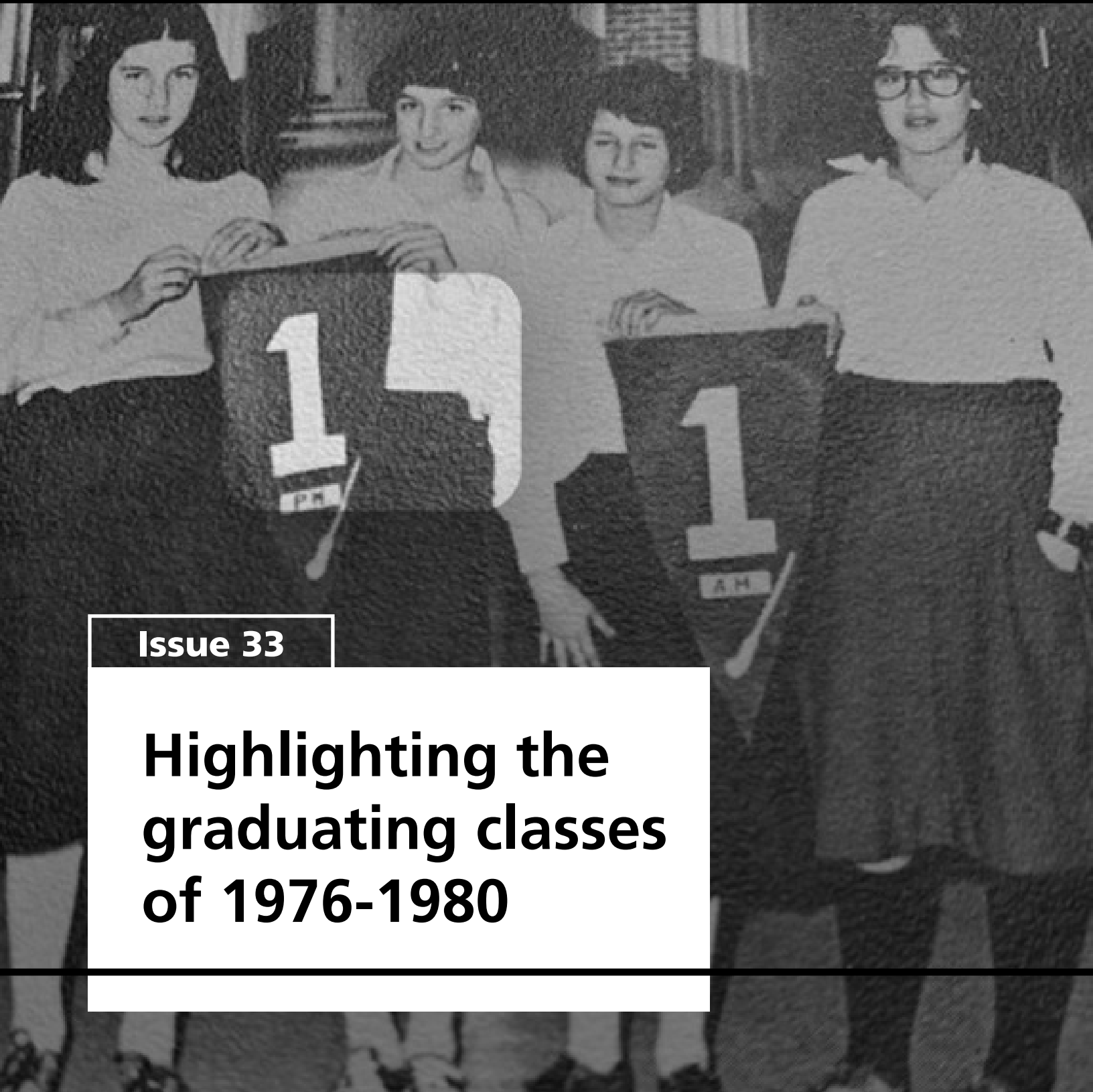


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This issue is dedicated in loving memory of the members of the classes of 1976-1980 who are no longer with us:

Deborah (Bernheim) Novak
(MHA '77)

Darrell Cohen (MHA '80)

Jonathan Finegold (YOS '74)

Lois (Ostrow) Goldberg
(MHA '77, YOS '81)

Nathan Herskowitz (YOS '78)

Marty LeVine (MHA '77, YOS '81)

Richie Roberts (MHA '78)

We also note with great sorrow the recent passing of alumnus

Michael Epstein (MHA '68, YOS '71)

Michael was the son of Bill z'l and Barbara Epstein, two of our school's dedicated founders. We send our sincerest condolences to Michael's mother, Barbara; his wife, **Amy (Thomas) Epstein** (MHA '71, YOS '75); his children, Aaron Epstein and **Jamie (Epstein) Gibber** (MHA '10, FYOS '14); and his siblings, **Sam Epstein** (YOS '71), **Lisa (Epstein) Garfunkel** (MHA '70, YOS '74) and **Halle (Epstein) Garfunkel** (MHA '71). May the entire family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

And may the memory of our departed alumni be a blessing to all who knew them.

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MESSAGE TO ALUMNI

Joanne Kahane, alumni committee chair

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Dear MHA/CYOS alumni and friends,



As is my honor and privilege every year, it's with great pride that I welcome to our alumni family the eighth and 12th grade graduates of 2025. Once again, we have produced an outstanding group of young people who reflect beautifully on our school and our

community. My message to our newest alumni is simply this: Go out into the world and do well — but more importantly, go out into the world and do good. By flipping through the pages of this issue and others, you'll see various ways of doing so and learn from those who came before you. Follow their examples; your Memphis roots will always serve you well. We can't wait to see where life takes you. Mazel tov!

You may have noticed something new on the cover of this issue and in the salutation of this letter. This change reflects the exciting news that, as of the start of this school year, the name of our high school has been changed to the **Cooper Yeshiva of the South** (CYOS). It's dedicated in memory of Irby and Bernice Cooper, z'l, who steadfastly sustained and supported our school for more than 40 years. They passed on their legacy of giving to their children, who continue to commit themselves to Jewish education and Torah living in Memphis. We express our deepest appreciation to **Laurie Cooper** (MHA '65), **Debbi Cooper** (MHA '68, YOS '72), **Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz** (MHA '76, YOS '80), **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **David Cooper** (MHA '78, YOS '82) and their respective spouses for continuing the work so bravely started by their wonderful parents decades ago. Along

with the name change, the school will undergo some renovations and remodeling, and we'll report more about that in future issues. I'd be remiss not to also acknowledge Dr. Harry Feinstone, z'l, whose generosity helped carry our school through critical times and whose legacy will continue to be honored in its halls.

Regrettably, I must share some sad news with you: the recent passing of Rabbi Eliyahu Hartman, z'l. Rabbi Hartman came to our school as a teacher in 1967 and served as dean from 1969 to 1975. He was at the helm of the MHA during the "busing years," when public school children were being bused to other neighborhoods in support of desegregation goals. MHA saw huge enrollment numbers during that period, and Rabbi Hartman played a critical role in accommodating the influx of students. He is fondly remembered as saying, "Moshiach is coming, and he's arriving on a bus." For more on Rabbi Hartman and his legacy at the MHA, please see our Spotlight feature in Issue No. 19. May his memory be a blessing, and may his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



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For the first time since 1997, our school year began without the presence of Mrs. Talya Tsuna, who relocated to New York over the summer. I know many of you grew close with Mrs. Tsuna and will want to stay in touch, so please reach out to her via email at moahalyaima@gmail.com. We wish Mrs. Tsuna much *bracha* (blessing) and *hatzlacha* (success) in her new job and offer our profound thanks for her immeasurable contributions to our school.

As we enter into a new year, we pray that Israel will finally experience a lasting and meaningful peace, that there be no more casualties among the brave men and women of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and that our hostages be freed from captivity very soon. May the new year be one of peace and

security for our beloved homeland and one of joy, meaning and inspiration for all of *Klal Yisrael* (the Jewish people).

Please let us continue to hear from you.

With warm wishes for a *shana tova u'metuka* — a good and sweet year,

Joanne Kahane, alumni chair
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Bring the children

Dear MHA/CYOS alumni and friends,



I was 11 years old when my father took me to the *Siyum HaShas* at Madison Square Garden. The arena was at capacity, a hive of celebration, with tens of thousands of people gathered to mark the completion of the seven-year *Daf Yomi* (daily study of one page of Talmud) cycle.

I'm embarrassed to admit it, but that was my first time in an arena. My father, who is British and doesn't know the first thing about sports (he could not tell you the difference between the Knicks and the Giants, and likely believes "power forward" is something one does when rowing), had nevertheless procured spectacular seats — close enough to the dais that I could actually see the expressions on the speakers' faces without the aid of the Jumbotron.

We took the train up to New York, had dinner at either Le Marais or Mr. Broadway (I can't remember which) and then walked into the largest building I'd ever been inside. Over the next several hours, we heard speeches in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. I caught phrases here and there, but the content was not what anchored in my mind. What I remember is the sound, the sheer vibration of the place, as thousands danced in unison. The sight of men clapping hands in concentric circles, the rising tide of *niggun* (song). I remember *Maariv* (the evening prayer service).

It was, in every sense, more than I could fully process — a speech in Yiddish about Gemara was

far over my head. And yet, without realizing it, I was taking mental notes — not of the program, but of the feeling of being part of something immense and important. Looking back, that night was my first encounter with the idea at the heart of *Hak'hel*.

