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Alumni and Friends



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**Highlighting the
graduating classes
of 1976-1980**

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This newsletter is dedicated in loving memory of the members of the classes of 1976-1980 who are no longer with us, including

Deborah (Bernheim) Novak
(MHA '77), **Darrell Cohen** (MHA '80)
and **Nathan Herskowitz** (YOS '78),
and recently departed alumni
George Conroy and **Harry**
Schaffer (both MHA '58).

May their memories be a blessing.

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COVER PHOTO: Mrs. Joyce Casada's fifth grade social studies class held a quilting bee in honor of the U.S. bicentennial in 1976. The girls included (from left, then counterclockwise around the table) **Melissa (Frieden) Friedman** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Lisa Yormark** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Nancy Werman** (MHA '79), **Risa (Snyder) Stock** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Elaine (Weinreich) Katz** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Michelle Shapiro** (MHA '79), Margot Lit, **Orly (Kamin) Ohana** (MHA '79), **Tami Vogel** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Debra Loskove** (MHA '79, YOS '83) and **Lisa Lebovitz** (MHA '79). The boys in the class were (from left) **Elliot Wender** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Ronnie Lebovitz** (MHA '79), **Victor Shine** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Scott Cohen** (MHA '79), David Berlin, **Michael Attias** (MHA '79), **Stephen Sauer** (MHA '79), Julian Levine, Gregg Reisman, **Chuck Lucas** (MHA '79, YOS '83) and **Shmuel Cheruff** (MHA '79, YOS '83). Holding the sign were Michael Lurie and Shlomo Hartman, z'".





Dear MHA/FYOS alumni,

In the awe-inspiring month of Elul, we once again find ourselves at a time of new beginnings. It is a time to assess how far we have come in reaching our goals and

dreams, where we stand right now, and in what direction to point ourselves for the future.

At this moment in time, our beloved school, the MHA/FYOS, stands at just such a turning point. I am sure you've noticed that we do not make it a practice to ask for donations from our alumni in the pages of this newsletter. That is deliberate; fundraising is not the purpose of this publication, and you have my word that donation requests will not become a regular feature of the newsletter. That being said, I would like to ask a personal favor of everyone who reads this newsletter and enjoys the results of our efforts: Please take the time to read the article about the school's new capital improvements (see page 20). I think it is remarkably inspiring for anyone who holds a place in their heart for our school.

If the article touches your heart, you have *hakarat ha'tov* (gratitude) for our school and community, or you are so moved for any other reason, I ask that you please consider contacting **Josh Kahane** (MHA '93, FYOS '97), the campaign chair, to discuss how you can lend your financial support for the MHA/FYOS capital campaign. Pledges can be made in one payment or over several years, and no gift is too small. Thanks to the generosity of the Cooper family, all contributions will be matched dollar for dollar, so whatever amount you give will benefit the campaign twofold. I send you, in advance, my deepest heartfelt gratitude.

Now, down to more administrative business. I've received letters from alumni who indicated that we've listed their graduation dates incorrectly and from others who said they were not on our

mailing list. I even heard from a member of the YOS class of '89, informing us that no one from her graduating class received a questionnaire for the last issue.

Please understand that the alumni committee is working from a rather crude list, much of which was compiled before the days of computerized records. We are continually working to refine and update our list, and the best way we have to get things corrected is when people take the time to report a problem. We are always glad to hear from our alumni, even when it's to let us know we've made a mistake in print or on our mailing list. In the spirit of this time of forgiveness, we do apologize for the errors and greatly appreciate your patience with us. (With some help from our technology consultant, Eric Schubert, we solved the mystery of the missing class of '89; the issue has been corrected in our files. We regret the omission.)

Thus far, we have tracked down contact information for about 70 percent of the school's graduates. Please continue to help us by spreading the word. If you are still in touch with your classmates, please forward the newsletter to them and ask that they send us their email address. We also have a growing list of non-alumni (including former students, parents of students, faculty members and other community members) wishing to receive the newsletter. We are happy to add any and all interested parties to our mailing list.

On a very personal note, my prayer is that all of you be inscribed for a year of good health and inspiration. May you continue to spread the message of Torah—to which you were introduced here in our little community in Memphis—throughout the world. And may Hashem bless all of us with a *shana tova*, a year filled with all that is good.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Joanne Kahane

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Katz

Dear fellow MHA/FYOS alumni,

As the newly elected president of the MHA/FYOS board of trustees, it is with great excitement that I address you in this latest version of



the alumni newsletter. I, too, am a graduate of the school (and the father of several alumni) and eagerly anticipate the release of the newsletter three times a year. This publication

has evoked so many wonderful memories for graduates young and old and from near and far. Thank you to everyone who has supported Joanne Kahane, our alumni committee chair, and her outstanding team in this endeavor by providing contact information, pictures, stories and great feedback.

One of my key objectives as president is *engagement*: engagement of our parent body, local community members and, of course, you—our treasured alumni. There are so many incredible things going on now at our school that are a source of pride for us all. We have hired wonderful new administrators, welcomed a number of new families to Memphis and our school, and made some amazing renovations to the gym and kitchen areas of the building. If you are in town or coming to Memphis to visit, please give us the opportunity to show

you around. I guarantee you will be impressed!

However, our work is not yet done. To ensure that our school remains a safe, warm and inviting place for students, faculty, administrators and our community for years to come, we have embarked on a capital campaign. The funds raised will enable us to make much-needed improvements throughout our campus. To reach our goal, we need the support of our generous alumni! Should you be moved to show gratitude for the school that has done so much for you and the Memphis community at large, we would love to hear from

you. There are numerous giving opportunities available; any and all support is greatly appreciated. See page 20 for additional information, and please contact me to learn more.

As we embark on another year in our school's storied history, I feel energized and proud to remain involved in this remarkable institution. I

urge you to get involved as well! We all have something to offer to improve the MHA/FYOS and ensure that the school can continue its noble mission for generations to come.

Wishing you and your family a *shana tova u'metukah* – a good and sweet new year.

