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Above: EC2-B explores their sense of smell in the KHDS PTA Learning Garden. Below: **Sandy Cohen** and grandson, **Elihu**, lead the march during the family's donation of a Sefer Torah. See the full story on page 4.

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² Head of School Message



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

Inspiring and talented teachers are at the heart of every excellent school. We, at Katz Hillel Day School, are incredibly fortunate to have amazing teachers whose passion, expertise, and devotion impact our students' lives every day. In Creative Schools, Ken Robinson, suggests that great teachers fulfill three essential purposes

for students: inspiration, confidence, and creativity. Our teachers inspire our students to fulfill their potential and find their passion. They build up their students' self-confidence thereby developing independent, life-long learners. And, our KHDS teachers encourage our students to experiment, respectfully push back, and ask critical questions. These are all essential skills for the 21st century.

At KHDS, our students are taught to closely and critically read primary texts. They explore content through hands on experimentation and designing solutions to problems. Our students do not simply learn information, but rather learn how to synthesize information and apply their knowledge and skills across disciplines. They do not simply read history and literature, but learn how to think like a historian and compose like a writer. Our students do not simply learn halacha and how to daven but rather learn how to incorporate Jewish tradition and spirituality as an inseparable part of their souls. This is all able to happen because of our masterful teachers who build relationships with each student and challenge each child, ba'asher hu sham, each to his/her potential. Let's make sure to convey our "thanks" for the amazing things they do with our children each day.

Listen to my podcast, "Teaching Our Tomorrow with Rabbi Yehudah Potok" as I share some thoughts about the vision for our school and ways in which we are preparing our children with deeply rooted Jewish values to be engaged and responsible members of community. I will also share some of the latest ideas and concepts about child development and educational practice. I would love to hear your thoughts and questions, so please feel free to reach out to me at ypotok@hilleldayschool.org.



The "Better Together" program returned this year as 8th graders forge meaningful relationships and bridge the generational gap with our neighbors at Sinai Residences.



MRS. TINIO RECEIVES GRINSPOON TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



Mazal Tov to KHDS faculty member, **Marjorie Tinio**, on receiving this year's *Grinspoon Teacher of Excellence Award*. Each year, the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County presents this award to one teacher from an area school who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in Jewish education by making a significant impact on his/her students as well as in the community. The award is an expression of philanthropist **Harold Grinspoon's** commitment to quality education and our Day School community's belief that teachers are at the heart of the educational process.

Marilyn Nachman, Director of School Educational Services for the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, presented the award to Mrs. Tinio, along with Head of School, **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**. Mrs. Tinio's name was added to the plaque as the 2019 recipient and she also received a generous grant.

Mrs. Tinio has been a KHDS faculty member for 10 years and is the Middle School science teacher as well as a Teacher Mentor. "We are so proud of Mrs. Tinio for being an exemplar of teacher leadership while inspiring her colleagues and igniting a love of learning in our students," said Rabbi Potok.

Since 2001, many KHDS faculty members have received this prestigious award including Lea Friedman (2003), Rabbi Dr. Gur Berman (2007), Rina Lanner (2011), and Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik (2015).

Message from the Principals



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

I recently attended an educational conference with hundreds of other educators here in South Florida. I first want to tell you that I continue to be proud of what we are doing here at KHDS, and furthermore, of the education that we have to offer in South Florida among all schools—of course KHDS being the leader :). As I listened to the keynote speakers discussing the issues that our children

face regarding executive functioning, or EF (our ability and skills in how we plan our day and activities and adapting to our environmental expectations), I was filled with "ah ha" moments, moments of clarity, moments of strength, and, lastly, moments of conviction in staying the course of ensuring appropriate developmental milestones.

As a person who is a planner, and extremely sensitive to time and time management, it is hard to understand the mind of a person who is challenged in this way. Examples of someone who struggles with EF skills are walking into a classroom and focusing instead on the bulletin board not being straight rather than getting their books out, or thinking they can do an assignment the night before it's due even after being given three weeks. However, a student with these issues can still learn and improve.

The simplest things we can do is go back to the basics in Early Childhood. By that I mean kids must play (surprise, surprise—it always comes back to playing!). Kids must use their imagination, not the imagination of technology, to role play and create stories in their heads. They need to act out cooking, walking the dog, changing diapers, being a mom or dad, driving kids to school, etc. When they act these things out, they are slowly modeling or mimicking how long these actions take. They are learning to time manage. When they play house using technology and only have to press a button to "make dinner," they are not learning the time it takes to prepare and cook a meal.

Kids who struggle with EF have a very difficult time creating the end picture of what expectations are. How many times have we, as parents, been in the situation where we are trying to get our kids out the door and on time for school and one of them is still in pajamas? We have given them warnings, we have given them time reminders, but still they are not ready. As suggested by the presenter at the conference, what would be helpful is to show them a picture of what the child looks like when all ready to go—dressed with sneakers tied, a backpack and lunch in hand—so they can be involved in the planning of getting prepared for school. Oftentimes we micromanage the situation and instruct them by saying: first put on underwear, second put on socks, third put on pants, etc., but is this really helping them or just giving them a list? They need to see the bigger picture. They need to be in the planning, doing and done stages. This begins with the ability to picture the end product in mind.

Children who struggle with EF skills have challenges with time lapse, essentially not understanding how long things take. Thus, for instance, digital clocks at a young age do not teach this skill; analog clocks, however, do a much better job enabling kids to learn this critical skill. By seeing the hands moving in a clockwise manner, the hour vs. the minute, and the minute vs. the second, they are visualizing time, a very ethereal, intangible concept.

