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Above: 3rd grade annual State Fair.

Below: KHDS celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut and Israel's 69th year of independence.

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!





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



"So how does it feel now that the year is finally winding down?" I get this question often during the final six weeks of every school year and my response

is always the same. "The school year NEVER winds down, it actually winds up!" The end of school is actually the most complex, intense and frenetic time of the year. Not only are you busy with all that goes on during the typical days and weeks of a school with over 500 children, but you are deeply entrenched in planning and organizing the following school year. Schedules, staffing, student placement, programming, new educational initiatives, campus improvements and the list goes on!

In fact, we already have so much to share about the coming school year including new hires, major initiatives in the realms of educational technology integration, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), Hebrew language, enrichment opportunities and more. We are especially pleased to be using the results of our recent parent survey to help guide our improvement efforts and continued pursuit of educational excellence. A separate email will be going out to our stakeholders at the beginning of the summer detailing our exciting plans for the coming year along with a report about our survey results. (While the main purpose of a survey like this is to highlight growth opportunities - and we have some - we are extremely proud that we have beaten out our peer school averages in virtually every category!).

So as our school contemplates and designs the best possible Jewish and general studies educational environment for your children for the coming months and beyond, make sure you are doing the same! Ask yourself what you will do to ensure that this is a growth-filled summer for your family. Torah learning, health, reading, quality and quantity time with each other, davening, our Shabbat experience, delving into a new hobby...there are an infinite amount of opportunities for all of us to make sure we enrich our lives... let's make it happen this summer!

## NAMES, NOT NUMBERS® DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES FOR HUNDREDS

The premiere of the Holocaust documentary, *Names, Not Numbers*®, an interactive, multi-media project, took place Monday evening, March 20, at Temple Beth Shalom in Century Village. The program was dedicated in blessed memory of **Mr. Harry Wanderer, z"l**, who sponsored the program in its inaugural year (2016).



The program, supported by the **Legacy Heritage Fund**, and partially sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Alex Folkman**, chronicled the lives of nine Holocaust survivors as well as the personal experiences of the KHDS 8th grade class, who worked for months on this project.



This program transforms the traditional study of the Holocaust into an interactive program that involves survivors who lived through the history. The 8th grade students, under the direction of **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, Faculty Coordinator, engaged in serious, meaningful dialogue with the survivors and forged relationships with them. In addition, throughout the program, the students learned interviewing techniques, documentary film tools, and editing skills while working with professionals--journalists, newspaper editors, filmmakers, and Holocaust scholars.

We acknowledge **Mrs. Tova Fish-Rosenberg**, creator of *Names, Not Numbers*®, and film-maker **Michael Puro**, who worked with the students throughout the project. Special thanks to **Chayim Dimont, Jill Kaminetzky, Karen Moskowitz, Sonja Nadritch, Dalya Pickholtz** and **Hadassah Smolarcik** for their assistance with this project.

And we are forever grateful to the nine survivors who shared their touching stories: **Harry Aftel, Sigi Bessler, Renia Chadajo, Boris Chartan, Anna Freedman, Marc Goldsmith, Michael Marder, Hilda Mirwis** and **Baruch Strauch**. We shall never forget!



Above: **Harry Wanderer, z"l**, at the 2016 *Names, Not Numbers*® premiere.





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



It is hard to believe another year has ended. We've accomplished so much in the past 10 months, and while we have had so many successful programs to highlight, I thought it would be nice to focus on just a few. One of these focuses has been on extending Center-based learning through 3rd grade. Center-based learning allows children to work in small groups of 6-7 in the areas of math, reading and writing. We have been able to offer small group instruction, giving the children more time on task, more skill-based learning and an overall attention to their individual learning processes.

Over the course of the year, we have learned so much and look to continue to make improvements with this more individualized instruction. Additionally, the *Power of Yet* program, led by **Dr. Penina Dorfman**, **Nicole Kridos** and **Devora Gutman**, has encouraged children to take chances at the risk of failure. Each month students in grades K through 5 benefited from activities that reminded them that we can learn from our failures and grow from them. It is clear to those in the educational world that we are preparing children for a world that we cannot define today. In other words, careers that have not even been created yet will exist in their adult futures! The only thing we can be certain of is that children will face successes and failures in life, thus teaching them how to deal with their feelings will be key to their future successes. The *Power of Yet* program has given them the initial tools to assist in this, and we look forward to continuing and enhancing it next year. I want to wish you all a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation and growth. Looking forward to seeing you all back in late August!

### DR. SEUSS DAY

From Tefillah to Chumash, computers to P.E.,  
You will learn to become the best you can be!



