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Above Left: The JARC Ability Garden brings students and JARC residents together.

Below: Annual Journal Dinner honorees and co-chairs (story on pg. 7).



2 Leadership Messages



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

It was the best of the times, it was the worst of times. These famous words used by Charles Dickens to describe the era of the French Revolution also seem appropriate when it comes to the education of adolescents in today's day and age. We know more about curriculum and instruction than ever before. Our teachers are better trained. Our schools and community have incredible resources and specialized personnel. Communication between school and home has improved in quality and quantity. Yet, sadly, it has become well documented that adolescents of today are more anxious, depressed and are generally unhappier than ever before. Dr. Jean Twenge, a psychologist and expert in generational differences,

believes that this post-Millennial generation she likes to call iGen (those born between 1995 and 2012) is on the verge of a mental health crisis. Dr. Twenge asserts that the primary cause of this unfortunate trend relates to smartphone use and social media, but that analysis is beyond the scope of this article.

However, you should be encouraged in knowing that KHDS takes a whole-child approach to education to ensure that our precious children are getting the messages, values, information and tools they need to navigate this stage of life in the healthiest possible way.

Our middle school students have always benefited from our biweekly KAR²E (Kindness Always, Respect and Responsibility Everywhere) program that focuses on social/emotional health, an experienced guidance staff, teachers who recognize that their job is to teach children rather than subjects and an overall Torah atmosphere that stresses the inherent value of each individual. But the last few months have included programs led by outside professionals on topics such as digital citizenship (healthy outlook and usage of technology and social media), eating disorders, sexual abuse prevention and treating others as we want to be treated. All were informative and impactful. We should all be proud to be part of a school that takes a sophisticated, proactive approach towards preparing our students for the teenage years and beyond.



The Digital Citizenship program took place earlier this year.



Daniel J. Katz
Board President

The greatest responsibility a board of an institution has is to hire the absolute best professional to run its organization. We are pleased to announce that we have hired that person, **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**, to be our new Head of School. Rabbi Potok presently is the Head of School at Striar Hebrew Academy in Sharon, Massachusetts. Everyone we spoke with there raves about him and is sad to see him leave. Rabbi Potok is smart, modest, humble, learned, and worldly. He will be a great role model for all our kids. Rabbi Potok is married to **Shira** and has four children who will all attend KHDS. He graduated from Frisch and from the University of Pennsylvania and

then went to Yeshiva University's Azrieli School of Education where he received his Master's degree. Rabbi Potok studied for four years in Israel and then received his smicha from Yeshivat Haimitar and Rav Zalman Nechemya Goldberg. Rabbi Potok has the experience and the talent to improve our school. He is a strong educator and administrator. His mantra is our mantra; it's all about our students; through academic excellence and having the best teachers. Rabbi Potok has a proven record; he loves children and is passionate about teaching our beautiful Yiddishkeit to our kids. Rabbi Potok's mission in life is to inspire young Jews to become lifelong learners. The Hashkafa of the school will remain strong and we are confident that, under Rabbi Potok's guidance, the learning in our beloved school will increase.

The process to find and select Rabbi Potok took hundreds of hours and was directed by **Rabbi Maccabee Avishur** from Prizmah, an organization that, amongst many disciplines, searches for Heads of Schools, often times for Modern Orthodox Day Schools. Our directive to Rabbi Avishur was to find the best person to fill Rabbi Englander's enormous shoes. We received a list of 42 names, mostly current Heads of Schools and Principals. We spoke with all 42 candidates and then we "Skyped" about 10 of them. We then brought 4 of the best candidates to meet with us in person. From this group the search committee unanimously chose Rabbi Potok who was ratified by the KHDS Board of Trustees.

I want to thank all the members of the search committee for all their efforts and particularly want to thank **Sharona Kay** and **Harry Bloom** who spent countless hours and added invaluable wisdom to its process. Whenever you see these stars, please thank them for all the time they invested in this endeavor.

My dear family, all changes are hard. We truly have great confidence in Rabbi Potok and we ask you to welcome him and his family into our family as relatives would; get to know them, invite them for Shabbat and we know you will realize what a great asset Rabbi Potok and his family will be to our wonderful community. Rabbi Potok looks forward to meeting all of you and looks forward to the opportunity to learn together with you.

As always, I welcome any comments anyone has and look forward to seeing KHDS grow to new heights. The best is yet to come!

