



2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT





A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL AND PRESIDENT

We are often asked what we are most proud of when we think of the Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton. After the bright, sweet, adorable, precious children, the answer is, without a doubt, our track record for continuous improvement in all areas of the school. Our school's motto, "Where Excellence in Torah and General Studies is our Passion," is much more than mere words that appear on our stationery and entrance

doors. It highlights our never ending pursuit to be better and give our children the most outstanding educational experience. As we always say, excellence is a place you never get to. Excellence means that you figure out how to grow even when you have already tasted success.

The 2016-2017 school year has seen growth and improvement in so many areas of our school and you, our parents and supporters, should be so proud! Our entire staff was trained by experts in how to protect our children in the event of, G-d forbid, someone trying to cause harm. In light of recent tragic events, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. We hired several new staff

members in a variety of areas. We expanded our out-of-school Torah learning opportunities. Teachers engaged in high level professional development including a full staff team-building experience at the FAU Ropes Challenge Course. Our rotational model of education in the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School allowed for children to learn in very favorable teacher-to-student ratios and promoted deeper engagement in learning. We added more sports teams for younger age groups. Our website was redesigned to be more attractive and user-friendly. We used a parent perception survey which, not only helped us get a better handle on our strengths and challenges, but allowed us to compare our results to similar Jewish day schools (we did incredibly well!). Hundreds were inspired by our 2nd Annual Names, Not Numbers® Holocaust program that had our 8th graders interviewing local survivors and producing a professional documentary. We even had our first ever graduation trip to Paris en route to Israel (ok - that stop wasn't intentional). Technology, character development programs, chesed... the list goes on and on! Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of KHDS. There is no greater investment in the world!

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

Daniel J. Katz
President



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the 2016/17 school year closed on another incredible high, it also marked five years since my family and I were blessed with the opportunity to come to KHDS, entrusted by our Board of Trustees and parent body to perform this holy work. It seems

appropriate, therefore, to pause and assess our present fiscal and physical state and provide some assurances in our plan for long-term sustainability.

First and foremost, when our families returned for the 2017/18 school year, it was to tuition rates lower than they were six years ago. Despite that achievement and having kept tuition stable for the four years prior, we have invested significantly into our academic resources and offerings, made major upgrades to our facilities, offered increased benefits to our dedicated and invaluable staff, paid off our mortgage, and continued to build a healthy reserve fund-all which will pay dividends in the future beyond the immediate benefits already being enjoyed.

We've made many long-term upgrades to our campus in the past five years such as new roofing, new air conditioning, a swimming pool, a new playground, remodeled offices, new classroom spaces including a makerspace and a sensory room, exterior painting, sun shades, gym soundproofing, and so much more.

Many of the aforementioned projects were made possible through the implementation of several

cost-effective systems and added efficiencies throughout the entirety of our operation. Much was also due to your generosity and our steadily growing fundraising totals. An exciting addition to our annual campaign is the Scholarship Mega Raffle, which has raised over \$130,000 in our first 4 years.

Through grants from both the Department of Homeland Security and the State of Florida, we've made many security upgrades such as electronic access control, perimeter fencing, security cameras, alarms and panic buttons. We've also upgraded our technology infrastructure through a multi-year grant from the Federal eRate program.

Selecting only a sampling of highlights from among a long and ever-growing list of achievements is a daunting task, to say the least. It is our hope that it will sufficiently infuse you with a sense of pride as one of our valuable KHDS stakeholders, and will also give you confidence in our long-term plans. We appreciate the awesome responsibility of our work and grow more passionate each day in our commitment to all-around excellence.

Our pledge to you is that we are working tirelessly to reach even greater heights in the years ahead so that, with Hashem's continued help, KHDS will be able to offer our high standard of education for generations of children to come.

Joe Sharp
Executive Director

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A MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

OUR FRD STORY

We have closed the **book** on the 2016-2017 school year at **Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton**, and what an amazing **story** it was. Enjoy our analogy to common components used in book design as a **glossary** of the 2016-2017 FRD Year in Review!

COVER PHOTO — See our front and back cover for images highlighting the year.

TITLE PAGE — 2016-2017 Campaign, **Orlie Cohen**, Ph.D., FRD Chair & **Suzanne Rice**, Director of Development

DEDICATIONS — The **Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program** endowed in memory of **Menashe Koppel Cohn, A"H**, by his parents, **Naomi & Todd Cohn**, and his siblings, **Eli Meir, Leora** and **Tamar**, raised \$7,260 this year and a total of \$48,000 since its inception in April 2012. A 'Day of Learning' can be dedicated in honor, in memory, for the *refuah shlema*, or for any occasion, and is a meaningful way to make a gift to the Annual Campaign. The **Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund**, initiated by the **Scher Family**, is designated to assist faculty in need of financial assistance and brought in over \$1,500 this year through designated donations.

EPIGRAPH — *"No one has ever become poor from giving"*
— Anne Frank

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PREFACE — KHDS provides over \$1.5 million in scholarship assistance to families in need.

PROLOGUE — Our 2016-2017 campaign raised over \$600,000 in Annual and Designated gifts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS — We are extremely grateful for our **Major Gift Society** donors, those who are members of the Lamed Vav Society, Chai Society and Maimonides Society (see page 6 for the listing of members). These major gifts societies represented \$125,000 of our annual campaign for the year.

