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IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHAYIM DIMONT, Z"l



2 Remembering Mr. Dimont



*"The two most important days of your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."
- Mark Twain*



This was the quote that followed Chayim's signature on every email.

On June 19, 2021, we lost our beloved friend, colleague and Principal, **Mr. Chayim Dimont, Z"L**.

Chayim began his KHDS journey on June 1, 1999, when he was hired as the Director of Early Childhood. As **Rabbi Kenneth Brander** noted in his eulogy, "Chayim was a dreamer with an implementation strategy." Over the years he professionalized the EC program and expanded his role through 3rd grade as Principal. Over the course of his 22-year KHDS tenure, he inspired thousands of children. His constant dedication and passion for education kept Chayim right where he wanted to be — with the children.

What makes the KHDS family so special is that we are blessed with leaders in our family who have devoted their lives to making our school a Makom Torah. Chayim was clearly one of these people. He guided and inspired with his loving heart and soul. His fundraising efforts built Aunt Jessie's playground. His love for theatrics and creativity brought endless fun. His Purim and play costumes brought laughs. His fireworks shows brought ruach. His Teddy Bear Day brought cuddly surprises. His daily EMET winner announcements echoed the halls of the elementary school. His carpool protocol was like a Broadway production (much like the quality of the end of year KTP performance that he always proudly presented). He was literally KHDS' biggest celebrity.

But that fun was also wrapped in hard work, countless hours of planning, learning and growing, and always being honest and present. He rallied through this year's Kindergarten graduation and then the 8th grade graduation of his youngest son, Ezra, as his final KHDS milestone. Although Chayim treated his KHDS family like blood relatives, his true love was (and is) for his wife **Michele** and children, **Albert** (KHDS Class of '16), **Orly** (KHDS Class of '19) and **Ezra** (KHDS Class of '21). We wish the Dimont family much strength at this difficult time and keep them in our thoughts daily.

Chayim, we miss you immensely.



Support the Chayim Dimont, Z"L, Segula Fund to honor Chayim's memory.

Return the enclosed envelope or donate online at <https://www.hilleldayschool.org/support-hds/donate/>

In Judaism, birth is a major life celebration, and children are a central focus. The Segula fund was created by Michele and Chayim, Z"L, Dimont with the goal of alleviating the financial burden associated with the prohibitive costs of infertility treatments. Segula offers interest-free loans to couples in our community experiencing this monetary hardship. The loans are paid back only when the family gives birth to a child.

4 Leadership Messages



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

Over the past three years, it has been my privilege to lead Katz Hillel Day School. I have enjoyed watching the growth of our students, our teachers, and our program. Though this past year and a half has had challenges yet unseen in education, I was moved and emboldened by the passion with which our teachers and students confronted them.

I am incredibly proud of and grateful to our entire staff for helping us through this period and most importantly for never forgetting why we got into this business - *the students*. The Gemarah teaches that the world is upheld on the breath of learning of the children of Beit Rabban. The premise of Jewish day schools is not simply to impart Jewish knowledge in our next generation. It is to engage each student in a love of life-long learning. It is meant to help each child form his/her keshet to Hashem. It is there to develop within each Jewish child an internal moral compass and to ensure that they grow up to be a mensch. It is meant to seal their bond with Eretz Yisrael and Am Yisrael. The breath of our children is what sustains our world. The learning of our children is what ensures our Jewish future.

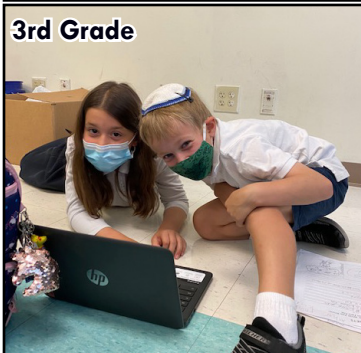
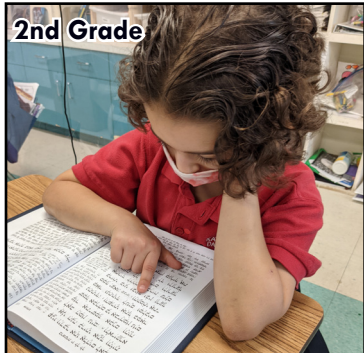
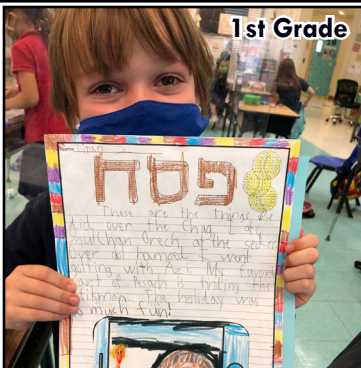
At KHDS, we don't simply educate students; KHDS inspires and empowers our next generation of Jewish leaders and community members. Whether you are a parent, alumni, supporter, or friend, we hope that you will stay connected to our school and watch the amazing growth that Hashem continues to enable our school to experience.

Thank you for having had me as part of the KHDS family.



**Chayim Dimont, Z"L, M.S. Ed.
Principal, Early Childhood-Grade 3**

**If a picture is
worth 1,000
words...**



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

When I was a young child, my hero image was Batman (wow, that dates me!). Being that I was the oldest, I decided who the other characters were among my siblings and so I was always Batman. I would take a towel, safety pin and belt to create my costume while my imagination would run wild as I would be able to avert any calamity coming our way and save the world! When I matured and shed the towel, safety pin and belt, I still held on to some valuable lessons gleaned from playing this game. It was a different time but society stressed the values of wishing to always help others, to take risks, to follow rules, to take on injustices and help those in need.

Out of crises, heroes are made and this past year we have seen examples of duty, compassion, selflessness and bravery from the front line workers, teachers, parents, delivery drivers, shopkeepers and workers; the list is endless. The children whose lives were disrupted heroes they, too, became heroes by taking actions to stay healthy and protect those they love! Their resilience in being masked and adhering to many changes demonstrated tremendous strength. They learned to prioritize others' happiness and health over their own individual happiness and comfort in order to achieve a greater goal. The parents who served as great role models during this time will reap tremendous nachat from the lessons the pandemic brought to this generation.

The current events that we are still experiencing direct us to appreciate that things are not happening by themselves, but are directed by Hashem. Life is full of various pressures, challenges and difficulties and no one can escape them. If we give our children the strong foundation of Emunah and the ability to cope, we are performing the greatest Chesed. Part of this is providing our children with a warm atmosphere and leaving them with fond memories of their youth so that they realize that even when things may look bleak, life is ultimately good, and they are sustained by the warmth and love we gave them when they were young.

Have a healthy and safe summer!!

KHDS gives a warm welcome to our incoming administration:
Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh, Head of School
 and
Shireen Butman, General Studies Principal Grades 4-8



KHDS welcomes **Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh** as our new Head of School. Rabbi Sadigh was chosen after an in-depth search and interview process with numerous qualified candidates. He has just concluded his tenure as Head of School at the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, West Hempstead Campuses, where he has served since 2012.

Rabbi Sadigh has spent over twenty-five years in the field of Jewish education, both as a teacher

and as an administrator and has taught Limudei Kodesh classes at Ezra Academy and at Yeshiva of Central Queens, where he was ultimately appointed Assistant Principal of Judaic Studies in 2004 and served in this capacity admirably for the next eight years. For the past nine years as Principal, and then as Head of HANC West Hempstead Campuses, he has worked closely with 100 faculty and 525 pre-school and elementary school students and their families to build a strong school culture and a love for their community which has resulted in a significant increase in school enrollment. We are excited for Rabbi Sadigh to bring all of that, and more, to KHDS and he is equally eager. "I'm thrilled and honored to be joining an institution such as Katz Hillel Day School, whose hallmark is excellence on all levels. I am looking forward to building a wonderful future together," expressed Rabbi Sadigh.

Rabbi Sadigh has a Master's degree in Education and Special Education from Touro College, Smicha from Yeshiva Nechamat Yerushalayim, and a Master's in School Building Leadership from St. John's University. He prides himself on his ability to establish meaningful working relationships with the parent body, his colleagues, and faculty, whom he mentors and collaborates with. Most importantly, he has made a tremendous impact on many of the students he has taught over the years, some with whom he still keeps in touch. Rabbi Sadigh is invited to lecture on a broad range of topics that include Hashkafa, education, and leadership. Intrigued by Disney's proven business model, Rabbi Sadigh studied with facilitators from the Disney Institute in both Anaheim and Orlando. He has successfully incorporated Disney's best practice into an action plan, helping educators create a magical experience for faculty, students, and parents resulting in loyalty and customer satisfaction. He and his wife, **Carolyn**, have four daughters and one son: **Aviva, Ayelet, Shira, Kayla** and **Netanel**.

"In searching for our next Head of School we were looking for somebody who could help us create the best Jewish Day school in America, and after meeting Rabbi Sadigh we have found the right person to lead us there," said **Daniel J. Katz**, KHDS Board President.

We look forward to introducing you personally to Rabbi Sadigh and look forward to seeing KHDS continue to grow to new heights.



Mrs. Shireen Butman, of Great Neck, NY, will join the administration team as General Studies Principal for grades 4 through 8. Mrs. Butman brings 25 years of experience in Jewish education and will be relocating after serving nine years as Head of School and General Studies Principal at Silverstein Hebrew Academy in Long Island, NY.

Mrs. Butman is no stranger to the Boca Raton area, as she is a former resident and has many ties

to the community to which she will return over the summer. Her leadership style includes the commitment to child-centered learning in partnership with Jewish values and ethics, supporting faculty professional and personal growth, as well as relationship-building and strong communication with all school constituents based on open dialogue and transparency.

Shireen is a graduate of Vanier College, Concordia University, University of Montreal and McGill University and has participated in many development programs offered by the Day School Leadership Training Institute (DSLTI), which provides engaging experiential learning opportunities, cutting-edge leadership development and collaboration with peers. She is a dynamic educational leader dedicated to Jewish education,

STEAM, literacy and concurrent learning and has experience in operations management, financial administration, curriculum assessment and development, as well as grant research and funding.

As General Studies Principal for grades 4 through 8, Mrs. Butman will work closely with **Morah Rina Lanner**, who will continue her role as Middle School Coordinator, as well as with **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik**, Principal (Judaic Studies Grades 1-8), and incoming Head of School, **Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh**.

"We are excited to expand our admin team as student enrollment continues to grow for the coming school year," noted **Rabbi Sadigh**. "I look forward to working with all of the administration as we enhance the structure of our leadership team to better serve our families and the growth of KHDS."

Shireen and her husband, **Serge**, have three daughters: **Gabrielle**, who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology from the University of Miami, **Arielle**, who recently graduated from Ramaz and will be attending The George Washington University- Elliott School of International Affairs in the fall, and **Aryn**, who will be graduating from Silverstein Hebrew Academy and entering high school this fall.



THANK YOU, RABBI POTOK!