The Torah describes it this way:

הַקְהֵל אֶת הָעָם הָאֲנָשִׁים וְהַנָּשִׁים וְהַטָּף וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר
בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ לְמַעַן יִשְׁמְעוּ וְלִמְעַן יִלְמְדוּ וַיֵּרְאוּ אֶת ה'
אֱלֹהֶיכֶם, וְשָׁמְרוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת כָּל דְּבָרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת
(דברים ל"א:י"ב)

"Assemble the people — the men, the women and the children, and your stranger in your cities — in order that they hear, and in order that they learn and fear Hashem, your G-d, and they will observe to do all the words of this Torah." (Devarim 31:12).

Once every seven years, during Sukkot after the *shemita* (sabbatical) year, *Bnei Yisrael* (the Jewish people) were commanded to come to Jerusalem and hear the king read from the Torah. On paper, it sounds like a logistical nightmare. A national pilgrimage. A massive public assembly. And then, to top it off, a crowd that includes children — who might not understand, who might fidget or fuss or need to be taken to the bathroom halfway through. They need lollipops and water bottles. They could get lost! They might make noise! The shush man in the *Beit Hamikdash* (Holy Temple) will go wild!

Wouldn't it make more sense to reserve the audience for adults who could fully appreciate the moment? Yet the Torah is adamant: men, women and children. Everyone is a part of this.

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Dr. Gavriel Brown

The Ramban, ever the precise reader, suggests that the “children” here are old enough to register the grandeur of the event, to remember it and to ask questions that will deepen their understanding. The command isn’t about filling space; it’s about creating impressions that will last a lifetime. Yes, he acknowledges, there is a tradition from *Chazal* (our sages) to bring even younger children so the parents merit the *mitzvah* of bringing them, but he doubts that this means infants. The point is that the experience should educate.

But there is a cost to bringing children. When we bring kids to shul, to *duchaning* (the priestly blessing) on Rosh Hashanah, to *Hallel* on Sukkot, we give up a bit of our own spiritual focus so that our children can grow in the spirit of Torah. Bringing children means you will not have the perfectly uninterrupted, acoustically pristine moment. But it ensures the next generation has a place in the crowd and can also hear the *shofar* and smell the *etrog*.

Psychologists call this “event imprinting” — the way certain experiences etch themselves into our long-term memory with almost photographic sharpness. They aren’t just remembered; they become reference points, emotional anchors. Daniel Kahneman, in “Thinking, Fast and Slow,” writes about the “peak-end rule”: When we look back on an event, our memory isn’t a perfect playback of the whole thing. Instead, we carry two pieces with us — the most emotionally intense moments and the way it ended — and those two fragments become the stand-in for the entire experience. It’s an idea our tradition already knew: הפל הולך אחר הסוף — “Everything follows the ending” (Berachot 12a). The

final moments of an experience leave the deepest mark, framing the way we remember the whole.

That night at Madison Square Garden taught me exactly what he meant. At age 11, I couldn’t have told you the central theme of any speech. But I could tell you how it felt when thousands rose as one to sing and dance. I could tell you how it sounded when *Maariv* began, the familiar syllables amplified by sheer numbers until they became something almost physical, pressing in from all sides. I could tell you that my father thought it mattered enough to be there with me.

That’s the thing about children at big events. They may not “get” every detail. They may, as any parent knows, ask if it’s almost over before it’s really begun. But they will absorb the mood, the scale, the unspoken message: *This matters to the Jewish people*. They will see your eyes light up, hear the voices of people you admire, and register — somewhere deep down — that this is what pride and belonging feel like. And sometimes in the middle of *Birkat Kohanim*, they will loudly ask for a lollipop; that’s part of the balance.

The Torah’s insistence on their presence is a subtle challenge to how we think about spiritual life today. We live in an age of no-child zones — quiet sections

on airplanes, adults-only hotels, cultural events that politely discourage anyone under 12. This summer, I learned of a slightly upscale kosher restaurant in Chicago that markets itself as “kid-

free.” The trend is clear: Maximize personal comfort, minimize disruption. Against that backdrop, the idea of voluntarily compromising your focus to bring a

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child into a moment feels almost subversive. And yet *Hak'hel* says: Do it anyway. Because when we exclude kids, we also exclude them from the very memories and connections that teach them where they belong.

The goal isn't perfect personal inspiration; it's continuity. It's making sure that when this moment happens again, your children will be the ones bringing theirs. It applies to the High Holidays as much as it did to *Hak'hel*. Our shuls will fill with the sound of the *shofar*, with the words of *Unetaneh Tokef*, with the collective breath we take between the verses of *Avinu Malkeinu*. These are our *Hak'hel* moments. And they aren't meant to be exclusive.

Bring the children. Bring them even if they fidget in their seats or whisper questions during the *Amidah*. Bring them because being in the room matters. Because they need to see our shuls full, say "amen" to the *brachot*, and hear the *tekiya* of the *shofar* reverberate off the walls and into their *zichronot* — the storehouse of memories they will carry for a lifetime.

Wishing you and your family all the best for the new year,

Rabbi Dr. Gavriel Brown
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Dear MHA/CYOS alumni and friends:



At our school's Patrons' Meeting in August, we recognized two incredible alumni for their years of dedicated service. Both are extraordinary examples of graduates of our school who consistently step up to volunteer their time, energy and expertise.

The first is **David Winestone** (MHA '74), who has been a member of the MHA board of trustees for decades and has also served as an officer. In that time, almost no one has worked harder for the school than David. He's spent countless hours on our campus — inspecting, repairing and supervising the state of our buildings and security infrastructure. Generations of dormers have had David on speed dial to help out in a pinch. He's coached basketball teams and been a confidant to multiple heads of school. He has befriended the school's neighbors to identify opportunities for growth and understanding. David and his family worked to provide the school with the Mary Pikelnny Innovation Center, which has introduced our children and faculty to new educational approaches and a new design vocabulary. Though David has stepped down from being a trustee, he continues (on a volunteer basis) to manage one of our rental properties adjacent to the campus.

We also expressed our sincere thanks to **Stacy (Zalowitz) Sanderson** (MHA '88). Much like David, Stacy grew up in our school and was the beneficiary of a legacy of MHA service from her parents. She has passed that unbreakable legacy on to her daughters, **Brooke** (MHA '21, FYOS '25) and **Rachel** (MHA '23). Though Stacy stepped down

from being an officer of the MHA following years of exemplary service, we know she will remain a highly involved CYOS parent and active member of our PTA.

Additionally, we took the opportunity to salute the legacy of Irby and Bernice Cooper, z'l. Though I did not have the privilege of knowing them personally, everyone who has told me stories about them has described their kindness, generosity and warmth in glowing terms. Their devotion to our school knew no bounds, and I can attest that it's further amplified in the dedication and hard work of their children — Donnie Emerson and **Laurie Cooper** (MHA '65), **Debby** (MHA '68, YOS '72), **Bart** (YOS '77) and **Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz** (MHA '76, YOS '80), Aileen and **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81), and Tova and **David Cooper** (MHA '78, YOS '82). The stalwart support of the Cooper family keeps the school operating year in and year out, keeps the Kollel Torah Mitzion central to the life of our school, keeps recruiting new donors to our school, and keeps us connected to the broader Jewish community in Memphis and beyond. With great pleasure, we acknowledged this outstanding legacy and our appreciation of it through our school's new name: the **Margolin Hebrew Academy/Cooper Yeshiva of the South**.

The continued success of our school depends on the support of generous donors — including our treasured alumni. Tuition, including additional income provided by Tennessee's new vouchers program, covers only half of the funds needed to operate the school. Yes, we receive grants, and we receive support from our endowment. But we rely on donations and the income generated by school fundraisers throughout the year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark Kaplowitz



In the coming months, we'll be embarking on some much needed capital improvements to our campus to extend the usable life of our facility for the next generation. There will be some major investments, many in systems that are essential but effectively invisible, such as replacing dated HVAC units.

Another goal is to enhance the attractiveness of our learning spaces by bringing the design language, utility and aesthetic sensibility of our newer spaces to the rest of campus. The extraordinary work of improving our campus will require extraordinary support, and I hope we can rely on the generosity of alumni from near and far to assist us in these endeavors.

In *Sefer Devarim* (Deuteronomy 12:8), *Bnei Yisrael* receive a puzzling admonition. They're told that, after conquering the land of Israel and establishing a centralized site for the holy *Mishkan* and *Beit Hamikdash*:

לֹא תִעָשֶׂה כָּל אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה הַיּוֹם אִישׁ כָּל
הַיָּשָׁר בְּעֵינָיו

"You are not to do like all that we are doing here today, each man all that is upright in his own eyes."

What are *Bnei Yisrael* doing in the desert that they should refrain from doing in *Eretz Yisrael*? What's wrong with doing what is upright (*yashar*) as best as we can see to do?

Commentators offer various answers, but I think we, here in Memphis, can understand this especially well in our own distinctive context. We are one Orthodox community. We have one *eruv*, one *mikvah*, one full-service kosher restaurant and one very special day school. Astonishingly, we have 195

students taking 196 different classes — from first grade physical education to the top Gemara shiur in the CYHSB and everything in between and beyond. Ponder that for a moment: 195 students and 196 courses, all in one school!

But as much as we share one community that revolves around the school, we don't all share a singular *hashkafa* (worldview). Chances are that if we lived in New York or Jerusalem, we wouldn't share one school, we wouldn't live in the same neighborhood, and we probably wouldn't frequent the same restaurants, either. As *Klal Yisrael* can have only one *Beit Hamikdash*, we all have to coexist in our school.

