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Daniel & Caroline Katz Honored at Annual Dinner KHDS and Struhl Elementary School Officially Named

Daniel and Caroline Katz, 15-year supporters of Hillel Day School of Boca Raton, were honored at our Annual Journal Dinner on January 10, 2016. A record-breaking dinner, both in attendance and fundraising, was also the forum for major announcements including the official naming of the school by the Katz family. The dinner raised over \$325,000 for the Annual Scholarship Fund, which ensures that the maximum number of children can receive an outstanding Jewish education.

The Katzes have made the excellence, sustainability and growth of the school their mission since they joined the Hillel community in 2001. Daniel, Board President since 2006, has invested an immeasurable amount of time into putting the HDS on the map to become "the best Jewish Day School in America." He has been involved in every facet of the school, from facility to fundraising; from bricks and mortar to innovative programs and ideas; and everything in between—you can even find him trimming a tree or helping a piece of litter find its home. Nothing brings him greater joy than to see our children thriving in a loving, nurturing Jewish environment. His commitment and care for the school are limitless. This spring, Daniel will plan and lead the 8th Grade Class Trip to Israel for the 10th consecutive year. The beautiful 15-acre Milton B. Katz Campus, named

in memory of Daniel's beloved father, is where our children grow, play, learn and enhance their love of Torah and Zionism.

Caroline is involved in a wide range of HDS events, programs and fundraisers, including co-chairing past Journal Dinners and annually chairing the PTA's most lucrative fundraiser, the Guardian of Learning Program. She is famous for her beautiful photography and has taken each and every 8th grade and Kindergarten graduate's portrait for the past 10 years. These photos have enhanced Hillel's yearbooks, graduations, and can be found in many of our families' homes. Caroline's love for Hillel and the Jewish community is abundant and her efforts are tireless. She has given generously of her creative talents and has spent countless hours supporting the school and the people connected to it, often in ways that many would never know.

This year, the Katz's sixth and youngest child will graduate from HDS. "We have been so incredibly blessed to have the Katz family as the pillar of our school and it is, therefore, our great honor to recognize their tremendous impact on the Hillel Day School family," noted **Dr. Orlie Cohen**, Financial Resource Development Chair and Co-Chair of this year's Annual Journal Dinner.

"Given the incredible generosity of the Katz family over the years and the impact they have had on every child that has walked through the school's doors, it is our great privilege to announce that the school has been officially named Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton," said **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Head of School.



Additionally, the school announced that it has named the elementary school for long-time supporters and donors **Teddy & Linda Struhl**, who were involved since the 1980s in the founding of the school and had the most significant impact on the school community during its early years. The Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School comprises grades 1 through 5.

Also announced at the dinner was the kick-off of the school's official 'Burn the Mortgage' campaign, which successfully met the \$500,000 goal needed to secure an additional \$500,000 from an anonymous donor. This will allow us to eliminate our annual payments towards our mortgage by the end of the 2016/17 school year and then lower the full list price of tuition by \$1,000 for children in grades K-8 for the 2017/18 school year. We are excited to share these wonderful accomplishments with you.

Rabbi Adam Englander, M.S. Ed.

Head of School



A Message from the Head of School

I know this is a bit heavy but... do you ever think about what is most important to you? Hopefully you do and hopefully you have a good answer to that question. However, I think an even more significant question is, how do we KNOW what is really most important to us? What is the best test for revealing the essence of our priorities? Ever since our incredible school dinner honoring **Daniel and Caroline Katz** back in January, I have been thinking a lot about this question. As Daniel so eloquently and passionately explained in his speech, there was really one primary reason they decided to name the school the Katz Hillel Day School. It was so that their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and future generations would always know what was most important to them - an outstanding Jewish education; one that inspires children to live lives of Torah and to be committed to *Am Yisrael* and *Medinat Yisrael* (the people of Israel and the State of Israel).

In a recent sermon that he delivered at the Boca Raton Synagogue, **Rabbi Efrem Goldberg** suggested that we know what is most important to us based upon how we spend our money. An article I read suggested that the barometer should be what keeps you up at night. Another piece suggested to make a list of the things you would take with you if you had only 15 minutes to evacuate your home. Yet I sincerely believe that the most accurate way to determine your true priorities in life is rooted in what Daniel spoke about that evening. **ASK YOUR CHILDREN.**

Our children spend an incredible amount of time with us and they watch what we do and listen to what we say (well, sometimes). Children also tend to be amazingly gifted when it comes to detecting sincerity. Don't be afraid - ask your children what they think is most important to you. Whether you like it or not, their answer will be telling. I know it was for me when I engaged in this exercise.

May we all be blessed to live lives infused with Torah values and may we successfully transmit those ideals to the next generation.



