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Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh
Head of School

Your Own Lantern

As I reflect upon my first year as Head of School, I cannot express enough gratitude to the entire KHDS family and community for the warm welcome and support I have received. It was truly an amazing year of growth and learning. I want to take this opportunity to send our students into the summer with a special message.

A student of the Rebbe of Ruzhin, Rabbi Yisrael Friedman, once approached him with the following problem: "Rebbe," he said, "when I'm here spending Shabbat and Chagim in Ruzhin, I feel so close to Hashem. Everything is crystal clear to me and I have no questions or doubts about life. It is when I go back home that I become confused and feel far from religion." Rabbi Friedman asked his student to sit down as he began to relate the following story: There was once a man by the name of Reuven who lost his way in the forest. Once the sun set, Reuven began to panic as he did his best to find his way out of the forest. Suddenly, from far away, he saw what appeared to be a light. He moved towards the light and discovered a man holding a lantern. "What is your name and what are you doing here," asked Reuven? "My name is Shimon and I am lost," he said. "I am lost as well," said Reuven. "Can I walk together with you?" "Of course," replied Shimon! So they walked together sharing the lantern until they finally made it out of the forest reaching a fork in the road. They now had a dilemma — Reuven needed to travel east to get home while Shimon, who had the lantern, needed to travel west.

Once again, Reuven was left alone in the dark to find his way home. The Rebbe turned to his student and asked "what was the problem in this story?" His student answered that Reuven didn't have his own lantern. He had to rely on Shimon's light. If he had his own light, he would have been okay. "My dear student," the Rebbe said, "you have to create your own light."

During the school year, our students benefit from the light of their Rebbeim, Morahs and teachers. They daven and learn under the guidance of their teachers and mentors. The challenge is during the summer months when they are not in school. What is unique about the staff of KHDS is that they educate their students not only to perform in school, but to become life learners. As we inched closer to the last day of school, there was so much talk about how it is important to continue davening, learning and practicing Middot Tovot during the summer months. It is not only okay, but necessary to rely on our teacher's light, but we need to be working on creating our own light simultaneously.

I am confident that our students will shine wherever they will be this summer: camp, traveling or relaxing at home. I could not be prouder of their accomplishments this year and look forward to welcoming them back in August with their lanterns beaming bright.

Wishing everyone a healthy and restful summer!



Rabbi Deon Nathan
Executive Director

Reflecting for the Future

As I wrap up the first year of my time at KHDS, I find myself reflecting, not about what happened this past year, but on how this past year will impact the future.

This past year presented many challenges that each on their own would have been significant, however when combined with each other created an almost insurmountable task. The school grew by over 150 students last summer. COVID reared its ugly head again. An almost completely new administrative team arrived simulatenously. On a macro level, all of our families have had to deal with inflationary pressures, a charged political environment, and a rapidly changing Boca Jewish community.

The role of school is to provide parents with a safe and nurturing environment where their children can grow, learn and dream. To this end, KHDS is creating additional classroom space to accommodate extra classes. We are revamping our security protocols and continue to look for ways to further secure our campus.

We have continued to refine the roles of our administrators and staff while hiring additional support staff to work directly with students. We have engaged in conversations with the broader community to better understand the makeup of our current parent and student body. We are adding additional levels



of classes for our Middle School students and have streamlined the curriculum used to better assess the needs of the students.

This past year was the foundation for the building blocks that will help raise KHDS to the next level.

Have an amazing summer filled with good health and great memories! We also welcome our **Camp Ruach** campers for another fun-filled summer!





Hadassah Smolarcik
Judaic Studies Principal, Grades 1-8

It is with tremendous gratitude to the Ribbono Shel Olam, that I can sit at this juncture and express appreciation for all that has transpired this past year at KHDS. Who would have believed that we would be maskless, sustain rigor in our academics, participate in and create amazing programs, and take

our 8th graders to Israel! On a personal level, I have felt a long lesson in faith, and bitachon and rejoiced in the greatness that there are amazing moments in life and that every moment is precious!

During the Israel trip, every activity was truly precious, inspiring, and meaningful — but if I could encapsulate one particular event that shook me — it was participating with the students as we stood around the kever of our dear and beloved, **Mr. Chayim Dimont, A"H**, whose first yahrzeit is on 9 Tammuz. I gazed up at the students' faces and saw caring, empathy and seriousness and it was then that a lesson came to mind.

The lesson is that of the Chinese bamboo tree. The person who plants a bamboo seed will water and fertilize the tree, nurturing and doing everything to keep the seed alive. For an entire year, nothing seems to happen, another year of nurturing, and nothing! A third, fourth and fifth year come and go, and still nothing sprouts. Then suddenly, six weeks into the fifth year, the tree grows 80 feet!!! You see, the tree develops an extensive root system under the soil — the foundation of the tree needs to be strong. It must develop a solid root system necessary to support the bamboo for a lifetime! And that is what I was reminded of when watching our amazing students! Much has been invested in the children, beginning with the Early Childhood experience cultivated in them under the guidance of **Mr. Dimont** and continuing through the many years at KHDS with our outstanding teachers and staff — they have developed strong roots — now let us see what they sprout!

May we all be healthy and happy, reveling in each and every moment of precious life that Hashem grants us!



Thank you to our amazing
B'not Sherut,
Eden & Shir!

WE ALREADY MISS YOU!

2nd grade students prepared for their Sefer Shemot Siyum and brought in materials to build and recreate the Mishkan in the classroom.



Students gathered for a Hallel Oneg.



KHDS was honored to have three soldiers visit, through the **FIDF**. They joined in singing Hatikvah during an Oneg and spoke about their jobs in the army. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions. Thank you, **IDF**!



Chodesh Tov! A beautiful Hallel Tziburi, led by **Rabbi Yaakov Drang**, was held in honor of Rosh Chodesh Iyar. The students davened beautifully!





Shireen Butman
General Studies Principal, Grades 1-8

Sometimes a new set of eyes help those present see their environment through a fresh lens. As this year ends and we look forward to a new academic year, I want to take this opportunity to share with you what I “saw” this year at KHDS through my brand new eyes.

Our school's mission — “Where Excellence in Torah and General Studies is our Passion” is embedded into every aspect of our students' rigorous and child-centered learning. This is not just a wonderful aspiration for our educators but a foundational principle upon which our entire *raison d'être* exists!

This newcomer to the school was privileged to observe classes in which teachers challenged our students to think critically, develop personal opinions, articulate meaningful thoughts and learn new skills, all with the underlying objective of providing our students with an excellent secular education. Throughout the year project-based learning, novel study, essay writing, and mathematical and scientific problem solving were just a few of the areas of study in which our students engaged in on a daily basis.

Not satisfied with focusing on only the theoretical aspects of learning, our amazing general studies teachers enhanced their teaching by providing our students with practical and hands-on learning experiences to complement and enhance what was being taught in the classroom.

The 6th and 7th grade overnight marine science field trip to Pigeon Key, the Robotics CIJE Vex competition, or the 4th grade airboat trip to the Everglades, to name a few, provided our students with a unique and multi-faceted learning experience. The Socratic Method, Endangered Species and State Fair projects, frog dissection, Educational Autobiographies and more, ensured that all aspects of a student's learning were in place to provide our students with a stellar and meaningful education.

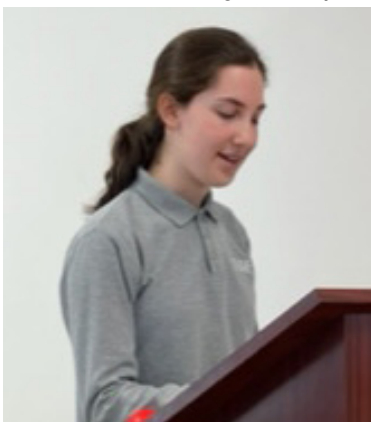
Excellence in education is of utmost importance but when chesed, citizenship, sportsmanship and creativity are thrown into the mix, our students can achieve any goal they set for themselves both in the near and distant future! That's the epitome of excellence in education!

Mazal tov to our graduates and wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

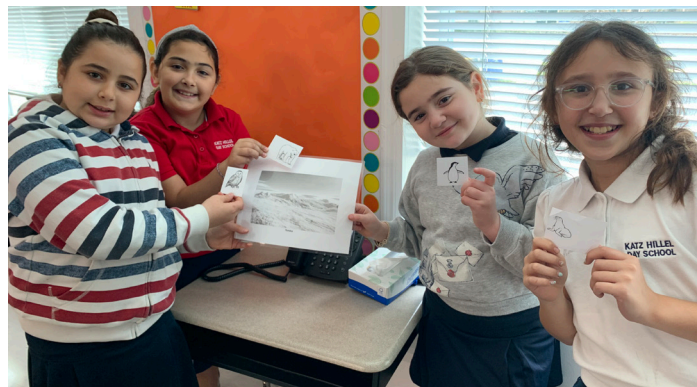
And we have blast off! 8th grade students launched water bottle rockets they designed in class. They experimented with water and air pressure to see which combination resulted in enough compression to get as high as possible.