The secret of our success is avoiding "*kol hayashar b'einav*." In another community, we could create schools that serve ever more narrowly defined segments of the community and fit each of us to a T. But in Memphis, we're charged with serving the community we have by serving it as a whole. We must be *yashar*, but we also have to be rowing in the same direction for the collective good. The cohesiveness and comity with which we all work together on behalf of the school, despite our differences, demonstrates our communal understanding of the ask of *Bnei Yisrael*. I eagerly look forward to what we will achieve together in the coming year.

With gratitude for your continued support, I wish you a *shana tova*!

Mark Kaplowitz
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We welcome your feedback on the alumni newsletter at alumni@mhacyos.org. Here are some of the responses we received to issue 32.

Thank you for another wonderful newsletter — touching, heartfelt and entertaining all at the same time. You do a terrific job!

-Jan Starr (MHA '66)

This newsletter is always an amazing read. Thank you for sending this out!

-Ethan Cooper (MHA '09, FYOS '13)

Thanks for keeping the newsletter going and all the memories it keeps alive.

-Devora (Kipper) Gradon (MHA '77, YOS '81)

MHA has the best alumni newsletter!

-Nathan Thomas (MHA '95)

Thank you so much for the beautiful newsletter. It's so nice to read about what everyone is doing.

I regret to share the news that my father, Gregory Sadetsky, z'l, passed away in April. Many people in Memphis loved him, so I wanted to let the community know.

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

Response from the editor and alumni chair:

Elana, we're so sorry for your loss and appreciate you sharing the news with us. Those of us who lived in the community in the '80s and '90s remember your father fondly. With his broad smile and booming laugh, his presence was always felt. We have wonderful memories of the Silver Samovar, the kosher restaurant in Eastgate Shopping Center that your parents ran for years. Aside from serving

incredibly good food, your parents treated everyone like they were entertaining family in their home. It's a toss-up whether your father will be remembered more for his food or for his welcoming demeanor.

Baruch dayan ha'emet.

Friends and classmates can send notes of condolence to elanaavis@hotmail.com.

I'd been wanting to read *A Fire in the Darkness* by **Rabbi Meir (Michael) Kahane** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) since it was first mentioned in the newsletter last summer, but it was sold out for a while. The book was mentioned again in the last issue, which reminded me to try again to get a copy. I'm glad I did! Rabbi Kahane did a really masterful job.

I was curious about the Piaseczner Rebbe's Chovas HaTalmidim, which is often described as speaking straight to the reader with an understanding of what they're thinking and feeling. However, I'm not usually big on "self-help" books, as I find they can be superficial or not pertinent to my situation.

This book is anything but. The topics covered are basic to human nature and Judaism, and they pertain to every Jew in any situation. While I was already familiar with many of the concepts, I definitely learned things I didn't already know. And I didn't need to try to implement anything to gain benefit; just reading the book was immensely helpful, because the Rebbe really did understand what regular people think and feel. Rabbi Kahane did a great job organizing and presenting the concepts in clear English.

May Hashem continue to send us all *nachas* from our amazing alumni.

-Sarah (Goldfein) Goldstein (MHA '85)

Being from Memphis will always define me. It's like a birthright. No matter where I go, I almost always find some connection to Memphis. When I first moved to the Old City in Jerusalem, I ran into **Deena (Fink) Tagger** (MHA '83, YOS '87), who also lives there. Her first words to me were, "My home is your home, and my family is your family." Whether it's a Margolin, Greenblatt, Katz, Belsky, Thomas or other founding member of the community, the Memphis connection is so strong — and our alumni are all over, doing amazing things. It's a legacy I'm proud to have passed on to my children. I tell my grandchildren, "When you meet someone new, tell them your Bubby is from Memphis. I guarantee it will strike a chord!"

I recently came across [this article](#) about Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky, z'l, and was pleased to see our own **Ivan Silverman** (MHA '80) and his family highlighted in the story. The reach of Jewish Memphis really is everywhere!

-Shari Schwartz, former MHA faculty member

Note from the editor and alumni chair:

*On July 2, we learned that Kobe Hershtal, son of Danny and **Michal (Sacharin) Hershtal** (MHA '93, FYOS '97), sustained serious injuries while serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in Gaza, losing part of his legs. The care and support the Hershtal family has received over the past few months is yet another example of what makes our MHA family so special. We recently received the following from Michal and are printing it here with her permission.*

We continue to be inspired by the Hershtals' strength and dedication to our beloved Israel. Please pray for the continued recovery of Yaakov Chaniel ben Michal Aviva. Michal can be reached at mhershtal@gmail.com.

We've been blown away by the outpouring of love and support from the Memphis community, and from friends and family (and friends of friends, and extended family) around the world.

Soon after Kobe was injured, I heard from Shana Lowell (who I know from college and who now lives in Memphis) with an offer to buy us dinner. The next thing I knew, we had thousands of shekels worth of gift cards from the entire Memphis community. I don't have a complete list of those who contributed, so I haven't been able to thank them yet. Everyone has been rushing to help, even from afar.

The good news is that Kobe is making an incredible recovery. Within a month of being mortally wounded, he moved to rehab; three weeks later, he was able to come home for Shabbat. Thank G-d, he's doing great and continuing to improve. Everyone who sees him wishes him a *refuah shelaima* (full recovery), but he says, "I'm not sick! I'm breathing, eating and smiling. I'm not in pain. I'm healthy!" Obviously, we can't take any of that for granted, and he still has a long road of rehab ahead. He'll probably get his first prosthetics in a few weeks, and it will take him several months to get used to walking with them. But he's optimistic and highly motivated.

Shortly after Kobe got injured, I created a WhatsApp group to share updates on his condition, and it grew to over 800 people. Once he moved to rehab, Kobe asked me to stop posting, as he was feeling a bit overwhelmed and overly exposed. But it shows how many people care about him. (He told me it's okay to share this update in the alumni newsletter.)

So, thank you to everyone for the *tefillot* (prayers) and generous support of our family from near and far.

-**Michal (Sacharin) Hershtal** (MHA '93, FYOS '97)

TRIVIA ANSWERS 2006-2010

Thanks to everyone who sent in responses to the trivia questions featured in our **32nd issue**.

The winner of our trivia contest from that issue was, for the fifth(!) time, **Dylan Cooper** (MHA '09, FYOS '13). He answered 10 out of 15 questions correctly.

Dylan will receive a tin of tasty treats from Ricki's Cookie Corner, owned and operated by **Ricki (Thomas) Krupp** (MHA '66, YOS '70).

Below are the answers to the trivia questions from issue 32. How many did you know?

1. During his Friday parsha class, Rabbi Dr. Gil Perl often invoked lessons from his favorite Biblical commentator. What's the name of this commentator?
ANSWER: The Netziv (Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin).
2. What beverage did longtime fourth grade teacher Mrs. Colleen Doss drink every day?
ANSWER: Mr. Pibb.
3. What was the name of the worksheets Mrs. Colleen Doss gave her students to help them practice their math skills?
ANSWER: (One) minute math.
4. Who is Rabbi David Kaplan's favorite cartoon character?
ANSWER: Garfield.
5. In addition to giving students extra time for recess, what was another reliable incentive used by Rabbi David Kaplan?
ANSWER: He'd tell a joke.
6. What was Rabbi Sheftel Skaist's iconic Friday Parsha competition called?
ANSWER: Box mania.

7. What was Coach Robert “Jake” Jacobson’s athletic requirement for students who wanted to play on the varsity basketball team?
ANSWER: Running a mile in under 10 minutes.
8. What were the components of the Presidential Physical Fitness Test?
ANSWER: Sit-ups, pull-ups, a shuttle run, a one-mile run, a sit-and-reach and a V-sit-and-reach.
9. How many times did **Noah Hazan** (MHA ‘10) finish the one-mile run in the Presidential Physical Fitness Test?
ANSWER: One. (Note: This question was submitted by Noah himself.)
10. What Disney movie did the head of school reference during his schoolwide Yom Kippur speech?
ANSWER: “The Lion King.”
11. Which family won nearly every raffle during Mishmar on Thursday nights?
ANSWER: The Cooper family.
12. Whenever asked, where did Mr. Dana Vaughn say he lived?
ANSWER: In a box.
13. Which art tool did Mrs. Shelley Kutliroff have in her office that she let kids use for projects (or just play with when in her office for ... reasons)?
ANSWER: Stencils for tracing shapes.
14. What soda did Rabbi Yonason Gersten keep in his office fridge?
ANSWER: Diet Cherry 7UP.
15. What term did Rabbi David Kaplan tell his students was a key New Yorker phrase? (Hint: You can now see it on a road sign along the Belt Parkway as you leave Brooklyn.)
ANSWER: Fuhgeddaboudit.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS 1976-1980

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. Who taught music at the MHA in 1974?
2. In what year was the Shifra Kutner Memorial Wing built for the elementary school and dedicated to Mrs. Kutner, z'l?
3. Which member of the GMSG class of '80 was well known for baking birthday cakes?
4. What's the source for the following lines?
*We know down deep in our hearts
We will never grow apart.
Friends we are and friends we shall stay.
We're together all the way.*
5. What was the only kind of beverage the GMSG students allowed in their building during this era?
6. In the school's 1978 production of "Fiddler on the Roof," which students played Tevye's three daughters?
7. What did the eighth grade graduates of 1978 leave to faculty member **Mrs. Gerry (Margolin Fink) Platsky** (MHA '59) in the "Last Will and Testament" feature in the yearbook?
8. General Studies Principal Mrs. Shirley Grossman, z'l, created a cantata for the MHA graduation in 1977 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of what?