Search Committee

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

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we enter into the Chag of Pesach, I can't help but be reminded of how amazingly educational and family-oriented this holiday is. When we talk about experiential learning, Pesach is the quintessential hands-on experience. We experience the Seder through touch, taste, smell, sound, and sight. We are surrounded by family and friends, who raise the level of our joy (or at least that is the hope) in order to feel closer to Hashem and the miracles He performed on our behalf going back to the beginning of time. Pesach is the chag of freedom; when we are free we allow ourselves the ability to be fully invested in experiences. We

should use the elements and the details of the Seder as a springboard to appreciate the global good in our lives. We have much to appreciate in life; Pesach should be the opportunity that we take in order to express our ultimate freedom, which is true joy and happiness.

Please email me your thoughts on how you experienced the five senses at cdimont@hilleldayschool.org.

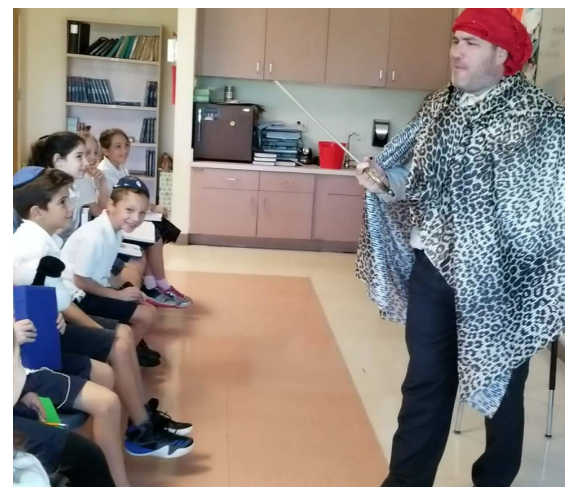
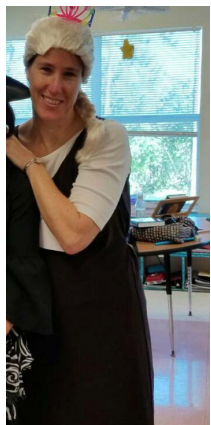
HAPPY 100 DAYS SMARTER!!!

1st grade had a blast sorting and counting 100 items in honor of the 100th day of school on February 16.



PARSHAT TOLDOT

3rd grade was so surprised when **Mr. Dimont** came to their classroom dressed as Esav! What an awesome and memorable occasion. The students participated in role play, acting out the events of Parshat Toldot. Students were also honored by the presence of **Morah Shirley** who played the role of Rivkah Imeinu!



WEDDING BELLS

EC3B holds a mock wedding in honor of the week's Parsha, which teaches us about the wedding of Yitzchak and Rivka.



KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent
Midot
Every
Time



Alexia Abitbol	Ami Goldberg	Aiden Pinkis
Ella Abitbol	Noa Goldman	Emunah Plotsker
Gabrielle Aghion	Yossi Goldman	Judah Rackman
Golan Aghion	Coby Greenfield	Hadarah Rosen
Abby Beim	Eitan Gross	Zachary Rutner
Ben Beim	Natalie Grunberg	Joshua Saacks
Efrat Belizon	Naomi Haik	Leah Saacks
Ariel Blanka	Karen Hanina	Kayla Schochet
Avi Bloom	Leah Hanina	Sam Schochet
Ayelet Blumenthal	Zev Hocherman	Ella Schwarzman
Max Bornstein	Benny Hochner	Gavriel Seidel
Eliana Burack	Jonah Jacobs	Moshe Seinfeld
Yaakov Cohn	Shayna Kahan	Eytan Shapiro
Noah Dahan	Perel Kahn	Gilad Shimonovitch
Asher Daum	Eitan Kaminetzky	Rachel Shimonovitch
Jonah Deichman	Chaim Kassorla	Mayan Sommers
Matanel Eisenberger	Emunah Kerzhner	AJ Stein
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Asher Fellman	Shayna Moskowitz	Atara Wolk
Hudson Fellman	Yosef Muschel	Ittai Yatzkan
Asher Fisch	Yael Nissim-Geter	Shemaya Zangre
Mia Frist	Ossie Ohayon	Yakira Zangre
Noa Gedz	Talia Oppenheimer	Noah Zucker

Mazal Tov to all of the winners! (as of press time)

4 Leadership Messages



Hadassah Smolarcik, M.S. Ed.
*Principal, Grades 4-5 and Judaic Studies
Grades 1-8*

Is the Grass Really Greener on the Other Side?

Another new word that has been added to our growing lexicon is FOMO, "Fear Of Missing Out."