INTRODUCTION — The **Financial Resource Development Office** (FRD) oversees a variety of campaigns and programs throughout the year. Our **Scholarship Fund** is supported by many different sub-campaigns and events throughout the year. **Designated Gifts** are another component to our campaign, as well as our **Capital Campaign** and **Life & Legacy program**.

STORY - In our opening chapter, the **Annual Journal Dinner**, which took place on December 12, 2016, broke attendance records as we honored **Rabbi Adam and Shira Englander** as well as our 13 year faculty dedication award recipients, **Leslie Firestone, Beth Janock** and **Beth Kaminetsky**. The dinner is our annual major fundraiser of the year.

Chapter 2 featured the **Mega Raffle**, our most successful

raffle fundraiser to date, which raised over \$38,000 for the KHDS Scholarship Fund. This collaboration of Torah institutions offered a \$100,000 grand prize for the lucky winner, who was randomly drawn on February 15, 2017, as well as other great prizes and incentives for sellers.

In Chapter 3, springtime was the backdrop for the **3rd Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing**, which took place on May 21, 2017. This event brought together children and adults of all ages for a wonderful day at **Boca Lago Country Club**.

EPILOGUE — We are grateful to the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** for their ongoing support including to our ETGAR Program, as well as funding a portion of our general scholarship fund through the tuition assistance grant.

AFTERWORD — The **KHDS Atid Legacy Society**, an endowment and planned giving society to ensure the future of KHDS, now has 50 members. We have received a second grant of \$10,000 from the **Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** and the **Harold Grinspoon Foundation**, for acquiring 25 new members in year two of the program.

CONCLUSION — We must continue to fund our Annual Campaign, which helps bridge the gap to meet the fiscal challenges faced by our school in maintaining the highest standards in Torah and general studies while assisting children from so many families who need our help.

POSTSCRIP — To make a gift of tzedakah visit <https://www.hilleldayschool.org/support-hds/donate/>.

GLOSSARY —

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN — Funds raised through naming opportunities and dedications on the KHDS campus

DOR L'DOR SOCIETY — Grandparent donors

EPC — our Every Parent Campaign provides every KHDS family with the opportunity to donate and 'give back' to our school with a gift of tzedakah, regardless of their financial situation, as everyone is acknowledged equally. Every dollar counts and families can give any amount they are comfortable with, based on their own personal circumstances. Our goal is to reach 100% participation.

FRD — Financial Resource Development

MAJOR GIFTS SOCIETIES — Lamed Vav Society (\$36,000+); Chai Society (\$18,000) and Maimonides Society (\$15,000 over 3 years)

SCRIP PROGRAM — Scrip raises funds for our school with no extra cost to the purchaser through a wide variety of merchant gift cards. KHDS receives a percentage back from the merchants and made over \$2,300 from the program this year. We thank co-chairs **Lori Landes** and **Deena and Jeremy Lurie** for their time on this program.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS — Thank you to our donors and supporters for making KHDS a priority in their tzedakah giving. See pages 8-9 for the full Honor Roll.

ERRATA — We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name. Please contact the Development office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225 so that we may make the appropriate corrections.

THE END

Orlie Cohen, Ph.D.
Financial Resource
Development Chair

Suzanne Rice
Director of
Development



WAYS TO GIVE

Major Gift Societies: Lamed Vav, Chai, and Maimonides Societies

The Lamed Vav and Chai Societies were established during the 2002-2003 school year to ensure that we meet the scholarship needs of our school. The Maimonides Society was created in 2012 by a group of physicians.

- ♦ **Lamed Vav Society** members give a donation of \$36K or more (payable over 3 years).
- ♦ **Chai Society** members donate \$18K or more (payable over 2 years).
- ♦ **Maimonides Society** membership requires an annual gift of \$5,000 for a minimum of 3 years.

Major Gift Society membership includes listing on the Annual Journal Dinner Tribute Committee, a full page journal ad and two places at the Annual Journal Dinner.

Annual Campaign

- ♦ **General Scholarship Fund**
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Tribute Donations** (in honor, in memory of)
- ♦ **Annual Mega Raffle**

Events

- ♦ **Annual Journal Dinner**
- ♦ **Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing**

Designated Gifts

- ♦ Designated for specific programs or projects
- ♦ **Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund:** A special fund available for any faculty member who may be dealing with difficult financial circumstances, was created in blessed memory of Charles Scher, beloved brother of Herschel and Dvora Scher (KHDS parents).
- ♦ Class Trips

**A gift to any of the above opportunities qualifies as fulfilling the Every Parent Campaign (for KHDS parents only)*

Capital Campaign (for a full listing of naming and dedication opportunities see pg. 6)

- ♦ Dedication and naming opportunities are available throughout the Milton B. Katz Campus.



Atid Legacy Society

- ♦ Endowments and planned giving opportunities. See page 7 for more information.

Dor L'Dor Society

- ♦ Donations of \$360+ from grandparents are considered part of the Dor L'Dor Society.