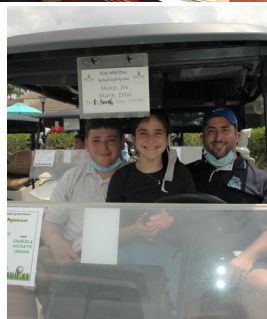
On behalf of the Board, faculty, staff and students of KHDS, we thank Rabbi Yehudah Potok for his leadership over the past three school years. For half of that time, he has guided us through an unexpected journey that we will always remember. From the ribbon cutting of our new pool and the 30th anniversary of our school in 2018-2019, to the graduating class of 2021, Rabbi Potok has been a part of countless milestone events and has continued to keep the education of our students a priority. He has dedicated countless hours to the reopening of our school and has made staying open a priority through his work with the Reopening Task Force and Medical Task Force. Rabbi Potok's kind way and mensch-like qualities (along with his playing the guitar and singing) will be missed. We wish the Potok/Loewenstein family the best in their future endeavors and will always cherish the memories we have had with them. They will always be a part of our KHDS family.

~ Daniel J. Katz, Board President





We will miss you, Joe!
Thank you for **ALL** you have done for our school for the past nine years. You have made a huge impact in countless ways and we are forever grateful.



Joe Sharp has been an asset to our school over the past nine years serving as Executive Director and overseeing the Business Office. He has secured millions of dollars in countless grants and donations, and has been an active participant in lobbying for school choice and funding through the Teach Florida initiative, which is dedicated to making Jewish education affordable and accessible by securing more government resources for families and schools.

Joe has seamlessly managed the operations and facility enhancements of our beautiful campus as it has flourished. He has streamlined our admissions, registration, medical, grading, and communications systems. Joe has worked to keep quality health benefits affordable for our faculty and staff and has implemented security enhancements to keep our KHDS family safe and sound. He has worked in parallel with our mission of constantly striving for excellence in all that he has done.

Joe has tirelessly ensured a balanced budget keeping tuition stable (including a decrease!). He has managed the admissions process and has worked closely with countless families, being an advocate for those in need of financial aid.

Joe's work ethic is one of excellence and he has literally worked around the clock, day in and day out, to make KHDS the financially sustainable school of excellence that it is today. Most recently, Joe and his staff had

the overwhelming task of preparing our campus for the reopening last August, which they succeeded in tremendously.

Joe Sharp has made an indelible impact on our school during his tenure and we wish him much success in the next chapter of his career.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Mazal Tov to the following students who were inducted, and re-inducted, into the National Junior Honor Society on Thursday, March 11, during the ceremony led by **Rabbi Yehudah Potok, Morah Hadassah Smolarcik and Morah Rina Lanner**. Thank you to **Jill Kaminetzky** for photography and **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** for technical assistance.

Re-inductees:

Hymie Frohlich
Tamar Ganz
Rebecca Oppenheimer
Adiel Potok
Amit Sommers
Calev Zak
Jacob Zucker

New inductees:

Golan Aghion
Abigail Bienenfeld
Edan Carmel
Gabriel Cohen
Raquel Cohen
Nikki Feld
Rebecca Freedman
Izzie Gately
Mikaela Gottheil
Naomi Haik
Aliyah Harow

Avi Harris
Akiva Lanner
Miriam Marcus
Ariella Mayer
Sruli Muschel
Abigail Rosenblat
Rebecca Slesinger
Lilly Stern
Kayla Stein
Aidan Struhl
Leora Tripp



Watch the Chidon Gameshow Live!

Broadcast by Chabad.org



Kol Hakavod to **Rosie Cohen**, 4th grade, who won a finalist award as she represented KHDS at the Chidon 5781, a Siyum Hamitzvos. Each participant completed the learning of the 613 Mitzvos which was accomplished through a series of tests.

Over 5,000 children from around the world participated in this event with only a select few making it to the final event, which showcased the incredible knowledge the children gained as they were awarded with certificates, plaques, medals and trophies. Way to go, **Rosie!**

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE WINNERS

Kids Heart Challenge (a.k.a. Jump Rope for Heart) is one of the favorite fundraising events for many of our students. This year KHDS raised a total of \$5,180 for the American Heart Association, but most importantly, this event taught students about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while raising funds to fight heart disease and stroke.

The fundraiser was filled with great music, competitions, and rewards for outstanding performance. All the students enjoyed delicious ice pops at the end of their class. Based on the \$5,180 that was raised this year for the American Heart Association, KHDS will be awarded with a \$300 gift certificate, which will help us purchase new equipment for our PE Department. Thank you to **Coach Maia Shaffer** and **Coach Moishe Aquart** for continuing this fundraising tradition!



1st place: (raised \$515)
Claire Sperling, 1st grade



2nd place: (raised \$313.40)
Linda Shulman, 1st grade



3rd place (tie): (raised \$255)
Mia Frist, 4th grade



3rd place (tie): (raised \$255)
Moshe Shulkes, 1st grade

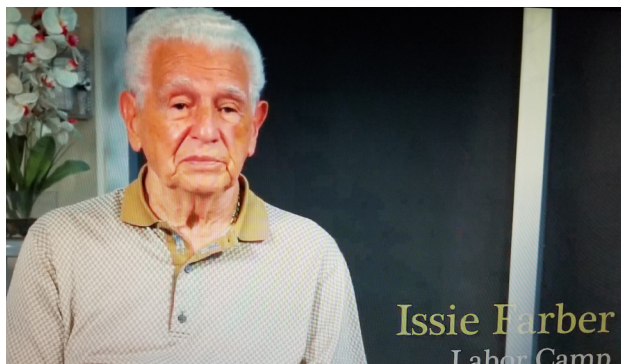
HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTARY PROGRAM BRINGS STUDENTS & SURVIVORS TOGETHER

KHDS was selected to participate in the *Names, Not Numbers*® Program, which transforms the traditional study of the Holocaust into an interactive program that involves survivors who lived through the history being taught.

The 8th grade students, under the direction of **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** and **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff**, engaged in serious, meaningful dialogue with the survivors and forged relationships with them. In addition, through the program, the students learned interviewing techniques, documentary film tools, and editing skills. Throughout the program, the students worked with professionals—journalists, newspaper editors, filmmakers, and Holocaust scholars.



"We are so blessed that two of our children had the opportunity to take part, and have an active role, in this amazing project! It is something that they will carry on with them for their lifetime. More than any other year, the timing of the presentation and the personal connection to one of our own KHDS families brought the reality of the Holocaust closer to the students." -The Sommers Family



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES LIVE

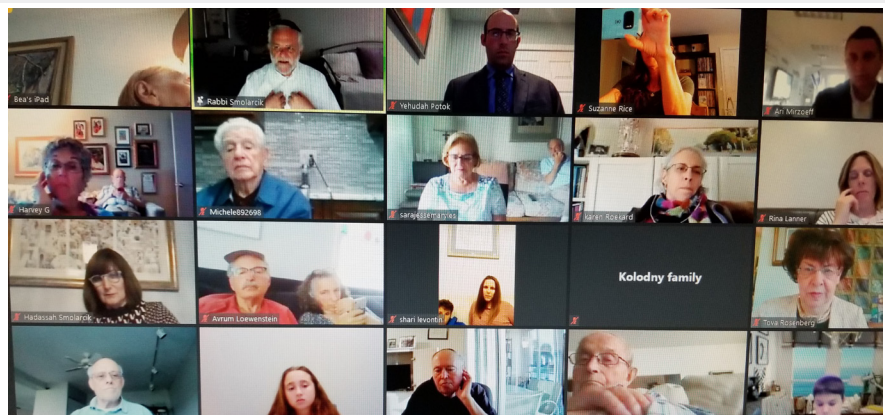
KHDS gratefully acknowledges the *Names, Not Numbers*® Program, which has taught our students about the Holocaust through the accounts of eyewitnesses, and provided them with interviewing, filming and editing skills. Most importantly, the program enabled the survivors and our students to forge meaningful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

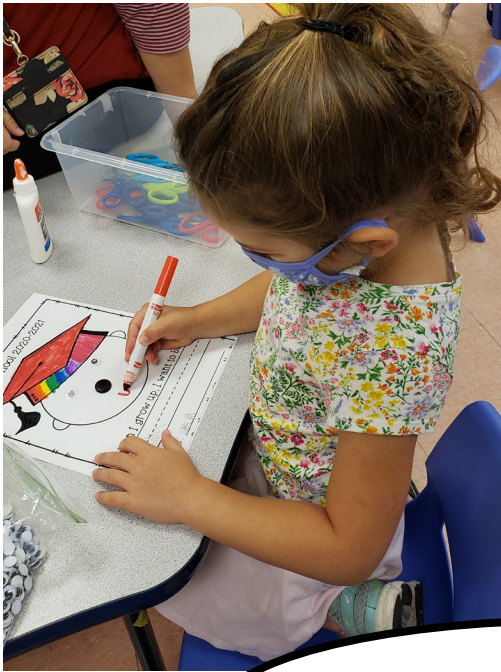
On Tuesday, May 25th, over 500 participants tuned in via Zoom for the YouTube world premiere of the documentary film. The film chronicled the lives of seven Holocaust survivors, as well as the personal experiences of the KHDS 8th grade students who worked for months on this project under the direction of faculty coordinators, **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik** and **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff**. We also acknowledge our videographers **Lou Aguilar** and **Carlos Sanfer**, and film editor **Drew Aldridge**, who worked with the students throughout the project. Thank you to KHDS administration and staff: **Rabbi Yehudah Potok**, **Hadassah Smolarcik**, **Rina Lanner** and **Jill Kaminetzky** as well as volunteer coordinators: **Mrs. Karen Moskowitz**, **Mrs. Sonya Nadritch**, **Mrs. Denise Snow** and **Mrs. Stephanie Stern** for their assistance with this project.

Most of all we thank **Tova Fish-Rosenberg** for creating this innovative curriculum and the survivors who shared their impactful stories: **Bertha Farber**, **Issie Farber**, **Alex Gross**, **Anita Karl**, **Celia Kener**, **Erika Schonfeld** and **Gail Weinberger**.

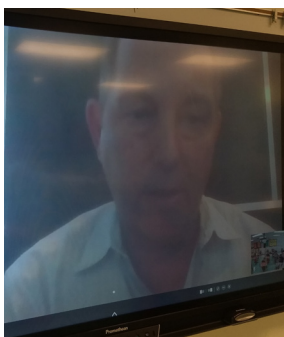
We shall never forget!

Names, Not Numbers INC®: an interactive, multi-media Holocaust project created by educator, **Tova Fish-Rosenberg**. *Names, Not Numbers*® Program is generously supported by a prominent national foundation.





Across the grades...
from EC to Middle School



5th graders were joined by special guests via Zoom for the annual pre-puberty discussion. Thank you to **Dr. Marc Rosenberg** (pictured left) who led the talk for boys and to **Nurse Robin** who led the talk for girls.