**MATZAH FACTORY** The Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Program welcomed the Matzah Factory just before Pesach.



Kudos to **Lisa Pinkis**, art teacher, and the faculty of both the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center and the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School for working with the students on their amazing creations, which debuted on February 25, 2017 during Art Night. Thank you to the creative committee, chaired by **Chava Weisstuch**, and committee members: **Emely Aghion**, **Deena Frist**, **Harley Goodfriend**, **Shari Haik**, **Naomi Katz** and **Penina Schoenfeld**. Special thanks to **Deborah Young** for her assistance and to the **Schoenfeld family** for arranging the guest artist, **Jon Leo**.



## KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

**E**xcellent

**M**idot

**E**very

**T**ime



Golan Aghion	Eli Goldwasser	Batya Nachim
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Avigayil Elkoby	Tamar Mayer	Daveed Winograd
Asher Fellman	Ari Mayzel	Yoni Young
Daniella Frist	Gadi Mayzel	Gavriella Yudewitz
Mia Frist	Moshe Moskowitz	Shemaya Zangre
Ailey Frohlich	Shayana Moskowitz	Elisha Zisquit
Manny Goldstein	Sruli Muschel	Noah Zucker

Mazal Tov to all  
of the winners!



## Hadassah Smolarcik, M.S. Ed.

Principal, Grades 4 & 5 and Judaic Studies Grades 1-8



Time really does fly when you are having fun! This is the culmination of another great year at KHDS, and with it comes the graduation of 56 students who are leaving us and embarking on the next stage in their academic lives. Each year as we graduate a class, I am filled with bittersweet emotions; I am happy for the students to move on but at the same time, I reflect on each student and the actualization of each child's potential. Have the students reached and utilized that which they are most capable of in the stepping stones of academic achievement and success?

As I am writing this article, we are in the midst of the counting of the Omer. Everyone knows that we count in ascending order and not as a countdown (not like the students counting down how many days of school are left). In the *Tanna Dvei Eliyahu Zuta*, there is a story of a man who was constantly mocking Eliyahu Hanavi. This man was a fisherman by profession who was totally devoid of any Torah knowledge, not even having mastered the "aleph-bet." One day, Eliyahu stopped the man and asked, "What are you going to say in the Heavenly Court after 120 years, when you will be asked why you did not learn Torah?" The man responded, "I will say that I was not given the intelligence needed to ponder and learn Torah." Eliyahu then said, "As a fisherman, what do you need to know?" The man proceeded to describe the intricate details necessary to successfully fish, right down to the intricacies of making the nets and traps. As the man spoke, he realized that he contradicted himself—he began to cry as he realized that he did have intellectual capacity!

The Kotzker Rebbe goes further and explains this Midrash. He says, the man really was weak in intellectual capacity but he realized that if he did not fish, he would die of hunger. The strong desire to fish brought out capabilities that he did not originally have and he overcame his natural potential because his life depended on it. With this message, we see that one can create new potential if one's wishes, aspirations and desires are strong enough.

Our children have dreams and goals. We must help them reach and aspire to achieve the lofty goals which every child is capable of attaining. Getting back to the reason for counting *Sefirah* in ascending order, it is that the ultimate goal is important but every day must be utilized fully for the goal to be achieved— "We do not merely count the days, we must make the days count." (Taken from a Shiur of Rabbi Zev Leff.)

Thank you, **Ori & Inbar**, for all you have done to teach our children during the school year. We will miss you!!!!



**Rabbi Benji Levine**, a well-known educator from Israel and grandson of the famous *Rabbi Aryeh Levine zt"l*, The Tzaddik of Yerushalayim, spoke to the 7th and 8th graders about Jewish identity.



## MESIBAT CHUMASH

The 1st grade *Mesibat Chumash* took place on May 18. Thank you to **Drs. Jeffrey and Naomi Gross** and the **Tobie & William Wiener Endowment Fund** for subsidizing the cost of the Chumashim. Thank you to **Morah Shira Sharp, Mrs. Pammy Burns, Morah Hana Marin** and **Mrs. Samantha Witztum** for their work on the program and video, and mazal tov to all of the 1st graders on receiving their first Chumash!



3rd grade studied *Hilchot Brachot*, the laws of blessings, throughout the month of Shevat. All of the students were assigned a *Bracha* and were asked to create a display board illustrating and explaining its importance. Kudos to Kittah Gimmel.



