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Above Left: Welcome to our new Head of School, Rabbi Yehudah Potok, and his family!

Below: Students reunite during the 1st day of school.



2 Leadership Messages



Rabbi Yehudah Potok, M.S. Ed.
Head of School

Katherine Paterson, author of *Bridge to Terabithia*, once wrote, "It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading, something that will stretch their imaginations." At Katz Hillel Day School, we take this message very much to heart. It is not enough for us to simply teach our students the skills of doing mathematics or learning a daf of Gemarah. Yes, the skills are very important. But, more important, is for our

students to understand the significance of what they are learning.

Our students are taught to develop a love of what they learn. A deep appreciation for what they learn will have a meaningful impact on their lives. We seek to teach our students how they can live their lives with derech eretz through programs such as EMET and KAR²E. We teach our students about chesed through volunteer opportunities and tzedakah fundraisers. We instill in our students ahava for the Jewish people and all of humanity. Our students are not simply memorizing names and dates and facts, but rather gaining the foundation for how they will engage the world around them as b'nei and b'not Torah.

I feel very fortunate to have joined an incredible staff here at KHDS, within an amazing community, in order to do this melechet kodesh of raising the next generation of committed and engaged Jews who will bring Hashem's light out into the world. May our school, now in its 30th year, have many more years of strength ahead, constantly growing and developing our program to meet the needs of our students' futures.



Joe Sharp
Executive Director

A published tribute commemorating the recent 20th yahrzeit of my Rosh Yeshiva and mentor, Rabbi Chaim Schmeltzer, zt"l, recalled the ideology that he was taught and that he espoused: "One may not shirk any responsibilities in life... of a man to his wife, of a father to his family, an individual to his fellows, the obligation to improve one's surroundings in the city in which one lives... in the country in which you live, to improve the lives of Jewish People everywhere, and the ultimate responsibility: to establish the world as a vehicle

for Hashem's rule'.

In Parshat Noach, the Torah seemingly downplays the righteousness of Noach compared to our other forefathers. Our Rabbis explain that the Torah means to highlight Noach's failure to fulfill his obligation towards his fellow man by not inspiring his generation to repent and avoid the destruction of the flood. The Jewish principle of areivut, or responsibility for one another, is rooted in the understanding that we are all merely parts of a whole—one family, one community, one nation. A lesson of Noach is that our attention to this obligation can define our life's work.

Whether we count ourselves among the students, alumni, or the many dear friends of Katz Hillel Day School, we all share in the obligation to further the mission of KHDS—whether it be for the benefit of our children, our neighbor's children, or our children's children.

Maintaining the excellence that we strive for at KHDS and building a foundation for future generations is no simple undertaking, and can only be achieved through our collective generosity. Whether the gift is of your time, a monetary gift, or participating in the election process so that we may continue to benefit from government-awarded grants, each and every one of your much-appreciated contributions are critical to our ability to develop Jewish leaders for generations to come.



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

Assumption of Trust. A phrase I have coined (I think), and what each teacher hopes for as he or she begins the new year with new students and a new set of parents. Each school year brings with it anxiety, self-reflection, vulnerability, analysis of strengths and weaknesses . . . and that's just what the teachers feel. Add in how parents and students internalize these factors and you get a truckload of emotions walking

into the classroom each and every day during those first few weeks of school. Teachers worry that parents may hold past years' negative perceptions, parents worry that their children will not be seen as they wish them to be seen, students worry about new expectations, friends, workload . . . It's a wonder that anything can get accomplished in a school year!

So how do we get it done? How do we successfully conquer that Mount Everest of emotions? I suggest we give in to *The Assumption of Trust*, the belief that both the teacher and the parent are giving one another the benefit of the doubt when it comes to educating their student and child. When teachers understand that parents are not purposefully trying to make life challenging for them, yet simply advocating for their children; or when teachers trust that parents are not speaking negatively about them behind their backs at the Shabbat table or in the company of others, the teacher-parent-student relationship can only strengthen. *Assumption of Trust* is about knowing that the teacher wants the child to succeed first and foremost. Yet sometimes difficult conversations may be necessary but are done thoughtfully and with only the best of intentions because they are essential for growth, and not because the teacher "has it in" for the student. *Assumption of Trust* means that the teacher is a professional who is working extremely hard—most times after school hours—on behalf of your child, and he or she needs your support because the end goal is the same for both parent and teacher—for success and growth.

When the *Assumption of Trust* is there, all of the anxiety, confusion, and frustration can and will dissipate. Let's continue to have the *Assumption of Trust* with one other and have a wonderful, productive school year.