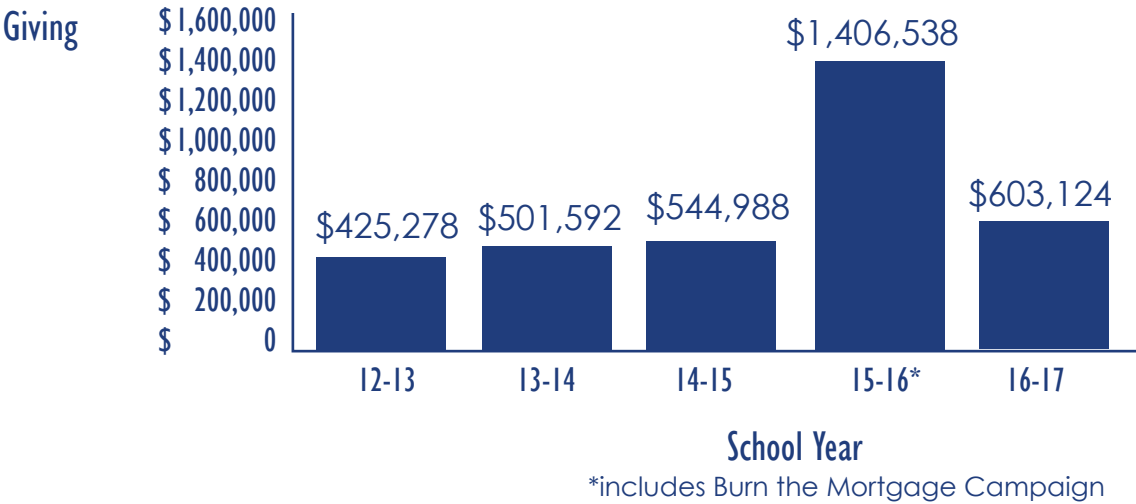
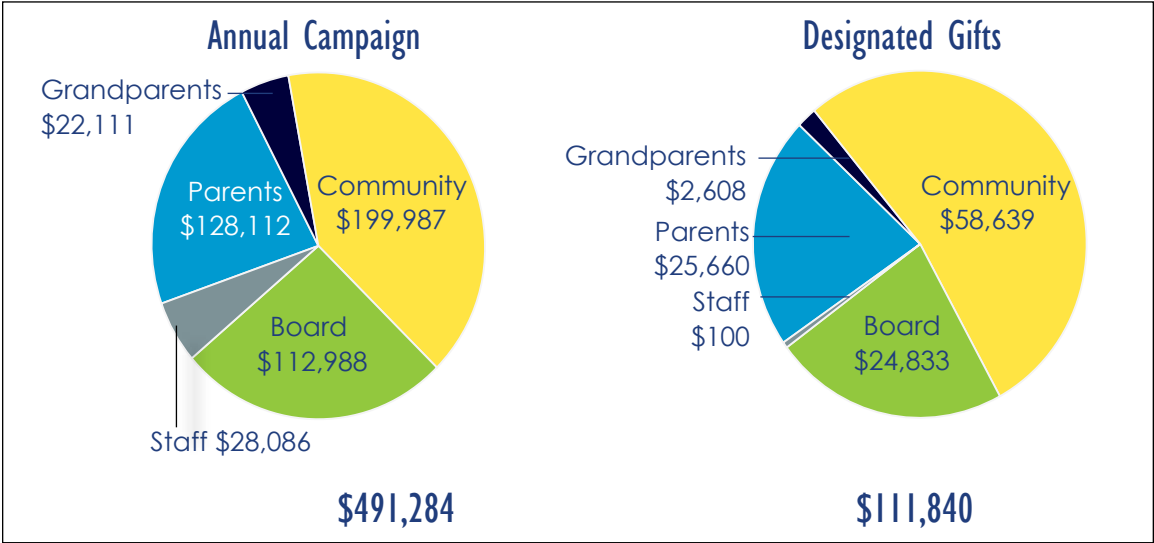
Scrip Program

- ♦ Here is another opportunity to raise the much needed funds for Jewish day school education without costing you a penny! KHDS will announce Scrip gift card sales throughout the year. How does it work? Purchase gift cards (also called Scrip) through the program at face value, i.e. - receive a \$100 gift card at the cost of \$100. The merchants pay KHDS a percentage of the purchase price.

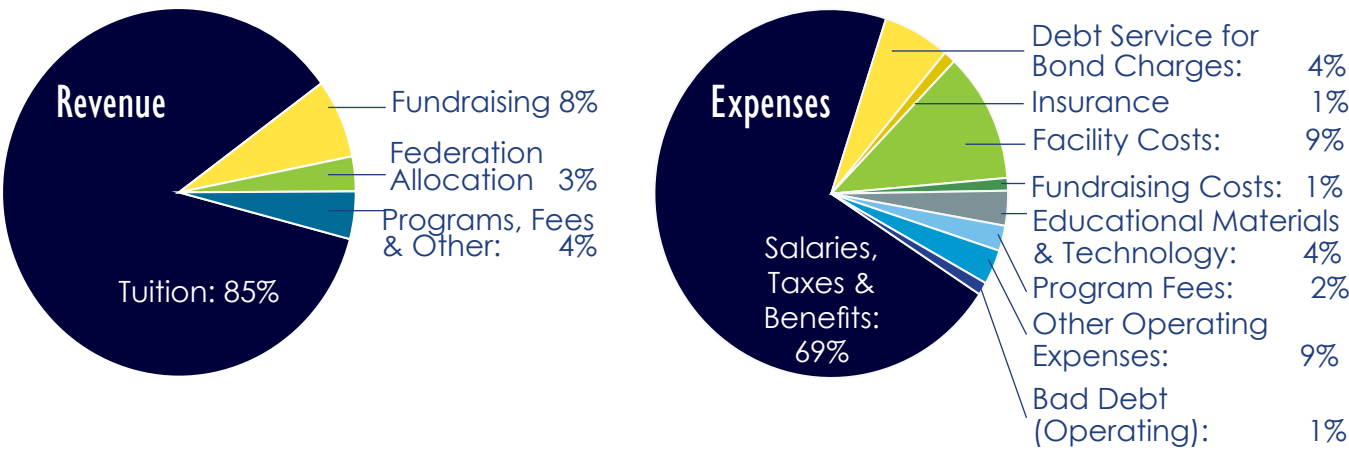
*For more information on any of these opportunities,
contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225.
Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be listed on our Wall of Honor and gifts
of \$500 plus will be listed in our Annual Report/Honor Roll.*

