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WE WILL MISS YOU, ENGLANDER FAMILY!

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Above Left: We say farewell to the Englanders and thank them for all they have done for our school and community over the past 12 years.

Below: Kindergartners cool off at Quiet Waters Park.



**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**

2 Leadership Messages



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

Thank you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much.

As I write this article, my last as the Head of School of the Katz Hillel Day School, I am filled with a multitude of emotions. But the feeling of deep gratitude overwhelms them all. Twelve years ago my family arrived in Boca Raton and was immediately embraced by the KHDS community. The administration, teachers, staff, board, parents and children made us feel like part of the family. And even though we may be moving geographically, the bonds of family are not easily broken and KHDS will always take up a huge place in our hearts.

Professionally and personally, I have grown in so many ways and have benefited from all that this amazing and unique school community has to offer. When I began back in August 2006, I didn't even know what I didn't know! I still have a lot to learn about serving a Jewish day school but I am infinitely better off now having gone through this amazing life experience. I will certainly miss the spacious campus, the beautiful buildings and the warm weather, but what I will miss most is you - the people. The hundreds and hundreds of people that I was blessed to partner with in some way to help give our precious children the most awesome Jewish day school education. Through good times and bad, great challenges and even greater successes, we did it together and for that, I will be eternally grateful.

Baruch HaShem, our school has never been in a better place. We are expecting record enrollment next year at around 530 children! We have no mortgage, tuition is lower than it was six years ago, we continue to hire amazing new staff while keeping the superstars we have been so blessed with, our curriculum has been enhanced and improved in virtually every subject area, we have a better teacher to student ratio than ever before, our security measures have improved greatly, we are on the verge of making our biggest investment ever in new, cutting-edge technology throughout the school, we have developed the most extensive array of programs, activities, sports and trips and we are about to welcome an outstanding new head of school. It is a great time to be part of the KHDS family.

May the Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton only go from strength to strength!



STANDING STRONG WITH MSD

As part of the Middle School KAR²E program, our 8th graders went to KYHS and had the opportunity to listen to speaker **Lori Alhadeff**, mother of **Alyssa Alhadeff**, a 14-year-old Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student who tragically lost her life to gun violence. Mrs. Alhadeff spoke to the students about Alyssa, school safety, and her non-profit organization, Make Our Schools Safe. She also empowered the students to create initiatives that value the mission of inclusion, support, and empowering students overall. These messages coincide with our ongoing goals for our Middle School students which is solidified through KAR²E and programs such as this.



COLOR WAR

Color War broke out in February as Middle School students and faculty participated in the Olympic-themed two-day program filled with ruach, team spirit, collaboration and competition.



LEARNING THE ROPES

7th and 8th graders worked on team building and other skills at the FAU Ropes Course this past March.



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

I want to begin by thanking all the parents for their ongoing support and commitment to our school. We will be entering the 2018-19 school year with record enrollment, and that is due to the partnership that we have developed and has made our school a great success.

Parents, please continue your support through the summer by ensuring your children's ongoing commitment to further growth, through daily mitzvot, daily reading and short review of math. Maintaining the level in which our children left the school year is so critical to the children's transition back to school.



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

We are living and experiencing a period in time where the pursuit of happiness and the pursuit of "things" pervade our lives. It seems that we are constantly searching and seeking items in an attempt to find joy and fulfillment

that the advertisers and media promise will make us "happy." These items might make us feel happy, but their effect is fleeting, not lasting. True happiness and fulfillment come from internal satisfaction that is acquired through strength and conviction. One who is strong internally can make do without the superficial items that promise fulfillment and happiness. Only through Torah can one achieve the most satisfying state of human existence, one that gives man his true happiness. When we learn Torah, we are not learning of an archaic and ancient world, we are studying the way Hashem wants us to live on this earth. Torah reveals to us the "Mind of Hashem" and contains the deepest secrets of the Universe, it is the essence of the Jewish people as we are to live our lives as the "light among the Nations."

As we travel through life, we will find ourselves in many different situations and challenges. Every moment, however, is an opportunity for further development in our spiritual growth and connection to Hashem. We know that Hashem has a customized "shipment" and itinerary for each of us, no two are the same. At KHDS, we stress that each student has unlimited potential and we aim to create "products" that will serve the entire community and Nation of Am Yisrael.



WACKY WILD SCIENCE

Our Wacky Wild Science animal encounter for the children of the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center was a huge success as they learned about reptiles, insects and much more.

