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Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh
Head of School

My Dented Garage Door

One of the reasons my son **Netanel** was looking forward to entering fifth grade was for the opportunity to try out for a spot on the hockey team. Netanel is a kid who pretty much eats, drinks, and breathes hockey. On the day of tryouts, Netanel must have been up at 5 a.m., already pacing back and forth. When we arrived at the school gym, the boys were immediately given instructions: suicide laps, tons of push-ups, and shooting drills. That night, Netanel could not sleep as he anxiously waited for the list to be posted with the names of the boys who were chosen for the team. When he arrived at school the next day, he received the news he had been dreading: he, unfortunately, did not make the team. As you can imagine, Netanel was absolutely crushed.

When I got home that evening, my wife told me that he had gone to his room without dinner and was sulking in misery. I knocked on Netanel's door and sat down on his bed and shared the following message with him: "Netanel, you have two choices," I said. "You can continue to pout or beginning tomorrow, you can come home from school, drop your bags and go into the backyard and do suicide drills, push-ups, and take 50 shots at the net in front of our garage." Netanel came home the next day and did just that. We had recently installed a brand-new garage door that year. That door became riddled with a hundred dents from top to bottom from all his missed shots, but Netanel not only made the team the next year, but he also went on to become one of the best players on the HANC Hockey Team.



Rabbi Deon Nathan
Executive Director

Security. There has been a marked increase in the number and frequency of antisemitic attacks on Jewish people and institutions over the past year. In particular, the attack on the synagogue in Colleyville, was quite near to where my family lived just a few months ago. The individual that was arrested for assault and vandalism to multiple Jewish stores and schools in Chicago was caught by the security cameras in the Yeshivah in which my son is a student. To say that we need to be vigilant, is no longer a nice statement, but rather a creed which we need to live by.

How is Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton handling this new reality? **Rabbi Sadigh** and I have held multiple meetings with **Mr. Todd Polikoff**, the new COO of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, and **Mr. Ted Morris**, the head of security for the campus. In these meetings, we have discussed the multifaceted realities of our private property being part of the largest Jewish campus in the United States.

Today, there is so much talk about learning loss as a result of the pandemic. Schools are scrambling to address this important issue. As **Ron Berger** writes in his article, *Our Kids are Not Broken*: "Of course, they've lost some of their academic progress. The pressure to measure and remediate this 'learning loss' is intense; many advocates for educational equity are rightly focused on getting students back on track." But equally important, says Berger, is capitalizing on all the opportunities our students have had to become more resilient during these trying times. More than ever, our students are graduating high school and college, lacking the grit and determination needed to navigate the daily challenges of life. One silver lining during the pandemic was that our children were presented with situations to learn these skills.

Thankfully, our talented educators at KHDS are methodically filling in the academic holes from the past couple of years while at the same time teaching our children critical thinking skills, how to problem solve, and make good choices. We may come up a chapter or two short, but we are confident that our students will be well prepared and become contributors to society and the greater world around them.



Rabbi Sadigh and Rabbi Nathan prepare to light the giant Chanukiah at the PTA's Chanukah Fireworks Extravaganza, held on December 5th. See the full story on page 29.

Amongst the topics discussed were the perimeter security of our campus, including the northern boundary of the campus which is in full line of sight from the new apartments. We are working on a plan to alleviate this vulnerability. We also discussed additional security guards, a new check-in procedure, easier and more efficient car decal processes, and training opportunities to help keep our staff and students aware of their surroundings.

On multiple occasions, I have had parents reach out to me with specific concerns or questions, and we have been able to immediately ask questions and work on the issue. Please continue to partner with us to help keep our KHDS family safe. We look forward to sharing specific updates as they are implemented.

WELCOME, NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Please join us in welcoming our recent new faculty and staff to the KHDS family:



Leah Bistricher has joined the KHDS family as an EC floater. She is working in all of the early childhood classrooms helping out the teachers where needed. She and her husband, **Aryeh**, have two children: **Lily** (Kindergarten) and **Jayden** (EC4). The Bistrichers are also a new family to KHDS this year.



Welcome to **Betty Frons**, who has joined the KHDS family as a Kindergarten floater and is helping our KA and KB classes throughout the day during center times. Betty was born in New York and she and her husband **Corey** have two children: **Joshua** (age 16) and **Jacob** (age 13). She enjoys traveling with her family, doing Pilates and playing tennis. Betty was also a pediatric physical therapist in New York for over 15 years.



Robyn Sharove joins us as a Kindergarten assistant for both English and Hebrew. Robyn was born in Brooklyn, NY and is a self-proclaimed foodie who loves to travel and go to the beach.



We welcome **Susan Needleman**, who is the assistant to Principals **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik** and **Mrs. Shireen Butman**. Susan looks forward to also helping the students and parents of our KHDS family in her new role. She was born in Brooklyn, NY and is married to **Jeffrey**. She is an avid reader and also enjoys most sports and staying active.

KHDS HOST CoJDS CONFERENCE



KHDS was honored to host the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools during its Annual National Winter Conference for teachers and administrators on January 16th. Educators from all over the country gathered for a day of collaboration and learning. The theme of this year's conference was addressing learning loss and how best to support our student's emotional well-being.

World-renowned psychologist, **Dr. David Pelcovitz** set the tone for the day as the keynote speaker. The attendees also had the opportunity to hear a special message from **Rav Ahron Lopiansky**, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva of Greater Washington via Zoom. **Rabbi Heshy Glass**, National Chairman of the CoJDS, talked about how important it is to create opportunities for administrators and educators to get together in person and offer each other support during challenging times. KHDS Head of School **Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh**, as well as KHDS parent and General Studies Principal of Rohr Bais Chaya Academy, **Tanya Rubin**, were also presenters. "All of the presentations were extremely engaging and informative and it was an amazing day of growth for all those who attended, including many of our own KHDS faculty and administrators," noted **Rabbi Sadigh**.



IN MEMORY OF ELIJAH WEBBERLY
16 TEVET 5771



REMEMBERING ELIJAH, Z"L

Middle School students remembered former KHDS student, **Elijah Webberly, Z"L**, on his 11th yearzeit, 16 Tevet.





Hadassah Smolarcik
Judaic Studies Principal, Grades 1-8

It is hard to believe that the past two years have seen our lives and our well-being thrust into turmoil. We experienced life-changing challenges and profound events of historical significance that left us with a deep understanding that we could not predict nor control. The pandemic changed the way we live, leaving no aspect of our lives untouched. Now we are trying to return to normalcy, stability, and relief. As human beings, we keep trying to understand and look for something that will give us comfort with hopes for a better tomorrow.

We, together with Jews around the entire world, are reading the Torah portions that recount the story of the Jewish People being freed from Egypt and their subsequent journey through the desert. The lessons that the Torah teaches us offer much insight and should help us with the deepest questions we are now facing.

Throughout the forty-year journey, the Jewish Nation had to declare the ultimate declaration of faith in Hashem. The many miracles and wonders that Hashem performed, and His astounding feats throughout the forty years, are recorded in the Torah and we are commanded to tell it to our children to instill Emunah — faith for the future generations. There was and is great comfort in knowing that Hashem is in control, then and now. When the Jewish People felt vulnerable, we put our faith and trust in our Redeemer. Having faith and trust does not necessarily mean that everything will turn out the way we wish, but rather it is the understanding that Hashem has a plan, that the world and our lives are in His hands. We know that Hashem provided the needs of the People for 40 years — this should remind us that our own sustenance and livelihood is just as miraculous now as it was when the Manna fell from the sky! We may no longer be wandering in the desert but our future is just as precarious. The caring that Hashem showed us when we left Egypt is meant to carry us throughout the generations.

The same lesson applies to our relationship with our children. Life is full of various pressures, challenges and difficulties; no one can escape them. If we give our children the strong foundation of Emunah, Bitachon and the ability to cope with challenges — we are giving them the greatest comfort and fundamental life skill. Let us provide them with a warm atmosphere, houses of love and caring so that they are left with fond memories of their youth, and that even when things might look bleak when they face their own challenges, they will be sustained with the love and warmth we gave them when they were young.

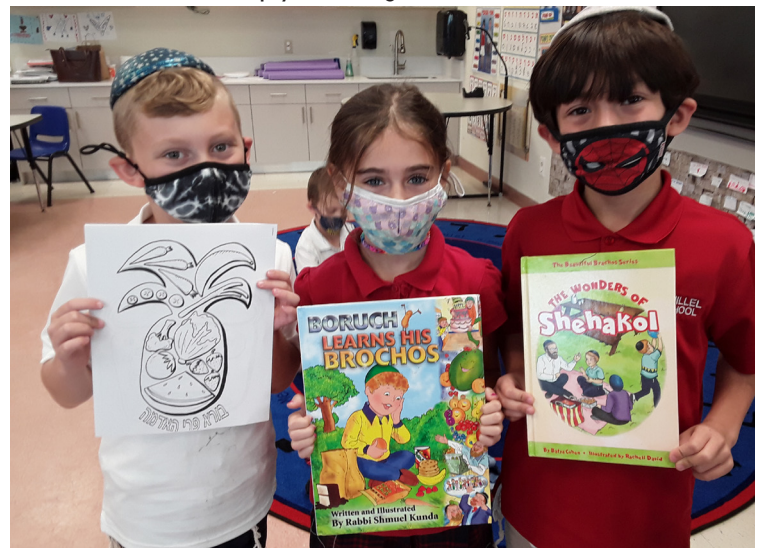
KHDS wished a very happy birthday to our B'not Sherut, **Eden and Shir Altman**, on November 18th!