"Reproduction and Human Sexuality from a Torah Perspective" took place for

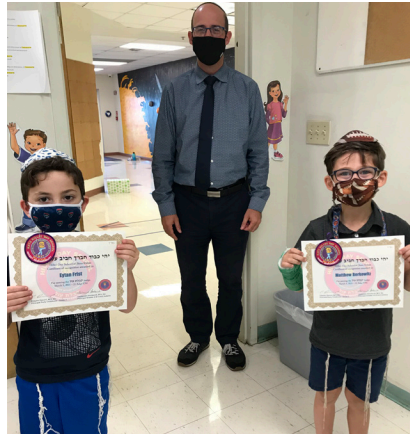
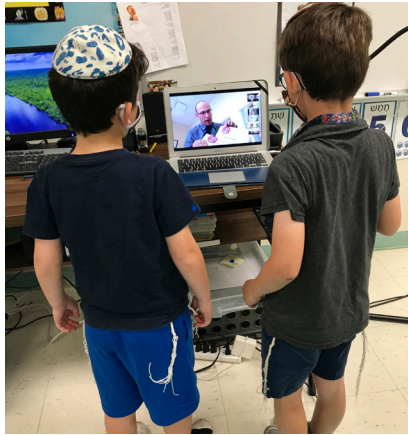
6th and 7th graders (along with their parents) as **Dr. Jason Schulman** and **Rabbi Dr. Smolarcik** led the discussion for the boys and **Dr. Laura Greenbaum**, **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik** and **Morah Rina Lanner** led the discussion for the girls.



5th graders participated in "Moving Up Day" as they joined with our Middle School Student Council members and KHDS administration to discuss various aspects of Middle School. They were given some pointers, had the opportunity to ask questions, and also toured the Middle School building! Thank you to **Dr. Jordana Carmel** for coordinating.

Congratulations to all of our EMET badge winners! Students received their badges each week from administration at the weekly Oneg. Kol Hakavod!

Coach Moishe captured some young Jedi training in action, a.k.a. fencing!



Enjoying the great outdoors - art, learning and play!



Students showed their school pride on Spirit Day - ROAR!



1st graders made music in **Mrs. Brody's** class.

Elementary school students enjoyed outdoor Onegs under the big tent.



12 Community, Chesed & Caring

A true hero isn't measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart.
- Hercules

Dr. Danny Aghion, KHDS parent and Board Vice President, donated a kidney on June 7th to a patient in need through Renewal.org. This act of true chesed and selflessness is one that we should all be reminded of daily. Thank you, **Danny**, for being a true hero and for literally being a "life-saver."



Kol Hakavod to **Emunah Ohayon** (2nd grade), who donated her hair to Wigs for Kids as a special mitzvah.



A few entrepreneurial 4th graders had a lemonade stand to raise money for the Kids Heart Challenge. They were so successful they repeated it the following week and made a donation to Tomchei Shabbos. Thank you to **Mordy Abed, Matan Aghion, Noam Dorfman, Jacob Katz, Aeli Ohayon, Ossie Ohayon** and **Judah Rackman**.



Kol Hakavod to **Elan Greenbaum** (7th grade) and **Natan Greenbaum** (2nd grade) for their hard work and all of the amazing community service that they have undertaken this school year.

At the start of the year, knowing there were a lot of lonely elderly people, particularly during COVID restrictions, **Elan** and **Natan** visited neighbors living in Century Village (following COVID guidelines) and delivered flowers and Challah on Fridays.



During Chanukah, the boys, with the help of their family, purchased and packaged items that were on the wish-lists for some of the teenagers living in JAFCO. Being an older teenager in JAFCO is challenging and **Elan** and **Natan** were happy to help brighten Chanukah by providing some of the items that they wished for.

During Purim, with the help of their mom and older sister, **Elan** and **Natan** organized a food collection from their community for the Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Before Pesach the **Greenbaum family** organized and collected perishable items for The Soup Kitchen in Boynton Beach. In May, they collected candles, nail polish, perfume and other items to create Mother's Day gift baskets for The Soup Kitchen.

Elan keeps a very busy academic schedule. He is an avid athlete, but helping others and doing charitable work is where his heart is and he will continue to give his time and resources, b"n. **Natan** has great role models in his sister and his brother and is learning fast to do charitable work and is very thoughtful and giving to others.

Keep up the chesed!



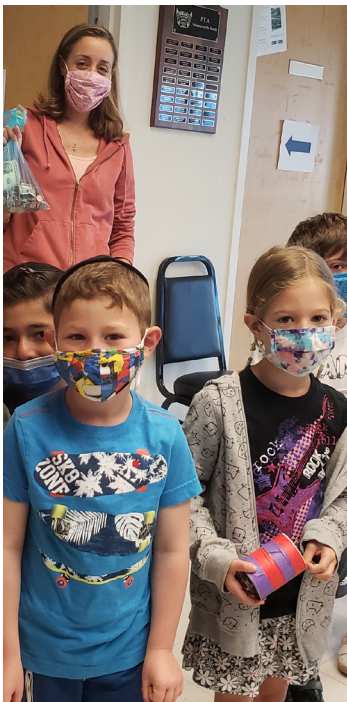
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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.

Coach Shaffer and **Coach Moise** registered students for the Kids Heart Challenge to support the American Heart Association. See the winners on page 8.



Thank you to the families who sponsored the special lunches for the 5th grade students who memorized the Perek of Mishnayot: **Carmel, Mayer (Daniel & Maren), Moskowitz, Oppenheimer and Schochet**. And mazal tov to the students!
#MBP



EC4 was so excited to give their collected tzedakah to the KHDS PTA in honor of Rosh Chodesh Nissan.



Due to the growing turmoil in Israel, students gathered together to daven for our brothers and sisters overseas on May 12th. They said Tehillim, recited the Tefillah L'shlom Ha'medina and concluded with the singing of Acheinu. May the merit of our collective tefillot bring peace to Eretz Yisrael.



Kol Hakavod to **Abigail Matiash** and **Gabriel Harris** (4th graders) for their lemonade stand fundraiser on May 23rd, to benefit Israel. They met a number of times to thoughtfully plan out all of the elements to ensure its success, after coming up with the idea on their own. They raised over \$200 dollars which they donated to the Jewish Federation's Israel Emergency Campaign.

"Thank you for teaching our children what it means to be caring and empathetic towards others, and for instilling in them a love of Israel and Yiddishkeit."

-Mark & Jessica Matiash, KHDS parents

Chayalim protecting Medinat Yisrael received Shabbat treats and a letter from KHDS students. Thank you to **Rav James** and his family for delivering the goodies!



14 Spotlight by Grade

EC4-B learning included reading with Dr. Seuss, preparing for the Pesach holiday, and making simple machines in science.



EC4 counted the Omer while they worked on early math skills.



Early
Childhood

Grab your PJs! Students enjoyed a pajama picnic on the lawn!



Choo-choo! EC4-C's weekly Alef Bet trains were completed just in time for the last day of school!



EC2-A had a blast with **Coach Sam** taking turns on the obstacle course in PE. They focused on their balancing and locomotor skills.



EC3 students had so much fun playing "hockey" in PE! Not only did they love hitting the ball with their noodle, but they also worked on listening skills waiting for their turn according to the color of their ball.



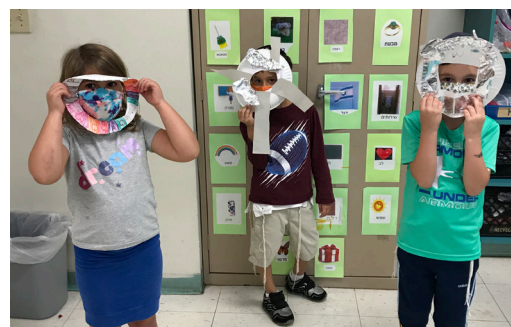
EC3 enjoyed PE class outdoors and had fun kicking and throwing red bouncy balls!



Early Childhood "models" lined up for their walk down the red carpet during the alphabet fashion show.



5-4-3-2-1 Blast off! Kindergarten students learned about space and astronauts in science class.



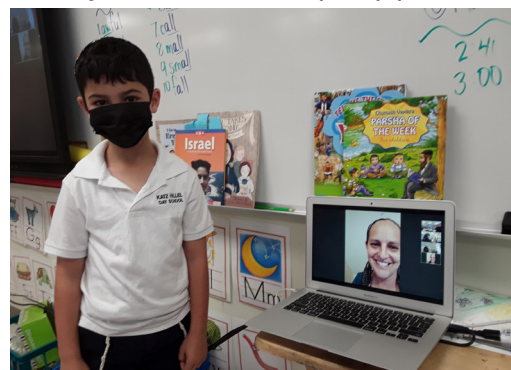
Parents were able to join in virtually for the weekly EMET badge presentations during Oneg.



Dr. Dorfman shared a video and project in which the "color monster" helped students learn about their emotions.



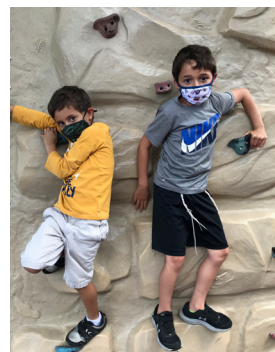
Kitah Alef welcomed "Zoom visitors" all the way from Israel. The children got to see the Knesset building, the Mediterranean Sea and The Old City. They learned about why people make Aliyah and how exciting it is to visit so many holy places.



Kindergarten students learned about the Everglades and the animals that live there.



J is for Aunt Jessie! Students enjoyed Aunt Jessie's Playground - and also learned about the letter J!



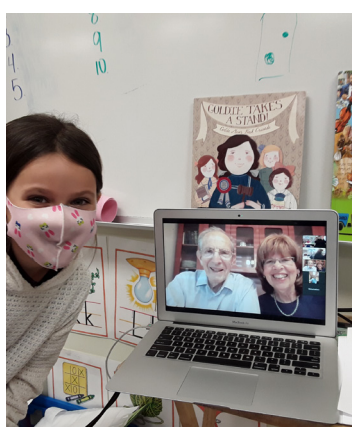
Students learned about the sun and shadows by making their own sundials in science.



Students celebrated finishing 1st grade with color changing cups (to represent the past year) filled with kisses and other goodies in preparation for summer! This special treat was a gift from the 1st grade team and KHDS!



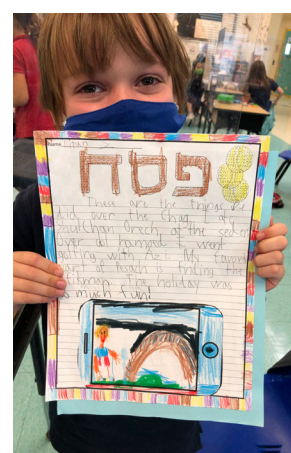
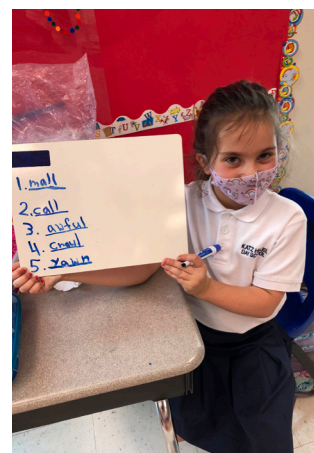
Students loved learning all about the history of Modiin from the Savta and Saba of one of their classmates!



