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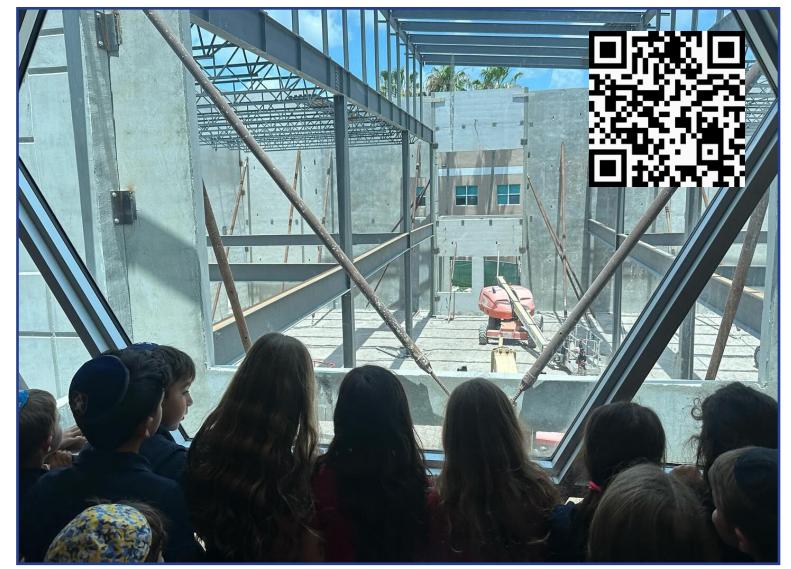
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Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh Head of School

As I sit down to write this, my final message for the Hillel Herald, I am filled with a mix of emotions—gratitude, nostalgia, and sadness. It is not easy to say goodbye to a community that has been such a special part of my life in such a short time.

Over the last three years, I have had the privilege of witnessing the growth, achievements, and indomitable spirit of our students, staff, and parents. Together, we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges, and created memories that I will cherish forever.

As I prepare to step away, I am comforted knowing that I have left the school in capable and caring hands. KHDS is a place where the foundations for success are deeply rooted. The sense of family and warmth here is palpable, fostering a nurturing environment where every student can thrive. Our love for Israel and our commitment to acts of kindness are the cornerstones of our community, reflecting our values and guiding our actions. Most importantly, we see our students as our future, investing in them with the belief that they will carry forward our legacy of excellence, compassion, and resilience.

During my time here, I have also experienced tremendous professional and personal growth. Being surrounded by the

incredible KHDS students, staff, and families has enriched my life in ways I never imagined. When I had no family during my stay here, the KHDS and Boca community became my family. I leave this school a better person than when I arrived, inspired by the dedication, passion, and kindness that define this special community.

I am confident that KHDS will continue to build on its remarkable successes, growing stronger and reaching new heights. The spirit and dedication of the staff, students, and families will ensure that this institution remains a beacon of education and community.

As I bid farewell, I do so with immense pride in what we have accomplished together and with great anticipation for all the wonderful achievements that lie ahead for KHDS.

In Hebrew, we part with the words L'hitraot, until we meet again. I anxiously await the day Hashem will gather

us all back to Yerushalayim, when I will be reunited with you all again in our homeland, Eretz Yisrael.

With much love and gratitude!





Lev Stark Executive Director

Last August, I left the smog, crime, and traffic jams of Los Angeles for the sun and sand of Boca Raton, taking on the role of Executive Director at Katz Hillel Day School. My expectations were higher than a kite in a hurricane, and I'm happy to report that Boca and KHDS did not disappoint. This year has

been a wild ride of new beginnings, unforeseen challenges, and remarkable progress, all of which have made my journey nothing short of spectacular.

First, let's talk security. Post October 7, we faced significant challenges that made me feel like I was starring in my own episode of "24," minus Jack Bauer. We managed to keep everyone safe and secure. There is still more to come on the security front and you can expect to see continued upgrades. Then there's the new building construction, which is now moving faster than a squirrel on Red Bull. Balancing these developments while learning my new role and getting to know our incredible staff and parents has been like juggling flaming torches – exciting but requiring constant vigilance.

Adjusting from the hustle and bustle of LA to the charm of Boca Raton has been quite the experience. One particularly memorable moment was my first encounter with the local wildlife – no, not the alligators or the retirees on golf carts, but the fearless pickleball players. These folks play with the intensity of Olympic athletes and the strategy of chess grandmasters. They took one look at the "new guy from LA" fumbling with the pickleball paddle and decided to give me a crash course. Their patience and humor made me feel right at home – although I'm

pretty sure they're still laughing about it.

When I first moved here, I had heard glowing reviews about Boca and Katz Hillel Day School, but the reality far

surpassed anything I could have imagined. This school is a beacon of educational brilliance, staffed by educators and administrators who are so dedicated they make workaholics look lazy. The city welcomed me with open arms, offering a blend of sophistication and that charming, out-of-town yet big-enough-city feel that made me fall in love with it.

As we transition into summer and prepare for the campus to host summer camp, our focus remains on rejuvenating the school. Not just with the new building, slated for completion this winter, but also by gearing up for a successful year ahead. The excitement is in the air, and our management team has spent the last six months jelling into a cohesive unit, ready to tackle whatever challenges come our way.

Reflecting on this past year, I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of the KHDS team. It's been a rollercoaster ride, complete with unexpected thrills and moments that left me hanging on for dear life. But here we are, thriving and looking forward to an even brighter future.

So, raise your iced tea (or whatever your drink of choice may be), and let's toast to another year of laughter, learning, and growth. Thank you for making my first year unforgettable — and for showing me that there's no place quite like Boca Raton.



Hadassah Smolarcik
Judaic Studies Principal, Grades 1-8

As I sit at my desk pondering what to write for this publication, Israel has been at war for over 235 days. In all of my years as an educator, this year has been a very difficult one for Klal Yisrael. Colossal changes have shaken us

to the core in such a short span of time. The world as we knew it a year ago has changed, spiraling out of control and drastically changing. As teachers and parents, we had to contemplate what to share with our precious children and how to transmit what was and is happening.

Perhaps a lesson can be learned from Parshat Masei, where Moshe Rebbeinu lists all 42 travels of the Jewish nation in the Torah. Why is there a need to know all the travails and details? Rabbanit Yemima Mizrachi explains that if we don't know what we endured, even the most minute details, then we cannot fully appreciate what the future holds for us. Often, we want to spare our children, and we are worried about discussing unpleasant situations, but in Parshat Masei, we learn that our children cannot yearn for the future when they know nothing of the past. The more we talk with our children, the more we educate them about what we have endured, and the more their connection to our heritage and Judaism will stay intact. Sadly, we are all too familiar with parents and teachers who wanted to provide their children and students with too much comfort and wanted to escape tumultuous pasts—to the extent of distorting truths and erasing history. We can have a nachat-filled future when we instill in our children a deep appreciation of our nation and what we have gone through, to let them feel it in their bones so that they will carry on the legacy.

At KHDS, the teachers, B'not Sherut, and parent body created many programs and positive incentives this year, be it through Chesed opportunities, tzedakah campaigns, or increased Tefillah and Tehilim programs, to inspire our students and help them understand that they make a difference. Watching the students at the *Esti Moskowitz Oneg* each Friday as they sang *Acheinu* and *Am Israel Chai* was a truly a memorable sight to behold!

No matter how difficult things are, we must instill in our children that we are a nation of truth, morality, decency, and honesty. We remember who we are, where we came from, and whom we follow. Torah and Mitzvot are the light that drives away the darkness and illuminates our lives.

May the Geulah arrive speedily, and may we suffer no more.

Have a safe summer.





3rd graders presented their KHDS mitzvah army unit, Kibud Av V'Eim, by sharing a video and Divrei Torah during an *Esti Moskowitz Oneg* and Hallel Tzibburi.



The Shavua Ivrit culminated with the competition of choosing the "Aluf Halvrit," coordinated by the B'not Sherut. Mazal tov to champion winner, **Jack Lassar**, AKA Menachem Mendel.