David Katz (MHA '88)

President, MHA/FYOS Board of Trustees

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There are so many incredible things going on now at our school that are a source of pride for us all.

On the first of the month of Elul, we begin reciting on a daily basis the very beautiful Psalm No. 27, which opens with *le'Dovid ashem ori*. We read this chapter of *Tehillim* during Elul through the end of Sukkot because it alludes to the three important holidays during this time period: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. *Ori* ("my light") alludes to Rosh Hashanah, *yishi* ("my salvation") to Yom Kippur, and "*ki yitzpenani be'suko*" ("He conceals me in His Sukkah") to Sukkot.

King David writes in this psalm, "One thing I want to ask you, Hashem: Let me dwell all the days of my life in the house of Hashem. It should be a sweet existence, and I would like to visit your tabernacle." Though *Dovid HaMelech* says he is asking for one thing, he is, in essence, asking for two things, and those two things are seemingly antithetical to one another. He requests to "dwell" in the house of Hashem and to "visit" His tabernacle. The Hebrew verb for dwell is *la'shevet*, which here means that David wanted to live in and partake of the beauty of the house of Hashem. The word for visit, on the other hand, is *le'vaker*. So, is King David asking Hashem to live at His house or to visit His house?

The Malbim (Rabbi Meir Leibush Wisser), a master Hebrew grammarian and illustrious 19th-century Torah commentator, addresses this question with a beautiful, thought-provoking insight. He posits that King David was actually asking Hashem for one thing only. He wanted to live his whole life around the house of G-d. Dovid wanted to be close to the Divine Presence and to have a full-time, never-ending relationship with the Master of the world. However, when you are around

someone all the time, your relationship can grow stale. You become very accustomed to their presence and forget to appreciate your situation. Dovid HaMelech wanted to feel like a visitor around Hashem; a visitor is someone you see from time to time, and every time you see him or her, it is very special. It is not routine or commonplace, and therefore you don't take the relationship for granted.

This concept applies to all of our close relationships, whether with our spouses, children, parents or friends. Even though we (hopefully) see them all the time, being around them should always feel special. We must never take our loved ones for granted and, most importantly, never take Hashem for granted. Especially during this holy time of year, we must focus on appreciating the plethora of opportunities He provides us to grow close to Him and live our lives as frequent visitors, as opposed to dwellers, in the house of Hashem.

Rabbi David Finkelstein is the director of Shoresh, a Jewish outreach organization in Baltimore, Maryland, where he lives with his wife Debbie. They have four children and two grandchildren. He is the son of Mrs. Naomi Finkelstein, who served as administrative assistant (and so much more) in the MHA office for more than a quarter-century.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND ALUMNI CHAIR

Community Responses

We welcome your feedback on the alumni newsletter at alumni@mhafyos.org. Here are some of the responses we received to Issue No. 5.

You've outdone yourselves with this issue! I especially love the "flashbacks" and the "where are they now" features. I look forward to receiving my questionnaire for the next issue. Thanks again for your hard work.

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

I was just wondering about when I'd see another issue when I received No. 5. I really enjoy the connection. Thank you so very much!

-Molly (Belsky) Cohen
YOS '83

Fantastic job on Issue No. 5, as usual. The effort that goes into these publications shows. Keep up the good work!

-Anshel Kaplan
MHA '98, FYOS '02

Another nostalgic trip down memory lane. Great job!

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

I love these newsletters! It would be great to know how my classmates are doing. Thank you.

-Dawn (Pries) Smith
MHA '80, YOS '84

I really love the alumni newsletters, as does everyone from Baltimore who I talk to. Thanks so much!

-Sara (Finkelstein) Schachter
MHA '73

Very well done. *Yasher koach!*

-Steve Graber
MHA '70, YOS '74

Wow, you really worked hard on this issue! Very nice job. Thanks!

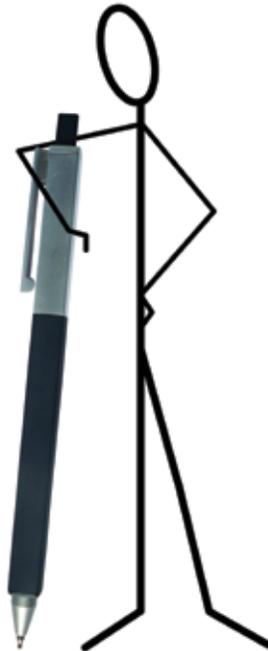
-Rabbi Josh Friedman
MHA '87

I just love reading this newsletter! I know it must be a tremendous amount of work, and I thank you for the effort. It was so nice to see the pictures in Issue No. 5 of my son Adam and his friends from so many years ago.

-Toby Loskove,
former PTA president and mother of Joey (MHA '82), Daniel (MHA '84) and Adam Loskove (MHA '88)

I cannot tell you enough how much I enjoy reading the alumni newsletters and how much I appreciate all the work you put in to deliver such an engaging publication. When each newsletter comes out, I reach out to my brothers **Jeremy** (MHA '08, FYOS '12) and **Ethan** (MHA '09, FYOS '13) so we can read it and reminisce together here in college. Thanks for your hard work!

-Dylan Cooper
MHA '09, FYOS '13



I love what you are doing with the MHA/FYOS alumni newsletter. Great job on the last issue!

So many of us remember our years at the school, especially those teachers who deeply impacted our lives. Mr. Thomas Johnson was one of those teachers who inspired and mentored me. As one of the first teachers to really take an interest in me, he played an instrumental role in my life. Seeing that I did only what I needed to do to complete my assignments for his class and nothing more, he pulled me aside and took the time to get to know me as an individual. He came to understand that it wasn't that I didn't like reading; I just didn't enjoy the old English poems and Shakespeare plays we were assigned. He recommended that I read "Exodus" by Leon Uris. That book ushered me into a lifelong love of reading. Now, I'm usually reading two or three books at a time and enjoy both fiction and non-fiction.

Mr. Johnson got me interested in opening my mind and changing my thinking, and I am forever grateful. It would be great to get back in touch with him to say thank you and let him know that his former students are still thinking about him.