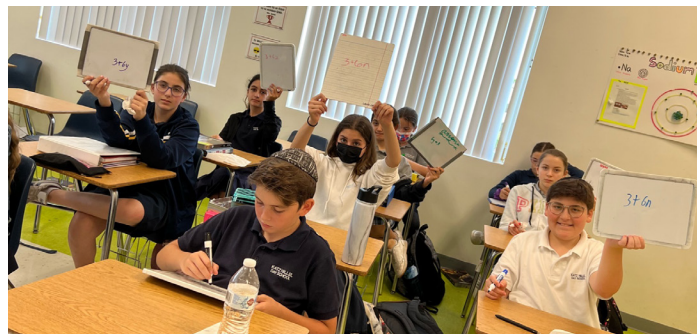
Ms. Ready's 8th grade English students shared their Educational Autobiographies, spanning from Kindergarten through 8th grade where they outlined life lessons learned, set goals for their futures, and acknowledged the people who assisted them along the way.



In science, elementary school students learned all about animal habitats! A habitat is a place where an animal lives, eats, and finds all the things it needs to survive. The students learned about mountains, grasslands, desert, tundra, forests, freshwater, and ocean. They played a game in which they matched an animal to the correct habitat.



Mathematics gives us hope that every problem has a solution! In **Ms. Meyers** math class, 6th graders worked on translating expressions.



7th grade scientists explored the digestive system through a frog dissection as part of their Anatomy and Physiology unit in **Mrs. Tinio's** class. They identified the major parts of the digestive tract and used it as a comparative study of the human body system.



WORLD PREMIERE OF NAMES, NOT NUMBERS®: A MOVIE IN THE MAKING



KHDS gratefully acknowledges the *Names, Not Numbers*® program, which has taught our students about the Holocaust through the accounts of eyewitnesses and provided them with interviewing, filming and editing skills. Most importantly, the program enabled the survivors and our students to forge meaningful relationships. This program has transformed the traditional study of the Holocaust and KHDS has benefited tremendously through our participation in this project.

On Monday, May 23rd, the documentary premiered at **Temple Beth Shalom** in **Century Village** with hundreds in attendance. The film chronicled the lives of eight Holocaust survivors, as well as the personal experiences of the KHDS 8th grade students who worked for months on this project under the direction of faculty coordinator **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff**. We also acknowledge videographers **Lou Aguilar** and **Carlos Sanchez**, film editor **Drew Aldridge**, and director **Michael Puro**, who worked with the students throughout the project.

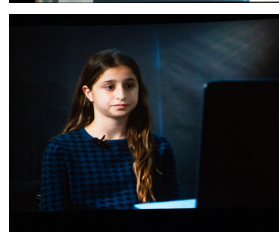
Thank you to KHDS administration and staff: **Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh**, **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff**, **Hadassah Smolarcik**, **Shireen Butman**, **Rina Lanner** and **Jill Kaminetzky** as well as to **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** and volunteer coordinators: **Mrs. Karen Moskowitz**, **Mrs. Sonja Nadritch** and **Mrs. Chava Weisstuch** for their assistance with this project. We also thank **Eitan Kaminetzky** (Class of '21) for his assistance at the event.

Most of all, we thank **Tova-Fish Rosenberg** for creating this innovative curriculum and the survivors who shared their impactful stories: **Shirley Enselberg**, **Gisela Friedman**, **Ella Grabczak**, **Sarah Katz** (KHDS grandparent), **Celia Kener**, **Bernard Krutz**, **Tova Rabunski** and **Lee Schenley**.

We shall never forget!

Names, Not Numbers is generously supported by a prominent national foundation.

Names, Not Numbers INC: an interactive, multi-media Holocaust FILM DOCUMENTARY project created by educator, **Tova Fish-Rosenberg**.
www.namesnotnumbers.org



Visit our online gallery to view more photos at www.hilleldayschool.org.

Photo credit: **Leonardo Moran**

KIDS TIME PROGRAM ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

The annual Kids' Time Program (KTP) performance took place on June 2nd in Zinman Hall. The show opened with ballerinas and gymnasts performing under the direction of **Joy Deco** and **Coach Maia Shaffer**, respectively. **Matilda, Jr.**, was this year's featured drama production, under the direction of **Jennifer Pedraza** and Assistant Director **Devora Gutman**. An additional female-only performance took place on June 7th. Special thanks to **Risa Kahane**, KTP Coordinator, and congratulations to **Efrat Belizon** and **Nava Haik** on their winning design for this year's KTP banner. View the photos on our website under "Photo Galleries."

Photo Credit: **Leonardo Moran**



Artwork by:
Efrat Belizon & Nava Haik
 (5th grade)



Fab fun with fish, friends and faculty! 6th and 7th graders enjoyed their boys and girls trips to Pigeon Key.

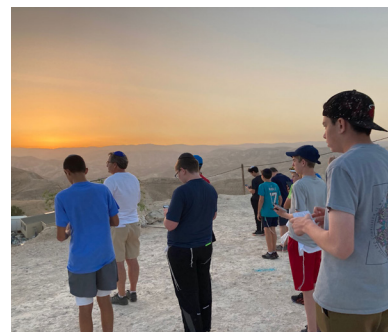
PIGEONKEY



8th graders participated in the highly anticipated class trip to Israel!

Much gratitude to our amazing president and leader, **Mr. Daniel Katz** for his vision, for making this experience a reality, and for showing the students the reason Israel is the home of the Jewish people. Special thanks to our administration and faculty members **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik, Morah Rina Lanner, Rabbi Yosef Kassorla**, and parent chaperones **Dr. Danny Aghion, Drs. Orlie and Eli Cohen, Mr. Phil Landau, Mr.**

Cheston Mizel, and Mr. Gil Stein. Thank you to **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** for putting together the videos we have enjoyed so much! Find them all on our HilleTube channel.



We've got spirit, yes we do, we've got spirit, how 'bout you?

ROAR!!!



5th graders heard from members of the **Middle School Student Council** as part of "moving up day."



Around Campus

Cupcake Wars!
5th graders made their own cupcakes as a sweet ending to the school year. Special thanks to KHDS parent **Cara Harris**, for supplying all the yummy goodies for this event.



KTP KORNER



Students trained their brains with chess and logic games during the after-school **Kids' Time Program (KTP)**.



Students expressed themselves painting on canvas and also created their own Shrinky Dinks® with **Mrs. Pinkis**.



The Running Club elective with **Ms. Ready** celebrated their final meet with **Carvel!**



CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

As a follow-up to the very successful November read-a-thon, and as a part of Read Across America Week, Early Childhood and Middle School students partnered up and participated in another amazing read-a-thon on the lawn on February 28th.



Around Campus



Continuing with the Read Across America Week festivities, 1st and 3rd graders read together on March 1st.



Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade learned about Earth Day, which is typically celebrated on April 22. The children learned about the importance of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling, and they completed a scavenger hunt in which they cleaned up litter to make our world a healthier and safer place to live!

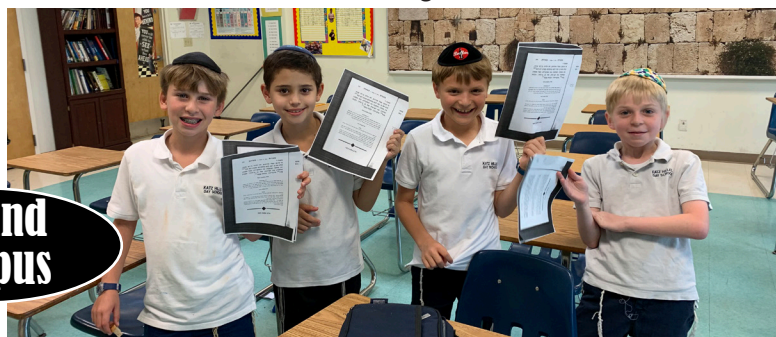


In science class, students in Kindergarten through 4th grade made observations to construct an explanation of why camouflage is helpful to certain animals. They learned that animals need to adapt to their environments to survive.



Around Campus

Mazel tov to **Chaim Kassorla, Yosef Muschel, Joseph Tarlowe** and **Shlomo Wexler** on finishing the siyum of *Mishnayot Masechet Beitza*. Special thanks to the **Tarlowe family** for sponsoring the delicious pizza party from **Rave**, plus a tasty dessert in honor of their accomplishment! This milestone was completed by the boys during their free time at lunch twice a week via the Mishna enrichment classes with **Rabbi Drang!**



Thank you to **Mrs. Jill Gumper-Brannigan** for her years of spearheading the endangered species research project in 2nd grade. The entire 2nd grade general studies team worked with our students as they focused on learning about native Florida species.

The project was a collaborative multi-departmental effort, with students learning research skills on topics of interest. The social studies unit allowed the

students to research and compose reports, become socially aware, and also gain public speaking skills. In music class, **Mrs. Abby Brody** taught the students two different genres of songs about endangered species. And the art component, led by **Mrs. Lisa Pinkis**, challenged the students as they learned the process of silk-screening and designed their own t-shirts using sketches of their chosen endangered species to make a stencil using a Cricut Maker® cutting machine. This vinyl stencil was adhered to a mesh screen, which is where the screen printing process begins. Students used fabric paint and a squeegee, as well as some muscle strength, to transfer their designs onto a t-shirt. The results were apparent as each student showed off their shirts during their presentations in April.



Mrs. Yael Roth visited elementary school students in April to teach them about horticulture as they prepared for the new garden, which will grow fruit, vegetables, herbs, and other plants. The children will learn by experience how the seedlings grow into plants with care and nurturing. The students also decided what they would like to plant in the garden! In May they began their first plantings with seedlings donated by **KHDS PTA**.



