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classes of **2006-2010**

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The GMSG's 2005 theatrical production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" featured (from left) **Tovah Silbermann** (MHA '04, FYOS '08), **Lea Epstein** (FYOS '07), **Ariella (Freiden) Schwartz** (MHA '01, FYOS '05), **Tamara (Freiden) Goodman** (MHA '03, FYOS '07) and **Franny (Kaplan) Waisman** (MHA '02, FYOS '06).

MISSED AN ISSUE? ARCHIVES

All previous issues of our alumni publication are now conveniently available at mhafyos.org/alumni.

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MESSAGE TO ALUMNI

Joanne Kahane, alumni committee chair

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Dear MHA/FYOS alumni and friends,



As is my annual responsibility and honor, I would like to welcome to our ranks the 2021 graduates of the MHA and FYOS. This extraordinary group of young people has already proven their strength, determination, tenacity and willingness to “roll with the

punches” as they navigated a school year defined by COVID-19. They handled wearing masks, social distancing, occasional days of Zoom learning, outdoor classes and a list of protocols too long to mention. Kudos to our new alumni! You have proven that you can handle whatever curveball life may throw your way. We salute you as you join our esteemed group of MHA/FYOS graduates. Our alumni are changing the world and bringing honor to our school all over the globe. Be proud of the tradition you carry with you.

As our Rosh Hashanah issue goes to print, there are still some unknowns about the school year ahead. We thought the COVID vaccine would allow us some leeway, but the low percentage of vaccinated people in Tennessee, coupled with the emergence of virus mutations, leaves our administration and their health and safety advisers with tough decisions to make. However, after the amazing way everyone at the MHA/FYOS handled this past school year, we feel confident that their choices regarding what lies ahead will be handled equally well. We are so grateful to our school administrators, shul rabbis, medical advisers and remarkable community for managing to keep us



The MHA class of 2021 observed mitigation protocols at their eighth grade advancement ceremony.

safe last year. May Hashem grant them the wisdom and strength to do the same in the year ahead as well.

As we publish the 21st issue of our newsletter, we salute the alumni whose participation has made this possible. It is all of you who make this project a success, so please let us hear from you. Here are some of the ways you can continue to help us:

1. When you encounter fellow alumni, ask if they receive our newsletter. If not, please send us their contact information.
2. Complete our questionnaire when it's your class's turn to be highlighted.
3. Enter the trivia contest in each issue. You may even be rewarded with delicious cookies for doing so!
4. Whenever you gather with other alumni, please take a picture and submit it for inclusion in our Alumni Reunite feature.
5. Notify us of your family lifecycle events so we can include them in our Mazel Tovs.



The cover of the school's 2020-21 journal speaks volumes

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The MHA third graders wore masks while performing their Purim play (which was delayed on account of COVID).

6. Share your MHA/FYOS stories and memories, as well as reactions to our publication.

The alumni committee sends you our very best wishes for a *shana tova* — a year filled with love, inspiration and good health. We look forward to hearing from you.

Joanne Kahane, alumni chair
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DID YOU KNOW

This school year

50

of our students are

children of

MHA Alumni

Dear MHA/FYOS alumni,



Over a year ago, we braced ourselves for the potential impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic on the economy; our student, parent and donor body; our ability to deliver on our mission; and the collective health and safety of our nearest and dearest. It

was hard to imagine then just how much we would achieve during the course of the year. All of those accomplishments can be tied to the exceptional leadership within our school and the dedication of our teachers, who adapted to working in new and unusual ways.

I encourage you to read the [MHA/FYOS School Year in Review](#), which provides a summary of last year's highlights. My personal favorites within the MHA were the Purim and Pesach plays (both delivered entirely in Hebrew), as well as the Science Expo. Within the FYOS, I was particularly fond of the Evenings of Torah Learning led by the GMSG and CYHSB, and the discussion and informative Q&A session with Prof. Alan Dershowitz, who addressed the current tenor, rhetoric and pressure on college campuses regarding the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

Practically all of last year's eighth grade students have advanced to the FYOS, where they are continuing to excel in their studies and accomplishing personal and spiritual growth. All members of the FYOS class of '21 are now spending a gap year in Israel. A number of our students

were accepted to their top-choice colleges and universities, where they will realize the benefit of having taken a wide variety of Advanced Placement (AP) courses during their years at our high school. Additionally, I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the tremendous accomplishments of our kindergarten graduates!

In all seriousness, I would like to acknowledge our amazing teachers, who, despite the disruption to their day-to-day lives, strived to provide our children with some semblance of normalcy and comfort during a most difficult year. Our teachers continued to educate and inspire our children with the nurturing care and warmth that is the hallmark of an MHA/FYOS education. Each of them contributed significantly to our success last year, and I want to publicly acknowledge and thank them for the sacrifices they endured.

Our 71st Annual Scholarship [Ad Journal](#) and [Virtual Banquet](#) were tremendous successes. I have to thank the incredible banquet and journal committees for all of their hard work! Our Guests of Honor were Dr. Deena and Noam Davidovics, and our community Service Awardee was Dr. Sandy Arnold. I am cautiously optimistic for the new school year; we are closely monitoring the impact of the Delta variant of COVID but know that, with the support of the Davidovicses, Dr. Arnold and many others, we have the infrastructure and advisers needed to make the best decisions for our school community.

I am pleased to share that we're heading into the new school year in a position of strength. Our enrollment is at its highest since 2008, and over

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yoel Goldblatt

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25% of our students are the children of MHA/FYOS alumni! On the educational front, our head of school, Rabbi Benjy Owen, has hired a number of excellent new instructors in all divisions of the school. Furthermore, we're in the advanced stages of construction on the new Mary Pikelný STEAM Center, located in our elementary wing. Much like our other recent summertime renovations, this construction project will help us showcase the very best of our school; however, this one goes to the very core of our educational mission. The new Mary Pikelný STEAM Center will give our students access to dedicated spaces in which to study art, science and engineering. Tremendous thanks are due to all involved in making this dream a reality!

In summary, I'm excited about the new school year for good reason. My all-around ask is that you continue to partner with us and prioritize the school, given the critical role the MHA/FYOS has played in your life and currently plays for so many others.

As we prepare for the *Yomim Noraim* (High Holidays) and our upcoming annual operational campaign, I urge you to please get involved and help us ensure the MHA/FYOS can continue in its

mission — even more so while these uncertain times linger on. While we value and need the material support, partnering with us is so much more than financial. I welcome you to reach out with opportunities, suggestions, introductions and even thoughts and recommendations.

Wishing you and your family a *shana tova u'metukah* — a happy, healthy and sweet new year — in only the best of health and harmony.

Yoel Goldblatt

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D'VAR TORAH

Kaylee (Kampf) Stahler (MHA '03, FYOS '07)

The High Holidays are truly the pinnacle of the Jewish calendar. Some people use this time for serious introspection and personal growth. Others worry about crafting an explanation to their boss to plead for the extra days off from work. Some people spend weeks on holiday menu planning and inviting guests. For others, the awe of this time is enough to stop them in their tracks altogether. Everyone responds to these special and holy days in their own way.