## THE LION'S DEN

Maia Shaffer, Athletic Director/Julie Dorfman, After School Sports Coordinator



It has been a record breaking year for the KHDS Lions teams! Thank you to the student athletes for committing their time and participating in our sports programs. We would like to highlight some of the milestones of the year. Our **boys varsity basketball team** won the championship! This is the first time in KHDS sports history this has happened for the team! Congrats to the **boys varsity soccer team**, who brought home the 2nd place trophy! Not only was it an exciting year for our middle schoolers, but our 4th and 5th grade teams made great strides. The **girls basketball team** won the championship! The **girls soccer team**, which was established this year, also won the championship! How wonderful it was to watch these girls shine under the leadership of their coaches. The **boys soccer team** finished in 2nd place. The team was spectacular and had very tough competition.

We had a successful year of clinics open to all students to improve skill-level in many different sports. We would like to thank our superb coaches for their hard work and dedication to our sports program. As always, we 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.

### VARSITY TENNIS By: Coach Ray

*"You always want to win. That is why you play tennis, because you love the sport and try to be the best you can at it."*  
- Roger Federer, winner of 18 major tennis singles titles



Although we missed the playoffs this year, I saw progress and growth in skill level and maturity on both the **girls and boys tennis teams**. I recommend athletes continue to work on their tennis skills between now and next season. Congratulations to those who received special awards at the Sports Awards Night.

### VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL By: Coach Julie



This year the **girls softball team** had a great season! The girls worked hard and improved with each game. More runs were scored and more plays were made in the field throughout the season. Every athlete gave their all and the girls worked together to find a position and learn the skills that worked for each of them. It was such

a thrill to watch them learn and grow. I had such a wonderful experience working with the team and I hope more girls come out to play next season so we can continue where we left off.

### 4TH & 5TH GRADE GIRLS SOCCER By: Coach Samantha

This year marked the inaugural season of the **4th and 5th grade girls soccer team**. Some of the girls had never played soccer before, and so the season was an opportunity for them to work on their skills and improve their overall attitude. The players on the team showed excellent sportsmanship and impressed onlookers with their dignity and resilience on the field. The team encountered some tough opposition, but they kept their cool, pulled through and went on to win the league championship! Congratulations on a job well done!



### 4TH & 5TH GRADE BOYS SOCCER By: Coach Moishe



The KHDS **4th and 5th grade boys soccer team** had a fantastic season. Although we did not win the championship, we placed 2nd against a very strong HNMB soccer team. The overall record was (3) wins, (1) loss and (1) tie. Team captains were **Zevi Kay, Noam Rindsberg, Zack Cohen,** and

**Akiva Scher**. While **Noam** was the leading scorer, **Ari Mayzel** showed heroics in the goal position. **Coach Mark** and I look forward to another great season. I would like to thank **Maia Shaffer** and **Julie Dorfman** as well as all of the parents who supported the team.



MAZAL TOV,  
ATHLETES  
OF THE YEAR

**Toby Kahn**

**Max Frohlich**

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) is one of the favorite fundraising events of KHDS students. This year we raised a total of \$5,375, 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.

#### Fundraising Winners:

1st place: **Akiva Scher** (5th grade) \$665  
2nd place: **Mordechai Marcus** (5th grade) \$513  
3rd place: **Doronit Skoczylas** (5th grade) \$400



Based on the money we raised this year the **American Heart Association** will reward us with a \$400 gift certificate, which will help us purchase new equipment for our PE Department.



## KHDS HAPPENINGS



5th graders took a field trip to the **SWA (Solid Waste Authority)** to learn about the "AWAY Program"—throw away, recycle away, flush away.



7th grade students participate in Gleaning the fields at the **CROS Ministries** by picking peppers to be donated to multiple food pantries. Seven bins were filled and donated to the **Jacobson Food Pantry**.



5th graders created an interactive classroom bulletin board to help improve their writing skills. Students then added "hooks" (opening sentences in writing to grab the reader's attention) to the bulletin board.



The 6th grade Social Studies classes presented their creative business ideas before the "teacher sharks" in our *2nd Annual Shark Tank* competition! Thanks to **Mrs. Nomi Feinberg-Erlach** for making this happen!



**Arlyne Wayner**, Mrs. Deichman's mother, led the 5th grade in a lesson on quilting as a continuation of the class's learning about the importance of quilt codes used by slaves along the Underground Railroad. The class also used these quilt patches as clues during their simulation of the Underground Railroad.



Have you ever journeyed to Angkor Wat or Antarctica? These authors traveled around the world and shared their unusual and extraordinary escapades during the *Annual Authors' Tea*. They hiked, ran a marathon, foiled a robber, drove a go-cart, rode a helicopter, spied a kangaroo, sprinted up the Eiffel Tower, and even spent some time with Justin Bieber. Next time you want to have an adventure, don't hesitate to consult with our talented authors.