10 Community, Chesed & Caring

Thanks to some philanthropic and creative 5th graders, over \$3,000 was raised for relief efforts in Ukraine. Thank you to **Matan Aghion, Gabriel Harris, Abigail Matiasch and Gabi Ohayon** for coordinating this fundraiser and to **Mrs. Jamie Alverio** and **Rabbi Sadigh** for their support.



Kol Hakavod to these young community leaders (including our very own **Sommers family**) for helping to coordinate the **Palma Vista** lemonade fundraiser to support **Od Yosef Chai**.



In honor of the book they read, *The One and Only Ivan*, 4th graders "adopted" a gorilla through the **Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund**. Each student donated \$3 to the **gorillafund.org**, which helps ensure the gorillas' wildness and protection for generations to come. The students will receive updates, photos and a video of their gorilla, **Agahebuza**.



THE DIAN FOSSEY GORILLA FUND INTERNATIONAL

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HELPING PEOPLE. SAVING GORILLAS.

In honor of **Jewish Disability Awareness Acceptance Inclusion Month (JDAIM)**, middle school students were entertained by **Pamela Schuller** (pictured below right), who through comedy, brings inclusion and advocacy to her audience. Her stories and messages left a deep impression on our students. Thank you to **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services** and **Tzippi Rosen** (pictured below left), KHDS past parent and JFS Special Needs Community Liaison/ Outreach Coordinator, for coordinating the visit in February.



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.



Ruth & Norman Rales
Jewish Family Services
Help. Hope. Humanity.

Students who participated in **Rabbi Drang's MBP (Mishnah B'al Peh)** Program were treated to a morning of bowling and arcade games.



Who doesn't love a delicious bowl of cereal to start off the day? Unfortunately, there are many kids in our South Florida greater community who don't have cereal so **Cereal4all** was born — an amazing program started by two local brothers (when they were in 3rd grade!) which collects cereal to be distributed by **Boca Helping Hands**. Our middle school students, under the leadership of the **National Junior Honor Society**, participated and collected over 100 boxes of cereal! There was a competition between genders and the winners were...the girls!



The middle school social studies department organized an informative and poignant program about racism in America and our role at this moment in history as American Jews. Through powerful videos and personal stories from **Coach Moishe** and **Mrs. Jannine Richards Murphy**, our students gained a deeper understanding of the current issues. Thank you to **Mr. Doss**, **Mr. Gale**, **Rabbi Kassorla**, **Coach Moishe** and **Mrs. Richards Murphy**!



On Rosh Chodesh, **Rabbis Mirzeoff and Wexler** kicked off the new Mitzvah of the Month, **Sefirat HaOmer**. A video illustrating **Ahavat Yisrael**, one of the Middot that they worked on at this time, was shown. **Rabbi Wexler** discussed how we usually count down to an event, such as the last day of school, but during **Sefirah** we count up to the big event, receiving the Torah. During this time of counting up, it is also a time to work on ourselves and to prepare ourselves for receiving the Torah on **Shavuot**.



The Mitzvah of the Month for Nissan was...mezuzah! Our Executive Director, **Rabbi Deon Nathan**, who is also a sofer, addressed the entire middle school about safrut in general and specifically about the mitzvah of mezuzah. He also ran a workshop in which the boys learned how to form the letters and had the opportunity to practice writing them. Then, in continuation of the Mitzvah of the Month, the 8th grade boys ensured that every classroom on the KHDS campus had a mezuzah and that each one was affixed properly.



Hatzalah South Florida jumped into action and came to the aid of 1st grader, **Ella**, who needed epinephrine administered and was transported to the ER after an anaphylactic allergic reaction over Pesach. Following this experience, Ella wanted to raise money for the organization to show her hakarat hatov. She ran a lemonade stand and was able to raise \$1,600 for **Hatzalah of South Florida**! Way to go, **Ella**!



Thank you to KHDS parent, **Ganit Levy**, for coordinating the **Gift of Life** donor drive on May 19. Parents, faculty, staff, and administration were invited to join the marrow registry in the effort to save lives! Kol Hakavod!



12 Classes of 2022

Pomp & Circumstance: 8th Grade Class of '22



On June 12th, 66 students participated in the 24th Annual Commencement Exercises for the 8th grade Class of 2022. Following the processional, **Rina Lanner**, Middle School Coordinator, extended a warm welcome and introduced **Head of School Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh**, who led the singing of the *Star-Spangled Banner* and *Hatikvah*, followed

by acknowledging the administration, faculty, alumni, and those families graduating their youngest child. He continued with his first-ever message to the KHDS graduating class before introducing Board President **Daniel J. Katz**, who he thanked for his continued dedication to excellence in all aspects of Jewish education. Before **Mr. Katz** addressed the 8th graders with an inspirational message, he noted highlights of the past year which included 150 new students, 30 new faculty, and the highly anticipated 8th grade trip to Israel, which resumed after two years due to Covid, and extended Hakarat Hatov to **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik**, Judaic Studies Principal, for her support and hard work on the 14th year of this milestone trip. He also paid tribute to the loss of beloved Principal, **Mr. Chayim Dimont, Z"L**. Yearbook editors, **Sam Shapiro**, **Kayla Stein**, **Aidan Struhl**, and **Miri Wolk** spoke about the meaning of this year's Yearbook, "Under the Sea" which was dedicated in memory of **Mr. Dimont, Z"L**, as a constant reminder of the indispensable role that he played during the students' formative years.

PTA board member **Naomi Katz** offered well wishes and presented Siddurim as gifts to the graduates. She also thanked PTA President **Rachel Harow** for her leadership and noted some of the many ways PTA has enriched the KHDS experience over the years. Student Siyum representatives **Moshe Moskowitz** and **Sruli Muschel** reflected on their Torah learning over the past year and gave special thanks to **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff**, who led the extra-curricular boys' learning program. The graduation film, produced by **Zachary Cohen**, graced the silver screen followed by the presentation of diplomas and siddurim by **Rabbi Sadigh**, **Mr. Katz**, **Hadassah Smolarcik**, **Shireen Butman** (General Studies Principal), and **Rina Lanner**.

Special thanks were given to Assistant to the Head of School **Jill Kaminetzky**, for her tireless efforts and behind-the-scenes planning of the graduation, alumni parent **Caroline Katz** for photographing the 8th grade portraits and creating the photo boards which classmates were able to sign with special messages, and to **Spanish River High School** for hosting the event.

Jaden Abitbol
Golan Aghion*
Eliana Applebaum
Eliyah Argy
Atara Austein
Eliav Bar
Nadiv Barenholtz
Abigail Bienenfeld*
Ezra Bierman
Avi Bloom
Amitai Burack
Edan Carmel*
Gabriel Cohen*
Raquel Cohen*
Joseph Elishiv
Nikki Feld*
Moshe Feldman
Netanel Fridman-Rubin
Daniella Frist
Izzie Gatley*
Noa Gedz
Orli Goldenholz
Mikaela Gottheil*
Elan Greenbaum
Morris Haibi
Isaac Hanina
Avi Harris*
Evan Henner
Kayla Hofman
Benny Holczer
Abigail Izyaguyev
Gali Kanoff
Hannah Katz

Ella Kennedy
Avia Kesler
Amiel Kieffer
Shimmy Kolodny
Jake Landau
Akiva Lanner*
Adi Lapko
Eitan Lasry
Yamin Levitt
Rephael Mazon
Aiden Meyers
Sara Mizel
Daniellah Mizrahi*
Levi Mizrahi
Moshe Moskowitz
Sruli Muschel*
Batya Nachim
Lillian Newman
Shira Nyer
Eden Pardau
Tikva Pickholtz
Emunah Plotsker
Yehudis Pshemish
Abigail Rosenblat*
Samuel Shapiro
David Slesinger
Akiva Spodek
Kayla Stein*
Aidan Struhl*
Chaim Taillard
Kayla Weiner
Elisha Weisstuch
Miriam Wolk

* **National Junior Honor Society**

Kindergarten Class of '22

KHDS Kindergarten Graduation took place on June 9th as 60 adorable students dressed in blue and white took center stage for their last hurrah as kindergartners. Following the processional, Head of School, **Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh**, made introductory remarks and a special announcement that the graduation was held in memory of former beloved Principal, **Chayim Dimont, Z"L**. KHDS President, **Daniel J. Katz**, was gratefully acknowledged for his leadership, as well as **Cheryl Mirsky**, Interim Director of Early Childhood, for taking the reins over the past year.

After *Hatikvah*, *Pledge of Allegiance*, *National Anthem*, and *Bruchim Habaim*, **Cheryl Mirsky** gave welcome remarks and introduced the performance, which included English and Hebrew songs, followed by the presentation of graduates with their Degree of Alphabetarian, and a video montage. Following the recessional, a reception was held for the students and their families to enjoy.

Kudos to the kindergarten team for their hard work over the past year and for coordinating the program: **Gwenn Baer**, **Tami Gerlitz**, **Jodie Salit**, **Ofra Struogano**, **Sheri Siegel**, **Robyn Sharove**, and **Betty Frons**. Special thanks were given to **Abby Brody**, music teacher, for musical direction and accompaniment; to **Lisa Pinkis**, art teacher, for decorating the graduates' photo frames; to **Tami Gerlitz**, Kindergarten Judaics teacher, for handwriting each graduate's Hebrew name on the diplomas; to **Caroline Katz**, KHDS alumni parent, for photographing and producing the beautiful yearbook cap and gown portraits; to **Elise Cohen**, KHDS alumni parent, for designing the diplomas; to **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger**, Director of Technology, for technical assistance; to **Sharon Lisker**, support staff, for her assistance; to **Jannine Richards-Murphy** and the **KHDS maintenance team** for all of their help behind the scenes; and last but not least to **Risa Kahane**, Assistant to the Principals, for administrative support and program coordination.