I have always anticipated Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot with excitement, but also with expectations of a very powerful and emotional experience. Though it's been more than 10 years since I've spent the High Holidays with my family in Memphis, the image in my mind is still quite clear: my father, Cantor Ricky Kampf, belting out the 13 *middot* (attributes) of Hashem at Baron Hirsch while everyone's mouths are desert dry from fasting on Yom Kippur, and my mother, Mrs. Anat Kampf, sitting in the center of the women's section, singing along and somehow still standing while everyone's legs are weak. She then begins to weep. I can't help but wonder: How is there excess water in her body to cry?

The Talmud teaches that while the gates of prayer were locked when the *Beit HaMikdash* (holy temple) was destroyed, the gates of tears were never locked. Those who cry heartfelt tears before G-d can feel certain that their prayers are accepted.

I remember as a young child watching my mother shed tears in shul and asking why she was crying. I looked around the sanctuary sheepishly to see if others were crying, too, and may even have

been slightly embarrassed. Of course, my mother wouldn't answer me during davening. In fact, I never quite got the answer directly. Years later, when I became a mother myself, I felt that my face was suddenly wet in the middle of davening on Yom Kippur night, and I understood the answer.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the *haftarah* highlights how Chana poured her heart out to Hashem, begging for a child of her own. The high priest Eli presumed from Chana's level of emotion and despair that she was drunk, but she continued to beseech G-d and her prayer was ultimately answered; she became the mother of the prophet Shmuel and the eternal paradigm of how to connect to Hashem through prayer.

My mother (who is featured in the Spotlight article beginning on page 26 of this issue) truly has a gift for teaching. A good teacher does not have to explain everything step by step but rather can model behavior. Her teaching is exclusive to neither the High Holidays nor to third grade or middle school. The way she conducts herself in *shul* and cares for others — without thinking or explaining — has been a lesson in selflessness

for all of Memphis Jewry and two generations of MHA/FYOS students. It's people like my mother and many other special *baalei chesed* (performers of loving kindness) who have made it the norm in our wonderful community to invite people to our homes, take others in, provide them with meals, and care for their families whenever needed. Newcomers to Memphis watch in wonder; then, they too sign up to prepare a *mitzvah* meal for someone else, and the cycle continues.

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In *Parshat Kedoshim*, the Torah teaches, “*Kedoshim tihyu ... ish eemo ve'aviv tira'u.*” We are commanded to live with holiness and to revere our parents. What is the connection between these two *mitzvot*? We often think about the *mitzvah* of honoring our parents as showing appreciation to those who have given us life and showering them with love and care. However, here the Torah commands us to also look up to our parents as role models to guide us in how to live our lives.

Thank you, Mom, for not only your dedication to the MHA/FYOS and to teaching in the classroom, but also for taking your teachings outside of the classroom and into our lives. I feel so blessed and honored that my children will learn from you in our school and outside of its walls. Ella and Avery have a backstage pass — the inside scoop — because they get to see you as you are inside your home.

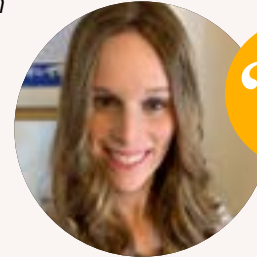
Behind closed doors, some may put their feet up, gossip about others, or act differently than the public face they put on for others. However, your

selflessness is that much more tangible to those who get to see up close and personal just how many phone calls, airport rides, home-cooked meals and sleepless nights you devote to caring for others.

I hope and pray that my children will one day find their cheeks wet during davening as they model your behavior.

Kaylee (Kampf) Stahler (MHA '03, FYOS '07)

*lives in Memphis with her husband and two young children, who attend the MHA. She works as an occupational therapist specializing in hand therapy. Together with **Linda (Ostrow) Schlesinger** (MHA '74), she also runs Lending for Life, a medical device gemach (free loan society) from her home to benefit members of the Memphis Jewish community.*



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND ALUMNI CHAIR

Community Responses

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We welcome your feedback on the alumni newsletter at alumni@mhafyos.org. Here are some of the responses we received to [Issue No. 20](#).

Kol hakavod [kudos] for tracking us down and working on behalf of our beloved (though distanced) community!

-Rachel (Epstein) Wolf (MHA '88, YOS '92)

Thank you for the excuse to put my feet up and read this wonderful newsletter. I was so happy to see the article about **Ms. Francie Schneider** (MHA '68, YOS '72). The memories of seeing her in the office still bring a smile to my face. I'm glad to hear that she's doing well.

-Sarah (Harris) Bauer (FYOS '96)

It's been a very hard year for all of us, so I really want to thank you for the wonderful newsletter you put out. It is just amazing, and we appreciate all your hard work. I especially enjoyed the d'var Torah by my dear nephew **Josh Kibel** (MHA '87). Thank you again!

-Emily (Evensky) Steinberg (MHA '63)

Thank you for the creative and professional newsletter. It warms my heart! I'm so appreciative that you chose to include the photo of me with my mother and sister [**Elaine (Goldstein) Stryker** (MHA '61)] in [Issue 19](#).

-Julie (Goldstein) Brown (MHA '76, YOS '80)

We are proud to share that our daughter **Devorah (Sharon Wolff) Herbst** (YOS '80) had her

first novel published! "[Regards from Abroad](#)," from Menucha Publishers, is the story of a girl's experience attending seminary in Eretz Yisroel and teaches a powerful lesson.

-Robert and Marcia Wolff, parents of three alumni

Note from the editor and alumni chair:
Thank you for sharing this exciting news with us. We take great pride in the achievements of our alumni and love sharing these accomplishments with our extended MHA/FYOS family. We would love to hear from alumni as they (or their teenage daughters) read the book. Mazel tov and kudos to Devorah (Sharon Wolff) Herbst, published author!



As a former MHA faculty member and administrator and longtime lecturer for TorahAnytime.com, I was extremely pleased to note that **Rabbi Meir (Michael) Kahane** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) has joined the distinguished ranks of TorahAnytime lecturers. He is in elite company among the other MHA alumni [**Rabbi Daniel Belsky** (MHA '64) and **Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (MHA '76, YOS '80)] invited to join this esteemed group of Torah scholars. I'd like to encourage all MHA/FYOS alumni to check out the TorahAnytime website and avail themselves of the wonderful learning opportunities. *Yasher koach* [kudos] to Rabbi Kahane and his family and to the whole MHA/FYOS community.

-Rabbi Eliyahu Hartman,
faculty member and head of school, 1967-1976

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1986-1990

Thanks to everyone who sent in responses to the trivia questions featured in our [20th issue](#).

Marilyn (Weinreich) Schachter (MHA '71, YOS '75) again demonstrated her MHA/ FYOS knowledge, correctly answering 7 out of 10 questions from the last issue. (She was also our trivia winner from Issue 19!)

She will receive a tin of cookies from [Ricki's Cookie Corner](#) — owned and operated by **Ricki (Thomas) Krupp** (MHA '66, YOS '70).

Below are the correct answers to the trivia questions from Issue 20, along with some of Schachter's comments. How did you do?