Lastly, having our children talk out a process of what they have to get done is critical. You might even notice that those who are really good at the skill of time management often use their hands when explaining to others. They are mapping things out in their brain in order to store it to memory and to plan. That kinesthetic movement of waving their hands around in the air allows them to incorporate it and recall it. It is a healthy and useful tool for children or anyone who wants to improve their time performance.

In closing, I'd like to thank KHDS for equipping our staff with the knowledge and tools to assist our students in the critical issues facing them today. By bringing these issues to light, we can hopefully become more aware and capable of supporting those who need us most early on so that we are all better learners in school and in life.



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

"Ki Ha'adom Eitz Hasadeh" - for man is like the tree of the field. (Devarim 20:19). The Torah is commanding us, in this context, not to destroy fruit bearing trees. My intention of writing on the subject of trees came to mind

as Tu B'Shvat passed and the lessons of the tree are relevant always and worth reminding us as parents and as educators of the vital role that we have in the relevance of the symbolism of the tree. The Sefer Tu B'Shvat B'Halacha writes that the fruit tree is different from other trees in that it must constantly be tended. A shade tree requires no intervention from man, it grows as it pleases. The fruit tree, however, cannot be ignored if we want it to be productive; it requires constant intervention, fertilized soil, irrigation, pruning and much more for a successful yield of fruit.

This same idea pertains to the raising of our children and our students. The nature of the developing child is likened by the Torah to the fruit bearing tree: both need close monitoring and nurturing. The fruit tree requires four basic elements: soil, water, air and fire (sun) in order to thrive and produce heathy fruit. How is this applicable to our children?

Soil: The tree requires good soil for its nourishment and, also, room for its roots to grow. In this sense, children require a strong home base where good morals and values are absorbed along with filters to prevent negative influences from seeping into the healthy soil.

Water: The rain water is absorbed into the ground and the roots. Through an elaborate system the roots carry the water throughout the tree. Torah is compared to water; just as water descends from heaven so, too, the Torah flows down to Earth from Hashem and is absorbed by Jews in every generation. The Torah gives us the energy and vitality to survive as water does to the tree.

Air: The tree needs oxygen and carbon dioxide or the tree will die. Hashem breathed life into the form of Man. Breath in Hebrew is *Nesheema* which is the same root as the word for soul: *Neshama*.

Fire: The tree requires sunlight which activates the process of photosynthesis. Humans also need warmth to survive and it is provided through the warmth of friendship and of belonging to a community. People absorb energy from those around them, from their peers, family, friends and neighbors.

With this valuable comparison, let us protect our children from the negative and destructive forces that threaten our youth on all sides. May we guide our children to reach their fullest potentials through the fruit of our labor and may they emerge in sweet splendor.



KHDS welcomed the heads of the Bat-Ami program (for our B'not Sherut), who came to visit our school.

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SEFER TORAH DEDICATION

Thank you to **Sandy and Barbara Cohen**, KHDS grandparents, for graciously loaning the school a Sefer Torah, dedicated in memory of Sandy's beloved brother, *Jeffrey Leonard Cohen*, *z"I*.

On the morning of January 15th, the entire student body, along with faculty, gathered as the Torah was marched under the chuppah to its final destination in the Beit Midrash.

A dedication ceremony followed with prayers and remarks by **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** and **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik**. **Sandy Cohen** then addressed the middle school students and spoke about his beloved brother and the meaning of the Sefer Torah, before wishing everyone a wonderful break.

Students and faculty were also treated to ice cream, generously sponsored by the Cohens, to celebrate this event.

We thank the Cohens for their generosity in making this possible!!





REMEMBERING ELIJAH



This year marked the 9th anniversary since KHDS lost our dear friend and beloved student, *Elijah Webberly, z"l*, to cancer. In his memory, a commemoration event and toy drive took place on Thursday, January 9th in the Beit Midrash as alumni, parents from the 2010-2011 school year, faculty and current middle school students gathered for a commemorative service.

Something that will never be forgotten was Elijah's ability to bring individuals and communities, specifically the KHDS family, closer together. With this in mind, we thank **Hannah Katz**, **Rebekah Suissa** and **Raquel Zimmerman** (Class of 2011) for coordinating this chesed program and bringing together the alumni who were a part of Elijah's journey in this event of remembering and honoring his legacy. All of the toys collected were donated to Chai Lifeline, an organization that helped Elijah and his family tremendously during his battle against cancer.

During the program, a memorial plaque that displays the words of Elijah's song was lit:

> "Never give up, never quit, just keep moving on, you're a survivor, just keep on living strong, when you fall down just keep on moving along."





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AMEN PARTY IN MEMORY OF MRS. GRAJOWER

In commemoration of **Dannie Grajower's, z''l,** first yahrzeit, middle school students participated in an "Amen Party" in her memory. We thank the Grove Kosher Market for generously subsidizing a large portion of the snacks provided.



1ST GRADE SIDDUR PRESENTATION

Students in Kitah Alef were presented with their very own siddurim at the annual Siddur Party in November. We thank the Schiffman family for their generosity in the annual dedication of the siddurim, in memory of Susan Rubin, z"l. Thank you to Morah Shira Sharp and Morah Hana Marin for coordinating this milestone program. Photo Credit: David Steinberg



GRANDPARENT ONEG

Grandparents and special friends joined our 1st-5th graders on November 22nd for an Oneg Shabbat. Prior to the Oneg, grandparents were invited to join **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** during a demo of the new Virtual Reality headsets with a tour of Israel in the school's Makerspace. During the Oneg, 3rd graders were featured in a special performance and following the program, grandparents enjoyed refreshments and the opportunity to shmooze with each other, Head of School **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** and President **Daniel Katz**. Thank you to **Dvora Scher** for coordinating this intergenerational program.







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NAMES, NOT NUMBERS[©] HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES

The Names, Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making[©] Holocaust education program for 8th graders premiered its documentary film on Tuesday, February 25th at Temple Beth Shalom in Century Village.