After 1st graders finished their novel study, they celebrated with a very special guest - **Mr. Dimont, A"H.**

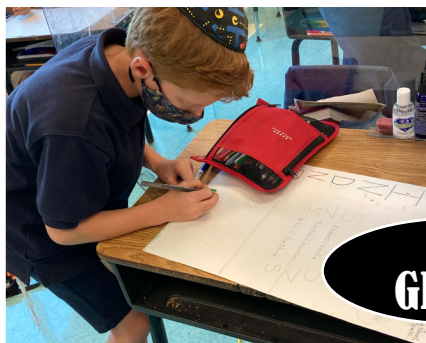


1st graders practiced their skills writing about what they did over Pesach break. Other assignments included spelling and procedural writing.



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2nd graders worked on kindness projects. They shared quotes of famous (and non-famous) individuals, wrote Haiku poems about the quotes, and then illustrated and completed a poster project.

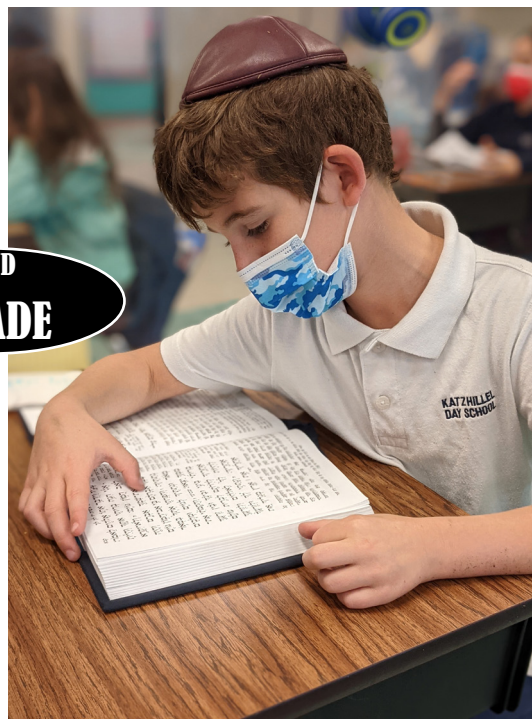


2ND
GRADE

Students learned about the Ten Commandments.



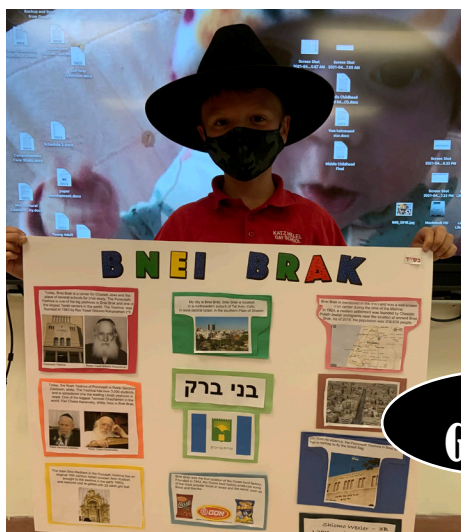
Reading and studying Hebrew in **Morah Levana's** class.



3rd graders learned about the cities in Israel. They hope to visit all the amazing places they learned about!

Students practiced measuring area and perimeter using graham crackers and rulers. What a delicious way to learn this important skill!

The final math unit on geometry included creating delectable 3D and flat shapes made out of marshmallows and toothpicks and comparing and contrasting them by identifying their attributes. Yum!!!



3RD
GRADE



After learning about the earth, pollution and the greenhouse effect, 3rd graders took time out for a campus cleanup!

Students searched the campus for objects with different measurements and recorded the data on charts. They even estimated their heights and then used chalk to get the exact measurements.



4th graders created class newsletters.

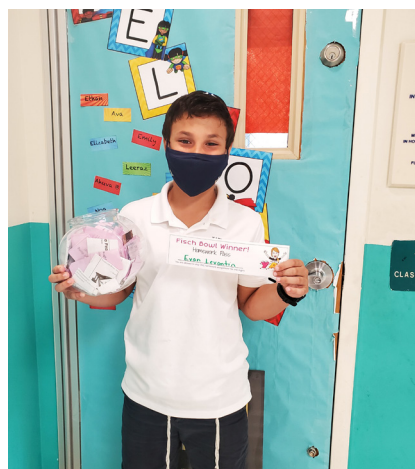


4TH
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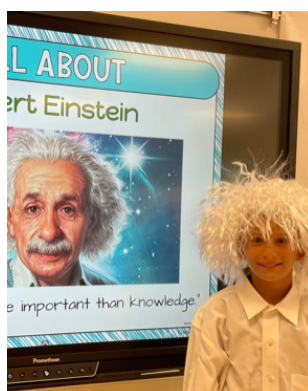
In **Mrs. Klein's** science class, students completed a unit on bacteria, with a culminating experiment. They tested different areas in the school to see where the most bacteria grows. Many students hypothesized that the bathrooms and doorknobs would grow the most bacteria but thanks to our maintenance staff and the constant cleaning that goes on at KHDS daily, they were incorrect! They found that the most bacteria can be found in garbage cans and on the floors outside, so they concluded that the "5-second rule" may not be such a great idea! They also tested the bacteria on their hands which helped reinforce the importance of washing carefully before eating and after using the restroom. It was a mind opening and fun experiment for all!



When students performed acts of kindness, they were entered into **Mrs. Fisch's** weekly Fisch Bowl raffle contest.



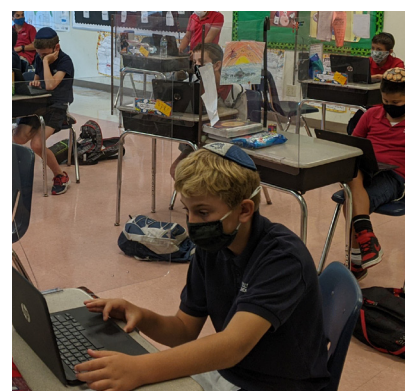
4th graders showcased their many hours of hard work as they presented their biography projects.



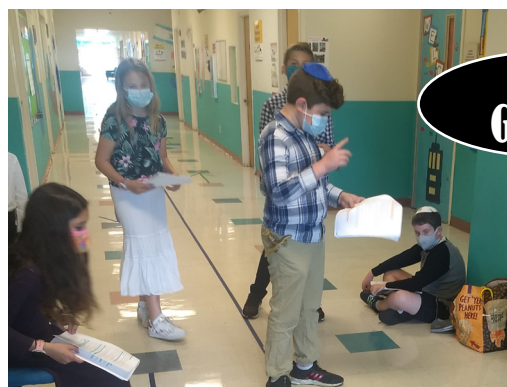
Students participated in an outdoor Siyum with **Rabbi Schwartz**, for finishing Sefer Yehoshua.



Virtual Mishna models were created as part of the first year of learning Mishnayot in **Rabbi Eisenberger's** class.



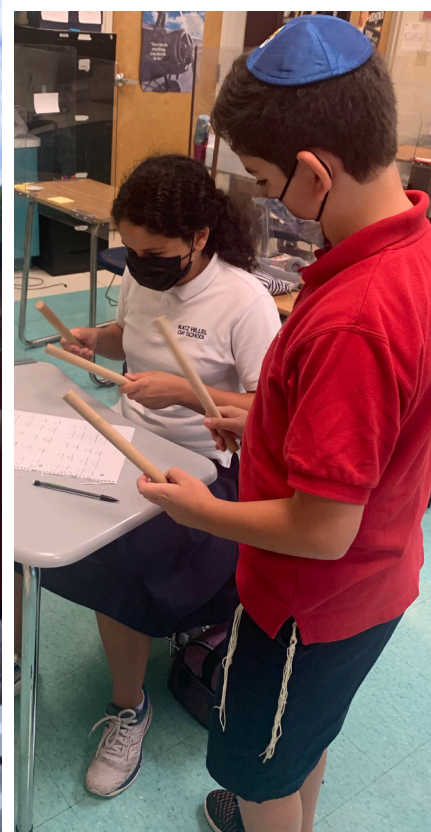
Students performed a play in Navi on Zoom in **Rabbi Drang's** class.



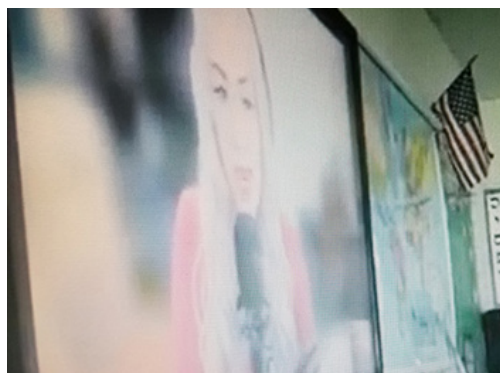
Celebrating Pesach Sheini in grand style with **Rabbi Drang!**



Students work on their music composition skills in **Mrs. Brody's** class.



Students Skyped with Astrophysicist **Jesse Shanahan** as she taught them about black holes in **Mrs. Deichman's** class.



5TH
GRADE



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

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin

As always, KHDS Middle School found creative ways to provide our students with experiences that focused on their academic, spiritual, and emotional growth. Their science lessons came alive through squid dissection (6th grade) and frog dissection (7th grade). Hafrashat Challah, learned in Chumash class, became a hands-on activity when **Naomi Cohn** from Cinnaholic brought challah dough and our students participated in this special mitzvah and then had delicious challah to take home. Our 7th grade boys participated in a presentation by **Rav Halamish**, renowned sofer, who taught them about Tefillin, a very relevant mitzvah in their lives. The opportunity to daven with and be addressed by **Rav Hershel Schachter** in preparation for Shavuot was a privilege our students will never forget.

Peanut Island, Sea Experience snorkeling tour, Tigertail Lake, Palm Beach Ice Works, and Drive Shack were incredible experiences that created lifelong memories! And how can we forget Color War? Though postponed three times (due

to Covid), our middle schoolers enjoyed a robust Color War program where students were able to showcase their various talents, and come together as a whole. A fun time was had by all.

During Sefirat Haomer, we had an intense focus on the Power of Speech, discussing various values about how we communicate, through Middah of the Month programs and advisory sessions.

Our love and commitment to Eretz Yisrael was highlighted through our special programming for Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim. We had the distinct honor to hear from **Kasa Bainesay-Harbor**, Deputy Consul General at the Israeli Consulate in Miami, and several lone soldiers who are serving in the IDF. Moving videos about the holiness of Israel, along with delicious cupcakes and falafel, left a positive taste of Israel in their mouths (literally!). The entire Middle School convened in the outdoor tent to recite prakim of Tehillim when Israel was in need of our tefillot. Many students even gave up their own free time during lunch to complete the entire Sefer Tehillim! Their devotion to Eretz Yisrael permeated the campus.