Morah Racheli Lasry's students put their Hebrew vocabulary words to good use while they played soccer and basketball; they could only speak in Hebrew during their games.



Students enjoy learning all about Brachot!



Yeladim in **Morah Shira's** class made fun animal masks in honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar while also learning the Hebrew names of each animal.





Shireen Butman
General Studies Principal, Grades 1-8

At KHDS we are passionate about STEM education! There are many ways to foster an appreciation and interest for STEM learning in our students, from a young age.

Our primary goal is to develop critical thinking skills in our students through rigorous, project-based, and experiential learning. Thinking critically is the “pinnacle of the accumulation of knowledge and experience.” Developing critical thinkers is a journey through a range of strategies. Students should have the freedom to learn. We need to give the freedom to think back to our students. By allowing our students to explore their own thoughts and opinions, we help them develop their own point of view on topics, instead of telling them what to think. This increases students’ sense of ownership of the problem, and promotes creative approaches to finding a solution, thus elevating their capacity to think critically.

Next, we should encourage project-based learning. Solving real-world problems gets students out of the classroom and into the real world, even if it’s virtually. This is a skill that is paramount for success in life.

We continue with student collaboration and teamwork, which engage our students’ critical thinking skills.

Lastly, giving our students opportunities to make a mess, where learning is “unguided and messy,” encourages them to draw their own conclusions. Of course, this form of learning must be anchored by support from teachers in the form of structure, graphic organizers, guiding questions, and more.

I want to highlight two recent events where all of the above strategies came together to immerse our students in the critical thinking arena. At the CIJE VEX Robotics competition, our 8th grade robotics team had to work collaboratively, problem-solve on the spot when one of their two robots stopped working, think creatively and come from behind to win the competition!

The CIJE Drone Olympics allowed our 7th and 8th graders to work collaboratively to code and then fly a drone. Critical thinking skills were clearly needed to accomplish the challenging task of flying a drone successfully through multiple hurdles without crashing.

In conclusion, I would like to add that technology is a great tool that can further facilitate the development of critical thinking skills. Thanks to the hard work of our **Director of Technology and Innovation, Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger**, in securing funding, our school recently received nearly 420 new touchscreen DELL Chromebooks. This funding was provided through the **FCC’s Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)**. The new school-owned Chromebooks can be brought home during the year for those parents who signed up for a school-managed device for their child(ren).

I look forward to continuing to share with you more opportunities where KHDS students demonstrate critical thinking skills and their passion for STEM learning.

Hundreds of Chromebooks were delivered to KHDS thanks to the **FCC’s Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)** and the efforts of **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger!**



5th graders learned to play the ukulele with **Mrs. Brody**.



Students created Keith Haring inspired art in **Mrs. Pinkis’** class.



7th and 8th graders participated in the Drone Olympics on February 10th. Their mission was to work in teams to code a drone to “fly” through obstacles, to reach its landing spot. Continuous coding adjustments were necessary to accomplish the task! This hands-on workshop, organized by **CIJE**, was both fun and educational!



BRACHA BEE 5782 WINNERS



Mazal Tov to this year's Bracha Bee winners as well as all of the participants:

1st grade: **Ella Cohen**
 2nd grade: **Esther Saunders**
 3rd grade: **Johanna Harris**
 4th grade: **Yosef Muschel**
 5th grade: **Gabi Ohayon**

VEX ROBOTICS TEAM WINS 1ST PLACE

The KHDS 8th grade Robotics team (**Ezra Bierman, Isaac Hanina, Aidan Struhl and Chaim Taillard**) won 1st place at the CIJE Vex Robotics competition held at BMA in February!

Through this challenge, students gained first-hand experience with building Vex robots. Skills from electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and computer science were incorporated to design, build and maneuver the robots!



SIDDUR & CHUMASH PRESENTATIONS: MILESTONE MOMENTS

2nd graders were presented with their Chumashim on November 11th. Thank you to **Jeffrey and Naomi Gross** for sponsoring the Chumashim in loving memory of **Tobie & William Wiener, Z"L**, who inspired generations of children to lead lives of Torah and Derech Eretz.



The annual Siddur Party took place on November 16th, 17th and 18th as 1st grade students were presented with their Siddurim. We thank the **Schiffman family** for their generosity in the annual dedication of the siddurim in memory of **Susan Rubin, Z"L**. We also thank **Ayal and Deena Frist** for sponsoring the sweet treats.



To view more photos from these milestone programs visit our website and go to "About" and then "Photo Galleries."

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Leonardo Moran

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



2022 NJHS INDUCTEES

Kol Hakavod to the 2022 **National Junior Honor Society** (NJHS) inductees.

We are proud of each student and their academic achievements. These students promote values of scholarship, leadership, character, and citizenship within KHDS.

** new inductee for 2022*

Golan Aghion
Abby Bienenfeld
Edan Carmel
Gabriel Cohen
Raquel Cohen
Nikki Feld
Izzie Gately
Mikaela Gottheil
Daniel Gross*
Eitan Gross*

Avi Harris
Akiva Lanner
Kayla MacLeod*
Daniellah Mizrahi*
Sruli Muschel
Abby Rosenblat
Kayla Stein
Sarra Stein*
Aidan Struhl
Zahava Tilis*

FIELD TRIPS!

Kindergarten students saw so many cool exhibits during their visit to the **South Florida Science Museum** on February 17th.



After learning about the Everglades in social studies, 4th graders enjoyed a field trip to **Everglades Holiday Park**. They had a blast riding in an airboat and were able to see all kinds of birds and other wildlife, plants, and even some alligators! It was an up close and personal encounter! After their exciting airboat tour they watched the famous **Gator Show**.



#MBP and #RDHC

5th graders **Aiden Lerman, Noa Loren, Shana Weber,** and **Gabe Weisfeld** enjoyed a special lunch for their amazing accomplishments in **Rabbi Drang's MBP** (Mishnayot B'al Peh) program. Special thanks to the **Weisfeld family** for sponsoring the lunch!



Congratulations once again to all of **Rabbi Drang's RDHC** (Rebbes Daf Ha'Chumash) participants! A great time was enjoyed by all at the special lunch held in January! We also thank the following families for generously sponsoring the lunch: **Daniel & Liora Adler, Avi & Tamara Blanka, Ayal & Deena Frist, Yehuda & Leslie Gutstein, Charles & Nicolette Lerman, Sarah Meyers, Todd & Michelle Slesinger, Yitz & Batsheva Warshawsky,** and **Josh & Deena Weisfeld.**

KHDS KAR²ES

KHDS faculty and the B'not Sherut presented a creative play about middot to elementary school students as they kicked off the KARE²S program to promote middot. "We are constantly on the lookout to catch students exhibiting KAR²ES and every day we announce KAR²ES highlights - giving specific students shout-outs for their KAR²Eing behavior," noted **Rina Lanner**, Middle School Coordinator. "At KHDS, we recognize that it's important to teach our students not only math and science but how to be respectful and kind human beings," she added.



READ-A-THON

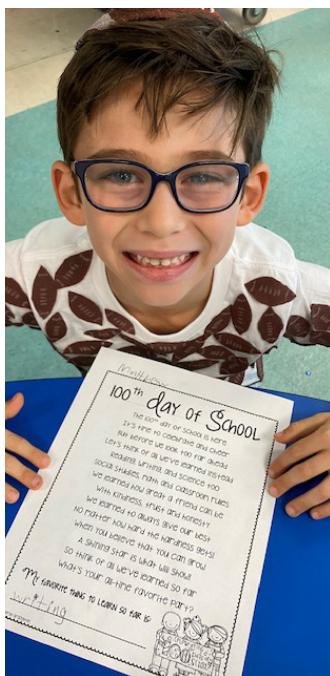
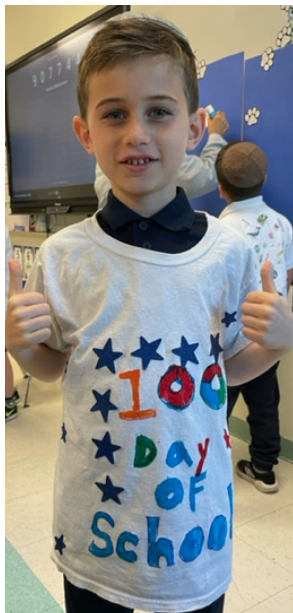
Early Childhood and Middle School students participated in an amazing Read-A-Thon. The students enjoyed the beautiful sunny morning reading outside together. A wonderful time was had by all!



100TH DAY!

Students participated in special projects to celebrate the 100th day of school on February 14th!

Happy
100th
Day
of School!