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent

Midot

Every

Time



Matan Aghion
Jamie Birnbaum
Ariel Blanka
Leelah Blanka
Leeraz Blanka
Ayelet Blumenthal
Amitai Burack
Eliana Burack
Edan Carmel
Gabe Cohen

Josh Cohen
Elie Dahan
Noah Dahan
Asher Daum
Nava Davis
Jonah Deichman
Ezra Dimont
Noam Dorfman
Eliyahu Ehrlich
Benjy Eisenmann
Aviv Elmakies
Ruth Epstein
Mali Feder
Nava Federman
Hudson Fellman
Temima Ganz
Jacob Gerszberg
Yael Nissim Geter
Amichai Goldberg
Noa Goldman
Yossi Goldman
Coby Greenfield
Eytan Greenfield
Karen Hanina
Leah Hanina
Talia Hochner
Jonah Jacobs
Shayna Kahan
Shai Karsh
Chaim Kassorla
Emunah Kerzhner
Sari Kirschner
Hannah Klein
Jordan Kogan
Reuven Kohn
Andy Levontin

Evan Levontin
Talia Lipshitz
Kayla MacLeod
Ari Mergui
Vanessa Mochenyat
Moshe Moskowitz
Yosef Muschel
Lexi Newman
Aeli Ohayon
Rhyann Rackman
Judah Roberts
Hadarah Rosen
Noah Rosenblatt
Joshua Saacks
Jonas Saïda
Sam Schochet
Itamar Shapiro
Sam Shapiro
Merav Skoczylas
David Slesinger
Elizabeth Slesinger
Amit Sommers
Evan Sperling
Yishai Stein
Yishai Steinberg
Ethan Stern
Ari Teitelbaum
Arielle Tripp
Mirel Weg
Rebecca Weisfeld
Atara Wolk
Daniel Yudewitz
Calev Zak
Yakira Zangre
Elisha Zisquit

Mazal Tov to all of the winners!
(since the last Hillel Herald)



*Thank you for a great year, Moriya and Shir!
We will miss you!*



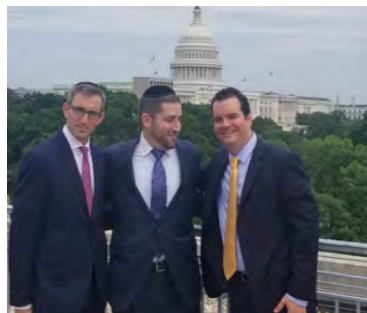
Joe Sharp
Executive Director

"If you don't know where you are going, you might not get there." In his inimitable style, baseball great Yogi Berra joined a long line of proponents of the need for strategic planning. The Talmud records an exchange between

Alexander the Great and our Sages, of blessed memory. When he asked them for the definition of wisdom, they told him that it is someone who plans for the future by seeing the consequences of their present actions.

This summer, we will be adding several new spaces that will enable us to offer even more exciting educational opportunities and making several major upgrades to our facilities. We understand, however, that just as our work over the past 29 years had prepared the foundation for all that we now enjoy, so too will the work we do today be the building blocks of a strong KHDS in 29 and 99 years from now.

Baruch Hashem, KHDS has been especially blessed recently with landmark years of growing enrollment and financial stability. However, as Will Rogers once said that "even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." While it is always prudent to consistently seek to grow as an institution, our position of relative strength and our upcoming leadership transition offers us a unique opportunity to reject the temptation of complacency and plan for the long-term success of our school. With that in mind, we have spent the past few months actively developing a strategic plan that focuses on all areas of our operation, seeking opportunities for growth and sustainability.



This June, I participated on a mission to Washington D.C. with Teach Florida and OU Advocacy. We started our day meeting top government officials in the White House, and dozens of Senators, Congressmen, and the Attorney General

on Capitol Hill. One of my colleagues from New York seemed frustrated, and asked if I've come to see any benefit from the work that we do on these missions. I explained that our previous mission agendas included a request to continue and increase grant funding from Homeland Security. Though it took a couple of years, it was announced in May that the award amount and pool of funds have been doubled, just as we had been advocating for.

Like our advocacy work, we know that it may take years and a combination of patience and persistence- but through the development and careful implementation of our strategic plan, we will ensure, G-D willing, that our vision is successfully actualized. Along with your continued partnership and trust, it will give us a roadmap and the tools to face whatever the future has in store, and give us the continuous means to offer the very best to our students with as little financial burden on our parents as possible, for many more years to come.



SENSORY DAY

Thank you to **Cindy Halbstein, Beth Kaminetsky** and **Gwenn Lerman** for organizing Sensory Day for our Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning program. Stations included the tasting/smelling room, sensory fun with Miss Marie, cut and color the Shuk, touching sand, building the Kotel, listen and movement dance, and playground fun!

WORLD'S FAIR

The 6th grade World's Fair welcomed 5th grade visitors to tour each country. Mazal tov to the winners (by vote of the 7th and 8th grade students):

Honorable Mention: **Zachary Cohen** and **Tamir Cohen**, France!

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

2nd Place: **Binny Ciment**, Korea!

1st Place... A tie! **Sarah Cohen**, France!

Adam Agajan & Daniel Lugassy, Morocco!



STATE FAIR

Welcome to the fabulous 3rd Grade State Fair, led by our "Directors of Tourism" and **Ms. Kridos**. Thanks for visiting!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ART

In **Mrs. Pinkis'** class, Kindergartners created cupcakes in oil pastels. Look for the winning designs that will be featured on our student birthday cards next year.



SAIDA WINS 1ST PLACE

Mazal Tov to **Shayla Saida**, for winning the Better Together, Better2Write competition. Shayla's story was based on the senior partner from Sinai Residences who she was matched with during the inaugural year of the Better Together Program at KHDS. The Better Together Program is a two-year program designed to encourage meaningful interaction between young and old.

Shayla won a \$2,500 scholarship to the Jewish experience of her choice this summer and will be attending Camp Mesorah in New York.