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

As I sit down to write this article, I have just returned from watching a streamed video of the funeral for Mr. Ari Fuld, HY"D. Ari was a friend to many in the Boca community; he was a courageous hero who fought in the IDF and inspired all who knew him. As I watched the screen through teary eyes, I was amazed by the wide representation of Jews at the funeral. There were velvet Kippot, black

hats, Kippot serugot, no Kippot, men in ponytails, women in various scarves and hats...the whole wide gamut of different Jews who came to pay their respects, to cry together and mourn with the family for this very brave man.

Watching the crowd reminded me that although we argue and sometimes suffer from disunity, we are, in fact, one. When it really matters, our kinship and deep connection bind us together. In happiness, in sadness, in times of need or distress, Jewish hospitality, chessed and compassion are without equal.

When Moshe's mother, Yocheved, put Moshe in the basket and set him afloat in the Nile river, an ironic twist of fate occurred, and the daughter of Paroh rescued him. She had gone to bathe by the river when she saw a basket, opened it and behold a youth was crying. She took pity on the child. The Rabbis argue as to who was crying? Says the Daat Zekeinim, the child was not Moshe but his older brother, Aharon! Aharon was weeping behind the bushes. When the daughter of Paroh heard the cries of Aharon, she identified Moshe as being Jewish—as this compassion was in the bones of the three-year-old brother who had the innate awareness to sob. So moved was she by this innate quality, that she ultimately protects Moshe, the future redeemer of the Jewish people!

As we raise our children, we must remind ourselves and our children that we are "Rachmanim Bnei Rachmanim"—merciful ones the children of merciful ones. May we be worthy to be redeemed soon!

SATA-PTA POOL DEDICATED

A dedication ceremony and welcome event for KHDS parents was held Wednesday evening, September 5, in honor of the new 2,500-square-foot outdoor swimming pool, named the **SATA-PTA Pool**. The funding for the pool was generously donated by **Daniel and Caroline Katz and family**, as well as by the **KHDS PTA**. The event also welcomed new Head of School, **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**, who had an intimate opportunity to meet and greet parents and share his vision for KHDS.

The nautically-themed event, sponsored by the **KHDS PTA** and co-chaired by **Gila Stern** and **Rachel Yudewitz**, began with drinks and hors d'oeuvres generously provided by **Grove Kosher Market**. A video highlighting Camp Ruach's summer fun in the pool was shown and then **Rachel Harow** (PTA President) and **Sharona Kay**

(Immediate Past PTA President) spoke about PTA's involvement in the process of making the pool a reality and several other recent projects they were able to financially support, including the sunshades and new Makerspace.

KHDS Board President **Daniel Katz** then spoke about the meaning behind the pool's namesake, his mother, **Jean Katz**, affectionately known as "**Sata**" by her grandchildren, and her great passion for swimming. Daniel also gave a brief overview of the search process for our new Head of School and how Rabbi Potok was the clear choice, even before he personally interviewed the 42 other candidates.

Following the introduction, **Rabbi Potok** addressed the audience and expressed

his gratitude for the warm welcome to our community and school. He then touched on his vision for the school and stressed the importance of a school culture where our students understand that their work in this world matters and that their Jewish practice and lifelong learning is vitally important.

After the program guests were invited pool-side for dessert, champagne and the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The SATA-PTA pool has already cooled off campers and instructional swimming was taught this summer during Camp Ruach. Swim classes are now available to our youngest KHDS students during the school day as well as part of the afterschool program.

"Tonight's event celebrates two wonderful milestones for KHDS: welcoming our new Head of School, Rabbi Potok, and the dedication of the SATA-PTA Pool. As a parent, it was exciting to hear Rabbi Potok share his vision for the future and understand how he will navigate our institution to even greater heights. The SATA-PTA Pool, so generously sponsored by the PTA and Daniel and Caroline Katz, is a refreshing addition to the school's very robust programs our children are fortunate to take part in throughout the year and during the summer months. This is a marvelous time to be a KHDS student and parent!"

- Gila Stern, Event Co-Chair



4 New Administration, Faculty & Staff



Rabbi Yehudah Potok is our new Head of School! In this leadership role, he is supporting KHDS staff and students and is the school's new #1 cheerleader. Rabbi Potok is a native New Yorker, however most recently he spent six years in Sharon, MA. He and his wife, Shira Loewenstein, have five children: Adiel (11), Eshel (8), Edden (6), Navah (4), and just welcomed Shalem Menachem to the family in October. Rabbi Potok loves to travel and has been to 45 of the 50 states. He also enjoys playing guitar and has a black belt in Taekwondo.



Rachel Khaimov is the assistant ETGAR Judaics teacher and 1st grade Judaic Studies Centers facilitator. She was born in New York, and she and her husband Shlomo have three children all enrolled at KHDS: Ariella (5), Leora (3) and Benyamin (2). Rachel enjoys reading, traveling, working out and biking.