*Note from the editor and alumni chair: In commemoration of the renaming of the high school in memory of Irby and Bernice Cooper, z'l, we asked their daughter, **Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz** (MHA '76, YOS '80), to write the d'var Torah for this issue in honor of her parents.*

The book of Mishlei (Proverbs 22:6) teaches:

חֲנֹךְ לְנֶעַר עַל-פִּי דַרְכּוֹ גַם כִּי-יִזְקֵין לֹא-יִסּוּר מִמֶּנָּה
“Educate a child according to his way, so when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Based on a common interpretation of the verse, it's referring to a life of Torah and *mitzvot*. Teaching children in the right way will keep them on the right path. In this context, the *pasuk* (verse) translates as, “Teach a child according to his way, so that when he gets older, he will not deviate from [the correct path].”

Teaching through a child's strengths helps them develop their natural abilities. There are many different learning styles, and each student can develop their potential through their own nature and individual talents. Fine motor skills channeled to the violin or artist's easel, or spatial intelligence directed toward architecture, can open up new worlds of lifelong productivity and even joy. A child's talents can also enhance observance of various *mitzvot*. An artistic student may become a *sofer* (scribe), and a child who enjoys Torah learning may become a rabbi or teacher.

My parents, Irby and Bernice Cooper, z'l, felt strongly about the importance and value of a good education. This shared vision motivated them to work tirelessly to ensure that our Jewish day school in Memphis became one of high quality. They dedicated their time and resources to make it happen. Their vision was of a school environment that valued the uniqueness of every child — what

we now call “differentiated instruction,” where teachers create lessons tailored to the diverse needs of individual children.

My mother was an early childhood educator. She understood that when my siblings and I came home from school and were excited about what we'd learned — especially about our Judaism — she wanted to implement our new Jewish education into our family observance. She wove our studies into our family practice. That commitment led our family to become *shomer Shabbos* (Sabbath observant). It transformed our lives and left a lasting impact on their grandchildren and great-grandchildren that endures until today.

I believe my parents' goals for their own children and the children of the Memphis community were brought to fruition by the wonderful products of our school. Our alumni have gone on to become leading educators, rabbis, lawyers, doctors and professionals in their respective communities. The education we received, both in the classroom and from the Jewish community around the school, helped each of us navigate life successfully. It's fitting that my parents' legacy is now reflected in the renaming of the high school in their memory.

During the upcoming *chagim* (High Holidays), we're meant to be introspective about who we are, what we want to become and what we need to improve upon. The goal is to grow closer to Hashem. We recall the principle in Mishlei that our mission is to use our talents to contribute to *Klal Yisrael* (the

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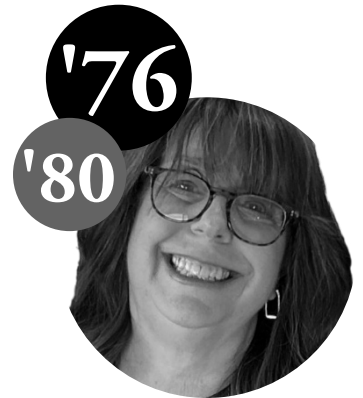
Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz (MHA '76, YOS '80)

Jewish people). We must direct our actions into lifelong paths, recognizing our individual capacities so we do not veer from those paths.

I'm grateful to the school for everything I learned there in my formative years. I'm also grateful to my parents for giving me the opportunity to say yes to those teachings. Their legacy continues to inspire me to use my abilities to contribute to *Klal Yisrael* and to strive to be the very best version of myself. May each of you reading this be inspired to do the same.

Wishing all of our alumni a happy and healthy new year!

Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz (MHA '76, YOS '80) lives in Memphis with her husband, **Bart Ehrenkranz** (YOS '77). They have eight grown children and many grandchildren, whom they try to visit as often as possible in New York, Illinois, Ohio, Texas and Israel. She's retired from teaching at the MHA and is a licensed insurance agent.



ENGAGEMENTS/ WEDDINGS:

Mazel tov to:

Tommy and **Rebecca (Winestone) Gerber** (MHA '75) of Memphis on the engagement of their son, Noah Hanover, to Sarah Goldstein. The couple will wed Aug. 2, 2026, in Atlanta, Georgia, which is also where they plan to live.

Nancy and **Mordechai (Marty) Wolff** (MHA '80) of Lakewood, New Jersey, on the June 29 wedding of their daughter Adina to Yossi Ungar in Lakewood (also where the couple is living). Mazel tov also to the groom's parents, Shoshana and Rabbi Benzion Ungar, who taught at the MHA in the mid-90s.

Naava and **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81) of Beit Shemesh, Israel, who are celebrating two of their children getting married this year. On May 25, their son Yaakov married Shalva Prupas; the couple lives in Lakewood, New Jersey. On Nov. 2, their daughter Miriam will marry Benny Green, son of David and **Judy (Baum) Green** (MHA '76, YOS '80) of Ramat Beit Shemesh. The couple will make their home in Jerusalem.

Nancy Yudkowsky and **Asher Wolmark** (YOS '85) on the engagement of their son Spencer to Julia Karpilovsky. The couple will wed in Chicago.

Elisheva and **Rabbi Simcha Mirvis** (MHA '85) of Moshav Sdeh Ilan, Israel, on the June 4 marriage of their son, Malachi Aish Kodesh, to Inbal Keshet, at El Nveh Farm in the Shomron. The couple resides in Be'er Sheva, Israel. Mazel tov also to grandparents David and **Lynnie (Katz) Mirvis** (MHA '62) of Memphis.

Scott and **Pesha (Pamela Friedman) Izenberg** (MHA '87, YOS '91) of Atlanta on the Aug. 18 marriage of their daughter Miriam to Shimon Katz in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. The newlyweds live in Lawrence, New York.

Photos from the wedding are featured in Alumni Reunite, page 41.

Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane (MHA '89, YOS '93) and **Rabbi Meir (Michael) Kahane** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) on the Aug. 28 marriage of their daughter Sarah to Yechiel Linas in Jerusalem. Mazel tov also to grandparents Joel and Joanne Kahane (alumni committee chair) and **Sidney Goldstein** (MHA '64). For pictures from the

wedding and *sheva brachot*, see page 42 in Alumni Reunite.

Rabbi Elie and **Naama (Aviner) Weinstock** (MHA '90, FYOS '94) of Atlantic Beach, New York, on the engagement of their daughter Meira to Max Serfaty. They are planning a June 30, 2026, wedding and will make their home in the Holy Land.

Faigy and **Eli Kutner** (MHA '92) of Lawrence, New York, on the engagement of their daughter Rena to Hillel Ganchrow. The couple will wed Nov. 3 in Atlantic Beach, New Jersey, and will initially live in Israel. The bride is a granddaughter of **Alan Kutner** (MHA '62), z'l, and **Barbara (Katz) Kutner** (MHA '65, YOS '68), also of Lawrence.

Ben-Zion and **Tami (Thomas) Radinsky** (MHA '92, FYOS '96) of Woodmere, New York, on the engagement of their son Harry to Anni Laufer. They are planning a Jan. 12, 2026, wedding in New York, which is also where they will reside. Mazel tov also to grandparents Wendy and **Ira Thomas** (MHA '70, YOS '74) of Far Rockaway, New York, and former FYOS faculty members Rabbi David and Barbara Radinsky of Memphis.

Danny and **Michal (Sacharin) Hershtal** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) of Kiryat Shmuel, Israel, on the engagement of their son Hovav to Alma Vazana. The couple will get married Oct. 21 in Binyamina and plan to live in Jerusalem.

Josh and **Amanda (Mack) Gurock** (FYOS '98) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the engagement of their daughter Leah to Nosson Yarmush, a grandson of **Rabbi Yehoshua** (YOS '71) and **Tova (Therese Hochdorf) Yarmush** (YOS '73) of Spring Valley, New York. The couple will get married June 22, 2026, in Milwaukee, and plan to live there.

Julie and **Nathan Thomas** (MHA '95) of Skokie, Illinois, on their son Jonathan's June 15 wedding to Shana Mermelstein in Skokie. The couple lives in New York City. Mazel tov also to grandparents Wendy and **Ira Thomas** (MHA '70, YOS '74).

Jonah Kaufman (MHA '02, FYOS '06) on his engagement to Stacy Wagerman. The couple is planning a Sept. 6, 2026, wedding in Memphis and will make their home in St. Louis, Missouri. Mazel tov also to the groom's parents, Seth and **Lisa (Wruble) Kaufman** (MHA '73) of Memphis.

Lily Harkavy (MHA '11) on her Sept. 4 wedding to Yoni Batal in Abu Ghosh, Israel. The couple reside in Tel Aviv. Mazel tov also to the bride's parents, Diane and **Alan Harkavy** (MHA '77) of Jerusalem.

Nachi Fleischhacker (MHA '12, FYOS '16) on his engagement to Chana Ingber. The couple will wed Oct. 23 in New Jersey and plan to live in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York City. Mazel tov also to the groom's parents, David and former MHA faculty member Chany Fleischhacker, now of Beit Shemesh, Israel.

Batya Bosin (MHA '14, FYOS '18), daughter of Silha and **Slava Bosin** (MHA '80, YOS '84) of Memphis, on her Sept. 1 wedding to Ephraim Ness in Tarrytown, New York. The couple lives in New York City.

Alexandra Goldblatt (FYOS '19) on her engagement to Moshe Niren. The couple is planning a Dec. 22 wedding in New Rochelle, New York.

BIRTHS:

Mazel tov to:

Paul and **Jill (Wender) Friedman** (MHA '73, YOS '77) of Riverdale, New York, who on June 20 welcomed grandson Nathaniel Joseph, son of Shelly and Aaron Goldstein of Miami, Florida.