Chances are that if you already know the word and its meaning, you are most likely afflicted with this syndrome. Essentially, it is the feeling of anxiety that arises when one perceives that other people are having more fun, are more successful, are happier or are living more interesting lives. FOMO is not a new concept, as the need to "Keep up with the Joneses" has existed since the beginning of time. However, this condition has become far more prevalent since the advent of social media and e-commerce. We live in a time where much of our communication is delivered through posts, shared digital media, and consumer advertisements that take advantage of our insecurities. A recent study found that 68% of millennials will make reactionary purchases online often within 24 hours of seeing an object that was purchased by another member of their social network. Just by showing consumers how popular specific items are to other viewers, it creates a stronger sense of urgency to have the item, as the viewer will feel he or she is missing out if choosing not to purchase it.

In an age where we are constantly inundated with social media, celebrity products, social pressures, what can we do to limit our personal experience of FOMO? The most important thing we can do is actually quite simple: "The secret is to want what you have and not want what you don't have." When we believe that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, and believe that others have the good stuff, we are taken over by greed, wanting more and more which leads to feeling that we can never have enough. We, and our children, should spend less time looking outward for validation of our personal fulfillment and spend more time looking inward. The grass, in fact, is not greener on the other side, the grass is greenest where it is watered the most; teach yourselves and your children to carry water throughout life and tend the grass wherever you are.

MACCABEE MIRACLE

The Maccabees, aka the B'not Sherut, welcome students for a wonderful week at KHDS!



1ST GRADE SIDDUR PRESENTATIONS

Each student in Kitah Alef received a Siddur presented to them by their parents this past November. Thank you to **Morah Shira Sharp** for organizing this meaningful program, and to the **Schiffman family** for dedicating the siddurim in memory of **Susan Rubin, z"l**.



13 COLONIES FAIR

5th grade did a wonderful job in creating interactive displays, including advertisements, to attract "prospective" colonists (8th graders) to their colonies at the Annual 13 Colonies Fair.



BRACHOT BOARDS

3rd grade created display boards to showcase the laws of Brachot in honor of Tu B'Shevat.



SWAMP TRIP

4th grade took a field trip to Billie Swamp Safari to learn about the Everglades.





Joe Sharp
Executive Director

We've made a number of facilities upgrades over the first half of the 2017/18 school year, and have several more about to begin. What makes these improvements unique to many others that have been made over the past several years, is that they are being funded mostly or in large part through grants and designated gifts.

- Although we had unfortunately sustained some damage due to Hurricane Irma, we have been able to make all of the necessary repairs and upgrades such as new perimeter fencing, new gymnasium flooring, and several other repairs through a Public Assistance grant from **FEMA**.
- We are also working with **FEMA** on a mitigation grant to upgrade our campus with impact windows and doors.
- We're currently enhancing our access control campus-wide thanks to funding from the **State of Florida**. This project will be in addition to the systems already being employed thanks to a grant from the **Department of Homeland Security**.
- We've been continuing to develop our new makerspace room thanks in part to generous grants from national foundations, including a matching grant from the **Legacy Learning Labs Project**. As part of this project, we will be adding a kiln room to our art room in the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School, that we hope to open for the 2018/19 school year.
- Construction work on Sata's Pool and the pool sun shade is finally complete! This project was funded completely by generous gifts from the **KHDS PTA** and an **anonymous donor**.



As KHDS stakeholders, you will be happy to know that we're making long-term investments in our campus and classrooms with little to no impact on our operating expenses. This also allowed us to announce in December that we are not increasing tuition fees for 2018/19, keeping rates at their lowest since the 2010/11 school year.

Nevertheless, the need for financial aid is as great as ever, and the KHDS Scholarship Fund awarded approximately \$1,500,000 this year to 58% of our families and nearly 300 children. It is important to note, however, that our scholarship fund is not funded at all by tuition fees, but it is in fact funded completely by the **State of Florida** and **Jewish Federation** scholarship funding, several revenue-generating programs, and generous gifts from people like you!

One of our newest fundraising campaigns is our **Scholarship Fund Mega Raffle**, which just concluded another successful campaign. This campaign has raised over \$50,000 this year, and has grown every year raising nearly \$140,000 overall.

We're also excited to announce our newest campaign, which will help to upgrade our educational technology. Juggling our commitment to education excellence and stabilizing tuition fees can be quite challenging in this costly area, so we've introduced two great fundraising opportunities that will be earmarked for this campaign.



Changebowl is an app that creates a savings account for your virtual loose change by rounding up your credit card and debit card transactions to the nearest dollar. Available on Apple and Android devices, it is simple to use and easily enables you to donate that loose change straight to KHDS.

Dlyted is a way for you to instantly buy electronic gift cards to hundreds of merchants at no extra cost to you, and a percentage of each card will be donated to KHDS. Dlyted even allows you to use your credit card to purchase cards online! Some examples of available merchants are; Airbnb, Uber, Groupon, Amazon, and hundreds of others!