Sharon Barazani is our EC-4 assistant teacher. She is no newcomer to the school and has served as a substitute teacher for many years, but now joins us full-time. Sharon was born in Ashkelon, Israel, and she has served in the IDF. She and her husband Mordechai have three children: Niv (21), Noy (18) and Aaron (11).



Sheina Kuptchik is our new 2nd grade Judaics teacher. Sheina was born in Brazil and she is fluent in English, Hebrew, Spanish and Portuguese. She loves traveling and has lived in Hong Kong, China and Gothenburg, Sweden. She and her husband, Oded, have seven children: Yossi (16), Mendy (15), Shmuel (13), Arie (11), Boaz (6), Noa (3) and Tehila (9 months).



Lea Bouhnik is teaching Hebrew to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Born in Beer Sheva, Israel, Lea and her husband, Eliyahu, have 4 children: Yarin (18), Roy (16), Rom (10) and Shir (4). She lives in Inverrary and previously worked in Miami Beach at Hebrew Academy teaching middle school and high school students. She practices a vegan diet, which she is very passionate about.



Elana Mordechai returns to KHDS after a two-year break as the EC-2B lead teacher. Born in Israel, she and her husband, Eyal, have three children: Chen (34), Reute (29), and Karene (25, also a KHDS faculty member). Elana loves to cook, enjoys listening to music, reading, traveling and is an avid runner. Welcome back, Morah Elana!



Rabbi Moshe Brand joins us part-time as the 7th and 8th grade Judaics teacher as well as filling in as needed. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Rabbi Brand and his wife Rochelle have six children—five of whom are married and one who is studying engineering in college. Three of their grandchildren are KHDS students: Sam (8th grade), Gabe (7th grade) and Nate (3rd grade) Stern. Rabbi Brand collects Passover Haggadot and has approximately 1,200 with explanations and close to 350 pictorial, many of which are collector's items.



Adi Rafaeli is our 3rd grade Judaics assistant teacher. Born in Israel, Adi and her husband, Sharon, have three children: Ariel (12), Michal (10) and Tal (7). She moved from Israel almost 3 years ago and is also an acupuncturist specializing in pediatrics. Adi enjoys yoga and going to the beach.



Frumah Cohen is our new EC4-C lead teacher who is guiding our precious children to meet their individual potential. Born in Baltimore, MD, she and her husband Noah have 2 children, both KHDS students: Rose (2nd grade) and Doniel (EC-2). Frumah enjoys organizational projects, is computer savvy and loves children. You can find her in the main lobby during carpool creating a festive atmosphere and entertaining the children with music and stories.



Chani Richmond joins us as ETGAR Judaic studies lead teacher and coordinator of curriculum and learning. She is passionate about teaching Torah through various educational modules, methods and disciplines. "Learning Torah in the 21st Century is absolutely amazing and attainable to all," she noted. Born in Los Angeles, CA, Chani and her husband, Benyomin, have four children: Noam (14), Shira (12), Ari (11) and Yonatan (KHDS EC-3). She loves to sing, dance, read and spend time at the beach. When she's not teaching you may find her teaching swimming, yoga, dance or kickboxing.



Dawn Fisch is our new 4th grade secular teacher. She was born in Columbus, OH, and grew up in Fairlawn, NJ. Dawn and her husband, Dr. Nachum Fisch, have two children: Orli (3) and Asher (12, and a KHDS 6th grader). With more than 16 years of teaching experience, Dawn is excited to have returned to the classroom. She enjoys spending time outdoors with her family, hiking, camping or going to the beach.



Julie Schulman is our 1st grade secular teacher. She teaches reading, writing, phonics and math and also helps the children focus on how to become independent learners and responsible citizens. Julie was born in New York and moved to SoFla as a toddler. She and her husband, Jared, currently have one child, Rayna (almost 2), and another baby due in December. She enjoys DIY crafts and started her own jewelry line, Jewels by Julie.



Simone Jacobs is our new receptionist and her smiling face greets all of our families, students and KHDS visitors (in addition to her many administrative functions). Born in South Africa, Simone and her husband Justin, have two children: Jonah Oz (6, and a KHDS 1st grader) and Mia Raizie (2). Simone is a qualified fashion designer but moved into school administration four years ago to spend more time with her family after a 15-year career in NYC and London. She enjoys music, traveling and visiting family in other countries, and experiencing other cultures.



Adina Witztum joins us as a Middle School ETGAR Judaics teacher and also teaches Middle School science, navi and dinim. Adina was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and is married to Nathan Witztum (son of KHDS faculty, Mrs. Samantha Witztum!) She recently moved to Florida and loves to dance.

MEET THE B'NOT SHERUT

Meet **Adi Jedwab** and **Hadas Perl**, our new B'not Sherut for the 2018-2019 school year!