AUTHORS' TEA

The Annual Authors' Tea took guests to 14 of the 58 National Parks of the U.S.A. as our awesome authors shared their travel adventures and facts about these spectacular parks. Book signings and refreshments were enjoyed by all and the stories of our talented authors inspired our audience to visit our beautiful national parks in the future.



MARLINS MANIA

36 boys who attended our Sunday Morning Torah Learning (SML) program were treated to the Marlins game on May 17th.



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FINALISTS

Mazal Tov to 5th graders **Leora Tripp**, **Zachary Rutner**, and **Tyler Pilkington**, who were awarded with certificates for their accomplishment of being state finalists in the Library of Congress "Letters About Literature Writing" contest. Congratulations to all the 5th graders for taking part in this national writing contest!

TRANSPORTATION DAY



Thank you to all of our Transportation Day participants: Avanti Limo, Palm Beach Fire and Rescue, Palm Beach Sheriff's Department (boat and squad car), Chuck's Backhoe Loader, Cisco's Barber Shop, The Fun Bus and the slushee truck from Ken's Bulk Candy Store. Thank you to **Elizabeth Austein** and **Cara Beim** for organizing this fun and informative program.



IT'S THE HARD-KNOCK LIFE

The KTP Annual Performance took place on May 31 in Zinman Hall, featuring ballerinas, gymnasts and the feature presentation, Annie, Jr.

KHDS Happenings



NAMES, NOT NUMBERS® PREMIERES

The premiere of the Holocaust documentary, *Names, Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making*®, an interactive, multi-media project, took place on March 15, at Temple Beth Shalom in Century Village. Chronicling the lives of eight Holocaust survivors, as well as the personal experiences of the KHDS 8th grade students who worked for months on this project under the direction of **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, Faculty Coordinator, the program transformed the traditional study of the Holocaust into an interactive program that taught the students about the Holocaust through the accounts of eyewitnesses. It also provided them with interviewing, filming and editing skills, and documentary film tools, while working with professionals--journalists, newspaper editors, filmmakers, and Holocaust scholars. Most importantly, it enabled meaningful relationships to be forged between survivors and our students.

This program is generously supported by a prominent national foundation and we thank **Marc and Astrid Eisenmann** for their generous support. We acknowledge **Mrs. Tova Fish-Rosenberg**, creator of *Names, Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making*®, and filmmaker **Michael Puro**, who worked with the students throughout the project. Special thanks to **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** who directed the program, and to **Chayim Dimont, Jill Kaminetzky, Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff, Karen Moskowitz, Sonja Nadritch, Dalya Pickholtz** and **Hadassah Smolarcik** for their assistance with this project. Thank you also to Congregation Beth Shalom and Congregation Torah Ohr.

With hundreds in attendance, the program began with welcoming remarks from **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, followed by the film introduction by **Tova Fish-Rosenberg**. Following the impactful film premiere, the students presented tokens of appreciation to each of the survivors. **Rabbi Adam Englander** gave closing remarks and a reception took place in the social hall. Most of all we are forever grateful to the eight survivors who shared their touching stories: **Margie Berger, Irene Herskovitz, Bernard Kurtz, Meriam Mitzner, Mark Segal, Henriette Siebenberg, Eva Weinberger, and Henry Woloch**. We shall never forget!

DVDs are available upon request by contacting the school at 561-470-5000.

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

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

5th graders taught the 4th graders about the Underground Railroad, the fugitive slave law, and about how the slaves used quilt codes to prepare for their escape. Quilts were made the week prior during a visit from **Mrs. Arlyne Wayner** (Mrs. Deichman's mom). The 4th graders moved stealthily from safe house to safe house where they learned about the lives of the runaway slaves until they finally reached freedom in Canada (the gym).



TWINNING PROGRAM

8th graders, along with **Morah Lea**, participated in a Twinning Program with students in Zichron Yaakov in Israel.



BETTER TOGETHER™ PROGRAM CONCLUDES FIRST YEAR



A new initiative was instituted this year in the KHDS Middle School and it was a huge success! The Better Together Program, which is generously supported by a prominent national foundation, has enabled our students to develop meaningful relationships with the elderly at Sinai Residences. Our 8th graders have benefited tremendously from their participation in the Better Together Program. They gained so much from their interactions and cultivated relationships with the Sinai Residences residents. Their life experiences and wisdom has left an indelible impression on our students. We are so grateful for the time spent together. We culminated our year together with a celebratory dinner, where the seniors, students and their parents enjoyed a video documenting the program, delicious food, and meaningful conversation.



The Better Together Program also includes the Better2Write writing contest. Entries for the writing contest focused on how the students were impacted by the program, as reflected in their feelings about seniors, aging, and the mitzvah of caring for the elderly. The winner of the Better2Write contest was **Shayla Said**, who was awarded with a summer scholarship for her essay which focused on the Shift of Perspective, shifting focus from the younger generation to the older generation.

We are so proud of the eighth graders who chose this program as their elective throughout the year. We know that they learned life long lessons and we are excited about the upcoming year of the program.