Mazal Tov to the *Middle School Keter Shem Tov Society* award winners for the second trimester.





Students in grades 1-5 who kept track of their davening on Shabbat and Sundays received a treat each Rosh Chodesh as part of the *E.S.T.I.* initiative.

From the Administration



Shireen Butman General Studies Principal, Grades 1-5

I write this article as the school year draws to a close, and am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have embarked on together at KHDS. It has been a year of boundless growth, exploration, and achievement, and I am thrilled to share some of the highlights and accomplishments that have made this year truly remarkable.

Academic Excellence: Our students have flourished academically, demonstrating remarkable progress and achievement across all grade levels. From mastering fundamental concepts in reading, writing, and mathematics to engaging in hands-on science experiments and delving into the depths of history and social studies, our students have embraced the joy of learning and excelled in their academic pursuits.

Enriching Field Trips and Experiences: Throughout the year, our students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of enriching field trips and experiences that have brought their learning to life. Our lower school students have visited the Cox Science Center, Bedner's Farm, the Everglades, Publix, and LEGOLAND. These hands-on experiences have ignited curiosity, sparked imagination, and fostered a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Grade Level Presentations: Our students showcased their learning, creativity, and hard work through grade-level presentations about community helpers, the solar system, the state fair, and important current and historical figures.

Professional Development and Growth: Our dedicated teachers have continued to learn and grow through ongoing professional development in the areas of literacy, mathematics, differentiation, data analysis, and more. From workshops to collaborative planning sessions, they have remained committed to honing their craft, exploring innovative teaching strategies, and enhancing their ability to meet the diverse needs of our students.

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and partnership of our parents. Your involvement and encouragement, alongside the dedication of our teachers, have been instrumental in creating a vibrant and nurturing learning environment where every lower school student feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

As we bid farewell to another memorable school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated and passionate team of lower school teachers who seek to engage, guide, and push each student to achieve their best. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am excited to see what the future holds as we continue to inspire and empower our students to dream big, work hard, and make a positive difference in the world.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful and relaxing summer. I look forward to welcoming your children back in August for another exciting year of learning and growth.



In our constant quest to bring cutting-edge learning to KHDS students, the lower school has received 10 new VEX GO robotics kits. Moving forward, students will be able to develop their interest in engineering, computer programming, and coding. Through this initiative, our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to be better prepared for an ever-changing technically driven world. Thank you to **Shireen Butman**, General Studies Principal (Grades 1-5), and Spencer Landreth, STEM teacher, for enhancing the STEM program in the lower school.



Students expressed their creativity in art class.



The **Kids Heart Challenge** is one of the **DS** favorite fundraising events for many HEART students. This year we raised a total of CHALLENGE \$2,162, but most importantly this program 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 competition and rewards for outstanding performance. So far our KHDS lifetime donation is \$88,895!

Mazal Tov to this year's fundraising winners: 1st place: Ella Lovy (1st grade) raised \$628 2nd place: Zev Weiss (2nd grade) raised \$329.11 3rd place: Yoni Cik (5th grade) raised \$214.39

Based on the \$2,162 that was raised this year, the American Heart Association rewarded us with a \$200 gift certificate, which will help purchase new equipment for our PE Department.









Rina Lanner, M.S. Ed., General Studies Principal, Middle School

Three concentric circles—no, not a math problem, but a description of how the Jews encamped in the Midbar for the entire forty-year journey towards Eretz Yisrael. Am Yisrael, who had just received the Torah at Har Sinai and constructed a dwelling place for Hashem,

was instructed on how to arrange their encampment. The Torah goes into extreme detail about how the Mishkan was in the center, surrounded by Shevet Levi, and then encircled by the remaining tribes, three in each direction. The Torah describes how each tribe had a designated flag that represented their specific tribe. Each flag's color mimicked the color of that tribe's stone on the Choshen (breastplate) and had a depiction of an object that was uniquely connected to that tribe.

Rabbi Yaakov Kaminetsky questions why Bnei Yisrael only received their encampment assignments and flags after the construction of the Mishkan, approximately a year into their journey in the desert. He beautifully explains that it's possible that with each tribe having their own flag, it may create divisiveness within the nation. Each tribe waving their own flag and standing for their own cause. However, once the Mishkan was built, and placed in the very center of the Jewish people, it was clear that the Jewish people were unified and bonded through Avodat Hashem. While we each serve Hashem with our own unique personalities and talents, we share a common goal of serving Hashem.

At KHDS, we strive to guide our children to discover and cultivate their unique strengths. Each child is given the opportunity to shine in their own way. KHDS nurtures individual growth, where every child feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. As our children wave their flags high, each child celebrates their individuality, united by the shared purpose of growth in Torah and Avodat Hashem.

Thank you for partnering with us and entrusting us with your children. Wishing everyone a restful, rejuvenating summer!

The male faculty took on the 8th grade boys basketball team in a traditional and funspirited game. Mazal Tov to the 8th grade boys on the win!

1-2-3 dodgeball! 8th grade girls were victorious in the annual female teachers vs. students dodgeball game.





Margo Rosman, parent of Elie Rosman (7th grade) and Meira Rosman (5th grade), spoke to the 7th grade lashon classes about their trip to Israel.



Concentrating on our studies!





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Gwenn Baer Early Childhood Director, EC2-K

This has been an amazing year filled with growth, learning, and joyful experiences here at the Rosalind Henwood Early Childhood Learning Center.

This year, we have witnessed incredible milestones in our students' development. The

children have shown growth in their confidence and remarkable social, emotional, and academic progress. Their curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring. Our classrooms have been filled with the sounds of Hebrew songs and laughter, learning about the Parsha, and the excitement of hands-on learning.

Our dedicated team of teachers created a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child felt valued and supported. It has been a joy to see our students' eyes light up with excitement as they discover new concepts and skills. The relationships formed between students, families, and staff have created a warm and supportive atmosphere where our students thrive.

As we entered the final months of our year, our students' learning experiences continued with fun and educational programming such as Health Week organized by Mrs. Nili Davis, our whole school Purim Carnival, visits from Rabbi G, and swim lessons for our EC3/EC4 students. Parents were able to come into school to enjoy their children in our annual Pesach shows and, of course, our remarkable Kindergarten graduation.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we are excited about the possibilities and opportunities that await us. We will continue to build on the foundation we have established, fostering a love for learning and helping each child reach their full potential while deepening their connection to Torah values and traditions.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your precious children. It has been an honor and a privilege to educate your child this year. We wish you all a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and cherished moments with your loved ones.

See you in August!



EC students cooled off in the **SATA-PTA Pool** during swim classes.



Students learned about literacy, oh what a delight! Reading and writing, oh what a sight! Thank you to the **Palm Beach County Library System** for visiting.







Thank you to all of the parents who came out to participate in the Community Helpers unit and share their stories!

CAMPUS EXPANSION

We gratefully recognize the generosity of our Capital Campaign Phase III supporters for securing an exclusive location to dedicate on the **Milton B. Katz Campus.**

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Thank you to parent volunteers **Danna Averbook**, **Yitty Garden**, **Anna Jacobs**, **Rivka Schlager**, and **Amy Tarlowe** for distributing our *Every Family Gives* swag during carpool, and to **Mor Shapiro** for designing the logo and purchasing the bumper stickers and sticky hands.

COGNIA ACCREDITATION

Kol Hakavod to the KHDS Cognia Accreditation Team: Michael Gale, Beth Janock, Risa Kahane, Jill Kaminetzky, Lisa Ready, and Nechamah Zangre for their countless hours of preparation for the accreditation presentation. Thank you as well to Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh, Lev Stark, Hadassah Smolarcik, Shireen Butman, Rina Lanner, Gwenn Baer, Dr. Penina Dorfman, and Ester Herschman for helping make the presentation a huge success and ensuring our renewal.









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THANK YOU, RABBI SADIGH!