We encourage you all to participate in both of these campaigns, and to encourage your friends and family to do so as well. When joined together, our nickels and dimes will make a significant impact!



Go to **Dlyted.com** to sign up today and select KHDS as your cause!



CHANGEBOWL
CHANGE FOR CHANGE

It's simple to get started!

STEP 1: Download and open the **Changebowl app** on Apple or Android devices at changebowl.com

STEP 2: Click 'SIGNUP', and on the 'CAUSE' page, scroll down to click on the KHDS logo. Then click 'AGREE' and enter your info on the following page

STEP 3: In Settings, click on 'LINK ROUNDUP ACCOUNTS'. Click on the 'plus sign' and follow the prompts to link your credit and/ or debit cards to the app

That's it. Now, you're giving your spare change to KHDS!

*Changebowl qualifies as a donation towards the KHDS Every Parent Campaign!

6 The Lions' Den



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

The winter athletic season is coming to an end. There has certainly been much excitement throughout! Each sport is specified below but we must mention that the Boys JV Basketball team, coached by **Coach Eddy** and **Coach Jason**, made it to the finals with one loss and played a fantastic game. It has been a pleasure watching the boys and girls improve their skills and following the lead

of their coaches. We hope you had a chance to be a spectator at any of these games filled with the true spirit of competition.

Boys 4th and 5th Grade Basketball

Coaches Ben and Shawn led these young athletes through a very exciting season. They worked to show the boys skills both on the court as well as applying what they learned off the court. The boys made it to the playoffs and although they lost in the first round, fought until the end. The team should feel proud for all they accomplished this season.

Girls 4th and 5th Grade Basketball

The girls had a wonderful season led by **Coach Sam**. This team is a selfless, hard-working, fun and energetic group. During practice, the girls learned about the basics of the game and transferred their skills to the court. They improved so much during the season. Congratulations, girls!

Boys JV Basketball

What a fantastic season! The boys worked very hard and were led by **Coach Eddy** and **Coach Jason**. They learned so much, played with passion and went into the playoffs with only one loss. Coach Eddy commented that these athletes were all very respectful toward each other, worked as a team and were terrific student athletes on and off the court. He truly loves being around them. They were the #1 seed and although they lost, they played an incredible playoff game! Congrats to the coaches and the boys!

Boys Varsity Basketball

The boys, coached by **Coach Steve**, had a season to be proud of. Many of these boys have been playing together for many years and it is clear that they work as a team. Coach Steve spends time not only coaching them on basketball skills but also on life lessons. He is passionate about the success of the athletes both on and off the court.

Girls Varsity Soccer

The Lady Lions had a successful season. The improvements from the first game to the last game were wonderful to watch. The games were close and exciting. Led by **Coach Samantha Witztum**, the girls played as a team and the spirit and enthusiasm was apparent. Great season, girls!

With the winter season ending, we look forward to the spring season. We are introducing a new team sport, Boys Baseball, to our KHDS athletics program. The new team is excited to compete! We will see you out on the fields cheering on and supporting our student athletes.



Check out our website to view game schedules.





KHDS honored **Daniel and Liora Adler** on Tuesday evening, January 9, 2018, at the Annual Journal Dinner, the school's major fundraiser of the year. The Adlers began their KHDS journey in 2004 and have been extremely involved in the school and the community ever since. Daniel joined the KHDS Board of Trustees in 2007, and is currently an Executive Board member and Treasurer. His extreme attention to budget detail is a great asset to the school. He is Founder & Chairman of Teach Florida, part of

the OU Advocacy, where he advocates for greater State funding for all Jewish schools and makes it a priority to lobby for school grants and funding. Just recently Daniel was instrumental in securing a visit from Governor Rick Scott where the Governor pledged additional security funding. In addition, Daniel is involved with AIPAC, and also serves on the Katz Yeshiva High School Board and Finance Committee. Daniel is one of the lead lay chazanim at Boca Raton Synagogue and in his "spare" time he enjoys learning Torah, biking and most of all making a difference in communal affairs. When not volunteering, Daniel is a well-respected business leader in the beauty industry where he is President & CEO of Buymebeauty, Inc. based in Fort Lauderdale.