"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to such a bright, respectful and enjoyable group of students! I hope they received some good take away messages! It was a pleasure!"
~Anna Cohen

SCHOLAR SOCIETY'S INAUGURAL SPEAKER

The KHDS Scholar Society welcomed its inaugural speaker, **Anna Cohen**, who spoke to 6th graders on April 17. Ms. Cohen, who is a KHDS grandparent, as well as a school Founder, spoke to the 6th grade entrepreneurs about her venture into the hearing aid industry while sharing personal stories about her challenges and successes starting a new business. Special thanks to **Mrs. Nomi Feinberg** for integrating this presentation into her Social Studies curriculum and to **Mrs. Dvora Scher**, our Scholar Society Chair, for coordinating our first speaker.



The Scholar Society is a new program open to grandparents and community members which offers an opportunity for them to share their wisdom with our students. There is no membership fee and we simply ask you to have a direct impact on our future generations by sharing your work and life experiences with the students. To find out more please contact the Development Office at suzanner@hilleldayschool.org.

CHUMASH PRESENTATION

The Yeladim of Kirah Alef gave an enthusiastic Torah performance on the evening of May 16 in the Loewenstern Cafetorium, followed by a presentation of the Chumashim by **Rabbi Englander**. Thank you to **Jeffrey and Naomi Gross** for donating the Chumashim in memory of **Tobie and William Wiener**. The presentation was followed by light refreshments. Thank you to **Morah Shira Sharp** and **Morah Hana Marin** for coordinating a beautiful program.



BIOGRAPHIES

Mrs. Weinstock's annual 4th grade biographies featured the likes of Anne Frank, Steve Jobs, Princess Diana, Donald Trump, Neil Armstrong and many more famous personalities!



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CHESED CORNER

The Chesed elective paid a visit to our neighbors at JARC and students got to spend quality time immersed in discussions with the JARC clients. During another elective class, students sang to the Menorah House residents.



Lone Soldiers received letters from KHDS 2nd graders.



WORLD OF SCIENCE

7th graders dissected frogs as part of their Anatomy & Physiology unit in **Mrs. Tinio's** class. They learned about the digestive system and saw the comparisons between ours and the frog.



PROGRAMMING 101

1st graders learn about basic code and programming with **Mrs. Sivick** using ScratchJr on the iPads and Code-a-Pillars.



COLLABORATIVE ART

Art can open a child's mind to creative problem solving and technology. As a collaborative art project, students created sand art and then worked in the computer lab to create a version of digital sand art.



PURIM & ADAR



LAG B'OMER



PESACH

KHDS students volunteered to sort all of the food collected during the Pesach food drive, benefiting the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, a program of Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Thanks also to KHDS parent **Rachel Greenbaum** for coordinating our school's collection.



Thank you to the Chabad Youth Network of Florida for bringing their Matzah Factory to KHDS once again.



The Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center held its Pesach programs on March 27.

2nd graders created their own matzah trays in **Mrs. Pinkis'** art class prior to Pesach.



OBSERVING THE YOMS...

YOM HASHOAH

Thank you to the American Society for Yad Vashem for providing the very meaningful exhibit for our Middle School students in observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Meanwhile, the 8th grade class was able to observe Yom HaShoah during their annual Israel trip. Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School students also participated in a memorial program.



YOM HAZIKARON

Israel's Memorial Day, was commemorated with the help of our B'not Sherut with age appropriate programs.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Israel's Independence Day and 70th birthday was celebrated school-wide. Students in grades 4-7 attended a program at Marlins Park in Miami with other local schools (made possible through the planning and generosity of The Falic Family Foundation, The Israeli Consulate, Oren Kattan, and Samantha Lehrman), while back on the Milton B. Katz Campus, the festivities were sponsored by the **Wultz Family** in memory of **Daniel Cantor Wultz**. A community celebration was held at Mizner Park in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.



YOM YERUSHALAYIM

The B'not Sherut prepared a beautiful performance, featuring students in grades 1-5, in honor of Yom Yerushalayim. There was also educational and fun programming including the 5th grade's presentation of Daglanut (flag ceremony). Students watched a video about the re-unification of Jerusalem, played a fun Kahoot game and enjoyed blue and white cookies. There was also the annual 8th grade vs. staff games (basketball for the boys and dodgeball for the girls)!



6TH GRADE SEA CAMP



7TH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C.



8TH GRADE ISRAEL TRIP



10 The Lions' Den



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

This was another memorable and very successful year for KHDS. Our teams brought home four 2nd place trophies. But most importantly all of our teams had a tremendous improvement in skill level, understanding of the game, displayed a strong determination and amazing sportsmanship at all times.

Here are some of the highlights from the final fall season of this year:

- Our boys and girls tennis teams led by **Head Coach Ray Smith** and **Assistant Coach Corrine Rosenfeld** made it to the championship matches and brought home two 2nd place trophies.
- We established our Middle School Baseball team, with **Head Coach Cliff Abrams** and **Assistant Coach Jason Berger**. Their season began with so many boys trying out and eager to join the team. We are very happy to be able to offer another sport for the boys next spring.
- Our girls softball team, led by **Head Coach Samantha Witztum** and **Assistant Coach Chandler Resciniti**, had a great season, and improved many of their skills.
- Our 4th and 5th grade boys and girls soccer teams had a wonderful season and allowed for players to begin developing for the future.

