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FROM OUR FACULTY



FROM OUR PARENTS "Quarantine Quotes"

"I can not imagine how much work has gone on behind the scenes to make this transition as seamless as possible. We are blown away by how quickly the teachers were able to get mobilized and how they have all been in touch with the students, working overtime to ensure that learning continues. Thank you so much!"

"Thank you for all that you do! We truly appreciate the work and effort (this includes the work of the teachers, administration and everyone in between) that has gone into making the virtual classroom a viable solution during this time... we would like to say a big thank you and express our hakarat hatov for your leadership, hard work and devotion to our students."

Thanks for making learning & studying possible during this crazy time."

See page 5 for more quotes from our Wall of Gratitude!

2 Leadership Messages



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

To say that this has been a challenging spring would be an understatement. However, I am so proud of our students and teachers for their determination and commitment to ongoing learning and growth.

In Judaism, when we are faced with challenges or successes, one of the things that gives us strength and our lives meaning is our connection to a greater whole - Am Yisrael. **Rabbi Norman Lamm, z"l**, a Gadol b'Yisrael in our lifetime, once said, "The principle of unity of the whole along with respect for individual differences is symbolized in the Mishkan." The Mishkan represents the strength of unity while recognizing the importance of the individuals who create that unity. In education, we endeavor to help our students understand their deep connectedness to Am Yisrael while also realizing their own individual talents and passions so that they can impact Hashem's world for the better.

Over the past several months, through this entire episode of distance learning, I have seen incredible strength amongst our students both in discovering responsibility and independence that some never knew they had, while also displaying responsibility to those beyond themselves through acts of chesed, some of which you will see in this edition of the *Hillel Herald*. The uniqueness that each of us within the KHDS community brings to the table enables us to be stronger, better, and more capable of together facing any challenges that come our way.

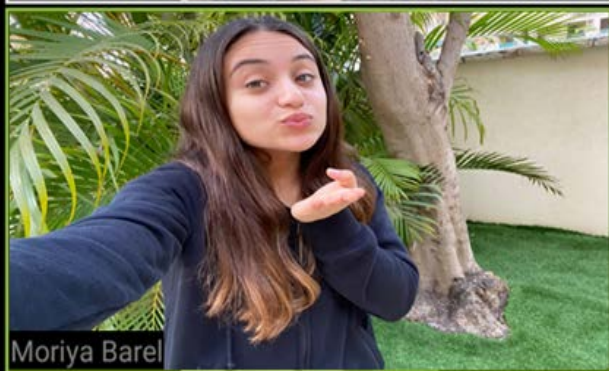
The most precious things in life are those that come to us through challenge. It is not simply because those things that are most precious are harder to achieve. It is also because when we have to work hard for something we tend to appreciate it that much more. I know that our students will come out stronger from this trimester's experience, with both a greater sense of self as well as a stronger bond with our KHDS community and Klal Yisrael.

I want to wish our 8th graders a mazal tov on their achievements during their time at KHDS and upon graduating into our alumni ranks. For the rest of our students, I can't wait to see you all, G-d willing, back on campus in the fall. Wishing you a summer of relaxation, productivity, and further growth.

Although their time with us was cut short, we are so grateful for all that the B'not Sherut brought to KHDS.
We will miss you, **Efrat and Moriya!**



Efrat Garama



Moriya Barel



Daniel J. Katz, President
(an excerpt from the 2020 commencement address)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Katz Hillel Day School, I want to wish each graduate a sincere mazal tov and extend a sincere thank you to all your parents for entrusting us with your children's education. I also want to thank our amazing administrators and teachers for all they did this year. I would venture to say that this was the most challenging year for every employee of KHDS, and to each of you, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your efforts!

To say that this year was a little unusual is a colossal understatement. Who would have thought that a pandemic like this would ever happen in our lifetimes? How ironic, that in the year 2020, when, perhaps we would have expected to have 2020 vision, our vision of the future was turned on its head.

My dear students, I missed not seeing you on our beautiful campus and I hope you and your loved ones are safe. For those of you who have been impacted by the Coronavirus, I offer you my prayers for a speedy recovery. The past several months have sometimes been scary, they have been disruptive, and they have been devastating for so many around the world. I am so proud of all our administrators and our teachers who have risen to the occasion to teach all our students on a platform they never used before, for which they had virtually no prior training, to work its magic. I also want to commend our students for taking school seriously in such an unfamiliar and less fun mode. Finally, I want to thank all of our parents for helping make virtual learning possible from your kitchen and dining room tables.

I would like to share 5 lessons, that I have gleaned from this unique time, that I hope will resonate with you now and throughout your lives.

1. Mindfulness. So often in life, we live our lives on autopilot. We go through our regular routine without much thought into what we are doing. This pandemic has stopped our lives and routines. It has blessed us with the opportunity to slow down and literally smell the roses. I encourage each of you to truly live in the present—with or without a pandemic—and appreciate the amazing nature, family, and friends that Hashem has bestowed on each of us.

2. Plan B. So many of us plan our lives years in advance. We know where we will spend holidays and vacations and oftentimes that advanced planning is responsible and necessary. However, this pandemic has shown us the power of Plan B. That when things don't go as planned, we can shift our plans to Plan B and make the best of it. Life is full of surprises and, when necessary, I pray that each of you learns how to live through and hopefully thrive in a Plan B world.

3. Patience. Every day throughout this experience so many of us have woken up and asked, "ok, so, when is this going to be over?" Through it all we have had to trust the scientists, experts, politicians, and doctors to guide us. While each passing day can feel irritating, learning to step away from a world of instant gratification and be patient is a skill that, while sometimes difficult to master, helps us learn that success and progress do not always happen overnight.

4. Appreciation. We have seen throughout this time that we live among so many heroes who have stepped up to help those in need. These individuals have put themselves at risk and have gone above and beyond. We must show them our hakarat hatov, our gratefulness to them, and be thankful to live in a society, like ours, where we can count on these heroes. Whenever you meet one of them, always make sure to thank them.

5. And finally we must always Trust in Hashem. If nothing else, this pandemic has taught us that our lives are fully in the hands of Hashem. Hashem controls the universe, and in my lifetime, this has never been more obvious.

And finally, my bracha to each graduate is that you are always committed to following the Jewish path that you have been studying and navigating these past 12 years at Hillel. That you always help others, as that is the best way to make yourselves happy, and it is the right thing to do. And that you are blessed with long, healthy and worthwhile lives, filled with purpose and meaning. When you live a life like this, Hashem will be proud of you just like we all will be. **Graduates, mazal tov; we are so proud of our Class of 2020! May all your dreams come true!**



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

This has been a school year no one will ever forget. It has been challenging, frustrating, exhilarating, but most of all, uplifting. During a time filled with sorrow and grief, teachers and families dug deep and challenged themselves to learn, create, partner and reinvent themselves.

During our virtual school year a level of vulnerability was created that could never have been possible before. Teachers embraced parent input more than ever. Parents welcomed teacher responsibility in a way they never anticipated. From that, a mutual respect was cultivated that will change how parents and teachers approach education forever.

Certainly there were those who cowardly criticized the educational system via social media and how our schools approached and adapted to this unplanned for, unprecedented situation. To those naysayers, I feel only sorrow that they were not able to embrace this opportunity of partnership and collaborative growth. For those moms and dads who maintained a positive attitude despite the challenges, who offered positive feedback and constructive collaboration to advance this partnership, on behalf of educators around the world, I thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to allow the teachers and administrators in your lives to adapt to an impossible situation so that our students could come out on the other end the winners. The heroes are those who took a leap of faith, stayed the course and were patient as we all quickly adapted, learned and succeeded.

I want to wish you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in person, G-d willing, starting next school year.

KHDS EMET CLUB WINNERS

Excellent
Midot
Every
Time

Alexia Abitbol
Abby Adler
Matan Aghion
Noam Aghion
Brielle Aharon
Liat Aharon
Jonah Aronovski
Moshe Austein
Simcha Austein
David Averbook
Ariel Averbuch

Eliana Averbuch
Efrat Belizon
Jake Bienenfeld
Yehuda Biston
Leeraz Blanka
Maya Bornstein
Alex Burack
Asher Daum
Jonah Deichman
Noam Dorfman
Ella Farbstein
Noah Freiden
Ricki Gately
Naomi Gelman
Elchanan Greenbaum
Natan Greenbaum
Tani Greene
Azi Gross
Laya Haik
Gabriel Harris
Johanna Harris
Rafi Herman
Jonah Jacobs
Shmuel Kinzbrunner
Hannah Klein
Lizzy Klein
Devora Kolodny
Naftali Landau
Michaela LaPointe
Feival Largent
Evan Levontin
Sarina Loewinger

Maya Loren
Noa Loren
Akiva Mayer
Tamar Mayer
Audrey Mendelson
Eli Mergui
Elisheva Miller
Esti Moskowitz
Miriam Mulyayev
Yosef Muschel
Yael Nissim-Geter
Emunah Ohayon
Talia Oppenheimer
Asher Pinkis
Edden Potok
Eshel Potok
Aaron Rosen
Clem Saad
Matan Scher
Kayla Schochet
Elliott Schoenfeld
Akiva Schwarzman
Ella Schwarzman
Shalev Stein
Nafi Steinberg
Coby Teitelbaum
Elihu Weg
Rebecca Weisfeld
Abby Weisstuch
Shlomo Wexler
Elisha Zisquit
Ariel Zussman



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

It is pretty remarkable to think of the disruptions, suffering and challenges that the pandemic caused each and every one of us these past few months. Who would have believed that in the modern age of technology and medicine we would be caught completely by surprise? When the news of the pandemic began and we were all told that confinement to our homes would be essential—many of us could not fathom these changes and restrictions to work, school, shul, travel, interaction with others and more. Our lives, as we were accustomed to, were greatly impacted—and our entire way of living changed. Despite it all, we thought and are continuing to figure out how to be productive by using different tools, strategies and techniques to achieve our goals.

