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Above Left: 8th graders experience their graduation trip to Israel.
Below: Mazal Tov to 4th-5th grade soccer team - league champs!



2 Head of School Message



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

Dear KHDS Community,

It has been a great privilege over the course of this year to listen to and learn from our various constituents. I have spoken with parents, board members, and community leaders. I have learned from teachers, staff, donors and, of course, students. Clearly, we have a community that cares deeply about our school, a community that works diligently for Hillel to succeed. We have an amazing program that offers our students a myriad of opportunities for growth. And yet, we cannot rest on our laurels but we must advance

in our pursuit of excellence.

Judaic Studies Extension – Mechina Program

Over the past number of years, we have witnessed an increased number of students who, in seeking to grow in terms of their Jewish education, enter KHDS without the prerequisite skills and knowledge for their grade levels Judaic Studies Classes. It is incumbent upon us to make sure that we offer these students every opportunity to strengthen their Judaic and Hebrew skills.

- We will therefore create a Mechina (Preparatory) Track that will enable us to teach these basic skills thereby allowing students to then enter the regular Judaic Studies classes.

General Studies Excellence – Focus on Language Arts

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a strong general studies program and fantastic staff that prepare our students for high school and beyond. However, we must always strive for growth in all that we do. To this end, we have chosen to evaluate our language arts program specifically with regards to writing.

- Over the past few months and into next year, we will continue working with an outside educational consultant, with a background in curriculum review and evaluation, specifically in the area of Language Arts, to help us review and evaluate our LA curriculum. Based on this review, we will implement strategies that will help students think critically and creatively about written texts and to be able to communicate their ideas effectively.
- This curriculum review will be the first step in a school-wide curriculum review.

Middle School Growth

We are blessed to have a growing middle school with expanded opportunities for learning. With growth comes another opportunity to strengthen our program. In this transitional adolescent period, students deal with changes developmentally, socially, and academically. Our students' growth and development is our primary focus and we will continue to develop the culture of our growing middle school to support our students' needs during this transitional time in their lives.

- Our goal is to support our students in easing their transition from elementary school to high school.
- We will create an advisory system for the coming school year so that each student has a faculty advisor.
- We have reviewed our student schedules, and have already implemented changes to make classroom transitions smoother and provide needed break times for students.

Athletics

Athletics is an incredible strength within our program with ever-increasing opportunities in sports teams, clinics, and PE. As a school, we look to educate the whole child. Enabling physical outlets that also build collaborative and leadership skills, I believe, are so important to provide.

- We will therefore continue to add more opportunities for students to play team sports and work on their athletic skills.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

STEM is an ever-evolving field. We have done some incredible things in our school related to STEM such as creating our new and improved Makerspace which has been well used by our 4th-8th grade students. We have brought in the CIJE (Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education) curriculum this year to help our students explore engineering concepts in greater depth. In our older grades, we have also introduced robotics.

- For next year, we will bring robotics and coding to the younger grades.
- We will also better integrate technology into the classrooms with greater access to chromebooks for blended learning opportunities. Included in this initiative will be updating and improving hardware and educational software throughout the campus.
- Better preparation also means knowing how to appropriately use technology with Torah-based values.

These again, are some of the key areas that we will be focused on next year as we continue to advance our program. A great school is always evolving and looking for best practices. We will continue to build on proven approaches while moving toward meaningful innovation. I am excited to have such a talented staff to work with on developing and implementing these ideas and look forward to the profound impact that these programmatic enhancements will have on our students' experience.

KHDS AWARDED GREEN SCHOOL OF QUALITY STATUS

We are excited to announce that KHDS has advanced from a Green School of Promise to a **Green School of Quality** for 2019! **Mrs. Jodi Deichman** and **Mrs. Batsheva Klein** represented our school and attended the awards ceremony held on May 16. Special thanks to KHDS parent, **Sara Greene**, for the many hours she spent creating our application and portfolio!



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THIRST-QUENCHING ADDITIONS

Thank you to the PTA for their designated gift of two state-of-the-art water fountains that have been installed near the elevator/stairwell and outside of the Loewenstern Cafetorium. The fountains feature filtered bottle filling stations that reduce lead and other harmful particulates, for cleaner and healthier water. They also are environmentally beneficial by reducing the number of disposable plastic bottles and count the number of plastic bottles we are saving from waste and displays it right on the unit.



HOLD THE DATE ~ 1.8.20 Annual Journal Dinner

Honoring
Dr. Ben & Cara Freedman

Helen Cohan, z"l, Dor E'Dor Award Recipients
William & Batzi Berman

Faculty Dedication Award Recipients
Chari Bernten ~ Stacey Kaner ~ Suzanne Rice



Chayim Dimont, M.S. Ed.
Principal, Early Childhood-Grade 3
 "Summer" — what a beautiful word for children. A time when kids have more free time to run, play, swim, bike, and just recharge. And just like students, teachers and administrators also enjoy the freedom of summer. To be able to relax, take a deep breath, and think back upon a very busy and industrious year. Teaching is probably one of the few professional fields where there is a beginning, middle, and distinct end, and a time afterward to really reflect. Educators are very lucky to have this wonderful and unique opportunity to grow, improve, and challenge themselves to be better for the incoming classes. Over the summer, we, as educators, spend significant time reflecting upon our successes, failures and reservations. We use the time to enhance our lesson plans, think up new and improved ways to encourage bright minds, and keep our skill sets sharpened. But with the summer break comes a bit of anxiousness about our students. How will they maintain all that they have learned over the school year? What will they do to keep up their skills? Will the new incoming classes be able to reach the levels we strive for?

There is no doubt that children should enjoy their summer; however, in order for them to recharge, reflect, and, most importantly, grow, it is vital that they spend some parts of their days reflecting and reviewing all the skills they have worked so hard to achieve. Remember that while school stops for summer, learning never should.

Have a fantastic summer, have fun, and keep up the learning!



"Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."
 The Wiz, Jr. debuted in Boca Raton and ballerinas and gymnasts also performed during the annual KTP Night.



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

I write this article having just returned from the 13th trip to Eretz Yisrael with the 8th grade students and I am feeling elated and proud. During the course of this intense trip, the students constantly amazed me as they demonstrated strong Middot and good values. They also enthusiastically shared what they have learned about past and current Israel history and an understanding of the importance of the Land of Eretz Yisrael. Moreso than ever, with the constant anti-Israel rhetoric found on many campuses and social media, it is vital that our children know the full truth and have a love of Eretz Yisrael so that they are able to respond intellectually and passionately to the naysayers who they will undoubtedly encounter in their lives.