Liora, or Dr. Adler, as she is known by many, is a pediatric emergency room physician at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital where she spends her time saving lives. She also works with children and adults with special needs and disabilities at Camp HASC during the summer. Liora joined the PTA Board in 2005 and has volunteered innumerable hours on its behalf, spearheading many programs, including annually hosting the brunch for new KHDS moms, among countless other projects. Most recently her work on the hurricane relief effort resulted in over 300 boxes of donated items being collected. In addition to her donation of time, Liora has continuously renewed her PTA Guardian of Learning Society membership over the years. Liora enjoys using her creative talents on many "Martha Stewart-like" projects and also enjoys running marathons, of course as a fundraiser!

The Adlers recognize the important obligation of tzedakah and continue to make lead gifts to the school as major gifts donors since 2012. They are also Atid Legacy Society members through their commitment to the school's Life & Legacy planned giving campaign. They exhibit true mensch-like qualities and exude modesty, kindness, caring and leading by example. The Adlers have graduated one child and currently have two children attending KHDS.



Sara Mizrahi, Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik, Sari Vine and Tzippy Wolf were honored for 13 years of service to the school, and **Hana Marin** for 26 years.

The evening, which took place at B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, was co-chaired by **Rabbi Josh & Simone Broide** and **Michael & Risa Zimmerman**. A special cocktail reception for Atid Legacy Society members and honorees took place prior to the dinner. The tribute program followed the buffet dinner.



In addition to honoring the Adlers and Faculty Dedication Award Recipients, Board President **Daniel Katz** presented the 1st ever Dor L'Dor Society Award to KHDS grandparent, Board member and Founder, **Helen Cohan** for her long time commitment to the school. **Rabbi Adam Englander**, Head of School, was also presented with an award for his 12 years of dedication to KHDS, along with a winter coat (for his future trip up north). Entertainer **Shalom Sherman** concluded the program with a "mind-blowing" performance.



The dinner and commemorative Journal raised over \$190,000 for the school's Scholarship Fund. KHDS awards approximately \$1.5 million in scholarships annually.

2017-2018 Tribute Committee

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With Thanks & Appreciation

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View the videos on our HillelTube channel at:
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8 KHDS Happenings

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION WINNERS

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Mazal Tov to the winners and to all of our candidates!



6th Grade World's Fair Winners (by vote of the 7th & 8th grade students)



Honorable Mention:
Tamir Cohen and Zachary Cohen, France!

3rd Place:
AJ Broide and Josh Young, South Africa!

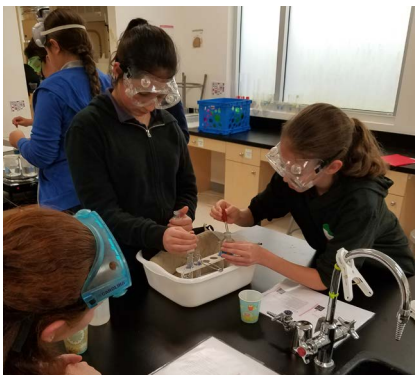
2nd Place:
Binny Ciment, Korea!

1st Place... A tie!

Sarah Cohen, France/Adam Agajan & Daniel Lugassy, Morocco!

FUTURE SCIENTISTS

7th grade students tested mystery samples for organic compounds (carbohydrates, lipids, & proteins) in science lab.



ART ELECTIVE

Students show off their creations of acrylic on canvas from art elective.



NAMES, NOT NUMBERS®: A MOVIE IN THE MAKING



KHDS has once again been selected to participate in the Names, Not Numbers® Program. This program transforms the traditional study of the Holocaust

into an interactive program that involves survivors who lived through the history being taught.

8th grade students, under the direction of **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, have been engaging in serious, meaningful dialogue with the survivors and forging relationships with them. In addition, throughout the program, the students have been learning interviewing techniques, documentary film tools, and editing skills and have been working with professionals —journalists, newspaper editors, filmmakers, and Holocaust scholars.

KHDS is grateful for being chosen to participate in this project, which is generously supported by a prominent national foundation, and looks forward to sharing with our school community how this program impacts our students. A post-event wrap up of the documentary premiere, *Names, Not Numbers®: A Movie in the Making*, will be in the next issue of the *Hillel Herald*.

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

WONDER

The entire Middle School went to see the highly acclaimed movie *Wonder*! This movie is based on the book, read by 6th graders, as part of our curriculum. The messages of the book and movie are incredibly important for students this age.



ONEGS BRING GENERATIONS TOGETHER

In an effort to strengthen the relationship between generations, KHDS has invited grandparents and special friends to two Oneg programs so far this year. Grandparents enjoyed watching the students perform, and following the program they attended a reception with refreshments and shmoozing. Special thanks to **Dvora Scher** for her commitment to this program as well as the all new Scholar Society, which is a program designed for grandparents and special friends to share their life experiences and business wisdom with students. There is no cost to join and it's a great way to make an impact on our future generation. If you would like to join this panel of speakers please contact Dvora at dvora@dwpalaw.com.