KTP KORNER

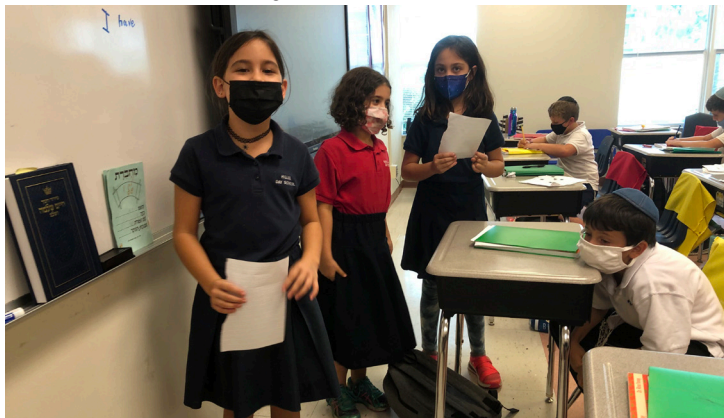


Session 2 of the Kids' Time Program returned with many offerings, including **Morah Frumie's** "Fun with Food" class, art with **Mrs. Pinkis**, ballet, soccer, robotics and much, much more!



Students built an Almubot with over 350 pieces in the KTP Robotics class! Students worked together in groups of two and have already created four fully functional robots! They will engage in team battles, races, and obstacle courses using their robots! The Almubot moves using a joystick-type remote.

Morah Racheli Lasry's students practiced oral language skills and Hebrew dialogue in Ivrit.



Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade learned about what makes leaves change color in science class. They learned that in the fall, when daylight hours decrease, it also causes a decrease in the leaves' green pigment — AKA chlorophyll.



Coach Moishe's Kindergarten class prepared for 1st grade activities during "step-up day." They learned about dribbling with opposing hands and also while moving. Coach Moishe's philosophy is to always give a child more than what they need to reach a higher standard.



Elementary school students began their unit on animals and learned about different groups, including mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects. They also learned that vertebrates are animals with a backbone and invertebrates are animals without a backbone. The students had fun sorting animals into different groups.



Around Campus

4th graders participated in competitive basketball drills which encouraged developmental and age-appropriate gross motor skills including coordination of running with a ball, bouncing, dribbling and shooting. Listening skills and following directions were also incorporated during this fun activity that also promoted teamwork and team spirit.



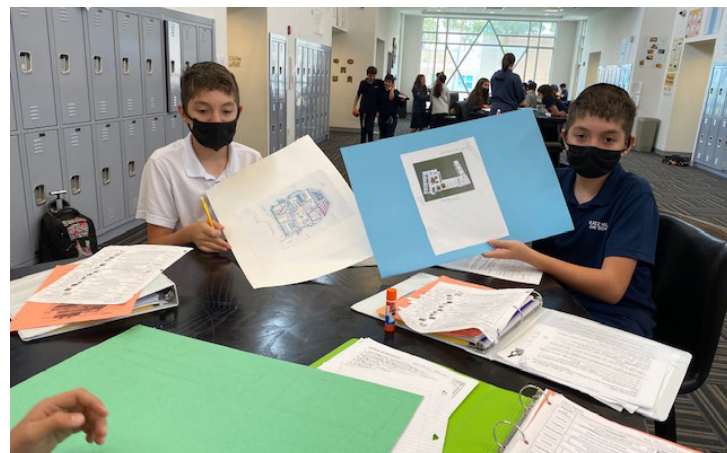
In honor of Tzahal Appreciation Day, the B'not Sherut taught Tzionut lessons related to Tzahal's great activities in the air, in combat and at sea. Students and faculty also dressed up to celebrate the day.



4th grade students created self-portraits in art class.



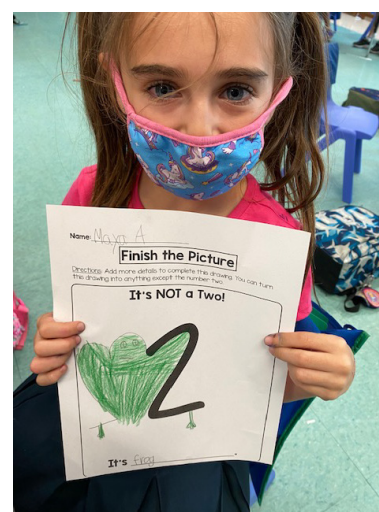
7th graders worked on a cell analogy project in **Mrs. Einhorn's** class. Students represented the organelles of a cell through their pictures of a non-living system. This activity challenged students to consider which part of their system could represent what a living cell could do inside the body.



Student Council distributed popcorn to Middle School students in celebration of Tu B'Shvat and winter break!



On TWOsday, Tuesday, 2-22-22, students enjoyed themed learning in honor of the day with many fun and educational activities.



12 Community, Chesed & Caring

As part of the "Mitzvah of the Month" program, Middle School students had the honor to hear from **Dr. Seema Loskove** (past KHDS parent of three alumni) as she shared her passion for the beautiful mitzvah of bikur cholim. She spoke about its significance and gave practical tips and suggestions about how we can perform this mitzvah.



As a follow-up to the program, Middle School students participated in their own acts of bikur cholim by writing cards and making friendship bracelets which were sent to pediatric patients at **St. Jude's Research Hospital**.



Kol Hakavod to **Elan** (8th grade) and **Natan** (3rd grade) **Greenbaum** for organizing and helping with the collection and purchases of items on the **JAFCO** children's Chanukah wish list. Keep up the chesed!



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES: COMMUNITY SUPPORT

JFS has worked closely with KHDS to bring a wide array of support services to its students/families.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please reach out to the Community Outreach Coordinator, **Melissa Alter**, at 561-852-3298. For additional information on the services JFS provides please visit www.ralesjfs.org.



KHDS families, leadership and administration attended the **Teach Florida** Legislative Breakfast on November 14th. Thanks to this advocacy group, KHDS has received \$1,206,591 in scholarship and security funding for the 2021-2022 school year.



Faculty and staff enjoyed hot cocoa (complete with a toppings bar) and sweet treats from **Cinnaholic**.



KHDS gave thanks to our couriers and security guards with coffee and sweet treats in December! And thank you to **Simone Jacobs** for initiating this act of chesed!



Ayelet Goldin spoke to Middle School students in December about her brother, **Lt. Hadar Goldin, Z"L**, who was killed by Hamas 7 years ago. She inspired the students with his life story, morals and values. Lt. Goldin's body is still in Gaza today and we pray for his return home to his final resting place. Thank you to **Daniel Katz**, KHDS President, for arranging this visit.



As a follow-up to the program, Middle School students wrote letters to our elected officials requesting the release of **Lt. Goldin's** body so he can be properly buried in Israel.



Middle school students participated in a fantastic chesed activity in February, visiting a local farm and picking peppers which were donated to local food banks.



Students recited 50 chapters of Tehillim in memory of **Mr. Chayim Dimont, Z"L**, whose 50th birthday would have been February 10th. **Mrs. Michele Dimont** brought the students Slurpees® as those were Mr. Dimont's favorite treat every Friday on his way home from school.



In January, we had the honor of hosting **Rabbi Yaakov Bender**, Rosh Yeshiva of **Darchei Torah**. He inspired our middle school students about being the best version of themselves.

What a zechut!



Thank you to **Dr. Penina Dorfman** for visiting Kindergarten to discuss the topic of being kind. She read a story and the students participated in an activity that was displayed in the corridor of the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School.



Student Council distributed and reorganized some of the items at the Lost and Found. Members **Elisha Weisstuch, Akiva Lanner, Kayla MacLeod, Danielle MacLeod, Sam Mitchell, Sarra Stein, and Abby Rosenblat** reconnected students with lost items including homework, water bottles, and sweaters. **Shira Nyer** volunteered to help empty and organize water bottles.



Cheryl Mirsky
Interim Early Childhood Director, EC2-K

Imagine a world where humans must live with the lower part of their faces covered. Imagine only being able to communicate with your eyes. Imagine having your deepest emotions on display at all times. Welcome to the world of infants. Welcome to the world

of unmasked emotions.

A recent study published by the **University of Virginia** found that babies respond differently to eyes alone. "Their brains clearly respond to social cues conveyed through the eyes, indicating that even without conscious awareness, infants are able to detect subtle social cues," said **Professor Tobias Grossmann**. They can detect emotions of sadness, even when masked with a smile.

Those fortunate enough to work in schools know that young children in particular can interpret us, even when we try to cover our truest emotions with a smile or frown. The masks at KHDS have not been an easy part of life, for us, or our children, yet they have allowed us to see each other through the eyes of an infant child. A child that only sees emet, truth.

This valuable lesson is even more apparent now that we are mask-free. Our partially covered faces left our true identities exposed. We are blessed to be able to enjoy each other's company in close proximity. Our children once again get to enjoy field trips and programs, like the fun and educational Kindergarten trip to the **South Florida (Cox) Science Center Aquarium and Planetarium** and the special Shabbat program hosted by the early childhood staff which was filled with beautiful song, delicious food, and fond memories of **Mr. Chayim Dimont, Z"L**.