GIVING OVERVIEW

Fundraising Success of Katz Hillel Day School



Operating Budget Fiscal year ending June 30, 2017



MAJOR GIFT SOCIETIES: LAMED VAV SOCIETY • CHAI SOCIETY • MAIMONIDES SOCIETY

Katz Hillel Day School gratefully recognizes the generosity of the Chavurat the members of Ha-Lamed Vav, the **Lamed Vav Society**, who contribute \$36,000 or more to the KHDS Annual Campaign.

Sal & Leslie Abady	Hillel Gomolin
Daniel & Liora Adler	Avi & Laura Greenbaum
Alliance for Jewish Education	Stanley & Ana Haar
Anonymous	Jeffrey & Jodi Harris
Al & Evelyn Begas	Bernie & Melanie Kaminetsky
Joseph Bensmihen	Daniel & Caroline Katz**
Lisa Kaufman Bensmihen	Leigh & Stace Katzman
Esther Berglas	David & Sharona Kay
Steven & Rebecca Berkeley	David & Marissa Levenson
Michael & Mirta Brown	Rabbi Alejandro & Sandra Lilienthal
Eli & Orlie Cohen**	Harold & Donna Richter
Daniel & Gilah Danino	Michael & Jill Rose
Michael & Sheryl Dennis	Michael & Amy Schiffman
Brian & Sharon Ferber	Reid & Naomi Shapiro
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Benjamin & Cara Freedman	Teddy & Linda Struhl
Joseph & Galit Freedman	Warren & Robin Struhl
Roger & Lisa Gladstone	Benjamin & Donna Tripp
Glen & Rosa Golish	Michael & Risa Zimmerman



Katz Hillel Day School gratefully recognizes the generosity of the members of the **Chai Society**, who contribute \$18,000-\$35,999 to the KHDS Annual Campaign.



Avraham & Elana Belizon
Lisa Kaufman Bensmihen
Mark & Helen Cohan
Benjamin & Cara Freedman
Gerry Golden☆
Glen & Rosa Golish
Avi & Laura Greenbaum
Isaac & Ilona Grynstein
Stanley & Ana Haar
Rabbi Alejandro & Sandra Lilienthal
David & Sara Markowitz
Jack & Marilyn Pechter
Michael & Jill Rose
Stuart & Hindy Rubin
Michael & Amy Schiffman
Teddy & Phyllis Struhl
Warren & Robin Struhl
Hedy & Dori Zaghi
Michael & Risa Zimmerman



Katz Hillel Day School gratefully recognizes the generosity of the members of the **Maimonides Society**, who contribute \$5,000 per year, for a minimum of three years to the KHDS Annual Campaign.

Steven Berkeley & Rebecca Stern	Leor & Gaby Skoczylas
Mark & Helen Cohan	Dan & Eve Sperling*
Hillel & Chayi Cohen	Adam & Shaani☆ Splaver
Meyer & Laura Cohen	Joshua & Stephanie Stern
Chanoch & Rachel Harow	Teddy & Phyllis Struhl*
David & Sharona Kay	Ashi & Chava Weisstuch*
Philip & Jennifer Landau	Jonathan & Suri Winograd
Joshua & Sara Light	

*New member for 2016-2017 Campaign

** Renewed member for 2016-2017 Campaign

☆ Of blessed memory

KATZ HILLEL DAY SCHOOL OF BOCA RATON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING

\$1,500,000	Middle School & Building
\$500,000	Beit Midrash (Reserved)
\$250,000	Atrium
\$100,000	Science Lab
\$80,000	Apple-Mac Computer Lab/ Hillel PTA
\$60,000	Upper School Principal's Office/The Haar Family
\$60,000	Middle School Conference Room/ Leonard & Eunice Rose
\$50,000	Elevator
\$50,000	Classrooms
\$36,000	Offices (3 available)
\$36,000	Tutoring Classrooms
\$36,000	Main Entrance Mezuzah/The Markowitz Family
\$36,000	Aron Kodesh (Beit Midrash)/The Tripp Family
\$36,000	BRS West Entrance Mezuzah
\$25,000	Beit Midrash Stained Glass Windows
	Anonymous (Chevron)
	Mark & Helen Cohan (Yerushalayim)
	Mervin & Elaine Jacobs (Teveira)
	The Muller Family (Tzfat)
\$25,000	Ner Tamid (Beit Midrash)/Michael & Risa Zimmerman
\$12,500	Classroom Mezuzahs & Other Outer Door Mezuzahs
	Isaac & Ilona Grynstein (2)
	Martin & Edith Stein (1)