Hashem gave us the incredible power to adapt. When we are forced to change, we find the ability to adjust, the new set of circumstances become the “normal” and we begin to acclimate. As I sit to write my thoughts, I have no idea how long this “normal” will continue and the uncertainty is unsettling for sure. But then I am reminded of the history of the Jewish people; it is a history replete with challenges and trials and yet, we survive and endure. It is for us to trust in Hashem and to utilize whatever skills we can conjure up to face the challenges and not be intimidated or crushed.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks is quoted as having said, “Never in my lifetime have we lived through a period in which people in every country throughout the world are suffering the same fears, the same dangers, the same risks...Out of the bad, comes good, out of the curse comes blessing. Out of the Coronavirus pandemic will come a new sense of collective responsibility, and we will all feel renewed.”

In the past few months, we have witnessed amazing acts of kindness, courage, altruism, and fortitude. This is the bright side of crisis—when we can tap into abilities hidden deep within ourselves and accomplish things we did not even know we were capable of; when we look around and give stock and attention to what is really important in our lives and what it means to be connected to others.

I want to take this opportunity to express gratitude to each and every one of our KHDS faculty members and staff. Many teachers had to adapt new methods of instruction, become better with technology, and inspire and creatively reach students. Many members were asked to do tasks other than those they were trained to do and they had to do this in a blink of an eye.

While it is our goal to provide the education for our students, and to try and eliminate some of the stress—we also take into consideration the difficulties that you, our families, are enduring at this time. Most of you had to add “teacher” to your list of hats that you already wear—and we express gratitude and appreciation for your partnership and support.

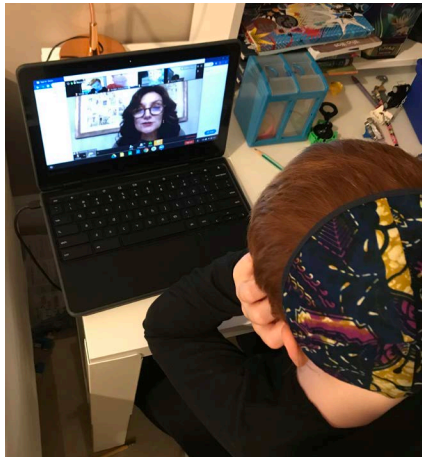
Yeshuat Hashem K’Heref Ayin—Hashem’s salvation can come in the blink of an eye! Let us remain steadfast and emerge stronger and better than before.



Here comes the parade! Students in grades 1-7 received a “distant” visit from KHDS faculty, staff and administration on May 21st!



KHDS Virtual launched in March as the school's distance learning home base. The site provided schedules, links for Zoom classes and other useful tools and resources during the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you to **Kim Sivick** for her countless hours building the site, as well as to **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger, Chayim Dimont, Hadassah Smolarcik, Rina Lanner, Simone Jacobs, Risa Kahane, Jill Kaminetzky** and **Suzanne Rice** for their collaboration.



Virtual events joined students and faculty together during the time of distance learning. A Rosh Chodesh Hallel Tzibburi racked up 105 viewers from the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School which included story-time with **Morah Hadassah**, singing with **Rabbi Drang**, and a special greeting from **Rabbi Potok**! Other ongoing virtual events included the weekly Early Childhood and Elementary School Onegs with **Morah Hadassah, Mr. Dimont** and **Rabbi Potok**, Middle School Kumzitz with **Rabbi Mirzoeff**, and some special

bedtime story readings with **Mr. Dimont**. Middle School held game nights hosted by **Morah Lanner** and **Mrs. Zangre**, and **Drs. Carmel** and **Dorfman** hosted special virtual parent events. In addition, nightly Torah classes were given by our Middle School Judaic teachers. We thank them for giving this extra learning opportunity to our students!

Students create projects to celebrate spring and the counting of the Omer, which is the 49-day period between Pesach and Shavuot.



4th grade had a guest visit their virtual classroom. **Sandy Spector**, a reenactor from Boston and friend of the **Loewenstein-Potok** family, dressed up as Martha Washington. She taught the students all about Martha, her husband George Washington, and the Revolutionary War. The students loved their special Zoom classroom visitor. They asked great questions and had fun learning. An added bonus was a visit by Alexander Hamilton (**Eshel Potok**). What fun!



Morah Shira's reading group wished everyone a Shabbat Shalom!



See more virtual learning programs and photos in the pages to come...

At the conclusion of virtual school, families were able to pick up their students' locker and cubby belongings. Special thanks to **Jill Kaminetzky** for coordinating this effort, to **Chari Bernten, Simone Jacobs** and **Robin Noble**, for helping with the organization (as well as distribution) and to all of our faculty and staff volunteers who also assisted with distribution!



WALL OF GRATITUDE FROM KHDS PARENTS

"Teachers are supportive, organized, and check in to see how my child is doing. They are available and so patient."

"They are doing a wonderful job keeping my child connected with school. Love the videos. My favorite part is when my daughter 'forgets' that they are videos and I love the way she interacts with them. She gets so excited!"

"Transitioning on the drop of a dime to a totally new education model, the teachers have done a phenomenal job!"

"Teachers have been available for questions and help and have made the lessons and material easy for the kids to find and follow. My child wakes up every morning eager to start learning and to get his work done."

"I just wanted to tell you how awesome the teachers have been! They have been so organized with their lessons and tutorials for us parents who don't know how to use the different programs."

"I also am full of gratitude for the teachers' and administrators' leadership, high level of engagement, and availability."

"Eager to get her day started and to see what learning she has ahead of her. All of the teachers have been posting information in a way that is clear and easy for the students to follow."

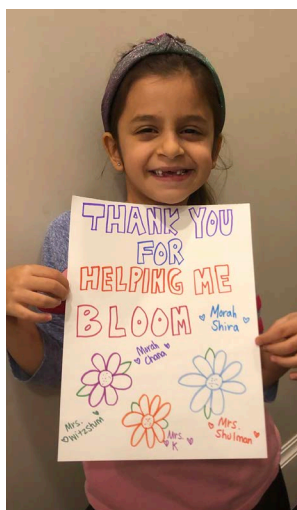
"You quickly and smoothly moved to asynchronous learning with synchronous parts there to support the learning. Teachers have used a variety of resources that students were already familiar with to keep the learning going. You provided technical support and a great website for organization. You continue to monitor, innovate, and improve where you can. And, you continue to keep parents and students informed."

"Thank you for going 'above and beyond' for your students during this trying and difficult time in our lives. Thank you also for understanding that this is new for all of us and it's a learning process for both parents and students. Your hard work and dedication to the students is extremely helpful and appreciated!!!"

"We appreciate the teachers going above and beyond at this time. It seems like the teachers are making sure that the kids are getting ALL the work done so it is as if they are at school. I appreciate the attempt to do so and trying to provide a full day of learning."

"I wanted to commend you on your videos which are clear, concise and feel more like class... The kids know what to expect each day... and turn in their work accordingly. You're speaking to them as if you were in class, and it's refreshing to watch!"

And from the students...



6 Community & Chesed



In early March, Executive Director **Joe Sharp** (center) met with our friends and neighbors from the brand new Uptown Boca development, **Brian Schmier** (left) of Schmier Property Group and **Rick Stephano** (right) of Rosemurgy Properties, as we continue our ongoing discussions of security concerns as well as amazing opportunities for the KHDS community.



COMMUNITY

Thank you to **Rabbi Josh Broide**, for his efforts in coordinating the Jewish Federation's community website, virtual.jewishboca.org. During the Covid-19 crisis this hub of information featured community breaking news, virtual programs, agency, school and synagogue links, as well as a wealth of resources. Whether you're looking for help or to volunteer; for virtual programs, or family activities; for synagogue connections, advocacy efforts or even kosher food, you'll find it at virtual.jewishboca.org. It's easy to navigate by category or by using the search bar. Check back often as more community resources are added.



KHDS partnered with Game Changers, a live interview series whose line-up included innovators, change makers and influencers who challenge the status quo. Each episode featured a thought leader in the Jewish community who is pushing boundaries and reaching beyond their comfort zone. Host **Dr. Noam Weissman** explored what unites us despite our isolation as parents and Middle School students tuned in.