KHDS alumni, **Jacob Katz** and **Isaac Shapiro**, spoke to our Middle School boys about the meaning and importance of the mitzvah of *tzitzit*!

MIDDLE SCHOOL KAR^E KORNER



Students gathered together in the Beit Midrash for a live stream talk from world renowned **Nick Vijucic**. He shared his personal experiences regarding bullying and hopelessness as he was born without arms or legs. His message is to rise above the challenges and to empower youth to never give up!



Thank you **Denise Herschberg** and **Tzippi Rosen** of **Yachad** (and KHDS parents) who ran an incredible program to help our students appreciate what it's like to have a disability. Thank you **Dr. Carmel** for organizing it!



A sensitivity training, led by **Dr. Debra Hallow** of the **Jewish Association for Residential Care** (JARC), a nonprofit that serves adults with intellectual disabilities, introduced students to the exciting possibility of becoming more involved in the organization and with the adults who participate in the program.

FEATURE FILM TO PREMIER MARCH 28



The world premier of the feature film, *Names, Not Numbers*, part of the 8th grade Holocaust oral history project, will be debuting on **March 28** at Temple Beth Shalom (19140 Lyons Rd., Boca Raton) at 7pm. The community is invited to attend at no charge. We are so grateful to **Harry and Marilyn Wanderer** for sponsoring the program in memory of Harry's father, and to **Rabbi Smolarcik** for taking on the crucial role of faculty advisor for the project.

Above: 8th graders interview Holocaust survivors as part of their *Names, Not Numbers* oral history project.

SAMARITANS 365 CLUB



The Samaritans meeting welcomed **Abby Taub** from AIPAC, who taught and educated us about this amazing organization. Students then wrote letters to **Congressman Ted Deutch** thanking him for his support of Israel. Other club meetings included visits from **Caps of Love** and **One Love-One Community**.

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



The power of saying, "I am wrong" or "I've made a mistake" is something we must actively teach our children. It has become clear to me over the years that though we work so hard as parents to help our children achieve high academic success as well as strong self-esteem, we are not always as helpful at giving them the tools necessary to overcome failure in social situations. It is just as vital to ensure our kids' lessons in resilience and the ability to navigate the moments when poor choices are made, as it is to teach reading, writing, and language skills.

When children get into a conflict in the classroom and I am "summoned" to help resolve it, I have found that what works best is modeling the apology. At age 5 and above, children should be able to articulate a meaningful "I'm sorry" that encompasses 5 things:

1. Recognizing specifically what they did wrong, or, in other words, naming it.

2. Understanding what they should have done. This can help create a model for themselves as well as those they hurt.
3. Asking if the other person involved is okay—otherwise known as being empathetic.
4. Asking for forgiveness.
5. Letting the other person know that they are going to put forth the effort not to do this in the future.

For example (for purely fictional purposes only):
Chayim tells his friend Noam:

"Noam, I am so sorry that I hit you. I should have told you I wanted that red crayon. I hope you are okay and that you will forgive me. I will try not to do that again."

For a child, this is what's needed to truly grasp the skills necessary to apologize and help everyone involved move on and trust it is not likely to happen again in the future. By giving our children the words, we will help them be more comfortable about learning from their mistakes and taking ownership of them.



This week in Kindergarten the children learned about Golly, a "super-dog" from our reading program. Today, they got to meet a real super-dog named **Sampson**, a service dog in our community.



1st grade is connecting their reading to real life as they watched Skippyjon Jones Live! Then they had the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with a picnic in the park!



KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent
Midot
Every
Time

Mazal Tov
to all of
the winners!

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| Michael Aharon | Asher Fisch | Sari Kirschner |
| Netanel Asher | Shai Freedman | Lizzy Klein |
| Yael Avezbadalov | Daniella Frist | Eliana Kodsi |
| Abby Beim | Ailey Frohlich | Eli Kroll |
| Jaminie Berger | Malkie Fuchs | Rayli Kroll |
| Milan Berlin | Noa Gedz | Talia Kroll |
| Eliana Berman | Max Gerstein | Benji Landau |
| Abby Bienenfeld | Sarah Goodfriend | Meir Lanner |
| Mali Blanka | Max Goodman | Ella Levine |
| Jonah Burack | Dovid Grajower | Elan Loewinger |
| Noa Carmel | Judah Greenbaum | Ilan Mayer |
| Gabriel Cohen | Eytan Greenfield | Tamar Mayer |
| Josh Cohen | Devorah Greenstein | Ari Mayzel |
| Shayna Cohen | Daniel Gross | Gadi Mayzel |
| Talia Cohen | Natalie Grunberg | Olivia Medjuck |
| Elie Dahan | Joshua Haik | Caleb Meltzer |
| Max Eckert | Avi Hamburger | Chavie Mergui |
| Shlomo Ehrlich | Emma Harow | Moshe Moskowitz |
| Metanel Eisenberger | Talia Hochner | Shayna Moskowitz |
| Nely Eisenberger | Olivia Kahane | Naomi Nachim |
| Meir Englander | Perel Kahn | Shalhevert Ohayon |
| Rivka Englander | Ariana Kassorla | Victoria Pilkington |
| Liana Farbstein | Akiva Kranzler | Amir Rindsberg |
| Asher Fellman | Jacob Kirschner | Hadarah Rosen |