As Purim approaches, I can't help but think that if we would see the world through the eyes of a child, Hashem would never appear hidden. We hide, not Him. We mask our true identity, not Him. His partially covered face on Purim exposes more of Him, not less. Be like a child; live in a world of unmasked truth. See beyond the hidden; our miraculous children.

The **Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center** held a very special Oneg Shabbat in memory of **Mr. Chayim Dimont, Z"L**, on February 18th. This annual joint Oneg program, which included EC2 through Kindergarten, was one of Mr. Dimont's most favorite programs. Each year this program takes place during the week that students learn about Shabbat. During this program, students wore commemorative bow ties in honor of **Mr. Dimont, Z"L**, and **Mrs. Michele Dimont** was the special guest of honor. After each class sang a Shabbat song, accompanied by music teacher **Mrs. Abby Brody**, they proceeded to the Cafetorium for a special Oneg meal.



Hakarat hatov to **Devorah Kahan, Ofra Struogano, and Miriam Daum** for planning the event and to **Jodie Salit and Robin Noble** for helping to set up.

We know that Chayim was looking down upon us with smiles and appreciation.



Every Friday, students prepare for Shabbat.

Early Childhood students enjoyed PJ day and went on a "bear hunt" - oh my!!



Students enjoyed a visit from the fire department and then went on a fire safety scavenger hunt around the school, searching for fire safety tools and equipment!



It must be Friday when we see our EC students dressed in their festive Shabbat t-shirts (generously sponsored by **KHDS PTA**)!



Early Childhood

Florida snow! EC-4 students learned about winter through sensory play, early math and open-ended art!



EC enjoyed so many Chanukah-related activities! See the "Holiday Happenings" section for more Chanukah highlights.



PE classes with **Coach Sam** are lots of fun and allow the students to practice their hand-eye coordination, listening, and balancing skills.



BRRRR....early childhood students worked on early literacy, math, and fine motor skills with winter-themed activities.



16 Spotlight by Grade

Kindergarten students made ice cream (glidah) for the Hebrew letter Gimmel and the next day they enjoyed a cool treat from Carvel!



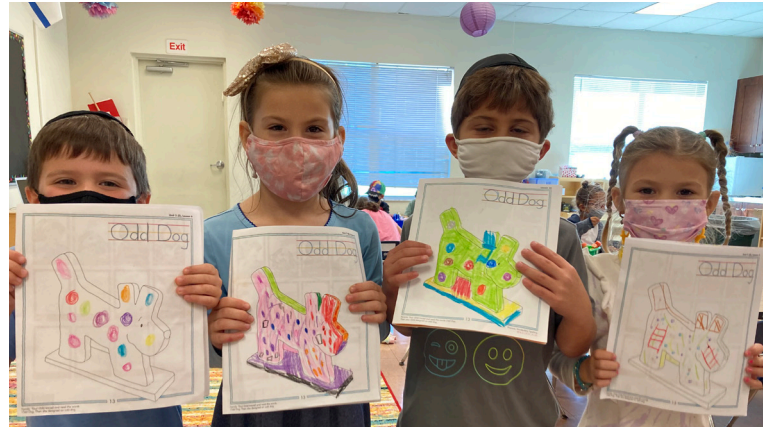
Kindergarten

Students celebrated the end of Sefer Bereshit by making chocolate cupcakes and learning new Hebrew vocabulary words related to the process!

Chazak Chazak
V'netchazek!



Students learned about the Superkid, Doc, and created their own odd dogs.



Students practiced the sounds of each Hebrew letter to become experts.

And in English, the students built their own words and learned to sound them out to correctly to spell them.



The KiNG of “-ng” and bubbLE blast phonics.

1st grade rocks! Students read about Oswald’s pet rock and then created their own pet rocks and wrote about them!

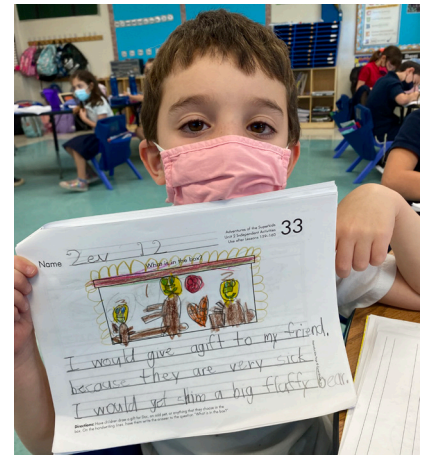
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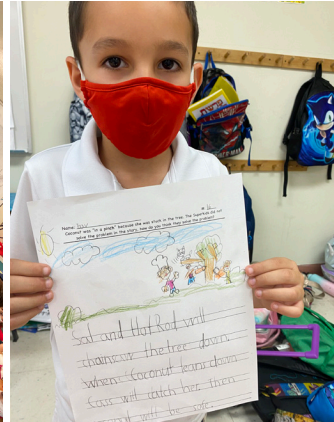
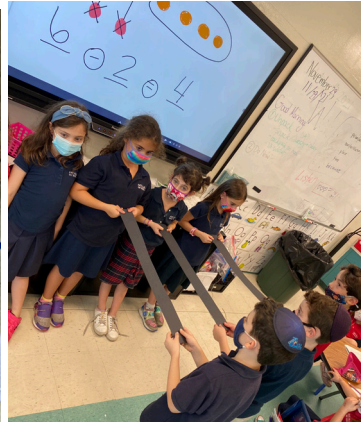
Instead of using objects, 1st graders became the manipulatives for subtraction. What a fun and creative way to learn!

Students read a *Superkids* story about making a gift for a sick friend and then wrote about what they would give. They also worked on their weekend journals.

Students thought of ways to help Coconut the cat who was “stuck in a pinch” during their “ch” writing centers. They also used chalk to create “ch” words.



Head of School, **Rabbi Sadigh**, visited Kitah Alef to learn all about coding from our 1st graders!





2nd graders visited their class tree and **Mrs. Jannine Richards** explained that trees need sunlight and the proper amount of water to grow and stay healthy. We thank **Mrs. Richards, Alberto** and the KHDS maintenance department for dedicating their time to take care of their class tree!

2nd graders celebrated Purim Katan on 14 Adar I with fun games and special treats that **Morah Yona** prepared.

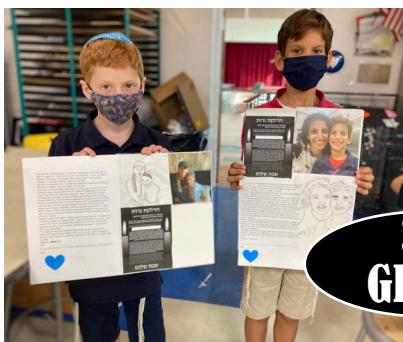


2ND GRADE

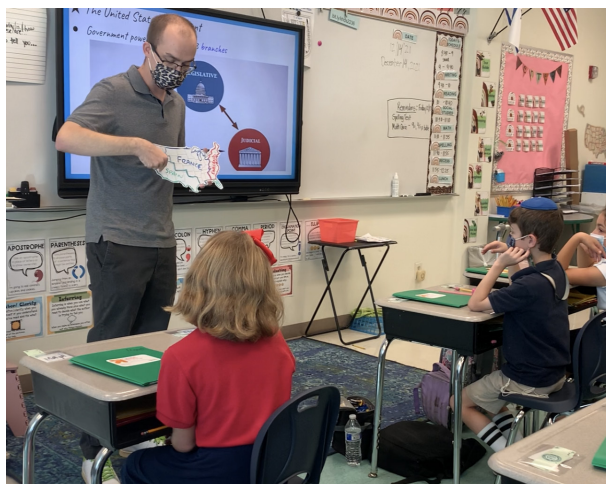
2nd graders had their first coding class of the year. They were so excited to start learning the basics of the program, Scratch, and can't wait to learn more.



In honor of our Imahot for Parshat Chayei Sarah, which describes the life of Sarah Imeinu, **Mrs. Pinkis** worked with 3rd graders on a candle lighting project.

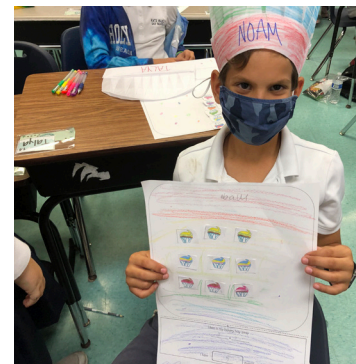


3rd graders had a special guest teacher for their social studies lesson. KHDS' very own Middle School teacher, **Mr. Wyatt Doss**, joined the class for a fun lesson about the three branches of government. Through class discussion, the students identified the jobs, locations, and leaders of each branch of government. Thank you, Mr. Doss, for joining us!



After a week of practicing with their array tables, 3rd graders were hungry to try out their new multiplication tools at the "Array Bakery!" After working on their multiplication sentences and using cupcakes as markers, students were able to better visualize how to use array tables as a tool to understand multiplication. They enjoyed a class wide sweet treat of munchkins at the conclusion of the lesson! And who said math can't be sweet?