Chronicling the lives of eight Holocaust survivors, as well as the personal experiences of the KHDS 8th grade students who worked for months on this project under the direction of **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, Faculty Coordinator, and **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff**, Co-Coordinator, the program transformed the traditional study of the Holocaust into an interactive program that taught the students about the Holocaust through the accounts of eyewitnesses. It also provided them with interviewing, filming and editing skills, and documentary film tools, while working with professionals--journalists, newspaper editors, filmmakers, and Holocaust scholars. Most importantly, it enabled 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 once again. 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**, **Sonja Nadritch** and **Susan Rotsztajn** 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 eight survivors who shared their touching stories: Heni Galel, Lily Glass, Rosalind Haber, Ana Kan, Martha Lichtman, Joseph Perl, Samuel Ron and Erica Spindell.

> We shall never forget! Names, Not Numbers INC[©]: an interactive, multi-media Holocaust project created by educator, Tova Fish-Rosenberg.



Photo credits: Leonardo Moran

8th grade students pose for photos with Holocaust survivors, Mrs. Ana Kan (below left) and Mrs. Lily Glas (below right), after their Names, Not Numbers documentary interviews.





Herman Haller, Holocaust survivor and participant in last year's *Names*, *Not Numbers* program, donated several pieces of handmade art to KHDS in appreciation of his participation in the program.





Rabbi Dr. Benjy Epstein visited KHDS to speak to parents on the topic of "Building an Understanding Relationship that Works: Connecting with the (Pre) Adolescent Brain," on the evening of November 25th. The following day he addressed Middle School students on the topic of seeing the good in others, and ourselves, and cultivating the middah of *Ayin Tovah*. He also gave a special presentation to faculty on how to cultivate a more effective presence in the classroom. Rabbi Dr. Epstein is an experienced psychologist, author, and speaker who blends traditional Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) with cognitive behavioral, spiritual, and acceptance techniques. View his talk to parents on our Facebook page.



Heni Galel, a Holocaust survivor and participant in the Names, Not Numbers program, spoke to 8th graders on the 8th day of Chanukah.



Charlie Harary shared inspiring words with our Middle School students about not settling for "good" but rather striving for "great" by putting other people's needs before our own. Thank you to **Rabbi and Mrs. Feder** for facilitating this incredible opportunity for our students!







In commemoration of Veterans Day, Middle School students were privileged to hear from **Beth and Shaina** (KHDS Class of 2014) **Agami** about their treasured son and brother, **Army Specialist Daniel Agami**, who sacrificed his life while fighting in the US Army. Specialist Agami, of the 1st Infantry Division, was one of five soldiers killed on June 21st, 2007, when a bomb exploded near their humvee during Operation Iraqi Freedom near Baghdad, Iraq. The messages of being appreciative of our veterans and being proud of our Judaism were incredibly inspiring.



We are thankful to all of the IDF Lone Soldiers!!! Former KHDS student and IDF Lone Soldier, **Jake Tokayer**, paid a surprise visit to one of our 3rd grade students who had written a letter to him. While he was here he also visited his siblings in the 5th grade! We thank him for sharing his stories with the classes. Also thank you to **Shirley Mayer** for organizing this surprise visit!



Rabbi Yosef Mendelevich addressed Middle School students to share his story of faith despite severe adversity while imprisoned in the Soviet Gulag. A true living hero!



Middle School students had the privilege of hearing from **Rabbi Yisroel Kozlovsky**, from the Chabad-Lubavitch of Mumbai, as he shared his experiences.



KHDS faculty and staff gathered at the **Dimont** home on November 13th, for the first-ever Staff Challah Bake. It was held for the zechut of a refuah shlema for so many of our extended family and friends! Thank you to **Chayim and Michele Dimont** for hosting, to **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik** for her beautiful words that tied in the parsha with recovery and the mitzvah of challah, and to **Morah Devorah Kahan** and **Simone Jacobs** for



Language arts teachers attended "The Writer's Workshop" on Sunday, December 8th, with training led by **Alanna Kotler**, educational consultant from EduCannon Consulting. This professional development program out of the Teacher's College, is being implemented in Kindergarten through 8th grades to help improve our students' writing skills.



EC3 students learned about community helpers and the U.S. Postal Service. They wrote, stamped and mailed letters and also visited with our local mail carriers, who taught them all about their job and their mail truck.







Kindergarten enjoyed a visit from therapy dog, Ruby.

Thumbs up from Aunt Jessie's Playground.



Students practice writing the story of the Megillah in preparation of Purim.



Thank you to Rabbi Philip Moskowitz, of Boca Raton Synagogue, for educating Kitah Alef on the holiness and importance of giving Kavod to Hashem when davening in Shul.



Writing Hebrew names with foam to improve visual and motor skills.



After watching the interactive book "Do Unto Otters," Dr. Dorfman's social emotional lesson included an activity for students that taught them the importance of treating others the way they would want to be treated.



Happy 100th day of school!



Brachot bee winners, Akiva Mayer and Elisheva Miller.



2nd graders count coins for their student store.

Celebrating a Siyum for the finishing of Parshat Lech Lecha in Chumash.



The 3rd grade would like to thank **Andrew Galitzer** (KHDS Class of '16), who created these amazing Parsha Comics. The students not only had fun coloring them, but also enjoyed the humorous cartoons that accompanied the drawings.



Students learned about *Hachnasat Orchim*, the mitzvah of offering others hospitality, and made aprons to welcome their guests.



3rd grade has introduced a new program called "Mystery Reader," where parents, grandparents, siblings and family members are invited to schedule a time to come in to be a surprise guest and share a book with the class. It has been so much fun sharing the love of reading with the special people in our lives!!