Knowledge, though, is not enough, and we at KHDS, work hard to instill passion, and dedication to Torah and Mitzvot. Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro shared a powerful message and thought about dedication. In the Haftarah of Parshat Parah, the word "neshama" appears and there it is translated to mean desolate. Without vowels it has the same exact letters as the word "neshama," which is defined as soul. One word means void and empty while the other word represents life. What is the difference? In the first example the word is spelled with a "patach" under the shin, while "neshama" (soul) is written with a "kamatz." The kamatz has a small leg to stand on while the patach does not. When a student has support and sees the devotion and good examples of proper dedication and commitment of teachers and parents, the student then knows what values are important in life. He or she will, in turn, emulate those values in their lives.

I would like to thank the teachers who are outstanding role models and show dedication, devotion and commitment to the children on a daily basis. At the same time, I would like to express gratitude to you, the parents, for choosing a KHDS education for your children. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Thank you for a great year, Adi and Hadas!
We will miss you!



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BETTER TOGETHER CELEBRATION DINNER AND 1ST PLACE NATIONAL ESSAY WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Better Together Program continued to inspire our 8th grade students through the remainder of the school year as they further developed the meaningful relationships with their partners at Sinai Residences. Monthly visits gave them the opportunity to learn from and enjoy the company of the residents -- and vice versa!

"At the beginning of the school year, 8th grade student participants were matched with a senior partner from our school's campus neighbor, Sinai Residences," said **Rina Lanner**, Program Coordinator. "The students and seniors participated in a variety of programs and activities throughout the year including a Chanukah party, Shabbat Friday night services, flower arranging and playing favorite games," she added. The life experiences of the Sinai Residences participants have left an indelible impression on the students and the seniors also benefited from the relationships and camaraderie. A celebration dinner was held at the culmination of the program in May and the students' parents were also invited to meet their children's senior partner.



The Better2Write contest, a subsidiary project, offered a forum for students to express how they were impacted by the program, as reflected in their feelings about seniors, aging and the mitzvah of caring for the elderly. **Ariella Mayer** achieved national recognition for her winning essay submission. She was awarded first place from the 600 submissions entered into the contest. As the national winner, she has won a generous scholarship to a Jewish summer experience of her choice. In addition, KHDS will receive a very substantial grant toward the scholarship fund. "This grant will allow us to reach our \$700,000 Annual Campaign goal," said **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**, Head of School. "KHDS awards over \$1.8 million in scholarships annually and certainly Ariella's achievement will benefit many families," he added.



Ariella's submission was written in the form of a letter to her partner, **Marsha Leifer** (see her winning letter to the right). She also received a certificate of achievement after reading her winning submission to her partner at the celebration dinner. They will now share a lifelong bond from their experiences, thanks to this program.

Better Together is a two-year program generously supported by a prominent national foundation and designed to encourage meaningful interaction between young and old.

Dear Marsha, Love Ariella

By: Ariella Mayer

"I'm the old one here; I thought I was supposed to be teaching you things." You said this to me during one of our meetings awhile back. We were talking and I told you something you didn't know. True to your personality, you responded with this witty comeback that made us both laugh. Although I don't remember the events leading up to or following this comment, this one line stuck with me. Maybe it's just because it was a funny one-liner and it made us laugh. Maybe it's because it reminded me of something I would say. Whatever the reason is, I'm happy I didn't forget it. Now, looking back on it, I realize that that one joke you made really encompasses my entire experience in this program.

When I first heard about Better Together, I knew that I wanted to participate. For me, it was a chance to get to know people whom I wouldn't have met otherwise. I didn't really know what to expect going into it. The gist of the program was explained to those of us involved: we would be paired up with someone from Sinai Residences and then once a month we would spend time with them doing different activities. After our first time visiting Sinai, we were emailed a list of partners. I found my name and saw yours next to it. At that time, I didn't know anything else about you besides your name: Marsha Leifer. Now that we've met, I know that there is no one else who I would rather have as my partner. You're full of boundless amounts of liveliness and love. You're funny, witty, thoughtful, unique, youthful, bright, and just fun to be around. I remember that at the end of our first meeting, when we were told that our next session would be a Chanukah party, you turned to me and without skipping a beat, said "So, should I tell you my size now so that you can get me something?" When Chanukah came, it was you who greeted me with a wrapped gift of a sudoku book because you had told me how much you enjoy playing it and you wanted me to learn so that we could share a hobby. I feel extremely lucky to get even a small dose of your shining personality each time we meet. You brighten my day when I see you, with your dyed hair, cool jewelry, and awesome sense of humor. From the few times we've met, I've already learned so much from you.

When we're not coming to visit you, we stay back at school and learn so that we can better understand how the "elderly" are viewed. I put elderly in quotation marks because when it comes to you, Marsha, I can hardly call you old. One of the first things we discussed in class was social stereotypes that people tend to have regarding the elderly. But Marsha, you fit no mold. You completely smash all preconceived notions of what older people are thought to be. From what I can tell, you are in excellent physical condition and you are sharp as a tack. I say with absolute confidence that none of those common stereotypes apply to you. Another topic that we looked at was how the Torah views the elderly. The word used is *zaken* and the Torah defines a *zaken* as anyone who has acquired wisdom. This is quite logical because someone who is older than you has acquired more wisdom from their life experiences.

Marsha, I know that I have so much to learn from you; not just from your previous life experiences, but from the way you carry yourself today. Even before I met you, just from the description of the Better Together program, I knew that I would learn from whom-ever I would be paired with. But now, after meeting and spending just a little time with you, I realize that I have much more to learn than I thought I would from anyone else. From even the smallest things you say or do, I can learn. And I hope I can take a page out of your book. If not a page, then at least a line; because I know that even a single line can make me a better person. Maybe that line will teach me how to brighten up people's days and never stop making people laugh. Maybe it'll teach me how to be open to learning and trying new things. Or maybe that line will simply teach me to be nice to people without thought, just because it comes naturally.

So Marsha, I know you meant it as a joke, but you really are the one who is teaching me things. And, that funny one-liner really does sum up my participation in Better Together. First of all, I am learning from you. Secondly, it's just one example of the many jokes that filled up our time together and the laughs that followed as a result. Just like you told me: as long as people are smiling and there's happiness, then you are happy too. And I am a happier person because of you.