1. Long before the days of the iPhone, which faculty member/administrator kept index cards in his shirt pocket so he could write notes to himself?
ANSWER: Dr. Jerry Kutliroff.
2. Which Judaic studies faculty member had an unusual affinity for cows?
ANSWER: Rabbi Jay Salid.
*("Rabbi Salid was a favorite teacher of my son **Dovid's** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) and served as mesader kiddushin [officiant] at his wedding. Rabbi Salid had a cow mailbox in front of his house on Brantford that I drove past regularly.")*
3. Every Chol Hamoed Sukkot and Pesach, Rabbi Yaacov Goldfein, z'l, planned a very special party. What kind of event was it?
ANSWER: Roller skating.
("He rented out the whole skating rink and brought Jewish music for them to play, along with kosher snacks. He donned roller skates and skated with all the children.")
4. Which Shakespeare play did the seventh and eighth graders perform at the Memphis Jewish Community Center in 1989?
ANSWER: "Macbeth."

5. Which teacher regularly hosted a “Read Your Term Paper” dinner at her home?

ANSWER: Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff.

6. What was the name of the school crossing guard pictured here?

ANSWER: Mrs. Booker



7. In whose memory was the preschool playground built and dedicated in 1986?

ANSWER: Chana Miriam Schmell, z'l, who taught preschool at the MHA and was the mother of students who attended our school..

(“The kids in Morah Chana’s first PreK-3 class were invited to be the first ones to play on the playground at the dedication ceremony. My son Dovid was in that class.”)

8. Our boys’ varsity basketball team was not always called the Macs. Under what name did they compete in 1988?

ANSWER: The Lions.

9. What was first grade teacher Mrs. Suzanne Friedman famous for doing to the mouths of her students?

ANSWER: Pulling loose teeth — but only when students requested!

10. What was stored in a cooler by the office of **Rabbi Nechemiah (Harry) Kibel, z'l** (MHA '65, YOS '69) that was occasionally sampled by students?

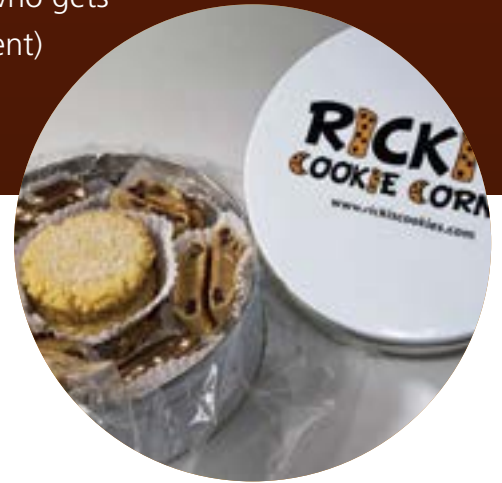
ANSWER: Ricki’s Cookies.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

2006-2010

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 MHA '05, FYOS '09 alumnus was mistaken for a chaperone on a school trip to St. Louis?
2. In what year did the CYHSB achieve its only first-place victory in the Cooper Invitational Basketball Tournament? *Bonus question: Who was awarded the title of Most Valuable Player that year?*
3. Which member of the FYOS class of '07 broke his arm during the Yeshivat Rambam Willner Basketball Tournament in 2005?
4. What was unique about the homemade menorah contest held during Chanukah in 2010?
5. So many members of the MHA class of 2010 got injured during their eighth grade year that the students formed an unusual club. What was it called?
6. In 2000, the fifth grade boys (who eventually became MHA '03, FYOS '07) held a special type of race that had swept the country and was designed to promote healthy eating. What was the race called?
7. Which MHA '04, FYOS '08 alumna raised the most money (\$810) for St. Jude through the Math-A-Thon at our school in 2000?
8. Who is the sixth grader (pictured here) dressed as Mrs. Sandy Gersten on "Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher Day" in 2007?



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2006-2010 TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Win a tin of Ricki's Cookies

9. How much time was left on the clock when **Meir Gersten** (MHA '03, FYOS '07) scored a full-court basket in the Yeshiva University Sarachek basketball tournament?
10. What was the highest book point value on Mrs. Linda George's 10-question book test?
11. What food vendor was available outside the school for several weeks during the 2008-09 school year?
12. What play was Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff supposed to direct but too many people dropped out?
13. What was Mr. Dana Vaughn's answer when he was asked where he lived?
14. What was Rabbi Yonason Gersten's favorite activity during school basketball games?
15. What theatrical production (pictured below) did the GMSG perform in 2010?





ENGAGEMENTS/ WEDDINGS:

Mazel tov to:

Ephraim and **Anna (Thomas) Kotkes** (MHA '65, YOS '69) of Far Rockaway, New York, on the May 3 wedding of their son Dovid to Sharona Kay in Lakewood, New Jersey. The couple lives in New Haven, Connecticut.

Julie Parker (MHA '70) of New York City and Gary Mantell of Memphis on the engagement of their son Justin to Rachel David. The couple is planning a Dec. 19 wedding in New York, which is where the couple will live.

Careena and **Drew Parker** (MHA '74) of Englewood, New Jersey, on the engagement of their daughter Katie to Josh Gruenbaum. They are planning to marry on Nov. 14 in New York City, which is where they will reside.

Vicky and **Ivan Silverman** (MHA '80) of Woodmere, New York, on the April 29 (Lag B'Omer) marriage of their son Sammy to Shaindy Kleinkaufman in Passaic, New Jersey. The newlyweds live in Far Rockaway, New York.

Rabbi Larry and **Nehama (Kutliroff) Teitelman** (MHA '91) of New Hyde Park, New York, on their daughter Sara's April 12 wedding to Dovid Braverman in New Jersey. The happy couple resides in New York City. Mazel tov also to the bride's grandparents, former MHA/FYOS teachers and administrators Dr. Jerry and Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff.

Dovid Thomas (MHA '00) on his engagement to Ashley Gabelman. The couple plans to live in Miami Beach, Florida, and as of press time was still working on their wedding plans. Mazel tov also to the groom's parents, **Stuart** (MHA '75, YOS '79) and **Pam (Blotner) Thomas** (YOS '79) of Livingston, New Jersey.

Brittany Baum (MHA '04) on her engagement to Eric Lindenfeld. The couple will get married Jan. 2, 2022, in Memphis and will live in New York City. Mazel tov also to the bride's parents, **Lee** (MHA '74) and **Shelby (Winestone) Baum** (MHA '77) of Memphis.

Ethan Address (MHA '06, FYOS '10) on his Aug. 8 wedding to Erin Mann in Chicago. They will live in North Miami Beach, Florida. Mazel tov to the groom's

parents, Tania and former FYOS faculty member Jeff Address of Boynton Beach, Florida.

Sam Rapp (MHA '07, FYOS '11) on his engagement to Tamar Bar-Nur. The couple will wed Feb. 22, 2022, in Raanana, Israel, and will start out living in Ramat Gan, planning to ultimately move further north.

Hannah Leigh Morris (MHA '10, FYOS '14), daughter of Mindy Morris of New York City and **Ira Morris** (MHA '84) of Memphis, on her engagement to Adiel Nissianian. The couple is planning a Labor Day 2022 wedding in Israel and will live in Tel Aviv.