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge all of the parent volunteers who helped to make this graduation memorable and beautiful: **Julie Ehrlich**, **Jaime Feld**, **Eti Hanina**, **Anna Jacobs**, **Mor Shapiro**, **Bar Sharma**, **Marisa Weg-Chametsky**, and **Meira Weiss**. Onward and upward to 1st grade!

Graduation Photo credits: **Leonardo Moran**

Simi Austein	Gabriel Hochner	Benjamin Rosenblat
Daniella Avezbadaiov	Lenny Jacob	Ella Rudnick
Shalva Bardos	Bear Jacobs	Benjamin Saad
David Ben Yoram	Brielle Kadoch	Ava Sarot
Raya Benbenisty	Tehillah Kassoria	Herschel Schwarzer
Lily Bistricher	Shayna Kerzhner	Hannah Seidenfeld
Doniel Cohen	Benjamin Khaimov	Gabriel Shapiro
Yaakov Cooperman	Brooke Klein	Cohélet Sharma
Dovi C Daum	Brielle Klinger	Ava Shimonov
Netanel Ehrlich	Orly Landau	Shana Shulkes
Shaya Feferman	Elisheva Largent	Ariella Stein
Sasha Bella Feld	Zushe Largent	Henry Tarlowe
Zevi Feldman	Netanel Meiteles	Gabriel Teichman
Shiri Gelbart	Max Menczer	Gavriel Tripp
Liam Gerafi	Alexander Michels	Noam Vize
Yair Gutstein	Chana Mulayev	Noah Waintraub
Daniel Hanina	Nachi Muschel	Naava Weg
David Hanina	Gabriel Neuman	Zev Weiss
Yakira Herrmann	Moises Notik	Emilia Wubnech
Esther Hersh	Aitan Pinkis	Ariel Yatzkan





Cheryl Mirsky
Interim Early Childhood Director, EC2-K

This has been an incredible year for the **Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center** here at KHDS! Though we began our year with the tragic loss of our revered and esteemed Early Childhood Director, **Chayim Dimont, Z"L**, our team pulled together and created meaningful and exciting learning experiences for our students, including a very special Oneg Shabbat in memory of **Mr. Dimont, Z"L**.

It was my pleasure and honor to step in as the Interim Director of Early Childhood as we hit the ground running in August! In addition to our classroom learning opportunities, we had a blast with our special programming activities such as our Honey Bee Program with **Rabbi G.**, Water Day, Olive Factory, Chanukah Show, Middle School/Early Childhood Read-a-thons, Thanksgiving program with corn maze and hay rides, Purim Puppet Show and Carnival, Lag B'Omer Foam Extravaganza, **Rabbi G's** Matzah Factory, in the classroom Pesach programs (which we haven't had in two years because of COVID), and many more! This spring, we were beyond happy to once again open our **SATA-PTA Pool** for swimming lessons for Early Childhood. We certainly can't leave out the culmination of our year with the EC-4 ABC Fashion Runway and our spectacular Kindergarten Graduation!

I have been privileged to work together and partner with the wonderful KHDS parent body. As we know, it is the combination of parents, administrators and teachers that creates a successful learning environment. I can't thank **Rabbi Sadigh, Rabbi Nathan, Morah Hadassah, Mrs. Butman** and **Rina Lanner** enough for welcoming me to the administration team and for their support during this transitional time. Thank you to **Risa Kahane** for showing me the ropes and being a fantastic administrative assistant. And finally, with much Hakarat Hatov, I thank our extraordinary EC faculty, who are the epicenter of our program and allow our department to shine as we continue to educate the youngest of our students.

Though I will not be returning as the director next year, I will be staying on at KHDS doing what I am most passionate about, working with our children. I leave you all in good hands, as my long-time and esteemed colleague, **Mrs. Gwenn Baer** will be taking over the responsibilities of Early Childhood Director.

Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer! See you all in the fall!

EC4 learned about the different characteristics and worth of coins and sorted them by date on a linear timeline in connection with the mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim!



See more holiday highlights on pages 22-28.

Aloha! Themed days during Adar had the EC faculty dressed up in various costumes.



Morah Cindy's EC4 students dressed up in floral wreaths in honor of Shavuot.



14 Spotlight by Grade

Our school community was devastated and at a loss with the passing of our beloved **Chayim Dimont, Z"l** last summer. Chayim was a pillar of the KHDS institution and finding his replacement was an impossible task.

Thankfully, **Cheryl Mirsky** agreed to assume the position of Interim Early Childhood Director, determined to continue **Chayim's** love, great vision, and aspirations for our wonderful EC program. **Cheryl** hit the ground running immediately and has done a fabulous job supervising the EC Division. We will forever be grateful for all of her amazing accomplishments this year. Thank you, **Cheryl** — we are thrilled that you will return next year doing what you are most passionate about; educating children here at KHDS.



We began an official search for our new Early Childhood Director in December and interviewed a number of qualified candidates. One of those candidates was our own talented Kindergarten teacher **Gwenn Baer**. In this transition year, **Gwenn** has been instrumental in helping KHDS research and implement State and regulatory requirements for the EC program, as well as licensing and credentialing of our faculty. **Gwenn** has taken the initiative to support the staff and children in whatever capacity she was needed.

Gwenn has earned the trust of the KHDS administration, staff, and parent body. She is a superb educator and has all the qualifications to be a director. She has served as a teacher for 14 years, including 12 years at KHDS. **Gwenn** holds a Master's in Early Childhood Education and a BA in Child Development and Management with a minor in Judaic Studies. She has a Florida Educator's License in Pre-Kindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3- Grade 3), National Administrator's Credential, and Director Credential (VPK Director).

We are thrilled that **Gwenn Baer** will officially assume the position of KHDS Early Childhood Director beginning in August 2022, and wish her a mazal tov as we embark on this new journey together. Looking forward to a bright future and an exciting 2022-2023 school year.

Early
Childhood



EC3 had so much fun in PE with **Coach Sam** and **Morah Marisa**! The students practiced their hand-eye coordination and listening skills while playing noodle hockey. They also participated in fun bean bag activities! EC4 students also had a great time in PE with **Coach Sam**. They warmed up by playing two games: 'Bend, Stretch, Shake' and 'Combination Movements' and completed fitness challenges. Their favorite part was galloping around the gym with their 'lasso'!



Splash, splash! The **SATA-PTA Pool** is open! EC3-C had the honor of being the first class back in the pool this year!



Students baked delicious challah for Shabbat.



EC4-C students made a Har Sinai abacus to count the Omer in **Morah Ivana's** class.



Dr. Penina Dorfman visited Kindergarten for story time followed by an activity about kindness.



Kindergarten

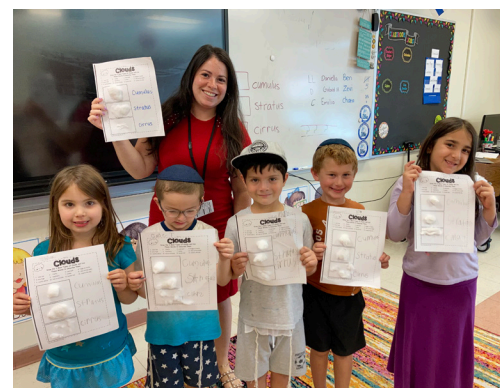
Coach Shaffer's little helpers were spotted during PE class.



Kindergarten students created "yummy" cupcakes using pastels in art.



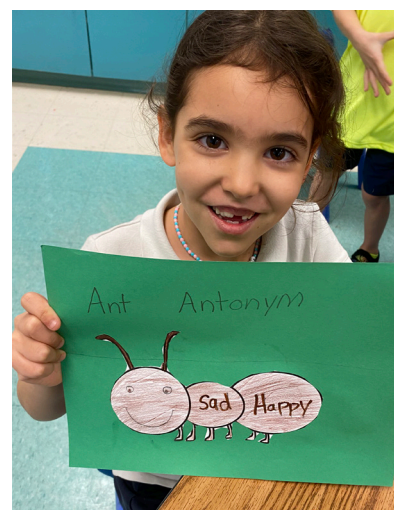
Cloud classification! Students learned about different types of clouds with **Mrs. Morris** in science class.



Students enjoyed a field trip to **La-La Land**! So much fun!



Students learned about synonyms and antonyms and created synonym cinnamon rolls and antonyms!



Kitah Alef enjoyed practicing Hebrew vocabulary!



1ST GRADE

Who's the boss? 1st graders learned about bossy r, the letter that likes to tell the vowel before it what to do. When bossy r is next to the letter 'a,' it makes the sound arrr, like a pirate, so students made their own pirates!



1st graders learned about creating different kinds of graphs. To culminate the unit, they broke into three groups and each group picked their choice of graph type and the themed topic. Students then surveyed the class to collect data and each group worked hard to create their own graph.



After returning from their field trip to **Butterfly World**, the yeladim heard a story about butterflies in Ivrit.



16 Spotlight by Grade

Fun Fact: April 13th was **National Scrabble Day** and the day Scrabble inventor **Alfred Mosher Butts** was born. 2nd graders in **Mrs. Gumper-Brannigan's** class enjoyed learning how to play the game.

