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(MHA '90, FYOS '94)

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Dear MHA/FYOS alumni,

I have a feeling I am intruding on everyone's Pesach preparations; is there ever a busier time

of year? Last year, we sent out the Pesach issue of the newsletter on *erev Pesach*, which was a mistake on our part since many alumni didn't even know they had received it until after Pesach. Learning from past experience, we are sending out this issue much earlier, know-

ing full well that you may not have the time to read it now. Maybe you can print it out and save it to read on those lovely afternoons during *yom tov*. Whenever you get to read it, we hope it brings a smile to your face.

In this issue, we have added a new feature to the electronic version of newsletter: an "archives" section (see above). So many people have requested to see copies of previous newsletters; from now on, readers will be able to access previous newsletters from the links in the archives section. If you have any prob-

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Joanne Kahane, alumni committee chair

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lems accessing them, please let me know and I will email you the copies you desire. And as always, if you do not use email or the Internet, simply send me a letter at the school or call the school and leave a message for me, and I will be happy to send you printed copies of back issues via regular mail.

We still need to enlist everyone's help in locating the remaining 30 percent of our alumni for whom we have no contact information. If you are aware of any alumni who are not receiving the newsletters, please send me their email address (or street address) so that we can add them to our mailing list. We also have a growing list of non-alumni readers, so feel free to have anyone who wants to receive

the newsletter contact me with their email or home address.

We love to hear from you, and we so appreciate those of you who have taken the time to write. Please continue to let us know your ideas or suggestions. Your input will help make the newsletter more interesting and fun to read.

Wishing you all a happy and kosher Pesach. Enjoy your families and the inspirational story of our becoming a nation.

Have a great summer...and stay cool!

Joanne Kahane

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Dear MHA/FYOS alumni,

As we approach the holiday of Pesach, my two years as president of the MHA/FYOS board of trustees are coming to a close. It has



been a great privilege serving in this capacity for your alma mater.

We have accomplished so much, but one area of which I'm especially proud is the creation and success of our

alumni relations program. This is the fifth installment in a series of alumni publications, all of which have exceeded expectations in reconnecting many of you to each other and the school.

The alumni committee's task requires a tremendous amount of time and energy. I am truly inspired by the diligence of Chair Joanne Kahane and her dedicated team, including **Amara Levine-Reich** (MHA '94, FYOS '97), Shoshana (Yaffe) Cenker and Eric Schubert. For all of them, this is truly a labor of love, and I thank them for their efforts.

As the Children of Israel are preparing to depart from Egypt in *Shemot* (Exodus) 13:4-5, Moshe peculiarly says to them, "Today you are leaving in the spring." Why did Moshe specify the season? Didn't the Jewish people of that time know this obvious fact? Further, the ensuing verse then bolsters this springtime theme. Moshe tells the Jewish people, "When you enter the land that was promised to your forefathers, you shall continue to observe Pesach in this season." In fact, the complicated and incredibly precise lunisolar Jewish

calendar is entirely predicated on the goal of maintaining Pesach in the spring.

What is the significance of the exodus occurring and being celebrated in the spring?

Rashi, the preeminent Biblical commentator who lived in 11th-century France, answers that Moshe was emphasizing to the Jewish people the magnitude of Hashem's kindness. Rashi explains that His benevolence was demonstrated by the spring being the ideal season for the exodus, when the weather is not too hot, cold nor rainy.

But in considering the importance that the Torah places on Pesach being forever celebrated in the springtime, I believe there is further symbolic meaning. With their delivery from Egypt, the Jewish people experienced a redemption that parallels the rebirth of the natural world after winter. In the sublime words of the contemporary theologian Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg, "the Torah envisions a world in which nature and history, in harmony, confirm the triumph of life."

This year, we at the MHA/FYOS have similarly experienced a sense of rebirth. Spearheaded by our new head of school, Rabbi Benjy Owen, and our new chief operating officer, Dr. Bradley Karasik, the school has a newfound sense of stability and optimism. In only eight months, they have already achieved profound accomplishments. Thanks to their efforts, a high-tech security fence has been installed around the entire periphery of the school's seven-acre campus. Additionally, they are laying the groundwork for renovations to the entire building, beginning with the gym and kitchen areas this summer.

Meanwhile, our students continue to succeed and earn recognition at the highest academic levels. FYOS seniors **Lily Morris** (MHA '12), the daughter of Mindy Morris and **Ira Morris** (MHA '84), and **Nachi**

Fleischhacker (MHA '12) received the prestigious Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship for their outstanding accomplishments, leadership and commitment to community service.

Additionally, juniors **Elan Cooper** (MHA '13), the son of Aileen and **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Tani Finkelstein** (MHA '13), Mark Fertel and Yosef Goldblatt were selected by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

to participate in its inaugural Science Scholars of Tomorrow program. They were granted the rare opportunity to visit the world-renowned hospital and interact with doctors and researchers there.

In recent months, students at the MHA/FYOS have participated in a number of unique educational opportunities. Tennessee Senate Minority Leader Lee Harris gave the upper school

an informative perspective on the Tennessee State Legislature. Students also met with Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and heard inspiring remarks based on his recent trip to Israel. Finally,

our students were honored to hear Ron Dermer, Israel's ambassador to the United States, speak passionately in defense of the Jewish state to a crowd of 600 Memphians. In conjunction with Ambassador Dermer's visit, they heard the new mayor of Memphis, Jim Strickland, describe the past and present importance of the Memphis Jewish community to the vitality of the entire city.

There is so much excitement at the MHA/FYOS these days; please come by the school anytime and experience it firsthand! Thank you for your continued support of your alma mater.

Wishing you a *chag kasher v'sameach*,

Joel Siegel

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Like the Jewish people after the exodus, our school has experienced a rebirth and has a newfound sense of stability and optimism.

Dear MHA/FYOS alumni,

As a graduate of the Margolin Hebrew Academy/Feinstone Yeshiva of the South, you are the recipient of the greatest gift: a Jewish education.



Jewish education is the way to ensure a Jewish future. In *Parashat Bo*, the Torah recounts Moshe's directive to the

elders of Israel regarding the night of the exodus. Moshe commands the details of the Pesach sacrifice and concludes by requiring the elders to guard this matter as a law for all generations. Moshe continues by saying, "And it will be that when you come to the land that Hashem has given to you like He spoke. And you will guard this service. And it will be that when your children say to you, 'What is this service of yours?' And you will say, 'It is a Pesach offering to Hashem that He passed over the houses of the Jewish people in Egypt when He smote Egypt, and our houses He saved, and the nation bowed and worshipped.' And the children of Israel went and did like Hashem commanded Moshe and Aharon; thus did they do."

In summary, after issuing the commandment of the Passover offering, Moshe tells the

people that when they enter the land of Israel, their children will ask about the nature and purpose of the Pesach service. Are we to read this foretelling of future events regarding their children negatively or positively?

On the one hand, it can be read as a dire prediction of the future generation; the children won't even know what the service is about. On the other hand, it can be read optimistically; the children will have distanced themselves from idolatry to the extent that they won't understand why their parents sacrificed a

lamb in Egypt. They won't understand the intricacies of idolatry and how sacrificing a lamb represents a rejection of the idolatry of Egypt.

I believe the Torah is identifying that either eventuality is possible in the next generation. The nation is entering a new land, where they will encounter a totally new situation. The

effect of this change on the next generation is unpredictable. Will the next generation forget the Torah and not know the reasons for the *mitzvah* of the Passover sacrifice, or will they be so committed to Torah and Hashem that they will not be able to relate to the rejection of idolatry that the Passover sacrifice represents?

The Torah aims to teach us that although there is no predicting how the next generation will respond to the new situation, the parents'

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reaction to the question should be to seize the opportunity to teach the child Torah. No matter the value system of the child, the prescription is always Jewish education.

Our society has experienced a revolution – a technological revolution. Children have their own cellphones, email addresses and Facebook and Snapchat accounts. More than ever before, our children are influenced by the popular culture and by their friends. Whether we like it or not and whether we admit it or not, many of our children are regularly exposed to everything that our society has to offer, both good and bad. How will these influences affect them?

Regardless of our children's level – philosophically, religiously and culturally – the *seder* teaches a timeless Jewish idea: true freedom comes through Jewish education. Indeed, the entire *seder* is steeped in Jewish education and teaching. During the *seder*, we spur our kids to ask questions, discuss the four sons, engage in show-and-tell, and demonstrate our freedom.

Jewish education helps us to relate properly to Hashem. It helps us think clearly and connects us to our history, our people and our shared values. The *seder* offers every Jewish family the opportunity to engage their children at the right level in the protection and security of their home and to teach them in order for them to be free people.

During the *seder* we say, "In every generation, a person is obligated to show himself as if he was exiled from Egypt." The *seder* itself is the demonstration. The freedom achieved by discussing and learning about the story of the Exodus and about G-d's Providence replicates the freedom that the Jewish people achieved when they left Egypt.

I pray that each of us experiences freedom through Jewish education this Pesach at our respective *seders* and that we all continue to ensure our people's future by supporting Jewish education.

Yours truly,

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D'VAR TORAH

Rabbi Josh Friedman (MHA '87)

As the People of the Book, we have survived the very difficult exile in which we find ourselves because of our strong adherence to the Torah. The future of the Jewish people is dependent upon our passing down the *mesorah*, our tradition and teachings, from generation to generation.

All year long, we strive to pass on our *mesorah* to our children, but around Pesach, this becomes especially significant. During the seder, we stress "*v'hegaditah l'vincha*—and you should say to your children." We are supposed to teach them what Hashem did for us then and continues to do for us. We are so fortunate to be Hashem's children, but why now, at Pesach, is this concept stressed so heavily?

Pesach represents the birth of the Jewish nation. This is the time when we were granted our freedom and went from being Pharaoh's slaves to privileged servants of Hashem. Pesach marks the beginning of our trek through the desert, to our receiving of the Torah on Mount Sinai and, finally after 40 years of wandering, entering the Land of Israel, when we truly became a people with a country.

As part of our expression of gratitude to Hashem for taking us out of Egypt and doing so many miracles for us, we sing the famous song "*Dayeinu*—it would have been enough." What does this mean? After every stanza, we repeat: "It would have been enough." Is this true? Had Hashem brought us to Mount Sinai and not given us the Torah, would that really have been enough?