Adi (above left) and Hadas (above right) attended high school together and now get to experience their national service together here at KHDS!

Adi was born in Petah Tikva, Israel and this is her first time in the United States. She likes to write stories (in Hebrew), and also enjoys drawing and oil painting. Last year she served as Sherut Leumi at a boys high school in Hatzor Haglilit where she worked with the students, new Olim, and children with special needs. Adi has four brothers, two sisters-in-law, and two nephews, all of whom live in Israel.

Hadas was born in Tel Aviv, Israel, where she also grew up and was a student and youth leader with B'nei Akiva. Last year she went to a youth village in Afula, where she worked with a foster family of 12 children ranging from 2nd grade to 11th grade, called Mischpachten (and she still keeps in touch with them). Hadas enjoys listening to music and traveling and has two older brothers.

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

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



Middle school students conduct experiments in the science lab.

Mazal Tov to our Birthday Card design contest winners
(created in Kindergarten during 2017-2018 school year):

Emunah Kerzhner (below left)

Mali Feder (below right)



NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

A New Parent Orientation was held on the evening of August 14 for the many new families joining our school. The program provided them with the opportunity to interact with the administration and ask questions in an open forum. Families also mingled with other KHDS newbies, received a welcome goody bag and enjoyed refreshments.

Pictured right: KHDS Alumna **Jackie (Berger) Neuman** and husband **Yehuda**, pose underneath her 8th grade graduation Class of '06 photo at the New Parent Orientation.



KHDS Happenings

NEW AND IMPROVED MAKERSPACE & ART ROOM OPEN

Our new Makerspace and art room are incredible! Thanks to the PTA for their generous donation of \$65,000 to help make this a reality! The south side of the Loewenstern Cafetorium underwent renovations over the summer and now students are learning in these new state-of-the-art, innovative classrooms.



Our partners at CIJE (Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education) visited the KHDS Makerspace (l-r): **Jay Smallwood, Jason Curry, Rabbi Yehudah Potok, Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik, Judy Lebovits, and Batsheva Klein** (front) **Meccanoid** (our Makerspace Robot!)



Students get creative in the new art room.



Congressman **Ron DeSantis** (R), candidate for FL Governor, visited KHDS on September 21 to tour our campus and speak with Board of Trustees members about his support for school choice programs, which support our school and families. KHDS does not endorse political candidates and an invitation to meet with **Mayor Andrew Gillum** (D) also has been made. We thank Congressman DeSantis for visiting our school and supporting school choice funding. Also instrumental in planning the visit were school Treasurer, **Daniel Adler**, and **Mimi Jankovits** of Teach Florida, who advocate for Florida's Jewish schools.



Classes use the new Promethean Boards that were installed over the summer. The boards promote interactive educational technology.

BETTER TOGETHER™ PROGRAM EMBARKS ON YEAR 2

The “Better Together” program is back for its second year. The program, which is generously supported by a prominent national foundation, has enabled our students to develop meaningful relationships with our neighbors at Sinai Residences during the course of the school year.



The first visit to Sinai Residences featured “Speed Dating” which gave students and participants a chance to get to know one another. This year’s group has doubled in size!

ELECTIVES

The first session of Middle School Electives brought a variety of awesome classes to choose from...



Our Middle School chesed elective participants paid a visit to our neighbors at JARC (Jewish Association for Residential Care). Students got to know the residents, played games and also worked on a counting project!

3D Film Making
Acrylic Painting
Better Together™ Camp
Chess
Chesed - Kindness
Classic Movies
Cookie Decorating
Communications
Fitness Rx
Games
Game Shows
Golf
Health & Fitness
Interior Design
Jewish Music
Recorder
Scrapbooking
Yoga
Zumba

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS



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Class Representatives

Rebecca Freedman/Daniel Yudewitz - 6th Grade
Orly Bierly/Zevi Kay - 7th Grade
Judah Greenbaum/Sarah Lazar - 8th Grade

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

NAMES, NOT NUMBERS©

New Documentary Production Underway

KHDS is once again participating in the *Names, Not Numbers*© Holocaust education program for 8th graders. This program transforms the traditional study of the Holocaust into an interactive and engaging experience for the students, as well as for the survivors who have been selected to share their stories. Under the direction of **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, students are forging relationships with the survivors while also learning interviewing techniques, documentary film tools, and editing skills. KHDS is grateful for being chosen to participate in this project, which is supported by a prominent national foundation, and looks forward to sharing with our school community how this program impacts our students in the documentary, *Names, Not Numbers*©: A Movie in the Making, which will premiere in 2019.