Back in March, when KHDS faculty member **Marjorie Tinio** was told she had a short window of time to return to her science lab classroom to collect any pertinent belongings as she embarked on her

distance teaching journey, she took a look at the lab's inventory to reassess how remaining supplies could be used.

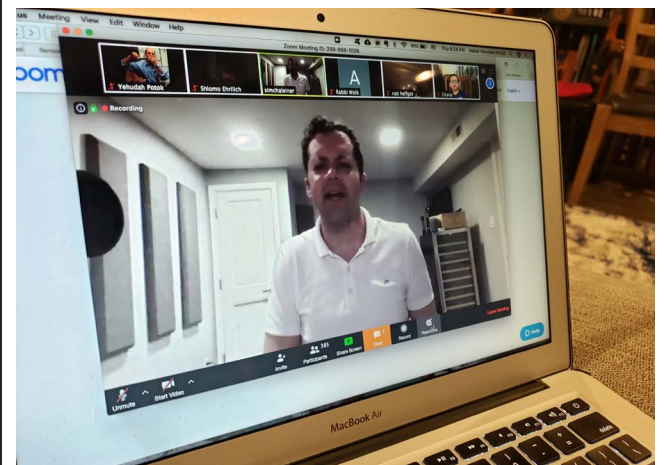
"Through my nationwide online network of science teachers, I happened to see a lot of them donating their lab supplies to local hospitals and other places in need," explained Tinio, this year's winner of the Grinspoon Teacher of Excellence Award presented by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

Mrs. Tinio organized the remaining supply of gloves and masks during her quick visit back to the school, located on the Milton B. Katz Campus, and suggested to the administration that it be donated locally. Principal **Hadassah Smolarcik** contacted **Seth Wiesel**, Administrator at the Menorah House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in west Boca Raton, to offer the supplies and Head of School **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** personally dropped them off.

Another chesed project that KHDS students participated in was writing letters of cheer to the residents of Sinai Residences, which is located just across the street from the school on the Federation campus. Students were encouraged to submit letters, poems, drawings or other creative cards to their "neighbors" during this time of social distancing and **Julie Ann Smolensky**, Director of Community Life Services at Sinai Residences, planned to distribute them once she received enough for each of the 360 residents.



KHDS and KYHS co-sponsored a virtual **Simcha Leiner** concert during the first week away from school.





Kosher Grab 'N Go lunches, which began on April 30th, were a huge success! Thank you Teach Florida for making this happen on behalf of our families, **Joe Sharp** for coordinating, the **Abramchik family** for hosting, and our amazing volunteers, **Ty Kay** (KHDS Class of 2014) and **Jonah Tripp** (KHDS Class of 2014). Thanks to **Governor DeSantis**, his team, and all of our representatives in the State of Florida who made this happen.



A community food pantry collection was held for the JFS Jacobson Family Food Pantry and **Elan** (6th grade) and **Natan** (1st grade) **Greenbaum** did a mitzvah by helping collect and organize the donated food.



May 6th was National Nurses Day and we gave a special shout-out to our very own **Nurse Robin!**

Thank you for all you do and thank you to ALL of the nurses who are working the frontlines for their courage and dedication!

February was Jewish Disabilities Awareness Acceptance and Inclusion Month. Elementary school students participated in JDAIM activities, including a sensitivity training during the week. They received special stickers to promote awareness and learned the importance of treating everyone around them with patience, kindness and respect. A big thank you to **Mrs. Denise Herschberg** for running the program!



Students celebrated therapy dog **Misty's** 4th birthday. Thank you to **Jeff Zirulnick**, COO of JARC, for bringing Misty to visit us on her special day!



4th grade visited our neighbors at JARC and delivered mishloach manot they had specially prepared. The students brought such cheer and light to the lives of the residents, and in return the residents provided the same to our students.



MASK MAKERS FOR OUR MEDICAL COMMUNITY



Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik can usually be found in the school's Makerspace where he teaches robotics, 3D printing, coding, circuitry and other resources and tools used to think, design, test and create using innovative technology. But when the school transitioned to distance learning, he took the opportunity to help the medical community by printing 3D face masks in the school's "mini" Makerspace, located in his Boca Raton home.

"We are all in this together and together, bit by bit, we can make a difference," said Rabbi Smolarcik, who has been constantly printing the masks from the prototype. He also challenged the community to help with this effort and KHDS student **Isaac Hanina** accepted the challenge.

At the suggestion of KHDS parents **Uri Yudewitz** and **Cara Freedman**, and with the help of KHDS parents, **Dr. Liora Adler** and **Dr. Ben Freedman**, the mask shields were donated to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital (JDCH).



On Thursday, April 23rd, the face shields were personally delivered to the JDCH Emergency Department staff by our own **Dr. Liora Adler**.

JDCH also thanks all of the students who submitted artwork expressing thanks to the ER staff.

**THANK YOU
TO DR. ADLER
AND ALL OF OUR
FRONTLINE CAREGIVERS
WHO CONTINUE
TO WORK SO HARD
DURING THIS
PANDEMIC!**



Shlomo, Ezra and Noam Wexler assembled 200 face shields to be distributed to healthcare workers. The materials were produced by the FAU College of Engineering and Computer Science.



Hakarat Hatov to **Ariella, Tamar and Akiva Mayer** for producing 75 homemade mask shields for their father, **Dr. Daniel Mayer**, to bring to the ICU where he works in Hollywood and Pembroke Pines. They all hope that these masks will bring security and safety to the hospital staff during this Covid epidemic!

KHDS RECEIVES GREEN SCHOOL OF QUALITY AWARD

This past April, faculty member **Mrs. Jodi Deichman** received an email from the Green Schools Recognition Program that once again, based on their evaluations, KHDS received recognition as a 2020 Green School of Quality!



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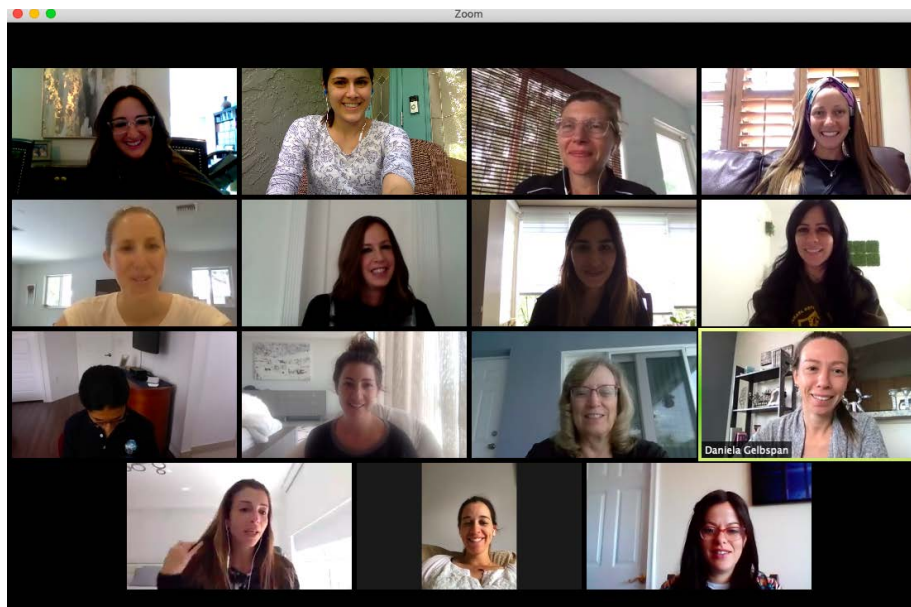
We take great pride in our efforts to develop a culture of environmental stewardship and sustainability at KHDS. This is the second year in a row that the school has held the advanced status of "Green School of Quality" after being a "Green School of Promise" for many, many years prior.

We commend and thank KHDS parent, **Sara Greene**, for the many hours she spent creating our application and portfolio, as she has done every year. In lieu of the in-person recognition ceremony this year, awards were announced with a series of special video presentations celebrating the exceptional green accomplishments of each one of this year's 134 award recipient schools.

FROM THE GUIDANCE TEAM

Dr. Jordana Carmel and **Dr. Penina Dorfman** hosted a virtual meeting for Jewish day school mental health professionals in South Florida this past April. The group meets several times a year to hear relevant speakers or to share programs and ideas.

Drs. Carmel and Dorfman have also offered topic-based discussions around parenting and e-teaching in the new reality that we are all navigating. On May 4th parents joined in the discussion topic "Managing 3 jobs at once: being a parent, assisting your children with their learning, and working from home" and on May 20th parents were invited to participate in game night including trivia and panopoly.



FROM THE TECH TEAM

The Legacy Heritage Teacher Institutes celebrated the outstanding achievements of educators on May 17th and our own **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** and **Kim Sivick** were part of cohort VI, which included educators from six countries. Last summer they spent two weeks in Israel learning at Hebrew University and then worked on their project with a mentor through the school year. Their project, *Travels in Tanach*, provided students with field-trip like virtual reality experiences. The goal of these virtual field-trips is to improve student connection, understanding and retention of the information that students study by placing them directly into Biblical settings. Due to the pandemic, closing ceremonies took place via Zoom rather than in person in New York. Mazal Tov!