NAMES, NOT NUMBERS®

A MOVIE IN THE MAKING, TELLS STORIES OF NINE SURVIVORS

The *Names, Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making*® Holocaust education program for 8th graders premiered its documentary film on Sunday, March 17 at Temple Beth Shalom in Century Village.

Chronicling the lives of nine 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, and **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff**, Instructor, 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 our students to forge meaningful relationships with the survivors.

This program is generously supported by a prominent national foundation and we are thankful to be a part of it for the fourth year. We also acknowledge film-makers **Michael Puro** and **Drew Aldridge**, who worked with the students throughout the project. Thanks to our KHDS administrators and staff **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**, **Chayim Dimont**, **Hadassah Smolarcik** and **Jill Kaminetzky**, as well as to volunteer coordinators **Karen Moskowitz** and **Sonja Nadritch** for their assistance with this project. We thank Congregation Beth Shalom and Congregation Torah Ohr for hosting the premiere.

With hundreds in attendance, the program began with welcoming remarks from **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, followed by the film introduction by project creator **Tova Fish-Rosenberg**. Following the impactful film premiere, Head of School **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** gave closing remarks, students presented tokens of appreciation to each of the survivors and a reception took place in the social hall.

Most of all we are forever grateful to the nine survivors who shared their touching stories:

Jack Abramovitz, Anna Baum, Rosette Goldstein, Herman Haller, Sarah Katz, Anita Koch, Basia McDonell, Ryszarda Rozenblum and Sam Shleider.

We shall never forget!

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

5TH GRADE VISITS MENORAH HOUSE

Rabbi Drang and the 5th graders visited our neighbors at the Menorah House nursing home twice this spring as they performed a "Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat" to inspire excitement for Shabbat. The children enjoyed singing as well as dancing with the residents.



Photo credit: Leonardo Moran

FROM MARCH TO MIRIAM

Several of our 7th grade girls participated in "From March to Miriam," a meaningful program in which our students cultivated relationships with Holocaust survivors.



Community, Caring & Chessed

CHESED DAY

KHDS was honored to host Chessed Day on March 26 as students in grades 1-3 from KHDS, TABR, Arevim and DKJA joined together and learned the importance of doing Chessed through various projects. In addition, all KHDS students received a Chessed coupon book, beautifully illustrated by KHDS parent **Mrs. Ilana Landau**. Students recorded random acts of Chessed in the coupon book and the grand prize drawing took place on May 31. Congratulations to the winners: **Rosie Cohen, Coby Greenfield** and **Hadarah Rosen**.



FEDERATION'S SUPER SUNDAY BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Thank you to everyone, including our students, who volunteered to help make calls to raise money for the Jewish Federation's Super Sunday, on April 7. Students also helped out with service projects around the community such as beach cleanups, food pantries, and park beautification.



Jewish Federation
OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY



EXCELLENT MIDOT EVERY TIME

Each week students in grades 1-5 are awarded with EMET badges at the Oneg. Mazal Tov to all of the students who received badges this year!



**Congratulations
to the 2019-2020
EMET Contest
Winners:**

Banner Design:
Sarra Stein
Edan Carmel
Noa Carmel

Music Composition:
Daniel Gross

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent

Ella Abitbol
Noam Aghion
Liat Aharon
Chana Bassoff
Yosef Bassoff
Liba Berman
Ariel Blanka
Eliana Burack
Jonah Deichman
Shlomo Ehrlich
Ruthie Epstein
Nava Federman
Rosa Federman
Naomi Gelman
Ami Goldberg
Noa Goldman
Yossi Goldman
Nili Grajower
Laya Haik
Karen Hanina
Emma Harow
Jonah Jacobs
Shayna Kahan
Gali Kanoff
Chaim Kassorla
Ariella Khaimov
Hannah Klein
Benjamin Landau
Naftali Landau

Michaela LaPointe
Feivel Largent
Evan Levontin
Sarina Loewinger
Danielle MacLeod
Akiva Mayer
Audrey Mendelson
Eli Mergui
Aviv Molayev
Esti Moskowitz
Emunah Ohayon
Ossie Ohayon
Talia Oppenheimer
Asher Pinkis
Judah Rackman
Zevi Raksin
Aharon Rosen
Zevi Rotenberg
Kayla Schochet
Elliot Schoenfeld
Akiva Schwarzman
Elizabeth Slesinger
Evan Sperling
Shalev Stein
Dani Taillard
Coby Teitelbaum
Mirel Weg
Shlomo Wexler
AJ Yudewitz

Midot

Every

Time



Mazal Tov to all of the winners!

(as of press time since the last Hillel Herald)

GRIT: GROWING & REACHING IN TORAH



GROWING & REACHING IN TORAH

Every year between Pesach and Shavuot, as a nation we prepare ourselves for the reacceptance of the Torah. We ascend through the Omer until we have arrived at Har Sinai on Shavuot when our commitment to Torah learning and practice is reignited.

This year in concert with this theme, and to better prepare us for Matan Torah, we introduced a new program called GRIT (Growing & Reaching In Torah). Each grade from 1st-8th had specific topics that they could learn outside of the classroom to build their Torah knowledge even further. In order to encourage their efforts, students were asked to recruit sponsorships for their learning from their friends and families.

Thank you to all of the students who participated in GRIT and to all of our sponsor donors. We thank KHDS Executive Board Member and grandparent, **Dr. Harry Bloom**, for initiating this program and making a lead gift. We also thank **Ilana Landau** for creating the beautiful logo and **Naomi Katz** and **Dvora Scher** for their help with data entry. This program raised almost \$2,000 for our scholarship fund.

Congratulations to the winners who were announced on June 6 at the GRIT celebration. **Edan Carmel**, **Nava Federman**, **Reuven Kohn** and **Hillel Zisquit** tied for the most learning and the winner of the raffle was **Edan Carmel** (\$25 Amazon gift card and *The Little Midrash: Treasure Chest* book). In addition, all students who completed learning topics were entered into the raffle for a Yougurt Rendezvous gift certificate and the winners were: **Nava Federman**, **Yael Nissim Geter**, **Jacob Katz** and **Reuven Kohn**.



MELAVE MALKA GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

Our first-ever Parent-Child Melave Malka took place in Hollywood this past February. 8th graders and their parents enjoyed delicious pizza, meaningful Divrei Torah, and inspirational singing. Thank you to the **Kahanes** for hosting the girls and women, and to the **Seredes** for hosting the boys and men.