KINDNESS MATTERS



A new program called "Color Our World With Kindness" kicked off for students in grades 1-5 this past October. The goal: to find even more ways to encourage and model acts of kindness every day at KHDS. Starting with a month long Kindness Competition, students were assigned acts of kindness

each week while tracking them on pieces of paper that will be turned into a beautiful and colorful art display. We can't wait to see just how many acts of kindness our kids have accumulated over the months!

FULL STEAM AHEAD

KHDS held their first 3rd grade STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) program in December. Thanks to faculty members **Batsheva Klein** (science), **Lisa Pinkis** (art), **Rachel Steele** (music) and **Kim Sivick** (technology), the program was a huge success!



BOOK DRIVE FOR JAFCO

Thanks to the parents of the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center for helping to make our toy and book drive for JAFCO a success!



PET ROCK PROJECT

1st grade students read a story about pet rocks and then "rocked" creating their own.



KHDS Happenings

BETTER TOGETHER™ CONTINUES PROGRAMMING



The Better Together™ Program, which is generously supported by a prominent national foundation, is a two-year program designed to encourage meaningful interaction between young and old. 8th graders, under the direction of **Rina Lanner**, have been participating in the program with Sinai Residences, since the program's inception this year.

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.



Students and Sinai Residences residents worked together on a flower arranging project in honor of the month of Sh'vat.



Celebrating the Festival of Lights at a Chanukah Party.



Students and residents played their favorite games together on "game day."

TANACH PROGRAM

Thank you to **Dannie Grajower** and **Rina Lanner** for creating and organizing the new Middle School Tanach Bekiyut (cursor knowledge) program, which was a result of the professional development program they attended this past summer in Israel at Hebrew University.



TORAH LEARNING

KHDS 7th and 8th grade boys voluntarily learn Torah every Wednesday with **Rabbi Smolarcik** and **Rabbi Mirzoeff**. We are so proud of them! Thank you, BRS, for providing an amazing Beit Midrash environment for this learning to take place.



SPEAKING OUT ON BULLYING



1st-8th grade students heard from **Jon Pritikin**, an amazingly inspirational speaker. After rolling up a frying pan with his bare hands, bending a metal bar between his teeth, and breaking a baseball bat over his leg, he told his personal story of being bullied in school and how important it is to treat everyone with love and respect and to be a hero for others. There were many tears in the room!

ROSH YESHIVA VISITS



Rabbi Herschel Schachter, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, davened with and addressed our Middle School students this past December.

STANLEY C. KICKS OFF READ-A-THON

KHDS kicked off the annual Read-a-thon celebration by hosting the Panthers mascot, **Stanley C.**, at our Oneg. Students in K-5th grades logged the pages they read at home to help ignite their love of reading. They also earned prizes and participated in fun activities celebrating reading! Thank you to **Beth Janock, Nicole Kridos** and **Sheri Siegel** for coordinating the program.

READ - READ - READ!



READING TO OUR BEST FRIENDS

Our final 'celebration of reading' activity featured a visit from the Canine Assisted Therapy Foundation and their therapy dogs. Students had a chance to visit with the dogs in their classrooms and read to them.



MAKERSPACE CLUB



We are more than halfway through the inaugural KHDS after school Maker Club, a twelve-session exploration of "maker" technology and techniques. During each weekly session, students complete a design challenge utilizing a variety of maker tools, from simple (crafting with hot glue, cardboard and more) to sophisticated (programming, 'light painting,' and electronic circuits). Please visit our blog at <https://khdsmakerclub.blogspot.com/> to read more about the projects.

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER (P2G) TWINNING PROJECT

8th graders videoconference with a school in Israel as part of the P2G Twinning project. Twinning programs promote the sense of Jewish Peoplehood and shared responsibility for students in schools around the world. Students have the chance to meet each other for dynamic conversations around issues such as Jewish identity and social responsibility. Thank you to **Morah Lea Friedman** who is overseeing the project, and **Marilyn Nachman**, Director of the School Educational Services of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, for facilitating the program.



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

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
24-26 7th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

May

3 Lag B'Omer
7-11 Terra Novas (Grades 1-8)
10 Sports Awards Ceremony
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.

12 KHDS Happenings



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

PTA has been hard at work this year! The following pages are just some of the things PTA volunteers are doing to help our school!