Mirel Nechama Samuels (MHA '10, FYOS '14) on her engagement to Gefen Ben Tovim. They will get married Oct. 14 in Petach Tikvah, Israel, and will live in Jerusalem.

Rachel Winestone (MHA '10, FYOS '14) on her engagement to Noam Liss. The couple is planning an Oct. 14 wedding at the Memphis Botanic Garden and will make their home in New York City. Mazel tov to the bride's parents, former MHA

faculty member Amy and **David Winestone** (MHA '74).

Shaina Kirshstein (FYOS '15) on her July 20 wedding to Alec Salutsky in Charleston, South Carolina. The happy couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.

BIRTHS:

Mazel tov to:

Michael (MHA '68, YOS '71) and **Amy (Thomas) Epstein** (MHA '71, YOS '75) of Memphis on the April 15 birth of grandson Emmet William to Hannah and Aaron Epstein of Nashville, Tennessee. Mazel tov also to big sister Eden Lottie.

Naava and **Jeffrey Parker** (MHA '69, YOS '72) of Englewood, New Jersey, on the June 2 birth of grandson Shane Presley to Jeff and Sabina (Parker) Lang of New York City. Mazel tov also to big brother Max.

Judy and **Steven Posner z'l** (MHA '71) on the March 11 birth of grandson Eliezer Shimshon to Noam and Leah Posner, who live in the Sanhedria Murchevet neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Cyril and **Leigh Ann (Katz) Brenman** (MHA '77, YOS '81) of

Toronto, Canada, on the March 31 arrival of granddaughter Abigail Chaya Bina to parents Dova and Josh Suttner, also of Toronto. Mazel tov also to big brother Jacob Jonah (JJ).

Navah and **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81) of Beit Shemesh, Israel, who recently welcomed two grandsons. Netanel was born April 4 to Daniel and Leah Thomas of Ramat Beit Shemesh, making Atara a big sister. On April 21, Amitar Yair was born to Chaim and Temima (Thomas) Isaacson, also of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Vicky and **Ivan Silverman** (MHA '80) of Woodmere, New York on the March 6 birth of grandson Yehoshua to Rachel and Shmuel Sheinfil, also of Woodmere.

Nancy and **Mordechai (Marty) Wolff** (MHA '80) of Brooklyn, New York, on the June 4 arrival of grandson Aryeh Leib, born to first-time parents Miriam and Yisroel Shechet of Lakewood, New Jersey.

Brian and **Jenny (Kagan) Gelfand** (MHA '96) of Washington, D.C., on the June 22 birth of daughter Brielle. Mazel tov to siblings Barrie and Benjamin.

Elicia and **Jeremiah Rothschild** (MHA '97) of Atlanta, Georgia, on the Feb. 20 birth of son Noah.

Richard (MHA '99, FYOS '03) and **Aviva (Krupp) Lewis** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) of Memphis on the April 15 arrival of son Aaron Alexander. Mazel tov also to siblings Abby, Jacob and Joseph and grandparents Teri and **Larry Graber** (MHA '71, YOS '75) and Michael and **Ricki (Thomas) Krupp** (MHA '66, YOS '70), all of Memphis.

Eitan and **Jessica (Morris) Hoffman** (FYOS '04) of Tzur Hadassah, Israel on the May 26 birth of son Adin Yishai. Mazel tov also to siblings Nadav, Liana and Azi.

Jenny and **David Spangenthal** (FYOS '04) of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on the June 1 birth of son Koby. Mazel tov also to big brother JJ, and sister Sophie z'l is celebrating from above.

Tzippy and **Daniel (Yakov) Address** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) of Brooklyn, New York, on the April 16 birth of daughter Chava Sarah, making Blima a big sister. Mazel tov to grandparents Tania and former FYOS faculty member Jeff Address of Boynton Beach, Florida.

Nossi and **Leba (Ehrenkranz) Friedman** (MHA '03) of Jerusalem, Israel, who welcomed baby girl Devora Miriam on March 18. Mazel tov also to siblings Esther Leah, Aharon, Batsheva, Tova and Chana and to grandparents **Bart** (YOS '77) and **Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz** (MHA '76, YOS '80) of Memphis.

Ben Sanders and **Lea Epstein** (FYOS '07) of Teaneck, New Jersey, on the March 17 birth of daughter Sofia Rose, making Jamie a big brother. Mazel tov also to grandparents Eileen Segal and **Sam Epstein** (YOS '71) of Memphis.

Raiza and **Yaakov Yitzchok Schreiber** (MHA '04) of Baltimore, Maryland, who welcomed son Moshe Mordechai on Feb. 19. Mazel tov also to big brothers Gabriel and Eliezer and to grandparents Brachie and Rabbi Nossan Schreiber (former dean of MHA/FYOS) of Far Rockaway, New York.

Seth and **Becca (Rosenberg) Near** (FYOS '09) of St. Louis, Missouri, on the April 26 arrival of son Gabriel Isaac, making Samuel a big brother.

Elana and **Yosef Gersten** (MHA '07, FYOS '11) of Far Rockaway, New York, on the June 1 birth of son Aryeh Yaakov. Mazel tov also to grandparents and MHA/FYOS faculty members Rabbi Yonason and Mrs. Sandy Gersten.

Michal and **Shmuel Somer** (MHA '09) of Haifa, Israel on the April 20 birth of daughter Miriam Tzipora.

Yair and **Sarah (Greenblatt) Klein** (MHA '10) of Baltimore, Maryland, on the July 5 arrival of daughter Adira Tova, making Ephraim a big brother. Mazel tov to grandparents and former MHA faculty members Rabbi Akev and **Chavi (Adler) Greenblatt** (MHA '83), also of Baltimore.

BNEI/BNOT MITZVAH:

Mazel tov to:

Sarah Bracha and **Jon Wogan** (MHA '94) of Memphis on the Aug. 21 bar mitzvah of their son Akiva, an MHA eighth grader. The celebration was held at the Young Israel of Memphis.

Yehudit and **Aaron Gavant** (MHA '97) of Chicago, Illinois, on the April 17 bar mitzvah celebration for their son Amichai. Mazel tov also to grandparents **Morris** (YOS '72) and **Ann Ellen (Blockman) Gavant** (MHA '70) of Baltimore, Maryland.

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Jerilyn (Pocrass) Oppenheimer (MHA '02, FYOS '06) lives in St. Louis, Missouri, with her husband and two children, ages 3 and 7. She works as a social worker at an elementary school.

'06

"The Memphis community was amazing to me, and I definitely would not be where I am today without the help and support I received during my time at the MHA/FYOS," she said. "I am forever grateful for the kindness that was shown to me. I chose the profession I did because having caring adult figures was instrumental to my own growth, and I want to be able to pay that forward to the students I work with." Chief among those caring adult figures was her favorite teacher, Mrs. Anat Kampf.

Of her classmates, she said, "We had many good times together at the Academy! Although we may live in different places, it is still fun whenever we do meet up."

Jordan Katz (FYOS '06) recently received a Ph.D. in history from Columbia University in New York City and will start a faculty position at University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall. She and her husband are the proud parents of a baby girl.

'06



Daughters of Jordan Katz (left) and Hannah Katz (right).