SHABBAT B'YACHAD

The students of the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center participated in our Annual Shabbat B'Yachad Program (Shabbat Together) on March 6th. The children went to Shul together, enjoyed a Shabbat meal together and had the opportunity to design their own KHDS Shabbat B'Yachad Kippah or headband. Special thanks to **Devorah Kahan** and **Ofra Strugano** for taking the lead in organizing the program, and to the entire ECE staff for all the collaborative work in making the day a success.

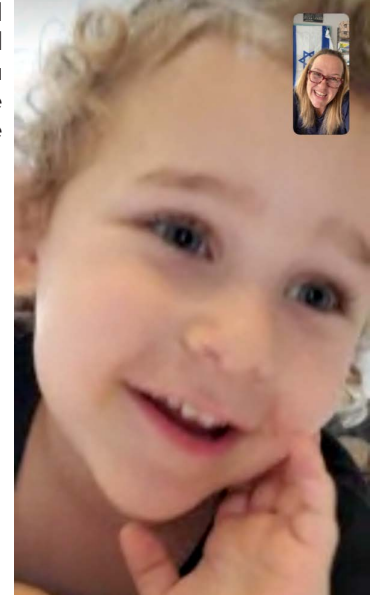


Early Childhood

EC3 bakers decorated their personalized aprons spelling out their English and Hebrew names.



EC2 misses all of our Yeladim so much! It is absolutely amazing the technology that is available today that helped us stay in touch. We celebrated birthdays, prepared for Shabbos and Yom Tov, and even were able to read books and go on bear hunts together! We made special projects for our amazing Imas for Mother's Day and a flower pot picture frame for Shavuot. Even though we could not be together physically for a portion of the year, we kept our connections to each of our students.



EC4 students creatively worked on their weekly STEM challenge and other projects.



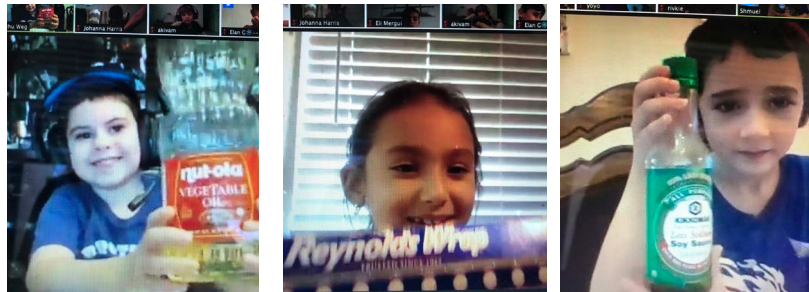
Mrs. Shirley Goldberg, our neighbor from Sinai Residences, visited Kindergarten in early March. She read them a story as part of our Scholar Society, which gives grandparents and community members the opportunity for meaningful interaction with our students.



Welcome to the Magic Kingdom! Students took a virtual field trip to Disney World for their last Zoom of Kindergarten. They printed admission tickets, got dressed up, packed a snack bag and even brought sunscreen to take along with them!



Kindergarten



1st graders go on an "oi/oy" phonics scavenger hunt.

Oil
Foil
Soy



Students in Kitah Alef enjoyed a special "show and tell" Zoom session, where they shared with friends something special they have from Israel.

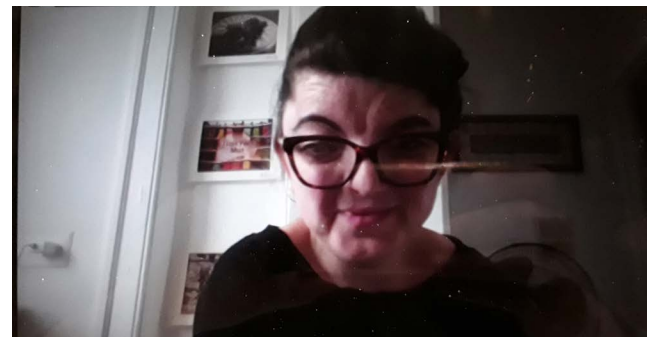


1ST GRADE



Mrs. Schulman's 1st graders practiced spelling in creative ways!

As an extension of the monthly Middot lesson, Kitah Alef had a guest speaker, **Rena Rosen**, the author of *The Courage to Be Kind*. She told the children about her own journey and the lessons she has learned along the way.



1st grade's social distancing parade brought smiles to the faces of the excited children! And those who were unable to attend participated in a livestream Zoom of the parade!



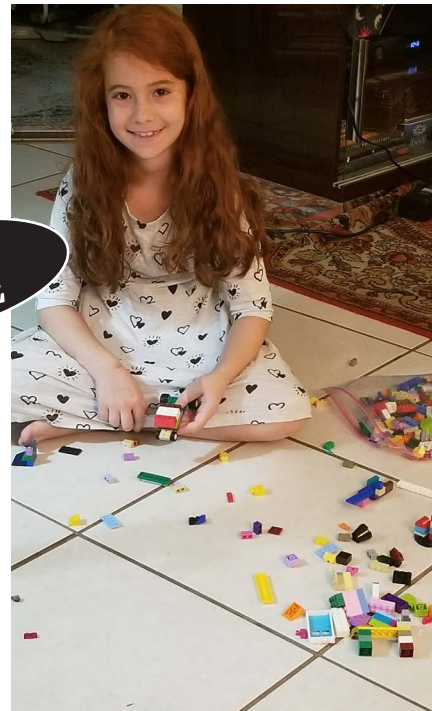
HilleLites

Morning Zoom with **Ms. Gumpfer** and **Mrs. Meyerowitz**.



***“We stand
together
as one,
K’lsh Echad
B’Lev Echad!”***

Making a lego robot as part of **Mrs Klein's** science lego challenge.



2ND GRADE

In Judaics, students enjoyed some special guests during their Zoom including the **B'not Sherut** and **Rabbi Matan Wexler**.

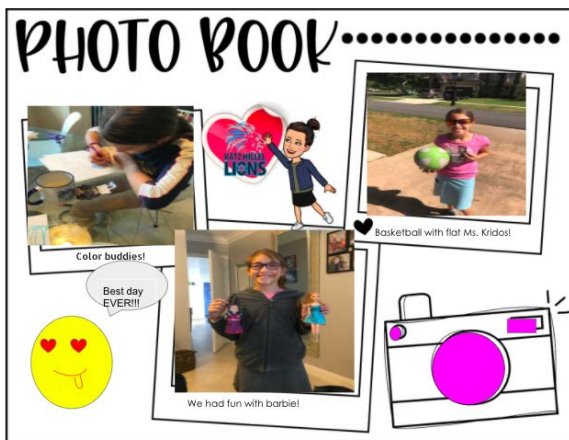


(left) Students in **Morah Peninah's** class learn the meaning of each week's Parsha through a related project. For Parshat Naso, **Evan Levontin** shared a fantastic project he created explaining the words of Birkat Kohanim. This unique project depicted the manner in which the Kohanim bless the people. We look forward to hearing those brachot again in the Bet Knesset and daven that all the brachot mentioned therein come to fruition for all of Klal Yisrael.

(below) Celebrating the end of the year with an "ABC" countdown to summer included a theme with letters from the alphabet. Triple Threat Tuesday featured "RST"-Read with **S**unglasses in your favorite **T**-shirt! It was perfect for their afternoon read aloud Zoom of *The Lemonade Crime*.

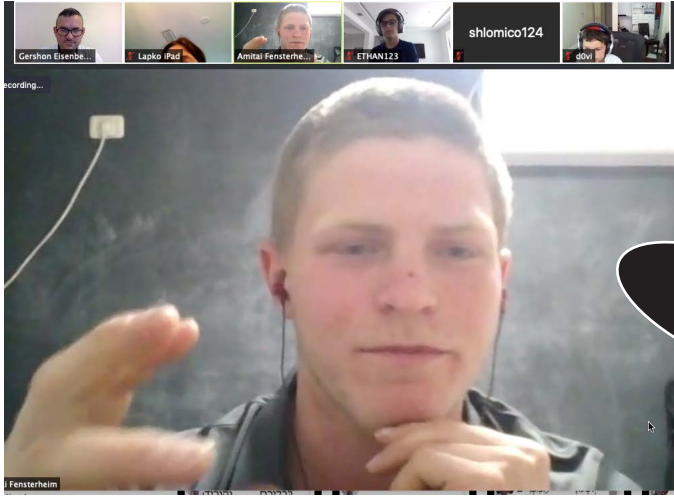


Based on the *Flat Stanley Project*, **Ms. Kridos** created “Flat Ms. Kridos” for her students so they could print her out at home and have her join them on their day. Students took photos and shared them with Ms. Kridos in a Google slide presentation.



3RD GRADE





An Israeli soldier visits **Rabbi Eisenberger's** class via Zoom.

4TH GRADE

Students made memory books of their fantastic 4th grade year at KHDS!



Students of 4A read a book of their choice and shared it with their peers. The hope was to share interesting books in order to inspire students to continue to read over the summer.