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

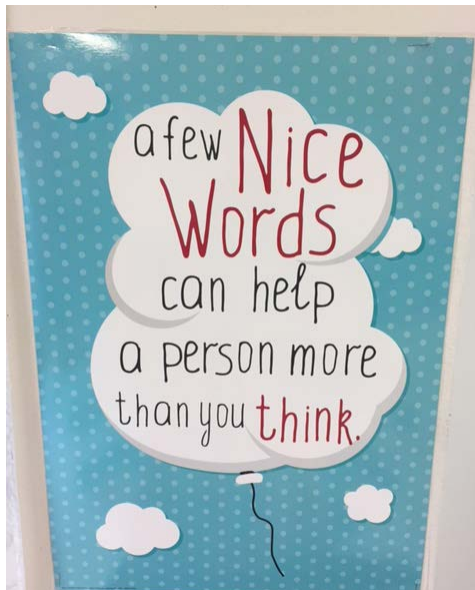


From the 2017-2018 interview and production process.

8 KHDS Happenings



As part of our “Kindness R.E.A.L.ly Matters” program, our K-3rd grade students have been sharing how to SPRINKLE KINDNESS to everyone, everywhere! They have been listening to stories, describing ways to be nice to others, and creating kindness decorations for our hallways.



The children in Kitah Alef enjoy a fun game of Alef Bet musical chairs.



Math is a team sport!!! 5th graders work through challenging math reasoning and higher order thinking in **Mrs. Deichman's** classroom.



Mazal Tov to our 3rd grade Spaghetti Marshmallow Challenge winners! This STEM activity challenges students to work together in teams to build the tallest free standing tower out of spaghetti, tape, string and a marshmallow!



Students create artistic works with their initials using painter's tape during the after school Kids' Time Program (KTP).



3rd graders “flexed” their learning muscles while practicing different seating options during center rotations. Students can often work better when they choose a seat that helps their brain work and keeps their bodies comfortable!



EC-4 is a-buzz for a sweet New Year.



Each morning during the month of Elul, Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School students gather for an inspirational lesson from **Morah Hadassah** on how to better themselves and then listen to the Shofar.



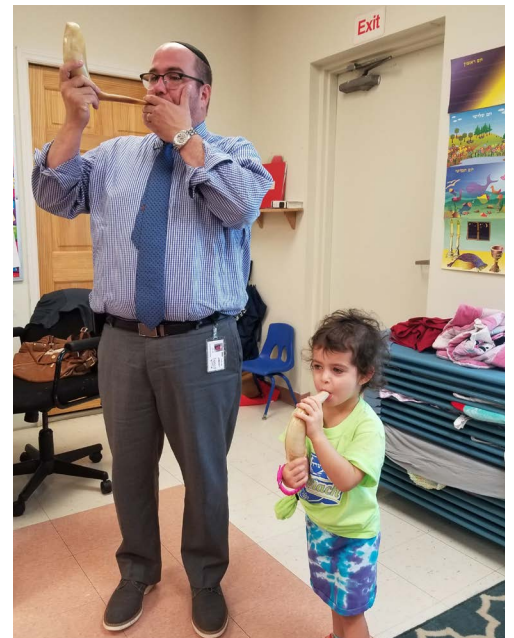
Rosh Hashanah-themed painting in the art room.



EC-4 students take a short field trip to our pond to perform Tashlich.



EC-2 students in the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center make apple dishes, honey jars and shofars to get into the spirit of the New Year.



Mr. Dimont shows EC3-A students how to blow the shofar.

L' Shana Tova



SHANA TOVA
5779
 Mazal Tov to our Rosh Hashanah
 card design contest winner:
Tamar Ganz
 (created in 5th grade during
 2017-2018 school year)

KHDS Happenings



"C" our Cat Cookies! Kindergarten had a blast learning about the letter "C" and creating yummy cookies!



Students in the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center celebrated Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan by making fruit kabobs. Thank you to **Aroma Market** for donating the yummy fruit!



Bruce Medjuck, first responder on 9/11, shared his story with his daughter's 5th grade class.



Rabbi Wexler taught 3rd graders about the Sefer Torah. In Parshat Vayelech, we find the commandment to write a Sefer Torah.



Sarah Biston spoke to Middle School students about the Friendship Circle, an amazing organization which services local Jewish children with special needs.



Rabbi Josh Broide addressed the Middle School with inspirational words about not giving up, even after failing.



Thank you to **Rabbi Efrem Goldberg**, Boca Raton Synagogue Senior Rabbi, who addressed our Middle School students after davening with an inspirational message for Rosh Hashanah.



KHDS welcomed **Rabbi Yaakov Gibber** from Boca Jewish Center who spoke to students about the importance of davening during these holy days, not only for ourselves, but for every person in our nation.

Rabbi Philip Moskowitz, BRS Associate Rabbi and KHDS parent, addressed Middle School students with an inspiring message about feeling Hashem by our side, especially during this holy time of year.



HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM

Students in EC-2 through 3rd grade participated in an engaging two-day program to promote health and wellness in October. The program included health and wellness presentations and activities, including a visit from **Stacey Burford** from the **Palm Beach County Library**, who read a story and had students participate in an interactive health-related activity. **Tomer Haik, DDS, PA**, also a parent in the school, discussed the importance of oral health and how to brush properly. His creative presentation was done in the form of a magic show. **Lisa Bravo** of **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital** educated the children about poison prevention and **Kidokinetics** kept students active during a fun-filled physical fitness activity. KHDS science teacher **Batsheva Klein** spoke about the importance of healthy food options followed by a hands-on activity that focused on healthy vs. non-healthy food choices. KHDS school psychologists, **Dr. Jordana Carmel** and **Dr. Penina Dorfman**, led a project of creating calming glitter mindfulness jars as a mental health activity. **Winn Dixie** and **Fresh Market** generously donated healthy snacks for the students in theme with the program. Also thank you to the program coordinators for their hard work: **Penina Dorfman, Devora Gutman, Deborah Plotsker, Sheri Siegel & Samantha Witztum**.



Building Excellent Middot



One Brick at a Time

Mazal Tov

to our

EMET Design

Contest Winner:

Gavriel Seidel

(created in 5th grade during 2017-2018 school year)



Thank you to **Shirley Goldberg**, our neighbor across the street at Sinai Residences, for coming to read to our Kindergarten class as part of our Scholar Society.

Mrs. Goldberg read stories about Sukkot and building sukkahs and then the children made some "delicious" sukkahs of their own!



Be A Scholar and Give of Your Time and Wisdom!

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

Contact dvora@dwpalaw.com for more information about joining our Scholar Society.

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent

Noam Aghion
Liat Aharon
Nathaniel Bababekov
Yehuda Barnea
Chana Bassoff
Yosef Bassoff
Abby Bienenfeld
Jake Bienenfeld
Sara Benabou
Yehuda Biston
Liraz Blanka
Maya Bornstein
Noa Carmel
Gabriel Cohen
Elie Dahan
Jonah Deichman
Rosa Federman
Yoel Freedman
Nili Grajower
Elchanan Greenbaum
Laya Haik
Isaac Hanina
Evan Henner
Ariana Kassorla
Emunah Kerzhner
Ariella Khaimov
Naftali Landau
Feivel Largent
Akiva Mayer

Midot

Eli Mergui
Jonathan Mitchell
Samuel Mitchell
Chaim Mochenyat
Avigail Molayev
Esther Moskowitz
Miriam Mulayev
Yosef Muschel
Emunah Ohayon
Asher Pinkis
Emunah Plotsker
Edden Potok
Judah Rackman
Paige Rackman
Zevi Rotenberg
Zaki Saida
Elliot Schoenfeld
Joey Schoenfeld
Akiva Schwarzman
Elizabeth Slesinger
Shalev Stein
Dani Taillard
Coby Teitelbaum
Elihu Weg
Rebecca Weisfeld
Abby Weisstuch
Eitan White
Miriam Wolk

Every

Time



(to date as of press time)

Rachel Mochenyat was inadvertently omitted from last year's Hillel Herald EMET listing (2017-2018 school year). Congratulations, Rachel!

Mazal Tov to all of the winners!

12 The Lions' Den



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

What an exciting start to the 2018 KHDS Athletic season! The fall season started with Girls Volleyball, led by **Head Coach Samantha Witztum**. The Lady Lions finished their challenging season 1-6. Throughout the season, the girls worked on a lot of the basic skills and steadily improved in all areas. The games got closer as the season progressed. The girls had competitive matches the second half of the season. The players showed excellent sportsmanship and impressed onlookers with their dignity and resilience on the court. Good job ladies!

The Boys Varsity Flag Football team concluded their regular season as league champs with a perfect 6-0-1 record! Before the season started, **Coach Shawn Kerzer** made a statement that he would bring the championship trophy home, and he stayed true to his word, along with the help of **Coach Steve Nazaire**! The boys really understood the concept of what a "team" is. The coaches taught them about teamwork on and off the field. Every player on the team contributed to this memorable season. Coaches Shawn and Steve, along with the incredible student-athletes, helped the Lions bring home the first-ever Flag Football championship trophy for KHDS.

Thank you to the parents for your ongoing support.

We are looking forward to our next season of play including Girls Varsity Basketball, Boys Varsity Soccer and Boys 4th-5th Grade Flag Football.

Come on out and cheer on your Katz Hillel Lions!
GO LIONS!

Check out our website to view game schedules.

Boys Varsity Flag Football Team LEAGUE CHAMPS!