We would like to thank our dedicated coaches, for all their hard work this year. Also, thank you to all of the parents for their support at the games. Last, but not least, we would like to thank **Rabbi Englander** for all of his guidance and encouragement regarding the athletic program and the positive impact it has had on our students. We wish Rabbi Englander and his family all the best in the future!

We wish everyone a relaxing and fun summer!

Athletes of the Year Gabriel Lugassy & Shoshana Stadlan



Girls Tennis Team



Boys Tennis Team



M.S. Baseball Team



Girls Softball Team

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade student athletes, who celebrated the end of an awesome year at our awards celebration on June 5th. Athletes and coaches shared memories of the season and all of our athletes received medals and enjoyed a falafel dinner together. It was a terrific afternoon!



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

It has been a successful year for our campaign and we are proud to report that we have exceeded our goal and raised over \$580,000 for our scholarship fund and designated gifts. Thank you to all of our families who participated in the EPC (Every Parent Campaign). A full listing is

below. Also a recap of our 4th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing follows on the next page. Our Life & Legacy campaign continues as we now have over 50 Atid Legacy Society members, and many who have completed the formalization process.

We wish you a safe and memorable summer!

EVERY PARENT CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS

Samuel & Naomi Abramovitz
Daniel & Liora Adler
Daniel & Emely Aghion
Joseph & Lillian Aharon
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Avi & Susana Askenazi
Eytan & Elizabeth Austein
Yehuda Bar-David & Rochel Shinn
Elan & Jennifer Barenholtz
Jeffrey & Greta Baum
Ari & Cara Beim
Avraham & Elana Belizon
Dror & Avivit Ben-Aharon
David & Ranana Berger
Steven Berkeley & Rebecca Stern
Rabbi Gur & Ira Berman
Max & Sonya Beyderman
Marc & Sara Bienenfeld
Tyler & Aviva Bierly
Joshua Bierman & Debbie Friedman
Ari & Simone Blaine
Gil & Shari Bloom
Rabbi Rael & Aliza Blumenthal
Ariel Bornstein & Natalie Zilban
Zelda Brodowicz
Rabbi Josh & Simone Broide
Michael & Mirta Brown
Steven & Devora Burack
Rotem & Jordana Carmel
Toviah & Ora Charm
Aaron & Sarah Cohen
Eli & Orly Cohen
Eyal & Elise Cohen
Joseph & Shira Cohen
Lance & Brilyn Cohen
Leeor & Alana Cohen
Pamela Cohen
Levi & Shira Cohn
Todd & Naomi Cohn
Ronnie & Lisa Dahan
Yanive & Jade Dahan
Akiva & Miriam Daum
Noah & Leslie Davis
Daniel & Anne Deakter
Brian & Jodi Deichman
Chayim & Michele Dimont
Richard & Penina Dorfman
Richard & Julie Ehrlich
Eric & Dvora Eisen
Rabbi Gershon & Shoshana Eisenberger
Marc & Astrid Eisenmann
Eyal & Faigie Elkoby
Reuven & Ravit Elmakies
Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander
David & Jennifer Epstein
Sam & Jordana Farbstein
Eli & Shaina Federman
Robert & Rachel Fellman
Menashe & Jamie Frank

Ben & Cara Freedman
Samuel & Lisa Freedman
Ayal & Deena Frist
Avi Frohlich
Seth & Kimberly Frohlich
Barry & Jillian Galitzer
Brian & Ahuva Gately
Kenneth & Deborah Gerszberg
David & Maxine Gill
Phillip & Deborah Goldberg
Shlomo & Chaya Goldman
Howard & Claire Goodman
Rabbi Josh & Dannie Grajower
Avi & Laura Greenbaum
David & Rachel Greenbaum
Rachel Greenbaum
Steven & Kerl Greenfield
Jeffrey & Naomi Gross
Chanoch & Rachel Harow
Benjamin & Zeldie Henner
Joshua & Denise Herschberg
Matthew & Tova Hocherman
Justin & Simone Jacobs
Levi & Risa Kahane
Batsheva Kaiser-Ganz
Noam & Jill Kaminetzky
Joshua & Liz Karsh
Rabbi Yosef & Shoshana Kassorla
Elliot & Naomi Katz
David & Sharona Kay
Marc & Ziona Kennedy
Yan & Abigail Kerzhner
Aryeh & Arielle Kieffer
Seth & Rebecca Klinzbrunner
David & Batsheva Klein
Daniel & Bruria Kods
Mark & Crissy Kogan
Rabbi Jonathan & Jennifer Kroll
Evan & Ilana Landau
Philip & Jennifer Landau
Rabbi Chaim & Rina Lanner
Simon & Marianna Leizgold
Gwenn Lerman
Elliot & Shari Levontin
Rabbi Noam & Alexandra Lipshitz
Ira & Jackie Lome
Shlomi & Arielle Lugassy
Robert & Taryn MacLeod
Ester Mann
Eytan & Devorah Marcus
Alexander & Aliza Markovich
Mark & Jessica Matias
Marcus & Shirley Mayer
Aryeh & Brandy Meiteles
Elie & Reina Mendelson
Mendel & Chanie Mergui
Rabbi Ari & Rachee Mirzoeff
Rabbi Philip & Arielle Moskowitz
Steven & Martine Newman
Corey & Esther Ohayon
Jonathan & Meira Ohayon

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.

