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Above Left: Joshua Haik's winning art design for the 5778 Rosh Hashanah card.

Below: Gov. Rick Scott visits our school (see pg. 7 for the full story).



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



Dear KHDS Family,

I hope you all had a great start to the New Year filled with health, happiness and blessing. *Baruch Hashem*, it has been a terrific start of the new school year

here at the Katz Hillel Day School! We began the year with a record-breaking 116 new students; far more than we have ever had before. These new students and families are coming because they have heard about the excellent education that has become synonymous with KHDS.

As I have said many times before, what we are most proud of at KHDS and what sets us apart from other schools, is our relentless desire to improve and add value to our program. Here are only some of the new initiatives and programs you will hear about over the course of the year:

- **Makerspace** - We are thrilled that we are well on the way to fully outfitting our new Makerspace! A Makerspace is a room (located on the 2nd floor of the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School) where students gather to create, think, invent, tinker, explore and discover, using a variety of tools and materials ranging from 3-D printers and laser cutters to hammers, nails and glue. This exciting program is under the direction of **Kim Sivick**, our new Director of Technology Innovation.

- **Sensory Room** - Our younger students have the opportunity to use our new sensory room. This allows for more sensory play, which is any activity that engages the five senses, as well as balance and depth perception. Some of the expected benefits are improved fine and gross motor skills, enhanced body awareness, overall calmness, enhanced focus and improved social engagement.

- **Enhanced Torah learning outside of school** - We have built upon the Sunday morning learning program (already expanded to communities outside Boca Raton) and our very successful weekly nighttime learning that saw 8 boys finish *Masechet Makkot* last year! More students are involved than ever before.

- **Better Together™** - We received a grant that is allowing for a joint program between our middle school and some of our neighbors at Sinai Residences (right across the street). Our children are already benefitting tremendously and learning so much from their interactions with these seniors.

- **New Writing Class** - Our 7th graders now have a weekly writing class led by an

expert in the field, that will enhance and build upon what they are doing in English class.

- **Social Skills/Middot** - We are experimenting with an enhanced program for our 5th grade that may extend to other areas of the school.

- **New Tanach initiative** - Two of our Judaic teachers spent 2 weeks in Israel this summer as part of an advanced professional development program for Judaic studies teachers. In addition to the many great ideas they have and the connections they have made, they will be initiating a new, monthly Tanach program in the middle school that will expose our students to some of the stories in Tanach that they don't get to learn in the traditional curriculum, and in a fun and engaging way.

- **ETGAR** - There is further growth and expansion of the program including several new staff members and a new room with a cutting-edge layout.

- **PLC expansion** - Our professional learning communities, groups of teachers who voluntarily meet together to learn, grow and share best practices, have expanded for the third year in a row. We have added a "teacher rounds" component, which is a specific, proven protocol for having teachers observe their peers in a way that ensures everybody experiences personal growth in their pedagogy.

- **Band** - Our music department will be bringing band back to the school. This initiative will begin with our 4th and 5th

graders but will expand to younger grades as well later in the year.

I look forward to sharing more about these initiatives and many others as the year progresses. Thank you for partnering with us in the holy work of educating our precious children!



Rabbi Meir Goldwicht, one of the Roshei Yeshiva at YU, visited KHDS and inspired our middle school students with beautiful words of Torah.



Mrs. Sari Vine, one of our middle school teachers, addressed students in 6th-8th grades about how her family was tragically affected by 9/11 and what lessons we can learn from this painful day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES provide a variety of fun and stimulating options.



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

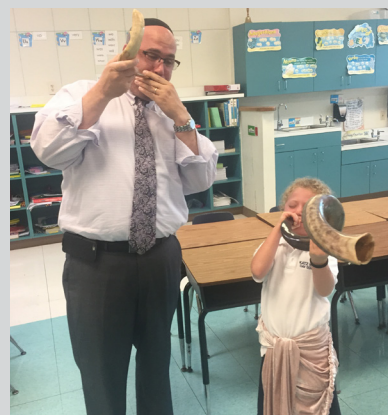


Now that the *chagim* have passed and we've had some consistency in our daily schedule, it amazes me how well the children have adjusted to the school year. I've personally observed how individual students are growing into a community of learners. "Community" is something stressed in our back-to-school training with teachers at the start of the school year—the importance of an environment in which students feel valued as individuals, and connected to their teachers and to each other. They have confidence in their need to belong, be competent, experience independence, and have fun. Students believe they have something to offer the community and the community has something to offer them. However, there is one aspect of community that seemingly comes from an unlikely source, but all the same, is quite valuable to keep in mind when setting up

the classroom.