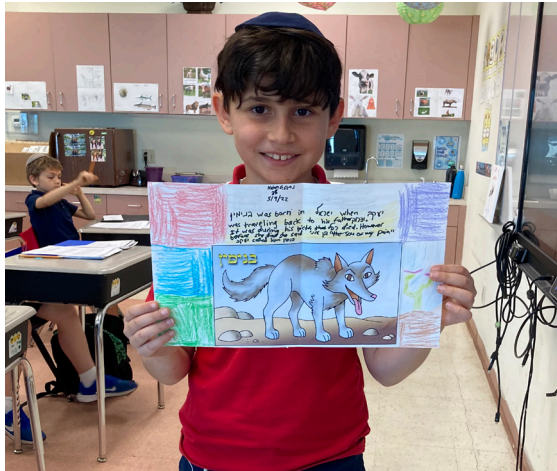


2nd graders took a field trip to the **Cox Science Center and Aquarium** in West Palm Beach in March. Founded in 1959, the goal of the organization is to open every mind to science through the strategic programming of interactive exhibits.

Students had an amazing hands-on experience and even had a chance to dance and celebrate Adar as they waited for the rain to stop.



The 3rd grade learned about the Shevatim and their symbols in **Morah Peninah's** class.



3rd graders took a field trip to the **IMAX theater** in the **Museum of Discovery and Science** in May. They watched a wonderful presentation, "Into America's Wild," and through this movie, the students explored the beautiful, but little-known landscapes across North America and learned about the human connection we all share with the natural world. Following the film, students ate lunch and played games outdoors while enjoying nature together. It was a great day!

3RD GRADE



Parents came out for the annual 3rd grade State Fair on May 20th. This cross-curricular program involved research and writing skills while students worked collaboratively on their "Tour" song and art display with music and art specialists. Thank you to **Ms. Gutman, Mrs. Fisher, Ms. Rodriguez, Mrs. Pinkis and Mrs. Brody** for their dedication and working together to achieve this wonderful presentation!



4th graders played a fun game to review equivalent fractions in **Mrs. Landau's** class.



Students celebrated **Pi Day** on Monday, 3/14. They measured the circumference and diameter of a circle with string and a ruler and then divided to find pi.



The 4th grade math enrichment class collected over 100 tickets answering challenging questions during the trimester and celebrated with **Carvel** ice cream treats.



**4TH
GRADE**

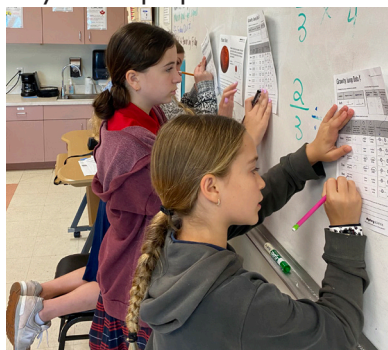
May the 4th be with you! 4th graders celebrated **Star Wars** Day on May 4th! Students in **Mrs. Morris'** class reviewed fractions and completed a **Star Wars** mystery picture.



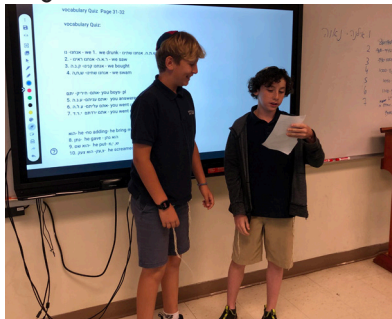
Students, along with **Morah Shirley, Morah Neomi, Rabbi Mindick and Morah Racheli**, made non-bake cheesecake (and learned the recipe in Hebrew) in honor of Shavuot.



Students focused their learning on gravity within the solar system. They even virtually "visited" certain planets and moons and discovered how high they would jump on each one.



Morah Racheli's 5th grade Ivrit class used their Hebrew vocabulary words during a quiz and made beautiful sichot. As the students learned more words each week, the sichot became longer!



Kol Hakavod to the eleven students who memorized an entire perek of mishnayot from classes 5A, 5B and 5C! They all participated in a special MBP (Mishnah B'al Peh) lunch with **Rabbi Drang** and pizza from **Rave!** Special thanks to their anonymous sponsor!!!



**5TH
GRADE**

The class trip to **Legoland**, Orlando, took place on May 17th.



After learning the order, size, and distance of the planets from the sun in **Ms. Hirth's** class, students began their group research projects on the planets of our solar system.



18 Spotlight by Grade



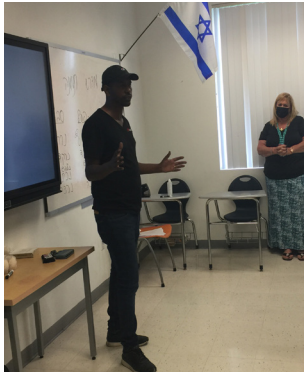
Rina Lanner, M.S. Ed.
Middle School Coordinator

"There are so many girls who are crying their eyes out but I can't stop smiling!" said one of our precious 8th grade girls as she backed away from the Kotel during our recent 8th grade graduation trip to Eretz Yisrael. She was expressing how there are

various legitimate ways for people to experience the same event or moment. We discussed how every person encounters spirituality differently, and each person's neshama connects to Hashem in individual ways. And no one way is better than the other.

"Are there still some questions on the Torah that haven't been answered yet?" asked one of our inquisitive 6th grade boys during Chumash class. He was marveling at the many answers we discussed on a particular topic and wondered if there are still mysteries yet to be uncovered. I assured him that as many commentaries as we have already seen, there are many more still unwritten, and that he too has an active role in understanding our complex Torah.

Thank you to KHDS parent, **Mr. Getenet Shaul Wubnech**, for speaking to our 6th graders about his journey as an Ethiopian Jew.



8th grade girls participated in a special challah bake and learned all about the mitzvah of making challah from our very own **Mrs. Nechama Feder**. The kitchen was filled with enthusiasm and excitement and the most delicious aroma of baking challah.



Middle School

"Can I give you a KAR²ES (Kindness Always, Respect and Responsibility Everywhere Safely) highlight about a friend of mine to share at Mincha today?" asked a handful of our middle schoolers each and every day. They are always on the lookout for acts of kindness and respect throughout the halls of KHDS as they look to their friends to model the proper way for us to conduct ourselves as B'nei and B'not Torah.

As the 2021-2022 school year has concluded, let's take a moment to celebrate the growth and progress of our Middle School students. Their personal relationships with Hashem have blossomed. Their love of Torah has flourished.

Their passionate tefillah echoes in the halls of our campus. Their middot tovot have made our school a warm and inviting environment. Their striving for excellence can be seen in the classrooms, and on the courts and fields. What a year of nachat!

Wishing all of our KHDS families a summer of health and continued growth! Mazal Tov to the Class of 2022, and to our returning students, we can't wait to see you in August!

Middle School students had the distinguished honor of hearing from the **Biale Rebbe Shlita of Bnei Brak**, who spoke about the month of Adar, how much Hashem loves Klal Yisrael, the importance of achdus (unity) amongst each other, and the holiness of learning Torah!



As a special treat, 7th graders enjoyed having **Dr. Neal Weinreb** (KHDS grandparent of 6th grader, **Matan Scher**) speak to our 7-B class. **Dr. Weinreb** is a distinguished hematologist who spent many years studying genetics. As our life science students have been learning about the importance of DNA and genetics, **Dr. Weinreb** discussed Ashkenazi Jews and genetic diseases and then answered questions from the students.



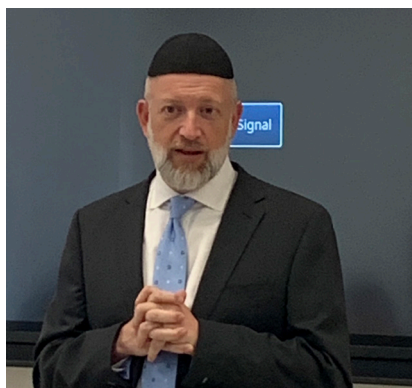


Congressman Ted Deuch visited KHDS to speak with students in response to the letters they wrote urging Congress to take steps to help secure the release of IDF soldier, **Lt. Hadar Goldin**. **Congressman Deuch** also spoke to the students on other issues surrounding the US-

Israel relationship, the rise of antisemitism, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and his recent decision to leave Congress to become CEO of the **American Jewish Committee**. Students prepared and asked excellent questions. Special thanks to **Mr. Michael Gale** for coordinating the visit.



8th grade girls were honored to have **Rabbi Efreim Goldberg**, Senior Rabbi of **Boca Raton Synagogue**, visit their class in March to answer some of their Hilchot Shabbos questions. Thank you, **Rabbi Goldberg**, for taking time out of your busy schedule!



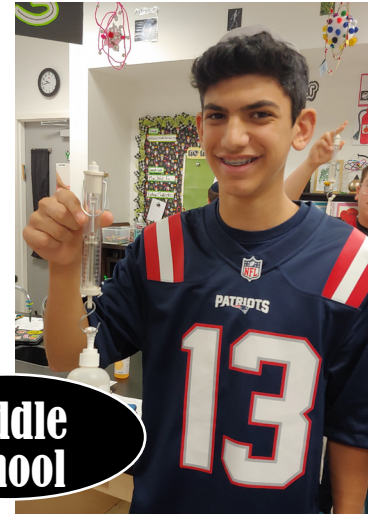
Rav Judah Mischel, of **Camp HASC** and the **Orthodox Union**, spoke to our 8th graders, in advance of their trip to Israel, about the reasons we are internally connected to the land. He also told an incredible story about **Menachem Begin** and the deeper reasons why they should be so excited! What an incredible privilege and wonderful preparation for the trip!