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.



**CREATE A
JEWISH LEGACY**



Atid Legacy Society

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Sal & Leslie Abady	Philip & Jennifer Landau
Daniel & Liora Adler	Stephen J. & Elizabeth Landes
Danny & Emely Aghion	*Rabbi Samuel J. & Breindel Levine
Anonymous	Robert & Linda Levy
Ari & Cara Beim	Howard & Lisa Luber
Rabbi Gur & Ira Berman	Aryeh & Brandy Meiteles
William & Batzion Berman	Michael & Jill Rose
Rabbi Josh & Simone Broide	Herschel & Dvora Scher
Rotem & Jordana Carmel	Aron & Penina Schoenfeld
Mark & Helen Cohan	David & Rand Schwartzwald
Aaron & Sarah Cohen	Reid & Naomi Shapiro
Anna S. Cohen	Joe & Shira Sharp
Eli & Orly Cohen	Joseph & Selma Strick
Eyal & Elise Cohen	Rabbi Mordechai & Hadassah Smolarcik
Jerry & Jeanne Cohen	Gil & Lysee Stein
Meyer & Laura Cohen	Ido & Gila Stern
Todd & Naomi Cohn	Joshua & Stephanie Stern
Rabbi Adam & Shira Englander	Ted & Linda Struhl
Benjamin & Cara Freedman	Teddy & Phyllis Struhl
Rabbi Simcha, r'l, & Anna Freedman	Hommy & Syd Tannenbaum
Rabbi Efreim & Yocheved Goldberg	Neal & Bonnie Weinreb
*Glen & Rosa Galish	Ashi & Chava Weisstuch
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12 4th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing



Kol Hakavod to this year's 4th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing Co-Chairs, **Eli Freiden** and **Dov Hochner**, for planning a successful event both in fun and funds, held on Sunday, June 3 at Deer Creek Golf Club. This event surpassed prior years in donations and over \$53,000 was raised for our annual campaign scholarship fund.

Shout out to our amazing volunteers, who without their help, this event would not be possible: **Joshua Bernten**, **Orlie Cohen**, **Sandy Cohen**, **Naomi Cohn**, **Eli Freiden**, **Ezra Freiden**, **Yonaton Goldwasser**, **Yosef Golish**, **Dov Hochner**, **Aryeh Kieffer**, **Michael Rosen**, **Tzippi Rosen** and **Lea Saida**.

We were blessed with sunny skies throughout the day, while under the gazebo the golfers enjoyed 'Links on the Links' Hot Dog & Sausage Bar (provided by **King David Divine Catering**), sweet treats by **Cinnaholic** (thank you to the **Cohn family** for donating a portion of the treats), snacks and drinks generously sponsored by **Dr. Sara Levine** and generously donated by **Jay Holstein/Global Vending Service**, and cold slushies served by our Slushie King, **Sandy Cohen** (KHDS grandparent). Participants also were protected with the sunscreen generously donated by **Dr. Eli Cohen**. **IGS Security USA** and **Eyal Cohen** kept us safe all day while **Eli Meir Cohn/Markus Cohn Photography** captured the memories of the day. Visit our website to view the photos. Participants all received goody bags (thank you to **Greta Baum** of **Green Circle Promo** for assisting with merchandise) that included our sponsored swag.

The Jr. Golf Clinic gave everyone a chance to brush up on their long and short game, prior to the shotgun scramble. Parent-child groups enjoyed 9 holes of play (or close to it) while a few were game for our 18-hole track.

The day concluded in Deer Creek's beautiful Key West Ballroom and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet with freshly grilled steaks, catered once again by **King David Divine Kosher Catering**. The awards ceremony and participant raffle also took place and here is a recap:

Although no one won the Hole-in-One \$10,000 cash prize (generously sponsored by **Teddy & Phyllis Struhl/BEX Realty**) or the Travis Mathew Head to Toe Signature Outfit and Shopping Spree (generously sponsored by **Sheldon & Lorna Hills**), we congratulate our contest winners.

LONGEST DRIVE: Child: **Sruli Sharp**/Adult: **Sid Koslovsky**
CLOSEST TO THE PIN: Child: **Adiel Frohlich**/Adult: **Evan Landau**
PUTTING CONTEST: **Dovid Grajower**

Child winners received a medal, \$50 Dave & Busters' gift certificate and glove and golf ball sleeve. Adult winners received a trophy, \$25 Nike gift certificate, a hat, glove and golf ball sleeve. Thank you to **Cesars Golf Rentals** for donating a portion of the prizes. All child participants also received a trophy!