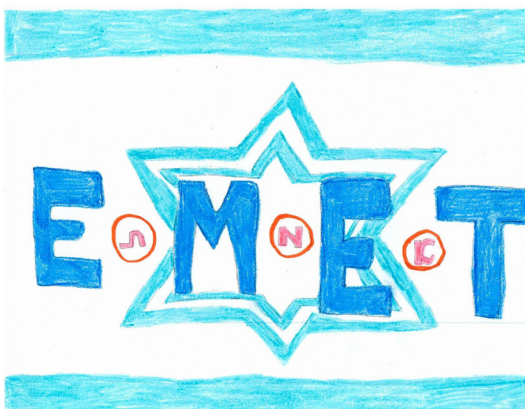
I learned of this aspect over the summer from a former student, who shared with me a *TED Talk* by Susan Cain, entitled, "The Power of Introverts" (https://www.ted.com/talks/susan_cain_the_power_of_introverts). To say this video impacted me would be a clear understatement. You see, to me, a community was always about collaboration, interaction, consistent give and take, the flow of ideas, and the sweet hum of interactive noise among peers. The communal student body had always been about great conversation and modeling the representation of ideas with respect to other people's opinions. But Susan Cain opened my eyes to a surprising revelation about the impact and undeniable contribution of the introverted child, the one who may not be inclined to raise his or her hand, to easily offer an opinion, or to volunteer to open his or her mouth. This altered my take on the traditional view of the classroom community, and I think it will alter yours as well.

I wrestle with offering you more about Ms. Cain's enlightening thoughts, but I don't feel that I would do it justice, and would only deprive you of the opportunity to be moved. So I leave you with this: communities are built by differences and differences create communities. Please feel free to email me, as I would love to hear your thoughts and reactions about the impact of introverts and their significant communal effect.



A special moment in 1st grade as a lucky student shares the honor of blowing the shofar with Mr. Dimont!

EMET LOGO CONTEST WINNER



Congratulations to **Sarah Cohen** on winning this year's EMET logo design contest.

Ms. Kridos' 3rd graders wrapped up their "back to school" week by completing the team building STEM activity "Marshmallow Challenge." The students were encouraged



to practice their growth mindsets and lean into tough moments. This activity engaged students in critical thinking, cooperative learning, and innovative teamwork.

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent

Midot

Every

Time



Ella Abitbol
Abby Adler
Nadiv Barenholtz
Ava Bienenfeld
Ariel Blanka
Ayelet Blumenthal
Maya Bornstein
Max Bornstein
Noah Dahan
Jonah Deichman
Shlomo Ehrlich
Chaim Elmakies
Ruth Epstein
Mali Feder
Asher Fisch
Ailey Frohlich
Tamar Ganz
Isabella Gately
Yael Nissim Geter
Noa Goldman
Yossi Goldman
Jake Goodfriend
Coby Greenfield
Nava Haik
Zev Hocherman
Jonah Jacobs
Shayna Kahan

Chaim Kassorla
Aaron Kirschner
Benjy Landau
Sarina Loewinger
Danielle MacLeod
Rachel Mochenyat
Rebecca Oppenheimer
Abby Rosenblat
Noah Rosenblat
Chaya Rotenberg
Maya Saka
Matan Scher
Joey Schoenfeld
Jacob Sicherman
AJ Stein
Yishai Steinberg
Lilly Stern
Yishai Stern
Rafi Taillard
Elana Tilis
Gabe Weisfeld
Rebecca Weisfeld
Abby Weisstuch
Shlomo Wexler
Atara Wolk
Hillel Zisquit

Mazal Tov to all of the winners!

(as of press time)

Hadassah Smolarcik, M.S. Ed.

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



I recently came across an article titled, "What Kinds of Parent Involvement Really Make a Difference." While countless studies have proven that parental involvement—such as checking homework, attending school meetings, discussing school activities at home—have a powerful influence on students' academic performance, the most effective parents set the stage for their children's success by the life space and messages they orchestrate.

Every KHDS parent has hopes that their children will grow to be adults with strong integrity, moral standards, social consciousness and faithful adherence to Torah and Mitzvot. With these goals in mind, the choice of a good school is a paramount decision but one that obviously cannot discount the role that the parents must play in the evolvement and development of the children with the above goals in mind.

So what does boost a child's achievements? According to the authors' research—it is stage setting. The author used the analogy of stage setting and what a theater's behind-the-scenes workers do so actors can perform successfully in the show. As in a successful production, there are two critical components: the actor who embodies his or her role, and the stage setter who creates and maintains the environment that reinforces the actor in his or her role. "The most effective parents, set the stage for their children's success by the life space and the messages they orchestrate." Even the parent with the most demanding career can be successful at stage setting—"this influence of the parent is at work under the surface, subtly shaping the children's self-concept, aspirations and future possibilities. By not micromanaging students' homework, parents may produce more autonomous children who are better equipped to make their own way through the challenges of middle and high school."

I would like to also suggest and remind parents that the best lessons that children learn in life are the lessons gleaned from observing those around them. When children are young, they use the adults around them as models for what is right and wrong—and children are good observers! As children get older, peer influence plays a huge role in decision making. If a child has a strong set of morals, values and beliefs, the child is less likely to be influenced by people who do not have the same morals and values. I have a mantra that I use with my husband and children and it works both ways. "If it is important to you, then it is important to me." The values that the children see in the home that are important to the parents will have lasting impact on the children as they grow and have families of their own. What the children will observe as unimportant to the parents, will, too, have the negative impact on them as they grow. Role modeling is an effective parenting tool. We often talk about disciplining our children but we need to put an equal emphasis on disciplining ourselves.