This year, despite all of its challenges, and perhaps because of them, we grew as a community and as individuals. We are so proud of each of our KHDS students and wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and productive summer break!

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COLOR WAR

Color War broke out on April 20th for Middle School students. Team Nigle (revealed) and Team Nistar (hidden) competed against one another as this year's theme was based on the different kinds of miracles Hashem has performed throughout the generations.

Congratulations to Team Nistar, 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.



Dannie Grajower, z"l, Spirit Award Winners:

**Abby Bienenfeld
Azriel David
Avigayil Elkoby
Emma Harow
Benny Hochner
Eitan Lasry
Yamin Levitt
Ari Mergui
Emunah Plotsker
Lilly Stern
Elana Tilis
Daniel Yudewitz**



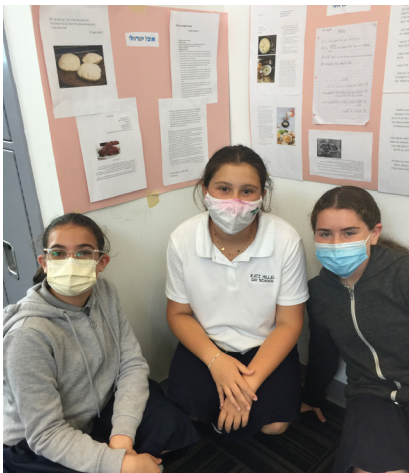
6th graders used graham crackers and icing to model plate tectonics in geology class.



6th grade Mechina students learned how to order food in a "restaurant" using the Hebrew vocabulary and questions that they learned in class.



7th grade Etgar students wrote Israeli food recipes in Hebrew and had Hebrew conversation (sicha) in **Morah Neomi's** class.



Thank you to the **Muschel family** for bringing in a sofer to speak to the 7th grade boys about tefillin.



6th grade Chumash students welcomed **Mrs. Naomi Cohn**, owner of Cinnaholic (and alumni parent), who came to teach the students about the mitzvah of Hafrashat Challah -- a mitzvah that she performs daily. Each student received a small batch of dough to form into small Challot and the students had the opportunity to perform the mitzvah and take home a special treat!

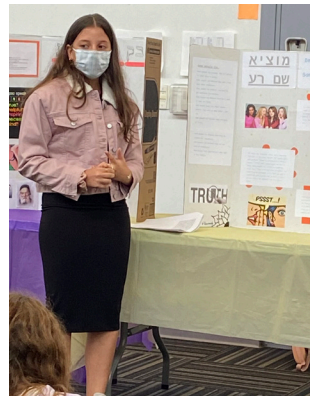


6th grade students hosted a lemonade stand to raise money for end of the year "math class" sweatshirts. They raised over \$100!



Middle School

In **Morah Ben-Harari's** Chumash class, 7th grade girls learned about the story of Miriam and the Lashon Hara she and Aharon spoke about Moshe. They reviewed the many laws that are connected to gossip and the effect it has. The project was then presented in front of the entire class as the girls passed along the great mitzvah of not speaking negatively about others (pictured right).



7th graders dissected frogs as part of their biology curriculum.



7th graders had fun labeling each other using the anatomical terms for the axial and appendicular regions of the body during their unit on anatomy and physiology.



7th and 8th grade students had the amazing privilege of hearing from **Elisha Wiesel**, son of renowned author Eli Wiesel, as he shared meaningful lessons he learned from his father. He imparted many inspiring messages such as how to live a life of gratitude, the importance of standing up for what is right, and the centrality of Shalom Bayit. This was an especially powerful experience for our students since they had read Eli Wiesel's famous book, *Night*.



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6th graders enjoyed sun and fun during their day trip to Peanut Island on May 27.



Middle School



7th graders enjoyed snorkeling on their own chartered boats during their class trip to Sea Experience in Fort Lauderdale.



8th graders had a blast at Tigertail Lake in Dania Beach during their class trip. The students enjoyed the ropes course, aqua challenge, kayaking and paddleboarding. They also enjoyed bonding with one another during the bus rides and eating delicious Mizrahi's pizza.



8th graders had a chance to reminisce, enjoy good food and sign the graduation boards (thank you, **Caroline Katz**) during the special graduation dinner on June 3rd. A special thank you to **Julie Ehrlich** and **Shari Haik** for organizing this beautiful event. **Avi Frier** provided great music and trivia games and a memorable video montage was shown. Each graduate received a charger as a parting gift.



8th graders took an additional day trip to Palm Beach Ice Works and Drive Shack.





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

The Athletic Department had an exciting finish to the 2020-2021 school year — one that was certainly different than any other! After much anticipation, clinics were able to resume as of February 2021.

We kicked off the first session of clinics with boys 7th and 8th grade soccer with **Coach Moishe Aquart**, as well as girls 6th grade basketball with **Coach Alan Semel**. In the second session, policies continued to evolve which allowed for boys 6th, 7th, and 8th grade baseball with Coaches **Alan Semel** and **Will Jeanlys**, and girls 6th and 7th grade soccer coached by **Moishe Aquart**. In addition, we also were able to commence the boys 7th grade basketball with **Coach Will Jeanlys** and boys 8th grade basketball with **Coach Alan Semel**.

It was thrilling to watch the athletes as they played together. You could feel their excitement as they once again took over the Haar fields and the courts at KHDS.

We would like to thank **Rabbi Potok** and the entire **Medical Task Force** for making it possible for clinics to begin again. We look forward to a full return for all of our athletic teams and clinics in the 2021-2022 school year.



Go Lions!!!
Coaches Maia & Julie



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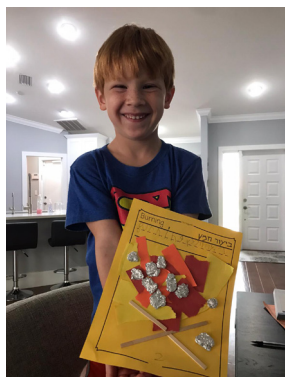


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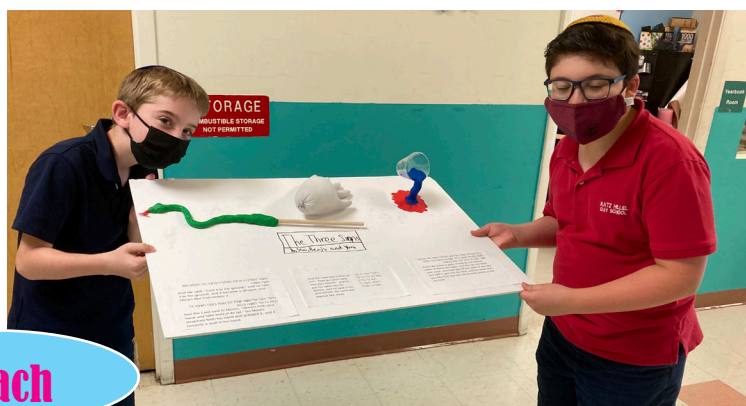
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EC4 had fun learning about Pesach virtually!



Pesach

3rd graders worked on Pesach projects.



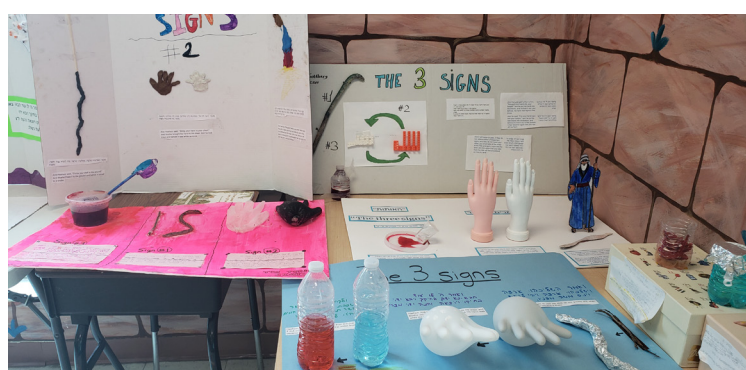
EC4 learned the parts of the seder and squished grapes for their kiddush juice!



EC2 prepared for Pesach.

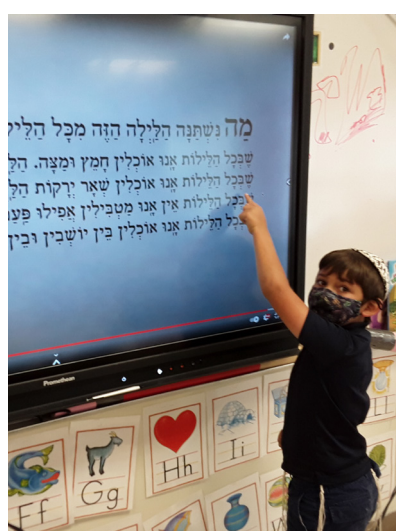
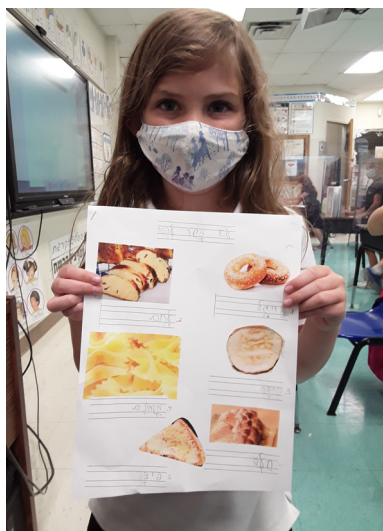


Pesach projects were proudly displayed in the Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School.

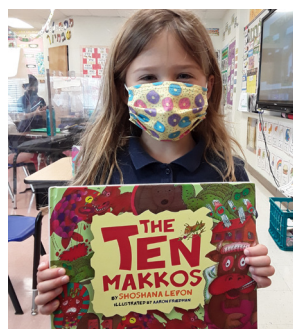
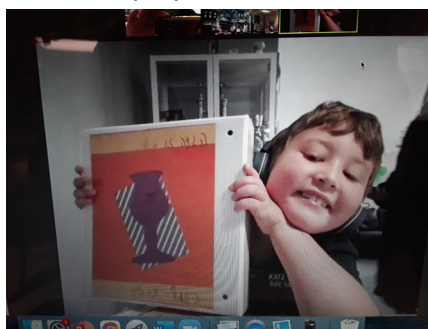


Thank you to **Rabbi G.** for bringing the Matzah Factory to KHDS! It was "matzah" fun!

Students learned all about Pesach!



Kitah Alef enjoyed learning about the Makkot and the Haggadah (in the classroom and virtually) and enjoyed using their artistic abilities in preparation for Pesach.