'08

Hannah Katz (FYOS '08) lives in Midland Park, New Jersey, with her husband and daughter, who is nearly two years old. She works as a project manager.

Among her favorite memories from her time at the MSG was participating in Yeshiva University's National Model United Nations event. "Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff convinced me to do Model UN," Katz said. "I didn't really want to do it at the time, but I wanted to go to New York, so I agreed. I remember sitting at her house preparing, and she served us cookies. It was an awesome experience, and I did happen to win the Best Delegate award, so that was pretty cool!"

Her favorite teacher at the MSG was Mrs. Daphna Kannai.

'04

'08

Elana (Ehrenkranz) Solnik (MHA '04, FYOS '08) lives in Tel Aviv, Israel, with her husband and two-year-old daughter. She manages content for Kai.ai, a startup focused on personal wellness.

She fondly remembers many friends crowding into the baby blue Volkswagen Beetle of classmate **Shifra Smith** during their lunch break senior year. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Linda George.

Barbara (Plotitsa) Satt (MHA '04, FYOS '08) is married to Avi Satt, brother of former MHA faculty member Mrs. Mimi David. They live in Far Rockaway, New York, with their three young daughters — one blonde, one brunette and one redhead. She works as director of Holocaust services at the Jewish Community Center in Far Rockaway and runs special events and community programs there.

'04

'08

"Growing up in Memphis was such a special experience, and I'm so grateful for it," she said. "I always tell people that my school was so small, the principal noticed when your car wasn't in the parking lot in the morning and showed up at your front door to drag you to school! I may not have appreciated it at the time but have come to realize how special that was. I was lucky to grow up in a caring environment, where people noticed if you weren't there. I just hope that my girls are fortunate enough to experience the same kind of warmth.

"I loved the Girls' School shabbatons. I have the best memories of us learning to ski together and wandering the streets of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, getting into all sorts of trouble! I can't stop laughing whenever I come across those old timey photos we used to take!"



Barbara Satt's Daughters

Among her favorite teachers were Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff and Mrs. Anat Kampf, whose patience she greatly appreciated. "Thank you for not giving up on me — even when I made you crazy — and for truly caring and eventually knocking some sense into me," she said. She credits Mrs. Kampf with encouraging her to spend a post-high school gap year at Bnot Torah Institute (Sharfman's), which she considers one of the best decisions of her life.

"My classmates were a huge part of my school experience," Satt said. "I miss them all and wish we could have a reunion! It would be so nice to catch up with everyone."

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Shifra Smith (MHA '04, FYOS '08) happily lives in Tel Aviv, Israel, with her cat Beyoncé. ("All shidduch ideas welcome," Smith said.) She manages the sales team for a tech company called Incredibuild.



'04

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One of her favorite schooltime memories was collecting Diet Coke cans in her locker to mark how much soda she consumed throughout the school year; her collection totaled over 100! Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Talya Tsuna. "To this day, she teaches me something every time I talk to her," Smith said.

She often spends Shabbat with classmate **Elana (Ehrenkranz) Solnik** and hopes others will join them in Israel soon!

Avishai Schlesinger (MHA '04, FYOS '08) lives in Givat Shmuel, Israel, with his wife and their one-year-old son. He works as a content manager for a high-tech company in Tel Aviv.

'04

'08

"We live in a really nice pocket of Anglos here, and I host a kiddush in our apartment every Shabbat, much like my parents [David and **Linda (Ostrow) Schlesinger** (MHA '74)] do in Memphis (when they're around)," he said. He hopes his classmates will come and hang out whenever they're in the Holy Land.



Schlesinger Family

"Memphis has the most welcoming community, and it helped me get to where I am today," Schlesinger said. "So many of you feel like family, and I can only hope my children will experience a similar sense of community to what I was fortunate enough to have through my years in Memphis and beyond."

His favorite teachers at the MHA/FYOS were Rabbi Yonason Gersten, Mr. Dana Vaughn, Dr. Whitney Kennon ("Ms. Huey when I knew her") and Mrs. Linda George.

'04

'08

Yonadav Tsuna (MHA '04, FYOS '08) lives in San Francisco, California, and works as senior manager of global partnerships and content strategy at Crunchyroll, a popular anime streaming service.

His favorite teachers at our school included Mr. Dana Vaughn and Coach Robert "Jake" Jacobson.

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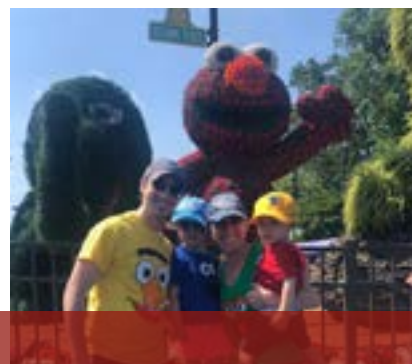
Nate Chertok (FYOS '09) and his wife live in Morgantown, West Virginia. They are the parents of two children, ages 2 and 4. He graduated from dental school and is now in his final year of residency to specialize in prosthodontics.

"Thank you so much to the Memphis Jewish community for taking me in and creating such a wonderful learning environment and home for me," Chertok said. "I'm so glad I had the opportunity to share my high school years in Memphis with you. Such great times!" Included in those great times were the CYHSB ski trips to Gatlinburg and pickup basketball games during lunchtime.

His favorite CYHSB teachers included Mrs. Karin Schmitt, of blessed memory, and Mr. Dana Vaughn. "They were two incredible teachers who inspired me to become the educator and health care provider I am today."



Chertok Family



Becca (Rosenberg) Near (FYOS '09) lives in St. Louis, Missouri, with her husband and two young sons. She works with major donors at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis. In addition to

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Near Family



her professional contributions, she also volunteers as a member of the board of the Epstein Hebrew Academy, where her older son is now a student. "I'm working hard to ensure we have a thriving Jewish community," she said.

To the Memphis community, she says, "Thank you for all the memories and for welcoming us with open arms when we come to visit."

'10

David Gleiberman (FYOS '10) lived in the CYHSB dorm during his four years at our school. He currently resides in his hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina, and manages his family's kosher store, Gleiberman's Gourmet (also known as Kosher Mart). His favorite teacher was Mr. Dana Vaughn.

'10

Luky Guigui (FYOS '10) and his wife Tali live by the Argaman beach in Akko, Israel, with their one-year-old daughter.

"Our door is always open, and we would love to have any and all visitors stop by or spend a Shabbat with us," Guigui said. "We love showing people around our wonderful, ancient city — and it's particularly special since Tali is a tour guide!"



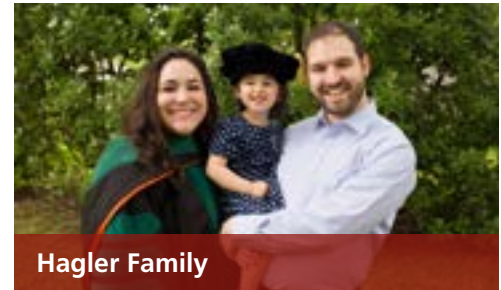
Guigui Family

"We send our love and best wishes to everyone for a shana tova and hope to see y'all real soon!"