May this year be successful, productive and healthy in our spiritual and physical lives.

MEET THE B'NOT SHERUT

Meet **Moriya Dadon** and **Shir Ben Moha**, our new B'not Sherut for the 2017-2018 school year!



Moriya (above left) and Shir (above right) are actually cousins! Their moms are sisters and they were both born in Ashkelon, Israel.

Moriya likes to play the piano, is part of a band called "Negev Israeli," and she also enjoys singing. Swimming and traveling are also hobbies and she recently took a camping trip in northern Israel where she roughed-it for 2 weeks.

Shir enjoys singing and dancing and is part of an all-girls dance troupe, which only perform for women, called "Roni Vesimchi," which translates to, "always be happy and bring happiness to your life."

The girls bring the vibe of Israel to Boca Raton while teaching our students Hebrew, putting on plays, and other creative lessons and activities relating to *Tzionut* (Zionism).

If you would like to host the girls for Shabbat, Chagim, or any other time please contact **Rachel Harow** at rachelharow@yahoo.com.



Students in **Morah Shany's** classroom engage in the new innovative and interactive Ivrit curriculum, *Ulpan Or*, which teaches conversational Ivrit (Hebrew language).

THE LIONS' DEN

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



The 2017 Flag Football season has flown by! Congratulations to all the athletes for their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the fall season. They competed at the highest level in all the games and practices, while improving every day. This season, we were fortunate to have 2 new coaches lead the team. **Shawn Kerzer** and **Steve Nazaire** brought not only experience, but also a contagious energy. We are lucky to have them!

Our Girls Volleyball Team had a great season as well. Even with only a few returning players, the girls finished their season with 3 wins and 4 losses. Thank you to our talented and dedicated coaches, **Samantha Witztum** and **Samantha Shields**.

We are looking forward to our next season of play which includes Girls Varsity Basketball and Boys Varsity Soccer. Come out and cheer on your Katz Hillel Lions!

Maia and Julie

Check out our website to view game schedules.



BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL

By: Coaches Shawn Kerzer & Steve Nazaire

It was a strong season for the Boys Flag Football Team. We were thrilled by the camaraderie on the team and the boys finished with a record of 2 wins and 4 losses. The athletes communicated, cheered and worked together! It was exciting to see improvements in practice that were then displayed at the games. What really made this team special was the winning mentality and self-preservation. Nothing is impossible to accomplish on the field or in life!



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

By: Coaches Samantha Witztum & Samantha Shields



The KHDS Middle School Girls Volleyball Team finished their thrilling season with a record of 3 wins and 4 losses. For the first time, the team played in a 4-school tournament which was a great experience for the girls. Some of the players had never played volleyball 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 pride and spirit on the court. The team encountered some strong opposition, but they kept their dignity and tried their best. Congratulations on a job well done--Go Lady Lions!

NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Introducing some new,
and some 'not-so-new'
members of our KHDS family.



Lisa Barnes joins us as a Middle School ETGAR teacher and she hopes to instill strategies within our struggling readers to ensure great academic success at KHDS and beyond. Lisa was born in Ithaca, NY and has 3 children: Matthew (age 24), Grant (age 22) and Elizabeth (age 19). She loves the great outdoors and is a retired marathon runner who now enjoys Barre classes. Lisa loves cooking (especially for her family) and gets giddy over a great cup of java. She volunteers at the VA Medical Center reading to veterans.



Arlene Fishbein is teaching 7th graders writing skills. Arlene comes to KHDS from Hillel NMB, where she was a faculty member for 17 years. Prior to that, she worked at RASG Hebrew Academy, also her alma mater. She was born in Miami Beach and has 6 children. Two of her children and their families live in Israel and one of her grandchildren just returned from his Army tekes. Arlene loves traveling to Israel and she and her husband, Larry, live in Boynton Beach.



Raquel Hardy is our new 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher. She was born in the Bronx, NY and is engaged to Yuri Hepburn. Raquel enjoys reading, conducting research and traveling.



Liz Karsh is the 3rd grade Judaics Assistant Teacher. Her role is to enhance her students' use of the Hebrew language. Liz and her husband Josh have three children (all KHDS students): Abby (4th grade), Shai (1st grade) and Liel (EC2). Liz was born in Israel, where she was also raised. Liz loves to cook and an interesting fact is that all three of her children are redheads.



Abigail Kerzhner returns to KHDS as the EC3A Assistant Teacher helping with tasks, preparation and organization of projects and activities for the class. Abigail was born in Kansas City, KS and she loves to cook and do yoga. She and her husband, Yan, have two children (both KHDS students): Emunah (Kindergarten) and Shayna (EC2).



Deborah Plotsker joins us as the 2nd grade Judaics Assistant Teacher. She was born in Hillcrest, NY and she and her husband Stephen have 4 children: Yonatan (age 20), Eliezer (age 17), Ahuva (age 15), and Emunah (KHDS 4th grader).