(as of 3/4/16)



Early childhood has been learning about the different classifications of animals and reptiles. They had the chance to make observations and interact with TT our African Sulcata Tortoise in **Mrs. Klein's** science class.

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



I never cease to be amazed or fascinated by the lives of our ancestors each year as Parshiot story details the lives of the Avot and Imahot and the emergence of their children as the Jewish nation. I learn and gain more insight that inspires me and helps me in my own personal life. The Gemara tells us that “*Maaseh avot siman labonim*,” the events of our fathers are signs for the children, meaning that we learn lessons from the events of our matriarchs and patriarchs when faced with the trials in our own lives. A lesson that I believe will help immeasurably with raising our children can be taken from the story of the Akeidah (when Avraham is prepared to sacrifice his son, Yitzchak.) It is interesting that the Torah records only one conversation between Avraham and his beloved son, Yitzchak. It is the first dialogue in the Torah between a parent and child yet, there are very few words. Avraham waited 100 years for this son to carry his legacy. Here is how it starts: Hashem tests Avraham with the task of bringing his son as a sacrifice. Hashem tests every parent; how will you attend to your children? Avraham answers, “*Hineni*,” “I am here, I am ready to do the job, I will be a model for all fathers.” Hashem says, “*Kach na et bincha et yechidcha*,” “Take your son, your only son. Every child must be an only son.” “*Asher ahavta et Yitzchak*,” “The child that you love; give love to every child.” “*Velechlecha el eretz Hamoria*,” “Go to the land of Moriah; the land of teaching.” “*Vehaaleihu shom l'olah*,” “and bring him as a sacrifice; teach him self-sacrifice and self-control to control his impulses, urges and desires. Transform him into a dedicated Jew.” The Pesukim continue and describe how Avraham awoke early. He even cut the wood himself and saddled the animals. He demonstrated that a parent must be efficient. Hashem instructed him to go to the place, Moriah--a parent must raise the child in a healthy environment, choose good schools, good neighbors and places where the child will see what G-d fearing Jews look like. “*Vayikach Avraham et atzei haolah vayasem al bno*.” Avraham takes the wood and puts it on the shoulders of his son. The son must carry his part and rise to the challenge too. “*Vayelchu shneihem yachdav*,” and they go together, they merge as one and only then does the dialogue begin. Yitzchak calls out to his father, “*Hinei haeish vehaeitzim aye haseh l'olah?*” “Here is the fire and the wood but where is the sheep for the sacrifice? Father, you have given me the raw materials but how will I learn the self-sacrifice that it will take to be a committed Jew?” Avraham answers, “*Elokim yireh lo haseh l'olah beni*,” “Hashem will show us the sheep for the sacrifice. We will need help from Hashem but join me together, come with me to shul, let us do mitzvot together, let us do acts of kindness, so that you will become a responsible and caring Jew.” Father and son go together; they have spoken. Each one has said his piece; they have communicated heart to heart with great love, respect and admiration for each other. They go together, they will face every challenge and every test for they are together. They are ready for the reality of the world itself.



CHANUKAH CHIDON WINNERS

Jakie Kirschner (1st grade), **Sruli Muschel** (2nd grade) and **Caleb Zak** (3rd grade) proudly display their prizes, their very own Chinuch Sefer Tehillim. Runners up were **Avigayil Elkoby** (1st grade), **Elisha Weisstuch** (2nd grade) and **Asher Fisch** (3rd grade)



Mor and **Yifat**, our B'nai Sherut, created Cafe Hillel, an Israeli coffee shop, to welcome Rosh Chodesh Adar. Chocolate milk and cookies were served and students placed their orders in Hebrew.



Students performed skits to enhance their Hebrew conversation skills in **Morah Rachel's** class. Classmates then translated each skit to English.



Each month, students in grade 1-5 focus on a new Middah (character trait). Recently we focused on Hishtadlut (effort), and students learned the importance of always trying hard and doing their best. They listened to a song presented by the 2nd graders and the story of the "Little Engine That Could" was the theme of the bulletin board.