On behalf of the Board, faculty, staff, and students of KHDS, we thank Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh for his leadership over the past three years. Rabbi Sadigh has been a part of countless milestone events and has continued to keep the excellent education of our students a priority as well as top-notch faculty and staff. He has also secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and has spearheaded other giving opportunities for the benefit of our amazing school and one-of-a-kind KHDS experience.

Rabbi Sadigh's "customer service and dream big" mantra (learned from the Disney Institute) has been a constant theme during his tenure. We wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors and will always cherish the memories we have had. They will always be a part of our KHDS family!



During the faculty and staff closing meeting on June 7th, Lev Stark expressed heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi Sadigh for his service and presented him with a beautiful shtender on behalf of KHDS. Rabbi Sadigh then delivered an emotional parting address.







ACROSS THE GRADES

Once a month middle school students met with early childhood students to work together. Buddies participated in a variety of projects including reading together and completing fun projects related to the upcoming holiday.





Mr. Doss' 7-1A social studies students visited Mrs. Christie's 3rd graders to help them prepare for their upcoming state fair presentations. Many of the research skills and the knowledge these 3rd graders are building are used by the middle schoolers in their history lessons!



POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE: CLASS OF '24 GRADUATES



On June 9th, 66 students participated in the 26th Annual Commencement Exercises for the 8th grade Class of 2024. Following the processional, Middle School General Studies Principal Rina Lanner extended a warm welcome and introduced Head of School Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh, who led the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner and Hatikvah. He then acknowledged the administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and

those families graduating their youngest child. After delivering his special message to the graduates, he introduced Board Vice President Amy Tarlowe, who spoke on behalf of Board President Daniel J. Katz. Mrs. Tarlowe addressed the 8th graders with an inspirational message as she challenged them to create a better world and live purposeful and meaningful lives, using their unique talents and skills they each possess.

Introduced by Judaic Studies Principal Morah Hadassah Smolarcik, 8th grade graduate Matan Scher delivered a beautiful Dvar Torah, as he represented the students who earned the Keter Shem Tov Award, for demonstrating excellence in Middot and Derech Eretz. Yearbook editors Talia Oppenheimer, Eitan Perl, Tamar Mayer, and Shlomo Ehrlich spoke about the meaning of this year's yearbook, Behind the Scenes, and thanked Morah Hadassah, and those who assisted with the production of the yearbook. They dedicated the yearbook to our beloved Esti Moskowitz a"h. PTA President, Naomi Katz, offered well wishes and presented siddurim as gifts to the graduates on behalf of PTA. She announced that PTA has invested over \$600,000 to enrich the experience of KHDS students, staff, and families over the years. The graduation film, produced by Zachary Cohen/Coco Productions, graced the silver screen and was followed by the presentation of diplomas and siddurim by Rabbi Sadigh, Morah Hadassah, and Morah Lanner.

A special shout-out was given to Assistant to the Head of School Jill Kaminetzky, for her tireless efforts and behind-the-scenes planning of every detail of the graduation, and to alumni parent Caroline Katz for photographing the 8th grade portraits (as well as many of their portraits when they were in kindergarten) and creating the photo boards that classmates were able to sign with special messages. A reception took place after the ceremony for the graduates and their families. Mazal Tov!

Alexia Abitbol* Talya Abudarham Yael Avezbadalov **Ester Basailov Abigail Beim** Shoshana Belkin Yehudah Beneda Naomi Benvair Eli Berg Raphi Berg Liba Berman Zahava Brown **Idi Casper** Eliana Chaikin Shayna Cohen Elie Dahan Yosef Dahan **Yael Djament** Shlomo Ehrlich Matanel Eisenberger Eyal Elazar Shai Freedman **Ailey Frohlich** Orel Golan Jason Goldbera* Sofia Goldsmith Odelia Gulko **Amishadai Gutfreund** Avi Hamburger Topaz Harbor* Nava Hess Sarita Hirsch* **Dovi Holczer** * National Junior Honor Society

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KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE GRADUATION



KHDS Kindergarten graduation took place on June 5th as 60 adorable students dressed in blue and white took center stage for their last hurrah as kindergarteners. Following the processional, Early Childhood Director, Mrs. Gwenn Baer, made welcoming remarks to introduce the main performance, including English and Hebrew songs, and then the graduates were individually acknowledged. After the video montage, 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: Judith Reichenbach and Sheri Siegel, Tami Gerlitz and Saray Atias, Jodie Salit and Moriah Rodrigues, and Cheryl Mirsky, Chana Stell, Lauren Glaun, and Miriam Daum.

Special thanks were given to Caroline Katz, KHDS alumni parent, for photographing and producing the beautiful yearbook and cap and gown portraits; Lisa Pinkis, art teacher, for decorating the graduates' photo frames; Simone Haddad, music teacher, for piano accompaniment; Lori Landa, Assistant to the Director of Early Childhood, for administrative support; Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger, Director of Technology, for technical assistance; and Simone Jacobs, Jennifer Romanoff, and the KHDS maintenance team for all of their assistance behind the scenes.

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge all of the graduation volunteers who helped to make this graduation memorable and beautiful: Danna Averbook, Sabina Benyair, Rachel Fraiman, Samantha Kaplan, Rebecca Kinzbrunner, Alissa Kroll, Leah Ravaee, Avital Rosenberg, Rivka Schlager, Caren Waintraub, and Meira Weiss.

Onward and upward to 1st grade!

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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. This year the program had heightened significance and 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 Tuesday, March 26th, the documentary premiered at **Temple Beth Shalom** in **Century Village.** The film chronicled the lives of eight Holocaust survivors, as well as the personal experiences of the KHDS 8th grade students who worked on this project since September of 2023 under the direction of faculty coordinator **Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff.** We also acknowledge **Dov Rosenberg** (executive producer), **Drew Aldridge** (film editor), **Michael Puro** (director), **Lou Aguilar** and **Carlos Sanchez** (filmmakers), and **Marcelle Fischler** (visiting journalist). Special thanks to **Jill Kaminetzky**, **Rina Lanner**, **Karen Moskowitz**, **Sonja Nadritch**, **Hadassah Smolarcik**, **Chava Weisstuch**, **Congregation Torah Ohr**, and **Congregation Beth Shalom**.

Most of all, we thank **Tova-Fish Rosenberg** (Producer and Project Creator) for creating this innovative curriculum and the survivors who shared their impactful stories: **Madeline Goodman**, **Herman Haller**, **Sarah Katz** (KHDS grandparent), **Anita Koch**, **Alex Konstantyn**, **Mordecai Samel**, **Shaindel Schreiber** (KHDS grandparent), and **Barbara Welner** (KHDS grandparent).

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KIDS TIME PROGRAM ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

The annual *Kids' Time Program* (KTP) performance took place on June 4th at **West Boca High School**. The show opened with ballerinas and gymnasts performing under the direction of **Joy Deco** and **Gabby Fatta** (ballet) and **Coach Maia Shaffer** and **Dr. Penina Dorfman** (gymnastics). *Shrek, The Musical, Jr.*, was this year's featured drama production, under the direction of Show Director **Jill Lustig**. An additional female-only performance took place on June 6th. Special thanks to **Julie Abrams** and **Maia Shaffer**, KTP Directors, for their work on this, and to **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** for his assistance behind the scenes including tickets and producing the *Playbill*. Congratulations to student artists **Brooke Einhorn** and **Mikayla Friedman** on their winning banner design. View all of the photos on our website.











5th grade artists:

Brooke Einhorn & Mikayla Friedman

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BRACHA BLESSINGS

The 3rd Grade Annual Bracha Fair took place on February 14th with an audience of parents and grandparents. The projects of all different types of Brachot were beautifully displayed in the Loewenstern Cafetorium, and the students performed songs in praise of Hashem as they focused on the importance of reciting Brachot.