OUTDOOR HAAR ATHLETIC FIELDS

\$100,000	Basketball Court
\$100,000	Softball Field
\$100,000	Soccer Field
\$25,000	Scoreboards (2 left) Hillel PTA
\$25,000	Bleachers (6 available)

OTHER NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Dedicated Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School
\$500,000 Early Childhood Program/ Estate of Rosalind Henwood, z"l

\$250,000 Aunt Jessie's Playground

\$3,600 Benches

GYMNASIUM BUILDING

\$1,500,000	Gymnasium
\$100,000	Main Lobby
\$36,000	Main Entrance Mezuzah
\$50,000	Bleachers
\$36,000	Offices (2 available)
\$25,000	Scoreboards (2 available)
\$25,000	Boys Locker Room
\$25,000	Girls Locker Room
\$18,000	Trophy Case
\$12,500	Classroom Mezuzahs & Other Outer Door Mezuzahs

Many classrooms in the Middle School or main building are available. Some contributions have the option to be payable over as many as five years. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in one of our Capital Campaign opportunities, please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225.

LIFE & LEGACY PROGRAM...

KHDS RECEIVES ANOTHER \$10,000 GRANT

Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton completed Year 2 of the "Life & Legacy" program, sponsored by the **Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** and the **Harold Grinspoon Foundation**, to help promote planned giving, endowments and other after-lifetime giving opportunities. We are excited to announce that the school has received another \$10,000 unrestricted grant for securing an additional 25 new letters of intent (LOI's) during Year 2 of the program.

The Life & Legacy program also provides training, support and consulting services to help the school secure vital legacy gifts, steward donors and integrate legacy giving into its philanthropic culture. We are thankful for those who understand the importance of making their legacy commitment now to ensure the future of KHDS so it may continue to provide a stellar Jewish education to our children for years to come.

WHY?

Your planned Legacy gift will:

- Help us to continue to provide best practices in education, programming, technology, and facility so that we will always offer the very best and attract new students.
- Help stabilize and ultimately lower tuition costs so that more families can choose KHDS for their children.
- Ensure that no child, regardless of their family's financial situation, is denied this impactful Jewish education.

HOW?

Leaving a legacy is simple. Some options include:

- ♦ Bequest in a will
- ♦ Gift of Life Insurance
- ♦ Gift of IRA or Pension Funds
- ♦ Gift of cash or assets
- ♦ Lifetime Income Vehicle

JUST DO IT...

Becoming our partner in ensuring the Jewish future will not only make a huge difference in the lives of so many, it is the most powerful statement you can make to your family and your community about what you truly value. For information on how you can make your planned gift to Katz Hillel Day School, and help with this effort, please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225 or visit our website to download a Letter of Intent at <https://www.hilleldayschool.org/support-hds/atid-legacy-society/>.



We are excited to announce

Katz Hillel Day School's Atid Legacy Society

Sal & Leslie Abady	Rabbi Efreim & Yocheved	Reid & Naomi Shapiro
Daniel & Liora Adler	Goldberg	Joe & Shira Sharp
Danny & Emely Aghion	*Glen & Rosa Golish	Joseph & Selma Sitrick
Anonymous	Jeffrey & Naomi Gross	Rabbi Mordechai & Hadassah
Ari & Cara Beim	Matthew & Tova Hocherman	Smolarcik
Rabbi Gur & Ira Berman	Noam & Jill Kaminetzky	Gil & Lysee Stein
William & Batzion Berman	*Daniel & Caroline Katz	Ido & Gila Stern
Rabbi Josh & Simone Broide	David & Sharona Kay	Joshua & Stephanie Stern
Rotem & Jordana Carmel	Evan & Ilana Landau	Ted & Linda Struhl
Mark & Helen Cohan	Philip & Jennifer Landau	Teddy & Phyllis Struhl
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Jerry & Jeanne Cohen	Robert & Linda Levy	Jonathan & Suri Winograd
Meyer & Laura Cohen	Aryeh & Brandy Meiteles	Uri & Rachel Yudewitz
Todd & Naomi Cohn	Michael & Jill Rose	Hedy & Dori Zaghi
Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander	Herschel & Dvora Scher	Michael & Risa Zimmerman
Benjamin & Cara Freedman	Aron & Penina Schoenfeld	
Rabbi Simcha & Anna Freedman	David & Rand Schwartzwald	

* Founding members

MEET ATID LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS, DR. EVAN & ILANA LANDAU

Evan and Ilana Landau began their KHDS journey in 2011 when they enrolled their son, Eitan, in EC4. Now, 6 years later, Eitan is in 5th grade, and siblings Benjy (2nd grade), Naftali (EC4), and Orly (KHDS Mommy & Me) join him at Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton.

Evan grew up in New York City and Ilana, a Florida native, grew up in Miami Beach. After Evan completed his training as a physician, in 2011, Ilana was able to finally convince him to move back to the tropical paradise of Boca Raton, where they are now enjoying life with their beautiful family.