Tommy and **Rebecca (Winestone) Gerber** (MHA '75) on the April 1 arrival of granddaughter Rella Gillian, born to Suzanne Hanover and Josh Zide of Teaneck, New Jersey, and making Tully a big sister.

Nancy and **Mordechai (Marty) Wolff** (MHA '80) on the April 28 birth of granddaughter Sora. Mazel tov to parents Boruch Dovid and Nechama Leah Fogel and siblings Esther, Henny, Racheli, Rikki, Aryeh Leib and Tzvi, also of Lakewood.

Michael and **Aliza (Levin) Segal** (MHA '87) of Beit Shemesh, Israel, on the June 24 birth of grandson Shalev Shmuel. Mazel tov also to parents Shana and Amichai Segal and siblings Matan and Lotem, also of Beit Shemesh.

Judi and **Noam Nahary** (YOS '93) of Englewood, New Jersey, who on April 9 welcomed grandson Ashton, born to Jordana and

Yonatan Blitz of Queens, New York. Mazel tov also to great-grandmother and former MHA/FYOS faculty member Bracha Nahary.

Nina and **Rabbi Binyamin Ehrenkranz** (MHA '00, FYOS '04) of Chicago, Illinois, on the April 26 birth of their son, Shalom. Mazel tov also to siblings Simcha and Ahuva and grandparents **Bart** (YOS '77) and **Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz** (MHA '76, YOS '80) of Memphis.

Tzippy and **Yakov (Daniel) Address** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) of Brooklyn, New York, on the July 4 birth of son Shimmy. Mazel tov to big sisters Sarala and Blima and to grandparents Tania and former FYOS faculty member Jeff Address of Boynton Beach, Florida.

Erin and **Ethan Address** (MHA '06, FYOS '10) of Hollywood, Florida, on the April 17 birth of son Elan Akiva, making Ezra a big brother. Mazel tov also to grandparents Tania and Jeff Address.

Noam and **Rachel (Rubenstein) Amar** (MHA '06, FYOS '10) of Karnei Shomron, Israel, on the May 13 birth of their son, Naveh Yisroel. He is named for his great-grandfather, Izzy Katz, z'l, one of

the founders of our school. Mazel tov also to siblings Kedem and Roi and to grandparents Marvin and **Karen (Katz) Rubenstein** (MHA '69, YOS '72) of Memphis.

Adam and **Maddie (Tavin) Zimilover** (MHA '07, FYOS '11) of West Hempstead, New York, who on June 18 welcomed son Noam. Mazel tov also to siblings Josh and Shana.

Binie and **Yossi Klein** (MHA '08) of Hollywood, Florida, on the May 1 arrival of son Rafi. Mazel tov also to siblings Sheva and Ben.

Binyamin and **Zahava (Gersten) Majowka** (MHA '09, FYOS '13) of Riverdale, New York, on the April 30 birth of daughter Bella, making Zach a big brother. Mazel tov also to grandparents and longtime MHA/FYOS faculty members Rabbi Yonason and Sandy Gersten of Memphis.

Rachel and **Akiva Somer** (MHA '10, FYOS '14) of Carmei Gat, Israel, who welcomed their first child, son Shlomo Avraham, on April 4.

Estie and **Motti Klein** (MHA '11) of Brooklyn, New York, on becoming parents with the April 4 birth of their daughter, Henna.

Etan and **Alyssa (Wruble) Bardash** (MHA '11, FYOS '15) of Riverdale, New York, who on Aug. 16 welcomed their first child, daughter Dalya Leebah. Mazel tov also to grandparents **Gary** (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **Dena (Rosenberg) Wruble** (MHA '84, YOS '88) and great-grandparents Frances and **Hershel Rosenberg** (MHA '60), all of Memphis.

Eitan and **Eliana (Schlesinger) Hornstein** (MHA '13, FYOS '17) of Beit Shemesh, Israel, on the April 3 birth of son Yekutiel Bentzion, making Elisha a big brother. Mazel tov also to grandparents David and **Linda (Ostrow) Schlesinger** (MHA '74) of Memphis and Givat Shmuel, Israel.

BNEI/BNOT MITZVAH:

Mazel tov to:

Elisheva and **Rabbi Simcha Mirvis** (MHA '85) on the March 29 bar mitzvah of their son, Avraham. Mazel tov also to grandparents David and **Lynnie (Katz) Mirvis** (MHA '62).

Tanya and **Chaim Lubin** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) of Chicago on the Sept. 7 bat mitzvah of their daughter, Kira. A photo from the

festivities is featured in Alumni Reunite, page 44.

Eli Reich and **Amara Levine-Reich** (MHA '94, FYOS '97 and editor of this publication) of Memphis on the Aug. 30 celebration of their son Judah's bar mitzvah. Mazel tov also to grandmother and former MHA/FYOS administrator Phylis Levine, also of Memphis.

Talia and **Ethan Eisen** (MHA '96) of Beit Shemesh, Israel, on their daughter Nesia becoming a bat mitzvah March 30.

Jennifer and **David Kaplan** (MHA '96) of Vail, Colorado, on their

son Jude's May 31 bar mitzvah. Mazel tov also to grandparents Sara and **Steve Kaplan** (MHA '62) of Memphis.

Ari and **Dvora (Stein) Weisfogel** (MHA '96, FYOS '00) of Memphis on the Aug. 21 bat mitzvah celebration of their daughter Ava. Mazel tov to grandparents Essie and **Mike Stein** (MHA '68, YOS '72), also of Memphis.

Joel and **Margo (Kaplan) Provisor** (MHA '98) of Modi'in, Israel, on the Oct. 19 bat mitzvah of their daughter, Tair. Mazel tov also to grandparents Michael and **Diane (Bisno) Kaplan** (MHA '72) of Memphis.

Alex and **Jessica (Baum) Sukhodolsky** (MHA '99) of Memphis on the May 24 bar mitzvah of their son Benjamin, an MHA eighth grader. Mazel tov also to grandparents **Lee** (MHA '74) and **Shelby (Winestone) Baum** (MHA '77), also of Memphis.

Ari and **Shirli (Freiden) Gotlib** (MHA '99, FYOS '03) of Detroit, Michigan, on their son Alex becoming a bar mitzvah May 24.

MAZEL TOV!

Send us your alumni news for the next issue at alumni@mhacyos.org.

2025 Scholarship Banquet celebrates 75 years of PTA dedication

The social hall at Baron Hirsch Congregation was exquisitely decorated on Sunday, June 15, to welcome guests to the MHA's 75th Annual Scholarship Banquet. Marked by love and nostalgia, the evening paid tribute to the outstanding, hard-working women who have served as presidents of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) over the past 75 years.



*The 2025 banquet was chaired by **Allan Katz** (MHA '65, YOS '69, far left) and his wife, **Esther** (a past PTA president), and their grandchildren, **Rachel** and **Avi Katz** (MHA '11, FYOS '15).*

Alumni played a critical role in the evening's festivities. Many of the PTA presidents honored at the banquet were also alumnae. Speakers at the event on behalf of the PTA were Frances Rosenberg (representing the past), **Elana (Krupp) Kahane** (MHA '92 and outgoing PTA president, representing the present) and incoming co-presidents **Aviva (Krupp) Lewis** (MHA '02, FYOS '06) and Rashki Kaplan (representing the future).

Banquet guests enjoyed a delicious and elegant dinner prepared by **Avi Katz**, a professionally trained chef.



*Chef **Avi Katz** preparing dinner plates for banquet attendees.*

They were also treated to a beautiful video celebrating the rich history of the PTA as a primary source of support for our school, as well as a slideshow of photos from the past 75 years at the MHA. [Click here](#) to view the video, slideshow and banquet presentations, which feature many of our dedicated alumni.

Funds raised through the banquet and its ad journal help to fund educational scholarships, ensuring the MHA can provide high-quality Torah and general studies educational experiences to the children of the Memphis Jewish community.

All in all, the 2025 banquet was an evening that will long be remembered and one befitting the 75th birthday of our beloved school.

From Memphis to the Holy Land: MHA alumni, faculty guide two Sifrei Torah on a journey across the world

by Rabbi Akiva Males, Senior Rabbi of Young Israel of Memphis and CYOS faculty member

Note from the editor and alumni chair: When we heard the story of how our school's Torahs, seemingly in the waning days of life, found their way back to our alumni and continued to serve them, we knew we had to share it with you here. Nothing happens by chance.

On Dec. 19, 2024, the MHA bade farewell to two *pasul Sifrei Torah* (scrolls no longer fit for formal use) that had been part of the school since its opening. One Torah was known to be at least 150 years old, but we weren't sure anyone knew the full story. **Sandy Blockman** (MHA '71, YOS '74) solved much of the mystery by providing the following information:

These *Sifrei Torah* came from the Chevra Mishna Congregation, which was located not far from where the Pyramid (now Bass Pro Shops) is today in downtown Memphis. In its later years, it was known as the Blockman Shul, since my grandfather, Moshe Dovid Blockman, z'l, maintained it and went to extraordinary lengths to ensure it had a minyan, even as the community moved further east. The shul closed when he died in 1958.

Families that supported the shul decided to donate the building and its contents — including the *Sifrei Torah*, *seforim* (books) and other *klei kodesh* (holy items) — to the Memphis Hebrew Academy. In recognition of the gift, the school's original *beis midrash*, in what's now the MHA kindergarten room

and the adjoining room across the hall, was dedicated to those families.

The *Sifrei Torah* have been *pasul* for over 50 years. If I recall correctly, letters were literally flaking off the *klaf* (parchment) years ago.

The decision was made to send the Torahs to *Eretz Yisrael*, so they could be used by aspiring *sofrim* (scribes) for educational purposes. My wife and I were proud to transport the *Sifrei Torah* to Israel while traveling to visit our family there.