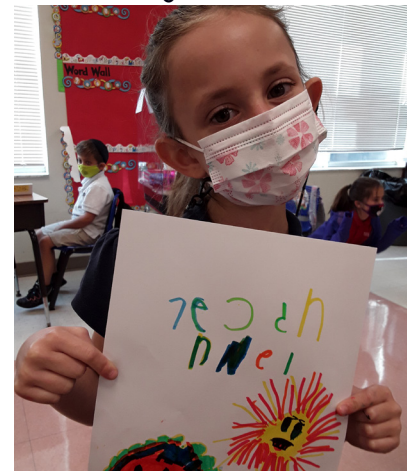
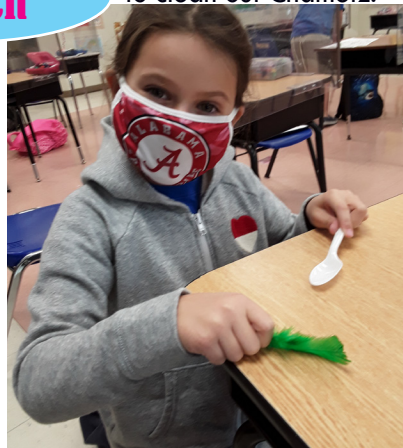


EC4 practiced patterning Pharaoh crowns as they learned about Yetziat Mitzrayim.

Pesach

Kitah Alef learned how to clean out Chametz.

Chag Sameach!



Students participated in various programs in observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on April 8th. Middle School students were each given a candle as faculty assisted with candle lighting, followed by a moment of silence (with the siren) to begin commemorating the day. Each grade also participated in a Zoom program about "Heroes of the Holocaust."



YOM HASHOAH



"Sitting here listening to the beautiful davening of 5B on Yom HaShoah and thinking how grateful I am for the Jewish education and love for Torah that you have given Matan. How lucky are we to be able to daven in the open and with such beautiful raised voices. May the Neshamot of the Shoah hear this and dance in Gan Eden."
~Dvora Scher, KHDS parent

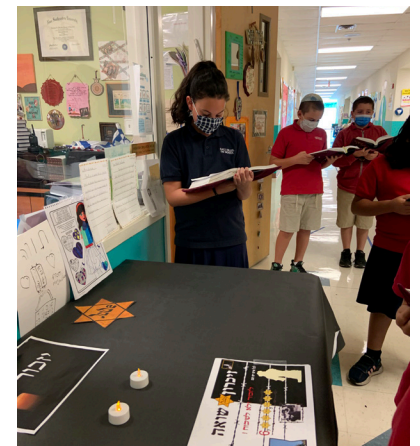
4th graders participated in several activities in honor of Yom HaShoah. Our students will never forget.



National Junior Honor Society students helped prepare for Yom HaShoah by creating memorial displays in the Middle School building.



3rd grade said Tehillim to remember and honor the Kedoshim and Yom HaShoah.



24 Holiday Happenings

Students used creativity to replicate the Israeli flag.



4th graders made hats and wrote poems about Israel.



3rd grader **Shlomo Wexler** creatively wrote about Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut.



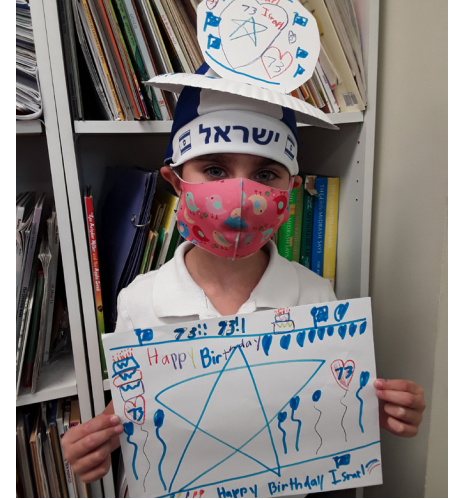
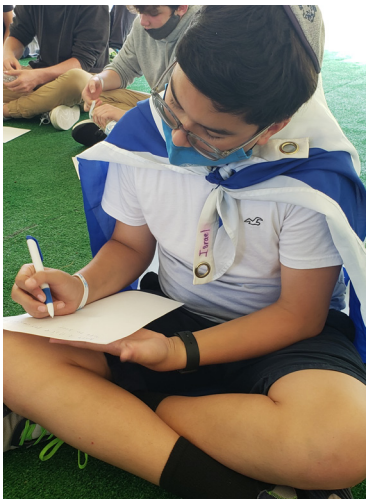
KHDS celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut with the 5th grade customary performance of Daglanut!



Students enjoyed a falafel lunch and participated in many related activities to celebrate Israel's birthday.



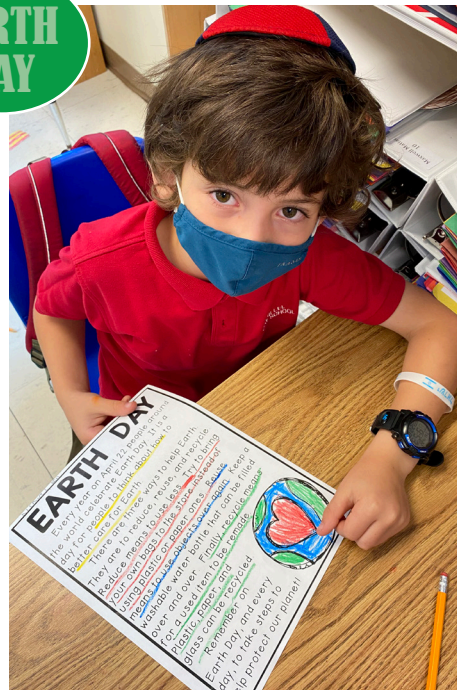
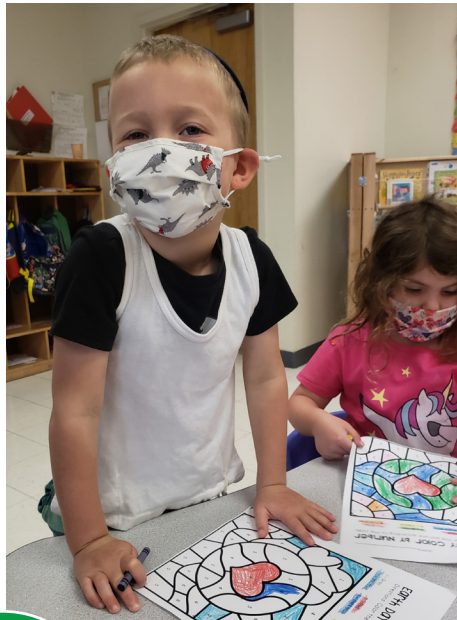
Students wrote letters to Lone Soldiers.



KHDS welcomed **Rav James** for a special visit!

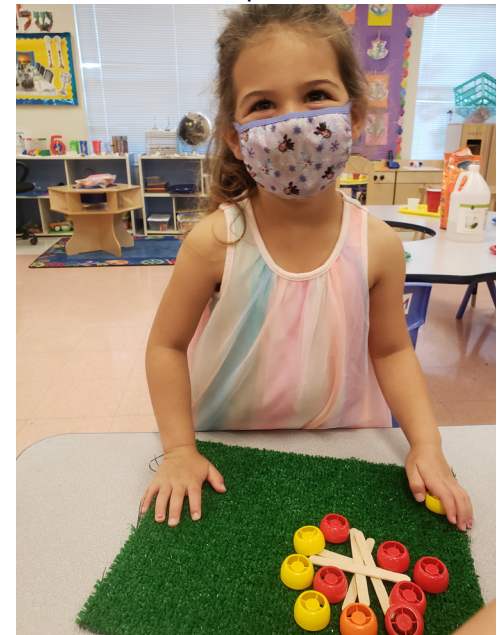


Students learned how to take care of our planet in honor of Earth Day!



LAG B'OMER

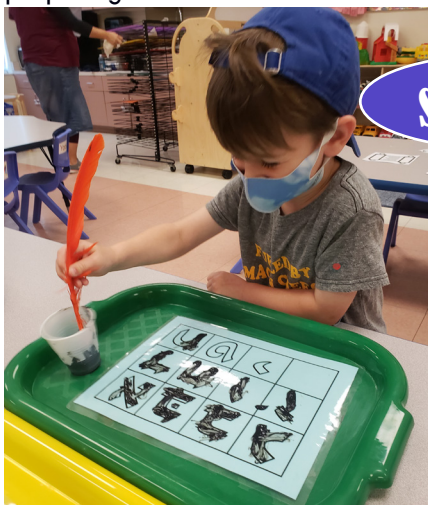
EC4 had fun learning about Lag B'Omer - decoding, counting to 33 and building bonfires from loose parts!



EC4 students became Torah scribes preparing for Shavuot!

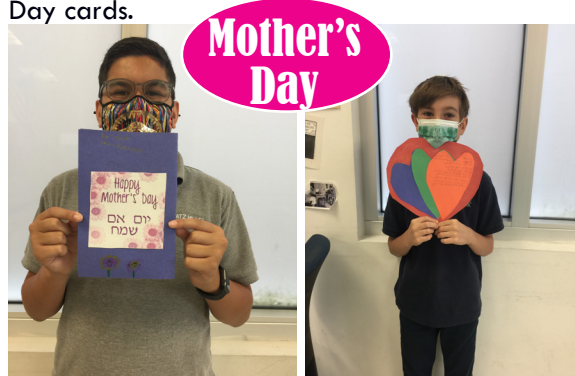
Kitah Alef loved learning about the Torah and Shavuot.

Middle School students had the privilege of hearing words of Torah from **Rav Hershel Schachter** in preparation for Shavuot.

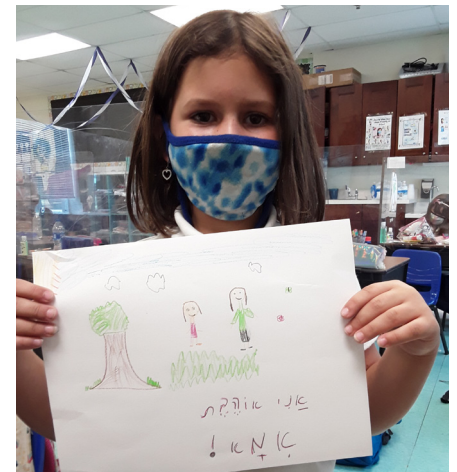
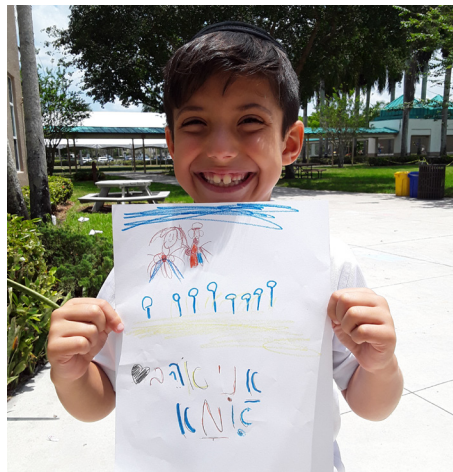


26 Holiday Happenings

6th grade Mechina students created Mother's Day cards.