Girls Volleyball Team





Orlie Cohen, Ph.D., FRD Chair
Suzanne Rice, Director of Development

Our 2018-2019 campaign is underway and we hope that everyone will participate! There are a variety of tzedakah opportunities available throughout the school year, including our upcoming **30th Anniversary Journal Dinner!** KHDS parents are asked to participate in our **Every Parent Campaign (EPC)** through a donation in any amount before the end of the school year.

Reserve a **Day of Learning**, enter our **Mega Raffle**, or earmark a **designated gift** for a **class trip** or to the **Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund**. Donate to our **Scholarship Fund** through a **tribute donation** in honor or in memory of a loved one, or sign up for the **Changebowl app** and donate your spare change! Each of these qualifies as an EPC donation! We also are looking for new members to join our **Major Gifts** societies: **Menachem Begin** (new!), **Lamed Vav, Chai** and **Maimonides Societies**. These generous lead gifts are crucial to the success of our campaign.

In an effort to ensure that KHDS continues to educate children for years to come, we have developed a planned giving society, the **Atid Legacy Society**, in which your legacy gift will help ensure this important initiative.

Grandparents, we would also like to recognize those of you who donate \$360+ by welcoming you into our **Dor L'Dor Society**. We hope that you will participate!

? Did you know that our Annual Campaign Scholarship Fund is not funded at all by tuition fees? It is in fact funded completely by the State of Florida and Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County scholarship funding, several revenue generating programs, and gifts of tzedakah from generous donors!

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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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A MESSAGE FROM RACHEL HAROW, PTA PRESIDENT

Although it has been a short time (even fewer with the breaks) since I have begun my charge as PTA President, we have already been busy working on many different programs and projects.

Our first event of the year was the Ice Cream Social on August 19, followed by a brunch to welcome new KHDS moms on August 26. The pre-Rosh Hashanah Boutique took place on August 27 as we prepared for the holidays, and the Sata-PTA Pool Dedication and Welcome Celebration for parents took place on September 5. The full recap of the event is on page 3. The arrival of the new *PTA Calendar* was distributed in early September (thank you, advertisers!) and we have scheduled many of our Moms' Grade Night Out. We also have many ongoing programs that help raise money for our school at no extra cost to you!

Our B'nai Mitzvah Fund for 6th, 7th and 8th grades, as well as Perfect Presents, all are geared to eliminate giving multiple gifts while saving you money.

I welcome your feedback at rachelharow@yahoo.com and if you are not already involved, invite you to join us in our volunteer efforts.

PRE-ROSH HASHANAH BOUTIQUE

The annual Pre-Rosh Hashanah Boutique, held at BRS on August 27, was an enormous success! We were able to sample incredible food, feature local businesses, and shop for our holiday needs, all while supporting the KHDS PTA! Thank you to **Orlie Cohen** and **Rachel Harow** for co-chairing this event. Special thanks to the following parent volunteers: **Shari Bloom, Dvorah Eisen, Chani Katz, Chava Weisstuch** and **Andrea Zucker**, as well as to the student volunteers who racked up some community service hours: **Alexandra Cohen, Gabriel Cohen, Jojo Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Shira Grunhaus, Joshua Haik, Aiden Harow, Aliyah Harow, Ami Harow, Emma Harow, Yonina Kaminetzky, Michalie Landes** and **Michal Skoczylas**.



We would also like to thank those who donated items for our gift basket raffle and congratulate the raffle winners: **Lisa Freedman, Adi Jedwab, the Potok family, Jeff Schiff, Penina Schoenfeld, Lysee Stein, Gila Stern** and **Chava Weisstuch**.

CHILLIN' AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL



What better way to start off the year than with some tasty ice cream? Students, parents and teachers had a blast at the Annual PTA Ice Cream Social on August 19, when they came out to enjoy free ice cream and give a warm welcome to our new KHDS families. Everyone enjoyed reuniting with friends and gearing up for the new school year. Thanks to Ice Cream Social Co-Chairs **Jen Landau** and **Shani Muschel** for hosting the festivities, and special thanks to **Carvel** on Glades Road for donating the ice cream and toppings!



NEW MOMS BRUNCH

Moms new to KHDS enjoyed a chance to meet and mingle on August 26 at our New Moms Brunch. It was a fun morning for all and a great opportunity to get to know some PTA members and hear about the many programs that the PTA offers. Thank you to **Liora Adler** for once again hosting the beautiful brunch at her home.



With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖ Thanks to **Deena Frist** and **Penina Schoenfeld** for distributing our new BoxTops magnets. Drop your boxtops into the collection bucket at the front desk, and you may win a prize while earning money for the PTA!



❖ We are grateful to **Dvora Scher** for once again coordinating the EPI School Supply distribution. Also thanks to **Sarit, Yosef** and **Akiva Scher** for helping with the distribution.