In science, students created 3D water cycles and experimented with different materials such as soil, sand, gravel, rocks and cotton balls to create their own natural purification systems.





4th graders welcomed "Mystery Guests" to their classroom to share their expertise with the students. Some read books, some discussed their occupation, and others did fun, educational activities. Some of the guests have included Dr. Azriel Avezbadalov, Mrs. Cara Beim, Mrs. Anna Jacobs, Dr. Marcus Mayer, Mr. Daniel Oppenheimer, Rabbi Yehudah Potok, Mrs. Dvora Scher, Mrs. Sara Schochet, Dr. Steven Schultz & Mrs. Judith Moskowitz, Mrs. Rachel Tripp, and Mrs. Michal Zisquit.



The 4th grade created DNA strands while learning about genetics in science class.



This year's 4th grade Biographies incorporated STEAM. Thank you to **Mrs. Weinstock**, **Mrs. Fisch**, **Ms. Sivick**, **Mrs. Pinkis**, **Ms. Sava** and **Rabbi Eisenberger** for their collaboration on this project from preparation to presentation.



5th grade families attended the Youth Making Ripples Film Festival on January 28th. Thank you to **Mrs. Jodi Deichman** for her work coordinating this program which focuses on ocean conservation.

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Special recognition to **Aryeh Gross, Jonathan Mitchell** and **Jacob Shainberg** on their submissions being invited into the traveling film festival database! Way to go!





Mazal Tov to the students in our Mishnayot Baal Peh program (MBP) who memorized and recited all Mishnayot of Perek Alef and Perek Bet - in one sitting!!! They also enjoyed lunch with **Rabbi Drang** for each of their amazing accomplishments. We thank **Jeffrey and Naomi Gross** and **Uri and Rachel Yudewitz** for sponsoring the lunches.

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Mazal Tov to this year's National Junior Honor Society inductees:



Sarah Cohen **Hymie Frohlich** Tamar Ganz Ariel Gedz Joshua Haik Zev Kay **Shirelle Lunski** Mordechai Marcus Aaron Newman **Rebecca Oppenheimer**



Adiel Potok Ariana Raab Amir Rindsberg Anna Rudensky Akiva Scher **Noa Shemesh** Amit Sommers Calev Zak Jacob Zucker

COLOR WAR

Mazal Tov to the GREEN team, the winners of Color War 2020! Teams competed during two awesome funfilled days of activities.

This year's winners of the Dannie Grajower Spirit Award, in memory of Dannie, z"l, are: Orly Bierly, Tamir Cohen, Ittai Fixler, Netanel Kieffer, Talia Kodsi, Eitan Landau, Adina Lazar and Ariana Raab.

Spirit Award recipients (a boy and girl from each team) exemplify the spirit of Color War through good middot, sportsmanship, cheering each other on and stepping up for their team.









6th graders present their country projects in Mr. Gale's social studies class. They also displayed projects that model layers of the atmosphere and water cycles for science class.



Middle School electives returned for another session. Art, Tasty Cooking, Money Talks, Game Time, Ping Pong, Peace of Mind, Softball, FitRx/Sports, Wonder Robotics, Jewelry Making, Web Savvy, Katz Comicon and Grill Time - just to name a few! Thank you to Mrs. Nechamah Zangre for coordinating!



The 6th grade boys participated in a melaveh malkah at **Rabbi Potok's** home. It was a beautiful night of singing and divrei Torah, while they enjoyed good food and a bonfire.



7th and 8th graders learn "the ropes" at the FAU Ropes Course leading into their Shabbaton weekend.



Students studied convection currents in Mrs. Tinio's science lab.



7th graders (along with the help of **Mr. Dimont**) make tzitzit in Dinim class.



Middle School students created acrylic paintings during electives.



6th graders in the Mechina program took a "field trip" to the PTA Uniform Shoppe to put their Hebrew lesson to use. After learning the Hebrew words for clothing, the students were able to "shop" and converse about the items in the store.



Thank you to Cherie Benjoseph, Chief Program Officer and Co-Founder of the KidSafe Foundation, for presenting an informative safety program for our parents in January.

IDF Lone Soldiers were sent personalized letters and photos from students to show their love, support and appreciation. We pray for their safety and well-being.



5th grade took a field trip with Mrs. Deichman to the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) to learn about the waste-to-energy plant.



4th grade took a field trip to Billie Swamp Safari. OLIN

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

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Naveh Potok Aharon Rosen Lia Fridman Rubin David Saka Esther Saunders Matan Scher Kayla Schochet Linda Schulman Claire Sperling Ari Spolter Joshua Stein Nafi Steinberg Dvir Swissa Coby Teitelbaum Danny Weber Yehudis Weg David Weisfeld Rebecca Weisfeld Liana Weisstuch Ezra Wexler Eliana Wolk Gavriella Yudewitz

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

KHDS dads enjoyed an evening of good food, cocktails and hanging out at the Scotch, Bourbon and Steaks Dads' Night Out on February 11th. Thank you to Chef Gersh for a great job catering, to Alan Veingrad (former KHDS parent, NFL offensive lineman, and Super Bowl champ!) for being our featured guest speaker, and to Larry Silver for hosting at the "Silver Garage."





KHDS Treasurer **Daniel Adler** & Executive Director **Joe Sharp** with Teach FL Executive Director **Mimi Jankovits**, Field Director **Daniel Aqua**, and State Rep. **Jason Fischer** at the November 24th Annual Legislative Breakfast, celebrating the monumental and tireless work of our advocacy group, Teach FL, and our elected officials. We're so grateful to them for helping to secure over \$1 million for KHDS from various State of Florida programs for the 19/20 school year. Baruch Hashem, thousands of children in our state can attend the school of their choice in safety and security.