"The financial stability of KHDS is vital to the future of Boca Raton's Jewish Community."

The Landaus have entrusted KHDS with their childrens' education because of the excellent academics within an enriching Torah and Zionist environment. They know that the teachers and administration care deeply for their childrens' best interests. "We are lucky to have found such an outstanding school," notes Ilana.

The Landaus have made legacy giving a priority for their future and the future of KHDS and Jewish education. They recently completed the formalization process by naming the school in their will. "It was very easy. Our excellent lawyer made the process very smooth and took care of all the details," explained Evan.

Supporting the campaign is equally important to the Landaus. They have participated in both the Burn the Mortgage and Aunt Jessie's Playground campaigns, and have also donated tzedakah to the Annual Scholarship Raffle, Golf Outing and Annual Journal Dinner.

Both Evan and Ilana are also involved in the school as volunteers and lay leaders. Ilana has volunteered her time and artistic skills towards various graphic design projects and Evan is a member of the Board of Trustees and the Budget and Finance Committee. Giving of their time involves them even more in their children's education and making a legacy plan will help to ensure the same for their grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and so on.

KATZ HILLEL DAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following donors
of \$500 and above to the 2016-2017 Annual Campaign

GOMLAY TORAH

Benefactors of Torah \$25,000+

Cheryl Kari Golden Memorial Fund
Jewish Federation of
South Palm Beach County

MEYASDAY TORAH

Founders of Torah \$10,000-\$24,999

🕊 Daniel & Liora Adler
🕊 Eli & Orlie Cohen**
🕊 Benjamin & Cara Freedman
🕊 Joseph & Galit Freedman
Bruce Gendelman Insurance Services
🕊 Daniel & Caroline Katz**
🕊 Paul & Caryn Sherman

AMUDAY TORAH

Pillars of Torah \$5,000-\$9,999

🕊 Hillel & Chayi Cohen
Jerry & Jeanne Cohen
Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander
🕊 David & Sharona Kay
Glen & Rosa Golish
King David Divine Kosher Catering
🕊 Philip & Jennifer Landau
🕊 Joshua & Sara Light
Steven & Martine Newman
🕊 Leor & Gaby Skoczylas
🕊 Dan & Eve Sperling*
🕊 Joshua & Stephanie Stern
🕊 Teddy & Phyllis Struhl*
🕊 Ashi & Chava Weisstuch*
🕊 Jonathan & Suri Winograd

SHOMRAY TORAH

Guardians of Torah \$2,000-\$4,999

Sal & Leslie Abady
Anonymous
Steven & Rebecca Berkeley
BRS West
Butters Construction & Development
Mark & Helen Cohan
Meyer & Laura Cohen
Ayal & Deena Frist
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Murray & Basheva Goldberg
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Mark & Krissy Kogan
Rabbi Jonathan & Jennifer Kroll
Evan & Ilana Landau
Stephen & Elizabeth Landes
Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindel Levine
Levine/Weinberger Scholarship Fund
Robby & Linda Levy
Lightsource HR
David Markowitz & Sara Levine
Michael & Jill Rose
Daniel & Rachel Rudensky
Barry & Dana Schechter
Reid & Naomi Shapiro
Joe & Shira Sharp
Todd & Michelle Slesinger
Rabbi Mordechai & Hadassah
Smolarcik
Gil & Lysee Stein
Teddy & Linda Struhl
Warren & Robin Struhl
Benjamin & Donna Tripp
Jackie & Rachel Tripp
Vasquez & Sons Landscaping
Neal & Bonnie Weinreb
Marcel & Nadia Wikler
Ari & Shoshana Wirtschatter
Young Israel of Hollywood-
Ft Lauderdale
Uri & Rachel Yudewitz
Michael & Risa Zimmerman

MAYEERAY TORAH

Enlighteners of Torah \$1,000-\$1,999

Lisa Kaufman Bensmihen
Jacob & Michele Blatt
Harry & Shelly Bloom
Yosef & Edie Davis
Chayim & Michele Dimont
Robert & Elise Dolgow

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Eli & Laurie Epstein
Phillip & Deborah Goldberg
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Mutual of America
Elan & Juliana Rosenblat
Daniel Rosenthal & Sara Goldberg
Rubin Obstgarten Family Foundation
Aron & Penina Schoenfeld
Jason Schulman & Randi Sperling
Jay & Tracey Schwartz
David & Rand Schwartzwald
Shraiberg, Landau & Page, P.A.
Ruth Taubman
Young Israel of Deerfield Beach

CHAVERIM

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Abbey & Helene Berkowitz
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SURVEY SAYS...

KHDS hired an independent research company to conduct a parent perception survey in February 2017. The goal was to collect honest and anonymous feedback so that the school can continue to improve and remain true to our mission of continuously striving for excellence.

We were very pleased and proud to learn that our scores were higher than those of our peer schools (located in Teaneck, NJ, Boston, MA, Chicago, IL, Los Angeles, CA as well as South Florida) on virtually every question on the survey.

Here are some of the highlights!

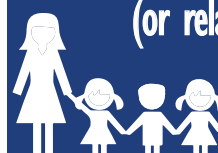
73% Of our families responded to the survey



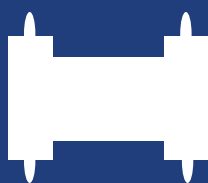
89% would recommend this school to other Jewish families they know.