Watching Sandy, his son **Yosef** (MHA '02) and the students of the MHA escort these *Sifrei Torah* out of the building with song and dance was quite emotional. It's amazing to think what these *Sifrei Torah* have "seen" since they were first put into service!



Sandy and Yosef Blockman carrying the two Torahs out of the school building.



Bidding farewell to the Torahs in front of the MHA.

To prepare the *Sifrei Torah* for the journey (and to enable both to fit into one suitcase), I involved my CYHSB Gemara class in some hands-on learning they'd never experienced before. We performed surgery on the *Sifrei Torah*, carefully removing the *atzei chaim* (wooden poles) from each end. The students did an outstanding job gingerly rolling each Torah, using a razor to carefully cut the *gidin* (sinews) that bound the *atzei chaim* to the parchment, and finally rolling each *Sefer Torah* into a tight scroll, like a *Megillah*.

Once each *Sefer Torah* was wrapped in its mantel and a *tallis* (prayer shawl), both were carefully placed in a sturdy suitcase in preparation for their trip to Israel. I'm pleased to report that both of these seasoned Torahs made it to Israel with no problems whatsoever.

Within hours of landing in Israel, I met up with Rabbi Yisrael Wende (former MHA faculty member and Rosh Kollel, Torah Mitzion of Memphis) just outside the famous Machane Yehuda market in Jerusalem. We handed off those beloved *Sifrei Torah* to begin the next phase of their service to *Klal Yisrael* (the Jewish people).



Rabbi Males (right) turning the Torahs over to Rabbi Wende in Jerusalem.

Shortly after I returned to Memphis, Rabbi Wende informed me that:

1. Work had already begun to restore one *Sefer Torah*, which was originally assessed as fixable. G-d willing, that Torah will eventually be brought back to life and kosher for use once again, so it can contribute to Rabbi Wende's shul in Israel.
2. The second, more damaged *Sefer Torah*, was shown to a skilled *sofer*, and he suggested having it assessed by the experts at Israel's Machon Ot.

In the second *bracha* (blessing) of our daily *Shemoneh Esrei* prayers, we speak of *techiyas ha'meisim* (resuscitation of the dead). We'll have to wait until Moshiach's arrival to witness *techiyas ha'meisim* in its fullest sense. Nevertheless, being

a part of bringing these two *Sifrei Torah* back to life gives us a taste of a different kind of *techiyas ha'meisim*. Restoring or repurposing these *Sifrei Torah* will make them as timeless as the nation that treasures them so dearly.

Epilogue

After being assessed at Machon Ot, the second *Sefer Torah* was sent to Yeshivat Migdal HaTorah, where **Tzvi Joffre** (MHA '11, FYOS '15) teaches aspiring *sofrim*, including student **Nadav Weiss** (FYOS '22).



Turning the second *Sefer Torah* over to **Nadav Weiss**.

Nadav reported:

I was first informed about this Torah by Rabbi Wende. I remember it from high school, because we used to carry it outside during fire drills just in case. He thought to give it to me because he knows I've been writing *Megillahs* (so far: two Esther, one Ruth and one Eicha), learned how to check *mezuzot* and am currently working toward my certification. Having a Torah scroll available to students is a tremendous learning opportunity.

After I received the *Sefer Torah*, a few students and I went through the whole thing to document our findings and determine its status. Based on what we saw, the Torah was likely written more than 75 years ago and was lime coated during the process of preparing the parchment. While that does make the parchment lighter, it also makes the writing more prone to falling off, which was the case with this Torah. (There was also some mold running throughout the Torah, but that was a lesser concern since it could be wiped off with an eraser.) Oftentimes, letters can be written over as part of the restoration process, but it was not feasible in this case. We would have had to erase the whole Torah and start fresh.



Nadav Weiss doing the initial checking.

As our last hope, we gave the *Sefer Torah* to a group that restores old Torahs and dedicates them in memory of Israeli soldiers who have lost their lives in battle. They informed me it was beyond repair, as we suspected, and that it should be buried. Most likely, the burial has already taken place.



The Sefer Torah undergoing inspection by the students.

Having access to this Torah provided me and other students with a fantastic learning experience. It helped me decide that getting certified as a *sofer* is the right path in life for me. I'm grateful to the MHA for giving me and the other students this unique opportunity.

Save the date for the 34rd Annual Irby and Bernice Cooper Alumni Basketball Game!

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for the Irby and Bernice Cooper Alumni Basketball Game on Saturday night, Jan. 17, 2026 (during MLK Day Weekend) in the MHA's beautiful Moss Gym. Whether you'll be playing or spectating, it promises to be a fun and exciting event for all. We look forward to welcoming many alumni back to campus!

- CYHSB alumni interested in playing in the Alumni Game should contact MHA Athletic Director Kobi Pinto at kobi.pinto@mhacyos.org.
- Alumni traveling from out of town who would like assistance with accommodations or meals should contact Alumni Chair Joanne Kahane at joannekahane111@gmail.com.

We hope to see you in January. Be sure to bring your school spirit, and come prepared for a great evening of basketball and camaraderie!

Dor L'dor

Tehillim (Psalms 79:13) teaches us, “**From generation to generation**, we will recount your praise.” The MHA/CYOS is blessed with multigenerational families who carry on the traditions of our school and instill the values of our people in their children, grandchildren and beyond. Many of these families celebrated graduations this past June and enjoyed participating in significant school events with their loved ones.

Kindergarten



Kindergarten graduate Isaac Mehler and his mom, **Shoshana (Somer) Mehler** (MHA '07, FYOS '11).



Kindergarten graduate Ahron Katz with (from left), his great-grandfather, **Allan Katz** (MHA '65, YOS '69); his father, **Avi Katz** (MHA '11, FYOS '15); and his grandfather, **David Katz** (MHA '88). Ahron is our school's first fourth-generation student.



Kindergarten graduate Ellie Kaplan with her dad, **Zac Kaplan** (MHA '01).

Eighth grade



Tehila Bauer (MHA '25) and her mom, **Sarah (Harris) Bauer** (FYOS '96).

*"It's hard to put the emotions into words. In the moment my daughter stood up there, I felt a complete wholeness. I thought about everything I sacrificed to be at the school and the struggles of feeling at times like Rabbi Akiva, because I came in knowing so little. In those minutes, it all made sense; I understood why it had to be so hard. I got to experience the exact quote that I put in my yearbook 30 years ago: **לפום צערא אגרא** – the reward is proportional to the effort." -**Sarah (Harris) Bauer***



Dahlia Freiden (MHA '25) and her dad, **Yoni Freiden** (MHA '96, FYOS '00).



Kivi (MHA '25, left) and **Aiden Cenker** (MHA '25) and their grandfather, **Sherwin "Butch" Yaffe** (MHA '62).



Abby Lewis (MHA '25) with (from left) her grandmother, **Ricki (Thomas) Krupp** (MHA '66, YOS '70); her mom, **Aviva (Krupp) Lewis** (MHA '02, FYOS '06); and her dad, **Richard Lewis** (MHA '99, FYOS '03).

"It made me proud and excited to see Abby up there on the stage, graduating from eighth grade and going on to ninth grade. She's following in my footsteps, and I'm excited for her to finally get to experience the girls' school!" **-Aviva (Krupp) Lewis**



Avigayil Safier (MHA '25) and her dad, **Rabbi Dovid Safier** (MHA '00, FYOS '04 and current faculty member).

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12th grade



Sarah Kahane (MHA '21, FYOS '25) and (from left) her dad, **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97); her mom, **Elana (Krupp) Kahane** (MHA '92); and her grandmother, **Ricki (Thomas) Krupp** (MHA '66, YOS '70).



Brooke Sanderson (MHA '21, FYOS '25) and her mom, **Stacy (Zalowitz) Sanderson** (MHA '88).

Enjoy a print-friendly version of our newsletter

Over the years, many of you have told us that you print out our newsletter so you can enjoy reading it on Shabbat and Yom Tov. As we mentioned in the [last issue](#), based on your feedback we're now producing a print-friendly, black-and-white version of each new issue, in addition to the full-color digital one. (Thank you to **Rabbi Larry Katz** (MHA '67) for this useful suggestion.)

Going forward, the print-friendly version will be available online at mhacyos.org/alumni. The page has links to every previous issue of our publication.

Beginning with No. 33, there are two links for the issue: one for the full-color digital version and one for the print-friendly version.

Hopefully this new option helps with readability and reduces your ink consumption. We welcome your feedback so we can continue to improve our readers' experience.

THE MHA/YOS CLASSES OF 1976-1980

Where are they now?

Mashie (Greenblatt) Langsam (MHA '73, YOS '77) and her husband reside in the Har Nof neighborhood of Jerusalem. They are the parents of 12 married children who live all across Israel. She works as a student coordinator at a seminary, where girls come from abroad to study for a year.

'73
'77

"The memories of our school years together have faded somewhat as we age," Langsam says of her classmates. "Yet, I still have plenty of fond memories to hold on to. We had wonderful times together, and I thank you for being part of those years. I often fantasize about having a reunion in Memphis so we can all catch up. Who knows? It's always nice to dream!"



Langsam family

'78

Robert Bergman (YOS '78) came to Memphis as a dormer from Miami, Florida. His roommates included Harris Bram, **Louis Levin** (YOS '78), **Nathan Herskowitz** (YOS '78), **Stuart Rabinowitz** (YOS '78) and **Ronnie Perry** (YOS '77). "I also had a productive and enjoyable chavruta with **Hillel Grossman** (MHA '74), and we're still in regular contact," he said.