The 4th grade Mystery Guest program continued through the beginning of March and we thank those parents who participated. **Dr. Yitzi Kolodny's** "stop the bleed" program taught students how to

manage bleeding and apply tourniquets. **Mrs. Chaya Holczer** and **Mrs. Maren Mayer**, along with the students, made Mishloach Manot bags for the residents and workers of our neighbors at JARC. We thank the 4th grade families for donating goods for this project.

Mrs. Taryn MacLeod provided the delicious ingredients and supplies for making hamentashen with the students and we thank **Mrs. Maren Mayer** and **Mrs. Dvora Scher** for assisting with this project.



Mazal Tov to the 5th grade for completing Parshat Vayera!



5TH GRADE

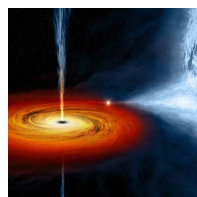
A special delivery of babka was made to **Rabbi Drang's** lucky Parsha incentive raffle winners, **Ruthie Miller** and **Paige Rackman**!



Game Night! 5th graders created games to teach their families about the Constitution.



The 5th grade was fortunate to take part in the "Skype a Scientist" program where they learned about the mysteries surrounding black holes and how they expand. **Dr. Abhijeet Borkar**, a post-doctorate researcher at the Astronomy Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences and an ALMA Support Scientist for the Czech Node of the European ALMA Regional Center, was an amazing speaker and he was impressed by our students' questions.





**Rina Lanner, M.S. Ed.,
Middle School Coordinator**

The ruach and fun continued in KHDS Middle School even after we transitioned to distance learning! In addition to our commitment to a high level of academics, the M.S. faculty continued to provide exciting virtual programs for our students. In preparation for Pesach, we played a special "Pesach Kahoot" and "Name That Tune." The students experienced meaningful cross-curricular lessons and activities in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut. We had two delicious cooking demonstrations with the **Haik** family, in which we cooked chocolate chip sticks and Oreo cheesecake in honor of Shavuot. Electives were brought back, including games, trivia, scavenger

hunts, Twinning Abroad, Better Together and even golf! We hosted a Bingo night in which the enthusiasm continued to build round after round! We held the first-ever "KHDS' Got Talent" virtual talent show, which showcased the impressive talents of many of our students and even some teachers. Our pre-Shabbat Kumsitz helped usher in the kedusha (holiness) of Shabbat each week. Although we miss the laughter and smiles in the halls of KHDS, we were happy to see that the laughter and smiles continue at home.

Creating positive messages during **Ms. Meyers** math assignment. #staypositive!

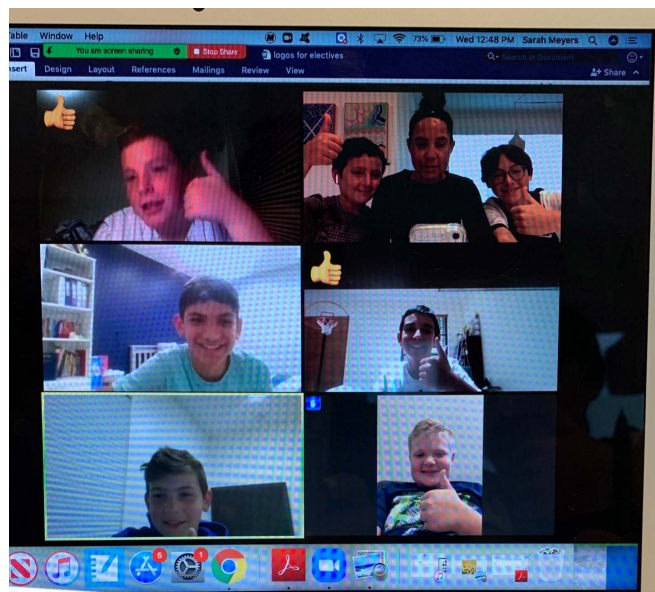
**Middle
School**



Middle School's "L'Covid Shabbos Cooking" demonstrations, live from the **Haik's** kitchen, were a great success! Students followed along baking and cooking recipes from their own kitchens to enjoy on Shabbos!



(below left and right) Virtual Electives included Yoga, Grill Time, Art, Game Time, Golf, Money Talks, Trivia, Scavenger Hunt, Lit Magazine, KHDS Comicon, Better Together and Twinning Abroad...oh my! Thank you to **Mrs. Zangre** for coordinating.



**TRIVIA ELECTIVE WITH
MS. MEYERS**

PIC-COLLAGES



"KHDS' GOT TALENT" PREMIERES!

Thank you to all of our Middle School performers who participated in the virtual talent show: **Nadiv Barenholz** (Singing), **Eliyah Ehrlich** (Cooking Chicken), **Shira Grunhaus** (Piano), **Josh Haik** (Wait, what?!), **Lili Harow** (Piano), **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff** (Whistling), **Moshe Moskowitz** (Roller Hockey), **Mrs. Esti Ohayon** (Puzzling), **Adiel Potok** (Patio Making), **Gavi Seidel** (Magic), **Anna Shimonovitch** (Artistic showings), **Gilad Shimonovitch** (Magic), **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** (Baking Apple Roses) and **Kayla Stein** (Harp).

Thank you to **Rina Lanner** and **Nechamah Zangre** for "producing!"

View the show on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdKvH1hdvzo&feature=youtu.be>

Drumroll please...and the top two winners are..

NADIV BARENHOLZ

When did you start singing?

I started singing at the age of 7.

Do you take singing/voice lessons?

I don't take voice lessons.

What is your favorite song to sing?

My favorite song to sing is *Ocean Eyes* By Billie Eilish.

What is your favorite genre of music?

I have two - pop and rap.

Who is your favorite singer?

I have two - Billie Eilish and Future.

What else would you like to let your audience know about you?

I am working on a few songs right now in my homemade studio and will be posting them on my new YouTube channel (unnamed yet) soon.

JOSH HAIK

Where did you learn how to do those tech tricks?

Well, it started off by just playing around with iMovie on my computer. I would make cool and funny videos for my family. Then, I started to watch a bunch of people on YouTube do these really cool tricks and I would have the best time figuring out how they did it and then trying it on my own.

How long did it take you to make your video?

It took me like a few days to make it.

When can we expect your next video?

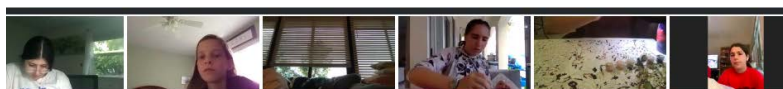
Umm, I wasn't really planning on making another one but maybe if there is another talent show, I might submit another video.

What other hobbies do you have?

I love building things, working with machines and tech, coding, fishing, exercising, and photoshopping.

What else would you like to let your audience know about you?

I especially have fun with Photoshop, because I really used it a lot this year to work on the yearbook. Also, because of this Coronavirus, I started to find some things to do when I'm bored and I started to photoshop my head into really cool pictures like Spiderman, and I photoshopped a few teachers pictures into cool superhero characters like Superman or Aquaman, etc.



Middle School students were still able to hold their respective grade nights via Zoom. 6th and 7th graders played a teacher trivia Katoot. The 8th grade girls had a fun paint night with our friend **Elisheva Levitt** (above). They created beautiful paintings of cherry blossoms in honor of Shavuot and their creativity flowed as did their smiles and laughter. Two days of special programming for the 8th graders also took place. Alumni **Hannah Katz** ('11) and **Jacob Katz** ('12) shared their IDF experiences, **Mrs. Arlyne Wayner** led a grade quilting project, **Rabbi Uri Pilichowski** took students on a tour of Mitzpeh Yericho, as well as many other activities.



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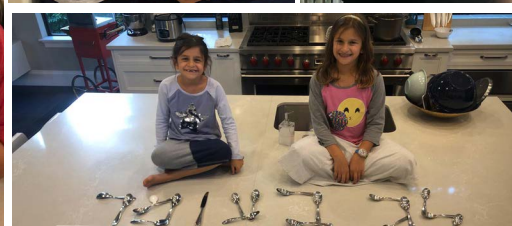


Themed days were part of the month of Adar and Purim fun at KHDS. Students and faculty dressed up for clown day, color day, crazy hat and socks day, Israel Day and even opposite day—where students dressed like their favorite teachers and teachers dressed as students. The B'not Sherut transformed the corridor of the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School into the story of Purim. Hamentashen were plentiful and there were many projects to prepare Mishloach Manot. The children of the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center enjoyed Purim Puppet Theater presented by **Rabbi Gutnick**. The festivities culminated with a costume carnival on Shushan Purim.



Lag BaOmer projects were “on fire!” including edible bonfires, decorating gliders and the EC parade! We also congratulate the winners of the Lag BaOmer photo contest, coordinated by the B'not Sherut: **Evan Sperling, Eitan Schultz, Nava & Laya Haik, Merav Skoczylas and Paige Rackman** (photo collages are posted on our Facebook page from May 14th).

Lag BaOmer



CELEBRATING PESACH VIRTUALLY

Middle School students and faculty collaborated on a Haggadah supplement by submitting Divrei Torah which was compiled and was sent to all of our KHDS families. The honor of the first D'var Torah placed in the supplement was written two years ago by our beloved teacher, **Mrs. Dannie Grajower, A"H**. Mrs. Grajower, is still in our hearts, and her message is as relevant today as it was then.