Next are the lucky winners of our participant raffle:

Eitan Landau: 2 sleeves of golf balls generously donated by **Cesars Golf Rentals**

Josh Stern: 2 sleeves of golf balls generously donated by **Cesars Golf Rentals**

Ethan Stern: Ball & Tee set anonymously donated

Yechiel Weisstuch: Golf towel, energy band and sleeve of golf balls generously donated by **Cesars Golf Rentals**

Sammy Struhl: Tennis Lesson generously donated by **Coach Mike Kazinec**

Sruli Sharp: \$36 gift certificate generously donated by **Ramona's Café**

Aeli Oyahon: \$36 gift certificate generously donated by **Ditmas**

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And last but certainly not least, special thanks to **Joe Sharp** and **Veeta Abramchik** for their assistance behind the scenes in so many ways!

We look forward to another fun event next year at our 5th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing!

KHDS PTA BRUNCH HONORS EDUCATORS WHILE RAISING THOUSANDS

By: Michele Dimont

Over 100 Katz Hillel Day School women (and a few men) joined together on Sunday morning, April 29, at the annual KHDS PTA Brunch to honor beloved teachers: **Lauren Glaun**, **Beth Kaminetsky**, **Cheryl Mirsky**, and **Judy Weinstock**, all of whom are either retiring from KHDS or working a more relaxed schedule in the coming year in order to spend more time with family and pursue other interests.



Held at the beautiful JARC Auditorium, across from the KHDS campus, and emceed by the very talented and hilarious **Naomi Abramovitz**, the PTA Brunch warmed hearts-and of course filled stomachs. A delicious array of yummy cuisine included Caesar and Greek salads, blintzes, eggplant parm, egg and tuna salad, lox, bagels and croissants, as well as a variety of coffees, teas, sodas, cookies and fruit. (While there were those searching for the salmon brunch staple, guests did not walk away hungry, and they were also able to munch on bagged, personalized M&M® candies stamped with the honorees' names.) Thank you to **Deborah Young** for once again volunteering her expertise with the beautiful decor that adorned the room.

But there was much more going on at the Brunch than just the chow. A record 65 women joined the Guardians of Learning (GOL) this year, raising \$23,400! Due to the tireless efforts of **Caroline Katz**, who has spearheaded the program for half of its 24-year existence, the GOL is the central fundraiser of the PTA, and without it the PTA would have difficulty holding countless events and programs, and purchasing much needed awesome student stuff (think Mac Lab, scoreboard, sport shades, etc.). PTA also announced the recent expenditures of \$45,000 for 3 sunshades and \$100,000 (matched by a generous donor) for our beautiful new pool.



And just when guests thought they were done shedding tears for their children's favorite teachers, as each was called up to receive a beautiful keepsake, **Rabbi Adam and Shira Englander** were surprised to be asked to make their way up to the podium to receive a special memento to take to their new home next year as this would be their final PTA Brunch.

Abramovitz's funny shtick did help to lighten the mood as she led the program to a strong finish, but there was one piece of rather shocking news that left guests quite stunned—longtime KHDS PTA President **Sharona Kay** (so long, most don't remember a time "BK"- before Kay) will no longer hold the coveted position come the 2018-2019 school year. (Some guests were so overwhelmed with the announcement that they walked out, while others sat stunned, mouths agape.) KHDS parents can be sure to count on this beloved presidential retiree being honored in the near future (#sharonabrunchhonoreespring2019, anyone?).



2017-2018 GUARDIANS OF LEARNING



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* New GOL



THANK YOU FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE, SHARONA KAY

Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Mark Zuckerberg, Oprah...**Sharona Kay**: legends one and all. Once in a great while, someone comes along who is not only a great leader and of the finest character, but is also a revolutionary whose

innovations completely change what was before. After ten years of revolutionary innovation on behalf of the KHDS PTA, our beloved Mrs. Kay is stepping down as Madame President. In her no-nonsense, upbeat, "spoonful of sugar" style, Mrs. Kay has cajoled, jollied-along, nudged and personally logged thousands of hours to make our PTA into an organization probably unrecognizable to its original founders. The sheer variety and volume of activities, the vast number of parents involved, and the many hundreds of thousands of dollars raised to fund grand KHDS projects are the legacy Mrs. Kay leaves behind, of which she should be incredibly proud, though no doubt will reflect upon with trademark humility.

Some of the highlights of her tenure include donations earmarked for needed and wish-list items such as the Apple/MAC Lab in the Middle School, PTA Learning Garden, Lions' Scoreboards, trophy cases and our school mascot, Ari, soundproofing the gymnasium, bounce houses, popcorn and slushie machines, sunshades, as well as a portion of Aunt Jessie's Playground and our beautiful, new pool!

Annual events such as the Ice Cream Social, Chanukah Fair & Open House, and the PTA Luncheon/Brunch are staples here at KHDS. New programs have been introduced over the years, including the successful Moms' Night Out, Amazon Affiliates, Perfect Presents, vacation activities, photo collages of events, welcome and buddies for new families, and the list goes on, and on, and on. Sharona has created many of the programs on this growing list and successfully administers them along with a full contingent of amazing PTA volunteers. Her poise, sense of humor and ability to think on her feet are just a few of her amazing qualities. Sharona is caring and always puts great thought into every project she takes on, and without fail puts the best interests of the school and our children above all.

No words can express the depth of our collective thanks to Mrs. Kay for her years of service, but we say thank you nevertheless for leaving an indelible mark on KHDS; for truly making our corner of the world a much, much better place for your having been here.