'07

'11

Molly (Brakha) Hagler (MHA '07, FYOS '11) lives in Memphis, Tennessee, with her husband and young daughter. She recently graduated from medical school and is now a pediatric resident at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center/Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.



Hagler Family

Ethan Cooper (MHA '09, FYOS '13) lives in New York City with his wife and works in private equity at Neuberger Berman.

"Our school trips were all fantastic," Cooper recalled of his days at the CYHSB. "Each had its own flavor and twist — from the Gatlinburg trip to the canoe trip to the boat trip (which I believe started when I was in high school). In addition to the school-wide trips, I also attended basketball trips, including the Sarachek basketball tournament at YU, as well as Model UN trips to Stamford, Connecticut. These trips were great ways to bond with my classmates and peers."

His favorite teachers were Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff and Dr. Whitney Kennon.

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Dylan Cooper (MHA '09, FYOS '13) is a medical student at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell in New York City. On Aug. 22, he married Anna Cappell in Closter, New Jersey.



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ALUMNI REUNITE

We continue to be impressed by the submissions to the “Alumni Reunite” section of this publication.

Even during this difficult era of COVID-19, our alumni still find ways to celebrate each other’s simchas. When the COVID situation improves, we hope to start receiving more photos of our alumni finding each other and creating new memories

On June 7, **Yosef Goldblatt** (FYOS '17), son of Chana Dina and MHA/FYOS board president Yoel Goldblatt, married Annie Silverstein, daughter of Ira and **Debra (Loskove) Silverstein** (MHA '79, YOS '83), in New Jersey. A number of the groom’s former classmates joined in the celebration.



Groom **Yosef Goldblatt** (right) enjoyed a quiet moment with former classmate **Gary Goldmeier** (FYOS '17).



(from left) **Elan Cooper** (MHA '13, FYOS '17), MHA/FYOS head of school Rabbi Benjy Owen and **Mark Fertel** (FYOS '17). None of them recalled exactly what they were doing at the time this photo was taken.



Perched atop the shoulders of **Gary Goldmeier** (FYOS '17), **Chaim Gersten** (MHA '13, FYOS '17) danced with the groom.



In June, **Rivka Cherney** (FYOS '04) married Shaked Raibi in Israel. Some of the bride's former classmates who live in Israel got together for an evening of Memphis sheva brachot in their honor! Pictured with the happy couple (who are seated in the front row) are (back row, from left) **Rebecca Zeitlin** (MHA '01, FYOS '05), **Rena (Stavsky) Weinberg** (FYOS '04), **Cheftzi Ben-Ishai** (FYOS '06), **Rabbi Michael Emerson** (MHA '99, FYOS '03) and **Jessica (Morris) Hoffman** (FYOS '04) and her husband Eitan Hoffman.



On June 22, **Leib Wiener** (MHA '11, FYOS '15) married Rachel Meyer in New Jersey. At the wedding, friend **Yonaton Cooper** (MHA '11, FYOS '15) gave the groom a celebratory "lift."



During the first week in August, this group of former students came together from five different states for a mini-reunion in Miami: (from left) Igor Sadetsky, **Renata Sadetsky** (MHA '85, YOS '89), **Shirley (Waknin) Levine** (FYOS '96), **Masha (Marcia Wogan) Ginian** (MHA '92, FYOS '96) and **Elana (Sadetsky) Avis** (MHA '93, FYOS '97).



On Aug. 8, **Ethan Address** (MHA '06, FYOS '10) married Erin Mann in Chicago. Longtime neighbors from "the corners" (at Laurie Lane and Conwell) came from Memphis, New York and Jerusalem to celebrate the occasion: (from left) **Lavi Tsuna** (MHA '08, FYOS '12), **Gabe Address** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Daniel (Yakov) Address** (MHA '02, FYOS '06), groom Ethan Address, **Chaim Gersten** (MHA '13, FYOS '17) and Rabbi Yonason Gersten.



Aug. 10 marked the start of in-service week for faculty and staff in preparation for the 2021-22 school year. Seven of this year's staff members attended our school as students themselves! Pictured are MHA/FYOS faculty and staff (from left) **Rabbi Dovid Safier** (MHA '00, FYOS '04), **Sandra (Loterstein) Osdoba** (MHA '76, YOS '80), **Jessica (Baum) Sukhodolsky** (MHA '99), Jenny Okeon, **Ronit (Sauer) Brakha** (MHA '83, YOS '87), **Ruth Samuels** (MHA '86, YOS '90) and **Chana (Joffre) Goldstone** (MHA '08).

SPOTLIGHT FEATURE

Mrs. Anat Kampf

Infusing our school with positive energy for three decades



When newlyweds Anat and Ricky Kampf moved from New York City to Indianapolis in 1986 to help revitalize Orthodox Jewish life there, they were sure they'd be back within two years.



Anat and Ricky Kampf at their wedding in 1986.

Thirty-five years later, they are still quite far from New York — firmly entrenched in the Memphis Jewish community — and they haven't looked back. Since 1988, Mrs. Anat Kampf has been a fixture at the MHA/FYOS, serving in various capacities in the elementary, middle and high schools and inspiring two generations of students along the way.

The Kampfs' connection to Memphis began when Rabbi Rafael Grossman, z'l, longtime spiritual leader of Baron Hirsch Congregation, came to Indianapolis

for a wedding. He was so impressed with the outreach work the Kampfs were doing in Indiana that he wooed them to come to Memphis for a weekend.

"When we first arrived in Indianapolis, I was shocked by the small size of the community there," Mrs. Kampf said. "Coming from Israel and then New York, I didn't realize that such small Orthodox communities existed. It was definitely an awakening for me.

"Rabbi Grossman promised us that Memphis would feel like Yerushalayim compared to Indianapolis. It wasn't quite Jerusalem, but we were very impressed by what we found here. We enjoyed a beautiful Shabbos in Memphis, and even though we expected to go back to New York after a couple of years in Indianapolis, we gave Memphis a try."

Shortly after Ricky Kampf began his job as executive director of Baron Hirsch in 1988 (he later transitioned to the role of cantor), Mrs. Kampf received a phone call from Rabbi Bruce Rachlin, then-dean at the MHA.

"A teacher in the girls' high school was going on maternity leave and he needed someone to fill in," Mrs. Kampf said. (The teacher was **Mrs. Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** [MHA '76, YOS '80], who was

pregnant with her daughter Bracha.) “I came in to teach a model lesson, and Rabbi Rachlin gave me great ideas and insights on how to improve my teaching style. I ended up subbing in the girls’ school for the rest of that year and am grateful it was such a professional and enriching experience.”

Rabbi Rachlin insisted that Mrs. Kampf stay on permanently. “He was looking for a second grade teacher to teach *Ivrit b’Ivrit* [Judaic studies in Hebrew language] and knew of my Israeli background,” she said. “I told him my experience was in working with teens, not elementary school students, but he was adamant that a good teacher is a good teacher and he’d assign me a mentor to help me learn.”