3RD GRADE

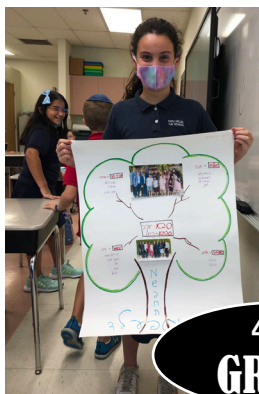


Students gathered around for a fun game of Chanukah B-I-N-G-O!



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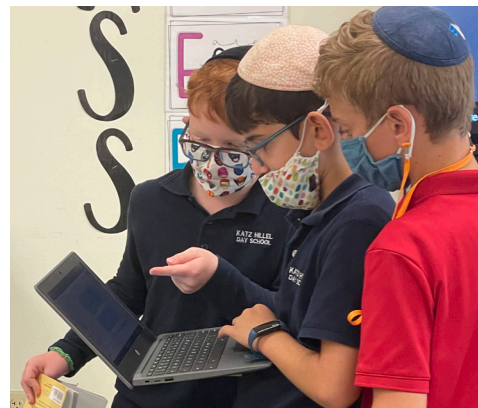
Students in **Morah Racheli's** Ivrit class created beautiful family trees using the Hebrew words that they learned and then did a great job presenting them.



Students created portraits with pastels and liquid starch.

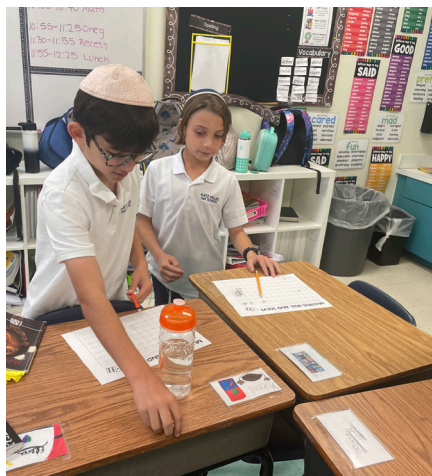


Students read the book "Dear Mr. Henshaw" by Beverly Cleary and worked in Google Slides. They made text connections, predictions, answered comprehension questions and learned new vocabulary.



4th graders **Joseph Tarlowe, Chaim Kassorla, Shlomo Wexler, and Yosef Muschel** began a mishna enrichment program with **Rabbi Drang**.

A fun game challenged students' knowledge of factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers.



Practicing division in "real life" with Laffy Taffy®!



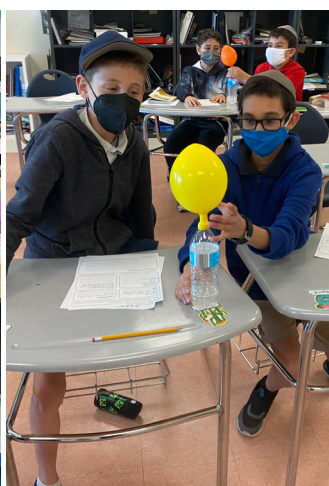
5th graders worked on decimals in groups in **Mrs. Alverio's** class.

Mazal Tov to the 5th grade winners of **Rabbi Drang's** Parsha incentive program: **Temima Ganz** and **Nava Haik**! Special thanks to **LaBabka** for the Babka Bites!

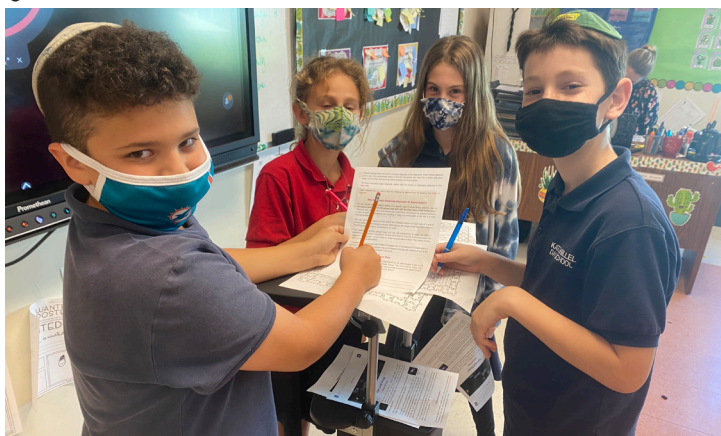


5TH GRADE

Students performed an experiment with baking soda and vinegar, which resulted in a reaction that inflated a balloon with carbon dioxide. It was exciting to see the reaction and determine if our hypothesis was correct!



Students traced the development of the telescope through the **James Webb Telescope** that was launched into space and also learned about the make up of the universe and known galaxies in science class with **Ms. Hirth**.





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

"מה חובתו בעולמו"

"The foundation of piety and the root of perfect service of Hashem is for a man to clarify and come to realize as truth what is his obligation in his world."

The Ramchal, in his famous work, Mesillat Yesharim, opens with the charge to every human, to ask oneself what his or her job in this world is. Every individual is unique and is brought into this world with a mission that only he can complete. Our task in life is to always be developing ourselves and challenging ourselves to find our special kochot and use them to serve Hashem.

In our Middle School, we focus on helping our students cultivate their talents and explore new realms. We offer opportunities for leadership through Student Council, Color War, and **National Junior Honor Society**. We provide many chesed experiences such as picking peppers to donate to local food banks, encouraging participation in **Chai Lifeline's iShine**

Middle School

Eighteen Jewish day schools from across the State, and more than 700 students, joined a virtual advocacy mission to Tallahassee to promote greater funding for school security and increased funding for scholarships on February 16th. The students heard from legislative champions such as **Representative Randy Fine** and met with elected officials in smaller breakout rooms including **Justice Richard Bernstein** and **Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez**. KHDS students met with **Representative Chip LaMarca** and discussed with him their concerns for greater security and their concerns about the rise in antisemitism. They also expressed the need for increased funding to eliminate the waiting list for scholarships. Thank you to **Teach Florida** as well as our own **Morah Rina Lanner, Mr. Michael Gale, Mr. Wyatt Doss and Rabbi Yosef Kassorla** for helping to coordinate our participation in this effort!



Dr. Eli Shapiro and Mrs. Temima Feldman, of The Digital Citizenship Project, addressed our middle school students and provided much needed practical guidance and advice about how to safely navigate the digital world.

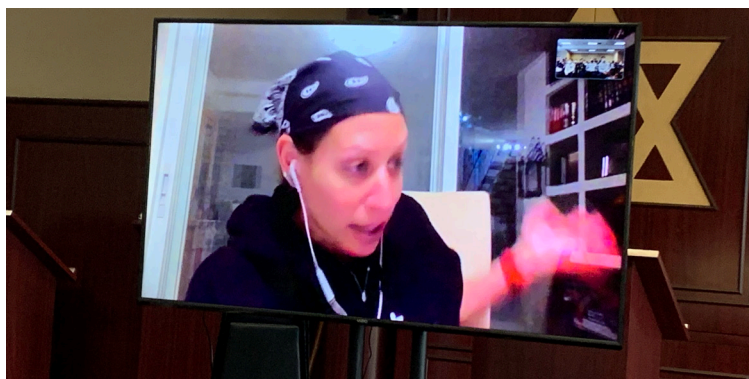


program, and running various tzedakah drives. Our social activists participated in the first ever virtual advocacy mission to Tallahassee organized by **Teach FL**. Our Middle School was honored to host **Ms. Ayelet Goldin**, sister of **Lt. Hadar Goldin, Z"l**, who shared her plight to have her brother's body returned for burial. Some of our students were so inspired to get involved that we initiated a Social Action club that meets every week to continue this important work. For our skilled "techy" students, we have a robotics team who won first place in a contest and a group of students participated in a drone workshop coordinated by CIJE. More than 50 of our students have signed up for **All Mishna Jr.**, a daily mishnayot program sponsored by the **OU**. Our daily Mincha **KAR²ES** highlights encourage our students to always act in a kind, respectful, responsible and safe manner.

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." ~Leo Buscaglia

We daven that our beloved KHDS students recognize their talents, develop them, and make us all proud!

Special guest and former KHDS teacher **Mrs. Esti Ohayon**, spoke to our Middle School students about how shmitta affects her every day life living in Israel. She helped our students appreciate the beauty behind the mitzvah of shmitta, which was one of the "mitzvahs of the month."



Dr. Ira Schwartz (Morah Lanner's father!) and **Mrs. Shoshana Kassorla** (Rabbi Kassorla's wife and Nurse Practitioner) both presented to our middle school pre-med elective.



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COLOR WAR

Color War broke out on November 30th as teams **Nes (miracle)**, **Gadol (big)**, **Haya (was)** and **Sham (there)** competed in a variety of team building activities. This year's theme was Chanukah! Congratulations to **Team Nes** (green team), as well as to the recipients of the **Dannie Grajower, Z"L, Spirit Award** (listed below). These students exemplify the spirit of Color War through good middot, sportsmanship, cheering each other on and stepping up for their team.

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Shout out to
Ms. Meyers
for photography and
creating the photo collages.