-Heath Wruble
YOS '93

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIR: A number of alumni have asked about reconnecting with Mr. Johnson and his wife, Mrs. Abby Johnson, who also taught at our school for many years. We are working on getting their contact information and plan to spotlight them in a future issue of this publication.

I recently saw the fifth issue of the MHA/FYOS alumni magazine through a connection on Facebook and enjoyed it tremendously! My family moved from Memphis to Baltimore in the middle of my seventh grade year, so although I never graduated from the school, I spent the better part of 10 years roaming those halls. This publication brings back many fond memories.

There are many of us who left the school before graduating 8th grade who may be interested in alumni programs and literature, as well as supporting the school. If I can be of any help in maintaining those connections, please let me know. Warm regards from Atlanta!

-Yonasan (Jonathan) Gavant

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIR: For the purposes of this publication, we are defining "alumni" as those who graduated from either eighth or twelfth grade. At this time, we are limiting inclusion in the "alumni news" and "where are they now" sections of the newsletter to our graduates.

However, we welcome the engagement of anyone wishing to be part of the extended alumni community. We are pleased to count many non-alumni among our readership and to include anyone from the extended MHA/FYOS family on our mailing list. Anyone wishing to receive the alumni newsletter can provide their email address or mailing address to us at alumni@mhafyos.org. We also print letters from non-alumni on a regular basis, as evidenced here. Additionally, non-alumni are eligible to enter (and win) our trivia contests. We are grateful for the enthusiasm of

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND ALUMNI CHAIR

Community Responses

all former MHA/FYOS students, regardless of whether they graduated from our school.

You did it again—success after success after success! Whenever I ask any MHA alumni if they receive the newsletter, the answer invariably is, “Yes, and it is wonderful! I enjoy every word, and I’m so glad to get it.” *Kol ha’kavod* and accolades to you. We all owe you a huge debt of gratitude for going to such lengths to keep us all connected in such a lovely way.

-Naomi Finkelstein

former MHA administrative assistant

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIR: For more on Mrs. Finkelstein, see our special feature on page 27 of this issue.

I find it extremely heartwarming that the MHA/FYOS remembers my recently departed and dear father, Rabbi Joseph Nayowitz, z’l. My siblings and I miss him terribly! May his *neshama* [soul] plead for us from his lofty place above.

I was a member of the school’s second eighth-grade graduating class. I have been in Israel since 1970 and now live in Bnei Brak. I look forward to seeing your special feature dedicated to my father, of blessed memory, in the next issue. As the eldest of the Nayowitz offspring, I thank you on behalf of our entire family.

-Devora (Nayowitz) Rothenberg

MHA ’58

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIR: For more on Rabbi Nayowitz, z’l, see our special feature on page 16 of this issue.

My husband Rob and I moved to Memphis one year ago and love the community here. We also really enjoy reading the MHA/FYOS alumni newsletter; it is always so interesting to see the news updates and flashbacks. Thank you for all the work you put into it!

My grandfather, Rabbi Alfred Fruchter, z’l, was the first rabbi of Beth El Emeth Congregation in downtown Memphis (long before it merged with Anshei Sphard) and a co-founder of the MHA. I’m sure there are people in Memphis and among the alumni who remember him, including Rabbi Nathan Greenblatt, another MHA co-founder. They may also have heard the story about teenaged Elvis Presley working as my grandparents’ *Shabbos goy*!

The next time you feature the early years of the school in the newsletter, I would be glad to write an article about my grandfather and the challenges he faced in getting the school off the ground.

-Gila (Heller) Golder

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIR: We do, of course, know of Rabbi Fruchter, z’l, and his lasting legacy at the school. He is mentioned extensively in the very first issue of this publication. We would welcome the opportunity to feature a story about him the next time we cover those early years, which will probably be in a year or two. It’s nice to know that Rabbi Fruchter’s granddaughter is a supporter of the school that he worked so hard to establish.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

FROM
ISSUE 5

1986-1990

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

Sisters **Basya (Goldfein) Israel** (MHA '87, YOS '91) and **Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer** (MHA '88, YOS '92), the daughters of longtime faculty member Rabbi Yaacov Goldfein, z'l, teamed up to win our last trivia quiz.

Basya and Rivka got

12 out of 14
correct answers.

They will receive their Ricki's Cookies in time for Rosh Hashanah.

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

1. Which candidate won the school's mock presidential election in 1984?

ANSWER: Walter Mondale.

2. What was the prize for memorizing all of the parshiyot in Rabbi Yaacov Goldfein's, z'l, class?

ANSWER: A big, gold star sticker.

3. What sport did Rabbi Goldfein teach after school?

ANSWER: Judo.

4. What sport pitted the 8th grade against the faculty every year?

ANSWER: Softball, played at the end of Lag b'Omer field day.

5. What hands-on item did Dr. Jerry Kutliroff use to teach waves in physics class?

ANSWER: A really big slinky that stretched down the hallway.

6. What Shakespeare play did Dr. Kutliroff direct during the 1987-88 school year?

ANSWER: "Macbeth."

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

Classes of 1986-1990

7. Which teacher was famous for saying, "Pi R-squared like cornbread are squared"?

ANSWER: Mrs. Joyce Casada.

8. Which MHA elementary school teacher used to say, "I want to see your pen smoking like a house on fire"?

ANSWER: Mrs. Joyce Casada.

9. Rabbi Jay Salid's trunk was full of what?

ANSWER: Baseball cards.

10. What was the unexpected and frightening surprise at the state park shabbaton in Mississippi during the 1989-90 school year?

ANSWER: Alligators.

11. Who were the "Candy Ladies"?

ANSWER: Carol Zalowitz and Adrian Weissman.

12. Can you identify the graduates in this picture? What year did they graduate? (Bonus question: Why are there no boys in the picture?)

ANSWER: Pictured are the YOS graduates of 1992 (from left): **Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Sarah (Finegold) Newton** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Rachel (Epstein) Wolf** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Amy (Rosenberg) Gibber** (MHA '88, YOS '92), **Sarah (Fink) Wachtel** (MHA '88, YOS '92) and **Tova (Samuels) Marizan** (MHA '88, YOS '92).