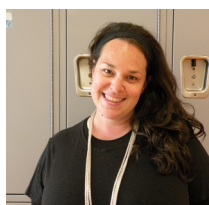
Mia Sava is teaching the reading, writing and math centers for Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grades. She was born in New York, and she and her husband Mitch have one child, Daniel (age 2). Mia moved from New Jersey and enjoys reading and listening to music.



Sara Schochet is teaching our ETGAR students in the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School to master their academic secular subjects more successfully. Sara was born in Long Island, NY and she and her husband Yehuda have 3 children: Kayla (age 8), Sam (age 5) and Alex (age 1). They join us as a new family to KHDS. Sara is proficient in reading Braille as she worked with the blind and those with visual impairments.



Kim Sivick is our new Director of Technology Innovation and is teaching computer classes to our 1st through 6th graders, running our new Makerspace, and serving as a technology integration specialist and resource for our faculty. Kim, who is widowed, has three children: Donald (age 32) and daughter-in-law Lottie, Andrew (age 27) and Tom (age 20). She is also an RN but moved into education and technology after 20 years as a nurse. Kim swims one mile multiple times during the week and whenever she travels she enjoys visiting new schools. Her career has taken her around the U.S., as well as to Uganda, Australia and the Ukraine to collaborate with educators. She is passionate about using technology to engage, inspire and empower students.



Nechamah Zangre is teaching secular studies to our Middle School ETGAR students. Nechamah was born in Queens, NY and she and her husband Jason have 4 children (3 are KHDS students): Shemaya (age 8), Yakira (age 6), Azi (age 3), and Ahava (9 months). She enjoys cooking, especially following video recipes, and can tailor her cooking to a variety of dietary restrictions and food allergies.



Two of our amazing teachers, **Mrs. Rina Lanner** and **Mrs. Dannie Grajower**, were accepted to a prestigious, 2-week professional development program for Tanach teachers held at **Hebrew University** in Jerusalem. This program is sponsored by the **Legacy Heritage Foundation**. We are so proud of them!

KHDS HAPPENINGS

GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT VISITS KHDS



KHDS had the honor of hosting **Governor Rick Scott** on October 16 during a visit to highlight his strong support of government funding for security at Jewish non-public schools. This was a special opportunity for our school community to show appreciation for his approval of a first time security grant of \$654,000 for our schools in this year's budget, and for his deep commitment to the safety and well-being of our students and community.

The Governor also announced that he is proposing to allocate \$1 million for security funding for Florida Jewish day schools for the 2018-2019 budget. This funding would be available to all Florida Jewish day schools and other at-risk schools to help provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades such as video cameras, fences, bullet-proof glass, alarm systems and other safety equipment.



The visit was organized in partnership with **Teach Florida**, a project of the **OU Advocacy Center**, that brings together Jewish schools and the community to advocate for safer, better and more affordable Jewish schools. This year, more than \$19.5 million in security and scholarship funding from state programs is supporting our schools and families to give all 10,000 Jewish students statewide a safe, quality education. As you may know, our very own Treasurer/Executive Board Member, **Daniel Adler**, has been one of the most influential local forces in making all this happen—it pays to get involved! We also acknowledge **Joe Sharp**, KHDS Executive Director, and **Mimi Jankovits**, Florida Regional Director of the OU Advocacy Center, for their hard work and commitment to this important funding.



As the Governor arrived he was greeted by students displaying posters welcoming him and thanking him for his support. Governor Scott shook hands with many of our students and faculty as he headed toward the Beit Midrash where the announcement was made followed by a press conference. Middle School students were present during the speaking engagement.



We are so proud that our school was chosen for this great honor!

TEACH FLORIDA



Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton
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BREAKING NEWS
ALERT

Daniel & Liora Adler
to be honored at KHDS
Annual Journal Dinner
January 9, 2018

Faculty Dedication Award Recipients for 13 Years of Service

Neomi Aharon • Jill Kaminetzky • Sara Mizrahi • Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik • Sari Vine • Tzippy Wolf and Hana Marin for 26 Years of Service

#CO-CHAIRS

Rabbi Josh & Simone Broide ~ Michael & Risa Zimmerman



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KHDS HAPPENINGS



Morah Lanner and KHDS 8th grade girls prepared potato kugel for Sukkot to send to those in the Keys who are still rebuilding from Hurricane Irma.



Rosh Hashanah fun with our B'not Sherut, **Moriya & Shir!**

BON APPETIT! 3rd grade participated in a "Book Tasting" event just before Sukkot Break. Students "dined" at the Genre Café with **Chef Kridos**, where they had the chance to sample, or "taste," the novels they will be reading this year. In addition, they had the chance to explore other novels by the authors.



THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST SPEAKERS...



Rabbi Josh Broide spoke to middle school students to share words of inspiration before Rosh Hashanah. He made reference to those still suffering from Hurricane Irma and imparted the important message of praying and caring for others.