KITAH ALEF RECEIVES CHUMASHIM

The yeladim in Kitah Alef gave an enthusiastic Torah performance on the evening of May 28 in the Loewenstein Cafetorium, followed by a presentation of the Chumashim by **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**. 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 generously donated by the **Grove Kosher Market**. Thank you to **Morah Shira Sharp** and **Morah Hana Marin** for coordinating a beautiful program. We also acknowledge **Samantha Witztum**, **Julie Shulman** and **Deena Weisfeld** for their assistance.

Photo Credit: Leonardo Moran



SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING

We are so proud of our boys in 5th-8th grade who attended Sunday morning learning every week. They were treated to a delicious dinner and a fun Marlins game with **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**. Keep up the learning!



MISHNA MADNESS

Students who memorized the most Mishnayot were recognized at the Mishnayot Baal Peh ceremony on the last day of school. All together students memorized over 400 Mishnayot.

8 KHDS Happenings

GROWTH MINDSET IN ETGAR JUDAICS

By: Chani Richmond

"Growth Mindset," a term coined by Carol Dweck, and explained extensively in her book "Mindset," is a theme that permeates our classroom throughout the school year. Upon entering the ETGAR Judaics room one is greeted by a giant tree titled "In This Room We GROW Together" coupled with a verse from Devarim, "ki ha'adam etz hasadeh" (translated loosely: "man is compared to a tree in the field"). Our students understood from day one that our room is a place of growth, but to achieve growth requires a lot of effort, time, care, failures and mistakes. Eventually, something beautiful will sprout!

Our students learned about themes such as "the power of yet," "failing forward," "brain plasticity," "mindfulness," and "gratitude," all essential components in developing a growth mindset within our day-to-day lives. The concepts of Growth Mindset are embedded in our Torah values and we practiced these throughout the school year. During the months of Elul and Tishrei we engaged in reflection and mindfulness activities as they connect to the theme of "Teshuva." Kislev gave us an opportunity to focus on gratitude; the more we develop this within ourselves, the more we are able to allow ourselves to grow and improve ourselves as human beings. Shevat was all about growth as we planted our very own vegetable gardens in honor of Tu B'Shevat. We documented the growth of our gardens on a monthly basis in our growth mindset journals. How eye opening was it for our students to actually



experience the concept of life as they became partners with Hashem in bringing food into the world!? It now became clear to us that growth is a long process which necessitates care, time, and effort. The theme of happiness and serving Hashem with joy permeated the month of Adar as we allowed ourselves to celebrate our personal growth and the growth of our garden! Nissan, Iyar and Sivan had many connections to growth, spring, renewal, and getting ready for Kabbalat Hatorah. Our students have been ingrained with these valuable lessons throughout their various Judaic subjects and are departing with the deep understanding that the Torah way of life is truly reflected in the verse: "Eitz chayim hi lamachazikim bah, v'tom'cheha m'ushar." "It is a tree of life for those who hold fast to it, and those who uphold it are happy."



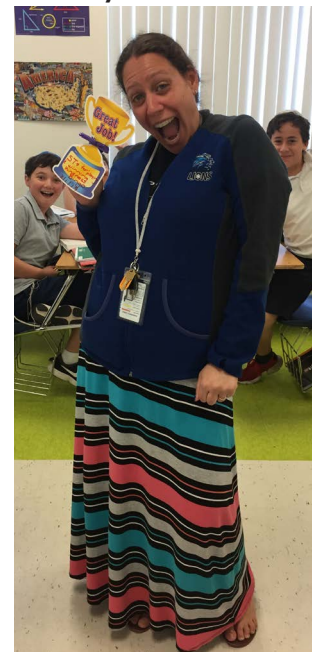
AUTHORS' TEA GOES UNDER THE SEA

During the Annual Authors' Tea, our talented authors explored the marvels of underwater sea creatures. They journeyed from Queensland, Australia and La Jolla, California to our own Florida Gulf Coast while researching and learning all about their marine animals. In their stories, they enjoyed adventures such as swimming with dolphins, scuba diving, and snorkeling with their creatures. Once again, our authors dazzled the audience.



B-I-N-G-O!

The Kindness Committee kicked off Kindness Faculty Bingo to show acts of kindness displayed by faculty and staff while modeling kindness for our students! Congratulations to our first two Staff Kindness Bingo winners: **Ms. Gumper** and **Mrs. Ohayon**!



HIP HIP HURRAY FOR SENSORY DAY



Students in the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center enjoyed a multi-sensory experience during Sensory Day on March 5. This annual program offers children ages 2 through Kindergarten an opportunity to experience smells, sights, tastes, sounds and textures. Students rotated through seven different sensory stations that incorporated music, science, art, physical education, health and nutrition.

"The stations we developed incorporated the use of the children's hands, feet, mouths and whole bodies," explained **Gwenn Lerman**, Kindergarten teacher and Sensory Team Coordinator. She along with her co-faculty Sensory Team members, **Abby Kerzhner** and **Frumie Cohen**, planned and coordinated the program.

The foam experience included bubbles galore while the science explosion gave the children an opportunity to see the "explosive" reactions as they mixed diet soda and mentos, and also experimented with elephant toothpaste. Ice pools created a polar experience, drum painting provided students a musical and "messy" artistic experience, and an obstacle course offered physical activity. The food experience allowed children to make their own fruit smoothies by hand while water toys and sprinkler fun were enjoyed at Aunt Jessie's Playground.



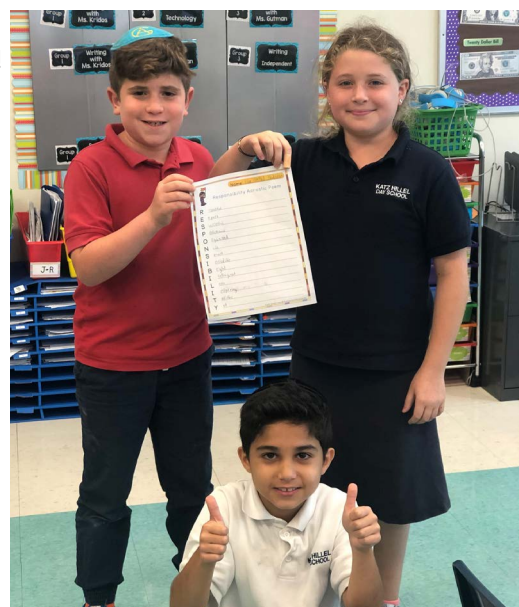
SHABBAT B'YACHAD

The Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center presented its first ever Shabbat B'Yachad in February. This department-wide program, coordinated by **Devorah Kahan** and **Ofra Struogano**, was a tremendous success. There was delicious food, all prepared by each class, as well as ruach and music featuring **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** and **Chaim Parchi**.