Thank you to Morah Rebecca Kinzbrunner and Morah Peninah Salid for spearheading this program, as well as to Morah Simone Haddad for teaching and conducting the music. Much appreciation to Rabbi Sadigh, Morah Hadassah, Mrs. Butman, Morah Batya, Morah Ayelet, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Peer, Mrs. Schwarzer, Mrs. Pearlson, Morah Judy, Morah Smin, Rabbi Eisenberger, Susan Needleman, Esteban Mercedes, Simone Jacobs, and the entire maintenance crew, and of course our talented students. A beautiful reception and presentation of individual projects took place after the class program.

This program was dedicated in memory of *Esther Tehila bas R' Gavriel Pinchas*.















Kol Hakavod to 3rd grade *Bracha Bee* winners: **Abby Amsalem, Matthew Berkowitz,** and **Annaelle Schlager.**



Students completed their Brachot unit with a Brachot party! They chose the correct Bracha for each food on their plate and the rest of the class answered, "Amen!" The class discussed the importance of saying each Bracha loud and clear and the power of answering Amen. The students had in mind all the Chayalim and families in Israel; this should be a zechut for their safety!

KINDERGARTEN LA LA LAND FIELD TRIP

Kindergarten students enjoyed their field trip on May 29th.







1ST GRADE MITZVAH FAIR

Inspired by events in Israel, 1st graders formed the Kitah Alef *Mitzvah Army* on March 13th as they gathered with their parents in the **Loewenstern Cafetorium**. The yeladim spent months learning about Mitzvot and developing a strong love of Torah learning and presented the Mitzvah portfolio they created in class. The children sang songs, participated in parent-child learning, and completed a Mitzvah project. Thank you to the **Wolk family** for sponsoring our Kiddush HaShem portion of the program, as the yeladim packaged mishloach manot to give to someone new this Purim. May their Mitzvot help bring Koach to Eretz Yisrael.









2ND GRADE STELLAR SOLAR SYSTEM SHOW

2nd grade astronauts were out of this world! Students presented their outer space research projects at the **Solar System Showcase** on March 20th! It was a stellar presentation!









3RD GRADE STATE FAIR

Life is a highway! 3rd graders cruised down Route 66 at the *Annual State Fair* on April 4th! Students enthusiastically shared their research about their assigned states through a travel brochure and parents enjoyed a patriotic performance. The fair featured carnival games, a lemonade stand, and the first-ever KHDS pie-eating contest had heads buried in sweets. This one-of-a-kind KHDS experience was a blue ribbon winner!









4TH GRADE WAX MUSEUM

4th grade presented their Wax Museum projects to parents on March 27th.







5TH GRADE MOVING UP DAY



Middle school hosted *Moving Up Day* for the incoming 6th graders (the current 5th grade class) on May 17th. The students came to visit the middle school and were welcomed and introduced to what middle school is by **Rabbi Sadigh** and **Morah Hadassah**. They got a taste of the classes by rotating between a math activity, a Torah class, and a tour of the building. The students also had an opportunity to hear about all of the amazing programs that middle school offers and had an interactive Q&A with our **Middle School Student Council.** As they went back to their 5th grade classrooms, they were each given an ice cream treat along with a lot of exciting things to look forward to next year!

Thank you to Mrs. Ester Herschman, Mrs. Nechamah Zangre, Morah Rina Lanner, Rabbi Ari Mirzoeff, Mr. Wyatt Doss, Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger, Ms. Lisa Ready, Mrs. Shireen Butman, Morah Hadassah Smolarcik, Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh, and the 5th grade teaching team for helping make the program a success!







5TH GRADE LEGOLAND

5th graders traveled to **LEGOLAND** on May 22nd for their class trip.













6TH GRADE PIGEON KEY

The 6th grade girls embarked on their class trip to Pigeon Key on March 11th and the boys trip followed on April 8th.











7TH GRADE ORLANDO

7th graders enjoyed their class trip to Orlando May 21-22 with stops at the **Kennedy Space Center** and **Universal's Islands of Adventure**.







8TH GRADE PANAMA

The Class of 2024 took their graduation trip to Panama May 19-24.













ART NIGHT

Art Night took place on the evening of February 15th and was nothing short of spectacular! Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade got to shine as their artwork was on display in an Israeli-themed gallery event. Israeli-inspired art, food, and music played by our very own KHDS alumni (Joshua Haik, Netanel Kieffer, and Binny Perl) gave the night a special sparkle.

Each grade had its own behind-the-scenes video showing the creation of their artwork with a voiceover explanation of the artists they studied. The funds raised at this event went to support the displaced children of Be'eri!

A huge thank you to **Gwenn Baer, Lisa Pinkis, Yael Loren, Anna Jacobs** and the talented art committee who helped ensure that everything went as well as it did, and the numerous KHDS faculty and staff as well as the KHDS maintenance team.















HEALTH & SENSORY WEEK

EC Health and Sensory Week took place the week of February 25th and included a variety of wellness programs and activities including safety lessons from local officers and therapy dogs, physical health obstacle courses, movement activities, healthy snacks, sensory play, and expression through music.











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EC3 received a special visit from **Hatzalah** during their week of learning about community helpers. Thank you to KHDS dad, **Jason Weg**.



EC students gave **Morah Lindsay's** nephew, and cousins **Ella** (EC3) and **Yoni** (1st grade) **Cohen**, a warm welcome home from fighting in Gaza.



Chana Gibber gave a presentation about **Chai Lifeline** and all the amazing work they do for Jewish families in need due to illness. Students then created "Nosh Bags" with a written note to be distributed to local families in hospitals.



Thank you to KHDS parent Alissa Kroll for delivering letters and pictures from our Kindergarten and 4th graders to Chayalim. They were so touched and appreciative to know we are thinking about them and davening for them. Several of





KHDS joined Am Yisrael for a global day of unity in song and prayer on Ta'anit Esther! May Hashem hear our tefillot and return the hostages!



them folded up the letters to keep in their wallets or jackets.

Mitzvah Madness: 5th graders were seen setting up a lemonade stand to raise money for **Od Yosef Chai**.







4th grade students met one of the IDF heroes they wrote letters to. What a privilege to be able to hear some of his personal stories while he was visiting. Am Yisrael Chai!



More letters from KHDS students were delivered to Israel to support the soldiers.









1st grade had so many incredible in and out-of-classroom experiences during their *Community Helpers* unit! During a field trip to *Publix* on May 6th, they learned about how farmers grow crops and trucks bring those crops to stores so community members can buy them to eat at home. The field trip gave the students a behind-the-scenes look at this process as tour guides walked them through the different departments of the grocery store. After learning about construction workers, they learned first-hand on our very own campus as Executive Director *Mr. Lev Stark* and the head of the *Butters Construction* team met the class outside to discuss the building process. They walked to the middle school so they could get a good view through a second-floor window! They learned so much about the work and materials that go into making a building! A presentation to parents about all of their experiences took place on May 21st.





The Friendship Circle, a local organization that runs programs for children with special needs, presented sensitivity training for middle school students so they could experience what it was like to have a disability.



KHDS Dad's Night Out was a smashing success! Over 50 dads met up at the Pick A Ball Sports Complex on March 4th to show off their skill (or lack thereof) in an evening of pickleball. Everyone enjoyed the friendly competition, camaraderie, and of course the delicious food at the event. It couldn't have been possible without the coordination of co-chairs Danny Krasna and Eliezer Seidenfeld, our generous sponsors, Hercules Roofing and Hypotec, and all of the dads who came out.



A special
shout-out to **Yaffi Wexler**, for
once again proofreading this year's
publications including the *Hillel Herald*,
Weekly Shavuon, and more! Thank you for
your time and eagle-eye!





Sweet emotion! EC4 students focused on identifying and regulating emotions.



Fun with sidewalk chalk out on **Aunt Jessie's Playground.**



In **Coach Sam's** PE class, EC4 students played *Alphabet Popcorn* which combined physical skills (jumping, bending, and balancing) with non-physical skills (listening and following instructions and letter recognition).



EC2 learned about life by watching how caterpillars turn into butterflies!