THE LION'S DEN

Maia Shaffer, Athletic Director



4th & 5th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach Eddy

I want to thank you for this wonderful season. It was a privilege to be able to represent such an amazing team. Each one of the players showed hard work, dedication, and were able to have fun while believing in themselves and their teammates. They are truly a joy to be with. I am proud to see the progress throughout the season. As a coach I am filled with overwhelming pride in our team and look forward to another year with them.

4th & 5th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coach Richie

After being hired to coach the 4th and 5th grade girls in the beginning of the season I had no idea what to expect. In the past, for the most part, I've always coached boys so I knew I would have my hands full once tryouts came. As the season progressed and games started, the girls became accustomed to playing league basketball, making it to the playoffs at press-time. As their coach I couldn't be happier as I've watched the girls improve in every aspect of basketball while also becoming better players and teammates. Congratulations on their 2nd place victory in the Championship game!

GIRLS SOCCER

Coach Moishe & Coach Samantha

The Girls Middle School Soccer team again reached the playoffs, but suffered a hard fight and physical loss against ACES for the second year in a row. Overall, the team had a great regular season with a record of 5 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. Team Captains **Lizzy Adler**, **Jolie Aloof**, **Shaina Fein**, and **Mayrav Saketkhou**, were amazing on and off the field. They exemplified great leadership, and integrity. Jolie and Lizzy both led the team as scorers, with Jolie having 14 goals and Lizzy with 7. Shaina and Mayrav held the defense together and only conceded 10 goals in 7 games with 4 clean sheets; which is amazing. Thanks to all the parents and faculty that always support our soccer program. We hope next year not only to reach the playoffs again, but to come back with a trophy!



JV & VARSITY BASKETBALL

A message from Coach Jarrid: I would like to thank KHDS for the opportunity to train and coach this year's basketball team. Also, a big thank you to Coach Maia for reaching out to me for this position, and to Coach Allan for allowing me to share my knowledge and ideas throughout the season.

Coach Jarrid and Coach Allan

Overall, the efforts put forth by our JV Basketball Team are to be commended. The team came to practice everyday ready to learn and improve, which is most important. The games that were won were due to how hard and tough the boys played - which is a valuable skill in basketball. The JV Team was used often as an example to show our Varsity Team how hard and tough games should be played. Once we match our individual skill level with our work ethic, is when we become a dominant force!

Despite not making the playoffs this year, we are proud of how hard the JV team worked. In sports you win games and you lose games, but its important we learn from both outcomes. For the players who are moving up to Varsity, bring the same work habits everyday to practice and you will be fine. To the players on JV next year, be ready to set examples for the younger guys...because

4th & 5th GRADE FLAG FOOTBALL

Coach Noah & Coach Jason

The 4th and 5th grade season was a successful one. As the season progressed the kids improved their skills and knowledge of the game and were rewarded by making the playoffs. We hope the kids enjoyed playing as much as we enjoyed coaching.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

ARI SAYS, "GO LIONS!"



Coach Allan

The Varsity Girls Basketball season was a successful one, just falling short in the semi-finals of the IAL playoffs. A season of influential leadership from senior captains **Lizzy Adler**, **Atara Greenbaum** and **Tehila Zaghi**, helped build the culture for the Lady Lions future of student athletes. This year's new 6th grade players, **Alexandra Cohen** and **Shoshana Stadlan**, infused the team with great energy and support. There was major growth for all the players across the team roster. Overall, a successful season for players, parents, and the KHDS athletics program.

you will be in charge of carrying the team to victory!

This year's Varsity team was very talented and made us all proud! Many of the players have great potential and improved their skills throughout the season. The sportsmanship displayed by the team is to be commended and serves as an example for the JV team.



Next year's returning players will set the tone for the team from day one and we will strive to bring the championship home!

Both JV and Varsity teams are encouraged to participate in the weekly clinics in an effort to become the best players they can be.

Good Luck and best wishes to a great "learning" off-season boys!

KHDS HAPPENINGS

FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN HIDDEN SPARKS TRAINING PROGRAM