READ-A-THON

Students participated in the annual read-a-thon this past February. Read, read, read!



LION OF ZION SYMBOLIZES COURAGE



8th graders remembered **Ari Fuld, z"l**, for his courage as students wore the special Lion of Zion shirts, generously donated by **Seth & Kimberly Frohlich**. **Judah Frohlich** spoke on behalf of the class in a special message that was sent to **Mrs. Miriam Fuld**. Her response was the following, *"Oh my...These pictures say a thousand words. How unbelievable! I hope these t-shirts give these kids the power that Ari stood for--to be proud Jews, to stand up for what you believe in. Thank you so much."*

LIONS' COACHES CELEBRATE



KHDS coaches enjoyed dinner at Asia Grill to celebrate their athletic successes during the school year. GO LIONS!

6TH GRADE GETS 'CHOPPED!'



6th grade "Grade Night" featured a Chopped competition. Thank you to Student Council and **Mrs. Hepburn** for coordinating!



WE HEART THE ARTS...



The 5A band performed for our musical enjoyment many times this year. Thank you to **Ms. Steele** for "conducting" this class.



Art was abound during class and electives. Thank you to **Mrs. Pinkis** for allowing the students express their creativity.

VISIT US ONLINE!

Visit our website for the most up to date calendar of events, the publications page features a library of previous **Hillel Heralds** and **Annual Reports**, get supply lists, forms and much more!

1st graders presented their "Planet Earth STEAM" projects in the PTA Learning Garden.



2nd grade created endangered species projects.



"Step right up" to the 3rd grade State Fair.



4th grade annual Biographies are a tradition.



The 6th grade World Fair offered an informative tour of countries.



Middle school students competed in a variety of different challenges, "Amazing Race-style!"



6th and 7th graders visited KYHS to see STEM projects created by local high school students, as part of an event run by CIJE, the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education. CIJE also ran an Engineering Challenge in the afternoon for Middle School students, where some of our 7th grade students participated.

5th graders contacted Trader Joe's on their product feedback page to thank the store for selling Israeli products (private label Bamba) and for offering so many Kosher items for our community.



4th grade had their turn presenting their STEAM projects.





KHDS parent, **Uri Yudewitz**, visited with yeladim in Kitah Alef. The children had an opportunity to practice using a grogger!



Thank you to KHDS parent, **Binyamin Muschel**, for visiting Kitah Alef and teaching them all about what a Megillah looks like.



Shushan Purim parade of costumes.

PURIM



Will the real **Mr. Dimont** please stand?!!!

3rd grade made groggers and a Megillah for Purim. Special thanks to KHDS parent **Michal Zisquit** for designing the beautiful art for the Megillah cover.



Students created amazing Purim-themed Hack-a-thon projects in our Makerspace:

Self-spinning Gragger by **Ayden Frank & Shlomo Ganz**

The Purimtastic Quiz by **Matthew White**

The Purim Clown by **Ettie Sharp and Abby Rosenblat**

What to Wear? by **Amir Rindsberg & Aaron Newman**

Meet the Purim Characters by **Isaac Hanina & Chaim Taillard**

PESACH

The Matzah Factory made their annual visit.



KHDS 7th graders assist with sorting the items collected during the Jacobson Family Food Pantry Annual Passover Food Drive at Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services.

Middle School students and their parents participated in a Pesach parent-child learning event where they explored the depths of the Hagaddah with chavruta-style learning and created divrei torah together.



LAG B'OMER





Class Trips



14 Special Guests & Speakers



Rabbi Lewis, retired Chief Rabbi of Amsterdam, joined the Middle School for davening and shared inspiring words of Torah.



Middle school students had the privilege of hearing from Former MK, **Rabbi Dov Lipman**. He shared inspiring stories of his life in Israel and in the Knesset.



KHDS Middle School students had the great privilege of hearing an inspirational Dvar Torah from **Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky**.



Rabbi Efreim Goldberg, Senior Rabbi of BRS, spoke to Middle School girls about practical applications of Hilchot Shabbat.



EC3-B was excited to learn all about community helpers. A special thank you to two of our students' dads, **Dr. Josef Newman** and **Dr. Eliezer Seidenfeld**, for teaching us all about our health and our teeth.



Our State Representative (D) **Tina Scott Polsky** visited KHDS on May 21 to speak to Middle School students about the general functions of the government, budget and her role as our District 81 State Rep. She also discussed the recent security bill that was passed and answered questions from the students. Thank you to **Mimi Jankovits** (Teach Florida), **Daniel Adler** (KHDS Treasurer), **Joe Sharp** (Executive Director), and **Hadassah Smolarcik** (Principal) for arranging this informative visit.



Mayor Greg Ross of Cooper City was our Scholar Society guest who addressed 7th graders about civics and his role as mayor. Thank you **Dvora Scher** for coordinating his visit and to **Mrs. Hepburn** for helping the students prepare their wonderful questions for Mayor Ross.

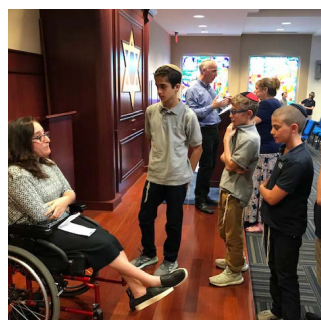
Mrs. Deichman's mother, **Arlayne Wayner**, visited the 5th grade to make replicas of quilt patches that runaway slaves used as codes along the Underground Railroad.



February was Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month and Middle School KAR²E programs included sensitivity training focusing on "unseen" challenges (reading, focusing, executive functioning, etc.) while programming in the elementary school focused on physical challenges. Students also participated in discussions about inclusion and advocacy and understanding that we all have a challenge in life in some form or another. Special thanks to **Denise Herschberg**, KHDS parent, for coordinating this effort.



Amalya Zieper, who was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, spoke to students during the Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month in February about overcoming her challenges while stressing the importance of acceptance and kindness.



David New and his service dog, **Lola**, visited the 2nd grade and shared with the students interesting gadgets and technology that he uses to help him with his blindness.