## KHDS HAPPENINGS



### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

The 5th-8th grade boys *Sunday Morning Learning (SML)* group enjoyed dinner and a Marlins game. **Noam Rindsberg** was lucky enough to catch a foul ball!

### LEARNING GARDEN

This year we grew carrots in our *Learning Garden* to feed our school bunny, **Snowball**. We also collected rain water to irrigate the garden and used drip irrigation to avoid wasting water. In previous years, students planted strawberries, tomatoes and peppers in the garden. They also planted herbs that are used for early childhood havdallah sets, learning about the five senses, and that have been sold around the holidays as a fundraiser.

KHDS also has its own butterfly garden, *Daniel's Butterfly Garden*, that is used to teach the students about the life cycle of butterflies. Both of our gardens are organic and we release ladybugs annually to help with the unwanted insects.



### DANIEL'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN PROJECT

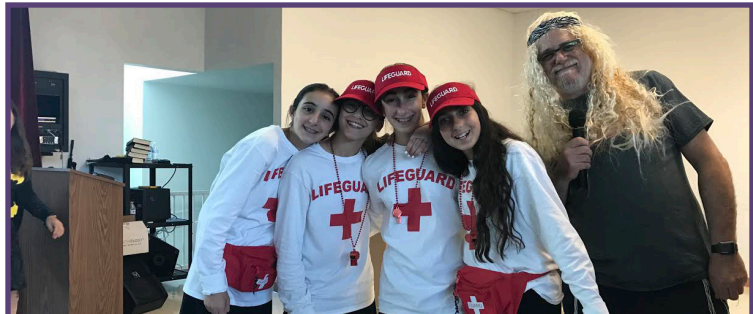


The children of the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Program gathered in *Daniel's Butterfly Garden* on April 24 to hang hand-made butterfly feeders. **The Wultz's**, who dedicated the garden several years ago in memory of **Daniel Cantor Wultz**, were also present. Thank you to **Mrs. Batsheva Klein** for coordinating this project.





# Adar & Purim



## COLOR WAR

A Purim-themed Color War broke out on February 28.



KHDS students and faculty take part in the **JFS Jacobson Family Food Pantry Food Parade** and help sort the donations.





## KHDS HAPPENINGS

### YOM HA'ATZMAUT

In honor of Israel's 69th year of independence, the KHDS Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration was sponsored once again by the **Wultz Family** in memory of **Daniel Cantor Wultz**.



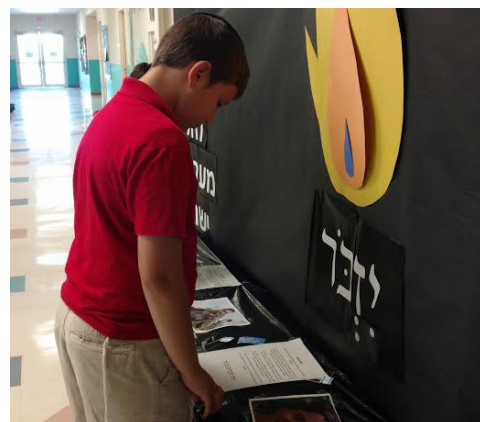
### YOM HASHOAH

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, students lit candles to honor individuals who perished and learned about their personal stories.



### YOM HAZIKARON

Honoring the fallen soldiers on Israel's memorial day.



Yom HaShoah exhibit created by our B'not Sherut, **Ori and Inbar**.



Our Middle School students learned about an incredible exhibit through **Yad Vashem** called "Child's Play" in commemoration of Yom HaShoah.



### YOM YERUSHALAYIM

KHDS celebrated Yom Yerushalayim with a Middle School Chagiga and elementary school play, starring administration, faculty and the B'not Sherut!





## KHDS HAPPENINGS

### SCIENCE FAIR

The *Science Fair Showcase* took place on June 6 as our student scientists proudly displayed their projects. This year students were given the opportunity to choose any experiment or topic that they were curious about and that interested them! Thank you to **Mrs. Batsheva Klein** for overseeing the Fair.



### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

*Outdoor Classroom Day* is a campaign to celebrate and inspire play and learning outside the classroom. By getting involved we joined a worldwide movement of schools standing up for outdoor learning and setting an example to others that outdoor play matters. The campaign started in London, England, and with the support of the Unilever Dirt is Good family of brands, has now gone global.



### GROWTH MINDSET CARNIVAL

**Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School** students celebrated the end of the school year at the *Growth Mindset Carnival*. They participated in team-building and mind lab activities.