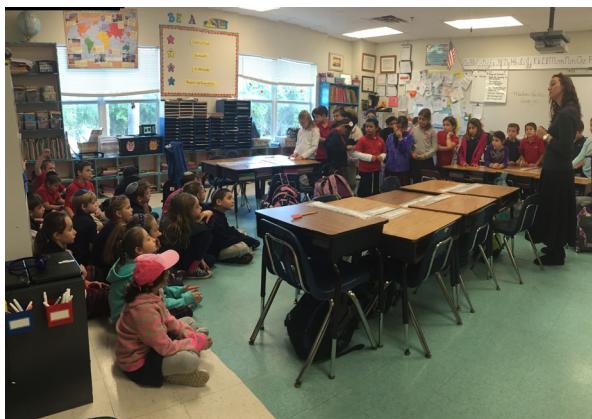
KHDS is a proud participant in a new training, delivered by the New York based Hidden Sparks organization, to Boca Jewish day schools. Five of our faculty members, including **Dr. Jordana Carmel**, **Jodi Deichman**, **Alyssa Kinigsberg**, **Dr. Penina Dorfman**, and **Hadassah Smolarcik**, had the unique opportunity to participate in training with Hidden Sparks, a program that helps teachers and Jewish day schools better understand and meet the needs of all types of learners in our classrooms. The Hidden Sparks training program in Boca Raton, supported by the Center of Initiatives in Jewish Education (CIJE), the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, and KHDS, will increase our educators' ability to understand the varied learning profiles of our students, to identify students' strengths and challenges, and tap into student strengths to maximize academic, social and emotional success.

Hidden Sparks' coaching and teacher training program is now being used in 50 Jewish day schools in NY, NJ, Baltimore, Chicago, three Israeli cities, and now in Boca Raton schools. Parents and teachers can access free, quality webinars via the Hidden Sparks Without Walls national webinar series. The teacher track offers teachers opportunities to enhance their classroom knowledge and understanding of student learning, behavior and differentiated instruction. The parent track is a wonderful resource for parents to deepen their understanding of their children and teens and provides ways to help them if they are struggling. Additional Hidden Sparks programs and the full webinar listing and archive of over 70 webinars, can be accessed from HiddenSparks.org.



SENSORY DAY

"Sensory Day" was a hands-on, fun-filled day of activities related to sensory experiences including a taste lab, smell lab, hearing and vision lab (complete with sign language, ear anatomy, and Braille writing), a black light adventure, games, parsha sensory fun, a tactile obstacle course and much, much more! The KHDS team of wacky sensory scientists, **Mrs. Lerman**, **Morah Cindy**, **Morah Beth**, and **Morah Leslie**, worked hard to make this day really fun and memorable for all the children



MLK JR. REMEMBERED

3rd graders in Ms. Kridos' class participated in an activity to learn about Martin Luther King Jr., and saw how being treated differently for no reason is unfair and unnecessary. They discussed the discrimination and prejudices that African Americans faced during his time, then read a story about MLK's life and created a mobile about the dreams for our school, our community, and our world.



BIOGRAPHIES

Mrs. Weinstock's 4th grade biography presentations told the personal stories of great individuals from past to present. Greats such as Leonardo DaVinci, Albert Einstein, Neil Armstrong, George Washington, Golda Meir Jane Goodall, Amelia Earhart and many more came to life during the presentations.

HAKARAT HATOV

Mazal Tov to **Sydney Freedman** and **Shmuel Eisen** for receiving awards in the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for Southeast Writing Region At-Large. Sydney (8th grade), received a Regional Gold & Silver Key Award and her two literary submissions were honored and the Gold Key qualifies her piece for consideration for a national prize. Shmuel (7th grade) received an Honorable Mention for his short story. Way to go Sydney and Shmuel!

COLOR WAR STRIKES



KHDS HAPPENINGS

PHYSICS CARNIVAL

Our E2K class visited Florida Atlantic University to attend their Department of Physics annual Pumpkin Drop and Physics Carnival. Students witnessed Newton's Laws of Motion in action as the FAU scientists dropped pumpkins from four stories atop the campus' Physical Sciences building. They also enjoyed hands-on physics demonstrations at the booths showcased by FAU faculty and students at the carnival. Without a doubt, a highlight of the trip was the opportunity to learn about drones. Our class listened to FAU students share the potential future of drones in our everyday lives—from photography to Amazon drone delivery to government surveillance! The FAU students were currently designing drones for racing purposes and allowed our students to use the same flight simulator that they use to practice on. Best of all, our students took control of an actual drone to fly around the carnival area and even take drone photo/video selfies!



Each week, **Mor** and **Yifat**, our B'nai Shurut, teach the students lessons from the Israel Curriculum sponsored by **Raphael & Meira Gross**.



The connection of courage and bravery to Chanukah was explained and students learned that one does not have to be "Superman" to save people's lives or to be a hero. If you do something good that is important to you, or to someone else, you are a hero.



Justice Richard Bernstein, a Supreme Court justice in the state of Michigan, a proud Jew and marathon runner who also happens to be blind from birth, engaged our middle school students in an incredibly inspiring and powerful conversation.



Students in grades 1-5 participated with other local Jewish day schools in the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Annual Chesed Day.