Elementary school students participated in a Zoom video message sent to IDF soldiers wishing them a happy Pesach, and 1st graders learned how to make afikomen covers and place cards for their seders. One student was particularly inspired by a lesson learned about the importance of giving and donated his very own tzedakah to families in need of food for Pesach.

At KHDS we have an amazing relationship with Sinai Residences, across the street from our school. This Pesach many of these residents spent Pesach alone without family or friends. To brighten their chag students were invited to join in this chesed of writing letters and making cards for the residents at Sinai.

PESACH



3rd graders dressed up as someone or something mentioned in the Haggadah. They presented Divrei Torah explaining the significance of their costume and how it relates to the Chag.

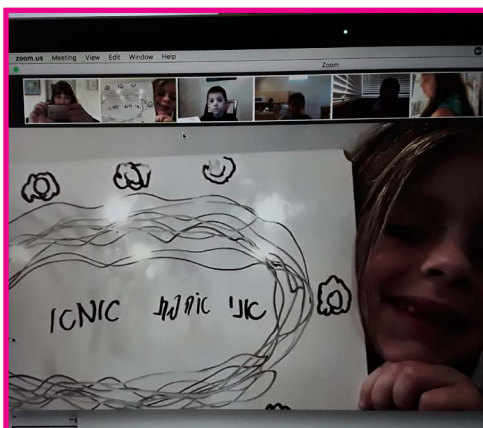


Mitzvah Makers! (above left) **Eli & Naomi Katz** and family participated in the JFS Passover food delivery before the holiday. And, inspired by **Morah Shira's** lesson about the importance of giving tzedakah, 1st grader **Asher Pinkis** (above right) empties his tzedakah box to help people in the community make Pesach.



Matzah Makers!

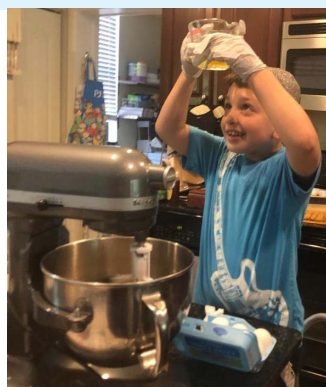
MOTHER'S DAY



1st graders created special messages in Hebrew for their mothers.



May Flowers! Kindergarten learned how to make paper flowers for Mother's Day with **Morah Tami**.



This 1st grader helps bake for Shabbat all by himself and without any parental reminders, cracking each egg into a glass jar and checking for blood spots, just like he learned in parsha.



Morah Shira's craft videos guided students on how to make their own homemade Afikoman bags and Seder place cards!

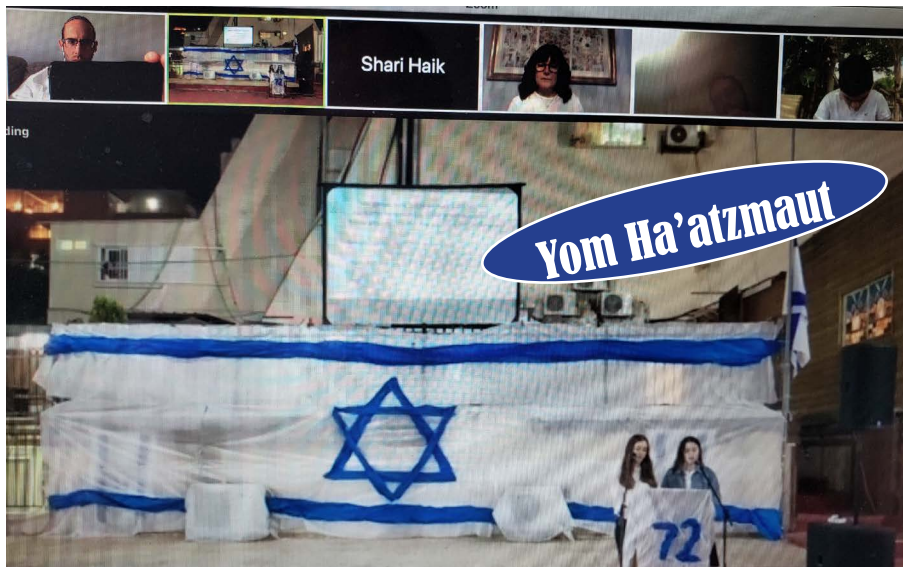
Yom Hashoah

On April 21st, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) was commemorated as Middle School students participated in a lesson narrated by **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai**

Smolarcik with readings from the Rebbeim of heroic courage during the Holocaust.

Activities were plentiful as we celebrated Israel's 72nd birthday this year. **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** organized a student scavenger hunt, **Rabbi Yosef Kassarla** encouraged students to participate in the national Kahoot and there were back-to-back Israel-related activities planned by all of our teachers throughout the day.

8th graders unfortunately could not be in Israel this year, but were able join the Bet Elazraki Children's Home virtually in their Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration live (below). We thank **Rabbi Yehuda Cohen**, administrator of Bet Elazraki, for inviting us to join them.



The 3rd graders each chose two sites in an Israeli city to research in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut! They learned so much about our homeland!

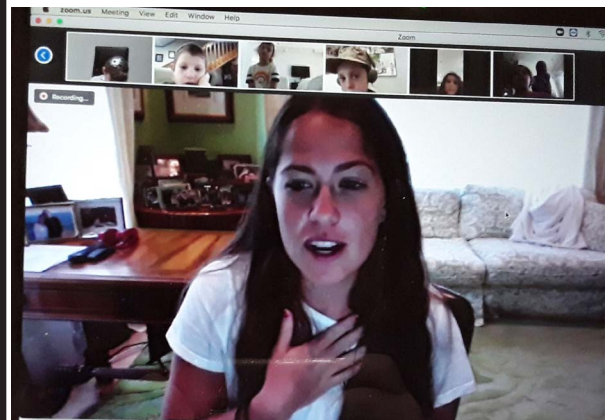


Thank you to KHDS parent, **Mr. Shlomi Lugassy**, for sharing his personal story with middle school students in commemoration of Yom Hazikaron.

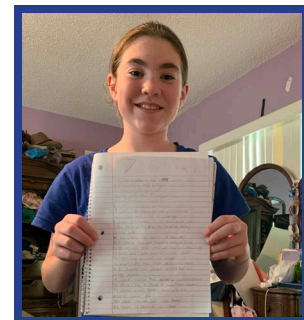
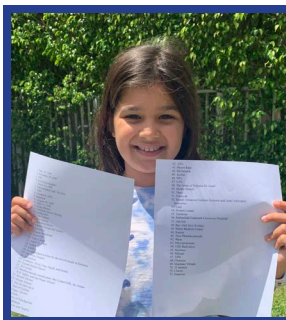


Yom Hazikaron

Thank you to **Chayelet Hannah Katz** (KHDS '11) for speaking with the yeladim in Kitah Alef about being in the Tzahal. This was a very meaningful Yom Hazikaron lesson for the children.



Mazal Tov to the winners of the "72 Facts for 72 Years" contest: **Sarina Loewinger** and **Yehudis Weg!**

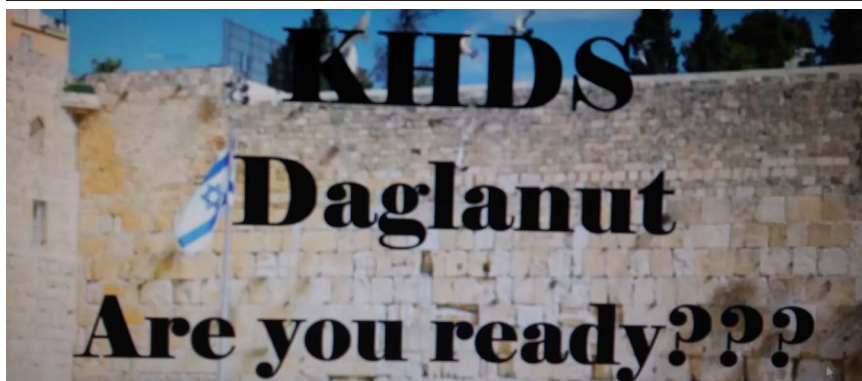


The 50th anniversary of Earth Day was Wednesday, April 22nd. 5th graders created projects to celebrate and 1st graders watched the video book *How to Help the Earth - by the Lorax* and then created their own ideas of how to save the earth.



Earth Day

Mrs. Fisch and the 3rd and 4th graders celebrated with various activities including planting seeds, tending to their gardens, picking up litter, going on nature walks, feeding birds, picnicking, hugging trees, as well as reading and watching educational material about how to take better care of our planet.



Efrat and Moriya brought the spirit of Daglanut (Israeli flag dance) to life by producing an awesome video starring our very own students!

Check out the video at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kn7BODPySCU&feature=youtu.be>



Yom Yerushalayim

The 3rd grade learned all about Yerushalayim and its many sites. Students drew pictures of the Kotel, Churva, Knesset, Supreme Court, Mashbir, and Latrun. They drew pictures of the Mifletzet, Yemin Moshe, the Menorah, and Gan Sacher-- it almost felt like a real tour!