Rabbi Philip Moskowitz, Associate Rabbi at BRS, spoke to our middle school students and inspired them in advance of Yom Kippur.



Middle school students heard yet another inspirational message--this time from **Rebbetzin Yocheved Goldberg** of BRS.



Davening in our Beit Midrash.



SEFER TORAH

3rd grade visited the KHDS Beit Midrash to learn about writing a Sefer Torah. It is the last mitzvah in the Torah mentioned in *Parshat Vayelech*. We are thankful for all that they learned from **Rabbi Matan Wexler**. We also would like to thank **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Caroline Katz** who donated the beautiful Sefer Torah several years ago.



Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Janock welcome students on the first day of school.

KHDS HAPPENINGS



Students show off their Rosh Hashanah-themed paintings in art class.



We want more Torah! 17 students from grades 7 and 8 came out on a Wednesday night to learn Gemara with **Rabbi Mirzoeff**. This learning takes place weekly and is totally *l'shma* - for the pure sake of learning Torah and getting closer to Hashem.



Kittah Gimmel learned about the *Simanim* (symbolic foods) we eat to ask Hashem for a sweet New Year. Our thanks to **Morah Liz** who prepared the *Simanim* and the beautiful table!

WELCOME, NEW FAMILIES

A **New Parent Orientation** was held in August for families new to KHDS. The program provided them with the opportunity to interact with the administration and ask questions in an open forum. Families also mingled with other KHDS newbies and received a welcome goody bag.



5th graders worked in groups to complete a story map of summer reading books in **Mrs. Deichman's** class.

KHDS HAPPENINGS

BETTER TOGETHER™ PROGRAM BEGINS INAUGURAL YEAR

Katz Hillel Day School has been selected to participate in the **Better Together™ Program** which is generously supported by a prominent national foundation. The Better Together™ Program is a two-year program designed to encourage meaningful interaction between young and old. Eighth graders, under the direction of **Rina Lanner**, are participating in the program with **Sinai Residences**. We are so proud of our students who chose this program to be their year-long elective.



BetterTogether

Katz Hillel Day School is grateful for being chosen to participate in the Better Together™ Program and looks forward to sharing with our community how this program positively influences our students.



OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Students created their own paper mache solar system in a project of collaboration between science, art, and music.



SUKKOT



Moriya and Shir built a Sukkah at KHDS.



ELUL

During the month of Elul, each morning the elementary school students gathered for an inspirational lesson on how to better themselves, and then listened to the Shofar.



EC2B gathered in the Sukkah.

ONEG SHABBAT

Students in grades 1 through 5 participate in a weekly Oneg Shabbat every Friday.



AWESOME NEW MAKERSPACE!

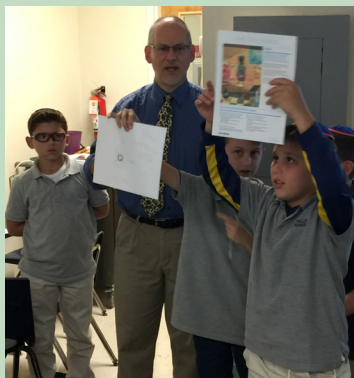


KHDS is excited to announce its new Makerspace: an innovative room where students experiment, invent, tinker and design. Our space has two walls covered in dry-erase paint where students can diagram their work unencumbered by the boundaries of a traditional whiteboard. Bright, soft seating promotes collaboration, Hoki ergonomic stools enable students to keep moving (through rocking) while in one spot, and tables can easily be

rearranged to complete the functionality.

Through hands-on exploration, discovery and creation, using a variety of technologies, materials and tools, from simple to sophisticated, students become "makers." Our Makerspace has a 3-D printer, convertible Chromebooks, and an abundance of materials for student use including circuit boards, conductive tape, watch batteries, micro-robotics, and a drone.

The inaugural "Adventures in Making" course was piloted with 6th grade for the first six weeks of school. Students learned basic coding using Scratch, worked with MakeyMakey invention kits, learned about the design process, and completed simple circuits using copper tape, LED lights and watch batteries. Classes were taught by **Kim Sivick**, Director of Technology Innovation and **Kevin Jarrett**, a Maker consultant who specializes in helping schools build innovative spaces where kids love to learn with their hands, heads and hearts. Mr. Jarrett, who is from New Jersey, taught some classes in person and others were done via video conferencing, further enhancing this new learning experience.



After the success of the "Adventures in Making" class, **Mrs. Sivick** along with **Rabbi Adam Englander**, **Mr. Chayim Dimont**, **Mrs. Hadassah Smolarcik** and **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, are planning to give all KHDS students an opportunity to learn in the makerspace.

6th Grade Student Reflections on "Adventures in Making" Course:

Shirelle Lunski: "I felt like wow! I never heard of this before."

Mali Blanka: "I am more interested in making things after this experience."

Ariana Raab: "I liked learning from a teacher via video conference because no other class does that, so it's unique. I like using new materials because it's different and you have to figure out what to do with them."

Adiel Frohlich: "When I started the project I was very nervous because I never did coding before. At the end, I was so happy it worked."