The commentators explain that although we had not yet gotten the Torah, just bringing us

to that point would have been reason enough to thank Hashem. After mentioning each step of the redemption process, we stop to thank Hashem. This teaches us to be thankful for every part of the process. We have so much for which to thank Hashem.

For all of us alumni, the MHA/FYOS is like our Pesach. It is our beginning. This is where we first received our taste of Torah and learned what it means to be a Torah-committed Jew. We must thank Hashem, our parents and the dedicated staff of the school for giving us this amazing opportunity.

What we gained from the MHA/FYOS is not only memories of the past. Just last month, when I was in the U.S., I stopped by to visit Rabbi Herbert Russ, former dean of the school. I try to see Rabbi Russ at least once a year, as he has so much to offer and I have learned so much from him. I have so much appreciation for everything he has done for me and for the school.

May we continue to grow in our service of Hashem and appreciate all that we have. *Chag kasher v'sameach.*

Rabbi Josh Friedman lives in Israel, where he serves as director of development of the Lezion B'rina Institute. See the "Where Are They Now?" section of this newsletter for more on Rabbi Friedman.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND ALUMNI CHAIR

Community Responses



We welcome your feedback on the alumni newsletter at alumni@mhafyos.org. Here are some of the responses we received to Issue No. 4.

The Chanukah issue of the alumni newsletter did indeed add joy to my week! It was beautifully laid out, thorough, and included many interesting features. It was so lovely to see all the alumni updates and pictures and to read the trivia – I especially love that part!

I regret that I never got around to writing in for the previous issue, but even after the fact, I must say that I have some really great memories of elementary school. Rabbi Sheftel Skaist was one of my all-time favorite teachers. His consistency in maintaining order, unique tactics to get us to learn, and constant challenge and stimulation were complemented by his clear way of showing he cared about us and our success. I also loved Mrs. Sandy Gersten's organized and color-coded sheets, the many opportunities for extra credit, the always very fair tests and homework, and the solid way she made sure we understood the material. I also have good memories of Mrs. J-Jaye Hurley, Mr. Bryce Embry (I learned so many computer basics from him), Mr. Jeff Address and Coach Jake! Of course, I loved Mrs. Karin Schmitt, of blessed memory; she was a master teacher, and I so looked forward to her class.

One funny story that I remember from Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff's class in junior high: We had to fill out some sort of quiz, and one of the questions was, "True or false: A relationship

cannot exist without conflict." We all chose false, and afterwards we got a good talking to! For some reason, that has stuck with me to this day.

Thanks a million for all your hard work on this newsletter. For all the feedback you receive, know that there are hundreds more people who enjoy it and just never mention it. Please keep up your hard work and ever-positive disposition.

-Leba (Ehrenkranz) Friedman

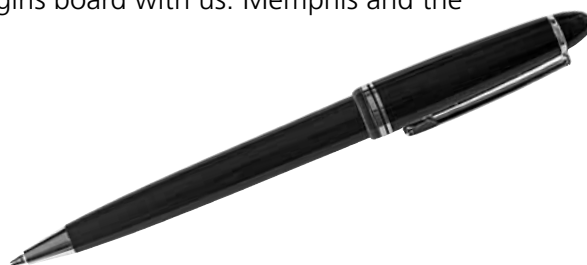
MHA '03

Wow! Thanks so much for this fantastic newsletter. I really enjoyed reading it with lots of laughs and smiles throughout. I'm looking forward to the next newsletter.

-Miriam (Samberg) Levson

MHA '04

I wanted to let you know how much my husband and I enjoy the alumni newsletter. It's so interesting to see so many familiar names from our time in Memphis. I was born in Memphis, graduating from the MHA in '74 and the Goldie Margolin School for Girls in '78. During my high school years, we had wonderful out-of-town girls board in my home, and after I got married we continued the tradition and had very super special girls board with us. Memphis and the



MHA/YOS was indeed a wonderful place to grow up. My husband **Issar Mordechai (Edward) Fuchs** (YOS '75) came to the YOS from Houston in '73 and after graduation continued on in the *beis medresh* and *kollel* until we moved to New York in 1984.

I can appreciate your pleasure in seeing the newsletter reach so many alumni. For many years, my husband and I hosted an alumni dinner in New York for the *rosh ha'yeshiva*, Rabbi Meir Belsky, and enjoyed reconnecting with our old friends. I gave Rabbi Belsky and his wife a copy of the third newsletter when we were visiting them in Yerushalayim, as we still maintain a very close relationship with them. The rebbetzin especially could not stop talking about how much she enjoyed the newsletter. Thank you again for an enjoyable stroll down memory lane.

-Chaya (Terry Wollner) Fuchs

MHA '74, YOS '78

Thank you so much for including me in your newsletter email. Although this issue highlighted more recent graduates, I still enjoyed it. Memphis was the center of my universe for so long, but now I realize how long ago it actually was since most of the names, both graduates and staff, are unfamiliar to me. It was quite shocking that I didn't even recognize the gentleman [Mr. Marvin Tharnish]

being congratulated for 33 years of service! I wish you continued success, and my warmest regards to my childhood friends.

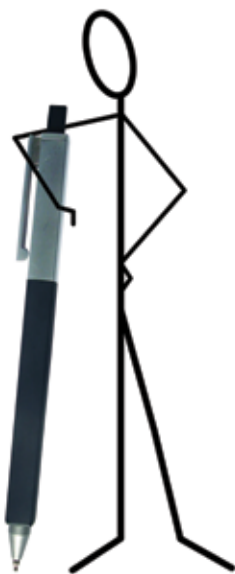
-Molly (Belsky) Cohen

YOS '83

I have read all the newsletters and I love them dearly. I always look forward to receiving them. They bring back great memories. I can't believe Mr. Tharnish has retired - wow!

-Zvi Shapiro

FYOS '95



Thank you for your newsletter. It certainly takes me down memory lane. My husband and I live in Chicago near five of our married children and, *bli ayin hara*, many grandchildren. This past year, we were blessed to be at the wedding of our third grandchild and to welcome another grandchild and two more great-grandchildren. Hashem has been very good to us! Please keep these wonderful newsletters coming. *Yasher kochachem*.

-Edie (Ida Davis) Sharp

MHA '61

During a recent trip to Memphis, my husband received a copy of the Chanukah newsletter from **Mike Stein** (MHA '68, YOS '72) and brought it home to me. I really enjoyed looking at this well-done endeavor, as it evoked many, many memories. Thank you!

-Rochelle (Olswing) Weissman

YOS '69

I was forwarded a copy of the alumni newsletter, and I have to say it is amazing and so beautifully done. I went to the Yeshiva from '75 to '79 and owe a great debt of gratitude. Let me know if you need a volunteer for anything; after all, I was the editor of the '79 yearbook.

-Steven Geller
YOS '79

As a past-president of the PTA, it is so wonderful to see how the school is moving forward and to read about all the wonderful events. What a terrific newsletter you have put forward. Mazel tov on the accomplishment.

-Toby Loskove
*mother of alumni **Joey**, MHA '82; **Daniel**, MHA '84; and **Adam Loskove**, MHA '88*

Thanks so much for sending me the Chanukah issue of the newsletter. It was wonderful and even better than the last one. I enjoyed every page of it!

-Pat Zeitlin
*parent of alumni **Rachelle Zeitlin**, MHA '85; **Carey (Rosen) Davidson**, MHA '86; **Alan Rosen**, YOS '93; **Rose (Zeitlin) Gold**, MHA '95, FYOS '99; **Josh Zeitlin**, MHA '99, FYOS '03; and **Rebecca (Zeitlin) Shane**, MHA '01, FYOS '05*

Thank you very much for the alumni newsletter. I always look forward to printing it out and relaxing with a cup of coffee.

-Mashie (Greenblatt) Langsam
MHA '73

I just have to say thank you once again for these newsletters! I know it takes a lot of time and effort. I have such pleasure reading them and seeing the pictures. They remind me of how much I loved my days at the MHA and the girls' high school. Such great memories!

-Elana (Sadetsky) Avis
MHA '93, FYOS '97

Thank you for the newsletter and for including a mazel tov to our family in the last issue. It was very meaningful.

-Rabbi Meir Wexler
FYOS '98

Thank you for a beautiful newsletter!

-Judy (Yormark) Mernick
MHA '75, YOS '79

This newsletter was very well put together. Thanks!

-Yoni Graber
MHA '97, FYOS '01

Great newsletter! Way to go!

-Ricki (Thomas) Krupp
MHA '66, YOS '70



Births: Mazel Tov to...

Devora and **Sam Finkelstein** (MHA '70) of Baltimore, who welcomed a grandson, Elazar Simcha, on Dec. 16, 2015. The proud parents are Yechezkiah Yaakov and Ilana Finkelstein of Detroit, Michigan. Mazel tov also to big brother Shlomo and great-grandmother Naomi Finkelstein, who served as a member of the school office staff for 27 years.

Wendy and **Ira Thomas** (MHA '70, YOS '74) of Far Rockaway, New York, on the Jan. 2 arrival of grandson Austin, born to Jonathan and Nicole (Thomas) Makovsky of Stamford, Connecticut. Mazel tov also to big sister Mackenzie.

Rabbi Menachem and **Debbi (Brown) Nissel** (MHA '76, YOS '80) of Jerusalem, who welcomed two granddaughters. Tzipporah Fayge was born Jan. 11 to Rabbi Yaakov Yisroel and Dena Nissel, also of Jerusalem;

she joins siblings Leah, Mimi and Shabtay. Chani arrived on *Rosh Chodesh Adar*; her proud parents are Riki (Nissel) and Yeruchem Schwarz of Jerusalem.

Avi and **Dawn (Posner) Goldstein** (MHA '77, YOS '81) of Far Rockaway on the birth of a granddaughter, Talya. The proud parents are Rachel and Yitzy Goldstein of Jerusalem.

Elisheva and **Rabbi Simcha Mirvis** (MHA '85) of Tzfat, Israel, on the March 1 arrival of a baby girl. Her English name, Dorothy "Dotty," is in memory of paternal great-grandmother (and beloved member of our school community) Dotty Katz, z'l. Her Hebrew name is Batsheva Ester Dvora Ahuva, in memory of her paternal grandfathers. Mazel tov also to grandparents David and **Lynn (Katz) Mirvis** (MHA '62) of Memphis and siblings Yedidya Lev, Aharon Itiel, Leah Nehora, Malachi Eish Kodesh, Shraga

Nachum, Yisroel, Shimon and Avraham.