85% agree their children have strong role models among (or relationships with) the school faculty.



95% agree KHDS fosters care and commitment for Judaism



92% agree KHDS instills moral values



97% agree KHDS promotes a love of Israel in their children.



EVERY PARENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all of our Every Parent Campaign (EPC) participating families. This annual fundraising effort provides every KHDS family with the opportunity to donate and 'give back' to our school with a gift of tzedakah, regardless of their financial situation, as everyone is acknowledged equally. Every dollar counts and families can give any amount they are comfortable with, based on their own personal circumstances. Our annual goal is to reach 100% participation in this critical effort to raise scholarship funds in support of Jewish education.

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CAMP RUACH 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

The 5th summer of Camp Ruach went by so fast! This summer, we enjoyed record enrollment once again! Campers were treated to fun activities, learned Torah and had a blast!

- A special Hakarat Hatov to **Mrs. Cara Beim, Mrs. Amy Horowitz, Rabbi Chaim Lanner, Rabbi Akiva Wolk and Mrs. Rachel Yudewitz**, for being incredible leaders who imbue Ruach with excitement and energy!
- Operating camp on a daily basis is no small task. Over 100 staff members made sure that everyone was safe and having a great time!
- Jewish values and tremendous RUACH permeate the entire campus starting every day with lively davening, in activities like Parsha Art, and concluding every week with a spirited Oneg Shabbat!



KATZ HILLEL PTA

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

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

...and much, much more!

Thank you to **Sharona Kay**, PTA President, the PTA Board of Trustees, and all of PTA's volunteers who have helped to make this possible.



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KHDS Annual Journal Dinner Honors Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander

Who would have imagined the impact that **Rabbi Adam and Shira Englander** would have on our community when they first arrived in Boca Raton? In only 10 short years, the Englanders have left an indelible mark on KHDS in numerous ways. Through Rabbi Englander's vision, energy and wisdom, KHDS has grown both in enrollment as well as in the quality of the educational and extra-curricular programs. The Englanders embody the values that KHDS holds so dear, namely, a deep commitment to the love and study of Torah and Mitzvot within a warm, inclusive environment. That, and so much more, made them the perfect honorees for the *2016-2017 Annual Journal Dinner*. The event took place on December 12, 2016, at B'nai Torah Congregation and was co-chaired by **Dr. Joshua & Stephanie Stern** and **Uri and Rachel Yudewitz**. Also honored that evening were Faculty Dedication Award recipients **Leslie Firestone, Beth Janock** and **Beth Kaminetsky** for their 13 years of service to KHDS.

The evening began as guests enjoyed cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres while being serenaded by **The Y-Studs**. Additionally, KHDS parent attendees were pleasantly surprised to receive a photo of their own child(ren) accompanying their table seating card thanks to the efforts of **Veeta Abramchik** and **Leonardo Moran**. The tribute program kicked off with a wonderful rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner* and *Hatikvah* performed by **Shimmie Kaminetsky** and **The Y-Studs**, followed by a hysterical video, compliments of our creative co-chairs and produced by **Zachary Cohen**.

Next, the Faculty Dedication Award recipients received their awards following a montage video, and a grand finale Tribute to **Rabbi Adam and Shira Englander** for "A Decade of Dedication." Board President **Daniel Katz** spoke on behalf of the Englanders and the video presentation followed. Rabbi Englander's speech focused on the core questions that we must ask ourselves each day to ensure the success and growth of our children and our school for the future. Then, the guests entered the ballroom for a top-notch dinner, prepared by **Rose Caterers**, and were entertained by **The Y-Studs**. Guests received a copy of the composition book-themed Ad Journal, of which proceeds benefit the KHDS Scholarship Fund.

We extend our appreciation to the following people for their time and commitment on this event.

Dinner Co-Chairs: Joshua & Stephanie Stern, Uri & Rachel Yudewitz

FRD Chair: Orlie Cohen, Ph.D.

PTA President: Sharona Kay, M.S. Ed.

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

President: Daniel J. Katz.

Special Thanks: Veeta Abramchik, Susan Herr, Jill Kaminetsky, Caroline Katz, Joe Sharp

Journal Editor: Michele Dimont

Graphic Design: Elise Cohen

Entertainment: The Y-Studs

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3RD ANNUAL PARENT-CHILD GOLF OUTING

Mazal Tov to 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.

In addition, thank you to our amazing volunteers: **Max Abramovitz**, **Henry Bensmihen**, **Sandy Cohen**, **Dov & Benny Hochner**, **Moe Levy**, **Jeremy Lurie**, **Justin Lurie**, **Shoshanah 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. The all 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 catered by **King David Divine Kosher Catering**. 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.