There are no male graduates in the picture because 1992 was one of the interim years in which the boys' high school was not open.





Births: Mazel Tov to...

Denise and **Phillip Rubenstein** (MHA '61) of Phoenix, Arizona, on the Aug. 9 birth of granddaughter Nechama Esther to parents Rachel and Jeremy Levy, also of Phoenix. Mazel tov also to siblings Sarah Devorah, Miriam Bracha and Yitzchak Peretz.

Becky and **Randall Califf** (MHA '69) of Plantation, Florida, on the July 9 birth of grandson Aiden Ray. He is the first child of Elliot and Rachel Califf of Chicago.

Morris and **Ann Ellen (Blockman) Gavant** (MHA '70) of Baltimore on the July 13 birth of a granddaughter, Shayna Ita. Her parents are Esti and Yonasan Gavant of Atlanta. Mazel tov also to big sisters Hadassa and Aliza.

Esther and **Steve Graber** (MHA '70, YOS '74) of New York City on the May 4 arrival of granddaughter Gabriella Rina, born to Kayla and Aryeh Graber, who recently relocated from Fair Lawn, New Jersey, to Cleveland, Ohio.

Mendy and **Marilyn (Weinreich) Schachter** (MHA '71) of Cleveland on the June 23 birth of a granddaughter, Shira Ayelet. She is the first-born child of Esti and Aryeh Schachter of Fresh Meadows, New York.

Barbara and **Scott Klazmer** (MHA '74) of Memphis on the arrival of granddaughter Averi Lorraine, born April 4 to Martin and Jamie Klazmer of Austin, Texas.

David and **Judy (Baum) Green** (MHA '76, YOS '80) of Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel, on the June 19 birth of a granddaughter, Aviva Esther. Her parents are Sean and Shira (Green) Delmoor of

South Bend, Indiana. Mazel tov also to big brothers Chaim Moshe, Yosef Shalom and Shmuel Asher.

Rabbi Menachem and **Debbi (Brown) Nissel** (MHA '76, YOS '80) of Jerusalem, who welcomed granddaughter Talya Leah on Aug. 9. Her proud parents are Noa and Dovid Meir Nissel of Elad, Israel. Mazel tov also to big sister Batsheva.

Rabbi Uri and **Chana (Yaffe) Silver** (YOS '80) of Jerusalem on the July 16 arrival of granddaughter Chaya, born to Yaakov and Bracha (Silver) Adler in Israel. Mazel tov also to big brothers Tzvi Meir and Shimmy.

Rabbi Joey and **Melissa (Freiden) Friedman** (MHA '79, YOS '83) of Denver on the Aug. 12 arrival of grandson Yair Tzvi, the first child of Rebecca and Yonah Friedman of Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel.



Faigy and Rabbi **Eli Kutner** (MHA '92) of Far Rockaway, New York, on the Aug. 12 birth of daughter Devorah Gisa. She was named after her great-grandmother, longtime MHA supporter Dotty Katz, z'l. Mazel tov also to siblings Rena, Shifra and Chaim, grandparents **Alan** (MHA '62) and **Barbara (Katz) Kutner** (MHA '64, YOS '68) of Memphis and great-grandfather Rabbi Seymour Kutner of Memphis, who helped to found our school.

Eliezer and **Sarah (Harris) Bauer** (FYOS '96) of Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel, on the April 30 birth of a baby boy, Gabriel Nechemia (Gavi). Mazel tov also to siblings Shimon Leib, Aharon Yonah, Raphael Moshe, Tehila, Mimi and Shmu.

Brian and **Jenny (Kagan) Gelfand** (MHA '96) of Washington, D.C., on the Aug. 29 arrival of their first child, daughter Barrie Ava.

Ora and Rabbi **Elchanan (Ari) Reznick** (FYOS '00) of Kibbutz Shaalvim, Israel, on the May 2 arrival of twin boys Elyashiv Simcha and Benaya Tzvi. They are also parents to proud siblings Asaf and Darya (also twins!).

Joel and **Margo (Kaplan) Provisor** (MHA '98) of Modi'in, Israel, on the Sept. 1 birth of their daughter, Odelia Michal. Mazel tov also to big sisters Hallel and Tair and grandparents Michael and **Diane (Bisno) Kaplan** (MHA '72) of Memphis.

Deborah and **Beryl Joffre** (MHA '98, FYOS '02) of Atlanta on the April 22 birth of a baby girl, Lilah Elisheva. Mazel tov also to big brothers Nathan and Micah and grandparents Linda and **Michael Joffre** (MHA '69) of Memphis.

Rabbi Yisroel and **Suri (Samberg) Weiner** (MHA '99, FYOS '03) of Phoenix, Arizona, on the July 30 arrival of daughter Shoshana Raizl.

Mazel tov also to siblings Yossi, Malka, Chana, Dena and Aviva and grandparents (and former MHA faculty members) Cantor Aryeh and Mrs. Adina Samberg.

Adam and **Ariella (Freiden) Schwartz** (MHA '01, FYOS '05) of Forest Hills, New York, on the May 17 arrival of a baby boy, who has been named Liam Erez. Mazel tov also to grandparents Debbie and **Hugh Freiden** (MHA '72, YOS '76) of Memphis.

Josh and **Gabrielle (Graber) Gold** (MHA '02) of Woodmere, New York, on the June 1 birth of their son Caleb Alexander. Mazel tov also to big brother Nathan and grandparents Pammy and **Glenn Graber** (MHA '74, YOS '78), also of Woodmere.

Andy and **Kaylee (Kampf) Stahler** (MHA '03, FYOS '07) of Woodmere on the July 20 arrival of son Avery Alexander. Mazel tov also to big sister Ella and grandparents Cantor Ricky and Mrs. Anat



Kampf, a longtime member of the MHA/FYOS faculty and administration.

Gavriel and **Aliza (Blockman) Alayev** (FYOS '08) of Forest Hills on the July 20 birth of their first child, baby boy Adam Yonah. Mazel tov also to Aliza's parents, Nina and **Sandy Blockman** (MHA '71, YOS '74) of Memphis, on becoming grandparents.