**Yasher Koach** to **Mrs. Deichman's 5th grade class** for their film about the lionfish being chosen as part of the online database of the *Youth Making Ripples Film Festival*. Out of the 70 films that were entered in the competition, only 22 were chosen to be included. Check out the video at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8o9hVeBuWg&feature=youtu.be>

### KTP

The *Kids Time Program (KTP)* grand performance took place on June 7 and featured the production, "*Alice In Wonderland, Jr.*" as well as the talents of our ballerinas and gymnasts.



### ORAL HISTORY LESSON

KHDS grandparent **Bonnie Weinreb**, visited the 5th grade to speak about her oral history publication, "*A Gift of Memories*," and to offer helpful tips and techniques to the students, who conducted their own oral history interviews.





## KHDS HAPPENINGS

### TRANSPORTATION DAY

Special thanks to **Cara Beim** and **Michele Dimont** for coordinating this year's *Transportation Day* held on March 1.



### 6TH GRADE PIGEON KEY TRIP

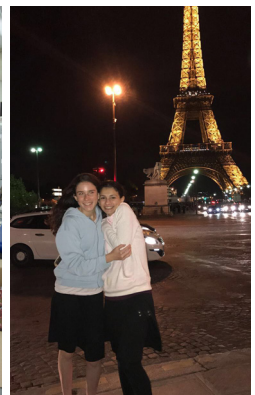


### 7TH GRADE WASHINGTON, DC TRIP



### 8TH GRADE ISRAEL TRIP (and don't forget Paris!)

Special thanks to **Daniel Katz**, KHDS President, for planning every last detail of this amazing annual trip once again!





## CAMPAIGN MATTER\$

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



summer and look forward to yet another successful year as we begin again in August!

Thanks to all of our supporters for making this year's campaign a success! We will announce our fundraising totals in the **2016-2017 Annual Report**. If you have not yet made your donation to the **Every Parent Campaign** you can still do so to have your name included in the **Annual Report**. We remind you that this campaign strives for 100% parent participation and your donation in any amount, *literally*, counts! We wish you a safe and awesome

### 3RD ANNUAL PARENT-CHILD GOLF OUTING

Mazal Tov to this year's 3rd 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**, **Sandy & Barbara Cohen**, **Jeremy Lurie** and **Phyllis Struhl**, for their efforts on a successful event held on Sunday, May 21 at **Boca Lago Country Club**. This year's outing brought in \$40,000 for the KHDS Scholarship Fund!

Thank you to this year's amazing volunteers: **Max Abramovitz**, **Henry Bensmihen**, **Sandy Cohen**, **Dov & Benny Hochner**, **Moe Levy**, **Jeremy Lurie**, **Justin Lurie**, **Shoshannah Marcus**, **Jennifer Rosen**, **Michael Rosen**, **Rebecca Rosen**, **Tzippy Rosen**, **Lea Saida**, **Ari, Ella & Yosef Schwarzman**, and **Avital Shapiro**.

The participants enjoyed a great day on the links with family and friends, beginning with lunch and **Brad Denton's** entertaining trick shot show. The Instructional Jr. Golf Clinic followed with the pros teaching on the driving range and putting green (along with the putting contest) and warming everyone up for the 9-hole shotgun scramble. Simultaneously an 18-hole course track also took place. This year the new "Links on the Links" Hot Dog & Sausage Bar was a popular stop along the course as well as plenty of snacks and cool slushies to enjoy. Following golf, children enjoyed the game room and everyone indulged in the delicious buffet. The evening concluded with the awards ceremony and raffle drawing (along with a surprise birthday cake for **Benny Hochner**), and all of the child participants received a trophy.

Although no one made the Hole-in-One (or won the Mercedes Benz C300), we congratulate our contest winners and thank **McGuire Army Navy** for donating a portion of the prizes.

#### Longest Drive:

Children: **Azriel Galbut/Avi Rosman**  
Adults: **Yair Fridrich/Eric Pinkis**

#### Closest to the Pin:

Children: **Yosef Golish/Aiden Pinkis**  
Adults: **Yair Fridrich/Josh Stern**

#### Putting Contest:

**Ami Harow** - made the 30' putt!!!!

Additionally, winners of Brad Denton's raffle for a vacation package: **Kira Berley**, **Elisha Horowitz**, **Chaim Rosen**, **Avi Rosman** & **Ashi Weissstuch**.