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And the KHDS participant raffle winners were:

Simcha Rosen, Golf Foursome, generously donated by **Boca Lago Country Club**

Alexander Schpilberg, Bluetooth Speaker, generously donated by **Staples**

Benjamin Landau, 4 tickets to Aquatica, generously donated by **SeaWorld**

Elan Greenbaum, 4 SeaWorld Orlando tickets, generously donated by **SeaWorld**

Eitan Landau, 4 Disney One-Day Park Hopper Passes, generously donated by **The Walt Disney Company**



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** and **Ashi Weisstuch**.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

By: Joshua Karsh

"Yes, we would love to hear you sing the song again!" Weeks of this often-repeated phrase in the homes of Kindergarten families was richly rewarded with a beautiful graduation ceremony on June 8, 2017. Inspired by the Dr. Seuss book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, vivid colors spread from the stage to the cupcakes. As the anxious families finally took their seats, **Principal Chayim Dimont** welcomed the families and guests in attendance and reminded them of the hard work and dedication that marked the successful school year. The graduation ceremony began with the procession of adorable Kindergartners decked out in their blue and white caps and gowns marching in synchronized pairs to take their seats on stage.

Under the direction of **Chaim Parchi**, the children regaled the audience with a series of songs in both English and Hebrew. The wide range of songs included a take-off of the *Adams Family* theme, *B'Tishrei Natan Hadekele*, *Shir HaAlef Bet* and a very special rendition of the *Best Day of My Life*. Following the musical performance, the children received their diplomas as they posed for a photo with their amazing teachers, **Tami Gerlitz, Gwenn Lerman, Sheri Siegel, Ofra Struogano and Robyn Klebanow**.

In accordance with the theme of the program, each student received a copy of the Dr. Seuss book inscribed with a message from their teachers. Additionally, each graduate was gifted with a breathtaking graduation portrait lovingly created by **Caroline Katz** and beautifully decorated by **Lisa Pinkis**.

As the Kindergarten graduates made the synchronized procession off stage, the families and guests were treated to a fanciful Dr. Seuss inspired reception. The beautiful reception was organized by the Kindergarten Graduation Committee of parent volunteers: **Liora Adler, Emely Aghion, Penina Dorfman, Shari Haik, Liz Karsh, Naomi Katz, Deena Kizelnik, Meira Ohayon and Eve Sperling**. Special thanks are extended to **Keter Bakery** for donating personalized cookies for each of the graduates and also thank you to **Elise Cohen** for her assistance in designing the diplomas. Our heartfelt appreciation also extends to **Risa Kahane, Veeta Abramchik, Joe Sharp** and the **KHDS staff** for their efforts in making this graduation a smashing success.



8TH GRADE GRADUATION

By: Deena Lurie

The room was filled with parents, family members and friends of the 8th grade graduates. As parents, we watched them file in and take their seats. Thoughts that filled our heads were: How did they grow up so quickly? It seems like their Kindergarten Graduation was such a short time ago. And, we felt sad that their time at Katz Hillel Day School was coming to an end.

Rabbi Adam Englander, Head of School, remedied the bitter sweetness of the evening with a little humor with his welcome speech. He referenced Googling the most famous graduation speeches and how he was surprised that none of his prior ones had made the list! All kidding aside, he quoted Steve Jobs and expressed the importance of individuality and living your own life. He told the students that they needed to follow their dreams and their heart, and that the Torah is what binds us all together and helps guide our individuality. The Torah is a constant in our lives regardless of what happens in our fast paced, social media obsessed society.

President **Daniel Katz** took us on a trip down memory lane when he spoke about what has happened since his 8th grade experience. Black and white televisions to remote control televisions, rotary phones to push button phones, cars without seat belts to cars with seat belts! So much has happened since his own childhood. What will happen next? What can we expect from these graduates? What will they accomplish? He told them to think out of the box. But as Jews, don't look for technological shortcuts; live life like a mensch with gratitude to Hashem and daven every day. He closed with a few humorous references to the unexpected Paris trip and a bit of advice: the Jewish traditions will be the constants in your life and will always be your "home".

Not to break with tradition, the yearbook editors spoke beautifully – **Max Frohlich, Ariella Gross, Alex Lurie** and **Doni Zak**. They spoke about the creativity of the yearbook process and about being inspired by their class. The 8th grade class created memories that were captured in the yearbook and that will remain in their hearts forever! They thanked their teachers and advisors for all of their help.

Longtime PTA President **Sharona Kay** reviewed the amazing accomplishments of the PTA over the years from the Soccer Scoreboard to the Apple Computer Lab. She thanked the parent volunteers and congratulated the graduates. As a graduation gift, the PTA presented each child with a siddur.

Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik blew everyone away with his video presentation. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as pictures scrolled across the screen from EC2 through 8th grade. There was clapping, pointing, and even a little giggling. Numerous photos and videos from the Israel trip (and Paris too!) were there, as well as personal interviews with each graduate. The children spoke quite candidly about what their KHDS experience meant to them. No one wanted the video to end!

Diplomas were presented by **Rabbi Englander, Morah Hadassah Smolarcik** and **Daniel Katz**. The students, many of them just as tall, if not taller, posed for photos, while the audience took pictures and applauded for each child as if he/she were their own. Many of these children and their families have been friends since they started KHDS at age 2!

Eventually, the graduates stood as a group while the audience clapped. They exited the stage and hugs were abundant. A treat awaited everyone in the adjoining room - **Caroline Katz's** gorgeous photos of each graduate were mounted to boards for signing. Refreshments were served and they were 8th graders no more...



Calling all KHDS Alumni! We want to stay connected to our alumni so please visit our website at www.hilleldayschool.org and fill out the Alumni contact form. We would love to hear what you have been up to!



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