EC3A students celebrated the end of school with an **ABC Party**.



In connection with matanot l'evyonim, EC4 students stacked and counted the value of coins.





Another great week in EC3-C.



EC4 students hit the runway for their *Alphabet Fashion Show*.



Students ROARED with lion pride on Spirit Day.



Students sounded out Hebrew words and drew corresponding pictures.



Students celebrated the April 8th solar eclipse with homemade sunhats.

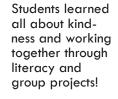




Students focused on the letter V by making a volcano, and the letter X by examining x-rays to see the parts of the body. In math, students were introduced to the concepts of flat and solid shapes (1D and 2D). They took blocks, ice cubes, and objects that represented each of the shapes and tested to see which rolled, stacked, or slid.



In Mr. Landreth's STEM class, students learned the basic principles of animation and game building. Using block coding on iPads, students made their ideas come to life, laying the foundation for coding and computer life skills.









Little heroes in the making! The Community Helpers grand presentation was heroic!



Students worked all year on learning the proper blessing for each food and celebrated the mastery of Brachot with a snack party!



Students proudly showed off their shabbat projects.



In **Ms. Hornstein's** 2nd grade math class, learning was hands-on and fun! Students used seashells as manipulatives to visualize the math concept of regrouping. They worked on subtracting double-digit numbers while respecting the rules of place value.



Students who read and learned about **Helen Keller** were honored to hear from a special guest who is a member of the deaf community. **Mrs. Kaylie**, and her interpreter, **Ms. Sandy**, spoke to the students about the adaptations she uses to navigate and understand the world.



2nd grade scientists worked on experiments in Ms. Elazar's class.





The **Esti Moskowitz Oneg** is a Friday favorite for students.





Based on the pesukim in Parshat Behar, students shared their thoughts on what it means to speak appropriately to their friends.



Students took a "farmtastic" field trip to **Bedner's Farm.**



Students reviewed math vocabulary for a test by playing a game called Whack-A-Word where they had to identify the two-dimensional shape by whacking the card with a fly swatter.



Mrs. Morris' mathematicians used an egg carton to help them understand fractions by dividing a whole into equal size parts. They used pipe cleaners to divide the eggs into different sections to model fractions, and learned how to





Students measured objects in their classrooms and saw who got closest to 3.14 in honor of *Pi Day*! Everyone got to enjoy their own pies at the end!



Students brought Jewish history to life with their Chumash/Mishna news report videos in **Rabbi Eisenberger's** class. From the captivating roles in the Chumash story to the Tannaim (sages) from the world of Mishna, these young reporters conducted interviews that showcased their yearlong learning journey.



Students learned all about solar eclipses, how they happen, and safe ways to view them. Then students made their own solar eclipse viewers to safely reflect the image of the sun onto a sheet of paper.



Students created beautiful 3-D projects at home displaying the three signs that Hashem gave Moshe to show Bnei Yisrael when he went to redeem them from Mitzrayim.



Fun and games with equivalent fractions.



The 5th grade boys welcomed middle school Rebbe, **Rabbi Mirzoeff**, who spoke about good sportsmanship and supporting one another, particularly in the gym and on the field. He also explained how we can learn this important middah from the Purim story and also from popular sports stars.



In **Ms. Haddad's** music class, students played the song "Best Day of My Life," which requires the chords of F, C, and A minor. They learned about silence in music, which is called rest or pause. During the song, they paused for a beat and resumed playing as a group. They also learned that there is power in togetherness and sounded like pros!



Mrs. Einhorn's 7th grade life science students simulated the process of cell division called mitosis. This process allows for our body to grow and repair itself. Students used several art supplies to create the phases called PMAT.



Ms. Ready's 8th grade English class held their first mock trial in response to reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*: The Ewell Family vs. Arthur Radley: Offense - murder. Verdict - not guilty!



8th grade enjoyed special programming leading up to their **Shabbaton**. They played **Panopoly** and engaged in letter writing for Chayalim and for the family of hostage, **Hersh Goldberg**.



KHDS parent **Dani Oppenheimer** addressed 8th grade students about the art of persuasion and effective communication in preparation for their mock trials in conjunction with their reading of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.



During advisory, middle school students learned about **Senator Joe Lieberman** and his impact in politics as an Orthodox Jew.











In **Mr. Landreth's** STEM class, students designed items that would be useful to their families or themselves using the school's new **PRUSA** 3D printers. Many great and fun ideas came out of the project. Students learned to apply basic engineering principles to use a computer-aided design program (**Tinkercad**) to bring their ideas to reality.



The Middle School **VEX Robotics Team** received three new version 2 VEX IQ competition kits. In our determination to keep students on the cutting edge of technology and instruction in STEM, the team practiced engineering the newest robotic builds in preparation of their next competition.



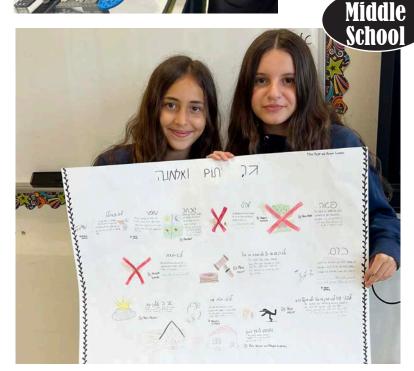
Rabbi Michael Schudrich, Chief Rabbi of Poland, spoke to the 7th grade students about life in Poland then and now.



It was our privilege to have Yeshayahu Chane and his daughter Ofira Nuriel visit and tell the story about Yeshayahu's journey from Ethiopia to Israel and how he was recruited by the Mossad for Operation Moshe bringing all of the Jewish Ethiopians to Israel.

Students posed for a selfie to celebrate their final running elective with Ms. Ready.





In **Morah Ben-Harari's** 7th grade Chumash class, students learned about how to treat the poor, orphaned, and widowed. The girls did an amazing job writing and learning about this sensitive subject.





Ms. Kupfer and **Mrs. Einhorn's** 7th graders dissected frogs as part of their unit on the digestive system during their anatomy and physiology science class.



8th graders showed off their physics roller coaster projects.





Maia Shaffer, Athletic Director Julie Abrams, After School Sports Coordinator **2023-2024 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**



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"Although the boys didn't win first place I think this year was a successful one! Second place is also a big accomplishment... I am also very happy the girls made it to the playoffs. Overall I think most everyone had fun and learned a little something each time we practiced or had a match. Now the tennis team has a trophy to show everyone!"

- Coach Karen



"We had an exciting season with a fabulous group of boys. In the last game, a 5-4 victory over **Renaissance PP**, the team was down 4-1 going into our last at bat when the **Lions** exploded with 4 runs to take the lead 5-4. This sealed the victory and put an exclamation mark on a 3-4 season just missing the playoffs. – **Coach Gary Tucker and Asst. Coach Cliff Abrams**



"Dear Lady Lions,

I am honored to have the opportunity to be your coach this year. I am so proud of every single one of you. Congratulations on winning another championship! Go, Lady Lions!"

- Coach Panda



"Words cannot describe this amazing TEAM. We started the season struggling to receive handoffs and ended the season being the most dominant team in the league both mentally and physically which was accomplished by hard work, love, unity, and so much more. The championship game versus St. Marks was the definition of a 'battle' from beginning to end finishing in overtime. No matter the outcome, this is a 'championship' team." — Coach Shawn & Coach Grizz



"The boys excelled this season in technique, skill, teamwork, and especially in coachability. They progressed during the season and learned the importance of respecting each other as teammates and friends. They played all the games with joy and competed very well against each opponent." – Coach Kos







Over 300 tiny frogs were hidden throughout the entire campus for Leap Day! Faculty and staff set out to find as many frogs as possible. Congratulations to **Morah Cassie Ackerman** for finding the most frogs! Frog Sameach!



Silly spaghetti and Purim fun! Students dyed spaghetti to make clown hair.