That mentor was Mrs. Miriam Greenblatt, *z’l*, who taught first grade Judaics at the MHA for decades and was beloved by all who knew her. “Morah Greenblatt spent countless hours with me,” Mrs. Kampf said. “She was in my classroom every single day. She helped me prepare each night for the next school day and on Sundays for the week ahead. It was like taking a hands-on master class in education and among the most incredible years of my life. The time I spent with her was so unbelievably valuable.”

Mrs. Kampf quickly became a star teacher in the elementary school, where she taught second (and, sometimes, third) grade Judaics for years.

“Morah Anat Kampf has always been and always will be a wonderful educator, role model and friend,” said **Dylan Cooper** (MHA ‘09, FYOS ‘13). “She somehow finds a way to treat her students with the same love and attention that she has

for her own children. The MHA/FYOS — and the Memphis community more broadly — is very lucky to have Morah Anat and to be able to benefit from her wisdom, love for Torah and nurturing guidance.”

In the early 2000s, Mrs. Kampf took on an administrative role in the Goldie Margolin School for Girls, spending her afternoons in the girls’ high school after teaching second grade in the mornings. That position enabled her to return to her roots working with teenagers and to serve as a mentor and role model to the high school girls.

“Mrs. Kampf came into school every day inspired with a self-generated positive energy,” said **Rebecca Zeitlin** (MHA ‘01, FYOS ‘05). “With a smile that filled her whole body, she always talked about being ‘proactive.’ She really worked hard to help us see the best in ourselves, no matter how hard we made it for her.”



(from left) **Shaindel (Kaplan) Kahn** (MHA ‘00, FYOS ‘04), Mrs. Kampf and **Jessica (Morris) Hoffman** (FYOS ‘04) on the GMSG canoe trip in 2004.

"She is one of the most amazing people in the Memphis Jewish community," said **Becca (Rosenberg) Near** (FYOS '09). "Mrs. Kampf is such a strong role model. Even when there were moments of tough love, it was all out of support and love. Mrs. Kampf always wants the best for everyone and for all her students to succeed. She is a phenomenal person!"

"Mrs. Kampf has a skill set that cannot be taught," said **Jerilyn (Pocrass) Oppenheimer** (MHA '02, FYOS '06). "She is not only a phenomenal educator and terrific leader but also the world's most genuine human. When she asks, 'How's it going?' she really wants to know and isn't just using it as a conversation starter."



Mrs. Kampf (second from left) with the eighth graders she chaperoned on their class trip to Orlando, Florida, in 2018: (from left) **Sara Weinstein** (MHA '18), **Yael Cooper** (MHA '18), **Rena Wogan** (MHA '18), **Elise Mendelson** (MHA '18) and **Serena Cooper** (MHA '18). All five are now GMSG seniors.

Mrs. Kampf's educational philosophy is rooted in the "triangle of our Judaism," she said: *Torat Yisrael* (the Torah of Israel), *Am Yisrael* (the nation of Israel) and *Eretz Yisrael* (the land of Israel). "I've always wanted my students to love this ideology and to feel a connection so it has relevance to their lives," she said.

To that end, she worked to introduce a Zionism class in the girls' school, taught by Mrs. Bluma Zuckerbrot-Finkelstein. "One of my favorite programs was the mock press conference we held on the Israel-Palestinian conflict," Mrs. Kampf said. "Community members served as the 'journalists,' and our Zionism students had to answer their questions. It was a very empowering program that showcased our support for Israel, as well as the high level of our students and our faculty."

Mrs. Kampf was also instrumental in bringing the *Chidon HaTanach* (Bible Content) program to our school. Students from our middle school spend months gaining familiarity with Biblical texts in preparation for the national exam. Those who score highly on the test qualify to participate in the national *Chidon HaTanach*, held each year in New York City. **Asher Finkelstein** (MHA '11) was national *Chidon* champion in 2014 and traveled to Israel for the international competition.

"We've had a very high percentage of qualifiers from our school over the years," Mrs. Kampf said proudly. "We've made an annual shabbaton out of the trip to New York for *Chidon*. Our students are

well prepared for the test! It's another example of the great accomplishments our school is capable of that are on par with schools in much larger communities."

Seven years ago, she transitioned to be assistant principal in the middle school, enhancing the experience of our fifth through eighth graders in her capacity as a teacher and administrator.

Mrs. Kampf was the driving force behind our school initiating a trip to Israel for the junior high students, designed to bring their classroom study of Torah and Hebrew language to life in the Holy Land. With tremendous support from parents and the community at-large, she accompanied the seventh and eighth graders on the life-changing voyage in the spring of 2019. (A photo compilation from the inaugural junior high Israel experience is on Facebook [here](#).) "Our first Israel trip was incredible, and we hope to have another one in 2022," Mrs. Kampf said.

Reflecting on her tenure at our school, Mrs. Kampf is grateful for the opportunity to share her knowledge and passion with so many MHA/ FYOS students. "Ricky and I have both received job offers elsewhere over the years, but we've opted to stay in Memphis," she said. "This is such a great community, and there's absolutely no place like Memphis to bring up your kids."

Following that mantra, daughter **Kaylee (Kampf) Stahler** (MHA '03, FYOS '07) recently moved back



As middle school administrator, Mrs. Kampf speaks about each student individually at the annual eighth grade advancement ceremony and presents the diplomas. She is pictured here with 2016 advancee **Shayna Kahane** (MHA '16, FYOS '20).

to Memphis from New York with her husband; their two children now attend the MHA. **Raquel Kampf** (MHA '05, FYOS '09) made aliyah to Israel and is a director at digital transformation firm WalkMe in Tel Aviv. **Bentzie Kampf** (MHA '10, FYOS '14) is in his final year of law school at Temple University, and **JJ (Ariel) Kampf** (MHA '13, FYOS '17) is an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania. Youngest son Jack is in the eighth grade at the MHA.

"When I hear from my students after they've graduated and get to see them building their families, that's what it's all about for me," she said. "It's so gratifying when they share things they remember or realize that what we taught them really was relevant to their lives. Now they're teaching it to their kids, and it's the most exciting thing."

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SPOTLIGHT FEATURE

Mrs. Anat Kampf

Former student Oppenheimer said, “No matter how much time lapses between our conversations, we easily pick up right where we left off. To this day, I consider Mrs. Kampf to be family.”

“Our school has always had great programming and offered a great education,” Mrs. Kampf said. “We’ve been successful at relaying the importance of contributing to the Jewish people and to the broader world.”

“I’ve always tried to articulate to my students to believe they can contribute and to lead by example. I want them to believe they can accomplish whatever they set out to do.”



In March 2021, the Kampfs celebrated their son Jack’s bar mitzvah. Because of COVID, they held it at the Malco drive-in movie theater on Summer Avenue; families celebrated in their own cars and watched Jack deliver his bar mitzvah address on the big screen. Pictured (clockwise from far left) are: **JJ (Ariel) Kampf** (MHA ’13, FYOS ’17), **Raquel Kampf** (MHA ’05, FYOS ’09), bar mitzvah boy Jack, **Bentzie Kampf** (MHA ’10, FYOS ’14), Cantor Ricky and Mrs. Anat Kampf, Avery Stahler (on his father’s shoulders), Andy Stahler and **Kaylee (Kampf) Stahler** (MHA ’03, FYOS ’07) and Ella Stahler.