He and his wife live in Israel, where he is a medical doctor practicing clinical geriatrics in Jerusalem. They have six sons and are expecting the arrival of their first grandchildren this fall.

"About once or twice a year, someone comes into my office with some connection to the Memphis community," Bergman said. "Once we make the connection — it used to be immediate, as I kept my YOS diploma on the wall until after Rabbi Meir Belsky, z'l, passed away — the room immediately brightens. Everyone has warm memories of their time in Memphis. I do run into YOS alumni here in Israel from time to time. I wish I would see more of you more often."

He joked that many of his favorite stories from his time in Memphis are not suitable for our publication. However, he shared this anecdote: "Having grown up in Miami, I was the only guy in the school who'd never seen snow. On the night of the first snowfall during the winter of '75-'76, Rabbi Belsky called me into his office after Maariv to talk about how school was going for me. When we walked out together, he pushed me out the door — where the whole yeshiva was waiting for me with snowballs."

Though Bergman has only fond memories of Memphis, he wants his classmates and other alumni to know that making *aliyah* to Israel has been, he said, "the adventure and calling of a lifetime. Even (and perhaps especially) during the last two traumatic years, there is great optimism here and everything is suffused with meaning. I highly recommend *aliyah*, even if it means coming as a retiree."



Bergman family

'79

Steven Geller (YOS '79), a dorm student originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, now lives in Cedarhurst, New York. He is blessed with six children, three stepchildren and 15 grandchildren. In addition to working as a commercial mortgage broker, he also hosts a weekly YouTube series on the *parsha* based on Rabbi Yitzchok Meir Goodman's "Torah Giants on Chumash" anthology.

"All my classmates were amazing, wonderful people," Geller said. "I cherish the relationships we built during those significant years of personal development. The Memphis Jewish community is like one large extended family; they made the dorm guys feel at home and kept us well fed!"

Rabbi Meir Belsky, z'l, was one of his favorite teachers. "Rav Belsky and the whole administration made my time in Memphis truly a blessing."

'76
'80

Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz (MHA '76, YOS '80) is married to **Bart Ehrenkranz** (YOS '77), who came to our school as a dormer from Stamford, Connecticut. They live in Memphis. She is a retired MHA teacher and licensed insurance agent, and he is an insurance broker specializing in life, disability and travel insurance.

They are the parents of eight grown children, including seven alumni of our school — **Yaakov** (MHA '98), **Binyamin** (MHA '00, FYOS '04), **Leba (Ehrenkranz) Friedman** (MHA '03), **Elana (Ehrenkranz) Solnik** (MHA '04, FYOS '08), **Yitzy** (MHA '06), **Eli** (MHA '08) and **Shifra (Ehrenkranz) Barer** (MHA '10). With their children and grandchildren dispersed across the U.S. and Israel, they go and visit as often as possible.

"Whether in Memphis, *Eretz Yisrael* or elsewhere, we're always excited to see our classmates, wherever they may be," the Ehrenkranzes said. "Memphis is unique in that there's always a connection to be found, wherever we go traveling in the Jewish world."

'77

Among the school faculty and administrators who impacted their lives, they both especially loved Rabbi Meir Belsky, z'l, and **Rabbi Nechemiah (Harry) Kibel** (MHA '65, YOS '69), z'l.

"Memphis is blessed to have our school," they said. "We feel it's so important and the most impactful institution to our Jewish community." For more on their family's deep connection to the school, please see the *d'var Torah* on page 15.

Devora (Kipper) Gradon (MHA '77, YOS '81) and her husband live in Baltimore, Maryland, where she works in the special education department at Bnos Yisroel high school and he is a physician specializing in infectious diseases.

'77
'81

Her favorite teachers were Mrs. Emily Whitman and **Mrs. Gitti (Belsky) Thomas** (MHA '70, YOS '74).

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Roger Messinger (MHA '77) and his wife live in the Memphis area; they have one son and four grandchildren. He is retired from a career in customer service and grateful for the lifelong friends he made at the MHA.



Messinger family



Michael Siegel (MHA '77) is a business owner currently living in Atlanta, Georgia. He has never forgotten the glory of winning the basketball championship.

'77

'76

'81

Dawn (Posner) Goldstein (MHA '77, YOS '81) is a pediatric occupational therapist living in Far Rockaway, New York. She and her husband have five children, all of whom are married and raising families of their own.

"Wherever I go, I am proud to say I'm from Memphis," Goldstein said. "The MHA was a formative part of my life; the connections resurface whenever I meet another (former or current) Memphian. There's a strong feeling of it having been a great place to grow up and that we can count on each other."

I was especially overjoyed when I heard the good news that my classmates **Judy (Baum) Green** (MHA '76, YOS '80) and **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81) have children engaged to each other!" (See page 17 for details.)

She feels a debt of gratitude to those who paved the way for her. "I'm forever grateful my parents, Shirley and Marvin Posner, z'l, afforded me the opportunities of being part of the MHA, the girls' school (as we

called it), Baron Hirsch and NCSY. I recently went to daven at the grave of Rabbi Nathan Greenblatt, z'l, and thanked him for building the MHA."

Her memories of the MHA include the school's enrollment doubling when she was in fourth grade due to citywide busing, enjoying the swings on the playground, playing frisbee in the hall but being careful to keep it away from the window in Mrs. Phyllis Wahl's office door, and the *middos* (character) award endowed by her parents in memory of her grandmother, Ella S. Trotz, z'l, and given at the annual eighth grade graduation.

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THANK YOU

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SPOTLIGHT FEATURE

Mrs. Harriet Stein

Inspiring aha moments for a half-century

For more than five decades, Mrs. Harriet Stein has worked diligently to impart her love of knowledge to her fourth grade students. Twelve of those years, from 1974 to 1986, were devoted to teaching at the MHA. Those who were lucky enough to have her as their fourth grade teacher continue to carry with them the lessons they learned in her classroom.

Born in Sweden following World War II, Stein grew up in Buffalo, New York. Her parents, both Holocaust survivors, encouraged her to pursue a career in education. "My mother said that a nice Jewish girl should be a teacher, so she could be there for her kids when they got home from school," she said. "Because I was a dutiful daughter, I went and became a teacher."

She left home and moved to New York City, earning a degree in education from Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women. While living in New York, she met native Memphian **Harry Stein** (MHA '65, YOS '69). They got married and moved to his hometown so he could pursue a law degree.

Mrs. Stein's first teaching job in Memphis was in a one-room schoolhouse run by a pastor. After having



Mrs. Stein's faculty yearbook photo, 1981.

to put on a Christmas program at the school, she decided her first year there would also be her last.

The following fall, she began teaching fourth grade general studies at the MHA. "It was a very homey environment," Mrs. Stein recalled. "We were part of a small community then, and many of us worked at the school together. We all just wanted to be there."

Her students wanted her there, too.



Mrs. Stein and her fourth grade students checking a workbook assignment in 1977.

"I loved Mrs. Stein so much," said **Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane** (MHA '89, YOS '93). "She made social studies so interesting. When she told our class she was going on maternity leave, I felt mad at her for leaving us. That's the sign of a good teacher: when your students are angry when you leave.

"I'm not sure if I've forgiven her yet," Kahane teased.



Mrs. Stein teaching fourth grade in 1978.

"I remember how much she cared about us," said **Ronit (Sauer) Brakha** (MHA '83, YOS '87). "I wanted to be like her when I grew up. Having Mrs. Stein in fourth grade is one of the reasons I went into education and now teach at the MHA."

"Mrs. Stein was one of my favorite teachers," said **Sarah (Fink) Wachtel** (MHA '88, YOS '92). "Even as a fourth grader, I appreciated her no-nonsense manner. I still have the autobiography I wrote in her class. Believe it or not, my fourth-grade self predicted I'd be living in Israel!"

Another hallmark of her teaching style was the use of project-based learning, with initiatives like the World's Fair program helping her students discover cultures across the globe. "I believe children learn

better that way, rather than just sitting in class with a notebook and a pencil," Mrs. Stein said.

In 1986, the Stein family relocated to Monsey, New York, where they continue to live today. The Steins are proud parents of five adult children and enjoy spending time with their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Stein is in her 51st year of teaching fourth grade, today as a member of the faculty at Yeshivas Ohr Reuven, an all-boys school in Suffern, New York.

She's always glad to run into old friends and former students from her time in Memphis — often marveling at the stories they remember from her class. "I hope they learned a lot from me," Mrs. Stein said.



Mrs. Stein's fourth graders representing the countries of the world at their World's Fair event in 1985.

After five decades of working in education, she still gets excited about her students' learning. "I love those aha moments when I see that they 'get it,'" Mrs. Stein said. "That's when I feel a real sense of accomplishment as a teacher."

ALUMNI REUNITE

We continue to be impressed by the submissions to our “Alumni Reunite” feature.

Any time two or more alumni get together — whether for a simcha (celebration) or otherwise — we would love to get a photo. Submissions can be sent to alumni@mhacyos.org. Our thanks to those who provided these pictures, especially those who took time out during meaningful family occasions to assemble MHA/CYOS alumni and friends. *Yasher koach* (kudos)!



In May, **Deena (Katz) Yarmush** (MHA '94, FYOS '97, left) and **Sarah (Harris) Bauer** (FYOS '96) met in Florida for a mini-reunion and enjoyed refreshments prepared by Deena's husband, Gershon.



Sometimes, alumni reunions are also family reunions...

In July, **Ezra Cooper** (MHA '15, FYOS '19, right) visited cousin **Yaakov Ehrenkranz** (MHA '98) in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel.