2018-2019 PTA PRESIDENT

Mazal Tov to our newly elected PTA President, **Rachel Harow**. We look forward to an amazing year with you at the helm next year!

INAUGURAL CHINESE AUCTION RAISES \$6,000

PTA held its first-ever online Chinese Auction in May and raised \$6,000, thanks to the amazing leadership of auction chair **Penina Schoenfeld**. Some of the fantastic prizes included a diamond necklace, tickets to SeaWorld, passes to Zoo Miami, a Picasso lithograph, gift certificates to many of our Boca restaurants, Judaica pieces, and so much more. Thank you to the auction committee for all their efforts and hard work: **Shari Bloom, Deena Frist, Yael Hirth, Jill Kaminetzky, Rachel Khaimov** and **Chava Weissstuch**. Lastly, thanks to the dozens of families who supported PTA in this fun fundraiser by buying raffle tickets.

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Our Moms' Night Out program is a unique 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 **Suzanne Goldberg** and **Keri Greenfield** for planning a super fun day for our Kindergartners and their moms. Everyone had a blast doing

relay races and playing tug-of-war, Simon Says, Duck Duck Goose, and more. A special thanks to our hardworking volunteers (**Eytan Greenfield, Akiva Lanner, Moshe Moskowitz, Sruli Muschel** and **Benjamin Smolensky**) who came out to coach the Kindergartners when **Coach Shawn** had to call in sick at the last moment.

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



Moms of 7th graders enjoyed dining together at Ditmas, thanks to organizer **Crissy Kogan**.

PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE

PTA organized a wonderful Pre-Pesach Boutique at the Boca Raton Synagogue on March 27, to raise funds for KHDS while supporting our community vendors. In addition to the clothing, accessories, giftware, toys, and Judaica items available for sale, shoppers enjoyed goodies from Cinnaholic, Café Joe and Aroma. Several lucky patrons also won a gift basket as a raffle prize. Thank you to **Orlie Cohen** and **Rachel Harow** for once again co-chairing the boutique and ensuring its success, as well as to **Andrea Zucker** for keeping the books.

With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖ Thank you to **Dvorah Eisen** and **Zipora Rindsberg** for once again organizing discount packages at fantastic prices for Universal Studios Florida® and Universal's Islands of Adventure® for our students to enjoy during Chol Hamoed Pesach.

❖ We are grateful to **Rachel Greenbaum** for spearheading the KHDS Passover Food Drive to benefit the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, and kudos to all our families and faculty who contributed.

❖ Thank you to **Cara, Jacob, Rebecca** and **Sydney Freedman**, as well as **Jonah Sacher** and **Lea Saida**, for setting up the teacher appreciation breakfasts this year. Special thanks to **Cara Freedman** for coordinating the entire Teacher Appreciation Breakfast program.

❖ Thank you to **Yaffi Wexler** for her assistance with compiling the content for these very PTA Pages as well as other editing projects including the *Hillel Herald*, *Weekly Shavuon*, *Annual Report* and other school communications.

❖ Thank you to **Lea Saida** for her years of dedication to the community tzedakah box program.

❖ Thank you to **Phyllis Struhl** for continuing to create our event photo collages that adorn the hallways.

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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.

PTA BOOK SHARE



The PTA Book Share now includes locations in the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School and Middle School. You can 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.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Mazal Tov to KHDS Alumni **Jacob Katz** (Class of '12) who received the highest honor of his 40 men unit at his *Hashba'ah* (swearing in ceremony) into the Israeli Paratrooper unit. Kol Hakavod, Jacob!



KINDERGARTNERS GET READY TO MOVE UP WHILE 8TH GRADERS MOVE OUT



Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton graduated, "Double Chai," thirty-six Kindergartners on June 7. Students made their grand entrance during the procession and then performed multiple songs in both Hebrew and English for their guests. Following the performance was the presentation of diplomas by **Chayim Dimont**, Principal, Early Childhood – Grade 3, as they posed with their teachers. A reception followed as family and friends mingled to celebrate this milestone.

Three days later, on June 10, the 8th grade class of 2018 participated in the 20th Annual Commencement Exercises as 54 students graced the Zinman Hall stage at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. Following the welcome by Head of School **Rabbi Adam Englander**, and remarks by President **Daniel J. Katz**, diplomas were presented by **Rabbi Englander**, **Mr. Katz**, and **Hadassah Smolarcik**, Principal Grades 4 & 5/Judaic Studies Grades 1-8. Yearbook editors, **Jacob Freedman**, **Steven Galitzer** and **Shoshana Stadlan** spoke about the meaning of the Amazon-themed Yearbook and **Shayla Said** remarked on the successful Better Together™ program, which is generously supported by a prominent national foundation that kicked off its inaugural year this year. The program is designed to encourage meaningful interaction between young and old, as students were paired with senior partners from Sinai Residences, located just across the street from Katz Hillel Day School. PTA President **Sharona Kay** presented the graduates with their own Siddur as a gift from the PTA. Look for the full graduation recap in our Annual Report.



The 2018-2019 school calendar is available on our website! Have a great summer!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF LEADERSHIP, RABBI ENGLANDER



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