David and **Deena (Knopf) Arnold** (MHA '94) of Memphis on the Jan. 11 birth of a son, Hayden Rex. Mazel tov also to big brother Dylan.

Sarah Bracha and **Jonathan Wogan** (MHA '94) of Memphis on the Jan. 14 birth of a baby boy, Avi Chaim. Mazel tov also to siblings Rena, Dovid Reuven and Akiva, all of whom attend the MHA.

Talia and **Eitan Eisen** (MHA '96) of Los Angeles on the Jan. 21 arrival of their son, Eliezer Gedaliah. The baby, who they call Gadi, joins proud older sisters Aderet, Naama and Nesia.

Miriam and **Anshel Kaplan** (MHA '98, FYOS '02) of Teaneck, New Jersey, on the Feb. 2 birth of their first child, a baby boy named Yehuda Chaim.

Rivka and **Benjamin Rubenstein** (MHA '00, FYOS '04) of Baltimore on the April 3 birth of their first child, a girl



named Aliza Devora. Mazel tov also to grandparents Marvin and **Karen (Katz) Rubenstein** (MHA '69, YOS '72) of Memphis.

Hudi and **Sheera (Graber) Moskowitz** (MHA '01, FYOS '05) of Jerusalem, Israel, on the Feb. 19 arrival of a baby girl, Orly Adva. Mazel tov also to grandparents Tova and **Roy Graber** (MHA '76, YOS '80) of Memphis. Sheera is the great-granddaughter of Joe Margolin, z'l, one of the three brothers for whom our school is named.

Evyatar and **Franny (Kaplan) Waisman** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) of Jerusalem, Israel, on the March 4 birth of twin boys, Adam Chaim and Dvir. Mazel tov also to big brother Yotam and grandparents Jonathan and **Abbe (Seiger) Kaplan** (MHA '71) of Memphis.

Raiza and **Yaakov Schreiber** (MHA '04) of Brooklyn, New York, on the Nov. 28, 2015, birth of a son, Gavriel Chaim.

The proud grandparents, Brachie and Rabbi Nosson Schreiber (former dean of the MHA/FYOS), are thrilled; he is the first of their six grandchildren to bear the Schreiber family name, as Gavriel's five cousins were born to the Schreibers' married daughters.

Alex and **Naomi (Samberg) Vainer** (MHA '07, FYOS '11) of Brooklyn on the March 26 birth of their first child, a son named Yehuda.

Engagements/ Weddings: Mazel Tov to...

Robert and **Joanne (Wener) Cohen** (MHA '64) of Memphis on the engagement of their daughter Sally to Adam Hendin. The couple will marry on Nov. 6 at Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis and will make their home in St. Louis.

Ephraim and **Anna (Thomas) Kotkes** (MHA '65, YOS '69) of Far Rockaway, New York, on the March 6 marriage of their granddaugh-

ter Elisheva Gugenheim, daughter of Ephraim and Aliza (Kotkes) Gugenheim, to Archie Rabi in Brooklyn, New York. The couple resides in Lakewood, New Jersey.

Mousha and **Rabbi Yehuda (Jeffrey) Kaplan** (MHA '67) of Far Rockaway on the Feb. 2 marriage of their son Shimon Nota to Sara Rina Furer. The wedding took place in Brooklyn, and the couple lives in Far Rockaway.

Michael (MHA '68, YOS '71) and **Amy (Thomas) Epstein** (MHA '71, YOS '75) of Memphis on the engagement of their son Aaron to Hannah Kuzniecky. The couple will marry in Panama City, Panama, on Nov. 6 and plan to reside in New York City.

Joel Katz (MHA '69) and Karin Charnoff-Katz of New York City on the engagement of their son Jason to Elaine Gottesman. The couple is planning a November 2016 wedding and will make their home in Manhattan.



Wendy and **Ira Thomas** (MHA '70, YOS '74) of Far Rockaway on the engagement of their son Wesley to Arielle Greenberg. The wedding will take place Sept. 5 in the bride's hometown of Toronto, and they will reside in Manhattan.

David and **Halle (Epstein) Garfunkel** (MHA '71) of Savannah, Georgia, on the March 25 marriage of their daughter Janie to Brad Cherny in Savannah. The newlyweds live in Chicago.

Greg and **Elise (Slutsky) Meyer** (MHA '75, YOS '79) of Memphis and Gila and David Zelig of Teaneck, New Jersey, on the engagement of their son Ari Zelig to Julie Groveman. The couple will marry on Aug. 28 in New York City.

Marc (MHA '77) and **Jan (Slutsky) Hanover** (MHA '77, YOS '81) of Memphis on the engagement of their son Andrew to Alexandra Youdeem.

Dan Zalowitz (FYOS '94) on his March 20 wedding to Sara Bial in Bonita Springs, Florida. The

newlyweds live near Washington, D.C.

Tova Safier (MHA '04, FYOS '08) on her engagement to Chaim Frenkel. They are planning a Sept. 4 wedding at Baron Hirsch in Memphis and will make their home in Atlanta.

Ariel Cooper (MHA '06, FYOS '10), son of Tova and **David Cooper** (MHA '78, YOS '82) of Memphis, on his engagement to Aliza Katz. The couple will marry on June 19 in Providence, Rhode Island, and will reside in New York City.

Bnei/Bnot Mitzvah: Mazel Tov to...

Allison and **Keith Parker** (MHA '76) of Memphis on the Jan. 31 bat mitzvah of their daughter, Reese. Keith is the grandson of Ben Margolin, z'l, one of the three brothers for whom our school is named.





Nancy and **Mordechai (Marty) Wolf** (MHA '80) of Brooklyn on their son Yehuda becoming a bar mitzvah Feb. 2.

Charna and **David Knopf** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) of Baltimore on the April 19 bar mitzvah of their son, Shmuel Simcha.

Shira and **Dov Katz** (MHA '92) of Modiin, Israel, on their twin sons Yoni and Ilan becoming bnei mitzvah on April 16. Mazel tov also to grandparents Elise and **David Katz** (MHA '70, YOS '74). Dov is the great-grandson (and the twins are the great-great-grandsons) of Sam Margolin, z'l, one of the three brothers for whom our school is named.

Danny and **Michal (Sacharin) Hershtal** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) of the Kiryat Shmuel area of Haifa on the April 25 bar mitzvah of their son, Hovav.

Julia and **Dovid Schachter** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) of Savannah, Georgia, on their son Moshe becoming a bar mitzvah on Oct. 24, 2015. Mazel tov also to grandparents Mendy and **Marilyn (Weinreich) Schachter** (MHA '71) of Cleveland.

Eva and **Josh Gavant** (MHA '94) of Seattle on the Feb. 23 bar mitzvah of his son Asher. Mazel tov also to grandparents Morris and **Ann Ellen (Blockman) Gavant** (MHA '70) of Baltimore. The entire family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate this special occasion.

Other

Mazel tov to **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) on being selected as a member of the USA Maccabi basketball team. Kahane and his teammates travelled to Santiago, Chile, in December 2015 to compete in the Pan American Maccabi Games, where they won a silver medal. The team's next stop is the International Maccabi Games in Israel in 2017.



Mazel tov!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

FROM
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Thanks to everyone who sent in responses to the trivia questions featured in our fourth newsletter.

The winner of our last trivia quiz is **Miriam (Samberg) Levson** (MHA '04), who got nine out of 18 correct answers. She will receive her tin of Ricki's Cookies after Pesach.

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correct answers.

Here are the answers so you can see how you did.

1. What life-altering event happened to Rabbi Yahoo Skaist on *Rosh Chodesh Adar*?

ANSWER: He was attacked by dogs on Meadowcrest.

2. Which teacher broke out color war by pretending to go into labor?

ANSWER: Mrs. Michelle Katz.

3. What was extra special about Fridays with Rabbi David Kaplan?

ANSWER: Candy.

4. What was Mrs. Karin Schmitt's soda of choice?

ANSWER: Coca-Cola.

5. What did Rabbi Yonason Gersten always eat on road trips?

ANSWER: Potato chips and soda.

6. Which poem did Mrs. Ann Tims require her third-grade students to memorize?

ANSWER: "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost.

7. What's the name of the man in nearly every story told by Robert Jacobson ("Coach Jake") in his Classics class?

ANSWER: Bernard R. Mosley.

8. After much begging, what did **Rina (Stavsky) Weinberg** (FYOS '04), **Tali (Bacaner) Levy** (MHA '00, FYOS '04) and **Shaindel (Kaplan) Kahn** (MHA '00, FYOS '04) finally succeed in convincing Coach Jake to allow them to do?

ANSWER: Take his car to Starbucks in the middle of class.

9. Where was the girls' high school science lab?

ANSWER: In the boys' high school building.

10. Why was there a fire truck at the girls' dorm during Chanukah?

ANSWER: The girls got a little overzealous while making latkes and smoked out the dorm.

11. What did **Jessica (Morris) Hoffman** (FYOS '04) offer the fire fighters?

ANSWER: Latkes.

12. What five product choices were generally offered in the annual World's Finest Chocolate candy sale? Which item always sold out first?

ANSWER: Chocolate bars with almonds, chocolate-covered almonds, chocolate-covered raisins, Mint Meltaways and Caramel Whirls. The caramels always sold out first.

13. What movie theme song did the MHA choir sing at the school's 50th annual banquet?

ANSWER: "When You Believe," from "The Prince of Egypt" soundtrack.

14. One Purim, **Anshel Kaplan** (MHA '98, FYOS '02) and **Mathew Cherny** (MHA '99, FYOS '03) sported a special "look" that must have taken 10 hours to prepare. What was it?

ANSWER: They had their hair made in corn rows.

15. What did **Reuven Stein** (MHA '98, FYOS '02) do at his 12th grade graduation to emphasize the point that "with great power comes great responsibility"?

ANSWER: He sprayed silly string into the audience.

16. Did **Reuven Stein** graduate in the top ten of his class?

ANSWER: Yes. There were fewer than 10 FYOS graduates in 2002.

17. What was the standard dinner for the dorm?

ANSWER: Leftovers from lunch.

18. When there was a "dog pile," who was always at the bottom?

ANSWER: **Zach Kaplan** (MHA '01).