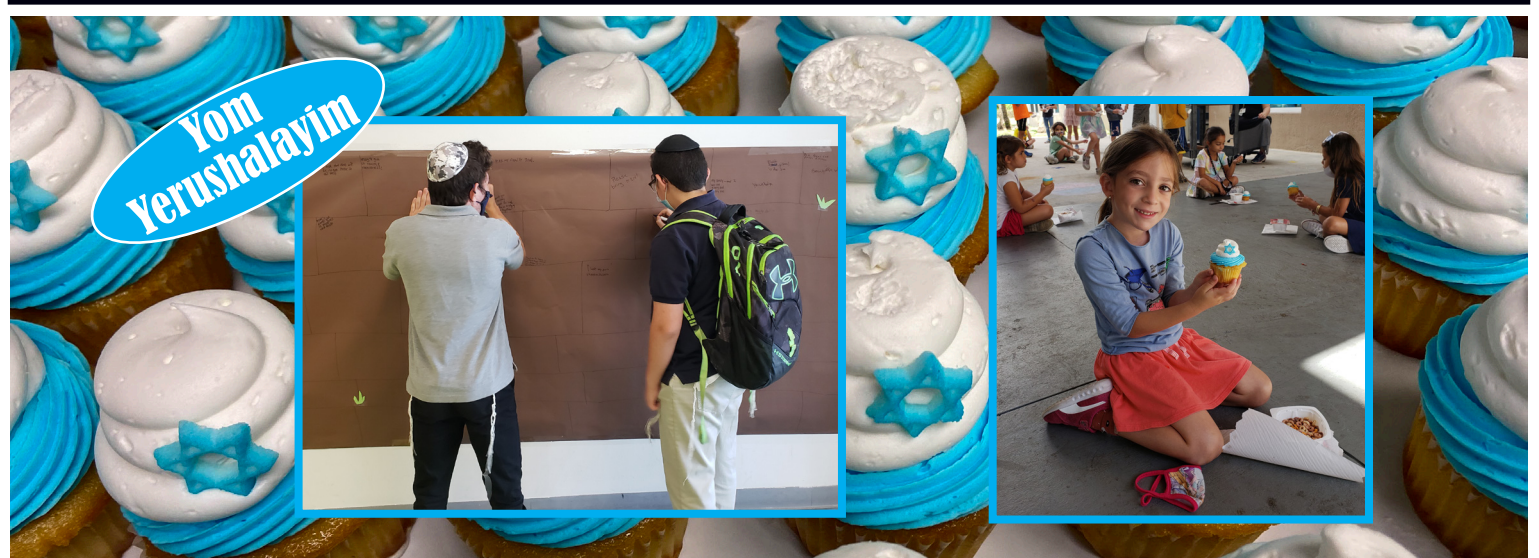
1st graders sent love to all their moms!



4th graders were busy writing and creating poetry books and other surprises for their wonderful moms.



EC2 wished their moms happy Mother's Day!





8TH GRADE

The 23rd Annual Commencement Exercises for the 8th grade Class of 2021 was held on Sunday, June 6th, as 62 graduates graced the stage at Spanish River High School. The milestone event was livestreamed on the school's HillelTube channel for extended family, friends, and faculty to watch.

Following the processional and anthems, Head of School **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** extended a warm welcome and expressed gratitude and appreciation to those responsible for the successful school year and then addressed the graduates with an inspirational message. Board President **Daniel J. Katz** also acknowledged the administration, faculty, staff and Medical Task Force prior to delivering his personal and meaningful message to the 8th graders. **Mr. Katz** thanked **Rabbi Potok** for his leadership over the past three years and wished him well in his future endeavors. Yearbook editors, **Rebecca Freedman**, **Tamar Ganz**, **Aliyah Harow**, **Eitan Landau** and **Ariella Mayer** were recognized and they explained the meaning of this year's Yearbook, which was dedicated to all the heroes who demonstrated the many acts of Chesed that were vital during the pandemic. PTA President **Rachel Harow** offered well-wishes and presented Siddurim as gifts to the graduates. The feature film, "Our Students' KHDS Journey," produced by faculty member **Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Smolarcik**, was shown on the silver screen followed by the presentation of diplomas by **Rabbi Potok**, **Daniel Katz**, Principal **Hadassah Smolarcik** and Middle School Coordinator **Rina Lanner**.

Hakarat Hatov to **Hadassah Smolarcik**, Assistant to the Head of School **Jill Kaminetzky**, and **Rina Lanner** for their tireless efforts and behind the scenes planning of this event. Thank you also to Technology Director **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** for his assistance. We also recognize alumni parent **Caroline Katz** for photographing the 8th grade portraits and creating the photo boards which classmates were able to sign with special messages, as well as KHDS parents **Cara Freedman**, **Miriam Raphael-Klein** and **Andrea Zucker** for creating and assembling gift bags for the graduates.

Guilad Aron
Gabriella Asher
Ben Beim
Jacob Cik
Benny Cohen
Ezra Dimont
Adam Dobres-Chapman
Elijah Ehrlich
Yigal Eisenberger
Binyomin Eisenmann
Haim Elmakies
Asher Fisch
Rebecca Freedman*
Hyman Liev Frohlich*
Tamar Ganz*
Gavi Gross
Naomi Haik*
Nathan Harari
Aliyah Harow*
Elan Harris
Talia Hochner
Eitan Kaminetzky
Benjamin Klinger
Eitan Landau
Adina Lazar
Andrew Levontin
Miriam Marcus*
Ariella Mayer*
Ari Mergui
Michael Mitchell
Kira Ohayon

Rebecca Oppenheimer*
Tyler Pilkington
Aiden Pinkis
Adiel Potok*
Rhyan Rackman
Judah Roberts
Menachem Rosen
Chayale Rotenberg
Zachary Rutner
Jonas Saida
Maya Saka
Z'ev Scheide
Gavi Seidel
Moshe Aharon Seinfeld
Benjamin Shainberg
Eytan Shapiro
Yoav Nisim Shemesh
Gilad Shimonovitch
Rachel Shimonovitch
Rebecca Slesinger*
Amit Bezael Sommers*
Simcha Spolter
Lilly Stern*
Ari Teitelbaum
Elana Tilis
Leora Tripp*
Matthew White
Rowen Avery Young
Daniel Yudewitz
Calev Zak*
Jacob Zucker*

* National Junior Honor Society

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Class of 2021 held an in-person graduation ceremony on the morning of Thursday, June 3. Lower School Principal **Chayim Dimont, A"H**, led the program as 38 graduates received their Degrees of Alphabetarian. Parents observed from socially distanced pods and the ceremony was also broadcasted via Zoom as grandparents, family and friends watched live. After Hatikvah, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and Bruchim Habaim, **Mr. Dimont** thanked the Kindergarten teachers, **Tami Gerlitz**, **Gwenn Lerman**, **Cheryl Mirsky**, **Sheri Siegel** and **Ofra Struogano**, who each received flowers at the conclusion of the event. He also thanked music teacher **Abby Brody** for musical direction and accompaniment, as well as Technology Director **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** for technical support. Enormous gratitude was expressed to Principal **Hadassah Smolarcik** and Assistant to the Principals **Risa Kahane** for their support and help over the past year. Head of School **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** addressed the young graduates with a special message and then the students performed their "final Kindergarten act" prior to the individual acknowledgment of each graduate in lieu of this year's diploma presentation. All eyes then turned to the big screen as the culminating video was shown. After the recessional, a grab-and-go reception under the big tent on the front lawn was held for the students and their families to enjoy. Onward and upward to 1st grade and Mazal Tov to all of the graduates!

Todah Rabah to the Graduation Planning Committee **Julie Ehrlich**, **Raizy David**, **Rebecca Kinzbrunner**, **Leorah Marcus** and **Holly Seidenfeld**; alumni parent **Caroline Katz** for photographing and producing the beautiful yearbook and cap and gown portraits; art teacher **Lisa Pinkis** for decorating the beautiful gift frames; alumni parent **Elise Cohen** for designing the diplomas; Executive Director **Joe Sharp**; Assistant to the Executive Director **Jannine Richards Murphy**; and the entire maintenance staff for their help behind the scenes.



Orya Agajan
Ella Aronovski
Maya Dora Averbok
Adam Basailov
Lior Benabou
Ethan Benchimol
Matthew Cooper Berkowitz
Eliana Bienenfeld
Aaron Biston
Jonathan Boda
Eytan Broide
Ella Cohen
Orly Ehrlich
Emma Dahan
Faye David
Leon Henry Feld
Orli Grace Fisch
Azriel Freud
Emma Friedman

Eytan Frist
Ezra Gross
Zev Gross
Levi Hanina
Jordan Henner
Miri Kanoff
Hallel Kidron
Eliana Kinzbrunner
Benjamin Landau
Emma Marcus
Maya Mendelson
Jordana Rein
Yoav Rudnick
Isaac Sasonkin
Annaelle Schlager
Heshy Seidenfeld
Yoel Yehuda Shemesh
Nir Sommers
Molly Weinstein



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

While the time seems to fly at a record pace and my kids become increasingly independent, I am not usually one to be happy about the end of another school year. However, this year has been different in ways that I am thrilled to leave behind. The separation and disconnect have been tough, and the sense of loss felt by so many could not be more real. As we gradually put the difficult circumstances of the pandemic in the rear view, I would like to thank the KHDS families for sticking with us and doing what you could to ensure that PTA goals continued to be met. Especially during unprecedented times like these, it is so important for our students to see how invaluable the support of our community can be. We truly appreciate you! Do not hesitate to reach out with ideas, suggestions or just to join us in our mission to enrich the educational experiences of our kids. Before you know it, we will be back on campus, and we cannot wait for you to see what we have in store! Until then, have an incredible summer break!

Online Uniform Shoppe

The KHDS PTA Online Uniform Shoppe is open for business online! Thank you to **Marisa Weg-Chametsky** for her tireless efforts in setting up our online store. Visit www.khdsptashoppe.com and shop away! Our stock will be continually updated, so be sure to check back if you don't find what you need and be on the lookout for new products. To place your order, provide your contact information, and we will be in touch with instructions on how to receive your goods.



Mishloach Manot

Each faculty and staff member received a beautiful Mishloach Manot in honor of Purim. Thank you to **Naomi Katz** for organizing this project, and special thanks to all the volunteers who helped Naomi put together the packages: **Shari Bloom, Goldie Chaikin, Cara Harris, and Eve Sperling.**



Pre-Pesach Pop-Up Shop

Thanks to all our parents who helped support KHDS by ordering their holiday essentials from the Pre-Pesach Pop-Up Shop. Items for sale included tins, tableware, place settings, and more! We are especially grateful to **Naomi Cohn** for running the sale and donating 15% of our purchases to the KHDS PTA.