And the KHDS participant raffle winners were:

- Simcha Rosen**, Golf Foursome generously donated by **Boca Lago**
- Alexander Schpilberg**, Bluetooth Speaker generously donated by **Staples Business Advantage**
- Benjamin Landau**, 4 tickets to Aquatica generously donated by **SeaWorld**
- Elan Greenbaum**, 4 SeaWorld Orlando tickets generously donated by **Sea World**
- Eitan Landau**, 4 Disney One-Day Park Hopper Passes generously donated by **Walt Disney World**

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Katz Hillel Day School is grateful to our **Atid Legacy Society** members for their dedication in ensuring the future of our school for decades to come. Legacy gifts including endowments, life insurance and other after-lifetime gifts are crucial to preserving the longevity of KHDS and allowing us to provide a stellar Jewish education for students for the future. Contact the Development Office for more information on how you can create a Jewish legacy.



**CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY**



## PTA PAGES

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



KHDS expresses sincere appreciation to **Sharona Kay, PTA President**, for spearheading another 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!

### PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE

On the evening of March 30, the **Boca Raton Synagogue** bustled with excitement as shoppers took a break from their busy schedules to attend **KHDS PTA's Pre-Passover 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 FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to **Rachel Greenbaum**, whose creativity and determination in coordinating this year's food drive made it the most successful yet. This year, through an organized class competition, KHDS families donated more items than ever before for needy families - 15 boxes! Congratulations to the **3rd and 6th grades** on winning an ice cream party generously donated by PTA for collecting the most goods. The PTA was also pleased to provide the other participating grades with ice pops.

### WHAT A MENCH(IES)!

The second annual **KHDS-Menchie's Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser** was a huge success. Under **Gila Stern's** leadership, this effort raised approximately \$800 for KHDS over the past two years. Congratulations to our **Kindergarten class** on winning two **Menchie's** cakes and a \$400 gift card for their classroom in the Menchie's competition.



### SPECIAL THANKS

PTA and KHDS extends sincere thanks to **Meira Gross** for her time over the past several years compiling the **PTA Pages** for the **Hillel Herald**, editing the **Hillel Herald** in its entirety, and editing the **Weekly Shavuon** each and every week. In addition, Meira has helped with editing countless other projects over the years. We thank her for her dedication and time to these projects during her tenure as a KHDS parent. With her last child graduating we wish her a hearty Mazal Tov and all the best! Thank you, Meira, for all you have done for our school!

Everyone needs an editor.

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Watching and mingling during KHDS soccer games just got a lot cooler, thanks to the new outdoor sunshade on the soccer field. The PTA was excited to have the opportunity to provide the sunshade for our students and spectators, and to donate other key enhancements to KHDS over the years.

## With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

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

April: **Rachel Greenbaum**

May: **Gila Stern**



❖ Getting ready for next school year is easy, thanks to the incredible efforts of our parent volunteers. The PTA expresses its gratitude to **Dvora Scher** for coordinating our annual school supply sale and to **Tzippi Rosen** for organizing orders of summer reading books.

❖ 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**. Thank you to **Gila Stern** for coordinating weekly challot pick-up, and to all of our parent volunteers.

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](mailto:sharonakay@mac.com) to join and learn more.



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## 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 up to 10% back on your purchases. You'll find the exact same prices, product selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon's standard website — with the added bonus of knowing you are supporting our school. Thank you to all of the KHDS families who have helped us raise over \$4,000 over time, and to **Suri Spolter** for her efforts to help spread the word and increase our Amazon earnings.



## RECYCLING



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.

## PTA BOOK SHARE



The **PTA Book Share**, recently expanded due to popular demand to also include the **Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School** and Middle School, is a great place to find books for your children. Books are now located outside the main office, on the second floor of the elementary school, and in the Middle School lounge. A 50-cent donation is appreciated but not required to purchase or borrow a book. If you find that you visit the **PTA Book Share** often, you can sign up for an \$18 annual book-share membership — and take home as many books as you would like for the rest of the school year. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at the PTA Shoppe across from the main office.

## SHOE RECYCLING

Help support those in need by depositing old, worn shoes in the recycling bin outside the main office. The shoe recycling programs also helps raise funds for KHDS while allowing you to do your part to recycle.

## SWAP SHOP

Please remember that in addition to selling new uniforms year-round at the **PTA 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.

**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 a donation from **Shoparoo**.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION

Sponsoring a **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** is a great way to recognize our KHDS teachers and staff. Now, thanks to KHDS parent **Miriam Roberts**, you can sign up to help sponsor a breakfast online at <http://www.hillelpta.org/teacher-appreciation-breakfasts/>, or by contacting **Cara Freedman** at 561-750-3132 or [carafreedman@yahoo.com](mailto:carafreedman@yahoo.com). You can also contact Cara if you're interested in helping to set up these events.

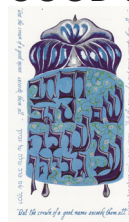


## BREAKFASTS

## 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 HDS. That means you save time on shopping and support a valuable cause. A variety of gifts are available to choose from, and you designate any of several charities as the recipient of your donation. Thank you to **Sara Goldberg** for organizing the gifts.