Grandparents' Day

ENHANCES CHANUKAH CELEBRATION FOR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI



Herschel Rosenberg (MHA '60) with his grandchildren who attend the MHA/ FYOS: Emma (fourth grade), Sophie (eighth grade) and **Aaron Wruble** (MHA '12, now in twelfth grade). Their siblings (not shown) are alumni **Alyssa** (MHA '11, FYOS '15) and **Justin Wruble** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), and their parents are **Gary** (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **Dena (Rosenberg) Wruble** (MHA '84, YOS '88).

family friends to spend their morning in the classrooms enjoying interactive programming together.

This past Chanukah at the MHA was extra festive, thanks to a Dec. 11, 2015, event where cheerful students proudly welcomed their grandparents and other guests to the school. The Lower School and Early Childhood Education (ECE) invited grandparents and local

In the morning, students in Pre-K 3 through sixth grades demonstrated their Chanukah learning through creative Chanukah presentations and worked on holiday art projects with their guests. Then, everyone gathered in the gym for a special assembly. Attendees were treated to *divrei Torah*, and eager students hopped onstage as classes to perform Chanukah and *Hallel* songs. As Lower School Principal Mrs. Sandy Gersten observed, "there is something so special about



Ricki (Thomas) Krupp (MHA '66, YOS '70, far left) at the Grandparents' Day celebration with her daughter **Elana (Krupp) Kahane** (MHA '92, far right) and four of her grandchildren (from left): fifth grader Aidan, first grader Daniel, eighth grader Shayna and third grader Sarah Kahane. The students are the children of Elana and **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97).

Jewish children singing Jewish songs. That something cannot be replicated in any other school setting and is so important in setting the stage for future observance and inspira-

tion."

After the assembly, the students and more than 50 grandparents and special guests enjoyed lunch together. The guests of honor received Chanukah presents that included a tze-

dakah (charity) box, a framed photo of their student and photo magnets. Out-of-town loved ones who were unable to attend felt the MHA Chanukah spirit from afar, as they were mailed photos and greeting cards created by the students of the ECE.

The day was even more special because five of the participants are both grandparents of current MHA students and themselves graduates of the school: **Herschel Rosenberg** (MHA '60), **Ricki (Thomas) Krupp** (MHA '66, YOS '70), **Mike Stein** (MHA '68, YOS '72), **Hugh Freiden** (MHA '72) and **Allan Katz** (MHA '65, YOS '69), whose wife Esther co-chairs the MHA grandparents' committee with Diane Mendelson and Barbara Radinsky.

"Grandparents Day was an absolutely beautiful event," Mrs. Katz said. "What was especially wonderful was that many of these guests hadn't been inside the MHA in a quite a while and had the opportunity to see the terrific upgrades to the building and the school. We could really feel the warmth from everyone as intergenerational bonds were strengthened. The love in the air that day was palpable."

The students were equally thrilled to entertain their Bubbies and Zaydies, Sabas and Saftas, and Pops and Grans at school and shine a light on their loving grandparents and special friends during a magical time of the year.

"It's hard to express in meaningful words the satisfaction and joy that I have seeing my grandson Benny in the same school that his father **Yoni** (MHA '96, FYOS '00)

and I both attended," Freiden said.

"I remember being in the second grade at the MHA—even

though it was 50 years ago—and I remember visiting Yoni 25 years ago in the same classroom where I sat. Now, I'll always have the



Ricki (Thomas) Krupp (MHA '66, YOS '70) with her husband Michael and their granddaughter, Pre-K 4 student Abby Lewis. Abby is the daughter of **Aviva (Krupp) Lewis** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) and **Richard Lewis** (MHA '99, FYOS '03).



Hugh Freiden (MHA '72) and his grandson, second grader Benny Freiden. Granddaughter Dahlia Freiden, a student in Pre-K 4, is not pictured. Benny and Dahlia are the children of Aviva and **Yoni Freiden** (MHA '96, FYOS '00).

memory of visiting with Benny in my lunch-room on Grandparents' Day."



Mike Stein (MHA '68, YOS '72) with his granddaughters, third grader Allie and kindergarten student Yardana Stein. The girls are the daughters of Raanana and **Reuven Stein** (MHA '98, FYOS '02).

Mrs. Krupp brought her father Al Thomas to the event, making them one of two families with four generations present. "It was truly inspiring to walk the halls of my grandchildren's school, knowing that I walked the same halls many years ago, as did my children," she said. "A few of the current teachers

even taught some of my children. My father and mother [Bettie Thomas, z'l] were there in the building years of the Memphis Hebrew Academy, when Jewish education was a new thing in Memphis. I am proud to be a part of our school, which is a very important part of keeping Orthodoxy in our city. The kids today are our future tomorrow."

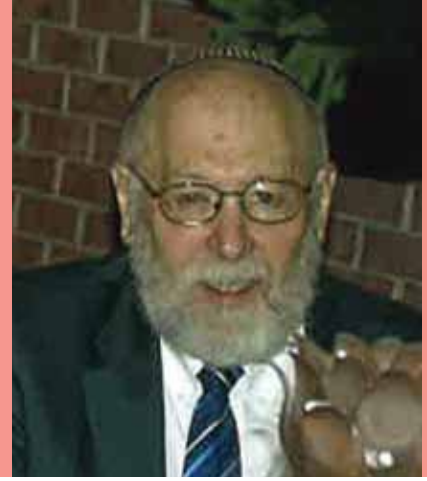
Mrs. Gersten made special note of the great-grandparents in the audience during the assembly. "We are a lucky community to have the founders of our school still attending school events and showing support for Jewish education," she said. "It benefits the students and the entire school community when generations of a family can come together in a learning environment."

"Every Jewish grandparent is happy when their grandchildren reflect their Torah values," Stein said. "I am grateful to all those pioneers in the early years of the Academy who made it possible for all Jewish children to be part of this great institution for years to come."



Allan Katz (MHA '65, YOS '69) and his grandchildren, fifth grader Pesi Katz, daughter of Michelle and **David Katz** (MHA '88), and kindergarten student Eitan Braverman, son of Kevin and **Rivka (Katz) Braverman** (MHA '89, YOS '93). Allan's other grandchildren include **Shoshana** (MHA '12, now in twelfth grade), **Ahron** (MHA '13, now in eleventh grade), **Meira** (MHA '14, now in tenth grade) and **Akiva Braverman** (seventh grade); and **Avi** (MHA '11), **Shaya** (MHA '12, now in twelfth grade) and **Daniel Katz** (MHA '13, now in eleventh grade).

Dr. Jerry Kutliroff



Taking our school to new heights

Former MHA/FYOS dean Dr. Jerry Kutliroff took a rather unconventional route to a career in Jewish education administration. After earning a bachelor's degree in physics, the science lover entered a Ph.D. program in biology

soon he was invited to become the school's general studies principal. His commitment to high educational standards and genuine care for the students and families served by the school made him a natural for the job. Dr. Kutliroff found the work enjoyable and personally meaningful, so he committed to sticking with it as long as he felt he was making a difference.



Dr. Kutliroff with students at the MHA science fair, circa 1990.

in Providence, Rhode Island. In need of a way to earn extra money for his family while he pursued his studies, he began teaching science classes at a local Jewish school.

"We had just become *frum* (religiously observant) two years earlier, so being part of a day school community fit in with our lifestyle," Kutliroff said. He excelled at teaching, and

After a nine-year stint in Providence, Dr. Kutliroff and his wife Shelley went on to serve Jewish schools in Los Angeles and Tucson, Arizona. He achieved particularly great success in Tucson, where he helped to turn a fledgling school into a well-respected community institution. However, the offerings of the Orthodox community in Tucson were limited, including the lack of a Jewish high school.

"In 1985, I got a call from [then-MHA dean] Rabbi Herbert Russ about a job as the general studies principal of the Academy and Yeshiva, which at that time were two separate institutions," Dr. Kutliroff said. "We came to Memphis and saw that it was very nice. A few days after we moved into our house on Conwell, we saw all these children playing in the field behind the school on Shabbat afternoon; Shelley said, 'This is why we came here.' We

came from the desert, and Memphis was so refreshing.”

As it turned out, Dr. Kutliroff was a breath of fresh air for Memphis, too. In his roles as general studies principal and, later, dean, he implemented a number of meaningful changes that left a lasting impact on the school. In the mid-80s, he played an integral role in the merging of the Academy and Yeshiva and in reestablishing the boys’ high school after a lapse of a few years in the wake of *Rosh Yeshiva* Rabbi Meir Belsky’s departure.

In an effort to improve the quality of the education offered at the school, Dr. Kutliroff spearheaded teacher development programs.

“I am proud that so many of the teachers who came through our school became successful educators here and elsewhere, and several became school principals in their own right,” he said. Dr. Kutliroff also introduced a Hebrew language curriculum to ensure that students graduated from the school with strong Hebrew skills.

At the heart of his educational philosophy is his belief that school should be a place where students feel good about working hard and having fun. To that end, he introduced a variety of enrichment activities that fostered meaningful experiences for the students. “Dr. Kutliroff completely changed the school,” said

Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer (MHA ’88, YOS ’92). “He was the one who introduced the Shakespeare plays, hiking and canoeing trips and shabbatons in state parks.”

Directing the junior high and high school theatrical performances are among Dr. Kutliroff’s favorite memories from his days at the school; being part of those plays was a highlight for

many students, too. “The school plays were a great experience,” said **Deena (Katz) Yarmush** (MHA ’94, FYOS ’97). “They allowed us to bond with our classmates outside the classroom and also to see our principal as a fun person who cared that we learned from the plays as well as enjoyed ourselves. I learned a lot about Shakespeare and acting from Dr. K.”



“Dr. Kutliroff opened our eyes to the world of drama,” said **Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane** (MHA ’89, YOS ’93). “He believed in our abilities and helped us believe in ourselves beyond our time on the stage.” **Yedida Lubin** (MHA ’91, FYOS ’95) concurred. “These productions instilled in me a love of Shakespeare, and they taught me about the theater. Observing Dr. Kutliroff as a director also taught me a lot about leadership and how to deliver constructive criticism.”

The outdoors experiences created on high school trips left a lasting impression on Dr.