Preparing for Asara Betevet, students were taught about the message of love and respect. Students filled out cards and read to the class to show how each person is unique in so many ways and that each person has a different point of view. Although there are differences that exist, we all should love and respect each other and the Beit Hamikdash will be rebuilt.

CHANUKAH



THANKSGIVING



Tu B'Shevat



KHDS HAPPENINGS

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

March

- 14-21 Scholastic Book Fair
- 23 Fast Day Ta'anit Esther (2:15pm dismissal for Middle School)
- 24 Purim (no school)
- 28 Names, Not Numbers Program

April

- 11 Middle School Parent-Child Learning Program
- 21-29 Pesach Break
- 22 Erev Pesach

May

- 3-13 8th Grade Israel Trip
- 3-5 7th Grade Washington, DC Trip
- 4-6 6th Grade Sea Camp
- 5 Yom Hashoah
- 11 Yom Hazikaron
- 12 Yom Ha'atzmaut
- 15 Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing
- 17-20 Standardized Testing for Grades 1-8 (tentative)
- 26 Lag B'Omer/Mesibat Chumash
- 30 Memorial Day (no school)

June

- 2 KTP Performance
- 5 Yom Yerushalayim
- 6 Kindergarten Graduation
- 8 8th Grade Graduation
- 9 Last Day of School
- 11 Erev Shavuot
- 12-13 Shavuot
- 20 Camp Ruach begins



8th grade students visit JARC and participate in BINGO with the residents as part of a chesed program.



Sweets for the sweet...EC2 made cookies with Chef (and KHDS parent) Lowil Stoller.



Hannah Katz (Class of '11) delivered handwritten notes by KHDS 1st graders to IDF soldiers when she returned to Israel. Thank you for visiting, Hannah!



Congratulations to **Isaac Greenbaum**, winner of the Chanukah Card Design Competition (pictured above).



Directional signage enhancements are being added around the Milton B. Katz Campus.



Students manipulated wire into abstract form and attached it to a wooden base to create sculptures. Next, they painted their sculptures while some applied their knowledge of Australian Aboriginal art using swabs to create a painted dot pattern.



In honor of Yitzchak and Rivkah's wedding (Parshat Chayeis Sarah), EC3B had fun celebrating in class.

CAMPAIGN MATTERS

Orlie Cohen, Ph.D., Financial Resource Development Chair/Suzanne Rice, Director of Development



Campaign Update

Our fundraising efforts are still going strong! Our Annual Journal Dinner raised a record-breaking \$332,960. Additionally, the Annual Mega Raffle also broke last year's fundraising total and brought in \$26,310. Our next event is the Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing, scheduled for May 15 at Boca Lago Country Club. Space is limited so register early!

The **Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program** continues its success. Learn more about this meaningful program by visiting our website. The **Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund**, a special fund available for any faculty member who may be dealing with difficult financial circumstances, was created in blessed memory of **Charles Scher**, beloved brother of **Herschel and Dvora Scher** (KHDS parents). Join the **Every Parent Campaign**! Your gift of tzedakah in any amount to the Annual Campaign ensures your participation! Help us reach our 100% goal!

Our **Atid Legacy Society** has been announced (see below). This program will help promote planned giving, endowments and other after-lifetime giving opportunities to ensure that KHDS can continue to provide a stellar Jewish education to our children for years to come!

Atid Legacy Society

Daniel & Liora Adler

Mark & Helen Cohan

Eli & Orlie Cohen

Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander

Benjamin & Cara Freedman

Rabbi Efrem & Yocheved Goldberg

*Glen & Rosa Golish

*Daniel & Caroline Katz

David & Sharona Kay

Evan & Ilana Landau

Stephen J. & Elizabeth Landes

*Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindel Levine

Robert & Linda Levy

Michael & Jill Rose

Herschel & Dvora Scher

David & Rand Schwartzwald

Gil & Lysee Stein

Ted & Linda Struhl

Teddy & Phyllis Struhl

Hommy & Syd Tannenbaum

Ashi & Chava Weisstuch

Jonathan & Suri Winograd

Uri & Rachel Yudewitz

Hedy & Dori Zaghi

Michael & Risa Zimmerman

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CAMPAIGN MATTERS

Thank you to our Mega Raffle participants!
You have helped us raise over \$26,000!