## 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](mailto:dvora@dwpalaw.com).

## MABEL'S LABELS

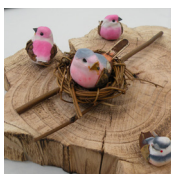
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to partner with **Mabel's Labels** in a fundraising effort. Simply shop for **Mabel's Labels** products online ([mabelslabels.com](http://mabelslabels.com)) and our school will earn 20% back for your order. All you need to do is select "Support a Fundraiser" 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](mailto:sagreene74@gmail.com) or (310) 614-1836.





## A LITTLE BIRDY TOLD ME, "THIS LUNCHEON WAS A REAL TWEET"



This year's Annual Katz Hillel Day School PTA Luncheon paid tribute to honorees **Zipora Rindsberg** and **Tzippi Rosen**, as well as 63 **Guardians of Learning (GOLs)** on Sunday, June 4. The new venue, our own Middle School Atrium, was the perfect setting for the "bird" theme, as parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, administration, and community members gathered for a lovely afternoon.

While guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon catered by **Boca Kosher Bagel**, PTA President **Sharona Kay** delivered her ninth "State-of-the-PTA" address, welcoming the women (and a few men, too) boasting PTA's many contributions to KHDS over the years, including our soon-to-be, first-ever swimming pool!



**Caroline Katz**, Chair of the Guardian of Learning program, spoke about its ongoing success announcing that \$23,000 had been raised from this year's 63 GOL's, including eight new members, and tying last year's record of total GOL's.

Following a group GOL photo, **Sharona Kay** embellished on the "bird" theme of the luncheon and also shared how each of the honorees, when first approached, thought themselves undeserving and each other, most deserving. **Naomi Abramovitz** then used her clever humor while speaking about why the two "Ziporas," were chosen as honorees and gave the guests insight into their diverse and interesting backgrounds. Their ongoing commitment to the PTA through their dedication of time through the years includes: organizing all the Vacation Day and Orlando trips, the summer and year-long Book Orders, the Birthday Book Club project, Teacher Appreciation Week, and so many hours volunteering at Chanukah Fairs, Uniform Sales, Book Fairs, and so much more. **Zipora** and **Tzippi** were each called upon to accept their honoree gifts and each gave a short acceptance speech.



And just as everyone thought the afternoon was over, a surprise award was yet to be presented. **Sharona Kay** intrigued the audience, explaining that "this person works tirelessly on behalf of PTA and Katz Hillel Day School. Because this individual works behind the scenes, few of us, perhaps none of us, actually know just how essential his efforts are -- and this is so fun because he doesn't know anything about this award." Alas, the recipient was announced and all eyes were on **Mr. Joe Sharp**, Executive Director, as a look of surprise and "OMG" crossed his blushing face. Joe was presented with a beautiful plaque with an inscription for his hard work and dedication to PTA and our school.

Thank you to all of 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 raises more money each year than any other fundraiser. PTA also thanks the following people for their efforts on this year's luncheon: **Naomi Abramovitz** and **Deborah Young**, **Dvorah Eisen**, **Sara Goldberg**, **Jill Kaminetzky**, and **Joe Sharp** as well as young but very capable helpers **Ruth Abramovitz** and **Abby Rosenthal**.



## 2016-2017 GUARDIANS OF LEARNING



Leslie Abady	Laura Greenbaum	Juliana Rosenblatt*
Naomi Abramovitz	Keri Greenfield	Rachel Rudensky
Liora Adler	Simone Griff	Suzy Ruttenberg
Charlotte Albert*	Naomi Gross	Stephanie Saks*
Elana Belizon	Ilona Grynstein	Dana Schechter
Lisa Kaufman Bensmihen	Rachel Harow	Tracey Schwartz
Rebecca Berkeley	Meredith Hirsh	Naomi Shapiro
Batzi Berman	Liz Karsh	Shira Sharp
Mirta Brown	Caroline Katz	Caryn Sherman*
Helen Cohan	Jean Katz	Hadassah Smolarcik
Elysa Cohen	Sharona Kay	Gila Stern
Laura Cohen	Bruria Kotsi	Stephanie Stern
Orlie Cohen	Irene Kott	Linda Struhl
Michele Dimont	Jen Kroll	Phyllis Struhl
Dvorah Eisen	Jennifer Landau	Robin Struhl
Shira Englander	Beatrice Levine	Edna Tokayer
Jamie Frank	Linda Levy	Rachel Tripp
Cara Freedman	Suri Markowitz	Chava Weisstuch*
Lisa Freedman	Arielle Moskowitz*	Marisa Weg*
Lauren Glaun	Joyce Muller	Shoshana Wirtschafter*
Basheva Goldberg	Jill Rose	Risa Zimmerman