6th graders handled preserved sea star specimens in class as they learned all about marine echinoderms. Students got to see these alive and up close during their trip to **Pigeon Key**.



8th graders explored Newton's Laws in physics class and used spring scales to find everyday objects that measure about 1 Newton of force.

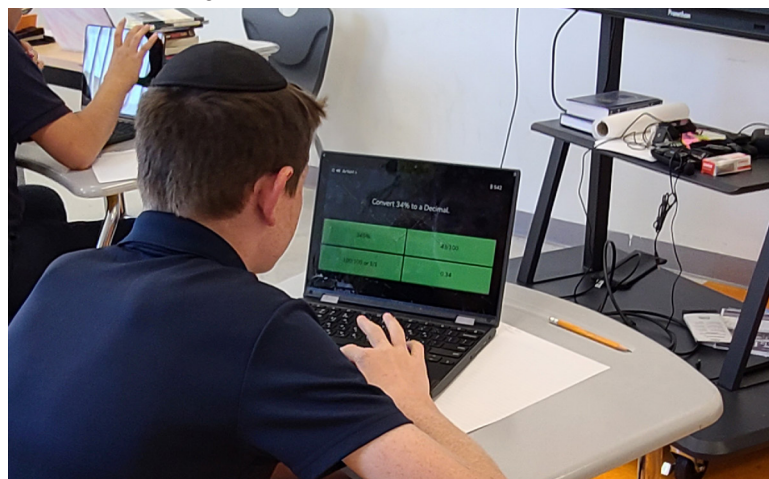


Middle School

"Shabbos Kodesh, Shabbos, Shabbos Kodesh!!!" An amazing time was had by our 8th graders at the annual Shabbaton this past March! They began with a delicious breakfast, followed by an exciting game of Panoply. Shabbos was filled with good food, inspiring learning, and awesome bonding time between students and staff. The energy and memories will last a lifetime!



Students reviewed percentages, decimals, and fractions using the **Blooket** platform. **Blooket** is an interactive game site that combines learning, fun, and skill review.



20 Spotlight by Grade

6th grade students prepared for their class trip to **Pigeon Key** by learning about marine chordates, like fish, in **Mrs. Tinio's** class. They identified external and internal structures and compared six different local fish species during a fun, outdoor observation lab!



7th graders worked collaboratively to illustrate the phases of mitosis in **Mrs. Einhorn's** science class.



In addition to reading *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, **Ms. Gold's** 7th grade Language Arts class created dioramas of various experiences and horrors of the Holocaust. Unfortunately, they were not able to go to the **Holocaust Museum** in Washington, D.C. this year, so they created a museum of

their own. The students put their hearts into this project, and created meaningful replicas. One student even did a project that mirrored the journey of his great-grandfather taking the **Kindertransport** from Hungary to Switzerland. Reading and learning about the Holocaust teaches the students facts. The projects helped the students feel connected in a way that the written word often cannot. They understand why it is important to never forget.



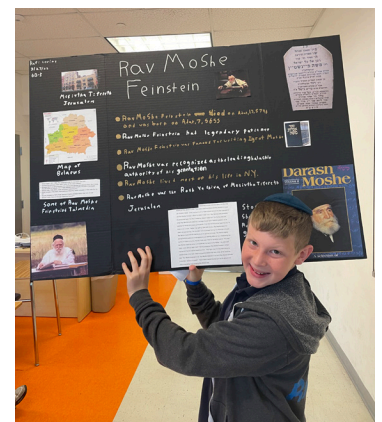
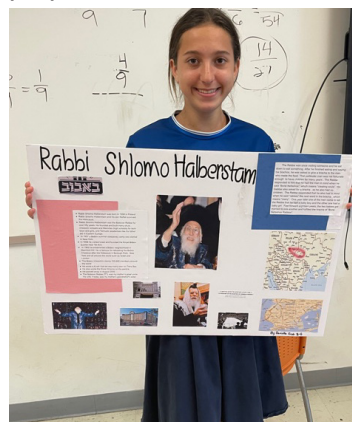
Ms. Ready and Ms. Mordechai's 7th grade English students experienced the strength of memoir writing from **Elie Wiesel's** *Night*.



Ms. Gold's 8-1 Language Arts class learned about **William Golding's** book, *Lord of the Flies*, through Socratic seminar discussions, rather than being teacher-led. The Socratic seminar is a formal discussion, based on a text, in which the students ask and discuss open-ended questions. Within the context of the discussion, students listen closely to the comments of others, think critically for themselves, and articulate their own thoughts and their responses to the thoughts of others. The students grade each other and themselves as to the quality of the discussion, the respect of the responses, and the ability to stay on task.



Rabbi Mirzoeff's middle school students made remarkable and incredible Gedolim projects. The gorgeous and insightful projects included leaders such as **Rav Avraham Yitzchack HaKohen Kook**, **Rav Chaim Kanievsky**, **Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach**, **Bobover Rebbe**, **Rebbe Nachman**, **Lubavitcher Rebbe**, **Rebbeztzin Machlis**, **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks** and many more! They are now proudly displayed in Room 203. Also a HUGE thank you to **Rabbi Kassorla** for his help, guidance, and leadership on this project.





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

This year was another very successful one for KHDS athletics. Our teams brought home two 2nd place trophies, and one 1st place trophy. But most importantly, all of our teams had a tremendous improvement in skill level, understanding of the game, and amazing sportsmanship. Following are some of the highlights from the recent spring season.

Our *Boys and Girls Tennis Teams*, led by **Head Coach Jamie Alverio**, had great success this year with both teams making it to the playoff matches.

Coach Alan Semel and **Coach Alan Krull** were very proud of the *Boys Baseball Team* this season. Even though the record didn't quite indicate it, the progress and development of every member of the team was very obvious. Every single player improved their personal skill level and had fun doing it.

Another milestone this year was the establishment of our *Girls Flag Football Team*, lead by **Head Coach Shawn Kerzer**. The team was fully dedicated from the first day to the last to becoming the best they could be. The improvement from not knowing what a touchdown was at the start of the season to running an NFL-style offense with 118 offensive plays and having a very dominant and complex defense towards the end of the season really illustrated how much improvement was truly made over the course of the season.

The biggest highlight of the year was our *4th and 5th Grade Boys Soccer Team*, led by **Coach Moishe**, bringing home the championship trophy for the **Jewish Athletic League**! The boys had a spectacular season and went undefeated, with a dramatic overtime win against our biggest rival, **Hillel NMB**. With the majority of players moving into middle school next year, they will have the potential to build a dynasty!

The *4th and 5th Grade Girls Soccer Team*, led by the combined effort of **Coaches Moishe Aquart, Stan Baptiste, Shawn Kerzer** and **Alex Horveno**, brought home the 2nd place trophy, also for the **Jewish Athletic League**! They had a wonderful season with a lot of skillful players developing for the future.

All of our athletes were celebrated at the annual *Sports Awards Night* held on May 26th, where the Athletes of the Year were also announced (see top right). In addition, the *Jr. Sports Awards* (4th-5th grades) ceremony took place on May 18th as athletes celebrated the end of the season with a special dinner.

We would like to thank our dedicated coaches, for all their hard work this year. Also, thank you to all of the parents for their support at the games. Last, but not least, we would like to thank the administration for their guidance and encouragement of KHDS Athletics!

We wish everyone relaxing and fun summer!



Mazal Tov to the Athletes of the Year: Golan Aghion ~ Abby Bienenfeld



Boys Tennis



Girls Tennis



Boys Baseball



Girls Flag Football



Boys 4th-5th Soccer



Girls 4th-5th Soccer

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE WINNERS



The Kids Heart Challenge is one of the favorite fundraising events for many KHDS students. This year we raised a total of \$4,323, but most importantly the challenge helped students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while raising funds to fight heart disease and stroke. The event was filled with great music, competitions, and rewards for outstanding performance.

2022 Winners:

- 1st place: **Jack Lassar** (2nd grade) - raised \$375
- 2nd place: **Noah Charm** (2nd grade) - raised \$364.93
- 3rd place: **Levi Simakhov** (4th grade) - raised \$263.86

Based on the money raised this year, the **American Heart Association** will reward KHDS with a \$200 gift certificate, which will help to purchase new equipment for our Athletic Department.

22 Holiday Happenings

Kitah Alef welcomed Rosh Chodesh Adar II.



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



3rd graders made hamantaschen while learning in Ivrit class. Students learned the recipe in Hebrew and then used their baking skills!



Students in the **Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center** enjoyed Adar/Purim festivities including King and Queen dress-up day and a mini-carnival with teacups, bungee jump, and train rides - oh my!!!



Guess Who? Early Childhood teachers disguised themselves in honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar II. Can you spot your child's Morah?



Morah Shirley's students made Purim cards which were sent to Ukrainian children through "Words of Warmth," a program of the Orthodox Union.



Preparing for Purim! Students in Kitah Alef made graggers!



Students celebrated Adar at KHDS with so much simcha!



Crazy hat day!



To herald in Adar II with joy and happiness, students from EC through 8th grade were entertained by **Saul Len the DJ**.



Students each created a design of one of the four mitzvot related to Purim in honor of the holiday.