❖ Kudos to **Dvorah Eisen** for dedicating her time and managing the PTA Shoppe to ensure everyone has their uniforms and KHDS swag for the year.



PTA CALENDAR

Our highly anticipated *PTA Calendar* was distributed at the beginning of September! Thank you to **Lillian Aharon, Jordana Carmel,** and **Penina Schoenfeld** for all their hard work on this beautiful calendar and for helping to make this project a success. Thanks to our incredible sponsors and advertisers, the KHDS *PTA Calendar* raised over \$20,000! Many thanks to **Jordana Carmel, Deena Frist, Penina Schoenfeld** and **Chava Weisstuch** for helping distribute the calendar.



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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. Thanks to **Deena Frist, Penina Schoenfeld,** and **Eve Sperling** for coordinating this effort!



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.

PTA BOOK SHARE



The PTA Book Share includes locations in both 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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16 In Memoriam



HELEN COHAN, Z"l

Affording children the opportunity for a Jewish education was a lifelong mission for Helen Cohan. She and her husband Mark were one of several Jewish families who were interested in establishing a high quality Jewish day school in the Boca Raton community. Almost 30 years ago, in 1989, their

efforts paid off and the Boca Raton Jewish Community Day School was founded and opened with 42 students. Shortly thereafter, Helen and Mark were instrumental in continuing the effort, including a successful Capital Campaign, which resulted in Hillel Day School of Boca Raton opening on its own 15-acre campus. Although their own children, Cara and David, were older, they recognized the vital need for a strong, Zionist, Modern Orthodox day school. Since day one, Helen dedicated her energy, resources and countless hours to make Katz Hillel Day School, now with over 500 students enrolled, among the best private Jewish day schools.

The school's very first fundraiser was held at the Cohan's home and Helen gave the very first 8th grade commencement speech. Helen served on the KHDS Board of Trustees since the school opened its doors. She chaired numerous programs, campaigns and outreach efforts for the school and was always involved in helping to secure the needed funding to support KHDS and other Jewish educational institutions in the community. Helen and Mark have also generously given to virtually all of KHDS' campaigns including major gifts societies as Chai Society and Maimonides Society members, through the Capital Campaign which included their dedication of the music room as well as the beautiful stained glass window, Yerushalayim, housed in the school's Beit Midrash, and through a planned legacy gift as Atid Legacy Society members.

The Cohans were the school's *Tomchei Torah Award* recipients at the 2011 Annual Journal Dinner and Helen was presented with the inaugural *Helen Cohan Dor L'Dor Society Award* at the 2018 Annual Journal Dinner. The tradition of dor l'dor was so important to Helen and she worked hard to keep grandparents connected to the school. She also supported the KHDS PTA, volunteering countless hours and also through her tzedakah as a Guardian of Learning Society member year after year.

Over 700 graduates have been able to reap the rewards of Helen's efforts, including her grandchildren, Sydney and Jacob Freedman, who are KHDS Alumni, and Rebecca, who is currently a KHDS 6th grader. Our school and community will miss Helen dearly.



DANNIE GRAJOWER, Z"l

The sudden passing of Mrs. Dannie Grajower has profoundly affected the KHDS, KYHS and BRS communities. The magnitude of the loss of a beloved daughter, a dedicated wife, a most caring and affectionate mother, a devoted sister, a dear and trusted friend and an outstanding teacher makes it impossible to encapsulate in words the sorrow that is felt by her family, her friends, her students and her colleagues here at KHDS. As Rabbi Goldberg mentioned in his eulogy at Mrs. Grajower's funeral, this magnificent flower was plucked at the height of its blossoming.

The complete glory of the princess is within; (Tehillim 45:14)

This verse in Tehillim is meant to demonstrate a fundamental Torah ideal that a woman is not a seeker of the public eye but rather her fine qualities, traits and characteristics were directed inward towards her home, her family, her students and her community. This quality of Mrs. Grajower was demonstrated to all who came in contact with her. In spite of her exceptional intelligence and creativity that was evident in every lesson she taught and in every extra-curricular program that she directed, she never sought the limelight and always diverted the spotlight from herself while allowing others to shine. Discreet and private, Mrs. Grajower sought to keep a semblance of normalcy for her family as she accepted the nisyonot of her terrible illness with true courage and unshakable Emunah. Her trademark sense of humor, her humbleness and her regal and dignified stature had a profound impact on her students, friends and colleagues.

The pain of the loss is so fresh in our hearts but we are so blessed to have been touched by the brilliance, sincerity, kindness and radiant essence of Mrs. Dannie Grajower.

Mrs. Grajower left us a rich and shining legacy, as a beacon of inspiration to all of us.



Katz Hillel Day School is a "Makom Torah," a place where Torah is studied. As such, dress should conform to what would be appropriate when visiting a synagogue.

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



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