Eli and **Chana (Joffre) Goldstone** (MHA '08) of Baltimore, Maryland, on the Sept. 8 birth of their first child, daughter Devora Esther. Mazel tov also to grandparents Linda and **Michael Joffre** (MHA '69).

Ovadia and **Aviva (Katz) Fink** (MHA '08, FYOS '12) of Jerusalem, Israel, on the Aug. 8 birth of a daughter, Hadasah. Mazel tov also to grandparents Davida and **Eliyahu Fink** (YOS '81) of Cleveland, **Ronnie Katz** (MHA '70, YOS '74) of Dallas and former MHA faculty member Chavi

(Nayowitz) Katz, who now lives in Israel.

Ruvi and **Jamie (Epstein) Gibber** (MHA '10, FYOS '14) of Chicago on the May 6 birth of their first child, a baby girl named Shaindel Leeba. Mazel tov also to grandparents **Mike** (MHA '68, YOS '71) and **Amy (Thomas) Epstein** (MHA '71, YOS '75) of Memphis.

Engagements/ Weddings: Mazel Tov to...

Mousha and **Rabbi Yehuda (Jeffrey) Kaplan** (MHA '67) of Far Rockaway, New York, on their daughter Gittel's May 31 wedding to Josh Rahmanan.

Judy (Joffre) Jaworski (MHA '68) of Memphis on the Sept. 4 marriage of her son Zach to Elyse Pickle in St. Louis, Missouri. The couple resides in Memphis.

Naava and **Jeffrey Parker** (MHA '69, YOS '72) of

Englewood, New Jersey, on the June 5 marriage of their daughter Sabina to Jeff Long in New York City.

Julie Parker (MHA '70) of New York City and Gary Mantell of Memphis on the engagement of their son Justin Mantell to Jenna Witkowski. The couple will marry Aug. 20, 2017, in Chicago, where they plan to reside.

Motty and **Goldie (Greenblatt) Kenigsberg** (MHA '72) of Lakewood, New Jersey, on the Sept. 6 marriage of their son Pinchas Menachem to Rochel Knobowitz in Brooklyn, New York, where the couple also lives.

Rabbi Yisroel and **Naomi (Belsky) Homnick** (MHA '74, YOS '78) of Indianapolis, Indiana, on the May 8 marriage of their son Shlomo Yoseph to Rena Bayever. The wedding was held in Chicago, where the newlyweds also live.



Chaya (Terry Wollner)

Fuchs (MHA '74, YOS '78) and **Issar Mordechai (Edward) Fuchs** (YOS '75) of Brooklyn, New York, on two *smachot*: (1) The July 12 marriage of their daughter Chavie to Moshe Yagen in Monsey, New York. The newlyweds live in Jerusalem. (2) The engagement of their daughter Malkie to Yaakov Lichtenstein. The young couple will marry Oct. 31 in Brooklyn and make their home in Lakewood, New Jersey.

Chayim and **Rivka (Goldfein) Kramer** (MHA '88, YOS '92)

of Lakewood on the Sept. 13 marriage of their daughter Gitty to Eli Friedman. The couple wed in the bride's hometown and now reside in Brooklyn.

Brian Wender (MHA '96), son of Sally and **Mark Wender** (MHA '70, YOS '74) of Memphis, on his engagement to Jessica Aspis. They plan to marry Dec. 4 in Woodbury, New York, and will reside in New York.

Mordechai Thomas (YOS '07), son

of **Gitti (Belsky) Thomas** (MHA '70, YOS '74) of Jerusalem and **Aaron Thomas** (MHA '68, YOS '71) of Memphis, on his Sept. 4 marriage to Kayleigh Rulney. The wedding took place in Tucson, Arizona, where the couple also lives.

Menachem Klein (MHA '06) on his engagement to Mussie Sasonkin. The couple will marry Dec. 6 in Akron, Ohio, and will make their home in Brooklyn.





Ariav Schlesinger (MHA '06, FYOS '10), son of David and **Linda (Ostrow)**

Schlesinger (MHA '74) of Memphis, on his engagement to Ale Klachko. The wedding will be held in the fall in Jerusalem, where the couple plans to live.

Yaakov Kaplan (MHA '09, FYOS '13), son of Jonathan and **Abbe (Seiger) Kaplan** (MHA '71) of Memphis, on his engagement to Shiran Arusi. The couple will wed Jan. 1, 2017, in Israel, where they currently live.

Hudis Lang (FYOS '14) on her Sept. 29 marriage to Efraim Kazlow. The wedding will take place in Brooklyn, New York, which is where the couple will reside.

Bnei/Bnot Mitzvah: Mazel Tov to...

Aileen and **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81) of Memphis on their twin daughters Serena and Yael (seventh graders at the MHA) becoming *b'not mitzvah* on Aug. 21.

Rachel and **Yoni Kutner** (MHA '88) of Lawrence, New York, on the Sept. 17 *bar mitzvah* of their son Shmuel Meir. Mazel tov also to grandparents **Alan** (MHA '62) and **Barbara (Katz) Kutner** (MHA '64, YOS '68) and great-grandfather Rabbi Seymour Kutner, who helped to found our school.

Kevin and **Rivka (Katz) Braverman** (MHA '89, YOS '93) of Memphis on the May 14 *bar mitzvah* of their son Akiva, an eighth grader at the MHA. Mazel tov to grandparents Esther and **Allan Katz** (MHA '65, YOS '69), also of Memphis.

Eliezer and **Sarah (Harris) Bauer** (FYOS '96) of Ramat Beit Shemesh on the June 23 *bar mitzvah* of their son Aharon Yonah.

Gideon and **Bracha (Beth Goldberg) Garland** (FYOS '97) of Jerusalem on her son Izzy's Aug. 11 *bar mitzvah*.