Check them out
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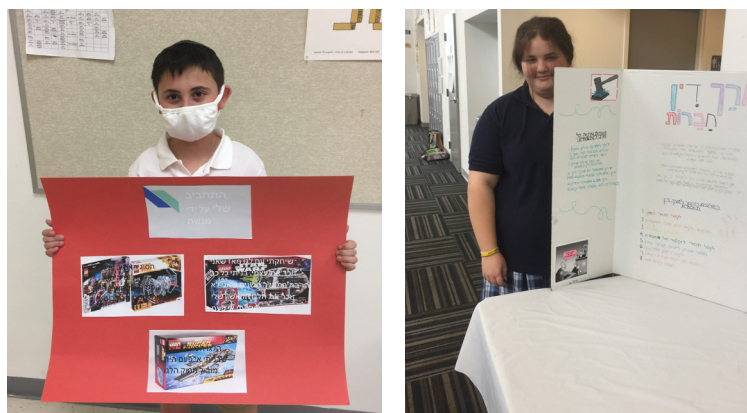
Each KHDS middle school student who registered for the exciting new initiative, All Mishnah, received a free Mishnah Brachot, sponsored by the Orthodox Union.



Our Middle School students were honored to meet **Daniel Limor**, a retired Mossad agent who headed the Mossad field undercover operations for the clandestine aliyah of Ethiopian Jews in the 1980s, through Sudan. The famous movie, "The Red Sea Diving Resort," is the story of this operation. We were impressed and inspired by his messages! Thank you to KHDS President **Daniel Katz** for arranging Mr. Limor's visit to our school.



Mechina students practiced writing in Hebrew — 6th graders wrote about their hobbies and 7th graders wrote about the professions they are inspired by.



6th grade science students explored the effects of slope, permeability, and saturation on the water cycle in **Mrs. Tinio's** class.



7th grade students in **Mrs. Einhorn's** life science class learned to create a wet mount slide and use the various powers of the microscope to view their specimens.



The 8th grade girls Navi class produced creative representations of Achia's nevua about the splitting of the Malchut.





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



The winter athletic season has ended and there was certainly much excitement throughout! Each sport is specified below but we must mention two highlights; the Boys Varsity Soccer Team, led by **Coach Moishe Aquart** and **Coach Fritz LaPorte**, who went undefeated heading into the playoffs, and the Girls Varsity Soccer team, led by **Coach Moishe**, for making it to the playoffs! It has been a pleasure watching the boys and girls improve their skills and follow the lead of their coaches. We hope you had a chance to be a spectator at many of these games filled with the true spirit of competition. Go, Lions!

Girls Varsity Basketball

The Girls Varsity Basketball Team tried hard and learned so much this season. Although the team did not have a winning season, their skills and playtime on the court improved tremendously. **Coach Alan Krull** was proud of the Lady Lions who came quite a long way from their first day of practice!

Girls Varsity Soccer

The Girls Varsity Soccer Team had an amazing season and once again advanced to the playoffs! They faced the highly skilled team of **Renaissance Cooper City** and lost in the first round. **Coach Moishe** was extremely proud of the way the girls worked to stay in the fight throughout the season.

Boys Varsity Basketball

The Boys Varsity Basketball Team was in an uphill battle all season. Although **Coach Alan Semel** and **Coach Rick Greenberg** saw steady improvement in the team's hard work during practice, it did not always come through on the court. Even though the boys did not make it to the playoffs, this does not represent the effort and competitiveness that was seen on the court!

Boys Varsity Soccer

The Boys Varsity Soccer Team had an outstanding season. They were undefeated in the pre-season and scored a total of 29 goals. They reached the semifinals and lost a very competitive game against **ACES**. With the majority of the team being 8th graders, they look to rebuild for the next season.

Boys JV Basketball

One word for the season...excitement! The boys' games were fast-paced, full of action, and very competitive! The team, coached by **Alan Semel** and **Rick Greenberg** had ups and downs as they fought their way into the playoffs, however unfortunately lost to **ACES** in the first round. Coaches Alan and Rick have given the team the skills to grow and they always play hard!

Boys 4th-5th Grade Basketball

The Boys 4th-5th Grade Basketball Team, coached by **Malik Price-Martin** and **Coach Alan Krull**, has come so far! Coach Malik and Coach Alan worked not only on the boys' individual growth but also on their team skills! Even though they did not have a winning record, the games they played were close and competitive! They ended the season with the hopes that the skills they have learned will help them in the future!

Girls 4th-5th Grade Basketball

The Girls 4th-5th Grade Basketball Team, coached by **Nastassia Friday**, started off with a win! Coach Friday has taught the girls a tremendous amount of technical and tactical skills. The girls' drive to fight and win has improved with each game even though they did not advance to the playoffs. The girls are a pleasure to work with and appreciate all that Coach Friday has taught them over the season.

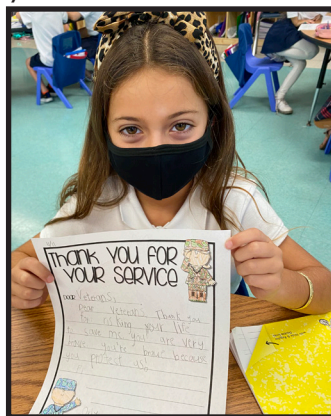


Veterans Day

Middle School students honored Veterans Day and welcomed guest speakers, **Shaina** (KHDS Class of '14) and her mom, **Beth Agami**. The Agamis are a Gold Star Family, who lost **U.S. Army Specialist Daniel Jay Agami** in 2007. They spoke of Daniel's life as a Jewish Army Infantryman from basic training, to Germany, and then to Iraq, as well as the importance of thanking those who allow us the freedoms we have today. "Freedom is not free!" Thank you to **Ms. Lisa Ready** for organizing this program. KHDS honors those who have served and thanks all of our Veterans for their service and bravery.



In honor of Veterans Day, 1st graders wrote thank you letters to those who served.



Mrs. Jannine Richards, from our Business Office, visited Kindergarten and read Thanksgiving stories to the students.



Thanksgiving



Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade discussed the first Thanksgiving feast and used corn to review what they learned about gravity, forces and Newton's Laws of Motion.



Gobble gobble! Kindergarten prepared for Thanksgiving while learning to count by 10s (check out the turkey feathers!).

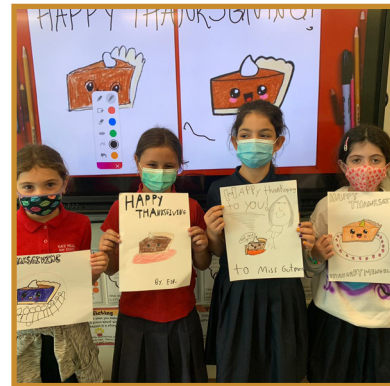


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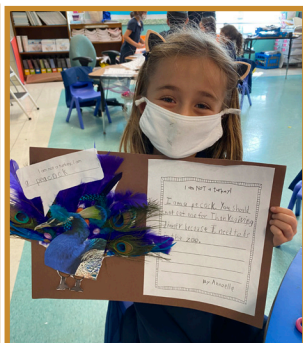
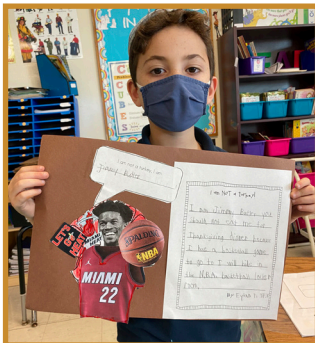
The Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center had a fantastic day celebrating Thanksgiving! Our EC2-K students were so excited to take a “down on the farm” hayride and wander their way through the farm maze. Of course the day wouldn’t have been complete without something to eat so they made delicious edible turkeys! In the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School, students got to celebrate and experience Thanksgiving in both a cross-curricular and multi-sensory way. Students jumped over hurdles like turkeys during relay races, then made an edible “Corn on the Cob” craft with popcorn. They decorated a Thanksgiving Bencher/ Birken to thank Hashem for the food we eat and drew holiday-related objects during a directed drawing art activity. What a fun and festive day we all had!

Thanksgiving

A big thank you to the Thanksgiving Program Committee: **Gwenn Baer, Devora Gutman, Cindy Halbstein, Yael Hirth, Peninah Salid and Julie Schulman** for making the day so special for our students!



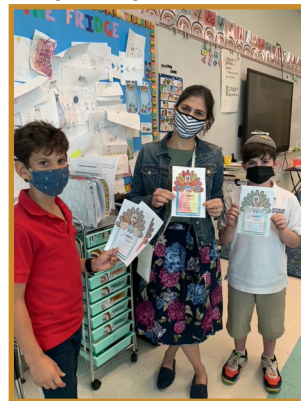
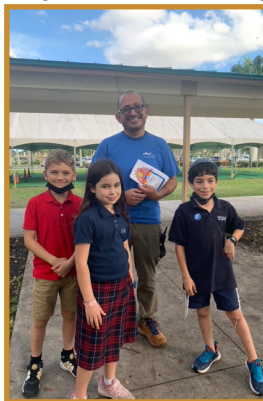
1st graders read about Tom the turkey who hid because he did not want to be eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The students then disguised their own turkeys and wrote about them!



3rd graders put their STEAM skills to the test by building tables out of wooden popsicle sticks, unifix cubes and hundreds blocks! This group challenge had the students working together to construct structures strong enough to support their Thanksgiving dinner cutouts including corn, turkey, and pie, which were balanced on the dinner tables.