Feel free to contact me at 561-212-6352 or sharonakay@mac.com with any questions or suggestions.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to this year's PTA Annual Scholastic Book Fair chairperson **Crissy Kogan**, along with committee members **Shari Bloom** and **Lisa Freedman**, for all their hard work in setting up and running the Book Fair. We are grateful to all our volunteers: **Emely Aghion**, **Jordana Carmel**, **Deborah Goldberg**, **Liz Goodman-Pilkington**, **Sara Greene**, **Rachel Harow**, **Yael Hirth**, **Naomi Katz**, **Jessica Matiash**, **Martine Newman**, **Cyva Scheide**, **Penina Schoenfeld**, **Holly Seidenfeld**, **Elysha Shainberg**, **Randi Sperling**, **Liz Stadlan**, **Arin Talliard**, **Marisa Weg**, and **Chava Weisstuch**. Special thanks to **Dvorah Eisen** for helping to guide our new Book Fair Chair and committee and for all of her hard work and dedication over the past years.



With Praise, Thanks & Admiration



❖ Thanks so much to **Liora and Lizzy Adler** for making the snack bags for our teachers to keep them going during their long Parent-Teacher Conference days.

❖ PTA thanks all the families who participated in this year's Annual Chanukah Faculty & Staff Collection. Kudos to **Julie Ehrlich** for once again ordering and delivering the Chanukah candles families received from PTA. Special thanks to **Dvorah Eisen**, **Penina Schoenfeld**, **Deena Weisfeld**, and **Marisa Weg** for labeling and distributing Chanukah candles for our students.

❖ Thank you to **Shirley Mayer**, who always happily takes the photos of our PTA Volunteer of the Month's children.



❖ A big thank you to the **Elkoby family** who donated their tzedakah collection to the PTA, totaling approximately \$200!



❖ We are so grateful to **Deena Weisfeld** who organized the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School Book Share for our young readers!

❖ Students had a blast at Universal Studios Florida® and Universal's Islands of Adventure® during January break. Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** and **Zipora Rindsberg** for once again organizing discount packages at fantastic prices.

❖ Thank you to **Phyllis Struhl** for once again creating the event posters from the Chanukah Fair & Open House and Annual Journal Dinner, that adorn our school walls.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

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



October:
MARISA WEG

Though new to the PTA Board, Marisa has been helping PTA in many ways since she arrived and is often the first to lend a hand when volunteers are needed. She organizes Spirit Days, buys the spirit shirts for the PTA Shoppe, handles our weekly Challah distribution, and volunteered at the Book Fair and clothing drive.



November:
SHARI BLOOM

Shari has been volunteering since she joined the KHDS community. Most recently, she spent a great deal of time helping with the Scholastic Book Fair. She also helped set up and maintain the Book Share and volunteered for the Hurricane relief projects.



December:
LISA FREEDMAN

Lisa put in a great deal of time and effort to make the Scholastic Book Fair possible this year. It is because of volunteers like Lisa that PTA can run the many programs that we run. Thank you!

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.

INCREDIBLE CHANUKAH FAIR & OPEN HOUSE

This year's Chanukah fair was once again a resounding success. Current KHDS families along with prospective students enjoyed a glow-in-the dark carnival, archery, a "make your own slime" station, bounce houses, lively music from DJ **Avi Frier**, entertaining games and activities, and Chanukah delicacies and other treats. The Scholastic Book Fair was open as well, and Camp Ruach began registration for Summer 2018. There was also an opportunity to enter the Mega Raffle scholarship fundraiser, with a chance to win \$100,000! Most importantly, families, new and old, had a chance to chat, mingle and have fun together.

Thank you to our Chanukah Fair Committee, **Emely Aghion, Cara Beim, Simone Broide, Shira Englander, Naomi Katz, Jen Kroll**, and **Penina Schoenfeld**, for organizing yet another spectacular event. Kudos to **Cara Beim** and **Jessica Matias** for taking memorable pictures, and to the dozens of volunteers who offered their time and efforts to make the day so amazing! The fair's blood drive, coordinated by **Beth Janock** and One Blood, was a success as well. Thank you to all of our donors: **Daniel Aghion, John Brannigan, Eyal Elkoby, Jill Gumper, Benjamin Henner, Beth Janock, Daniel Katz, Elliot Katz, David Kay, Seth Kinzbrunner, Shani Muschel, David Steinberg, Rachel Tripp, Yaffi Wexler** and **Andrea Zucker**.



MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Our Mom's Night Out program is a unique and wonderful initiative by the PTA where moms in each grade get together for a fun activity and to become more acquainted with one another. Thank you to **Jen Kroll** and **Suri Spolter** for overseeing all the class get-togethers.