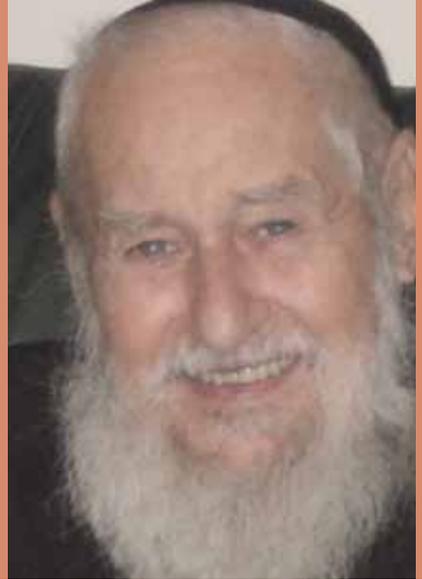
Josh and **Amanda (Mack) Gurock** (FYOS '98) of Albany, New York, on the June 18 *bat mitzvah* of their daughter Leah Bayla.

Mazel tov!

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rabbi Joseph Nayowitz



On April 15, 2016, the extended MHA/FYOS family learned that Rabbi Joseph Nayowitz, z'l, the beloved educator who served as the school's second principal, had passed away at the age of 96.

Born in 1920 in Philadelphia to Hungarian and Czechoslovakian immigrants, Rabbi Nayowitz grew up in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. He studied at Yeshivas Rabbeinu Chaim Berlin under the famed Rabbi Yitzchok Hutner, z'l, from whom he received his rabbinic ordination. In addition to engaging in intensive Torah study, Rabbi Nayowitz also trained to become a *shochet* (ritual slaughterer of cattle and poultry).

In 1944, he wed Libby Lerner, to whom he would be married for 72 years. After teaching and working as a *shochet* in New York, Detroit and South Bend, Indiana, in the early 1950s the Nayowitzes moved to Memphis, where he was hired to teach at the fledgling Memphis Hebrew Academy.

"People were very impressed by my father," recalled his daughter Chavi (Nayowitz) Katz,

a former member of the MHA faculty. "He was not only extremely knowledgeable in Torah, but also well-read in the classics. He was extraordinarily sweet and got along well with everyone. He was a true *'ohev shalom v'rodeph shalom'* [lover of peace and pursuer of peace]. He was very charismatic, approachable and always had a smile on his face."

Due to his popularity among the students, parents and faculty, Rabbi Nayowitz was promoted to the role of principal of the MHA in 1952. Building on his genuine passion for Jewish education and an unwavering commitment to strengthening the MHA, he found a mentor in the principal of a local public school, from whom he learned a great deal about being an administrator.



This photo of Rabbi Nayowitz (center) and Rabbi Nathan Greenblatt (left) hanging a mezuzah on the outer door-post of the school at the building's dedication, with former Memphis Mayor Walter Chandler (right) looking on, appeared in the Commercial Appeal, the city's daily newspaper.

Among his primary goals was making Jewish education accessible to all Jewish children in Memphis. "The school was founded with a lot of love and devotion," Chavi Katz said. "Though my father didn't start it, he was there in the early days, and it was his dream to make it successful. He went door to door to get people to send their children to the Acad-

emy, people who otherwise wouldn't have attended a Jewish day school. He changed a lot of people's lives that way."

Edie (Ida Sharp) Davis (MHA '61) was one of those people. "My parents and I came to Memphis from Europe in the early 1950s," Davis said. "My parents were comfortable there, but they moved to the States so I could learn to be Jewish. However, the agency that moved us didn't see the need for me to attend private school.

"One day, there was a knock on our door, and there stood Rabbi Nayowitz and Rabbi Efraim Greenblatt, z'l. They talked to my parents about the school, and my father said he had no money for tuition. Rabbi Nayowitz kindly replied, 'I asked for your daughter, not your money.' Thank G-d, I became what I am today and have what I have today because of that knock on the door and that outstretched hand.

"From that day on, the Nayowitzes became my extended family. I looked up to them on so many levels. Rabbi Nayowitz was like a second father to me. They raised an amazing family of their own, as well as the many students who merited to pass through the doors of the Academy."

During his years as principal, Rabbi Nayowitz poured his heart and soul into the MHA. "He lived and breathed the school," Chavi Katz said. "He spent many extra hours there

and was the one who turned the lights off each night. When the bus driver was sick, he drove the bus. He kept up with all the parents and had a genuine interest in each and every family at the school. He was truly a one-of-a-kind principal, and in many ways, he was the Academy."



Rabbi Nayowitz (far left) with Mr. and Sam. Margolin, members of the family for whom our school is named.

"It was rare to find Rabbi Nayowitz at his desk or in his office," Davis recalled. "He was with the kids and the teachers. He was always available and oversaw everyone and everything. I still remember that we had school on *Chol*

Ha'moed Pesach [the intermediate days of Passover] so that those kids whose families didn't celebrate at home could learn about the holiday. He helped us make matzah and salami sandwiches in the school kitchen, encouraging us to eat them all up and greeting every child personally."

When Rabbi Nayowitz came to the MHA, the school didn't have a proper home. Initially, students learned in a small house on North Parkway in midtown Memphis, and later the school was based in the Baron Hirsch Synagogue building on Vollentine. To ensure a secure future for the Academy, Rabbi Nayowitz worked with community leaders on the construction of a permanent home for the MHA. In the early 1960s, a new building was erected on White Station Road in East Memphis, where the school still resides today.

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"The groundbreaking out east was one of my father's proudest accomplishments," Chavi Katz said. "It seems appropriate, since he was never afraid to get his hands dirty for the good of the school."

An ardent Zionist, Rabbi Nayowitz had long dreamed of living in Israel. With the school then established in its own building, he decided the time was right to move his family to the Holy Land, where he taught in several schools and worked as a vice principal.

"I will never forget when we found out the Nayowitzes were moving to Israel," said **Emily (Evensky) Steinberg** (MHA '63). "We were all devastated. They had become like our family, and we were afraid we would never see them again."