3rd graders took some time at the beginning of Thanksgiving week to discuss how thankful they were to so many of the KHDS faculty and staff members. They also brainstormed about who to thank with personalized turkey-grams! Students included a message of gratitude before hand-delivering them to the staff member of their choice. These small moments of gratitude had everyone grinning from ear to ear!



Students enjoyed hayrides in celebration of Thanksgiving.



Morah Shira's class created projects to display what they learned about the brachot we make on the Chanukiah.



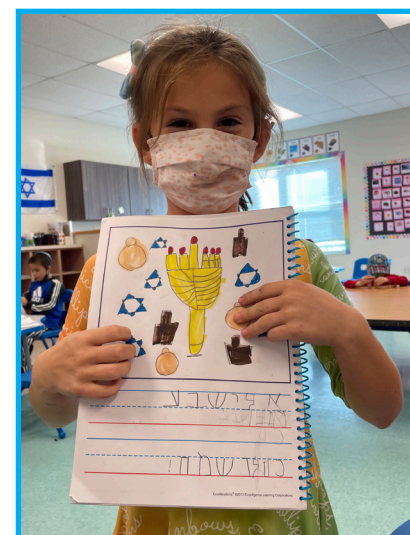
Kitah Alef prepared for Chanukah by making a special candle box while they learn the word Nayrot.



Rabbi G and his **Chanukah Olive Press Workshop** visited EC in preparation for the holiday.



Students practiced their Hebrew writing skills in preparation for Chanukah.



Latke time! EC-4 students made their own latkes from scratch and played a latke number match game!



Morah Shira's class learned all about Shemen Zayit (olive oil) and enjoyed an olive taste test.



EC-4 had fun exploring olive oil. They searched for zayin jugs (shemen zayit), pressed olives to make oil and experimented with mixing oil and water.



Etgar students created their own Chanukiyot!

Middle school students enjoyed sufganiyot.



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Elementary school students gathered every morning during Chanukah for the lighting of the giant Chanukiah.



Students in grades 3-5 enjoyed making dreidels with marshmallows and chocolate and creating the letters on the sevivon with **Morah Neomi, Morah Shirley and Morah Racheli** in Ivrit class.



2nd graders worked on a Chanukah-related project thanks to a visit from KHDS parent (and pottery artist), **Mrs. Tatiyana Goldberg.**



Students enjoyed scrumptious sufganiyot!



Thank you to **Mrs. Shari Haik** for making sufganiyot for the entire 3rd grade!



Early childhood students experienced an enormous Lite-Brite® in celebration of the Festival of Lights.



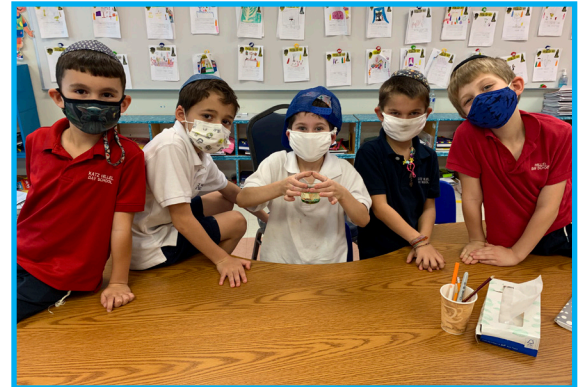
Chanukah shines bright! 5th graders used metallic foil to design Chanukah art with **Mrs. Pinkis.**



Kindergarten students created their own Chanukiyot to bring home for the holiday.



In science class, Kindergarten through 4th graders explored oil and water in honor of Chanukah.



KHDS faculty and administration were in the Chanukah spirit!

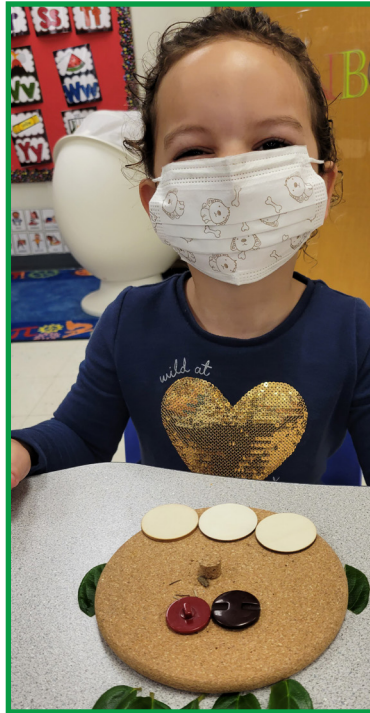


TU B'SHEVAT

In celebration of Tu B'Shevat our Middle school students participated in a Tu B'Shevat Seder, organized by our beloved B'not Sherut, **Shir and Eden**, and our Ivrit teachers.



Kitah Alef prepared for planting in honor of Tu B'Shevat.



EC-4 students began their unit on trees in honor of Tu B'Shevat. They incorporated stem, loose part art and color sorting fruits from a tree!

Kindergarten students participated in a Tu B'Shevat Seder.



ETGAR students proudly displayed their Tu B'Shevat projects.



Students worked on related holiday activities through the PJ Library.



The B'not Sherut planned fun activities for Tu B'Shevat.



5th graders enjoyed Tu B'Shevat programs in the great outdoors.

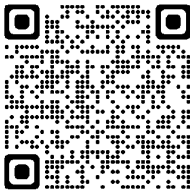




Rachel Harow, M.S.W., PTA President

How is it already nearing spring?! I guess time really does fly when you are as busy as we have been! I love this time of year, as the days get longer, and celebrations seem to follow one another at an exceedingly rapid pace.

In preparation for our upcoming programs and events, PTA is in full force, with many new committees and opportunities to get involved. Though the year is waning, the fun has just begun! If you would like to help plan, volunteer your time, or just enjoy some social opportunities, please scan the QR code and fill out our PTA Trooper information form, or reach out to us at khdspta@hilleldayschool.org. With so many new faces, there are bound to be some new ideas to implement, so bring them on! Let's shake things up a bit! Please don't hesitate to join us....we need you!



Sip Sip Hooray - Coffee with the PTA!

Each month, KHDS moms get together under the tent after carpool for some early morning mingling. Thank you to **Starbucks** and **Nothing Bundt Cakes** for providing fresh coffee and refreshments!



Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair was a tremendous success, and we owe it all to the incredible leadership of **Cara Harris** and **Margo Rosman**. Parents had an opportunity to shop for books in person during the week-long event and were also able to order books online and fulfill teacher wish lists for each class.

Thanks to our many parent volunteers who helped make this event run smoothly and successfully: **Danna Averbook, Jodi Basch, Simone Broide, Goldie Chaikin, Abby Feferman, Lisa Freedman, Deena Frist, Dina Ganz, Yael Geller, Rachel Greenbaum, Sara Greene, Chaya Holczer, Anna Jacobs, Arielle Kieffer, Karin Louk, Leorah Marcus, Joanne Schwartz, Aly Schwarzer, Rachel Shulkes, Aron Taillard, Chava Weissstuch, Naomi Yablon, Katie Zisholtz, and Andrea Zucker**. Special thanks to **Ganit and Adir Levy** for sharing their amazing *What Should Danny Do?* and *What Should Darla Do?* stories with us, while generously supporting our Book Fair.



With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

- ❖Kudos to **Jaime Feld** for organizing discounted tickets to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure during winter break.
- ❖Thanks to **Deena Frist, Rachel Greenbaum, Naomi Katz, and Meira Weiss** for helping to assemble the gift bags for our teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- ❖Thank you to **Julie Ehrlich** for procuring the Chanukah candles for our KHDS families as well as to **Goldie Chaikin, Tamar Feld, Cara Harris, Rachel Shulkes, Young Mi Skehen** and **Marisa Weg-Chametsky** for helping to distribute them.
- ❖We are grateful to all our **KHDS parents** who generously contributed to our PTA Chanukah Gift collection for our amazing faculty and staff!
- ❖Special thanks to our **2nd graders in 2C** for donating the contents of their PTA tzedakah box. What a mitzvah!
- ❖Thank you to **Marisa Weg-Chametsky** for her tireless efforts in setting up our KHDS PTA Online Uniform Shoppe. Check it out at www.khdsptashoppe.com!
- ❖Thank you to **Holly Seidenfeld** for organizing the Chanukah Gift Collection for teachers.
- ❖Thank you to **Cara Harris** for arranging the Starbucks for our monthly coffee in the tent.
- ❖Thank you to **Yaffi Wexler** for her ongoing assistance in editing the *Weekly Shavuon* and compiling the "PTA Pages" for the *Hillel Herald*.



Chanukah Fireworks Extravaganza

On Sunday, December 5th, the KHDS family gathered on campus for a festive Chanukah celebration. Parents and children enjoyed playing fun games, eating a delicious picnic dinner, and of course the lighting of the giant menorah and dazzling fireworks display to end the evening! **The Scholastic Book Fair** was open as well, and donations of new towels and pillows were collected for **Sweet Dream Makers**.