Thank you to **Michele Dimont** and **Andrea Zucker** for coordinating the 5th grade Moms' Night Out at Keter Bakery. The women had a fabulous time hanging out and enjoying delicious sandwiches, pizza, salads, and desserts.



The 4th grade moms enjoyed a delicious dinner at Keter Bakery. Thank you so much to **Deena Frist** and **Penina Schoenfeld** for planning this fun evening.



Kudos to **Marisa Weg** for planning a sweet cupcake decorating night out for our 3rd grade moms.



Miriam Roberts and **Zipora Rindsberg** did a great job organizing the 6th grade Moms' Night Out at Boca Kosher Bagel.



The EC2 moms had a great time getting to know one another over laughs and good food at Keter Bakery, thanks to organizer **Sonya Beyderman**.



Thank you to **Penina Dorfman** and **Nechamah Zangre** for planning the EC3 Moms' Night Out. Everyone had a great time bowling and hanging out!

ANNUAL FACULTY GIFT

PTA was delighted to give our fabulous faculty and staff the choice of umbrellas or polo shirts as a "thank you" gift this year. Thanks so much to **Emely Aghion, Shari Bloom, Deena Frist**, and **Naomi Katz** for distributing the gifts.



Thank you to **Crissy Kogan** for organizing the 7th grade Moms' Night Out at Ditmas.

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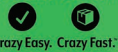
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PTA BOOK SHARE



The PTA Book Share, recently expanded due to popular demand to also include the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School and middle school. You can now find books just 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.

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.

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.



AMAZON AFFILIATES

Amazon Affiliates is 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 **6-8%** back on your purchases. Thank you to all of the KHDS families who have helped us raise over \$4,000, and to **Suri Spolter** for her efforts to help spread the word and increase our Amazon earnings.



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 & Rachel Rudensky** for organizing the gifts.

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS

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.



BOX TOPS®

Don't forget to keep clipping those BoxTops®! It is free money for our school and you have a chance to win our monthly BoxTops raffle if you write your name on the back of each BoxTop. 1,068 BoxTops® were counted over the past two months! The **Aghion family** recently won the BoxTops raffle drawing. Thanks to **Penina Schoenfeld** for helping to count the BoxTops and **Deena Frist** for coordinating this effort!

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.

MABEL'S LABELS

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.



BELT DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who donated to the belt drive for our neighbors in Belle Glade. Over 100 belts were collected, more than had been collected by the Belle Glade community in total over the past five years. A mitzvah well done!

16 Campaign Matter\$



Orly Cohen, Ph.D., FRD Chair
Suzanne Rice, Dir. of Development

We are more than halfway through our campaign year and striving for our goal of \$500,000. The Annual Journal Dinner was a success raising over \$190,000 and our Annual Mega Raffle raised over \$50,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

We urge all KHDS parents to make a donation--any amount--to fulfill your EPC (Every Parent Campaign) obligation. We hope to reach 100% participation! Enrollment in our new Changebowl app qualifies. See page 5 for details on how to sign-up.

Other ways to make your gift of tzedakah include reserving a Day of Learning through the Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program, or making a tribute donation in honor or in memory of someone special.

Designated gifts can also be earmarked, such as to the Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund, or for class trips like the 8th grade Israel trip, 7th grade Washington, DC trip, or 6th grade Pigeon Key trip.

We are so thankful for those families who are members of our major gifts societies: Lamed Vav, Maimonides and Chai. We are looking for new members and look forward to speaking with you about a meaningful gift.

Our Life & Legacy Society campaign continues as we strive to meet our Year 3 goals. We are also thankful to **Dvora Scher** for the time she has dedicated to the Development Office. Dvora is spearheading our new Scholar Society, has helped with our grandparent Onegs, as well as offered pro bono services for those who would like to make a legacy gift to the school.

Thank you to everyone who has already directed a portion of tzedakah to our school.

Attention: Grandparents and Community Friends!
Two Societies Especially for You!



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.

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.

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.

Did you know that leaving a legacy can be as easy as designating the school as a beneficiary in your retirement plan or IRA? You can do this online or by filling out your plan's beneficiary form. Simple as that!

Other easy ways to make a legacy gift include naming us in your life insurance policy, through a Charitable Gift Annuity or Remainder Trust, or a bequest in your will. Any percentage qualifies!

We are also offering **free consultations and services, which include a last will and testament, codicil and/or trust amendment** and other useful guidance about planning your legacy, thanks to the donation of pro bono services by **Dvora Weinreb (Scher), Esq.**, KHDS parent and Board member. If you would like to speak to Dvora please contact the KHDS Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225 or email srice@hilleldayschool.org.



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