Thankfully for Memphis, that would not be the case. The Nayowitzes unfortunately struggled in Israel, and in 1965 they moved back to the U.S., where Rabbi Nayowitz served as principal of Yavneh Academy in Paterson, New Jersey. Over the years, people from Memphis kept in touch with Rabbi Nayowitz, hopeful he would bring his family down south again; in 1976, he did. He served as MHA principal for another three years and then went back to his first love for teaching.

"Rabbi Nayowitz taught me how to say the *Shema* when I came to the school in third grade, knowing no Hebrew at all," said **Lauren (Chafetz) Roth** (MHA '84). "He recorded it for me on a tape, and I listened to it every night, over and over again. I now have six children of my own who all learned the *Shema* plus so much more before they were even in kindergarten."

"Rabbi Nayowitz was the perfect Torah educator for Memphis at the perfect time," said Naomi Finkelstein, who worked as his assistant during his tenure as MHA principal. "He loved everyone and was loved by all. He had an aura of warmth and kindness that just drew people to him. He was charismatic to the nth degree. He was my first boss at the Academy and was just as fine a person behind the scenes as he was in public. He got the school off to a great start, influencing students and parents alike. The entire Jewish community owes the Nayowitzes a large debt of gratitude."

"Rabbi Nayowitz goes to the next world with so many merits," Roth said. "The world will miss the happy twinkle in his eyes."

He is survived by his wife Libby, now living in New Jersey; his children, **Devorah (Nayowitz) Rothenberg** (MHA '58), **Reuven Nayowitz** (MHA '60), Rivky (Nayowitz) Aderet, Fraidy (Nayowitz) Lampert and Chavi (Nayowitz) Katz; and more than 30 grandchildren and 100 great-grandchildren. May his memory be a blessing.

Rabbi Joseph Nayowitz was our principal
Young, enthusiastic, so many ideas
Learning as he went
Asking us questions, making us think
Growing a day school
A new experience
In an America that valued the melting pot
He walked around and smiled at us
Did jumping jacks with us
When we moved out east
Every morning in the front
We'd raise the Israeli and the American flags"

—Excerpted from "Academy Memories," a poem by **Lynn (Katz) Mirvis** (MHA '62) published in the first issue of this newsletter.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

*Save the date:
January 13-15, 2017*

Last year's inaugural homecoming was such a success that we're doing it a second time! Please join us in Memphis Jan. 13-15, 2017, to reconnect with old friends and escape the northern winter for a few days. (Note that Monday, Jan. 16, is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.)

Marquee homecoming events include the Irby and Bernice Cooper Alumni Basketball Game on Saturday night and the Steak Dinner, presented by the Cooper Yeshiva High School for

Boys (CYHSB), on Sunday night. We will gladly arrange home hospitality and Shabbat meals for you and your family upon request.

For more information, email Joanne Kahane (joannekahane111@gmail.com) or Coach James Nokes (james.nokes@mhafyos.org) or contact them by phone through the school office at 901-682-2400.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. We looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

**Want to relive the excitement of
our 2016 homecoming?**

**See page 26 and onward in
our fifth issue.**

The below are selected excerpts from a speech given by Campaign Chair Josh Kahane when launching the 2016 Capital Campaign at the MHA's 66th Annual Banquet on May 30, 2016

"...Sixty-seven years ago, a diverse group of visionaries came to the realization that the formation of an Orthodox Jewish day school was the only way to ensure future generations of Torah-observant Judaism in Memphis. Together, they founded the Memphis Hebrew Academy...

of Jewish children preparing them to be leaders of industry and communal builders. There, we have rejoiced at celebrations of Torah and academic achievement. We have experienced the adrenaline rush of athletic events and the rigors of poetry contests and bracha bees. And we have likewise brought together in solidarity Memphians from all walks of life to commemorate fallen Israeli soldiers and the victims of the Holocaust and to memorialize and eulogize leaders of our community. Through the school's halls have walked thou-

MHA/FYOS undertakes

In 1964, community leader Sam Margolin, z'l, laid plans to establish a permanent home for the MHA. He acquired seven undeveloped acres of land on White Station Road in East Memphis and broke ground for the construction of an elementary school building...

The MHA moved into the building at 390 S. White Station at the start of the 1965 academic year. Over the next decade, several additions were made. A lunch room, kitchen, and gymnasium were built, followed shortly thereafter by the boys' and girls' high schools. In 1970, a new elementary wing was added. With the construction of the beit midrash in 1973, the Academy's building as we know it today was completed...

This 60,000-square-foot structure, made only of brick and mortar, houses the life force that has sustained the Memphis Jewish community for more than a half-century. In this simple building we have educated, three generations

sands of students, world-class educators, government dignitaries and giants of Torah. If those walls could talk, oh what a story they would tell...

While the MHA as an institution has changed substantially in both number and importance since the construction of the building 60 years ago, little if any changes to the physical plant have ever been made. Of course, roof leaks were patched, HVAC units were repaired, and interior paint was refreshed every few years. But as the educational experience being offered the children inside the building continues to be enhanced and advanced with the progress made in educational pedagogy, the physical facility built in the mid-1960s has remained substantially unchanged. And while talks of a campus redevelopment have bubbled under the surface for decades, no real steps to that end have ever been truly undertaken....

Over the past 10 years, and with the deterioration to the physical plant becoming a larger and larger issue, our school's leadership has regularly discussed the needs to revisit the campus redevelopment project; but as often happens, other equally pressing issues have emerged and the project, time after time, has been tabled. The worn-down condition of the building makes the practical task of running an excellent school a greater challenge with each passing day. And I know I am not alone in fearing that the overall appearance of the

boards which would allow these new halls to be adorned with the wonderful student and teacher work for which we are so proud...

It was a project that should have taken 6-9 months to complete – we had 2. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of building contractor Lee Baum (MHA '74), we began work on the 2015 summer renovation project on June 1, 2015, and were proud to have completed the work, 34 and a half hours, before our kids arrived on the first day of school in August...

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school threatens to hurt both our recruitment and retention efforts and even to cast a negative aura over the entire institution...