Aaron Newman: "I thought the physical setup in the classroom was great! I loved the whiteboard walls, the circular chairs, and the couches."

2ND GRADE CHESSED PROJECT

On Erev Yom Kippur it is customary to do *Kaparot* using money or a chicken as a way of asking Hashem to atone for our sins by donating that money as tzedakah. The chickens that people use are usually given to feed hungry people. 2nd graders watched a short video about a special lady, **Mrs. Clara Hammer**, who has become known as the Chicken Lady of Jerusalem. For over 30 years, Mrs. Hammer and her family have been providing chickens for Shabbat to families who can't afford it!

We collected the money that each 2nd grade family used for *Kaparot* this year and sent a class donation to the **Clara Hammer Chicken Fund**--a total of \$284.04!

This worthy grade-wide chesed project was a great way to begin the New Year on the right foot, while also helping to foster within our children a sense of responsibility to the larger Jewish community.



CAMPAIGN MATTER\$

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



We have officially kicked off our 2017-2018 Campaign! There are many giving opportunities available so that your gift of tzedakah can be most meaningful to you!

We also want you to be aware of our ongoing **Capital Campaign**, with a variety of naming opportunities, as well as our **Major Gift Societies** and **Atid Legacy Society**.

Our major fundraiser of the year, the **Annual Journal Dinner** honoring **Daniel and Liora Adler**, and our Faculty Dedication Award recipients, is scheduled for January 9, 2018.

With an extremely successful campaign last year raising almost \$600,000, thank you to everyone who made their gift of tzedakah to KHDS!

We look forward to another successful campaign, all in the name of Jewish education! We look forward to speaking with you to discuss your gift of tzedakah!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

- Major Gifts Societies
- Annual Journal Dinner
 - Mega Raffle
- Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing
 - Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program
- General & Tribute Donations

DESIGNATED GIFTS

- Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund
 - Class Trips
- How would you like to allocate your donation?

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Many naming opportunities are available!

LIFE & LEGACY

- Create a Jewish Legacy and become an Atid Legacy Society member



Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program

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

Every Parent Campaign

100% Participation is our goal!

A donation of any amount ensures your participation!



Attention: Grandparents and Community Friends!

Two Societies Especially for You!



"While we can remember the past, we cannot write the future. Only our children, the future of our community, can do that."

-Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

The mitzvah of tzedakah, particularly when in support of the education of children, is truly meaningful. Your support and the support of like-minded individuals provide needed scholarships for children from over 100 families to ensure that they receive an education they otherwise could not afford. Your donation also allows KHDS to continue to maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of its educational programs.

The **Dor L'Dor Society** gives special recognition to our grandparent and community friends who donate \$360+ to the Annual Campaign.

Dor L'Dor Society Giving Tiers

Tanzanite \$36,000+
Emerald \$18,000-\$35,999
Diamond \$15,000-\$17,999
Platinum \$10,000-\$14,999
Gold \$5,000-\$9,999
Silver \$1,000-\$4,999
Bronze \$360-\$999

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SCHOLAR SOCIETY
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Be a scholar and give of your time!

The **Scholar Society** is a new way for our grandparents and community members to get involved while sharing their wisdom with KHDS students. There is no cost to join and we simply ask you to have a direct impact on our future generations by sharing some of your work and life experiences with our students.

As our group grows we look forward to including our Scholar Society members in various school events.



To get involved or find out more about either of these societies contact Suzanne Rice, Director of Development, at 561-470-5000 ext. 225 or email srice@hilleldayschool.org.

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR FUTURE

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.

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PTA PAGES

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



We are off to the start of another great year (sans the hurricane scares). The PTA offers many different ways to get involved and we hope you will choose to do so. We also invite all parents (and grandparents too) to attend our meetings!

We want to assure you that PTA will not ask you to purchase items you do not want or to participate in programs you do not need. Yes, there are some programs that cost money, such as our *Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts* and *Birthday Book Club*; however these programs are important and therefore PTA continues to offer them. Overall, however, PTA strives to raise funds for our school at no extra cost to you. Please visit our webpage to see the many ways you can support our children's school financially without actually spending any extra money - and sometimes even saving money while you help KHDS.

I am sure we will have a wonderful year together! I hope you will volunteer your time if you are able and join the many involved parents in making our PTA the best it can be. Feel free to contact me at 561-212-6352 or sharonakay@mac.com with any questions or suggestions.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our **PTA Volunteer of the Month!**

August:
Claire Goodman



Congrats to **Claire Goodman**, PTA's volunteer of the month for August. Claire has consistently been raising money for PTA by downloading the Shoparoo App and taking pictures of receipts every time she shops. Claire raised more money for PTA via Shoparoo than any other participant. Thanks to all of our Shoparoo-ers, KHDS PTA earned over \$700 simply for taking pictures of our receipts. If you are not part of Shoparoo yet, download the app and join us! It's free money!