20 The Lions' Den



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

This was another memorable year for KHDS even though it was cut short due to the Coronavirus. All of our teams had a tremendous improvement in skill level, understanding of the game, displayed a strong determination and amazing sportsmanship at all times.

Here are some of the highlights for this year:

In the fall our **Girls Volleyball Team** led by **Coach Samantha Shields** made it to the playoffs! The season was a huge success full of fun and growth.

In the late fall our **Boys Soccer Team** led by **Head Coach Moishe Aquart** and **Assistant Coach Fritz LaPorte**, made it to the second round of the playoffs, but lost to a very skilled Hillel NMB team. Hopefully we will bring the championship home next year!

In the winter our **Girls Soccer Team** led by **Coach Moishe Aquart** had a successful season and made it to the first round of playoffs.

In the winter our **Girls Basketball Team** led by **Coach Rick Greenberg** had a fabulous, undefeated 5-0 regular season. The girls made it to the Championship Game and placed 2nd bringing home the Silver. What an amazing achievement!

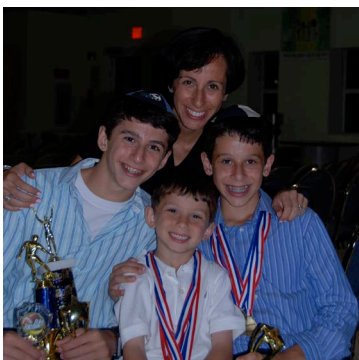
Congratulations to all of the girls who made the **Girls Flag Football Team** led by **Coach Alan Semel**, which was a new addition to our sports program. Also, congratulations to all the boys who made the **Boys Baseball Team** led by **Coach Cliff Abrams** and the **Boys and Girls Tennis Teams** led by **Coach Ray Smith**. It's unfortunate you couldn't showcase your amazing skills, but that time will come.

Good luck to our 8th grade boys and girls! Without a doubt, everyone grew and evolved over their three years of Middle School. You will be greatly missed and forever remembered!

Thank you to our dedicated coaches, for all of their hard work this year. Thank you for your support, thank you for your caring and most of all thank you for your leadership! Thank you to **Rabbi Potok** for his guidance and support regarding our sports program. A special thanks to **Daniel & Caroline Katz and family** who have gone above and beyond for our sports program year after year. Thank you to our amazing **PTA** for purchasing the championship banners!

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall! Go Lions!

Lions Award Recipient Mrs. Sharona Kay



Thank you for your many years of support, for being a fantastic resource, a wonderful supportive parent and a terrific overall positive influence.

The Middle School Sports Awards Ceremony was held on May 20th via Zoom. Thank you to **Penina Kahane** for creating the Year in Review video.

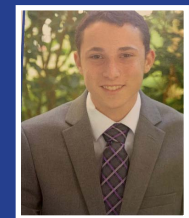
And here are the winners!

Mazal Tov to this year's Athletes of the Year:

Sarah Cohen ~ Victoria Pilkington



Daniel Lugassy ~ Noam Rindsberg



Girls Varsity Volleyball
Coach Samantha Shields
 Most Improved: **Anna Rudensky**
 Leadership Award: **Sarah Cohen**
 MVP: **Victoria Pilkington**

Boys Varsity Flag Football
Coach Shawn Kerzer
 Most Improved: **Tamir Cohen,**
Netanel Kieffer
 Coaches Award: **AJ Broide, Josh Haik, Zev Kay**
 MVP: **Daniel Lugassy**

Girls Varsity Basketball
Coach Rick Greenberg
 Hustle Award: **Sarah Cohen**
 Coaches Award: **Victoria Pilkington, Jennifer Rosen**
 MVP: **Orly Bierly**



Boys Varsity Soccer
Coach Moishe Aquart & Coach Fritz LaPorte
 Coaches Award: **Zev Kay, Daniel Lugassy**
 MVP: **Hymie Frohlich, Mordechai Marcus**
 Golden Boot: **Noam Rindsberg**

Girls Varsity Soccer
Coach Moishe Aquart
 Rising Star: **Tamar Ganz**
 Coaches Award: **Mali Blanka, Sarah Cohen**
 MVP: **Victoria Pilkington, Jennifer Rosen**

Boys JV Basketball
Coach Alan Semel
 Most Improved: **Sam Shapiro**
 Hustle & Hard Work: **Hymie Frohlich**
 MVP: **Edan Carmel**

Boys Varsity Basketball
Coach Rick Greenberg
 Hustle Award: **Daniel Lugassy**
 Coaches Award: **Noam Rindsberg**
 MVP: **Adiel Frohlich**

All Star Awards
 (for participation in a sport every season)
 Boys: **Tamir Cohen, Hymie Frohlich, Ilan Harris, Zev Kay, Daniel Lugassy, Noam Rindsberg** and **Eytan Shapiro**
 Girls: **Orly Bierly, Sarah Cohen, Tamar Ganz, Victoria Pilkington** and **Jennifer Rosen**





Rachel Harow, M.S.W., PTA President

As the days have blurred together over these past few months, it's hard to believe that summer is upon us! Getting accustomed to this new (hopefully temporary) "normal" has certainly been a challenge! The void left by the cancellation of spring activities on campus, which always mark a bittersweet end of the year, was tough to take! From a distance, it can be so hard to feel connected. Thankfully, the incredible efforts that have been made by the KHDS community to keep everyone in touch have really bridged that gap. On behalf of the PTA, I want to thank each and every one of you for the overwhelming amount of support that we have received this year, especially during these unprecedented times. Our success is largely due to the time, effort, creative ideas, and helpful suggestions that are constantly being contributed, and we could not be more grateful! Thank you to our sponsors and those who have stepped up to help us work toward our goals, despite our postponed events and stalled fundraising. Rest assured that we are hard at work, gearing up for next year, and we are prepared to face any and all challenges that come our way. Though we remain apart, remember that we are all in this together, and together, we can accomplish anything. As you begin to focus on your summer plans, please keep in mind that many of our programs are ongoing. Keep saving your Box Tops, clicking on our AmazonSmile link, and of course, always support our sponsors! We are always thrilled to hear suggestions and new ideas, so feel free to send them my way! Thank you for all you that you do! We truly hope to see you again soon! Enjoy the summer!

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

2nd grade moms had a fabulous moms night out at the home of **Simone & Justin Jacobs** on February 29th. They all enjoyed an evening of wine, lite bites and delicious artisanal French style macarons, made by 2nd grade mom, and co-organizer, **Miriam Daum**. Whilst the moms schmoozed with one another, of course the attention was quickly turned and focused on their kids. A humorous and authentic conversation was had with the exchange of tips in discipline and incentives for their children. A thoroughly fantastic night, filled with joy and laughter, was had by all!



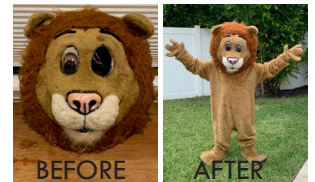
Even with social distancing, **Penina Dorfman** and **Nechamah Zangre** hosted the Kindergarten "Moms' Night Out" as scheduled, on March 28th. Everyone had a great time schmoozing and were even challenged to take a Brady Bunch inspired gridbox picture. Thanks to all who showed up on Zoom!



With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

❖Thank you to PTA Vice President, **Penina Schoenfeld**, for her dedication to our school and best of luck on her upcoming Aliyah to Israel. Also, special thanks and Mazal Tov to those members of the PTA Board whose youngest child just graduated: **Sharona Kay** and **Tzippi Rosen**.

❖Thank you to **Chava Weisstuch** for performing much needed reconstructive surgery on our beloved mascot, **Ari, the Lion!** Incredible job! His lonely time in quarantine sure took its toll, but he looks forward to seeing you all soon!



❖Thank you to **Shari Bloom, Cara Freedman, Deena Frist, Rachel Harow, Arielle Kieffer, Holly Seidenfeld, and Marisa Weg-Chametsky** for helping to assemble the 8th grade graduation "grab 'n go" boxes and to **Cinnaholic** for donating the cookies.



❖Thank you to **Marisa Weg-Chametsky** for organizing Uniform Shoppe orders and distribution.

❖Thank you to **Phyllis Struhl** for making the photo collage poster from the Annual Journal Dinner.

❖Thank you to **Rachel Harow** for organizing the Uber Eats gift cards for faculty and creating the Teacher Appreciation video.

❖Thank you to **Yaffi Wexler** for assistance with the PTA Pages and for editing each *Hillel Herald* and *Weekly Shavuon*.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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MAZAL TOV, CLASS OF 2020!

Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness.
- Napoleon Hill

8th Grade Graduating Class of 2020

ADAM AGAJAN
GABRIEL BEIM
ALAN BENABOU
ORLY BIERLY
ALEXIS BIRNBAUM
MALI BLANKA
AJ BROIDE
JONAH BURACK
BINNY CIMENT
SARAH COHEN*
TAMIR COHEN
TAMAR COHN
NESHAMA DREYFUSS
TOMEIR ELIAS
HODAYA ELIAS
SHIREL ELIAS
TYLER FIXLER
ADIEL FROHLICH
ARIEL GEDZ*
JOSEPH GELMAN
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SIMCHA HECHT
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SHIRELLE LUNSKI*
MORDECHAI MARCUS*
HANNAH MARKOVICH
DANIEL MITCHELL
AARON NEWMAN*
MEIRA PICKHOLTZ
VICTORIA PILKINGTON
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ASAF RUBENSTEIN
ANNA RUDENSKY*
KAYLA SAKA
MEIRA SALIT
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ADAM SCHWARTZ
NOA SHEMESH*
DORONIT SKOCZYLAS
GABRIEL STERN
DAVEED WINOGRAD
SAMSON YABLON
JOSHUA YOUNG
EDAN ZAFRANI

* National Junior Honor Society

The KHDS 8th grade Class of 2020 experienced a very different, yet amazing graduation. Pre-celebration festivities included a teaser of what was to come on a pre-event video, *Something Special Awaits*, produced by **Simone Jacobs**, which featured messages to the graduates from KHDS faculty and staff. In addition, each of the 58 students received a personally delivered Mazal Tov sign and well-wishes by administration and faculty prior to the big day.

The 22nd Annual Commencement Exercises, held on Sunday, June 7th, were live-streamed on the school's Facebook page by **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** for all to "attend." Graduates and their parents arrived at the Milton B. Katz Campus for the afternoon event as the parade of cars grew. Each graduate individually picked up their signed photo boards and gift boxes in the breezeway as they received waves from their Middle School teachers and **Ari**, the Lion mascot. Thank you to **Caroline Katz** for photographing the 8th graders and creating the photo boards as well as affixing the special messages from classmates, to **KHDS** and **PTA** for sponsoring the gift boxes, and to **Cinnaholic** for donating the cookies.

A pre-show video montage of the graduates, produced by **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, graced the large movie screen for all to view as the auto procession arrived at the Middle School lot for the drive-in style program. As the program began, **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik** emceed and called each graduate to receive their diploma as they posed for a photo taken by paparazzi, **Jill Kaminetzky**, donning their KHDS logoed face mask. Thank you to **Deborah Young**, for coordinating the balloon backdrop and logo face masks. The graduation video, *Memories*, produced by **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** was then shown on the big screen as the attendees tuned in on their car radios. It included a welcome message from Head of School **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** and remarks by President **Daniel Katz**, followed by the presentation of gifts (Siddurim) and a message from PTA President **Rachel Harow**. Finally, the Yearbook Editors **Sarah Cohen**, **Josh Haik**, **Hannah Markovich**, and **Aaron Newman** spoke, and then a montage of photos dating all the way back to when the students were just 2 years old was shown.

Hakarat Hatov to **Hadassah Smolarcik** for her creative innovation and countless hours of coordination, as well as her tireless dedication to ensure a graduation to remember. KHDS also thanks **Eyal Cohen**, **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger**, **Michael Gale**, **Dr. Tomer Haik**, **Simone Jacobs**, **Risa Kahane**, **Jill Kaminetzky**, **Noam Kaminetzky**, **Rina Lanner**, **Suzanne Rice** and **Joe Sharp** for assistance with the event. This will surely be a graduation to remember and we wish MAZAL TOV to the Class of 2020!



Kindergarten Graduating Class of 2020

Yehuda Abed
Liam Abitbol
Brielle Aharon
Meirav Asher
Moshe Austein
Lielle Avezbadalov
Jonathan Benbenisty
Noah Charm
Noah Corbett
Eitan Daum
Charlie David
Nathan Dorfman
Gabriella Elkoby
Joseph Epstein
Ella Farbstein
Shai Fellman
Noah Freiden
Lia Fridman-Rubin
Eytan Frist
Julia Genuth
Eithan Nissim Geter
Netanel Greene
Meital Hagler
Anaëlle Harari

Liana Holczer
Charlotte Klein
Jack Lassar
Eliaana Laufer
Maxwell Matias
Liora Nava Meiteles
Livyah Menczer
David Shalom Miller
Tamar Oppenheimer
Naveh Potok
Esther Saunders
Linda Shulman
Claire Sperling
Naftali Steinberg
Zachary Warshawsky
Daniel Weber
David Weisfeld
Liana Weisstuch
Ezra Wexler
Sophie Wexler
Alexa Wirtschachter
Eliaana Wolk
Azi Zangre
Yemimah Zisquit

The Kindergarten Class of 2020 also received some special visits from their teachers, and Principal **Chayim Dimont**, as they were given their Degree of Alphabetarian and some other goodies in celebration of their milestone graduation! Onward and upward to 1st grade!!



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Danny Aghion, M.D., FRD Co-Chair
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Help us make KHDS history in these historic times! We find ourselves living in the most unexpected time in our recent history. We pray for everyone's safety and wish our condolences to those who suffered loss from the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank the selfless workers on the frontlines which include some of our very own parents!

Just like the world, the Financial Resource Development office came to a standstill. The pandemic put to a halt our first-ever Roar Run which was scheduled for March 27th. We also had to cancel a crowdfunding/matching gift initiative and are left with a big gap in reaching our campaign goals for this year.

Every year we conclude our campaign with a call for a donation in ANY amount before the end of the school year as part of the *Every Parent Campaign*. KHDS has never had 100 % participation for this campaign in its history!!

THIS YEAR we would like to dedicate our *Every Parent Campaign* to honor the frontline workers, our teachers and parents. Please help us reach 100% participation and make 2020 memorable **because we made KHDS history. ANY amount qualifies!**

We will be publishing a complete list of *Every Parent Campaign* donors in the *Annual Report* - and all gifts are listed equally! We also list all cumulative gifts of \$360+ in our *Annual Honor Roll*.

Give the gift of tzedakah and help us to help our students!

If you have not already made a donation please do so before the extended deadline of July 31st. Your contribution will help us get closer to our goal and help families who have been greatly affected by the pandemic.

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.



Although we were unable to hold this year's **Boosterthon Roar Run & Color Run**, we thank our sponsors for their support and look forward to scheduling a new date during the next school year, G-d willing. We also thank those donors who fulfilled their early pledges as a gift of tzedakah.

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Leadership Messages (cont'd.)



Joe Sharp, Executive Director

These past few months have presented us with extraordinary challenges, but it has also given us a platform to showcase our infinite capacity for doing extraordinary things. Young and old have risen to the occasion in numerous ways to help our community. We've witnessed teachers going above and beyond by speaking one-on-one with their students (and their parents) daily, simply for their well-being. KHDS parents, students, and alumni have been performing so many acts of chesed across the community that they're too numerous to mention. Hot lunches procured by Teach Florida from the State of Florida are being served daily by several volunteers, and many others then volunteer to deliver them to their friends and neighbors who aren't able to go themselves. We've seen the term 'drive-by' take on an entirely new meaning, as a way to bring much-needed cheer to our students and teachers, or to bring simcha to all those celebrating lifecycle events in these days of social distancing. So many Tehillim groups, pledges to abstain from lashon hara or talking during davening, and new commitments to Torah learning have all been borne out of this crisis. When one of our own, **Humberto Valle**, succumbed to COVID-19, the KHDS community rose to the occasion to collectively pay his burial expenses and make an incredible kiddush Hashem.

At KHDS, we're looking forward as optimistically as ever, driven by our mission and bursting with excitement for what the future has in store for us. Our passion demands that we work harder than ever to stay on course, provide an even greater level of academic and emotional support for our students, and address our new and unprecedented financial challenges—but we can't do it alone. Whether it's feasible for you to direct tzedakah towards our heavily burdened scholarship fund or the new educational platforms necessitated by our newfound circumstances, or volunteer much-needed time or services, KHDS will be stronger than ever for you, and because of you.

Too many of us have been suffering physically, emotionally, and financially. Now is the time for those fortunate ones among us to continue to step up and share their talents, ideas, friendship, emotional support, entrepreneurship, financial means, and prayers with our community. Perhaps this is the moment in our lives for which Hashem gave us these gifts, entrusting us to share them and uplift each other when they're most needed.

Through the merits of these acts of tzedakah and chesed, we beseech Hashem to bring a refuah sheleimah to all those who are suffering, return the prayers and Torah learning of our students to our campus, and to bring Mashiach, speedily in our days.



KHDS alumnae enjoyed "Throwback Thursday" at KYHS and dressed up like they did when they were students here at KHDS!

IN MEMORIAM ~ HUMBERTO VALLE



KHDS mourns the loss of **Humberto Valle**, a member of our KHDS family. We will dearly miss him and his kind, calm, and dedicated persona. He was a vital member of our maintenance staff, opening the doors of our school each morning, always displaying exemplary dedication to KHDS, extraordinary competence, and a positive attitude in everything he did. Our students saw him on a daily basis and he would always greet them with his warm smile. Words cannot adequately express our feelings of loss, and our sense of 'hakarot hatov' (gratitude) for all that Humberto did on our behalf.

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*, supply lists, forms and much more!

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