Thank you to **Mr. Dani Oppenheimer** for visiting 1B and teaching us all about Megillat Esther!



Morah Guttman's 3C class made sidewalk chalk art in preparation of Adar!



Kindergarten students enjoyed Purim Puppet Theater with Rabbi G!

Rosh Chodesh Adar II had a colorful welcome! Thank you to the **B'not Sherut** for their festive decorations for this spirit-filled month and for bringing the story of Purim to life as the halls of the **Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School** were transformed into the story of the Megillah! Students also performed during a beautiful *Hallel Tzibburi*.





Students enjoyed cotton candy in honor of Purim Katan.

A festive week of themed dress-up days included color day, crazy hat and silly sock day, teacher day, Israel day, and costume day!









































Students baked hamantashen in honor of Purim!

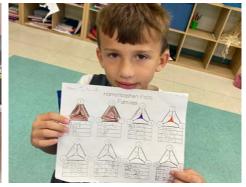
Students gave mishloach manot to their teachers. Purim Sameach!



Kitah Alef collaborated to put the Purim story in chronological order! Great fun, teamwork, and review time!



3rd graders exchanged mishloach manot.



1st graders wrote about their Purim highlights in their journals and then made fact family hamantashen!



8-4 Ivrit class learned about the story of Megillat Ester and students created their own Megillah in Hebrew!



KHDS faculty and staff were coordinated construction crew as this year's themed costume.









EC3 tasted Karpas!

Pesach Panel! Middle school students had the chance to learn Pesach Divrei Torah together.







Rabbi G and his Matzah Factory visited EC students before Pesach.

Pesach-themed games in middle school.







3rd graders dressed up as different characters from the story of Pesach.



The sound of Torah reverberated in our Beit Midrash on April 11 during the **Pre-Pesach Parent-Child Learning Event.**









EC-K students presented their Pesach shows perfectly!

Students worked on Pesach projects.

Students in Mrs. Schulman's Kids' Time Program DIY after-school class created Mother's Day canvas paintings







Yom laShoah

On May 6th, students observed Yom Ha'Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a moment of silence during the sounding of the siren. Special programming took place including some of our 8th graders sharing their reflections from the recent Names, Not Numbers® program and 7th graders sharing their Night projects with fellow students. During Judaic classes, students received a yahrzeit candle personalized with a QR code that linked to a bio of an individual victim of the Holocaust. Students used their Chromebooks to scan the QR code and learn about their person and then lit their candles displayed on the commemoration table.











Students in grades 1-5 sang Ani Maamin, Acheinu, and Mi Sheberach together to commemorate the day and heard a first-hand story from Morah Yona about the Yom Kippur War. Middle school students participated in a tekes organized by the B'not Sherut and our Israeli team. They began with the siren and heard six stories of soldiers and victims of terror. The day concluded with special guest and IDF

soldier Arky Staiman, who shared his experiences in Gaza and the message of fulfilling your Tafkid and setting your goals for life.











KHDS celebrated Israel's 76th birthday with a variety of programs and activities including a special lunch, photo booth, special t-shirts, chagiga, Chidon (trivia game) coordinated by the **B'not Sherut** and MC'd by **Rabbi Eisenberger**, and much more. The highlights of the day were the amazing 5th grade performance of **Daglanut** (Israeli flag dance) choreographed by the **B'not Sherut** as well as students in grades 1-8 gathering to say Tehillim. Thank you to the entire planning team for making this a wonderful celebration.











Kindergarten students made gifts for their parents in honor of Yom Yerushalayim, which coincided with their milestone graduation. Yom Yerushalayim A special Yom Yerushalayim

A special Yom Yerushalayim program was held on June 5th and students in grades 1-5 performed songs along with **Rabbi Drang** as he led Hallel.



4th graders were tour guides for their Jerusalem museum projects in honor of Yom Yerushalayim. The students each were assigned a landmark and gave their tours in Hebrew to fellow students during the fair.



Students learned about the Torah with **Rabbi Sadigh** for Shavuot and found the Hebrew letters of their names in the Torah.



EC and middle school students worked together on Lag B'Omer and Shavuot projects!



Thank you to Mrs. Caroline Goldstein for teaching 1B about flower arranging in honor of Shavout and for donating the gorgeous flowers.



EC3 students gave each other haircuts.

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Financial Resource Development

Suzanne Rice,
Director of Development



As we close the books on the 2023-2024 campaign, we thank all of our generous donors who supported the many KHDS giving opportunities throughout the school year. Full recaps of our *Annual Journal Dinner* and the 9th Annual Family Golf Outing can be found on the following pages. We also congratulate the KHDS winners of the Mega Raffle, Zev & Leora Weiner (former KHDS parents) and Madeline Silver (KHDS grandparent), who each won \$1,000, as well as Akiva & Mimi (Class of '02) Friend who won a \$100 Amazon gift card in the KHDS participant raffle drawing. Thank you to all of those who supported the raffle which raised over \$16,000 towards our annual campaign.

This year, we also have welcomed many generous donors to our Capital Campaign and Major Gifts Societies and thank these stakeholders for their lead gifts and commitment to our amazing school. We also are thankful to those KHDS families who have participated in our Every Family Gives Capital Campaign.

As one door closes another one opens and the time has come to wish **Dr. Orlie Cohen** a bittersweet farewell as she concludes her tenure as Financial Resource Development Chair and hands the baton to **Mrs. Amy Tarlowe**. Orlie, it's been one heck of a ride...and Amy, looking forward to traveling new roads with you!



Meet Amy Tarlowe, Incoming Vice President & FRD Chair

We are excited to announce that KHDS parent **Amy Tarlowe** has accepted the position of Board Vice President for the 2024-2025 school year. Amy will be working closely with President, **Daniel J. Katz**, and the entire Board of Trustees to continue the mission of excellence in Jewish education, to enhance the KHDS one-of-a-kind experience it offers to our children, and to maintain excellence among our faculty and staff.

Amy will also be spearheading the *Financial Resource*Development (FRD) Committee to continue the important fundraising efforts for our school. She joined with Dr. Orlie

Cohen as Financial Resource Development (FRD) Co-Chair earlier this year and spent countless hours working on the Annual Journal Dinner and the Capital Campaign.

Amy served as an executive board member and secretary during the past school year. She and her husband, **Dr. Michael Tarlowe**, have 3 children: **Joseph** (outgoing 6th grade), **Ethan** (outgoing 4th grade), and **Henry** (outgoing 2nd grade). The Tarlowes have a "Hakarat Hatov" mission and have generously supported a myriad of the school's fundraising efforts from the **Annual Golf Outing**, to the **Capital Campaign**, sponsoring **Days of Learning**, and everything in between. They are also **KHDS Atid Legacy Society** members and intend to include the school as part of their legacy planned giving.

Please welcome Amy and wish her mazal tov on her new leadership position.

Three Cheers for Orlie Cohen

Dr. Orlie Cohen. You know her name! She has been one of KHDS' biggest cheerleaders! After 13 years of working with the Development Office, Orlie is officially retiring as *Financial Resource Development (FRD) Chair/Co-Chair.* For eight of those years, she served single-handedly. Now that is dedication!

What you might not know about Orlie are the countless

hours she has spent behind the scenes working closely with Suzanne Rice, Director of Development, during her tenure, after she took the baton from Immediate Past FRD Chair, Sal Abady in 2011-2012. She has done it all - from planning Journal Dinners, including last year's dinner where she and her husband, Eli, were honored, and milestones such as the school's 25th and 30th anniversaries. She has religiously been involved with the Annual Parent-Child Golf Outings - as well as the earlier year Annual Golf Tournaments, and the infamous Wizards vs. Team Hillel fundraiser in 2014. Orlie has been strategically involved in the school's Capital Campaign and Burn the Mortgage efforts, and also was essential in creating KHDS' first-ever legacy-giving society - the Atid Legacy Society, of which she and Eli are members. She has assisted in planning annual appeals like the Every Parent Campaign (EPC), and the Mega Raffle, and also helped spearhead the school's first-ever crowdfunding campaign - "Pledje." Something near and dear to her heart is the essential Major Gifts Society initiative in which she and her husband have been consecutive members since 2010-2011, including the Lamed Vav Society and currently the Chai Society. "Eagle-eye Orlie" has assisted with content, layout, and editing of school publications including the *Hillel Herald* and *Annual Report*. She has chaired FRD committee meetings, brainstormed about fundraising strategy, and personally solicited countless donors for the important funds that have kept our campaigns so successful.