Heads of School **Rabbi Reuven Feinberg** (TABR), **Rabbi Avi Levitt** (KYHS), and **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** (KHDS) gathered at the BRS All in 4 Education Poker Tournament on November 25th to raise funds for the JESF (Jewish Education Scholarship Fund) - a community-wide

Education Scholarship Fund) - a community-wide initiative helping families whose children attend our local community schools.



Led by art teacher, Lisa **Pinkis**, KHDS students created 'hand parrot' projects, which were hung in the Florida Capitol Rotunda in Tallahassee during Florida Children's Week. Their work joined tens of thousands of pieces of hand art to serve as a reminder to both Legislators and advocates that we must take care of our most precious commodity - our children.



Joe Sharp, KHDS Executive Director, stopped by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County in November to present a donation to Federation Board Chair, Arthur Goldberg, on behalf of our KHDS parents. Thank you to everyone who participated in this effort. The Jewish Federation provides KHDS annually with over \$285,000 in scholarship funding and funding for other programs including our ETGAR program and the 8th grade Israel trip.



The week of January 27th was National School Choice Week and KHDS, once again, joined the world's largest-ever celebration of opportunity in K-12 education. Tens of millions of others participated in over 50,000 events and activities from coast to coast, and KHDS was proud to be counted among them.

The goal of NSCW is to raise awareness of all education options (traditional, public, charter, magnet, online, private, and homeschooling), so that families can find schools and learning environments that best meet the needs of their children, such as Katz Hillel Day School!



Morah Shira's 1st grade class visited the Makerspace to experience Kever Rachel with the use of our Virtual Reality glasses. The children davened in memory of Rachel Imenu's yahrzeit.



Letgo my Lego! 1st grade students use Lego Express, an introductory coding program, along with Code-a-pillars. These basic programs are used to teach the children sequences, loops and basic commands.



Learning to code using Scratch Jr. on the iPads.



Students enjoyed the new coding and robotics centers in the elementary school computer lab. They worked on the computers, created Lego boards, designed robots with shapes, operated code-a-pillars, and made Cubelets.



Introducing the new KHDS Lions Robotics Team! The team attended a competition at Pine Crest School.



Using Scratch.mit.edu, 2nd graders learn coding concepts and create interactive projects.

The Lions' Den



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

The winter athletic season has just come to an end and there has certainly been much excitement throughout! Each sport is specified below but we must mention 2 highlights; the boys soccer team, coached by **Coach Moishe Aquart** and **Coach Fritz LaPorte** was undefeated heading into the playoffs, and the girls varsity basketball team, coached by **Coach Rick Greenberg**, made it to the championship game! It has been a pleasure watching the

boys and girls improve their skills and following the lead of their coaches. We hope you had a chance to be a spectator at any of these games filled with the true spirit of competition.

Girls Varsity Basketball: The girls varsity basketball team had a fabulous season! The Lady Lions were undefeated with 5 wins and no losses in the regular season. They received a bye in the first playoff round for finishing in first place in the division. They went on to win their second round playoff game by 13 points and advanced to the championship game. In the final game, the Lady Lions were up by one point with four minutes remaining, only to lose by eight in the closing moments. **Coach Rick Greenberg** was extremely proud of the girls, who came quite a long way from their first day of practice! As a result, the team gets to hang their 2nd place banner in the gym forever! Congratulations!

Boys Varsity Soccer: The team had another successful season; with a record of 4 wins and 2 ties, they went into the post-season undefeated. They won the playoff game but came up short with a semi-final loss to HNMB. Once again the groundwork was laid for another competitive upcoming season, and hopefully a championship trophy! **Coach Fritz LaPorte** and **Coach Moishe Aquart** would like to thank the administration, parents and the Athletic Deptartment for all of their support.

Girls Varsity Soccer: The girls got off to a rocky start with 2 losses but the team regrouped and then won 2 back-to-back games. At press time the girls have advanced to the playoffs and **Coach Moishe Aquart** commends them for their hard work to stay in the fight. Go Lady Lions!

Boys JV Basketball: The season began with many unknowns and in his first year coaching at KHDS, **Coach Alan Semel** didn't know what to expect. In return, the team didn't know what to expect either; however, if Coach Semel could label the season in one word, it would be "PROGRESS." "The boys have made great progress since the first day of tryouts and our first practice," he explained. "I was so proud of the progress, not only with their skills, but learning how to play the game, which was displayed during the last game, a decided victory," Coach Semel added. He looks forward to the continued improvements in skills and in results through this season and in seasons to come.

Boys Varsity Basketball: The Boys Varsity Basketball Team has been in an uphill battle all season. Entering the final two weeks of the season, the Lions finally won their first league game. Although **Coach Rick Greenberg** has seen steady improvement in their hard work during practice, it has not always come through on the court. The coach ends every practice stressing two important aspects of life: "hard work" and "family." Let's go Lions!

Boys 4th-5th Basketball: What is success? Success is improvement. **Coach Shawn Kerzer** noted that this team has improved immensely from the start to where they are now, both athletically and mentally. Their team work, work ethic, dedication, focus and discipline are just a few aspects in which they have shown this improvement, not to mention their technical basketball skills and knowledge. Coach Kerzer is very proud of this team's accomplishments and is excited about heading to the playoffs (as of press time).

Girls 4th-5th Grade Basketball: The girls 4th-5th grade basketball team started off with a 2-day tryout in late December 2019. "After a few practices the Lady Lions had a busy schedule and currently have record of 2 wins and 3 losses (and 1 win and 3 losses in league play), said **Coach Gary Tucker**. "The girls worked very hard and have shown so much progress over the season and it is a joy to work with them," he added.



