By: Michele Dimont



A record \$22,000 was raised at this year's Annual Katz Hillel Day School PTA Brunch, which brought together 90 parents, staff, and faculty to pay tribute to honorees **Susan Herr**, receptionist, and **Suzanne Rice**, director of development, as well as the Guardians of Learning (GOLs). Conveniently held only a stone's throw away from KHDS at the light and airy JARC auditorium, the May 22 Sunday Brunch was not only one of the most well attended, but also the most profitable, thanks to longtime GOL organizer **Caroline Katz**, who signed up or renewed 63 members (see GOL listing below).

While guests munched on a variety of fresh salads, warm quiches, assorted crackers and hummus, shot-glass mousses, and mini scones, PTA President **Sharona Kay** delivered her eighth "State-of-the-PTA" address, welcoming the women (and a few men, too) with explanations of PTA's many fundraisers and how they've come to fruition, including the latest in-the-works project—KHDS's first ever swimming pool!

After calling up all GOLs present to take a group photo, Sharona went on to mention why Susan and Suzanne were chosen as honorees. "Together, they have played a significant role in making Katz Hillel Day School the place that we cherish - and each of them has helped our children, our parents, our teachers, and our staff," she said. "They have profoundly and positively shaped our school."

PTA Secretary and MC Extraordinaire **Naomi Abramovitz** followed with a hilarious speech about the honorees. She did not disappoint as she made good fun of the similarity in the honorees' first names, and, in fact, pointed out the specially made "S&S" M&Ms on the tables for sweet tooth-ers to take home after the event.

On a more serious note, Naomi described Susan and Suzanne's tremendous assistance over the years with PTA, and how they are always available in a pinch. "The thing that Susan and Suzanne have in common is exactly what makes it such a pleasure to honor them: they work incredibly hard, under often harried and adverse circumstances, yet they never lose their composure or smiles, and they never expect to be recognized for the outstanding efforts they make on behalf of just about everyone at KHDS, and particularly our PTA," Naomi said. "The words, 'I can't' or 'no' simply have never been spoken, regardless of what - always last-minute - request is being made to get a PTA project or event off the ground. There is no way to list the numerous ways in which they have each contributed to PTA because their work is a part of literally everything we do."

Susan and Suzanne were then each called upon to speak and accept their stunning crystal picture frame tributes (to hold beautiful photos taken by photographer extraordinaire, Caroline Katz).



The big surprise of the morning was a first-time-ever "Lifetime Achievement" award, which was bestowed upon longtime PTA Treasurer **Sharon Fein**, who will be saying farewell after this school year as her last child will graduate. "We are grateful to Sharon for her wisdom, guidance, and dedication to PTA," said Sharona, who handed Sharon a beautiful wood and lucite plaque with an inscription on it.

Thanks to all the GOL members for their ongoing commitment and dedication to PTA, and to **Caroline Katz** for continuing to spearhead this challenging, yet vital, project for PTA, which brings in more money each year than any other fundraiser. PTA also thanks the following people who made this year's Brunch so successful: **Naomi Abramovitz**, who planned and coordinated the luncheon, **Deborah Young**, who helped out with the menu, tablecloths, and flowers, **Caroline Katz**, who not only chaired the GOL, but also took pictures so that Suzanne, who usually does, could sit back and relax, and **Jill Kaminetzky**, **Miriam Raul**, and **Liora Adler**, who all helped out with various other details.



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* New GOL

PRE-PESACH HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



On the evening of April 13, the Boca Raton Synagogue bustled with excitement as shoppers took a break from their busy schedules to attend KHDS PTA's Pre-Passover holiday boutique. The semi-annual event raised funds for KHDS, 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, and thanks all of our parent volunteers. We also express our gratitude to **Matthew Hocherman**, **Linda Gordon** and the **BRS staff** for their help setting up the event.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR



This year's Scholastic Book Fair featured our first-ever Grandparents and Special Friends breakfast for Early Childhood and Kindergarten families. Many thanks to **Crissy Kogan** for conceiving of and organizing this event, which included a light breakfast and fun mingling among students and adults alike. Thank you also to **Dvorah Eisen** for organizing the fair year after year and coordinating the volunteers, and to the teachers who helped

encourage student participation in the simultaneous KHDS Read-A-Thon.