Our B'not Sherut, **Shir and Eden**, did an amazing job of transforming the second floor of the **Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School** into the story of the Megillah. Students enjoyed traveling back in time to visit Shushan!



Students and faculty dressed up for theme days during the Adar festivities.



KHDS' Shushan Purim celebration included costume day, pony rides for EC students, Purim Shuk, and the exciting stunt show by **BMX Trickstars** (including a very brave **Rabbi Kaplan**)!



24 Holiday Happenings

EC4 students made grape juice from scratch as they learned about the seder!



Ribbit! Students incorporated math and literacy into learning about the 2nd makkah -- frogs!



Morah Shira's 1st graders proudly display projects they made in honor of the Pesach Chag.



EC3 students learned about (and acted out) the story of Pesach.



Our Beit Midrash was filled with the beautiful sounds of Torah learning on March 30th! In preparation for Pesach, our middle school students had a parent-child learning event during which they learned together B'chavruta and prepared Divrei Torah which were compiled into a Haggadah D'var Torah companion and then shared for the holiday.



EC4 students made bricks from scratch to build pyramids.



Thank you to **Rabbi Shmuly G** for bringing the famous **Matzah Factory** to KHDS! Early Childhood students enjoyed all of the hands-on activities in preparation for Pesach!



EC3-C prepared for Pesach with a mock seder hosted by **Morah Chaya** and **Morah Marisa**.



KHDS PTA sponsored a yummy pizza lunch for all KHDS students, faculty and staff just before the Chag! Thank you to **Rachel Greenbaum** for coordinating this effort!



Mrs. Morris' 4th grade class wrote Pesach cinquain poems in honor of the holiday.



EC2-A students were Pesach-ready in anticipation of the holiday!



Thank you to **KHDS** and **KHDS PTA** for treating faculty and staff to pre-Pesach car washes.



Students in EC2 through Kindergarten were joined by family members during their special pre-Pesach programs on April 13th.



26 Holiday Happenings



Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities were abundant at KHDS! The day began with a Hallel Tziburi for elementary school students, followed by the 5th grade performance of Daglanut, under the direction of our amazing B'not Sherut, **Eden and Shir!** Kol Hakavod to the **5th graders** for a stellar show! Israel-themed programs took place throughout the day in celebration of Israel's 74th birthday! Thank you to **Shlomo Ehrlich** (6th grade) for volunteering to tape the Daglanut performance via drone! Check out the video on our HilleTube channel or Facebook page!

Yom Ha'atzmaut



Elementary school students visited different cities in Israel. In Shiloh, **Morah Racheli Lasry** dressed up like the Kohen Gadol. Students learned about the city, watched a beautiful movie, and took a virtual tour. At the end of the class, they made an edible Choshen and then enjoyed eating it!

Rabbi Drang's classroom was the city of Chevron! Students received a Chevron treat, tour ticket and photos with Avraham by his tent!



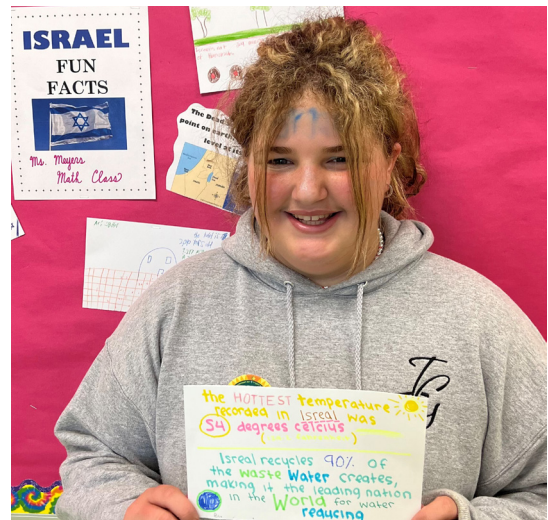
Students in **Morah Shira's** 1st grade class spent Yom Ha'atzmaut week deepening their knowledge and love of Israel!



Students created beautiful Havdalah sets, including Bisamim and candles when visiting the city of Tzfat on the tour of Israel!



Israeli Fun Facts: Did you know that over a million pounds of hummus is eaten annually in Israel? Israeli students are ranked in the top 10 countries in mathematics. **Ms. Meyers'** students researched facts about Israel and related them to math in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut.



Students visited Masada in **Morah Peninah's** class and created sand art from the surrounding desert.



Happy 74th, Israel!

In observance of Yom Hashoah, the entrance of the Middle School was transformed by **Ms. Liora Ben-Harari** to commemorate the six million Jews lost in the Holocaust and the heroism of survivors and rescuers.

Yom Hashoah

6th and 7th grade students started Holocaust Remembrance Day by listening to Israel's air raid siren as two minutes of solemn reflection took place. **Rabbi Sadigh** and **Rabbi Mirzoeff** shared several personal and moving Emunah stories and then **Mrs. Feder** explained the rest of the day's Yom Hashoah programming.



Middle school students each received a memorial candle that was linked to a specific victim of the Holocaust. They read the personal history of each one and shared it with their classmates. After that, each student had a chance to light their candle, while having in mind the soul of the person inscribed on it. **Ms. Gold's** class prepared stirring dioramas relating to the Holocaust and their study of the book, *Night*. The middle school students took the time to explore these projects and learn a little more about the atrocities that happened, beginning with the ghettos, and moving into the camps and the crematoria.



Thank you to our B'not Sherut, **Eden and Shir**, who decorated the corridor of the Middle school in observance of Yom Hashoah.

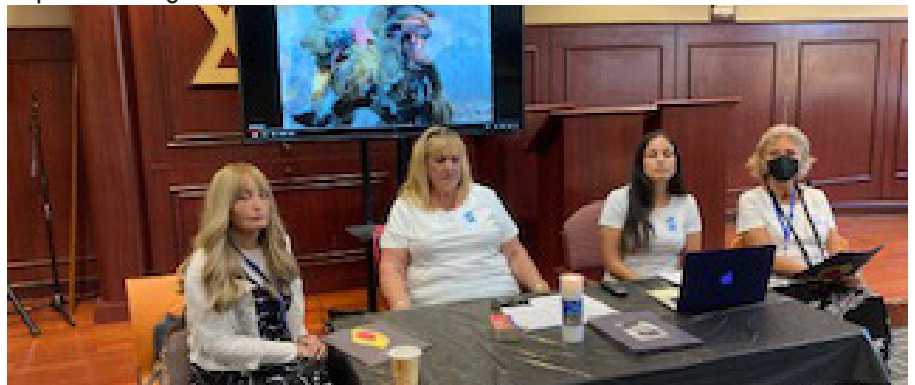


Yom Hazikaron

In observance of Yom Hazikaron, 1st grade had the opportunity to listen to an Israeli soldier speak about his personal experiences. Thank you, **Morah Chana** (from 1-C) for organizing and inviting us!



The **Middle School Ivrit Department** prepared a moving Yom Hazikaron program for our students. They began with a stirring Shir HaMaalot, then learned about an American Chayal Boded, lone soldier **Michael Levine**, who gave up his life for our land and our people. A moving poem about Yom HaZikaron in Israel was read from *The Parade of the Fallen*, by **Haim Hefer**. The program concluded with a Kal Malei and Hatikvah. The students were inspired throughout.

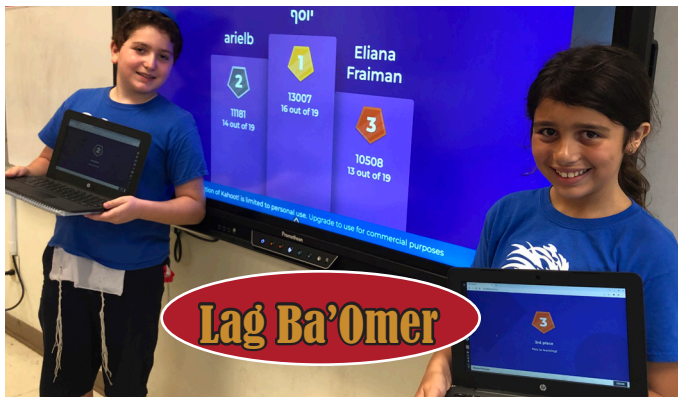


28 Holiday Happenings

Bubbles, ice cream, s'mores and more! So much fun!



Students had fun learning during the Lag B'Omer Kahoot! in **Morah Racheli's** Hebrew class.



5th graders performed a play with the B'not Sherut. They also enjoyed potatoes from the fire pit - a tradition from the medurot in Israel. Not only did students enjoy the potatoes, but they learned the significance of lighting fires for the holiday.



2nd graders made family bonfires (medurot).



KHDS faculty took on middle school students for some friendly competition on the basketball court (boys/men) as well as in a game of dodgeball (girls/ladies). The faculty prevailed in both games with a great effort from our students.



Elementary school students celebrated Yom Yerushalayim with a special program coordinated by our B'not Sherut, and other related projects.



3rd graders made Torah cookies in honor of Shavuot in **Morah Peninah's** class.



EC2 students prepared for Shavuot in **Morah Frumi's** class



During Middle School Advisory, each group brainstormed different areas of self-improvement that they have committed to work on during sefirat haomer, to prepare for Shavuot.



EC4 students became scribes in connection with Shavuot learning. They used quills and ink to trace Alef Bet and used tea bags to stain paper to replicate the Torah scroll in **Morah Ivana's** class!