PTA Tzedakah Boxes

EC4 was so excited to give their collected tzedakah to the KHDS PTA. Don't forget that PTA offers free tzedakah boxes to all KHDS families! To donate your tzedakah, simply remove the top of the box and transfer it to a plastic bag and return to PTA. If you need a tzedakah box, please email rachelharow@yahoo.com.

Special thanks to **Yaffi Wexler** for compiling the PTA Pages of the *Hillel Herald*, as well as assisting with editing for our KHDS communications including the *Hillel Herald*, *Weekly Shavuon* and other projects! Her time and eagle eye are greatly appreciated!

Guardians of Learning 2021

Thank you to **Caroline Katz** and **Stephanie Stern** for co-chairing the Guardians of Learning. After over a year of focus and isolation because of COVID, 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.

Although we missed the fundraising opportunity entirely in 2020, we thank those who have returned to support our most lucrative and essential fundraising program for 2021.

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.

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We rolled out the red carpet for Staff Appreciation Week in May. Thank you to PTA and the committee for their creativity and hard work on this year's theme and star-studded amenities and treats! We also thank the parents who sponsored the week. Kol Hakavod to our amazing KHDS faculty and staff who are always prepared to play any role with a consistently stellar performance!



PTA Teacher Appreciation Week Committee:
Danna Averbook
Cara Freedman
Rachel Harow
Simone Jacobs
Chava Weisstuch
Andrea Zucker

A special thank you to the following "production assistants" for their help with set up:
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Special delivery! Tuesday was Fan Mail day as students wrote letters of appreciation to our stars!



Ahhh! The Celsius caffeine car arrived on campus to give faculty and staff a refreshing treat! Thank you to Celsius for donating the refreshing beverages!



On Wednesday, concessions were available in the VIP lounge!



On Thursday we gave "Props" to our faculty and staff!



Faculty and staff enjoyed the the final curtain call on Friday with a delicious spread of treats.

TABS: TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS



To show appreciation to our incredible teachers, the KHDS faculty and staff have been enjoying a delicious grab-n-go breakfast at school once a month! Thank you to our annual sponsors of the Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts: **Josh & Debbie Bierman**, **Gil & Shari Bloom**, **Eli & Orlie Cohen**, **Sarah & Aaron Cohen**, **Dovid and Jaime Feld**, **Ben & Cara Freedman**, **Tomer & Shari Haik**, **Jonathan & Cara Harris**, **Chanoach & Rachel Harow**, **Lassar & Skehen Family**, **Rabbi Avi & Debby Levitt**, **Shmuel Schwartz & Joanne**

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Special thanks to **Cara Freedman** for organizing the breakfasts for many, many years, and to **Simone Jacobs** for recently digitizing our forms. We also thank volunteers **Ben Beim**, **Eitan Kaminetzky**, **Jacob Freedman**, and **Rebecca Freedman** for setting up the breakfasts.



ROAR SPIRIT PHOTO CONTEST

We love seeing our students show their school spirit by wearing their Roar shirts! Congratulations to all the winners of our Spirit Day photo contests:



Noam Wexler (EC3), **Brielle Aharon** (1st grade), **Jack Lassar** (1st grade), **Maya Loren** (2nd grade), **Ari Schwartz** (2nd grade), **Ariel Blanka** (3rd grade), **Matan Aghion** (4th grade), **Jacob Katz** (4th grade), **Eliana Chaikin** (5th grade), **Mirel Weg** (5th grade) and **Emma Harow** (6th grade).



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



We are excited to announce that thanks to our generous donors, we have exceeded this year's campaign goal of \$500,000. Although this goal was significantly decreased due to the pandemic, our burden was even greater as we had

increased expenses and more families in need of scholarship assistance. We are grateful to those donors who recognize the importance of our campaign - as it helps to fund the over \$1.9 million in scholarships that our school provides to more than half of our families.

During the homestretch of our campaign, and the school year, we were able to bring back our **Parent-Child Golf Outing**. See the next page for the complete story. We also ran our annual **Every Parent Campaign** - which strives for 100% of our families to make a donation in any amount to our campaign during the school year. We thank those families who participated in this important initiative and we will be publishing a full list in our 2020-2021 Annual Report.

We also give a shout out to **Dor L'Dor Society** members - current KHDS grandparents who have donated \$360+ to our campaign. And to our **Life & Legacy Society** members, who have recognized the importance of building for the future, as well as to our **Major Gifts Society** members, who are pillars for our campaign through their generosity -- we thank you for your commitment to continuing to provide a stellar Jewish education for all of our children. Our children, and indeed the entire community, can learn from your example.

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to the graduating **Class of 2021** and also will miss our graduating families. We also want to take this opportunity to thank **Rabbi Yehudah Potok** for his leadership, support and guidance over the past three years. You have kept us grounded and allowed us to continue to focus on the importance of our fundraising efforts through these trying times. And to **Joe Sharp**, we are so appreciative for all that you have done for our school, as well as supporting the Development Office, over the past nine years. You will be missed greatly.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful, and healthy, summer and we look forward to an even more successful campaign next year!

KHDS ALUMNI...KIT (keep in touch)!

We ask that our alumni and alumni parents help us keep in touch! Over the years we understand that home addresses, and email addresses, change. Please keep your contact information up to date by emailing the Development Office at suzanner@hilleldayschool.org to make sure you receive our school communications. Enjoy your summer!

KHDS gratefully recognizes the generosity of our Major Gifts Society members.

(blue names are active members for 20-21 year)

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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 if you would like to set up a time to speak with Dvora.

6th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing Tees Off



Almost two years later, the long-anticipated event finally returned on Sunday, April 18th with an amazing turnout as participants and volunteers gathered for the 6th Annual Parent-Child Golf Outing at Boca Lago Country Club.

Although this year's golf outing adhered to strict social distancing guidelines and was planned in consultation with our Medical Task Force (thank you, **Dr. Liora Adler, Dr. Ben Freedman, Dr. Evan Landau and Dr. Todd Slesinger**), it still offered a great afternoon of ruach and fun for everyone while raising

funds for our KHDS families in need of scholarship aid. Special thanks to our KHDS leadership for their support -- FRD Co-Chairs, **Danny Aghion** and **Orlie Cohen**, Head of School **Rabbi Potok**, Executive Director **Joe Sharp**, and our President **Daniel Katz**.

Thank you to our annual outing Chair, **Dov Hochner**, and all of the volunteers who worked together to make this a successful event: **Eyal Cohen, Alexandra Cohen, Gabriel Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Orlie Cohen, Rebecca Freedman, Shaindi Hochner, Talia Hochner, Jill Kaminetzky and Lilly Stern**. A special shout out to KHDS grandparents, **Barbara & Sandy Cohen**, for going above and beyond with their assistance! Thank you to **Julie Abrams, Jannine Richards Murphy, and Joe Sharp** for their help behind the scenes!

The afternoon started off with registration as participants received their goody bags with snacks and sponsored swag including hats generously sponsored by **King David Divine Kosher Catering** and face masks generously sponsored by **Hercules Roofing, LLC/Gil & Lysee Stein**. Thank you to **Greta Baum** of **Green Circle Promo** for assisting with merchandise. Participants were also protected with the sunscreen generously donated by **Dr. Eli Cohen/Cohen Center for Dermatology and Cosmetics** and security services were provided by KHDS past parent **Eyal Cohen/IGS Security USA**. Thank you to our official paparazzi, **Jill Kaminetzky**, who captured the memories of the day (check out our online photo gallery on the website)!

Golfers had time to warm up on the putting green and driving range and children tried their skill (and luck) at the Putting Contest generously sponsored by **Checkwriters**. Close to 70 golfers teed off for 9 holes of play after the shotgun scramble. Once again thanks to **Ed Segala**, Boca Lago Golf Pro, for his assistance, as well as the entire Boca Lago staff for making this year's event possible. We also thank **Cesar's Golf Shop** for once again providing the golf club rental.

At the conclusion of the event all children received a participation trophy and everyone got a delicious 3-course grab-n-go boxed meal prepared by **King David Divine Kosher Catering**.

Putting Contest Winners:

Boys: **Matan Aghion**
Girls: **Kira Berley**

Longest Drive Winners:

Men: **Eric Pinkis**
Boys: **Aiden Pinkis**
Girls: **Etie Sharp**

Closest to the Pin Winners:

Men: **Azi Galbut, Eric Pinkis**
Boys: **Aiden Pinkis, Avi Rosman**
Girls: **Etie Sharp**

PARTICIPANT RAFFLE WINNERS

Etie Sharp: Ladies Adidas belt/ball lining tool/box of balls generously donated by **Cesar's Golf Shop**

Todd Slesinger: Adidas hat/golf glove/box of balls generously donated by **Cesar's Golf Shop**

Eytan Frist: Wilson hat/golf glove/box of balls generously donated by **Cesar's Golf Shop**

Steven Schultz: Morgan Pressel (LPGA) signed hat and box of balls generously donated by the **Morgan Pressel Foundation**

Eitan Landau: Morgan Pressel (LPGA) signed visor and signed game glove generously donated by the **Morgan Pressel Foundation**

Naveh Potok: 6 Roll Baker's Box generously donated by **Cinnaholic and the Cohn Family**

Eshel Potok: \$25 gift certificate generously donated by **Ditmas**

Rick Dorfman: Tote bag generously donated by **thirty-one and Simone Jacobs & Family**

Evan Landau: 4-some of golf generously donated by **Boca Lago Country Club**

Ayal Frist: \$100 gift certificate generously donated by **Century Grill**

Aryeh Chapman, Robert Galbut, Aiden Harow, Elie Rosman and Avi Rosman: 8-hour application class (\$345 tuition value) generously donated by **PC Professor and the Fellman Family**

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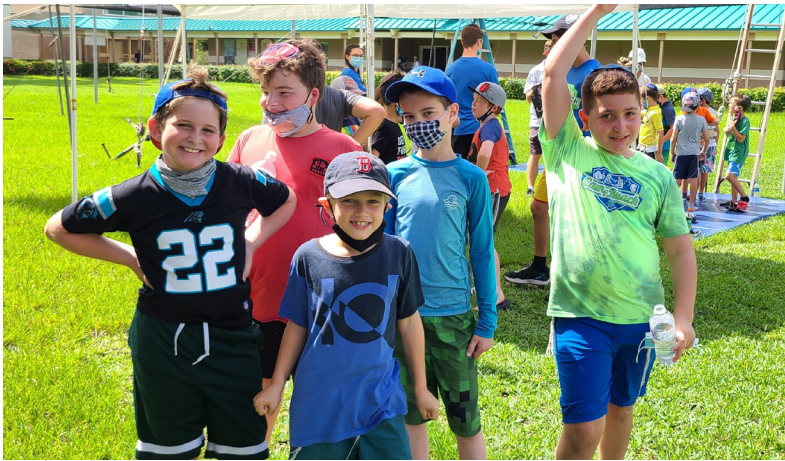
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Camp Ruach kicked off its 9th summer of fun on June 14th.



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