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

It has been a successful and thrilling year for our KHDS sports teams! Thank you to the student athletes for committing their time and participating in our sports programs.

Not only was it an exciting year for our middle schoolers, but our 4th and 5th grade teams made great strides. This year marked the third season of the 4th and 5th grade girls' soccer team led by **Coach Samantha Witztum**. The players on the team showed exceptional sportsmanship and impressed onlookers with their dignity and resilience on the field. They made it to the playoffs but lost an exciting game 6-5 in a penalty shootout. Congratulations on a job well done! The Boys JV Soccer team, led by **Coach Moishe** and **Assistant Coach Shawn Kerzer**, won the championship for the first time against Hillel NMB (see cover photo)! Coach Shawn mentioned that seeing this fantastic group of young players develop their skills both physically and mentally from the start of the season to the end is the greatest highlight any coach could ask for. The pure excitement and happiness of the JV team grew in maturity and stature, and will start a new era, moving into the Middle School soccer program.

KHDS baseball, led by **Coach Cliff Abrams**, entered the program's second season with high hopes. Even though the first game was a loss, the Lions were just gaining traction. Following an undefeated winning streak, the team gained a berth in the conference playoffs at the end of the season. Fun was had by all while learning from the great game of baseball and from time spent on and off the field together. **GO LIONS!!** The tennis team, led by **Coach Ray Smith** and assistant **Coach Andrew Snow** improved in skill and confidence. This enthusiasm was displayed throughout the season by many of the team. The team motto was, "PLAY TO WIN...not to lose." Girls softball, led by **Coach Jason Berger** and **Coach Steve Nazairre**, tripled the win total from the previous year and in dramatic fashion won two games in a row to clinch a playoff spot. Although they lost in the first round of the playoffs, Coach Steve was very impressed with the improvement these girls exemplified.

We also had a successful year of clinics which was open to all students who wished to participate in improving their skills in many different sports.

We would like to thank our superb coaches for their hard work and dedication to our sports program. We would like to thank **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** for his strong support of our Athletic Program. A special thanks to the dedicated parents for supporting our athletes at practices and games. With our strong family participation and our students' drive for excellence, we continue to expect nothing but great things.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



(l-r) **Olivia Kahane, Jamie Berger, Maia Shaffer & Julie Abrams** (Athletic Department), **Ayden Frank & Sammy Schulman**

GIRLS JV SOCCER



SOFTBALL



BASEBALL



TENNIS





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

We did it!!! Thanks to all of our generous donors we have surpassed our increased campaign goal of \$700,000! What a wonderful way to conclude our 30th anniversary year!

Contributing factors to this success included our Annual Journal Dinner, Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing (see page 17 for the event wrap-up), Mega Raffle, Every Parent Campaign, Koppie Cohn Day of Learning program, GRIT program, general donations and tributes, Changebowl, and designated gifts including class trips and the Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund. We also want to acknowledge **Ariella Mayer** (8th grade), as well as the national foundation that subsidized the generous grant the school received thanks to her 1st place essay in the Better2Write competition (see page 4). This grant literally allowed us to surpass our campaign goal!

One of the main reasons our campaign thrives each year, is due to our very generous Major Gifts Society members. This year Major Gifts attributed to \$182,000 of the campaign. We established two new societies this year: Hillel Society (\$50,000 per year) and the Menachem Begin Society (\$25,000 annually for 4 years). We are grateful to the generous donors of these societies, as well as to our staple societies: Lamed Vav (\$12,000 annually for 3 years), Chai (\$9,000 annually for 2 years) and Maimonides (\$5,000 annually for 3 years). A formal listing of donors will be coming in the *Annual Report*.

We are also thrilled that our Atid Legacy Society continues to grow with 60 members to date, many of whom have already formalized their legacy gift. It is never too early to think about a legacy plan.

The Development Office would like to thank **Dvora Scher** for her assistance on many projects including Life & Legacy, Scholar Society and Dor L'Dor Society.

Wishing you an amazing summer!



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.



? Did you know that leaving a legacy can be as easy as designating the school as a beneficiary in your retirement plan or IRA — simply by filling out your plan's beneficiary form? Any percentage is appreciated and voila, you're an Atid Legacy Society member!



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As part of the middle school KAR²E program, nine of our Scholar Society members (pictured left) participated in a Career Panel for 8th graders on March 13. Thank you to **Dvora Scher**, Scholar Society Chair, for coordinating the speakers and implementing the program. Students were divided into two groups and each group had the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with the scholars, who included grandparents and community friends. We thank the following scholars for sharing their career experiences and wisdom with our students and hope that it was as meaningful to them as it was to us:

Dr. Sara Brudnoy — Ph.D. in Chemistry
Eli Famely — Computer Programmer
Herschel Gelbart — Mattress Producer
Dr. Alan Rosenthal — Sports Medicine
Murray Rubin — Pharmacist
Dr. Robert Schultz — Pediatrician
Dr. Ira Schwartz - Professor of Microbiology
Dr. Neal Weinreb - Hematologist/Oncologist & Genetic Researcher
Helen Wurm - Teacher

We also extend thanks to the **Grove Kosher Market** for donating refreshments for the reception and to **Rabbi Yehudah Potok, Dr. Jordana Carmel** and **Mrs. Rina Lanner** for their help to make this program possible.

It was beautiful weather for KHDS' 5th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing, which took place on Sunday, May 19 at Boca Lago Country Club. This event raised over \$48,000 for the school's Scholarship Fund while offering a great afternoon of ruach and fun for everyone.

Thank you to our 5th year outing Chair, **Dov Hochner**, and all of the volunteers who worked together to make this a successful event: **Joshua Bernten, Alexandra Cohen, Orlie Cohen, Sandy Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Jacob Freedman, Aiden Harow, Ami Harow, Rachel Harow, Shaindi Hochner, Daniella Kaminetzky, Jill Kaminetzky, Jennifer Rosen, Michael Rosen, Tzippi Rosen** and **Mort Schwartz**. Special thanks to **Veeta Abramchik, Orlie Cohen, Sandy Cohen, Carmi Gross** and **Joe Sharp** for going above and beyond and for their help behind the scenes!