Kutliroff, as well as on the students. “Dr. Kutliroff led us into the world of the outdoors to explore the beauty of nature, and in the process we discovered hidden strengths within ourselves,” Kahane said. “The greatest memories I have of Dr. Kutliroff are from when he took us on hiking and canoe trips,” said **Rivka (Katz)**

Braverman (MHA '89, YOS '93). “He always made them enjoyable and made learning fun. What I loved most were the pictures he took; I developed a love for photography because of his influence.” Braverman, whose five children now attend the MHA/ FYOS, regularly volunteers to take pictures at school events.



“The trips I took with the school always taught me something and taught the students something,” Dr. Kutliroff said. “The first year I took the high school girls canoeing, they couldn’t believe they actually did it. They had to work with each other; it was challenging, but very rewarding. It always made me feel good to create new educational experiences for our students.”

In 1994, Memphis suffered a great loss when the Kutliroffs decided to move to Miami. Although they were no longer at the school, their influence lingered long after their departure. After several years in Florida, the Kutliroffs were recruited to Las Vegas to help develop an Orthodox school there. Not surprisingly, they enjoyed great success there, too. After six

years back in the desert, the Kutliroffs found themselves missing Memphis, the place they most considered home.

When alumni heard in 2001 that Dr. Kutliroff was considering coming back to Memphis,

many wrote impassioned letters to the school administration on his behalf. They cited the genuine care he showed for every student. Several referenced the time he took out of his busy schedule to tutor them (for free) for the SATs to boost their scores and help them secure college admissions and scholarships. Most of all, the letters spoke to the pride he fostered in his students for their Judaism and their own abilities.

Those letters supported the administration’s decision to bring the Kutliroffs back to Memphis in 2002. Dr. Kutliroff served as general studies principal for the high school and taught several science classes. Mrs. Kutliroff was an administrator for the junior high school, taught history, and even served two one-year terms as interim dean.



Michael Kahane (MHA '91, FYOS '95) and Dr. Kutliroff on “Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher Day” in 1991

The Kutliroffs are now happily retired from their distinguished careers in Jewish education. After leaving the school in an official capacity in 2006, Dr. Kutliroff returned to his love of science and enrolled in graduate school at the University of Memphis' Center for Earthquake Research and Information. He wrote a master's thesis on earthquake hazards in Israel and is working to complete his second Ph.D.

Retirement allows the Kutliroffs to regularly visit their five children and 21 grandchildren. "All of my children are married and gainfully employed," he proudly shared. Gershom lives in Alon Shvut, in Israel's Gush Etzion bloc, and works for Intel. He and his wife have five children, the oldest of whom is doing *sheirut leumi* (national service) this year. **Daniel** (MHA '86, YOS '90) lives in the Chicago suburb of Evanston with his wife and four children; he works for a bank selling financial packages. **Nechama (Kutliroff) Teitelman** (MHA '91) lives in the New Hyde Park section of Queens, New York, where her husband is a Young Israel rabbi. A mother of six, she is a public health grants administrator at the Albert Ein-

stein College of Medicine. **Elisha** (MHA '93), also known as Lishi, lives in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel, with his wife and four children.

He works for a high-tech company that creates mobile applications.

His twin sister

Shuli (Kutliroff) Singer

(MHA '93)

lives with her

husband in

Elizabeth, New Jersey; the

mother of two is a sonogram technician.



*Dr. Kutliroff taught special enrichment classes for students who were gifted in mathematics. Pictured here (from left) are fourth graders **Deena (Katz) Yarmush** (MHA '94, FYOS '97), **John Winestone** (MHA '93), **Jonathan Schwartz** and **Amara Levine-Reich** (MHA '94, FYOS '97), editor of this publication.*

Looking back on his career in Jewish education, Dr. Kutliroff has the satisfaction of having made a difference in multiple communities, most especially Memphis. "My primary focus was always on the children; I made them the centerpiece of my attention. Ultimately, I wanted to create a really fine Orthodox day school in Memphis. That was my goal all along."



*The entire Kutliroff family got together last summer to celebrate Dr. and Mrs. Kutliroff's 50th wedding anniversary. Pictured (from left) are **Shuli (Kutliroff) Singer** (MHA '93) and family, **Lishi Kutliroff** (MHA '93) and family, Mrs. Shelley and Dr. Jerry Kutliroff, **Nechama (Kutliroff) Teitelman** (MHA '91) and family, **Daniel Kutliroff** (MHA '86, YOS '90) and family, and Gershom Kutliroff and family.*

INAUGURAL HOMECOMING WEEKEND exceeds expectations

MHA/FYOS alumni streamed into Memphis for the extended Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend to take part in the school's inaugural homecoming weekend. The marquee events of the weekend—the alumni basketball game and the Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys' (CYHSB) steak dinner—were greatly enhanced by the presence of many distinguished alumni from near and far.

A standing-room-only crowd filled the MHA/FYOS gym—and spilled over onto the stage and into the hallway—for the 25th Annual Irby and Bernice Cooper Alumni Game on Saturday evening, Jan. 16, 2016. Longtime community members mingled with newcomers, and the CYHSB varsity basketball team was introduced to many celebrated alumni. The exciting matchup did not disappoint; generations collided on the basketball court in an epic game that the CYHSB varsity team won 90-73.

Both teams put on a grand show. CYHSB junior guards **JJ Kampf** (MHA '13) and Jeffrey Owen were a dynamic duo, scoring a game-high 29 and 27 points, respectively. A string of layups between them and a constant offensive attack in the fourth quarter helped the varsity team turn a 60-58 third-quarter lead into an easy victory.

Eli Osdoba (MHA '09, FYOS '13) led the alumni with 23 points, showing he hasn't lost his touch. **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97)—fresh off a silver medal-winning performance at the 2015 Pan American Maccabi Games—scored 15 points. **Jon Wogan** (MHA '94) also scored 15 points for the alumni, whose 18-player roster was coached by **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81).

"This year's alumni game was the most enjoyable one I've been a part of," said **Benjamin Rubenstein** (MHA '00, FYOS '04), who traveled from Baltimore to attend homecoming weekend. "It's always nice to come home, especially when your former schoolmates are also in for a visit. Hanging out and joking around with guys from a multitude of generations of FYOS students made for an awesome time. Even though each generation has unique experiences at our school, there will always be an inherent camaraderie among those who walked the halls of The Yesh."

"While my performance on the basketball court was far from exceptional, it was very nice to come back and participate in the homecoming weekend festivities," said alumni team player **Chaim Lubin** (MHA '93, FYOS '97), who came from Chicago with his wife and three children. "It's great to see how the

school and the current team are thriving. Seeing fellow classmates, being welcomed by old friends and new students, and participating in a well-done event made for a very enjoyable experience and made me proud to be an alum of the MHA/FYOS.”

Just 24 hours later, the gym was transformed into an upscale dining hall for the CYHSB

22nd Annual Steak Dinner. The dinner is an annual favorite of members of the Memphis community—not only

for the delectable food, but also because it is an opportunity to watch the young men of the CYHSB come into their own. They plan the menu, manage reservations, handle publicity, prepare and serve all the food, set up and clean up the gym, and provide the evening’s entertainment. The boys dressed in white shirts and bow ties

have become a hallmark of the event.

Many visiting alumni attended the Jan. 17 steak dinner to relive their own high school experiences, partake in a delicious meal, and support their alma mater. Younger alumni from the most recent graduating classes sat

together and reconnected with classmates, while more senior members of the alumni community introduced their spouses to old and new friends. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful *d’var Torah* delivered by eleventh grader Ephraim Wiener and the musical entertainment provided by the talented young men of the CYHSB.

Every year, the steak dinner is filled with suspense, as the evening’s honoree remains a

secret until late in the event. This year, the boys chose to recognize Upper School Principal Rabbi Uriel Lubetski for his dedication to the school. Many of the young alumni at the dinner attended the school during Rabbi Lubetski’s tenure at the CYHSB, so it was especially meaningful for them to be present as he was honored.

Due to the success

of this year’s homecoming weekend, we’ve already locked in the dates for next year’s festivities! Please join us in Memphis Jan. 14-15, 2017, for the next alumni basketball game, steak dinner and more. We hope to see “y’all” there!



The 2016 alumni team included (standing, from left) **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97), **Dylan Cooper** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Jon Wogan** (MHA '94), Coach **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Joey Stackhouse** (MHA '11, FYOS '15), **Asher Silberman** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Ben Wachtel** (FYOS '13), **Hershel Moskowitz** (MHA '03, FYOS '07), **Akiva Somer** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Benjamin** (MHA '00, FYOS '04) and **Aaron Rubenstein** (MHA '08, FYOS '12) and **Eli Osdoba** (MHA '09, FYOS '13); (kneeling, from left) **Isaac Graber** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Ethan Cooper** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Justin Wruble** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Chaim Lubin** (MHA '93, FYOS '97), **Yoni Freiden** (MHA '96, FYOS '00) and **Mendel Osdoba** (MHA '07, FYOS '11). **Zev Levine** (MHA '01, FYOS '05) is not pictured.



Sade Cooper (MHA '08, FYOS '12) and her father **David Cooper** (MHA '78, YOS '82)



(From left) **Shira Osdoba**, **Rachel Winestone** and **Hannah Leigh Morris** (all MHA '10, FYOS '14) enjoy a class reunion.