\$100,000 Grand Prize Winner
Yummi Schachter of Toronto, ON

Mazal Tov to our student solicitor winners for
selling the most raffle tickets in their class:

Middle School
Jolie Aloof Tablet winner!
Jojo Cohen
Sruli Sharp

Grades 1-5
Maya Bornstein
Ettie Sharp Tablet winner!
Doronit Skoczylas

Thank you to Staples
for the donation of the Toshiba Tablets

Thank you to our parent volunteers
and committee members:

Jordana Carmel, Rotem Carmel,
Orlie Cohen, Meira Gross,
Deena Frist, Arielle Kieffer, Jeremy
Lurie, Liz Pilkington, Gil Stein,
Stephanie Stern and Deena Weisfeld

Adult solicitor raffle winners of
a \$50 American Express gift card:

Jeremy Lurie
Liz Pilkington
Ed Reichenberg

Thank you to the following people for their
time and commitment on the
Annual Journal Dinner, honoring
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With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖ A warm thank you to **Lanie Meltzer** for organizing our complimentary coffee gatherings for KHDS faculty and parents. Teachers and parents enjoyed catching up as



they grabbed delicious coffee, generously donated by Starbucks.

❖ Thank you to the many KHDS parents who helped make our new online school directory possible - **Debbie and Josh Bierman, Naomi Cohn, Michele Dimont, Sara Greene, Jill Kaminetzky and Tzippy Rosen**. Now you can access parent contact information, grade and class lists, and faculty information at the touch of a button on your PC or mobile device. If you need assistance accessing the online directory, contact Michele Dimont at mc.dimont@comcast.net.

❖ 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 tzedakah boxes. A special thanks to **Rafi Salman** who collected a significant amount of tzedakah for KHDS.

❖ Thank you to **Andrea Zucker** for organizing the Annual KHDS Tzedakah Box Collection.

❖ Thank you to **Phyllis Struhl** for creating the poster collages from the *Annual Journal Dinner, Family Chanukah Celebration and Family Fun Day*. Great memories of these, and other past events, can be found in the school corridors.

❖ 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.

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



November:
Jen
Kroll



January:
Deena
Frist



February:
Lanie
Meltzer

MENCHIES FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the 205 families who participated in our Menchie's fundraiser, and to **Christian Gabela** and **Menchie's** for their continued support of KHDS. Special thanks to **Gila Stern** for organizing this fun event, which raised \$450 for Katz Hillel Day School. Congratulations to those teachers who won gifts designated toward class needs:

1st Place: Morah Tami Gerlitz & Mrs. Gwenn Lerman, Kindergarten, (58 students participated) - \$200 Visa gift card



(28 students participated) - \$150 Visa gift card

3rd Place: Ms. Nicole Kridos & Morah Peninah Salid, 3rd Grade, (25 students participated) - \$100 Visa gift card

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%-8% 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 \$3,628. 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 carafriedman@yahoo.com.



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 donations from Shoparoo.



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ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY & OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS!

By: Michele Dimont



Once again the annual Hillel Family Fun Day & Open House, held Sunday, December 20, was an overwhelming success, with adults and children of all ages joining in the festivities. Whether they came to see the Milton B. Katz Campus or just to enjoy the multitude of activities, everyone had a blast with their families and friends during this fun-filled day!

The day was truly a kid's dream come true with a plethora of goings-on including not one, but three (!) bounce houses and inflatable slides as well as two new attractions—the bungee trampoline AND the spider mountain, which included a rock and rope climb, a vertical climbing cage and inflatable slide. And we can't forget the annual colorful trackless train, which ran around the Early Childhood parking lot, giving rides to engineers both young and old!

To satisfy their more creative sides, children became little artists with enjoyable arts and crafts projects in the Loewenstein Cafetorium, and for those who like to run around, thrilling games of laser tag were going on in the gym! **Avi Frier**, our DJ extraordinaire, did another fabulous job this year playing Jewish music, running games, and announcing events throughout the busy afternoon. **Ari**, the Hillel Lions mascot, could be seen high-fiving students, while Middle Schoolers ran the exciting kiddie games—pin the tail on the lion, potato sack races, a beanbag toss, lucky ducks and the yummy lollipop tree. Prizes were awarded to the winners.



Fun carnival food was available including tasty iced coffees, sticky bright cotton candy, delicious salted popcorn, lip-smacking funnel cakes, and crunchy cheese and nachos! And for an extra cool treat this year—our very own ice cream truck!!!

Prospective parents received informative school tours from **Rabbi Adam Englander**, **Chayim Dimont**, and **Hadassah Smolarcik**, who aimed to give them a glimpse of the amazing Jewish education their children will receive at Hillel. From comments made, the parents were wowed by Hillel's beautiful campus, with 10 new families checking out our wonderful school! Camp Ruach Director **Rachel Yudewitz**, as well as Division Heads **Amy Horowitz**, **Rabbi Chaim Lanner**, and **Cara Beim** were on hand to help moms and dads of campers-to-be sign up for another amazing summer at Camp Ruach. Approximately 50

JANUARY BREAK TRIPS

Students had a blast at Disney World® parks, Universal Studios Florida® and Universal's Islands of Adventure® during January break. Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** and **Zipora Rindsberg** for organizing discount packages at fantastic prices. Thank you also to **The Pantry Café** (pantryorlando.com) for offering special discounts to KHDS families in Orlando, and for delivering to various hotels and parks.