The afternoon started off poolside with "Links on the Links" Hot Dog Bar catered by **King David Divine Kosher Catering** (also our generous hat sponsor!), and snacks and beverages generously donated by **Jay Holstein/Global Vending**. Cool and refreshing shaved ice was available from the **Kona Ice Truck**, generously sponsored by **Shraiberg, Landau & Page, P.A./Phil & Jennifer Landau**. Participants were protected with the sunscreen generously donated by **Dr. Eli Cohen** and security services provided by **IGS Security USA** and **Eyal Cohen**. Participants all received goody bags (thank you to **Greta Baum of Green Circle Promo** for assisting with merchandise) that included our sponsored swag. Luckily we didn't need to take out the umbrella, generously sponsored by **Hercules Roofing, LLC/Gil & Lysee Stein**, but we did, however, make good use of the golf balls, generously sponsored by **CenterState Bank**, and the golf towels, generously sponsored by **JaniKing**. Thank you to our official paparazzi, **Jill & Daniella Kaminetzky**, who captured the memories of the day. View all the photos on our website!

The Jr. Golf Clinic gave everyone a chance to brush up on their long and short game prior to the shotgun scramble. Over 70 golfers teed off for 9 holes of play (or close to it) while our shirt sponsors, **Toshiba**, opted for the adult 18-hole track.

Although no one won the Mercedes Benz convertible or any of the Hole-in-One prizes, generously sponsored by **Regency Leasing**, everyone had fun trying. Thank you to our generous Hole-In-One Sponsors for their continued support: **BEX Realty/ Teddy & Phyllis Struhl** and **Bruce Gendelman Insurance Services**.

The day concluded in Boca Lago's beautiful newly renovated dining room and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, once again catered by **King David Divine Kosher Catering**. We also thank the **KHDS PTA** for the use of their fun (and gigantic) games during the dinner.

Here is a recap of the winners from the awards ceremony.

Putting Contest:

Boys: **Mordy Abed** Girls: **Miri Wolk**

Longest Drive (East & West Courses)

Men: **Rotem Carmel & Yechiel Rosman**

Women: **Phyllis Struhl**

Boys: **Sruli Sharp & Elie Rosman**

Girls: **Ettie Sharp**

Closest to the Pin (East & West Courses)

Men: **Scott McKissack & Yechiel Rosman**

Women: **Amy Eisinger**

Boys: **Sruli Sharp & Avi Rosman**

Girls: **Ettie Sharp**

All of the child participants also received a trophy. Thank you to our raffle donors – here are the lucky winners:

- **Rabbi Philip Moskowitz**: Golf swag generously donated by **Cesars Golf Rentals**

- **Elie Rosman**: Golf swag generously donated by **Cesars Golf Rentals**

- **Nesanel Ringelheim**: Golf swag generously donated by **Cesars Golf Rentals**

- **Jojo Cohen**: Foursome of golf generously donated by **Boca Lago Country Club**

- **Jason Schulman**: Cinnaholic gift certificate generously donated by **Todd & Naomi Cohn**

- **Yechiel Rosman**: Ramona's Café gift certificate generously donated by **Ramona's Café**

- **Tani Kay**: \$25 Ditmas gift certificate generously donated by **Ditmas**

- **Edan Carmel**: \$50 Century Grill gift certificate generously donated by **Century Grill**

- **Evan Landau**: 5-hour network assessment generously donated by **Greenlight Tek/Carmi Gross**

- **Ross Berger**: Cafe Joe Keurig Whole Bean Coffee Package (\$199 value) generously donated by **Aron & Penina Schoenfeld**

- **Carmi Gross**: 4 tickets to a Florida Panthers Game generously donated by **Jonathan & Elana Rackman**

- **Benjamin Abed**: 4 tickets to Aquatica (\$251.28 value) generously donated by **SeaWorld Parks & Resorts Orlando**

- **Joe Sharp**: 4 tickets to SeaWorld (\$425.96 value) generously donated by **SeaWorld Parks & Resorts Orlando**

- **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**: Laser Nail Treatment gift certificate (\$1,150 value) generously donated by **Dr. Jay Seidel**

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Hope to see you next year at the 6th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing!



A MESSAGE FROM RACHEL HAROW, PTA PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that summer is upon us! The PTA truly appreciates the overwhelming amount of support that we have received this year. Our success

is largely due to the time, effort, creative ideas, and helpful suggestions that have been contributed. We could not be more grateful! Rest assured that we are already hard at work, gearing up for next year, and we always welcome your input. Feel free to be in touch! In the meantime, keep in mind that many of our programs are ongoing throughout the school breaks, so please keep saving your Box Tops, snapping your receipts with Shoparoo, clicking on our Amazon affiliates link, and of course, please support our sponsors! Have a great summer!

PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE



PTA hosted its annual Pre-Pesach Boutique at Boca Raton Synagogue, and it was a tremendous success! Shoppers enjoyed browsing through the aisles and purchasing Judaica items, accessories, clothing, houseware gifts, and much more, just in time for the holiday. Delicious food was also available from **Chef Aryeh, Café Joe** and **Aroma Kosher**

Catering. Back by popular demand, the gift basket raffle was a big hit, and several lucky winners took home great presents.

Thank you to **Orlie Cohen** and **Rachel Harow** for once again organizing this popular community event and fundraiser. We also thank **Chanie Katz, Crissy Kogan, Chava Weisstuch, Andrea Zucker**, our middle school and high school volunteers, the amazing staff at BRS, all of our incredible vendors, everyone who donated to the raffle baskets, and of course all of our shoppers!



FOOD DRIVE

KHDS participated in a pre-Pesach food drive to benefit the Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Students in every grade brought in their canned goods and non-perishables to donate to those in need, through our local food pantry. Thank you to **Arielle Kieffer** and **Rina Lanner** for organizing this chesed opportunity, and thanks to **Naomi Katz** for helping us count the items! Congratulations to the **6th grade** for collecting the most donations!

With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖ Thank you to **Emely Aghion, Devorah Eisen, Penina Schoenfeld** and **Andrea Zucker** for their help sorting through and organizing the Lost & Found items. Thank you to **Yael Hirth, Marisa Weg-Chametsky** and **Andrea Zucker** for helping to display the many items that have been turned in.

❖ Thank you to the **Elkoby family** for bringing in the contents of their tzedakah box. PTA tzedakah boxes are available upon request at the front desk.

❖ Thank you to **Yaffi Wexler** for coordinating these very PTA Pages as well as proofreading each *Hillel Herald*, *Weekly Shavuon*, and other school communications. Your time is greatly appreciated!