COOLING OFF AT THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We started off the school year in a sweet way on Sunday, August 20, at the Annual PTA Ice Cream Social. Students, parents and teachers enjoyed free ice cream while giving a warm welcome to our new KHDS families. We are grateful to **Chuck** from our neighborhood **Carvel** store on Glades Road for generously donating the ice cream and toppings. Thank you to **Kimberly Frohlich** and **Elana Rackman** for organizing this event, and kudos to all of our student volunteers: **Eytan Bierman, Zev Bloom, Hymie Frohlich, Judah Frohlich, Leelee Harow, Paige Rackman, Rhyann Rackman** and **Akiva Scher**. We are also grateful to **Penina Schoenfeld** for organizing the PTA welcome table on Drop-in Day. We're thrilled that so many of you stopped by to sign up to participate in various PTA activities.



BRUNCH FOR NEW KHDS MOMS



Thank you to **Liora Adler** for once again hosting another beautiful brunch at her home on Sunday, September 17, to welcome new KHDS moms. PTA moms, as well as some KHDS veterans such as **Caroline Katz** and **Michele Dimont**, happily met and welcomed the new

moms and discussed the numerous PTA programs. Most importantly, the message to the new moms was that PTA is excited that they have joined our community and we are ready to help them navigate their first year at KHDS.

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.

HURRICANE CENTRAL!

HOUSTON RELIEF EFFORT

Thank you to the students and parents from KHDS and KYHS who helped with the Houston relief effort through donations of items and



volunteering their time. We had so many donations that we literally could not accept anymore. Special thanks to **Liora Adler** and **Penina Schoenfeld** for spearheading this effort and the countless hours of time that went into every detail of the collection, including sorting the items, packing them into boxes, and arranging their transport. KHDS also sent monetary donations to Houston, along with letters of support written by students to the hurricane victims. Special thanks to our middle school volunteers who were especially helpful with the donation drive.



IRMA RELIEF EFFORT

KHDS donated loaded boxes of desperately needed items for the victims of Hurricane Irma to the **Aventura Crime Prevention Unit**. The relief effort, coordinated by the **KHDS PTA**, **KYHS** and **Chabad**, collected over 300 boxes of items including linens, toiletries, clothing, shoes, toys, books, strollers and more to send to families in need in the Florida Keys. The Aventura Crime Prevention Unit transported the items to areas that were accessible only to law enforcement and local officials due to the devastation.



With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖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.

❖Thank you to **Dvora Scher** for once again organizing the EPI School Supply order and distribution. Special shout-out to our volunteers who helped with classroom deliveries: **Judah Berman, Benjamin Cohen, Jake Davis, Meir Eisen, Shmuel Eisen, Max Frohlich, Zevi Kay, Devorah Lome, Ariella Mayer, Naomi Reichenberg, Chana Adina Schandelson, Akiva Scher, Matan Scher, Sarit Scher, Yosef Scher, and Shoshana Stadlan**.

❖We hope that everyone has received their PTA gift, the new Katz Hillel Day School car magnet! Enjoy displaying our Lions' pride! Thank you to our volunteers for distributing the magnets to the classrooms: **Baila Eisen, Dvorah Eisen, Rebecca Solomon, Marisa Weg and Yaffi Wexler**.

❖We are grateful to **Dvorah Eisen** for once again running the KHDS PTA Shoppe, and organizing the back-to-school sale, during which shoppers enjoyed an extra 10% off.

❖Kudos to **Liora and Rebecca Adler** for organizing teacher supplies for our phenomenal teachers.

❖Thank you to **Lea Saida** and granddaughter **Shayla** (8th grade) for affixing labels to the PTA tzedakah boxes that were given out at the New Parent Orientation. PTA thanks the following establishments for allowing us to place tzedakah boxes at their counters: **Asia, Boca Grille, Baketory, Bagel Factory Cafe, Boca Pharmacy, The Grove Kosher Marketplace, Mozart Café, Orchid Garden, Pita N Go, Pita Pan and Red Apple Farmer's Market**. If you know of any other place where we could put a tzedakah box, please let Lea Saida (lealeas@aol.com) know!

❖Thanks so much to **Arielle Kieffer** and **Penina Schoenfeld** for fearlessly organizing Picture Day for our families. We hope you love the pictures of your adorable children. Thanks also to **Lisa Freedman, Deena Frist, and Naomi Katz** for their help on Picture Day.

❖Thanks so much to **Michele Dimont** for the hours she spent so that all of us can enjoy our secure parent-student directory app, myschoolanywhere.com.

❖Thank you to **Yaffi Wexler** for taking on the role as this year's PTA Pages coordinator. Yaffi has also thankfully agreed to help with proofreading the *Weekly Sha'vu'on* and *Hillel Herald*.



BOXTOPS® WINNERS:

Congratulations to the **Cohn family** and the **Agajan family**, our recent BoxTops® raffle winners. Raffle winners receive a coupon to our PTA Shoppe. Thanks to all of our BoxTops® collectors, who collected 381 BoxTops® over the summer and are helping us earn this free and easy money. Please keep bringing in those BoxTops® and write your first and last name on them for a chance to win in the future. Please remember to place the clipped BoxTops® in the plastic box at the front desk, or on Jill Kaminetzky's desk (2nd floor of the middle school). We're looking forward to an even better year than last year!