Girls Varsity Basketball



Girls 4th-5th Grade Basketball



¹⁸ Holiday Happenings

Elementary school students gathered outside for the annual lighting of the giant menorah!



Thank you to **Mrs. Haik**, who made sufganiyot with our 1st graders.

Chanukah-themed stained glass

inspired art.

Decorating Chanukah cookies.

Mechina students enjoy latkes!

Chanukah Tangrams!



Students create circuit menorahs with LED bulbs using cardboard menorahs cut in the school's Makerspace.



Student council held a Chanukah carnival.



Thank you to **Elana Ostroff** from PJ Library, as well as the **Mitzvah Bear**, for participating in our EC Chanukah programming!



EC students prepare for their Chanukah performance.



KHDS gave thanks to our delivery drivers during the holiday season.





On the first day of Chanukah, KHDS 3rd graders had the honor of performing at Regent's Park in Boca Raton. Thank you to **Goldenberg Orthodontics** for sponsoring the "Light the Fire" themed shirts that the students wore. Students also wrote essays related to the theme. We thank **Dvora Scher**, **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, **Morah Hadassah**, and all of the 3rd grade teachers for their outstanding leadership in this amazing mitzvah.

Faculty get into the Chanukah spirit.



Holiday Happenings

Students in the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center enjoyed a special Thanksgiving Feast with all the fixins!





Students made Thanksgiving goody bags which were delivered to the residents of The Encore at Boca Raton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. The residents were so happy to receive the treats and were really touched by our students.

Elementary school students created Thanksgivingthemed projects.



A 3D STEM project utilized cranberries in honor of Thanksgiving.







Students participate in a Tu B'Shvat seder coordinated by our B'not Sherut.



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Rachel Harow, PTA President

The year is flying by and PTA has been hard at work! It has been such a pleasure to get to know all of the amazing parents and grandparents, who have joined us to organize the many great programs that have taken place to date! As we approach spring, PTA has so much more in store for the KHDS community! We truly appreciate all of the

time, effort, and contributions provided by our supporters. New volunteers are always welcome! Planning and programming is ongoing, so come join in the fun! Please reach out if you would like to help plan any of our upcoming events, or if you have an idea that you would like to implement. We would love to hear from you! Feel free to join one of our monthly board meetings or reach out to us with your suggestions. In the meantime, keep snapping your receipts for Shoparoo, scanning them for Box Tops, shopping with Amazon Smile, and supporting our sponsors! Every little bit goes a long way to help us in our aim to enhance the school experience of our KHDS family! Together, we can make a difference!

CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA

It was great to see so many families at our Chanukah Fireworks Extravaganza on December 22nd! What an amazing and fun-filled evening it was as we celebrated the Festival of Lights together at KHDS! From the menorah lighting and delicious picnic dinner, to the bounce houses, arts and crafts, face painting, and dazzling fireworks display, a great time was had by all!

Special thanks to our planning committee: Naomi Katz, Jaime Feld, Tamar Feld, Penina Schoenfeld, Jill Kaminetzky, Jordana Carmel, Emely Aghion, Cara Harris, Andrea Zucker and Eve Sperling. In addition, we couldn't have pulled off the event without the invaluable help of Miriam Raphael Klein and our parent volunteers: Simone Broide, Srulie Chametsky, Elise Cohen, Marc Eisenmann, Dovid Feld, Ilana Landau, Maren Mayer and Joe Sharp; and our high school volunteers: Josh Bellehsen, Tess Bestristky, Ellie Bloom, Josh Frons, Aiden Harow, Ami Harow, and Yechiel Weisstuch. Special thanks to our KHDS student helpers: AJ Broide, Tamir Cohen, Nikki Feld, Aliyah Harow, Emma Harow, Elan Harris, Eitan Kaminetzky, Jacob Katz, Katie Katz, Eitan Landau, Ariella Mayer, Adiel Potok, Anna Shiminovitc, Gilad Shiminovitc, Miri Wolk and Calev Zak.



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MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Our Moms' Night Out program is in full swing! It's a fun and interactive way for the ladies of KHDS to meet the other moms in their children's grades. Whether they are baking, enjoying ice cream, or exchanging gifts, it's a great opportunity to mingle with other KHDS moms outside of school! Thanks to **Suri Spolter** for coordinating the program this year.



On December 5th, 30 moms from the 1st and 6th grade classes joined together for an amazing night out at the

Chabad Israeli Center in Boca, featuring a cooking demo by famous **Chef Iris Dohoah** (pictured above). The ladies learned how to make Vietnamese rice rolls, Asian chicken salad, garlic honey sesame chicken, and chocolate mousse cake, and they enjoyed tasting it as well! Thank you to the event organizers: **Rachel Greenbaum** and **Penina Schoenfeld** (1st grade moms) and **Shirly Hanina** and **Racheli Lasry** (6th grade moms).



EC-4 moms had a great time together at Menchie's on December 30th (pictured above). They ate, shmoozed and participated in a gift exchange! Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. Thank you to **Simone Broide**, **Zeldie Henner**, and **Leorah Marcus** for coordinating the evening.

On February 6th, the EC-3 moms wrapped up their day in the KHDS gym with a fun-filled workout led by **Montana** from "The Montana Method," followed by healthy snacks. Thank you to **Jamie Feld** and **Anna Jacobs** for organizing the event.

On February 23rd the 3rd grade moms had a wonderful intimate moms night out. They all enjoyed delicious frozen yogurt at Menchies, while they got to shmooze with each other (pictured below). Some fun "get to know one another questions," were turned into raffle tickets! The questions were thought-provoking and quite entertaining!!! Four lucky ladies won \$25 Sephora gift cards and a great night was had by all! A great planning job by **Shirra Averbuch** and **Sara Bienenfeld**, and thank you to all who attended!