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS



Thank you to **Cara Freedman** for coordinating the Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts again this year. Thank you to our monthly sponsors throughout the year and special thanks to our annual sponsors: **Samuel & Naomi Abramovitz, Srulie Chametsky & Marisa Weg-Chametsky, Esther Barnea, Gil & Shari Bloom, Aaron & Sarah Cohen, Eli & Orlie Cohen, Eric & Dvorah Eisen, Ben & Cara Freedman, Avi & Laura Greenbaum, David & Maxine Gill, Tomer & Shari Haik, Chanoch & Rachel Harow, Joseph & Rachelle Kanoff, David & Sharona Kay, Mark & Crissy Kogan, Sid & Susan Koslovsky, Alexander & Yochi Mitchell, Beny & Shiran Molayev, Elan & Juliana Rosenblat, Aron & Penina Schoenfeld, Gil & Lysee Stein, David & Ally Steinberg, Teddy & Phyllis Struhl, Ashi & Chava Weisstuch, Jason & Nechamah Zangre, and Nathan & Andrea Zucker.**



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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.



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Congratulations to the **Wolk family** and the **Neuman family**, who won our monthly BoxTops® raffle drawings. Each winner received a gift certificate to the PTA Shoppe. Don't forget to keep clipping those BoxTops -- it's free money for our school and you have a chance to win our monthly raffle. Just write your name on the back of each BoxTop! Thank you to **Deena Frist** and **Penina Schoenfeld** for coordinating this effort and counting hundreds of BoxTops over the last few months.



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KHDS PTA ANNUAL BRUNCH HONORS AHARON & DIMONT



GUARDIANS OF LEARNING
CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

On Sunday morning, May 5th, close to 80 Katz Hillel Day School moms, grandmas, teachers and friends came together for the annual KHDS PTA brunch, to honor our amazing parent volunteers: **Lillian Aharon** and **Michele Dimont**. Guests were welcomed to the JARC auditorium, which was beautifully decorated by the talented brunch planning committee: **Yael Hirth, Shira Menczer, Penina Schoenfeld, Holly Seidenfeld**, and their special helpers **Marisa Weg-Chametsky, Yehudis Weg, Rachel Wolk, and Nechama Zangre**.

Guests schmoozed and enjoyed the abundant array of delicacies, which included: bagels, croissants, scones, quiches, smoked salmon, spreads, yogurt parfaits, salads, fruit, beverages and, of course, chocolate. As the program started, **Rachel Harow**, KHDS PTA President, greeted everyone with an update of all that the PTA has accomplished, thanks to the generous support of KHDS parents, teachers, and the community at large. Because of such patrons, the PTA has been able to invest over \$500,000 on campus enhancements, enriching programs, and exciting events for KHDS staff, students and families. Guests were amazed by all that the PTA has been able to achieve!



The Guardians of Learning (GOL) program founder, **Caroline Katz**, introduced her new GOL co-chair, **Stephanie Stern**, and together they recognized this year's 65 program participants, many of whom were in attendance. Caroline's boundless enthusiasm has served as an inspiration to all, and she, along with Stephanie were credited for helping raise over \$22,000

this year alone, making the GOL program PTA's most lucrative fundraiser to date. The PTA could not be more appreciative and is thrilled to celebrate 25 years of this important fundraiser!



Next up to the podium, **Jordana Carmel** eloquently described the many years of dedicated service by **Lillian Aharon**, who then received her award and spoke beautifully of her love for Katz Hillel Day School. She was followed by **Jill Kaminetzky**,

who graciously illustrated the multiple contributions that **Michele Dimont** has continually made to PTA over the years. Michele then took the opportunity to insert some comic relief, while also making an incredibly moving acceptance speech in memory of her beloved father **Dr. Errol Berman, z"l**.



As the brunch drew to a close, abundant applause, smiles, laughter and hugs were evidence of the palpable joy in the room. The photos say it all! Special thanks to **Simone Jacobs, Suzanne Rice, Joe Sharp, and Andrea Zucker** for their assistance with the Guardian of Learning program. The KHDS PTA appreciates all who joined us to celebrate our steadfast supporters!



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The Back Page



Joe Sharp, Executive Director

There is a well-known story about a man who came to Rabbi Yakov Yisrael Kanievsky (known as the Steipler Gaon, 1899-1985) seeking spiritual guidance and blessings for him and his family. This man was especially distraught over his poor health, and was worried that his condition was putting his family's livelihood in peril. After his audience

with the Steipler, the man walked out with a bewildered look on his face, which was noticed by the Rabbi's attendant. "What did the Rabbi tell you?" asked the attendant. "He told me to become the 'candyman' of my shul!" said the man, confused and despondent. The attendant was equally confused, as he had become accustomed to the types of blessings and advice that the Steipler would typically dispense, and so he decided to approach the Rabbi and ask for an explanation. "It's quite simple," said the Steipler. "To a child, the candyman is the most important person in the shul. Every week, they walk to shul with their parents and hope that the candyman will be there that week to give them a treat. Each child is praying that the candyman will be healthy enough to be there for them that week, and there is no more powerful prayer than those from children. Through the merit of the prayers of the community's children, this man will enjoy a complete and speedy recovery from his illness, and be able to provide for his family."

Anyone who has observed the children davening at KHDS on a daily basis, doesn't need any outside references to highlight the power and sweetness of the prayers that come from our children. Whether in our daily minyanim, our middle school girls' morning tefillah, our elementary and early childhood classes davening and bentching in unison, our classes teaching the meaning behind their davening, and heartfelt Tehillim for those needing Divine assistance, their innocent and deep connection to Hashem through prayer is inspirational to us all.

So powerful and effective are the prayers of children that the position of candyman is auctioned off each year- often for thousands of dollars! I'd like to offer you an opportunity to share in the incredible zechus, merit, of our children's prayers. Our 1st grade students receive their first siddur through the generosity of the **Michael & Amy Schiffman Endowment Fund** and their first Chumashim through the generosity of the **Tobie & William Wiener Endowment Fund**. Our 8th graders receive graduation gifts of siddurim through the generosity of the PTA. **There are, however, many opportunities for you to dedicate the hundreds of other siddurim and bentchers that are well-used, daily. Please contact me at jsharp@hilleldayschool.org or 561-470-5000 to discuss how you, too, can partner with us to share in this priceless merit.**

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.

MAZAL TOV, CLASS OF 2019!



A full wrap-up of graduations will be in our 2018-2019 Annual Report.

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