Thank you to all who joined us for the memorable event, which would not have been possible without the support of **Rabbi Deon Nathan, Jannine Richards**, and our amazing maintenance team! Special thanks to all our volunteers, especially **Naomi Katz** and her helpers for the endless hours spent organizing and setting up the food orders! Thanks so much to KHDS parents (and grandparents): **Emely Aghion, Mercedes Benadivas, Shari Bloom, Simone Broide, Esther Benzequen, Tamar Feld, Deena Frist, Chanoch Harow, Shari Levontin, Jessica Matias, Sarah Meyers, Elana Rackman, Lea Saida, Phyllis Struhl, and Chava Weissstuch** for stepping in wherever needed!

Thank you also to our amazing middle school and high school volunteers: **Gabi Aghion, Golan Aghion, Alexis Birnbaum, Sarah Cohen, Tamar Cohn, Nikki Feld, Aryeh Gross, Daniel Gross, Eitan Gross, Aliyah Harow, Amitai Harow, Emma Harow, Avi Harris, Benny Hochner, Jake Landau, Kayla MacLeod, Gavriel Reznik, Isaac Reznik, Merav Skoczylas, Aidan Struhl, and Akiva Tokayer**. And special thanks as well to **Dov Herschberg** and **Suzanne Rice** for photographing the event. View more photos on our website under *Photo Galleries*.



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an annual gift of \$360!

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

Spring is in the air and we are already more than halfway through the school year and our annual campaign. Please consider a **recurring gift of tzedakah** which can easily be set up through our secure website.

Calling all KHDS parents! Our **Every Parent Campaign** strives for 100% participation of all of our families for a gift of tzedakah in ANY amount before the end of the school year. Help us reach our goal and support Jewish education. Click the "donate" button on the homepage of our website to make your tax-deductible gift.

And calling all KHDS grandparents! Our **Dor L'Dor Society** recognizes grandparents of current students who donate a cumulative gift of \$360+ during the school year. Donors will also receive a special token of appreciation at the conclusion of the school year. From generation to generation!

Our **7th Annual Family Golf Outing**, which took place on February 6th, had an amazing turnout. The full event recap and winners are on the next page.

The **Annual Mega Raffle** drawing also recently took place - check out the winners below and thank you to everyone who participated in this effort which raised over \$22,000 for the KHDS Scholarship Fund!!

Consider a gift to our **Capital Campaign** and honor a loved one through our various naming opportunities.

We are busy planning for the remainder of the school year and hope we can count on your support as we strive to meet our campaign goal. We are also happy to speak with you to discuss options on **how to make it the most meaningful gift for you!**

See the next page for the full recap from our **7th Annual Family Golf Outing!**



Thank you to all of our Mega Raffle donors!

\$100,000 Winner: **Joseph Braunfeld** (sold by Mesivta Shaarei Arazim)

Israel Trip or \$5,000 Cash: **Yeshaya Markovits** (sold by Yeshiva Ateres Shmuel Waterbury)

\$1,000 Cash: **Maya Feder** (sold by Hebron Fund), **Igor Rebel** (sold by The Chicago Center), **Avrumi Kahan** (sold by Aish.com), **James Stone** (sold by Mesivta Shaarei Arazim), and **Aaron Fischer** (sold by Yeshiva Mekeor Hatorah)

We also congratulate our KHDS winners who were entered to win a \$100 gift card in the KHDS bonus drawings:

Early Bird Winner: **Carol Lasek**

Main Drawing: **Akiva & Mimi (Class of '02) Friend**



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.** Please contact the Development Office at 561-470-5000 ext. 225 or email suzanner@hilleldayschool.org if you would like to set up a time to speak with Dvora.

7th ANNUAL FAMILY GOLF OUTING

Over 90 participants from across the generations attended the KHDS **7th Annual Family Golf Outing** on Sunday, February 6th at **Boca Lago Golf & Country Club**. The event, co-chaired by KHDS dads **Joe Averbok** and **Dov Hochner**, raised over \$45,000 for the school's Scholarship Fund while offering a great afternoon of ruach and fun for everyone.

Participants were greeted by **Ari**, the KHDS mascot (AKA **Eitan Kaminetzky**), received their swag bags, and cooled off with refreshing shaved ice from the **Kona Ice Truck**. Snacks were aplenty at the Snack Shack, and **Physical Therapy Now of West Boca** provided warm-up stretches before tee-off.

World Golf Hall of Famer, **Dennis Walters**, and his dog, **Guss**, performed an incredible and inspirational trick shot show which reinforced the message of pursuing your dreams and overcoming challenges, as Dennis was involved in a tragic golf cart accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down.

After the show, golfers departed for 9-holes of play, scramble style. Thank you to **Dr. Eli Cohen/Cohen Center Dermatology and Cosmetics** for donating the sunscreen. We also thank **Eyal Cohen** and **IGS Security USA** for keeping everyone safe, **Greta Baum** of **Green Circle Design** for assistance with the promotional products, and our official paparazzi, **Jill Kaminetzky**, who captured the memories of the day through her photography – visit our online gallery to view the photos!

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who worked together to make this a successful event: **Danna Averbok**, **Joe Averbok**, **Maya Averbok**, **Barbara and Sandy Cohen**, **Eyal Cohen**, **Lili Harow**, **Rachel Harow**, **Benny Hochner**, **Dov Hochner**, **Shaindi Hochner**, **Talia Hochner**, **Eitan Kaminetzky**, **Jill Kaminetzky**, **Noam Kaminetzky**, **Meira Rosman** and **Phyllis Struhl**. Special thanks to **Julie Abrams**, **Sandy and Barbara Cohen**, **Rachel Harow**, **KHDS Maintenance Staff**, **Jannine Richards Murphy** and **Rabbi Deon Nathan** for going above and beyond and for their help behind the scenes!

The day concluded on the patio at Boca Lago as almost 150 guests enjoyed a delicious buffet catered by **King David Divine Kosher Catering**. During the dinner the contest winners were announced, the participant raffle took place and the event co-chairs were presented with a token of appreciation. Children also received a participation trophy to take home as a memory of the day.

We look forward to seeing you next year at the 8th Annual Family Golf Outing!

The Winner's Circle

Mazal Tov to all of the contest winners who received an Amazon gift card, medal and certificate.

Children's Putting Contest
Aiden Lerman ~ Maya Averbok

Longest Drive
Rotem Carmel ~ Yechiel Rosman
Edan Carmel ~ Aiden Pinkis
Miri Wolk

Closest to the Pin
Charles Kandler ~ Stephen Lassar
Amy Eisinger
Matan Aghion
Miri Wolk

Congratulations to the winners of our Participant Raffle and thank you to our raffle donors.

- **Elie Rosman**: 6 Cinnaholic Rolls generously donated by **Cinnaholic/Todd & Naomi Cohn**
- **Golan Aghion**: Golf lesson generously donated by **Billy Ashford, Boca Lago Golf Pro**
- **Rabbi Akiva Wolk**: Foursome of golf generously donated by **Boca Lago Country Club**
- **Matthew Berkowitz**: Golf glove, hat and balls generously donated by **Cesars Golf Shop**
- **Jason Zangre**: \$20 gift certificate generously donated by **Lox & Bagel**
- **Shemaya Zangre**: \$50 gift certificate generously donated by **Ditmas**
- **Adam Weiss**: \$100 gift certificate generously donated by **Century Grill**
- **Moshe Shulkes, Josh Stern, Ted Struhl, Evan Landau, Eric Pinkis**, and **Joe Averbok**: One-time garbage bin cleaning generously donated by **Bin Wizard**
- **Edan Carmel**: A special accessory from **Thirty-One** generously donated by **Simone Jacobs**
- **Richard Dorfman**: Financial Planning session generously donated by **Justin Jacobs of Morgan Stanley**
- **Matt Pica** and **Michael Tarlowe**: GLO Brilliant Teeth Whitening Device generously donated by **Dr. Gil Bloom**



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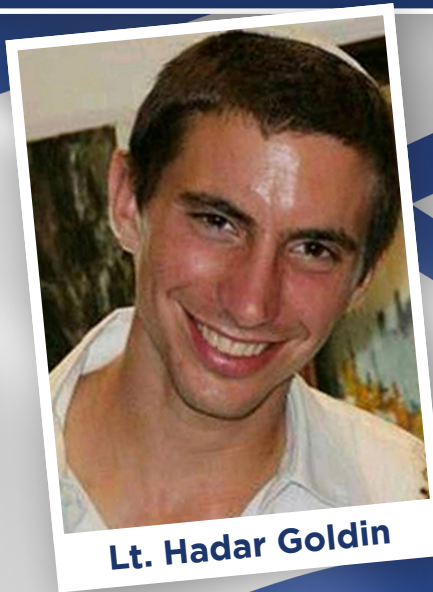


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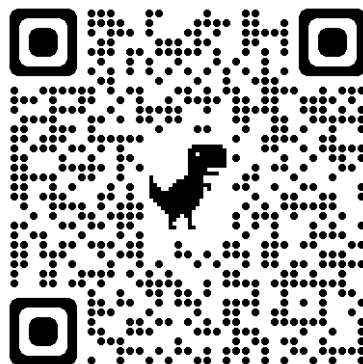
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