Orlie has also earned great respect from past boards and heads of school, as well as KHDS President **Daniel J. Katz**. Orlie sees the big picture and her wisdom and intuitiveness are

invaluable. She and her husband Eli began their KHDS journey during the 2005-06 school year. Since then they have graduated all 4 of their children **Jojo** (Class of 17), **Alexandra** (Class of 18), **Sarah**

(Class of '17), Alexandra (Class of '18), Sarah (Class of '20), and Gabriel (Class of '22).

Orlie joined the KHDS Board of Directors in the fall of 2010 and has also served as an Executive Committee member as well as a PTA Board member. She and her family have been huge fans of the athletic department and have rarely missed a Lions game

during their tenure. In fact, the **Cohen family** was awarded the "**Roar Award**" in 2014 for their awesome team spirit. Orlie has witnessed the growth of our school both financially and physically and has played a leadership role in the development of the school overall.

Although Orlie is retiring as FRD co-chair (a role she most recently shared with incoming KHDS Vice President, Amy Tarlowe) she will remain an active member of the FRD Committee as well as an Executive Board member on the KHDS Board of Trustees. On behalf of our entire KHDS family, thank you, Orlie, for your tireless dedication and passion for our school.

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KHDS ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER HONORS OUR HEROES

Almost 400 members of the "KHDS Family" gathered at **B'nai Torah Congregation** to *Honor Our Heroes* at the **Annual Journal Dinner** on March 18, 2024. The evening honored KHDS family, **Gil & Lysee Stein**, paid tribute to the recipients of the Faculty Dedication Award: **Morah Hadassah Smolarcik** (26 years) and **Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger** (13 years), and recognized the bravery of former KHDS students who serve(d) in the IDF, including the tragic loss of **Master-Sgt. Ari Yehiel Zenilman, Z"L**.

We extend much thanks and Hakarat Hatov to *Dinner Chairs*, Jason (and MC) & Nechamah Zangre, and to the *Dinner Committee* of Caroline Goldstein, Anna Jacobs, Jackie Labovitz, and Amy Tarlowe for their time and efforts, and for ensuring this year's event was a success. And a special shout out to Orlie Cohen for always assisting behind the scenes.

We also thank our *Tribute Committee* members for their generosity, as well as everyone who participated, whether through the placement of a journal ad or attendance at the event.

Guests enjoyed the cocktail reception, with specialty drinks adorned with the faces of Morah Hadassah and Rabbi Eisenberger, and the KHDS logo, from mixologist SALUD Exclusive Bar Service which was generously sponsored by the Ehrlich family. iPICTUREMAGNET captured smiles which were presented as a souvenir for guests and a delicious spread of food stations adorned the cocktail reception with the statement centerpiece of the Israeli flag bars. Inside the beautiful ballroom, the Israel-themed decor sparkled and set the tone for the evening's program.

Ahron Fraiman, KHDS parent, began by leading the anthems, followed by Tehillim. Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh, Head of School, delivered the D'var Torah and and kicked off the tribute video for the Faculty Dedication Award recipients and honorees, who were presented with their awards following each video as the meaningful inscription messages were read.

Board President, **Daniel J. Katz** addressed the guests and also reported on the campus expansion and **Capital Campaign**. He then introduced the keynote speaker, author of *From Zero to One Hundred* and combat paramedic from the **IDFs Elite Combat Rescue Unit**, whose meaningful and real account of October 7th touched all who were present.

The feature video presentation spotlighted former KHDS students who serve(d) in the IDF, including a very special memorial tribute to *Master-Sgt. Ari Yehiel Zenilman, Z"L*, who was tragically killed in Gaza during active duty. The video also featured current KHDS students in a showcase of love for Israel and the one-of-a-kind experience KHDS offers.

After MC **Jason Zangre** made a campaign plea for the **Capital Campaign** which is currently seeking to raise \$1.8 million for the new building, **Asaf Levi** took the stage as he and his pianist led a kumsitz.

As guests departed, they enjoyed a to-go dessert buffet as a sweet ending to the evening.

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our scholarship fund and paid tribute to the deserving honorees through an ad in the *Ad Journal*. Visit our website at www.hilleldayschool.org to view the videos, photos and *Ad Journal*.

Mazal Tov to all and Am Yisrael Chai!







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9th Annual Family Golf Outing



Participants from across the generations enjoyed the KHDS 9th Annual Family Golf Outing on Sunday, June 2nd at Boca Delray Golf & Country Club. The event, co-chaired by KHDS dads Joe Averbook, Dov Hochner, and Jason Zangre, raised over \$25,000 for the scholarship fund

while offering a great day of ruach and fun for everyone.

Participants received their swag bags and enjoyed Sunday brunch provided by King David Divine Catering. Everyone had a chance to participate in the putting contest before the 9-hole shotgun scramble and the day concluded with a grab-n-go snack. Participation trophies were presented to the children participants as a memory of the day.

A special shout out to Jason Zangre, Fred Pica, and Sunshine Golf Car for providing additional carts as well as for their assistance in securing some of the junior golf clubs, to Dr. Eli Cohen and Cohen Center for Dermatology & Cosmetics for donating the sunscreen, and to KHDS grandparents Sandy & Barbara Cohen for securing some of our raffle prizes. We also acknowledge IGS Security USA for keeping everyone safe and Coco Productions for event photography.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and KHDS staff for helping to make this a successful event: Julie Abrams, Danna Averbook, Joe Averbook, Barbara Cohen, Sandy Cohen, Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger, Melissa Fitzgerald, Dov Hochner, Shaindi Hochner, Justin Jacobs, Simone Jacobs, Mirel Weg, Yehudis Weg, Leah Wubnech, Getenet Shaul Wubnech, and Jason Zangre. We are also grateful to Jennifer Romanoff, Esteban Mercedes, and the KHDS maintenance team for their assistance with logistics behind the scenes.

Finally, thank you to Ray Nalbandian, Head Golf Pro, his wonderful staff, and Boca Delray Golf & Country Club for hosting our group.

We look forward to seeing you next year at the 10th Annual Family Golf Outing!





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The Winner's Circle

CONTEST WINNERS

Mazal Tov to all of the contest winners who received a contest trophy, golf balls, and an Amazon gift

Putting Contest

Henry Tarlowe ~ Ahava Zangre (age 6-9) Ryan Jacobs ~ Kira Zangre (age 10-13) Benny Hochner ~ Rhyan Rackman (age 14-17) Craia Bouchard (men)

Longest Drive

Derek Donev ~ Fred Pica (men) Benjamin Landau ~ Miri Wolk (boys/girls)

Closest to the Pin

Craig Bouchard ~ Ayal Frist (men) Nathan Dorfman ~ Judah Rackman (boys) Rosie Cohen ~ Miri Wolk (girls)

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

- Kevin Jacobs: Special accessory generously donated by Thirty-one/Simone Jacobs
- Evan Landau: Financial Planning session generously donated by Morgan Stanley/Justin Jacobs
- Eli Katz: \$345 voucher towards a computer class generously donated by PC Professor/ Fellman Family
- David Abudarham: \$345 voucher towards a computer class generously donated by PC **Professor/Fellman Family**
- Brian Gately: \$345 voucher towards a computer class generously donated by PC Professor/ **Fellman Family**
- Craig Bouchard: Half-hour golf lesson generously donated by Ray Nalbandian/Boca Delray Golf & Country Club
- Adam Weiss: Half-hour golf lesson generously donated by Ray Nalbandian/Boca Delray Golf & Country Club
- John Luciani: Foursome of golf generously donated by Boca Delray Golf & Country Club
- Bear Jacobs: \$25 gift certificate generously donated by Lenny's Pizza
- Zev Weiss: \$50 gift certificate generously donated by Ditmas
- Avi Frohlich: \$100 gift certificate generously donated by Century Grill - David Averbook: 4 Zoo Miami passes generously donated by Zoo Miami

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Naomi Katz

As we come to the close of my first year as **PTA President**, I could not be prouder of the work all the board members and volunteers have put in.