PTA Pages

With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

Thank you to Julie Ehrlich for delivering hundreds of boxes of Chanukah candles to school, and to Deena Frist and Marisa Weg-Chametsky for labeling and distributing the candles to our students.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for Chai Lifeline during our Chanukah Toy Drive, and thanks to Zelda Brodowicz for picking up and delivering the toys.

*Kudos to Cara Freedman for organizing the faculty and staff Chanukah breakfast and all of the Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts.

We are grateful to Naomi Katz, Arielle Kieffer, Leorah Marcus, and Penina Schoenfeld for coordinating Picture Day.

Thanks to Rachel Harow and Jaime Feld for arranging discounted tickets to Universal Studios during Yeshiva Week.

Thank you to Liora Adler for making all of our teacher goody bags for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Thanks to the Schwarzman, Greenbaum, and Weisstuch families for bringing in the contents of their tzedakah boxes as a donation to PTA! If you need a tzedakah box, please request one at the front desk or in the Uniform Shoppe.

PTA also thanks these establishments for allowing us to place tzedakah boxes at their counters: Aroma Kosher Market, Asia, Boca Grille, Boca Pharmacy, Cinnaholic, Grove Kosher Market, Lox n Bagel, Mozart Café, Orchid Garden, Pita Pan, and Red Apple Farmer's Market. We hope you will frequent these stores and drop some tzedakah in our pushka while you are there. If you know of any other places where we can put a tzedakah box, please let us know!

Thank you to Naomi Katz for coordinating our Shabbat Challot Program and to **Simone Jacobs** for streamlining the online order process. We also thank The Grove for donating \$1 back from every purchase.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair, held in December, was a great success once again, as parents and students stocked up on their favorite reading materials and educational toys. A highlight of the fair was the PJ Library event held in the Loewenstern Cafetorium, where students and parents enjoyed story time, arts and crafts, and snacks.

Thank you to all who stopped by the fair during the week; whether you were volunteering or making a purchase, you all helped guarantee its success! Thank you to Shari Bloom and Penina Schoenfeld for organizing this event, and to the many volunteers who ensured that it ran smoothly: Tamar Feld, Sara Greene, Cara Harris, Zeldie Henner, Marisa Weg-Chametsky and all the parents who came to assist with classroom visits.



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BOX TOPS[©] GOING DIGITAL

BOX TOPS Exciting news... the Box Tops program is transitioning to an app! All you have to do is scan your receipts and the school will make .10 cents for each Box Tops item that you buy. It's such easy money for the school! We are continuing to count Box Tops but we are encouraging families to download the Box Tops app. Congratulations to lan and Suzanne Goldberg and family, who won a gift certificate to the PTA Uniform Shoppe in this month's raffle. We have counted hundreds of Box Tops over the last few months so keep them coming!

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. You can sign up any time to sponsor a TAB!

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.

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Ladies and gentleman - LIVE FROM BOCA RATON... the "Never Too Late" Late Night Show, AKA, Annual Journal Dinner, premiered on the evening of January 8th, 2020, at B'nai Torah Congregation as over 300 guests gathered to honor Dr. Ben & Cara



Freedman. The event also paid tribute to the Helen Cohan, z"I, Dor L'Dor Society Award recipient, **Batzi Berman**, as well as 13-year Faculty Dedication Award recipients **Chari Bernten**, **Stacee Kaner**, and **Suzanne Rice**, and the inaugural recipient of the Dannie Grajower, z"I, Professional Development Award, **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger**.

Thank you to event co-chairs, **Philip & Jennifer Landau** and **Drs. Elan & Juliana Rosenblat** for their time, efforts and creativity on this year's event. We also thank our Tribute Committee (listed right) and everyone who participated, whether through their donation, placement of a journal ad, or attendance at the event. This event, our major fundraiser of the year, raises the much needed funding for scholarship aid, of which we award to over 50% of our families. We are so excited to announce that over \$200,000 was raised this year, surpassing last year's total raised, and we give special thanks to the solicitation committee spearheaded by FRD Co-Chairs **Dr. Danny Aghion** and **Dr. Orlie Cohen.**

Guests enjoyed the pre-show cocktail reception al fresco in the "Green Room" while violinists **Galina Aronin** and **Eva Markowitz** (Class of '16) entertained. Personalized photo place cards and a "Late Night" mug with **Cafe Joe** coffee bites were provided to the guests before entering the ballroom. Thank you to **Joe Sharp** and **Veeta Abramchik** for their time coordinating this entire project and to **Aron & Penina Schoenfeld** for sponsoring the mugs and coffee bites.

Inside the ballroom, tables were aglow with centerpieces carved by **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** in the KHDS Makerspace. And it wouldn't be a Journal Dinner without an Ad Journal! We thank everyone whose ad helped support our scholarship fund and pay tribute to the deserving honorees. Thank you to **Elise Cohen** and **Suzanne Rice** for their time designing the Journal.

As the main show began, **Daniel Adler** led the singing of the national anthems, followed by the **Landaus** and **Rosenblats** opening with their co-chair "duo"logue. **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**, Head of School, then gave welcome remarks and a D'var Torah. The Faculty Dedication Awards were presented followed by the Dannie Grajower, z"l, Professional Development Award. Recipients were joined on stage by the administration--Rabbi Potok, Joe Sharp, Chayim Dimont and Hadassah Smolarcik, as our paparazzi, David Steinberg, took photos. Thank you to the **Epstein and Grajower families** for making the Dannie Grajower, z"l, Professional Development Award possible.

Dvora Scher then took the stage as she introduced the recipient of the *Helen Cohan, z"I, Dor L'Dor Society Award,* **Batzi Berman.** Board President **Daniel Katz** was the next presenter as he spoke about the honorees of the evening, **Dr. Ben & Cara Freedman,** and introduced their video tribute "Carpool CARAoke." The Freedmans then gave their acceptance speech which was based on the theme "What's in a name?"