Bracha (Stein) Einhorn
(MHA '04, FYOS '08)



Barbara (Katz) Kutner
(MHA '64, YOS '68)



Lee Baum (MHA '74)



David Katz (MHA '88)



Sandra (Loterstein) Osdoba
(MHA '76, YOS '80)



Hugh Freiden (MHA '72)



Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz
(MHA '76, YOS '80)

25th Annual Irby and



Ronit (Sauer) Brakha
(MHA '83)



Jessica (Baum) Sukhodolsky
(MHA '99)



Dena (Rosenberg) Wruble
(MHA '84, YOS '88) and **Gary Wruble**
(MHA '77, YOS '81)



Rivka (Katz) Braverman
(MHA '89, YOS '93)

Bernice Cooper Alumni Game



Benjamin Kampf (MHA '10, FYOS '14)



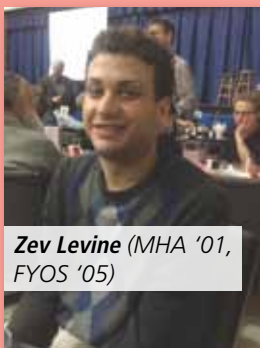
Karen (Katz) Rubenstein
(MHA '69, YOS '72)



Sophie Ostrow (FYOS '15)



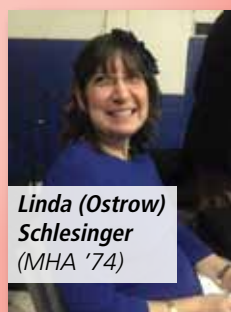
David Winestone (MHA '74)



Zev Levine (MHA '01, FYOS '05)



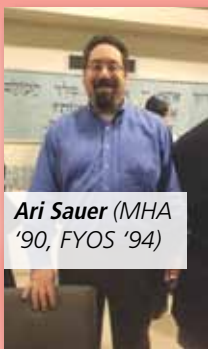
(From left) **Dena (Rosenberg) Wruble** (MHA '84, YOS '88), **Gary Wruble** and **Pace Cooper** (both MHA '77, YOS '81)



Linda (Ostrow) Schlesinger (MHA '74)



Slava Bosin (MHA '80, YOS '84) and his wife **Silha**



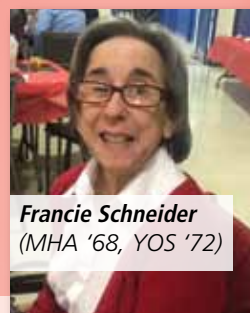
Ari Sauer (MHA '90, FYOS '94)



Lisa (Wruble) Kaufman (MHA '73) and her husband **Seth**



Josh Kahane (MHA '93, FYOS '97) and **Elana (Krupp) Kahane** (MHA '92)



Francie Schneider (MHA '68, YOS '72)



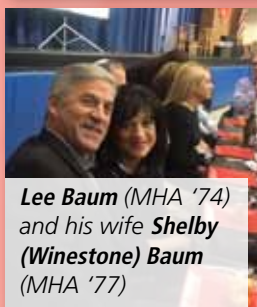
Lenny Plotitsa (MHA '97)



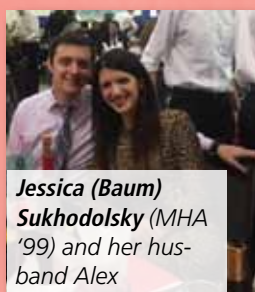
(Clockwise from left) **Benjamin Kampf** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Ben Silberberg** (MHA '11, FYOS '15), **Justin Wruble** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Ethan Cooper** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Akiva Somer** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Dylan Cooper** (MHA '09, FYOS '13) and **Isaac Graber** (MHA '10, FYOS '14).



(From left) **Tova (Samuels) Marizan** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Carol (Smith) Samuels** (MHA '60) and **Ruth Samuels** (MHA '86, YOS '90).



Lee Baum (MHA '74) and his wife **Shelby (Winestone) Baum** (MHA '77)



Jessica (Baum) Sukhodolsky (MHA '99) and her husband **Alex**



Karen (Katz) Rubenstein (MHA '69, YOS '72)



Frances and Herschel Rosenberg (MHA '60)

22nd Annual



Yoni Freiden (MHA '96, FYOS '00) and his wife Aviva



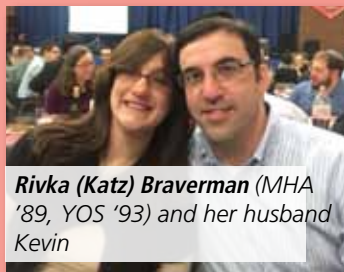
Sophie Ostrow (FYOS '15)



Aaron Rubenstein (MHA '08, FYOS '12) and his wife Marnie, who were in Memphis celebrating sheva brachot after their wedding one week earlier.



Sandra (Loterstein) Osdoba (MHA '76, YOS '80)



Rivka (Katz) Braverman (MHA '89, YOS '93) and her husband Kevin



(Clockwise from left) **Moshe Blockman** (MHA '07, FYOS '11), **Rachel Winestone** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Shira Osdoba** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Benjamin Wachtel** (FYOS '13), **Hannah Leigh Morris** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Joey Stackhouse** (MHA '11, FYOS '15), **Eli Osdoba** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Phoebe Cutler** and **Mendel Osdoba** (MHA '11).

Steak Dinner



Leah Fleishacker (MHA '08, FYOS '12)



Chaneal Finegold (MHA '83, at left) and **Binyamin Ehrenkranz** (MHA '00, FYOS '04)



Ronit (Sauer) Brakha (MHA '83) and her husband Menashe



David Winestone (MHA '74)



Barbara (Katz) Kutner (MHA '64, YOS '68)



Hugh Freiden (MHA '72) and his wife Debbie



Bracha (Stein) Einhorn (MHA '04, FYOS '08) and **Rachel Rubenstein** (MHA '06, FYOS '10)

1986-1990

TRIVIA



Regardless of when you graduated, have some fun with these trivia questions. Send your answers to joannekahane111@gmail.com. The person who gets the most answers correct (or in the case of a tie, the earliest respondent) will win a tin of Ricki's Cookies, made by **Ricki (Thomas) Krupp** (MHA '66, YOS '70). Good luck!

1. Which candidate won the school's mock presidential election in 1984?
2. What was the prize for memorizing all of the *parshiyot* in Rabbi Yaacov Goldfein's, z'l, class?
3. What sport did Rabbi Goldfein teach after school?
4. What sport pitted the eighth grade against the faculty every year?
5. What hands-on item did Dr. Jerry Kutliroff use to teach waves in physics class?
6. What Shakespeare play did Dr. Kutliroff direct during the 1987-88 school year?
7. Which teacher was famous for saying, "Pi R-squared like cornbread are squared"?
8. Which MHA elementary school teacher used to say, "I want to see your pen smoking like a house on fire"?
9. Rabbi Jay Salid's trunk was full of what?

10. What was the unexpected and frightening surprise at the state park shabbaton in Mississippi during the 1989-90 school year?
11. Who were the "Candy Ladies"?
12. Can you identify the graduates in this picture? What year did they graduate? *(Bonus question: Why are there no boys in the picture?)*





Banquet

supports MHA/FYOS education,
celebrates graduates
and dedicated volunteers

An annual highlight of the MHA/FYOS calendar is the banquet. The event is among the most significant fundraisers for the school's scholarship fund, making it possible for every Jewish child in Memphis to benefit from a traditional Torah education. It also pays tribute to the school's most dedicated supporters and the students graduating from eighth and twelfth grades. The 66th Annual Scholarship Banquet will be held Monday, May 30 at the Baron Hirsch Synagogue at 6 p.m.

The guests of honor at this year's banquet will be Dr. Joseph and Cindi Weinstein, whose three children attend the MHA/FYOS. Joe is the son of Ira and Debbie Weinstein, a couple well known to everyone affiliated with the Anshei Sphard-Beth El Emeth (ASBEE) Congregation in recent years. Joe and Cindi Weinstein have been strong supporters of the school for the last decade and are most deserving of this recognition.

The recipient of the evening's *Eishet Chesed* Award will be Mrs. Esther Katz. She and her husband **Allan Katz** (MHA '65, YOS '69) are longtime supporters of the school and the parents of alumni **David Katz** (MHA '88), **Rivka (Katz) Braverman** (MHA '89, YOS '93) and **Sarah (Katz) Tarkieltaub** (MHA '91, FYOS

'95). Esther Katz has played such a pivotal role in the Memphis Orthodox community that it would be nearly impossible to have been associated with the school during the last 30 years and not felt her influence.

The annual banquet is always a beautiful and inspiring evening that allows us to pay tribute to our beloved school and its students and supporters. Reservations for the May 30 banquet can be made online [here](#).

A great way for alumni to support the school's scholarship fund is by placing an ad in the journal. Students and faculty alike cherish these yearbooks as keepsakes of their experiences at the school. To sponsor an ad in the scholarship journal for banquet honorees the Weinstains and Esther Katz, recognizing a member of the class of 2016, in honor or memory of a loved one, or simply to thank the MHA/FYOS for its role in your life, please see the online ad form [here](#).

The 2016 banquet continues a 66-year tradition of honoring the MHA/FYOS, expressing communal gratitude to its supporters, and raising much-needed dollars for our school's scholarship fund. Thank you in advance for your generous support.



The Past, Present and Future of the MHA/FYOS

*Note from Editor and Chair: An extended version of this article originally appeared in the February 2016 issue of "The Junior Journal," a monthly publication of our junior high school. Eighth grader Sophie Wruble, who authored this piece, is a third-generation MHA student. She is the daughter of **Gary** (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **Dena (Rosenberg) Wruble** (MHA '84, YOS '88) and the granddaughter of **Herschel Rosenberg** (MHA '60).*

I am a proud Memphian; both sides of my family have deep roots in this community. My ancestors on my father's side, the Shainberg/Leachs, moved to Memphis more than 100 years ago. I am also a sixth-generation Memphian on my mother's side. Many new families have joined our community in recent years, and they may not know the rich history of the important institution that has served us for more than 66 years: the Margolin Hebrew Academy/Feinstone Yeshiva of the South.

The Memphis Jewish community has established and sustained several important institutions over the years. Though we may lack a few things that larger cities have, like a variety of kosher restaurants, we make up for it with our long history and support for one another. Everyone who has lived here can attest that, as a community, we take pride in protecting and helping one another and transmitting our sacred Jewish values. If not for those who put in the effort before us, the Memphis Jewish community might not still be around today. They worked hard so our Jewish community would not just survive, but thrive. As a community, we have made so much progress over the years; it is incredible to think about where we started, where we are now and, hopefully, what we will become in the future.

Almost seven decades ago, a group of rabbis and community leaders established the Memphis Hebrew Academy to enable local Jews to give their children the opportunity to grow up with an Orthodox Jewish education. Many in the community have poured their souls into making sure their dream remained a reality.

Several hardworking and generous families were recognized with different wings of the school dedicated in their honor. In 1991, the Memphis Hebrew Academy became the Margolin Hebrew Academy to honor the Margolin family; the Goldie Margolin School for Girls was named for another devoted member of the family. The preschool was dedicated in 1992 in memory of supporters Beatrice and Ben Leach, z'l. That same year, the boys' high school division was named the Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys in recognition of the unwavering support of Bernice and Irby Cooper, z'l, and their family. In 1994, the Yeshiva of the South was dedicated by Dr. W. Harry Feinstone, z'l, in memory of his parents.