We have far exceeded our goals, adding new events and activities, a new dads event, a challah bake, a chanukah shuk, and so much more. We made our annual grand donation to KHDS, the carpet tiles for the gym, making that space so much more useful. I look forward to working next year with Co-President Anna Jacobs as she prepares to assume the duties of president after my youngest graduates in 2025, and my term expires. As always, we are constantly on the lookout for new and exciting ideas and open to all parent volunteers. Please reach out to me at khdspta@hilleldayschool.org.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and comes back in August ready for another great year at KHDS!

End-of-Year Wine & Cheese

PTA capped off an amazing year by hosting a Wine and Cheese Night for KHDS moms. Participants enjoyed sipping and snacking on beautifully curated wines and cheeses, while indulging in sushi, salads, pasta, and dessert. Everyone also created beautiful floral arrangements to take home to enhance their Shabbat tables. Many thanks to the team of Danna Averbook, Jaime Feld, Rachel Fraiman, Anna Jacobs, and Na'ama Rosenberg. A special thank you to KHDS parent and iPicture Magnet owner Shlomi Cohen for donating his time and magnets! Thank you to parent volunteers Jennifer Berkowitz, Danielle Lazoff, and Leah Ravaee.



Message from the PTA President With Praise, Thanks & Admiration

- ❖PTA, courtesy of the **Grove Kosher Market**, provided all the Early Childhood classes with fresh challot for their Shabbat parties throughout the year. Thank you to Abby Feferman and her delivery boys, Ezra, Shaya, and Yoni Feferman, for delivering them every Friday!
- ❖ We are grateful to **Danna Averbook** for overseeing the **Lost &** Found.
- ❖ Kudos to Cara Harris, Leorah Marcus, and Na'ama Rosenberg for co-chairing our Class Moms program.
- Thank you to Rachel Fraiman and Na'aama Rosenberg for organizing our **Uniform Shoppe**.
- ❖Thank you to B'nai Mitzvah Fund coordinators: Naomi Katz, Shirley Mayer, Lysee Stein, and Rachel Zour.
- ❖Thank you to Deena Frist and Margo Rosman for coordinating our monthly Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts throughout the year. We are especially grateful to all the annual sponsors: Joanne Adirim & Shmuel Schwartz, Danna & Joey Averbook, Keren & Asaf Bar Gimdani, Jennifer & Eric Berkowitz, Sivan & Asi Cabessa, Karin & Shai Dahan, Nili & Michael Davis, Penina & Richard Dorfman, Grant, Sandra, Eva & Brooke Einhorn, Sigal & Shalom Elazar, Jaime & Dovid Feld, Brett & Nicole Feldman, Rachel & Ahron Fraiman, Danielle & Adam Frija, Deena & Ayal Frist, Amy & Ari Galperin, Deena & Shmuli Ganz, Chanie & Jeremy Gelbart, Tsilila & Michael Goldberg, Caroline & Michael Goldstein, Eva & Sheldon Hamburger, Leya & Daniel Hakim, Yaara & Eric Harbor, The Harris Family, Anna & Kevin Jacobs, Naomi & Eli Katz, Sharon & Eric Klein, Hudi & Danny Krasna, Alissa & Meir Kroll, Rachel & Dov Lasry, Lassar & Skehen Family, Ganit & Adir Levy, Melissa & Andrew Lovy, Jennifer & Jarred Lyons, Leorah & Akiva Marcus, Leah & Ben Ravaee, Margo & Yechiel Rosman, Linda & Ory Schwartz, Mor & Benjamin Shapiro, Lysee & Gil Stein, Ally & David Steinberg, Amy & Michael Tarlowe, Coralie & Mitch Teichman, Meira & Adam Weiss, The Weisstuch Family, and Chanie & Izzy Yetnikoff.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We love our KHDS teachers! PTA went all out for Teacher Appreciation Week to recognize the efforts of our amazing KHDS staff members. Teachers were treated to massages, snack carts. gourmet coffee, a mega breakfast, a gala lunch, and special sweets and babka for Shabbat. Thank you to Jaime Feld and Anna Jacobs for coordinating all the activities, and thanks to Simone Jacobs, Jennifer Romanoff, and the entire KHDS maintenance staff for assisting with the logistics.

As always, we had amazing parent volunteers each day: Mimi Amsalem, Danna Averbook, Sabina Benyair, Jennifer Berkowitz, Raizy David, Abby Feferman, Rachel Fraiman, Stephanie Friedman, Danielle Frija, Deena Frist, Yael Geller, Caroline Goldstein, Cara Harris, Rose Jacobovits, Debbie Klinger, Alissa Kroll, Ganit Levy, Maren Mayer, Lara Mizel, Leah Ravaee, Na'ama Rosenberg, Margo Rosman, Rivka Schlager, Tirza Vizel, Caren Waintraub, Meira Weiss, Chava Weisstuch, and Chelsea Zak.



Sivan's Kitchen Cooking Demo

PTA had the honor of hosting Instagrammer Sivan Kobi of Sivan's Kitchen for an entertaining cooking demo. Her recipes were easy to follow and delicious, and everyone enjoyed incredible samples while picking up some cooking tips and tricks!

Thank you to Jaime Feld and Anna Jacobs for coordinating the evening, together with their dedicated team of volunteers who helped prepare the food: Danna Averbook, Hadar Bar Chaim, Jennifer Berkowitz, Sasha Feld, Tamar Feld, Rachel Fraiman, Deena Ganz, Ellen Pardau, Leah Ravaee, Na'ama Rosenberg, Danna Ross, and Joanna Rumelt.

Spreading Purim Cheer

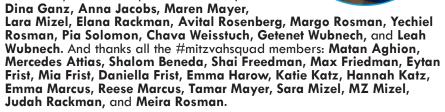
In honor of Purim, PTA gave every KHDS staff member a beautiful Israel-themed Mishloach Manot package. Thank you to all our amazing KHDS families who contributed to this project! A big thanks to Abby Feferman and all the volunteers: Moriah Aharon, Stephanie Beneda, Jaime Feld, Tamar Feld, Leora Gross, Danna Ross, Sara Shulman and Brielle Aharon, Liat Aharon, Yonatan Aharon, and Linda Shulman. Special shout out to Simone Jacobs and Jennifer Romanoff for their behind the scenes work as well.



Pre-Pesach Boutique

PTA's annual *Pre-Pesach Boutique* was a tremendous success with over 300 people attending and more than 50 vendors selling their products. From jewelry and Judaica to clothing and housewares, there was something for everyone. In between shopping, families enjoyed multiple food trucks offering fresh pizza, sushi, waffles and more!

Thank you to **Deena Frist** and **Leorah Marcus** for their weeks of preparation for this huge undertaking, and to **Jaime Feld** for creating the event flyer. Kudos to all the volunteers who helped at the event: **Leah Attias**, **Abby Feferman**, **Tamar Feld**, **Lisa Freedman**,





All students and staff – including the security guards – received a pizza lunch before Pesach. Thanks to **Danna Averbook** and **Young Mi Skehen** for organizing.

End-Of-Year Ices

PTA and KHDS cosponsored Rita's Italian Ice for all students and staff as a sweet treat to end the year. Thank you to Cara Harris for coordinating and to Danielle Frija, Yael Geller, Jackie Neuman, and Yehuda Neuman for helping to distribute the ices.





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, extracurricular 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 holiday treats, 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 \$600,000 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 2024.

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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