Guests enjoyed their dinner, provided by **Rose Caterers**, while they continued to be entertained with more late night video sketches including "BENching," "Terrible Presents" and "The Bloopers." Thank you to the honorees and co-chairs for their video vision and creativity, as well as to **Shlomi Boxer** for production and editing. The closing act featured headliner **Eli Lebowicz**, as he performed his comedic routine.



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Danny Aghion, M.D., FRD Co-Chair Orlie Cohen, Ph.D., FRD Co-Chair Suzanne Rice, Director of Development

Although we are more than halfway through the school year - and our Campaign - we still have work to do and money to raise to meet our campaign goal. In lieu of this year's Parent-Child Golf Outing, we have some new and exciting fundraisers planned for the remainder of the year.

Our first-ever Roar

Run is scheduled for March 27th and we thank **Dvora Scher** for chairing this fundraiser. We also are in the process of planning a crowdfunding/matching gift initiative to help us meet our greatly increased campaign goal for this year.

Our Annual Journal Dinner, held on January 8th, was a huge success and raised over \$200,000 for our campaign. See the full story on page 22. Our Mega Raffle raised almost \$40,000 for Jewish education and we congratulate our very own Akiva and Mimi (Begas/Class of '02) Friend on winning the \$5K prize.

On February 11th, Dads' Night Out was held with over 45 dads in attendance. Participants enjoyed cocktails and a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Gersh. Many thanks to Larry Silver for donating the use of "The Garage" venue and to Alan Veingrad for being our featured speaker.

As a reminder, we encourage all families to make a donation in **ANY** amount before the end of the school year as part of the **Every** Parent Campaign. If you have not already made a donation please do so before June 30th (see the above pledge card). Help us reach 100% participation! Did we mention ANY donation amount qualifies?

Visit our website for more information about all of our giving opportunities including dedicating a siddur, sponsoring a Day of Learning through the Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program, donating to the Charles Scher Teacher's Discretionary Fund, or purchasing merchant gift cards through SCRIP or DLYTED. You can even donate your spare change through the **Changebowl** app.

Give the gift of tzedakah and make a difference!

LIFE & LEGACY

KHDS was among the organizations across South Palm Beach County's Jewish community who gathered on November 19th for the 2019 LIFE & LEGACY[™] Community Celebration. The event was held in honor of those donors and organizations who have participated in the LIFE & LEGACY[™] initiative, a fouryear partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. The speaker at the reception was Winnie Sandler Grinspoon, president of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, who praised the community for their hard work in receiving legacy and endowment commitments for \$78 million since 2014, the most successful of the 58 communities taking part around the country.



Pictured above: (I-r) Joe Sharp (KHDS Executive Director), Dvora Weinreb Scher (KHDS Board Member and Life & Legacy Team Member), Suzanne Rice (KHDS Director of Development), Winnie Sandler Grinspoon (HG Foundation President), and Rabbi Yehudah Potok (KHDS Head of School). Photo Credit: Jeffrey Tholl



Please think about joining our Atid Legacy Society and help us build a foundation for the longevity of our school through planned giving. You can participate easily by including KHDS as a beneficiary in your will, retirement plan or IRA. We are offering **FREE** confidential 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. Please contact the Development Office if you would like to set HILLEL DAY SCHOOL up a time to speak with Dvora.

The Back Page



celebrating.

Joe Sharp, Executive Director

With anti-Semitism once again rearing its ugly head in recent years, there is much effort is being put forth to protect ourselves from it. KHDS is continuously enhancing our physical security and drilling our safety protocols. In the classrooms, we're educating our students in the classroom about our heritage and reinforcing our pride in being the 'am hanivchar', Hashem's chosen people—but we're actually being so much more proactive than that, and your continuous support of KHDS is helping us succeed at combatting anti-Semitism on a daily basis.

Following the Daf Yomi Siyum Hashas this past January, there were several anecdotes making the rounds. Stories from law enforcement officials, letters from stadium managers and comments from ushers from MetLife Stadium in New York to Wembley Stadium in London went viral, all with a common theme—their respect and admiration for the well-behaved crowds of Jews and the Torah they were

We, along with our children must appreciate that wherever we go, we have the extraordinary power to show the world the greatness of Hashem through our actions. But our ability to make a Kiddush Hashem shouldn't just be relegated to a once-in-seven-years-event, or to the largest stadiums in the world. Rather, there are daily opportunities in much smaller arenas and in the most mundane of situations. On our own soccer field and inside our gym, our students have several opportunities a week to make the right impression on children and parents from other schools that may otherwise have little or no exposure to Torah Jews. Our students regularly display their middot—and athletic prowess—leaving positive impressions that are changing the world one person at a time. Furthermore, these opportunities present themselves every day in all corners of our campus. Whether it's picking up litter, holding doors open for adults and each other, standing when adults enter the room, and the language that they use to speak to each other, our students perform admirably on a regular basis.

These are just some of the fruits of our treasured partnership with our KHDS parents, raising another generation of Hashem's representatives. Our hope is that our children will continue showing the beauty of Judaism throughout the world, and act the part of the 'goi kadosh', His holy nation. In doing so, they will continue to change hearts and minds one at a time until the day that the whole world acknowledges Hashem's kingship and sees our redemption from this bitter exile with the arrival of Moshiach, may it come speedily in our days.



Joe Sharp (Executive Director), Veeta Abramchik (Assistant to the Exec. Dir.) and Karin Wongsam (Bookkeeper) attended the NBOA conference with over 1,500 independent school business officers, sharing ideas and learning of ways to continuously improve the operations of KHDS.



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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