FLASHBACKS

2006-2010

Photographs from the past

The seventh grade class of 2004-05 with some of their teachers: (front row, from left) Mrs. Chumie Skaist, Mrs. Sandy Gersten, **Parker Mantell** (MHA '06), **Yitzchok Ehrenkrantz** (MHA '06), **Ilya Kats** (MHA '06, FYOS '10), **Menachem Klein** (MHA '06), **Rachel (Rubenstein) Amar** (MHA '06, FYOS '10), Rabbi Reuven Stengel; (middle row, from left) Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff, Mrs. Mimi David, **Ariel Cooper** (MHA '06, FYOS '10), **Isaac Krupp** (MHA '06, FYOS '10), **Ethan Address** (MHA '06, FYOS '10), **Ariav Schlesinger** (MHA '06, FYOS '10); (back row, from left) **Elisa Barrack** (MHA '06), **Jordana (Wender) Rubin** (MHA '06, FYOS '10), **Kevin Wender** (MHA '06), Eliyahu Skaist and **Gabby (Harkavy) Berger** (MHA '06).



"This brings up memories of being excited to go to school every day so I could see my best friends while also learning new things. It reminds me of the kickball games that I wished went on for days. Lastly, it reminds me of a simpler time that shaped who I am today." -Isaac Krupp

(from left) **Molly (Brakha) Hagler** (MHA '07, FYOS '11), **Naomi (Samberg) Vainer** (MHA '07, FYOS '11) and **Maddie (Tavin) Zimilover** (MHA '07, FYOS '11) attended the school's annual scholarship banquet as eighth graders in 2007.



"We were racking our brains trying to figure out what occasion this picture was from! Then I found another picture on Facebook of Molly and me in those same outfits at the banquet when we were in eighth grade. Mystery solved!" -Maddie (Tavin) Zimilover

"This brings back great memories of eighth grade. That was half of the girls or in our class, if I remember correctly. It's amazing that we're all still in touch (to some degree) and it's already 15 years later, believe it or not!" -Naomi (Samberg) Vainer

The FYOS senior class of 2009: (front row, from left) **Simone Fertel** (FYOS '09), **Tzipporah (Besser) Rose** (FYOS '09), **Raquel Kampf** (MHA '05, FYOS '09), **Sarah (Heching) Yaakov** (FYOS '09), **Eliana (Graber) Abittan** (MHA '05, FYOS '09), **Becca (Rosenberg) Near** (FYOS '09), **Elaina (Kaufman) Mittelman** (MHA '05, FYOS '09); (back row, from left) **Charlie LaVene** (MHA '05, FYOS '09), **Avi Katz** (FYOS '09), **Joel Bowman** (MHA '05, FYOS '09), **Nate Chertok** (FYOS '09) and **Andrew Tavin** (FYOS



"Great group of friends! Fantastic memories!"
-**Nate Chertok**

Spanish teacher Mrs. Barbara Mansberg (far right) with her GSMG students in 2004: (from left) **Gitzy (Lazaros) Small** (FYOS '06), **Tali (Bacaner) Levy** (MHA '00, FYOS '04), **Neima (Schreiber) Hochstadter** (MHA '02), **Aviva (Krupp) Lewis** (MHA '02, FYOS '06), **Shanee (Pichon) Bouskila** (FYOS '06), **Franny (Kaplan) Waisman** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) and **Jerilyn (Pocrass) Oppenheimer** (MHA '02, FYOS '06).



"We did a play in Spanish for the rest of the girls' school and then we ate a Mexican lunch that we prepared." -**Aviva (Krupp) Lewis**

"I believe that was a celebration for the end of the year and each of us had presented on a different country. I really enjoyed Spanish class and learned quite a bit from my two years taking it."
-**Jerilyn (Pocrass) Oppenheimer**

"This was a party we had for Spanish class. Every year, we would put on a luncheon where we made Mexican food and did presentations in Spanish. Mrs. Mansberg was an amazing teacher, and Spanish was definitely an interesting and fun class."
-**Franny (Kaplan) Waisman**

The MHA student council executive board in 2007: (from row, from left) **Shira Osdoba** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Sarah (Belz) Hess** (MHA '10, FYOS '14), **Ethan Cooper** (MHA '09, FYOS '13), **Dylan Cooper** (MHA '09, FYOS '13); (back row, from left) **Yosef Gersten** (MHA '07, FYOS '11), President **Sam Rapp** (MHA '07, FYOS '11), **Efroni Schlesinger** (MHA '09), **Mendel Osdoba** (MHA '07, FYOS '11) and **Eli Osdoba** (MHA '09, FYOS '13).



"One of the greatest accomplishments of that year was raising \$2,000 for the Israeli Emergency Fund. This was an amazing feat not only because we helped our brothers and sisters in Israel, but also because we learned to engage in a communitywide effort."

-Sam Rapp

"This picture evokes many incredible memories, but the first thing that comes to my mind is that the Hebrew Academy creates friends for life! Most of the people in this photo were included in my wedding in May 2021, and two of their fathers had honors under my chuppah. I am so incredibly grateful for the lifelong community the Hebrew Academy has provided for me."

-Sarah (Belz) Hess

"This is a great picture that makes me think about the continuity and long-lasting nature of the friendships I built at the MHA. To this day, I am still close with several people pictured here. These friendships started to blossom in elementary school, continued to grow over the course of junior high and high school, and still persist to this day. I feel very lucky to have been a part of a school where the students were very close with one another!"

-Ethan Cooper

(front row, from left) **Sophie (Bacaner) Leach** (MHA '02, FYOS '06), **Gabrielle (Graber) Gold** (MHA '02, FYOS '06), **Daniel (Yakov) Address** (MHA '02, FYOS '06), **Jonah Kaufman** (MHA '02, FYOS '06); (back row, from left) **Jerilyn (Pocrass) Oppenheimer** (MHA '02, FYOS '06), **Franny (Kaplan) Waisman** (MHA '02, FYOS '06), Adam Freiden and **Yosef Blockman** (MHA '02).



"I can't even remember which grade this is. No idea why we were posing holding textbooks. I think it would have been Adam Freiden's type to pretend to be asleep. I definitely would've thought overdramatizing being upset about school was funny (even though nobody else would have thought so) and Jonah pretending to be weirded out by me. I wonder if he really was weirded out, though. ..."

-Daniel (Yakov) Address

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The 22nd issue of our newsletter is scheduled for publication around Chanukah. In it, we will highlight the **eighth and 12th grade graduates from the years 1976-1980**. Members of those classes will receive questionnaires by email (or regular mail) sometime in October. Please return your completed survey promptly so that you can be included.

Our feature story in that issue will spotlight **Mrs. Suzanne Friedman**, who taught at the MHA (primarily first grade) from 1973 to 1987. If you have any stories, photos or memories of Mrs. Friedman 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, be sure to submit your "Mazel Tov" events and photos for the "Alumni Reunite" feature so we can include them in our next issue. Thank you!



Rabbi Benjy Owen, head of school
Yoel Goldblatt, president, board of trustees
Jessica (Baum) Sukhodolsky (MHA '99),
marketing and recruitment director