In August, alumni and their spouses gathered at the wedding of **Rabbi Yitzy Greenblatt's** (MHA '75) daughter: (from left) **Mashie (Greenblatt) Langsam** (MHA '73, YOS '77), Tova Greenblatt (wife of **Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt**, MHA '69), Mousha Kaplan (wife of **Yehuda (Jeffrey) Kaplan**, MHA '67), **Sima (Greenblatt) Goodman** (MHA '81, YOS '85) and **Goldie (Greenblatt) Kenigsberg** (MHA '72).



Brothers **Joey Greenblatt** (MHA '74, left) and **Rabbi Jacob Greenblatt** (MHA '72), sons of Rav Nota Greenblatt, z'l, at the wedding.



Two days after the Greenblatt wedding, **Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (MHA '76, YOS '80, third from right) happened upon the family in Cedarhurst, New York, where they were celebrating Yitzy's 70th birthday. Thank you, Chana, for organizing this picture: (from left) **Rabbi Yitzy Greenblatt** (MHA '75) and his wife, Miriam; **Mashie (Greenblatt) Langsam** (MHA '73, YOS '77); **Goldie (Greenblatt) Kenigsberg** (MHA '72); and Tova and **Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt** (MHA '69). They are the children of Rabbi Efraim and Miriam Greenblatt, z'l.

In August, Miriam Izenberg, daughter of Scott and **Pesha (Pamela Friedman) Izenberg** (MHA '87, YOS '91), married Shimon Katz in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. Alumni gathered to help them celebrate.



(from left) Rabbi Uri and **Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (MHA '76, YOS '80), **Anna (Fink) Kaminetsky** (MHA '84, YOS '88), **Sarah (Fink) Wachtel** (MHA '88, YOS '92) and **Dana (Chafetz) Berlin** (MHA '92, FYOS '96).



Mother-of-the-bride **Pesha** (right) and her sister, **Amy Friedman** (MHA '84).



(from left) **Barbara (Katz) Kutner** (MHA '65, YOS '68), **Sarah (Fink) Wachtel** (MHA '88, YOS '92) and **Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (MHA '76, YOS '80).



Pesha (right) and **Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (MHA '76, YOS '80).

In August, Sarah Kahane, daughter of **Rabbi Meir (Michael) Kahane** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) and **Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane** (MHA '89, YOS '93), married Yechiel Linas in Jerusalem. There was a palpable Memphis presence at the wedding.



(from left) **Ari Krupp** (MHA '91), **Elana (Krupp) Kahane** (MHA '92), **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97), **Sarah Kahane** (MHA '21, FYOS '25 and cousin of the bride) and parents of the bride, **Rabbi Meir (Michael) Kahane** and **Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane**.



(from left) **Elaine (Goldstein) Strajcher** (MHA '61), **Elana (Krupp) Kahane** (MHA '92), **Sarah Kahane** (MHA '21, FYOS '25), **Julie (Goldstein) Brown** (MHA '76, YOS '80), **Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (MHA '76, YOS '80) and **Shifra Goldstein Smith** (MHA '04, FYOS '08).



(from left) **Elaine (Goldstein) Strajcher** (MHA '61), **Sidney Goldstein** (MHA '64), **Julie (Goldstein) Brown** (MHA '76, YOS '80) and Rabbi David Goldstein.



Classmates **Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz** (left) and **Debbi (Brown) Nissel** (both MHA '76, YOS '80).



Beryl Thomas (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) enjoying food and conversation at the wedding.

Alumni also reunited at the couple's *sheva brachot*.



Celebrating newlyweds Yechiel and Sarah Linus (front row, right) at the home of Rabbi Uri and **Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver** (back row, center) in Jerusalem were (clockwise from bottom-left) **Rabbi Meir (Michael) Kahane**, Rabbi David Goldstein, **Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane**, **Debbi (Brown) Nissel** (MHA '76, YOS '80) and **Mashie (Greenblatt) Langsam** (MHA '73, YOS '77).



Sidney Goldstein (MHA '64, second from left) with his children, (from left) **Miriam (Amy Goldstein) Kahane**, **Ben Goldstein** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) and **Shifra Goldstein Smith** (MHA '04, FYOS '08).



(from left) Siblings **Yedida** (MHA '91, FYOS '95) and **Chaim Lubin** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) were joined in Chicago by classmates **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97) and **Elana (Krupp) Kahane** (MHA '92) to celebrate the Sept. 7 bat mitzvah of Chaim's daughter, Kira.



Yoni Freiden (MHA '96, FYOS '00, far left) and his son **Ben** (MHA '22, far right) attended the Sept. 7 matchup between the NFL's Tennessee Titans and Denver Broncos at Empower Field at Mile High with Colorado residents **David Kaplan** (MHA '96) and son Jude.



While visiting New York City in September, **Charley Burch** (MHA '82, left) met up with longtime friend **Victor Shine** (MHA '79, YOS '83) in Brooklyn.

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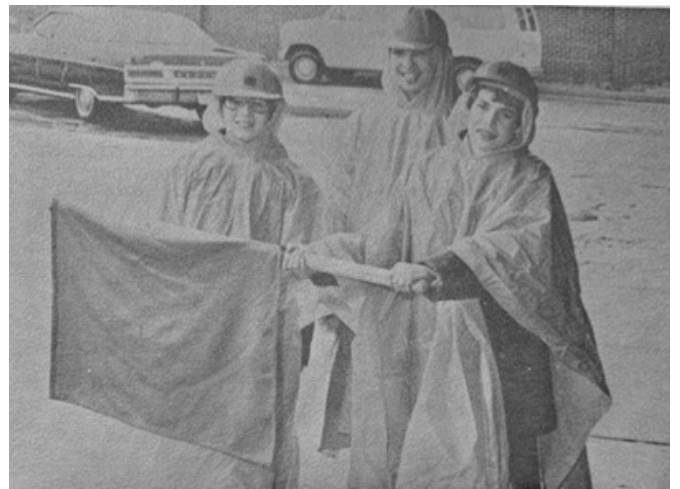
Photographs from the past

The MHA student council officers in 1979: (front row, from left) **Debra (Loskove) Silverstein** (MHA '79, YOS '83), treasurer; **Michelle Shapiro** (MHA '79), president; **Robin Kimmelman** (MHA '80), vice president; **Lauren Fineberg** (YOS '84), publicity; **Maxine Spiegler** (YOS '83), secretary; (back row, from left) Mrs. Emily Dropkin, faculty advisor; **Victor Shine** (MHA '79, YOS '83), parliamentarian; **Jeff Baum** (MHA '80, YOS '84), sergeant at arms; and Mrs. Gloria Hagen, faculty advisor.



*"I was the parliamentarian and spent most of our student council meetings reading 'Robert's Rules of Order.' I see **Debra Loskove** there, and she's currently a real politician!" -**Victor Shine***

The MHA safety patrol in 1979: (from left) Moshe Silverman, **Ruthie (Goldfein) Veshnfsky** (MHA '80) and **Sammy Morris** (MHA '80, YOS '84).



*"It was pouring down rain, but we had a job to do, which was to make sure kids were safe in the crosswalks. I remember wearing those ponchos, but we still got pretty drenched." -**Sam Morris***

Co-editors of the MHA Tribune in 1979: (from left) **Melissa (Freiden) Friedman**, **Victor Shine** and **Lisa (Yormark) Neuman** (all MHA '79, YOS '83).



The 11th grade boys of the YOS in 1980: (from left) **Eli Fink** (YOS '81), **Howard Seidenfeld** (YOS '81), **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **Marty LeVine**, z'l (MHA '77, YOS '81).



*"Just your typical photo of the entire class! It saddens my heart that **Marty LeVine**, z'l, can't respond to your request; such wit he possessed! I haven't seen Boomie (**Howard Seidenfeld**) nor **Dr. Fink** in decades. Maybe it's about time for a reunion! As for **Pace**, we thank G-d stay in contact on a weekly basis, and they're moments I'll always cherish." -**Beryl Thomas***

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A piece by **Jennifer (Whitman) Lehrfield** (MHA '77, YOS '81) excerpted from the 1980 YOS yearbook.

Now it has begun again my dearest friends.
Don't close your eyes.
You must remember Hashem hears your cries.

Youth is now over.
It's time to move on.
The gates are now open for you:
Proceed without further ado.

Take in as much — Yes everything,
And hold on tight.

Remember all which you've learned,
And share it with those who yearn.
Don't let it happen — No not again.

Rebuild — you can.

I am the candle remaining in place
Take my flame.
Spread it for me,
Spread it for you,
Spread it for Torah and
Spread it to those who sit alone
and rekindle the world.

Time to live,
Time to share,
Time to grow,
Time to move on.

Jennifer Whitman

*"I assume this was an English class assignment from my mother, Mrs. Emily Whitman. Where did you find this?" -**Jennifer (Whitman) Lehrfield***

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The 34th issue of our newsletter is scheduled for publication around Chanukah. In it, we will once again highlight the eighth and 12th grade graduates from the years 1996-2000. Members of these classes will receive questionnaires by email (or regular mail) sometime in October. Please return your completed survey promptly so you can be included.

Our feature story in that issue will spotlight **Morah Chavi (Nayowitz) Katz**, who taught at our school from 1993 to 2013. If you have any stories, photos or memories of Morah Chavi that you would like to share, please send them to Joanne Kahane, alumni chair, at joannekahane111@gmail.com or to her attention at the school mailing address below.

Additionally, be sure to submit your “Mazel Tov” events, as well as photos for the “Alumni Reunite” feature, so that we can include them in our next issue. Thank you!



Rabbi Dr. Gavriel Brown, *head of school*
Mark Kaplowitz, *president, board of trustees*