These and many other families devoted their energy to building a school that would instill values and knowledge in their children and future descendants. As my grandfather Dr. Larry Wruble said on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the school's founding, "Every single study has shown that a day school education

is the most important thing for the survival of our people. Without that, the chance for an American child to lead a significant Jewish life is almost impossible. It is of the absolute highest priority.”

Like both my grandfathers, the school’s board presidents have worked hard throughout the years to improve the institution they held so dear. Teachers have come and gone, leaving an indelible mark on each student. Most importantly, the founders accomplished their mission; thousands of students have attended the school and broadened their knowledge of general and Judaic studies. Nearly 70 years later, I hope we have exceeded their expectations for what they hoped to accomplish when they built our school.

The school has enabled me and thousands of other students to learn and grow as young Jews. I have been taught about my religion and its amazing history. I know that my general studies education will help me tremendously in the future. I have also learned moral lessons—lessons I will use for the rest of my life—that I would not have obtained at most other schools.

The MHA has also offered me so many different activities that have made my experience here so incredible and truly unparalleled. In a recent video interview, our head of school, Rabbi Benjy Owen, said, “MHA is a place where our students grow to become their best selves. It is a place where we learn, love, and live our Torah. It is a place where we learn to understand, to navigate, and to appreciate the world around us.” Because our school has

survived for so long with the community’s support, I am confident that future generations will continue to support the school and sing its praises for all it has done for the hundreds of students who have walked these hallowed halls.

The Margolin Hebrew Academy is a place where young Jews learn all about the world and about themselves. I have been taught the importance of community, and I have realized the bonds that make them last. I know I will always remember the events and activities I have participated in during my eight years of elementary school, including the marches on *Yom Ha’atzmaut* (Israeli independence day), the Cooper Invitational basketball tournaments, color war, the “Junior Journal” and many more.

Growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, and attending the Margolin Hebrew Academy has been a fantastic experience so far. I have received an exceptional education, had inspiring teachers, and experienced the best our school has to offer. My classmate Shayna Kahane (also a third-generation MHA student) feels exactly the same way. When I asked her what our school meant to her and what she hoped for its future, she said, “Our school is a very inspirational place in our community, and it holds a special place in my heart. I hope it will blossom into a bigger and better educational center in the future.” Because this community is full of people who are willing to work to better the things that matter, I am confident that Memphis’ future will surpass both its past and its present.

The MHA/YOS Classes of 1986-1990 *Where Are They Now?*

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Rabbi Josh Friedman (MHA '87) and his wife Aviva live in Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel. They are the parents of five sons and a daughter. He serves as the director of development of the Lezion B'rina Institute, which provides a comprehensive Jewish education to boys from the former Soviet Union. His email address is eliezeryaakov@gmail.com.



Basya (Goldfein) Israel (MHA '87, YOS '91) and her husband live in Chicago. They have a newlywed daughter who lives nearby and sons ranging in age from 13 to 20.

"I'm a bookkeeper at the Chicago Rabbinical Council," Israel said. "One perk is that I work with **Morris Loterstein** (MHA '68, YOS '72) and **Rabbi Abe Sharp** (MHA '67), with whom I share Memphis memories. I also volunteer in my sons' school library one day a week; I liked having a parent at school when I was a student, and I want to give my kids a little piece of that."

'87
'91

Her favorite memories from the MHA/YOS include "all the plays and the canoe trips on the river in Arkansas with all the rapids," Israel said. "We also used to have a *Rosh Chodesh* program for women and girls, with a *shiur* followed by something practical or creative. Once we got tips from a makeup artist. Another time, we were very surprised to have the office receptionist give us a class in cake decorating. She showed us pictures of some really amazing cakes she'd made. Nobody had any idea she had this secret talent!"

Her favorite MHA/YOS teachers were Dr. Jerry and Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff, Mr. Thomas Johnson, and Rabbi Yonason and Mrs. Sandy Gersten. Her email address is basyaisrael@gmail.com.

David Katz (MHA '88) lives in Memphis with his wife Michelle, who teaches kindergarten at the MHA. He works as director of business development and integration for the pest control company Terminix. All five of their children have attended the MHA/FYOS, including alumni **Avi** (MHA '11), **Shaya** (MHA '12) and **Daniel** (MHA '13).

"I have so many fun memories from school that it's hard to name just one," Katz said. "I remember watching the space shuttle

launch in first grade with Mrs. Suzanne Friedman, our great

kindergarten graduation, and winning the talent show with

Lee Lieberman [MHA '88] and **Rafi Epstein** [MHA '90] in

junior high. We also used to get Mickey Mouse lollipops

from Uncle Meyer [Rosenberg] during recess." His favorite

teachers include Mrs. Eva Loskove in kindergarten; Rabbi Efraim Greenblatt, z'l, in third grade; and Mrs. Joyce Casada, who taught math.



A longtime MHA/FYOS board member, Katz urges his fellow alumni to support the school.

"We started a legacy of giving with our eighth grade class, and we should all continue to give back however we can," he said. Katz can be reached at dkatz@terminix.com.

Stacy (Zalowitz) Sanderson (MHA '88) and her husband Josh live in Memphis, where she works as an accountant. Their daughters Brooke and Rachel are students at the MHA.

"It has been so nice to be back in Memphis," she said. "The school is the same friendly place I remember from 30 years ago. As a parent now, somehow the walls seem just a bit closer together and the ceiling a bit shorter." Sanderson's mother, Carol Zalowitz, chaired the PTA World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser many times during her children's elementary school

years; Sanderson now serves as a second-generation "candy lady" and active MHA/FYOS volunteer.

Among Sanderson's favorite teachers were Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff and Mrs. Joyce Casada, whose quizzes she will never forget. "We could never challenge David Friedman to addition," she recalled.

With the 30-year anniversary of her eighth grade graduation approaching in 2018, she hopes her classmates will plan a reunion in Memphis. Sanderson can be reached at stacysanderson@gmail.com.



Sarah (Fink) Wachtel (MHA '88, YOS '92) and her husband, native Memphian Jonathan Wachtel, live in Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel, and are the parents of five sons and two daughters. Their oldest, **Benjamin** (FYOS '13), is studying law at the University of Memphis.



Her favorite memories from her school days include the World's Finest Chocolate sales and Purim carnivals. Among her favorite teachers were Rabbi Bruce Rachlin and Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff. "I learned so much more from them than *chumash* and history," she said.

"I hope the Memphis community knows the significant impact many former Memphians living in Israel now have on their communities here," she

wrote from the Holy Land. Wachtel can be reached at swchtl@gmail.com.



Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer (MHA '88, YOS '92) and her husband live in Lakewood, New Jersey. They have children ranging in age from 10 months to 19 years old. She is a stay-at-home mother who does clothing alterations on the side.

Kramer has many wonderful memories from her days at the school, including "going along the lunch line and listening to Georgia identify everyone by their family name. When we were hungry at other times during the day, my friend **Tova (Samuels) Marizan** (MHA '88, YOS '92) and I would go to her mother's [**Carol (Smith) Samuels**, MHA '60] preschool classroom to sneak crackers and peanut butter.

"I also used to enjoy helping set up the classroom with my father [Rabbi Yaacov Goldfein, z'l] before each school year started. My father was my second grade teacher; looking back, I have tremendous respect for the way he ran his classroom. Many of his students remember the excitement of earning the big star sticker for memorizing all the *parshiyos* in the Torah. Mrs. Naomi Finkelstein used to enjoy listening to his *parsha* lessons. She could hear them through the wall her office shared with his classroom."



Two other teachers she remembers particularly fondly are Rabbi Leonard Yormark, z'l, and Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff. "We had Rabbi Yormark for Hebrew in fourth grade," Kramer said. "Our class then was only girls, and Cabbage Patch dolls were a big craze at the time. He let us bring our

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Graduates of 1986-1990

dolls to class and put them in chairs next to our desks. He even made a certificate for each doll at the end of year!

"Mrs. K was the most amazing history teacher, coming around the front of her desk and making each lesson sound like a story so that all the facts stuck in our heads. She is a very warm person, and the Kutliroffs' home was always open to us." Her email address is rivkakramer@gmail.com.

Amy Goldstein (MHA '89, YOS '93) now goes by the name **Miriam Kahane**. She and her husband **Rabbi Michael Kahane** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) live in Jerusalem, Israel, with their five children. The Kahanes are both teachers of Torah in various *yeshivot* and seminaries; she earned her master's degree in family therapy and is completing her clinical training.



"There are too many great memories to share, but school plays with Dr. [Jerry] Kutliroff and school trips and shabbatons are at the top of the list," she said. "Also, Friday soup from Georgia will never be forgotten!"

Kahane hopes her classmates are "finding life to be exciting and fulfilling. I really value your friendship and wish you all the best," she said. Her email address is miriamkahane@gmail.com.



Rivka (Katz) Braverman (MHA '89, YOS '93) and her husband Kevin live in Memphis, where she works as a triage nurse and lactation consultant for a pediatrics practice. Their five children attend the MHA/FYOS. **Shani** (MHA '12) will graduate from the GMSG this May, study in Israel next year, and matriculate at Yeshiva University in the Stern Honors Program; **Ahron** (MHA '13) and **Meira** (MHA '14) are students at the FYOS. The Bravermans are devoted MHA/FYOS volunteers.

"Although we live all over the world now, it would be great to be in touch," she said of her classmates. "I would love to see everyone if and when they are back in Memphis." Braverman can be reached at kbraverm@comcast.net.



Ari Sauer (MHA '90, FYOS '94) lives in Memphis and works as an immigration attorney. His wife Hanielle teaches kindergarten at the MHA. They have twin daughters (one of whom attends the MHA as a seventh grader), along with two dogs and a cat.

"The teacher whose class I enjoyed the most was Mrs. Ann Ivins, of blessed memory," Sauer said. "In her biology class in high school, each student had an animal or a plant to care for throughout the school year. I had iguanas named Spike and Killer, and they walked around the classroom during class. **Howard Knopf** [MHA '90] had a guinea pig named Bob that turned out to be pregnant;



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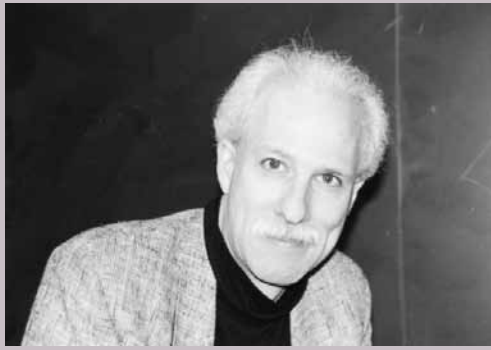
Bob's name was soon changed to Mary! **Heath Wruble**

[YOS '93] had a tarantula. We also had a bird, fish, gerbils and lizards in the classroom. A number of the animals did not survive the year. Killer was killed by one of Howie's guinea pigs, and Spike took it so hard that he stopped wanting to eat and eventually died as well. We gave each animal a proper funeral in the animal graveyard next to the dorm."