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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. 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 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 **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.

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.



BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

Joe Sharp, Executive Director



As our 2017-18 school year began, Hurricane Harvey brought destruction to the Houston community. Even while developing storms in the Atlantic were threatening to hit our own community, an army of parent and student volunteers, led by indefatigable PTA President **Sharona Kay**, jumped at the chance to assist. Naturally, our community responded generously, and thousands of donated items were collected, sorted, and packed. Because the collection was so unexpectedly prodigious, it would take nearly two months until all of the donations were able to be distributed to those in need. Even more impressive was our collaboration with the many organizations that helped to distribute the donations and the incredible Kiddush Hashem that our school community was able to make through this act of chesed. In the words of Rabbi Yisroel Salanter, 'another person's material problems become our spiritual opportunity.'

We have boundless gratitude to Hashem for largely sparing our community from the wrath of Hurricane Irma. Nevertheless, being able to restore the usually safe and welcoming appearance of our campus seemed insurmountable in the aftermath of the storm. Thanks to our tireless maintenance staff and a host of outside contractors, despite having their own personal obligations, we were able to open our doors two days later with few traces of Irma to be seen.

When the **Boca Raton Synagogue**, long ago, scheduled delivery of new chairs for the High Holidays, it was hard to imagine the havoc that the hurricanes would bring upon shipping lines throughout the south. Yet, just a few hours before Rosh Hashanah prayers were to begin, their expected delivery of over 1,000 chairs hadn't yet arrived. Through the efforts of numerous community volunteers, KHDS' donation of over 400 chairs, and those of several other community institutions, were able to assist just in the nick of time.

On October 16, we were honored to host **Governor Rick Scott** on our campus where he announced that he would request an increase of security funding for Jewish schools from this year's monumental \$654,000 to \$1 million for next year. His visit was also an opportunity to thank him for the security funding as well as his support of tax credit scholarship programs such as the income-based **Step Up for Students** and **AAA scholarships**, and the special needs-based **Gardiner and McKay scholarships** which have brought over \$20 million to Florida's Jewish day schools this year. We have received a security grant from **Homeland Security** and have applied to **FEMA** for assistance with damage sustained from Irma, as well. We cannot, however, assume that these programs are a given, or that our elected officials would have provided these funds on their own. In fact, months and years of work are put in ahead of time by dedicated lay leadership and advocacy groups such as **Teach Florida**, led by Executive Director **Mimi Jankovits**, and KHDS executive committee member and Treasurer **Daniel Adler**.

While we may feel insignificant and incapable of affecting change on a government level, I can personally attest that the opposite is true. Rabbi Chaim Mordechai Katz, the Telz Rosh HaYeshiva used to say, 'only small people say that something is too small to care about. For truly great people, nothing is too small.' Our school's voice and our community's voice is being heard loud and clear in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. because we have many such 'great people' and groups working with each other to present our message and advocate on our community's behalf. Their work, however, is only effective with the community's support. I would strongly encourage each and every one of you to join us at the **Teach Florida Legislative Breakfast** on December 10th to meet our elected officials, hear about the work that has been done thus far, and hear how you can add your name to the growing roster of 'great people' who have, together, done the seemingly impossible.

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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.

To submit information for a future *Hillel Herald*, please email Suzanne Rice at srice@hilleldayschool.org.

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CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

2017

November

22 Noon dismissal/Trimester 1 ends
23-24 No school (Thanksgiving)

December

11-17 Scholastic Book Fair
12 1st night of Chanukah
15 No school/Professional Development Day
17 Chanukah Fair & Open House/Blood Drive
28 Asara B'Tevet (Fast Day)/2:15pm dismissal for middle school only
29 No school

2018

January

1 No school (New Year's Day)
9 Annual Journal Dinner
18-28 No school (Winter Break)
31 Tu B'Shevat

February

6 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Grades 1-8 (evening)
7 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Grades 1-8 (day)/No school middle school only
19 No school (Presidents' Day)
28 Ta'anit Esther (Fast Day) - 2:15pm dismissal for middle school only

March

1 No school (Purim)
2 Shushan Purim/Trimester 3 ends
18 *Names, Not Numbers*® Premiere
March 29-April 8 No school (Pesach Break)

April

10-12 6th Grade Pigeon Key Trip
10-20 8th Grade Israel Trip
12 Yom Hashoah
18 Yom Hazikaron
19 Yom Ha'atzmaut

May

3 Lag B'Omer
13 Yom Yerushalayim
15 Parent/Teacher Conferences - EC2-K (evening)
16 Parent/Teacher Conferences - EC2-K (day)/1st Grade Mesibat Chumash 6pm
18 Noon dismissal (Shavuot Break)
21 No school (Shavuot)
28 No school (Memorial Day)
31 KTP Night

June

7 Kindergarten Graduation
8 Last Day of School
10 8th Grade Graduation

Visit our website for the most up to date calendar of events.