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Thank you to our amazing community of generous donors, who have contributed to this year's campaign. Although we did not have a Journal Dinner this year, our recent **Campaign Closing Crowdfunder** helped to raise an additional \$18,000 for our Annual Campaign and Scholarship Fund. This fund provides over \$600,000 annually in tuition assistance for our growing number of families who are struggling financially and cannot afford the full cost of a Jewish education for their children.

If you have not yet made a gift of tzedakah, we hope that you will consider supporting our school and Jewish education. Even better, give a **recurring gift of tzedakah** which can easily be set up through our secure website.

Each year, our **Every Parent Campaign** strives for 100% participation of all of our families with a gift of tzedakah in ANY amount before the end of the school year. We thank all of our participating families for recognizing that together, we can impact our children's future!

Another way to make a meaningful gift is through our **Capital Campaign: Phase III**. There are currently five classrooms remaining with naming opportunities as we plan for the expansion of our campus with a brand new 10-classroom building.

One last thing... HOLD THE DATE! Our **Annual Journal Dinner** will return for the next school year! Mark your calendar for Sunday evening, **February 5, 2023 - Tu B'Shevat 5783**. We can't wait to re-connect with everyone!

Mazal Tov to the Class of 2022! We wish everyone a safe, wonderful and healthy summer.



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up a monthly gift of \$30 and
an annual gift of \$360!**

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30 PTA: Here to Help



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

I am continually amazed by how fast summer arrives! It feels like just yesterday that we were gearing up to return to campus, and what a return it was! Though we began with uncertainty and trepidation, the resilience and strength of the KHDS community carried us through an incredible year! With new faces all around, we began to refresh and renew in ways that will only be enhanced as our community continues to grow. Thank you to those who have stood by us and stepped up to assist with the many endeavors that PTA took on this year. Our success is built on time, effort, creative ideas, and helpful suggestions of our loyal supporters. We could not function without you! Please continue to assist us in our mission to enrich the educational experiences of our children. There are endless opportunities to participate! Just scan the QR code to see all that we do and join us in planning the program or event that speaks to you. Before you know it, we will be back on campus, and we cannot wait to see what we can accomplish together! Until then, have an incredible summer break!



Teacher Appreciation Week

Preparing for takeoff! KHDS PTA planned an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week in May as faculty and staff "traveled the world" with a new adventure of themed treats each day including lunch, snacks, coffee and other goodies. Special thanks to the following volunteers for their creativity and hard work in arranging Teacher Appreciation Week: **Danna Averbook, Pearl & Mor Ben Yoram, Marie Birchansky, Betty Frons, Rachel Harow, Cara Harris, Simone Jacobs, Rebecca Kinzbrunner, Nurse Robin Noble and Marisa Weg-Chametsky!**

We also gratefully acknowledge:

- Thank you to **Celsius** for donating delicious energy drinks.
- Thank you to **Buff City Soap**, Boca Raton for donating divine soaps and amazing laundry detergent samples.
- Thank you to the **Hauptman Family/Physical Therapy Now of West Boca** for providing our teachers with discount massage coupons.
- Thank you to **Liza Zvereva** of **Mary Kay** cosmetics for the wonderful gift basket, generously donated for a raffle prize.
- Thank you to **Moran Patisserie, Holy Schnitzel, Sobol, Aroma** and **The Grove Kosher Market** for helping to tantalize our tastebuds.
- Thank you to **Bath & Body Works**, Boca Raton.

And the winner of the gift basket raffle prize was:
Jill Gumper-Brannigan

Mishloach Manot

In honor of Purim, the PTA provided all our incredible faculty and staff members with beautiful Mishloach Manot packages. Thanks to **Emely Aghion, Mimi Amsalem, Rachel Benaim-Abudarham, Goldie Chaikin, Abby Feferman, Tamar Feld, Deena Ganz, Rachel Harow, Cara Harris, Simone Jacobs, Naomi Katz, Alissa Kroll, Maren Mayer, Shira Menczer, Young Mi Skehen, Bru Pool, Eve Sperling, and Chava Weisstuch** for helping to conceptualize and create the packages. Special thanks to all of the families who contributed!



With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

- ❖ Special thanks to **The Grove** for donating yummy challah to the **Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center** every Friday, all year long!
- ❖ Thank you to **Marisa Weg-Chametsky** for her tireless efforts in keeping our KHDS PTA Online Uniform Shoppe organized. Check it out at www.khdsptashoppe.com!
- ❖ Thank you to **Yaffi Wexler** for her assistance in editing the *Weekly Shavuon* and *Hillel Herald*, as well as compiling the "PTA Pages" for the *Hillel Herald* throughout the entire school year!



Pre-Pesach Events

Thank you to all our parents and students who came to our **Pre-Pesach Boutique at Boca Raton Synagogue**! It was great to bring back one of our most popular and successful events! Hundreds of people shopped for clothing, accessories, tablecloths, housewares, gifts, and more from the dozens of vendors, while enjoying treats from **Sobol** and **Urban Pops**. Thank you to **Leorah Marcus, Deena Frist, and Rachel Harow** for organizing the event and to the parent and student volunteers who ensured that everything ran smoothly: **Liora Adler, Emely Aghion, Gabi Aghion, Shari Bloom, Elana Belizon, Efrat Belizon, Sabina Benyair, Esther Benzaquen, Avigayil Elkoby, Debbie Friedman, Dina Ganz, Sara Greene, Avi Harris, Cara Harris, Evan Henner, Zelde Henner, Naomi Katz, Ami Kieffer, Arielle Kieffer, Emma Harow, Aliyah Harow, Elisha Marcus, Shira Menczer, Dvora Scher, Chava Weissstuch, Shemaya Zangre, Andrea Zucker, Jacob Zucker, Noa Zucker, and Sydney Zucker**.

Before Pesach, PTA also hosted its **3rd Annual Pan Fundraiser**, as well as the **Annual Food Drive** benefiting the **Jacobson Family Food Pantry**, a program of **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services**. The KHDS PTA, along with KHDS, also treated faculty and staff to pre-Pesach car washes, and the PTA sponsored a delicious pizza lunch for students and staff. Thank you to **Rachel Greenbaum** for coordinating this effort!

Sip Sip Hooray - Coffee with the PTA!

Each month, KHDS moms gathered under the tent after carpool for some early morning mingling. During the last event of the year, parents enjoyed specialty coffees from **La Vela Specialty Coffee Company**. Moms were also able to sign up for volunteer spots to plan next year's PTA programs and events. Special thanks to **Cara Harris** for organizing.



Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts

Kudos to **Deena Frist** and **Naomi Katz** for coordinating our Teacher Appreciation breakfasts during the year. Each month the breakfast was held in honor of a different grade, and all faculty and staff enjoyed delicious refreshments and drinks. Thanks to all the parents who sponsored each month and to our annual sponsor families: **Srullie Chametsky & Marisa Weg-Chametsky, Aaron & Sarah Cohen, Eli & Orlie Cohen, Jeremy &**

Chanie Gelbart, Julian & Lauren Hammond, Chanoch & Rachel Harow, Jonathan & Cara Harris, Lassar & Skehen Family, Yehuda Leib & Sharona Seidel, Rabbi Avi & Debby Levitt, Ganit & Adir Levy, Akiva & Leora Marcus, Brian & Renee Sanders, Herschel & Dvora Scher, Shmuel & Joanne Schwartz, The Shapiro Family, Gil & Lysee Stein, David & Ally Steinberg, Teddy & Phyllis Struhl, Michael & Amy Tarlowe, Warren & Leora Weiner, Ashi & Chava Weissstuch, and Nathan & Andrea Zucker.

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Guardians of Learning 2022

Once again, thank you to **Caroline Katz** and **Stephanie Stern** for co-chairing another successful year of the **Guardians of Learning**. The PTA has been hard at work to fund and support incredible initiatives to enhance the educational, extra-curricular and daily lives of our students and devoted staff. PTA has consistently played a strong role in all areas of the KHDS community, from providing the little things, like challot on Shabbat and candles on Chanukah, to Teacher Appreciation initiatives, the Uniform Shoppe, and milestone gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvot and graduations, or larger expenditures like the Mac Lab, VR headsets, sunshades, the scoreboard, and the swimming pool. Throughout the years, PTA has been able to invest over \$500,000 to enrich our children's experience at KHDS.

We thank those who have made a commitment to support our most lucrative and essential fundraising program for 2022.

The **Guardians of Learning** are the women around whom we rally and applaud for their annual contribution of \$360; money that is put to work to the benefit of all of our students and staff at KHDS.

**Liora Adler
Aliza Austein
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Elana Belizon
Shelly Bloom
Simone Broide
Barbara Cohen
Orlie Cohen
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IN MEMORIAM ~ COREY STEVEN REICHENBERG
KHDS Class of 2012



Corey Steven
Reichenberg

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"Time turns flames to embers.
You'll have new Septembers.
Every one of us has messed up,
too. Minds change like the
weather. I hope you remember
today is never too late to be
brave."

שפל רוח יתמוך כבוד
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We gratefully acknowledge the following KHDS families who graduated their youngest child and officially welcome them as Alumni families:

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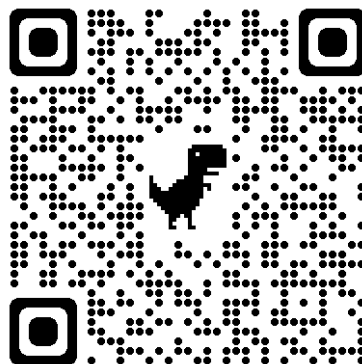
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