After graduating from the MHA/FYOS, Sauer came to especially appreciate Mr. Thomas Johnson. "After four years of his class in high school, the English classes I took at Yeshiva University and the University of Memphis were a breeze," he said. "I ended up in a profession where I use the skills he taught me on a daily basis." Sauer's email address is asauer@visalaw.com.

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other MHA/FYOS alumni?*

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Mr. Thomas Johnson taught English and history in the girls' and boys' high schools in the 1980s and '90s.



Mrs. Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver (YOS '80) returned to her alma mater as a member of the Judaic studies faculty in the junior high school and Goldie Margolin School for Girls.



Rabbi Efraim Greenblatt, z'l, was one of the most beloved members of the MHA/YOS faculty for nearly 40 years.



Ms. Karen Roberts, who worked as the receptionist in the front office in the late 1980s and early 1990s, once shared her cake decorating skills with the GMSG students during a special demonstration on *Rosh Chodesh*.



Faculty members (clockwise from left) **Mrs. Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (YOS '80), Mrs. Sandy Gersten, Rabbi Yonason Gersten and Rabbi Rob Myers get dressed up in the Purim spirit.

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The YOS class of 1992—including (clockwise from left) **Tova (Samuels) Marizan** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Rachel (Epstein) Wolf** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Amy (Rosenberg) Gibber** (MHA '88, YOS '92) and **Sarah (Finegold) Newton** (MHA '88, YOS '92)—demonstrates that you're never too old to enjoy the playground.



Participating in a school spirit event dubbed "Oddball Day" are (from left) **Basya (Goldfein) Israel** (MHA '87, YOS '91), **Sarah (Finegold) Newton** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Rachel (Epstein) Wolf** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Sarah (Fink) Wachtel** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Tova (Samuels) Marizan** (MHA '88, YOS '92) and **Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer** (MHA '88, YOS '92).



High school French teacher Madame Louise Palazollo chaperoned a visit to a local art museum with MSG students (standing, from left) **Rena (Chafetz) Knopf** (FYOS '94), **Naama (Aviner) Weinstock** (MHA '90, FYOS '94), **Heather Samuels, z'l** (MHA '90, FYOS '94), **Sarah (Finegold) Newton** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Amy (Rosenberg) Gibber** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Rachel (Epstein) Wolf** (MHA '88, YOS '92); (seated, from left) **Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane** (MHA '89, YOS '93), **Pesha (Pamela Friedman) Izenberg** (MHA '87, YOS '91) and **Basya (Goldfein) Israel** (MHA '87, YOS '91).



The MHA class of 1990 gets in costume for an old time Western-style photo on their eighth grade class trip. Pictured are (back row) **Leah Ofek** (MHA '90), **Howard Knopf** (MHA '90), **Rafi Epstein** (MHA '90), **Yakir Levin** (MHA '90), **Michael Samuel** (MHA '90, FYOS '94), **Rochelle (Wruble) Pawlowski** (MHA '90, FYOS '94); (front row) **Leslie (Diamond) Bragdon** (MHA '90) and **Heather Samuels, z'l** (MHA '90, FYOS '94). **Ari Sauer** (MHA '90, FYOS '94) and **Naama (Aviner) Weinstock** (MHA '90, FYOS '94) were also on the trip but missed this photo opportunity.



MHA students (from left) **Adam Loskove** (MHA '88), **Lee Lieberman** (MHA '88), **Dovid Krupp** (MHA '88) and **David Katz** (MHA '88) get in the soccer team spirit at the Memphis Jewish Community Center.



Rabbi Efraim Greenblatt, z'l, with his third grade class who grew up to be the members of the MHA class of 1988, including (pictured from left) **Adam Loskove** (MHA '88), **David Katz** (MHA '88), David Schwartz, Jeremy Cassius, **Lee Lieberman** (MHA '88), Robbie Grossman, Jennifer Wieder, Felix Glukovski, **Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer** (MHA '88, YOS '92), Dovid Meir Stein and Meena Kantor.

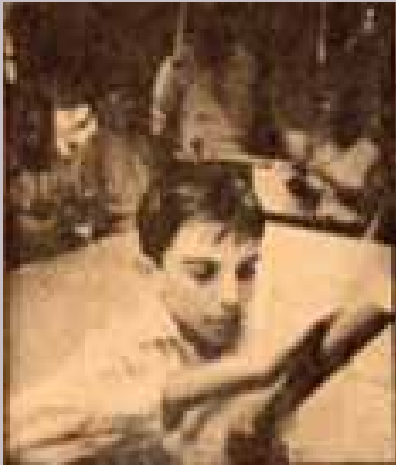


The MHA class of 1988 on their eighth grade trip to St. Louis. Front row (from left): **Yoni Kutner** (MHA '88) and **Dovid Krupp** (MHA '88). Middle row (from left): **David Katz** (MHA '88, hidden behind Yoni Kutner), **Adam Loskove** (MHA '88), **Lee Lieberman** (MHA '88) and **Yossi Skopp** (MHA '88). Back row: **Tova (Samuels) Marizan** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Rachel (Epstein) Wolf** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Sarah (Fink) Wachtel** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Sarah (Finegold) Newton** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Renee (Levine) Cohen** (MHA '88), **Rachel Kaplan** (MHA '88), **Stacy (Zalowitz) Sanderson** (MHA '88), **Amy (Rosenberg) Gibber** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Chaya (Kleinfeldt) Selesny** (MHA '88) and **Chani Aviner** (MHA '88).

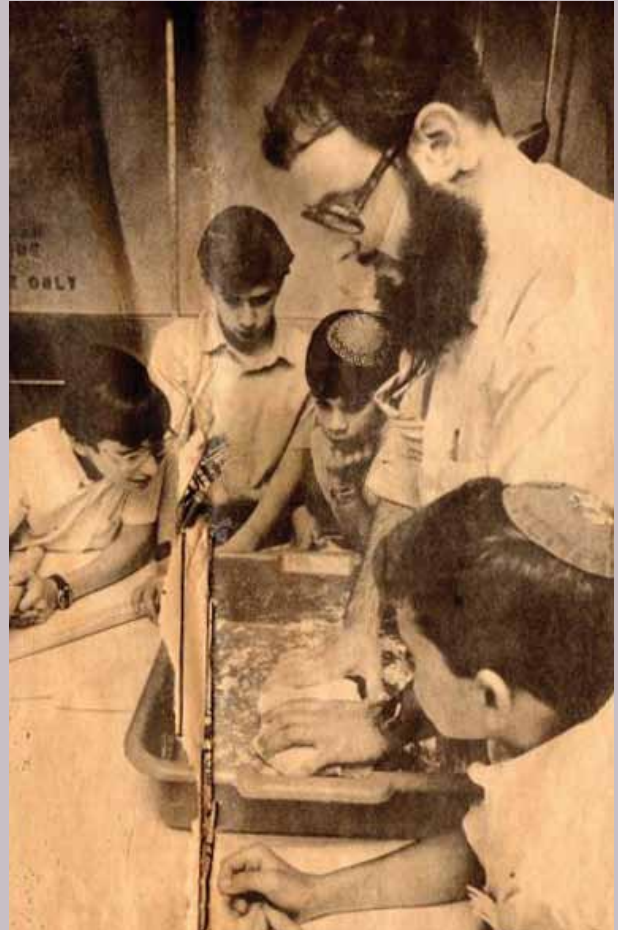


The Pre-K 4 class in 1979. Members of this class became the MHA eighth-grade graduates of 1988 and the YOS twelfth-grade graduates of 1992. Standing (from left): Mrs. Judy Lit, Jennifer Wieder, Joshua Solomon, Erin Lee Graham, **Chaya (Kleinfeldt) Selesny** (MHA '88), **Rachel Kaplan** (MHA '88), Shaindee Belsky, Hadassah Belsky, z'l and Mrs. Varda Miller. Middle row (from left): **Tova (Samuels) Marizan** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Sarah (Finegold) Newton** (MHA '88, FYOS '92), **David Katz** (MHA '88), **Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Amy (Rosenberg) Gibber** (MHA '88, YOS '92), Meena Kantor, Dovid Meir Stein and David Schwartz. Front row (from left): Moshe Leib Gold, **Lee Lieberman** (MHA '88), **Adam Loskove** (MHA '88), **Yoni Kutner** (MHA '88), **Dovid Krupp** (MHA '88), **Sarah (Fink) Wachtel** (MHA '88, YOS '92) and Jonah Solomon.

The April 23, 1986, issue of The Commercial Appeal, Memphis' daily newspaper, included a feature on MHA faculty member Rabbi Mordechai Krueger and his class of sixth grade boys baking matzot before Pesach.



Lee Lieberman (MHA '88) uses steel wool to smooth his rolling stick.



COVER PHOTO (from left) Jeremy Cassius, **Yossi Skopp** (MHA '88), **Adam Loskove** (MHA '88), Rabbi Mordechai Krueger and David Schwartz prepare the dough.



Rabbi Krueger's students roll the dough into a thin piece for baking.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

We are planning to send out our sixth newsletter sometime around Rosh Hashanah. There we will highlight the 8th and 12th grade graduates from the years 1976-1980. Members of those classes will receive a questionnaire by email in July. (If we have your home address but no email, we will mail your questionnaire to you.) Please return your completed survey promptly so that you can be included.

In that issue, we will also feature a story about Mrs. Naomi Finkelstein, who for 27 years served as an administrative assistant (and so much more) at the school. If you have any stories, photos or memories of Mrs. Finkelstein that you'd like to share, please send them to Joanne Kahane, alumni chair, at joannekahane111@gmail.com or to her attention at the school's mailing address below.

Also, remember to submit your "Mazel Tov" events so we can include them in the Alumni News section of our next issue. Thank you.