MOMS' NIGHTS (and Day) OUT...

KHDS moms enjoyed quality bonding time over the past few months at the PTA's new "Moms' Night Out" events.



EC4 moms strike up great conversation while bowling at **Strikes of Boca** in April, an event organized by **Penina Dorfman**, **Gwenn Lerman** and **Liz Karsh**.



Moms displayed their artistic talents at the second grade Moms' Night Out at **Craft It**, organized by **Liz Karsh**.



Students had a blast at **Planet Air Sports** during Passover break. Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** and **Zipora Rindsberg** for organizing this fun outing at a discounted price for KHDS students.



First and third grade moms displayed their creative abilities at Moms' Night Out at **Brush Bar**. Thank you to **Suri Weisfeld-Spolter**, who also organized an additional night out for 5th grade moms.



EC3 students and their moms bonded over bagels, breakfast, bubbles, a bounce house, balloon animals and piñata fun at the home of **Coby Greenfield**. Thank you to **Keri Greenfield** for organizing and hosting this fantastic event.

BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

Joe Sharp, Executive Director



Our facilities staff works tirelessly around the clock all year round to maintain and enhance our beautiful campus. At no point of the year is that more evident than this period of time, as there is a flurry of activity to prepare for the upcoming school year, while meeting the needs of our fantastic **Camp Ruach** program all at the same time. In the first few days since school has ended, there have already been a number of significant upgrades to our facilities that will be enjoyed not only in the upcoming camp season and school year, but for many more years to come, G-D willing.

At press time, we will have paid off our mortgage, Baruch Hashem. This will have an immeasurable impact on the future of Katz Hillel Day School and our families, and more immediately, enables us to lower the cost of tuition by \$1,000 per student beginning in the 2017/18 school year. We are so appreciative of the donors who gave generously towards this campaign, and know that you will all take great pride in knowing that part of your legacy is ensuring the stability of our holy institution. We are grateful for the ongoing support that we receive from the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** and the strong partnership that we continue to develop with each other. In particular, we are most appreciative for the increased allocation towards our scholarship fund for the 2016/17 school year, and various other programs throughout the year.

We are excited for another busy and productive summer as we continue to improve in all areas on behalf of your children, and are looking forward to greeting all of our new and returning students in the fall!

DEDICATION CEREMONY



Thank you to **Mrs. Charlotte Albert** for dedicating the *parochet* as well as the *amud* and *shulchan* coverings in the Beit Midrash. They were dedicated in memory of her late husband, **Gerald**, as he loved Hillel and the children of KHDS. Mrs. Albert's daughter and grandson, **Robyn and Alex Kimmelman**, were also present for the dedication ceremony. We thank Mrs. Albert for this beautiful addition to our Beit Midrash.



PASSION FOR PIANO

KHDS student and pianist **Zachary Rutner** qualified to participate in the National Federation of Junior Music Festival, held at Broward College this past January. For his performance, Zachary received a Certificate of Achievement with Superior rating. Additionally, in April, Zachary auditioned for the the Florida State Music Teachers Association and received a superior grade for theory as well as performance. The superior grade reflects the maximum level obtainable in these categories. For his dedication, hard work, and commitment, kudos to Zachary! May Hashem continue to bless him with the ability to touch people with his music.



Jewish Unity Day 6.7.16 - Can you find Rabbi Englander in this photo?



Thank you to everyone who donated goods to the Annual Passover Food Drive to benefit **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services Jacobson Family Food Pantry**. Thank you to the KHDS 7th graders, who assisted with the food sorting at JFS, and to **Cara Freedman** for coordinating this effort.



KHDS hosted the food packaging mitzvah project for the **Jacobson Family Food Pantry** as part of Super Sunday. We are proud to be a beneficiary agency of the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County**!

Katz Hillel Day School is a "Makom Torah," a place where Torah is studied. As such, dress should conform to what would be appropriate when visiting a synagogue.

If you have information to include in a future *Hillel Herald*, please email srice@hilleldayschool.org.

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