The PTA was pleased to sponsor a new water fountain for Aunt Jessie's Playground.

campers registered that day, while new camper applications continue to pour in! What an awesome time they are going to have!



For those interested in performing TWO very important Mitzvot this year, the Bloodmobile, organized by **Beth Janock**, was parked out in front, reminding people of the many lives they can save with just a few minutes of their time. A whopping 28 donors gave blood, and since each donation can save up to 3 lives, a total of up to 84 patients can potentially benefit from our KHDS blood drive! Thanks to all of the people who came to the drive and to all the Middle School students who signed up to babysit at the drive.

In addition, the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation Drive, organized by **Liora Adler**, was present to collect donors to add to the bone marrow registry. It takes just one cheek to save a life, and we were inspired to help by **Ari Kay**, nephew of **Sharona and David Kay**. We recently received the amazing news that someone from our Bone Marrow drive matched to someone in need.

The Family Fun Day could not have been a success without the help of everyone who joined in the day, coming together to support our school, as well as all of the parent volunteers who devoted so much of their precious time to making this one of the best Open Houses ever! A huge Yasher Koach goes out to the Family Fun Day Committee: **Cara Beim**, **Simone Broide**, **Shira Englander**, **Naomi Katz**, **Sharona Kay**, **Jen Kroll**, and **Shira Kroll**.



Other parent volunteers included: **Ranana Berger**, **Dvorah Eisen**, **Felicia Frohlich**, **Sara Goldberg**, **Shaindell Hochner**, **Risa Kahane**, **Jill Kaminetzky**, **Arielle Kieffer**, **Ilana Landau**, **Jennifer Landau**, **Lori Landes**, **Shari Levontin**, **Jessica Matiash**, **Shira Sharp**, **Penina Schoenfeld**, **Tova Spodek**, **Yaffi Wexler**, **Rachel Wolk**, and **Ali Zak**.

Thanks also goes out to **Rina Lanner** for arranging all the Middle School volunteers, and thank you to our Mega Raffle parent volunteers: **Deena Frist**, **Jeremy Lurie** and **Liz Pilkington**.

Last but not least, thank you to **Keri Greenfield** and **Elana Rackman** for being the official photographers! We look forward to next year!

CHANUKAH FAMILY CELEBRATION



KHDS families had a blast at the school's first-ever Chanukah family celebration, sponsored by the PTA. Besides a fun photo booth, fireworks display by Principal **Chayim Dimont**, and, of course, candle lighting, the December 9 event also offered KHDS families the opportunity to participate in a family Chesed project – as part of a drive for **JAFCO** (Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options) held throughout early December. Thank you to the many PTA volunteers who helped plan this event and to our KHDS families for their donations of clothing items, band-aids, shampoos, and others basic necessities.

BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE Joe Sharp, Executive Director



It's hard to believe that we're entering the last trimester of the school year already, but what a year it has been so far! We're still on a high from having record attendance and fundraising at our annual dinner where we kicked off our Burn the Mortgage campaign. Thanks to a generous matching donor and a true communal outpouring of support, we've recently announced that the full price of tuition will **decrease by \$1,000 per child** in K-8, beginning with the 2017/18 school year! That announcement followed the opening of enrollment for the 2016/17 school year, where we announced that tuition rates will stay the same for the **fourth year in a row!**

At auspicious times like these, we refuse to rest on our laurels, and are committed to even greater levels of excellence on behalf of our children going forward. Chief among the many ongoing and imminent facility upgrades is **Sata's Pool**, co-sponsored by the PTA and an anonymous donor, which will primarily benefit our Early Childhood, KTP (after school) and Camp Ruach programs.

We just completed another record-breaking Mega Raffle campaign, raising over \$26,000 for our scholarship fund. We are now in the very heart of the 2016/17 financial aid application season, and those much-needed funds are already being used to assist families in need.

In the aftermath of National School Choice Week, it bears acknowledging the assistance that so many of our families receive from the Step Up for Students income-based scholarships, the Personal Learning Scholarship Account (PLSA), and the McKay Scholarship. Renewal applications for SUFS and PLSA will still be accepted for a limited time.

Of course, the backbone of KHDS is our dedicated staff. We've been working hard to enhance and add to the selection of well-deserved employee benefits, and working even harder at making them more affordable in these volatile times. May Hashem continue to bless the children and staff of KHDS so that we may achieve even greater success for many more years to come.

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If you have information to include in a future *Hillel Herald*,
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