\* New GOL



## BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

### Joe Sharp, Executive Director

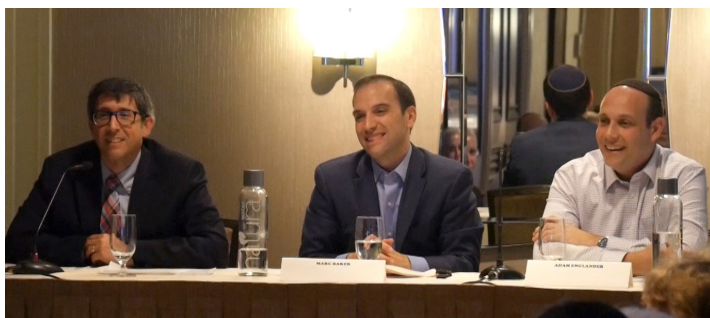


Thursday, June 15, 2017, bridged the gap between the close of an incredible 2016/17 school year and the start of another amazing summer of **Camp Ruach**. During their busy orientation day, our camp staff also underwent security training from **Guardian Defense**. Our campus was buzzing with a flurry of activity as our dedicated maintenance staff prepared our facilities for the summer while refreshing and upgrading our campus ahead of the next school year.

June 15th also served as a reminder that we are fortunate to be in a time of historic legislation on both the federal and state levels, of which we are, and hope to continue to be, the grateful beneficiaries. Late in the afternoon, we received word that **Governor Scott** signed HB7069 and is about to sign HB15, which will greatly expand the **Gardiner Scholarship** program for special needs and increase the award amounts for the tax credit scholarship program (**Step Up for Students** and **AAA Scholarship**) to 8%-18% per-child.

Those bills were passed in the same legislative session that approved approximately \$650,000 of state funds to go directly towards security upgrades in Jewish day schools. This landmark allocation was initiated by the **Teach Florida** advocacy group and championed to the finish line through its tireless efforts. **Teach Florida**, a part of the **Orthodox Union Advocacy Center**, was just established this year. As a founding member school, we are proud of their accomplishments thus far, and appreciative of their hard work and the generosity of the lay leadership that has made their vision a reality.

I was privileged to represent our community on the **OU Advocacy Mission** in spending June 15th in Washington, D.C. We had meaningful discussions in the offices of **Florida Representatives Carlos Curbelo** and **Rep. Ron DeSantis** covering several topics including expansion of the **Homeland Security Grant for Nonprofits** and the creation of the **Energy Efficiency Grant for Nonprofits**. We were inspired by the passion and support shown for our community in speaking with **Representatives Virginia Foxx**



Our own **Rabbi Englander** was one of only 3 heads of school throughout the country to be invited to present to the trustees of the **Avi Chai Foundation** in New York this past May. Over many years, Avi Chai has invested heavily in many aspects of Jewish education, especially in Jewish educational leadership. Rabbi Englander has benefited directly from their investments, including the **Harvard Principal Leadership Program** he attended last summer.

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and **Elliot Engel**, and **Senators Ben Cardin, Ted Cruz, Orrin Hatch, John Hoeven, Robert Menendez, Bill Nelson, Debbie Stabenow**, and **Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer**.

The highlight of our day, however, was our time at the **White House**. We heard from the **President's Special Representative for International Relations**, the **Hon. Jason Greenblatt**, and **Deputy Assistant to the President**, the **Hon. Sebastian Gorka**. We were then honored to hear from the **Secretary of Education**, the **Hon. Betsy DeVos** with whom we discussed a number of avenues being actively pursued through which the Federal government can facilitate school choice, such as tax deductions or a tax credit scholarship program. As I boarded the plane home feeling energized by the overwhelming support shown by our elected officials and the success of our work in advancing KHDS's causes, I received a special bracha for hatzlacha from my seat mate, **former U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman**.

These and other efforts have contributed greatly to our ability to set tuition rates lower than they were 6 years ago while continuing to add to our educational resources and upgrade our facilities. The events on June 15th are a representation of the good fortune that Hashem continues to bestow upon the KHDS family, and we pray, G-D willing, that they will continue to enable us to reach even greater heights at sustainable costs on behalf of your children, for many more years to come.



Look for a full recap of Kindergarten graduation, as well as 8th grade graduation, in our *Annual Report*.



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To submit information for a future *Hillel Herald*, please email Suzanne Rice at [srice@hilleldayschool.org](mailto:srice@hilleldayschool.org).



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