Exactly one year ago tonight, at the conclusion of our school's 65th scholarship dinner a core group of MHA leaders, with the approval and support of the MHA's Board of Trustees, worked together to secure funding for cosmetic but meaningful upgrades to the school building. While we understood that we had only the 70 days of summer to start and complete the vision, we hoped to demolish and rebuild the administrative offices with the intent of making the office design far more functional and professional. We thought to refresh all of the corridors of the main building through repainting the hallways, replacing all damaged ceiling tiles and overhead lights, carpeting the entire school, installing wifi enabled LED screens across the school campus, and constructing custom made display

The entire campus had a fresh and clean feel, and while the bricks and mortar of the sacred building had been substantially unchanged, the school felt very different. Teachers and students alike were reenergized; parents and visitors were excited...

Shortly thereafter, Dr. Wruble came to see me. Spring boarded by the success of the 2015 summer renovations, Dr. Wruble wanted to continue our progress by now addressing the most immediate and substantial need of our entire campus – the gymnasium building with its restrooms, and kitchen. This facility poses tremendous functional challenges for our teachers and students. As a facility which is used daily by every single student in our school, and which because of the design, plays such an integral role in the educational experience being offered to our students, Dr. Wruble felt strongly that we must create a plan, like we had done the previous summer,

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to address the functional and cosmetic needs of the gym facility...

With Dr. Wruble's enthusiasm and encouragement, we set out to create a plan that would



address the engineering, architectural, and cosmetic needs of the facility, while at the same time upgrading it in every respect to address the functional needs of our school community...

We again reached out to Lee Baum

and, together, we developed a plan to overhaul the entire gym facility and to accomplish this overhauling beginning in May 2016 and finishing before the first day of school in August....

The plan came with a price tag exceeding \$1 million – every dollar of which was carefully calculated and considered. With the plan in hand, we visited Dr. Wruble. He listened keenly and diligently to our plan and without hesitation pledged, on behalf of the entire Wruble family, a contribution equal to half the cost of the project ...

We then visited with the Cooper family. We met with **Pace** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Laurie** (MHA '65), and **David** (MHA '78, YOS '82). We outlined the immediate and critical needs we were facing at school. We reviewed the

construction plan for the gym, and we shared with them the generosity the Wruble family had pledged, but the financial gap we still faced. And with support and encouragement, the Coopers graciously agreed to match the Wruble family gift giving us the majority of the funds we needed to make this project a reality...

It is because of the leadership of these two families, these pillars of our community, that we have now already commenced work on the gymnasium project...

So what will this project look like? What will our faculty and children see when they arrive to school on August 17? And how have we designed the facility to best address our current and long term needs?...

First, we have already begun the construction of a brand new roof over the kitchen and restroom spaces to resolve the leaks and water buildup that have caused so much structural damage over the years. Additionally, the current gym roof will be repaired to prevent any further leaking.

Both the men's and ladies' restrooms in the



gym will be overhauled entirely, along with the locker rooms...

The kitchen will be completely gutted, renovated, and remodeled. The entire west side of the kitchen will have designated work space, sinks, and a dishwasher for meat use. The south side of the kitchen will have separate designated work space, sinks, and another dishwasher for dairy use. A new walk in cooler and freezer will be placed on the east



side of the kitchen by expanding into the space that is now used as the maintenance work shop. Two new combi

convo-therm ovens, and a new 10 burner range will replace the old appliances, and new shelving, cabinets and work stations will be installed throughout the kitchen. The ceiling and tile flooring will be removed, new tiling installed, and the walls will be cleaned and repainted. The kitchen service area will also be redesigned with a fresh look and a more sanitary environment...

The gym itself will likewise be de-constructed and wholly rebuilt. The cement tile court will be replaced with a high quality maple floor with custom striping. In addition the court will be enlarged to regulation size to allow our teams the pride of hosting league games

in school. The obsolete basketball goals and broken scoreboard will be replaced by new retractable goals (the height of which can be adjusted to accommodate students of all ages) and a Wi-Fi-enabled scoreboard...



The piles of chairs which line our sidelines and are both an eye sore and a safety concern will be removed and replaced with custom bleachers capable of seating our entire student body, parents, and fans...

And lastly, because the gym is the only indoor recreational space in the building, and sometimes multiple teachers have programming needs that require access to the facility at the same time, we will install a full length retractable divider which will allow for simultaneous use of the gym when needed...



With the successful completion of this gym project, we will in one year have re-

modeled our administrative offices, refinished our main building corridors, installed wifi en-

abled LED screens across the school campus, overhauled our gym and gym restrooms, and



gutted and rebuilt our kitchen. This accomplishment is substantial and we should be proud...

And as we recite each year at our Passover Seder tables, if this were all we could accomplish dayenu – it would be sufficient.

This work certainly addresses our most pressing needs. But it does not begin to address all of our basic needs. We still have a Beit Midrash in desperate need of new furniture, new paint, and new lighting. We have bathrooms throughout the school building that are non-functional or flood daily. We have



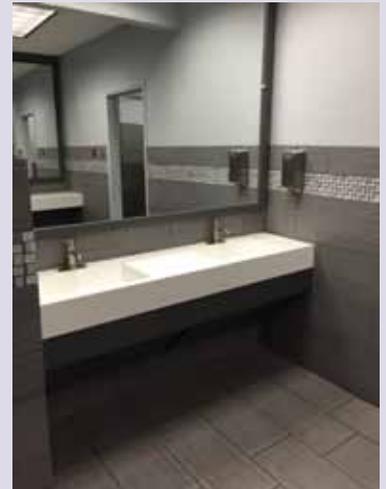
classrooms that need new furnishings and upgraded technology. We have an HVAC system that desperately needs wholesale replacement. We have science labs that do not provide effective learning environments for the sciences of today or which challenge our teachers

when exploring all that they would hope

to explore with our children. We have a Girls' High School and a Girls' High School population that deserve an updated and upgraded facility...and the list could go on and on and on. In sum we have 60 year old building and it shows...

And while the dream of giving our children and grandchildren the school building they deserve has for a long time been out of reach, I stand here tonight, with a sense of overflowing appreciation in my heart and, quite frankly, several tears in my eyes, to announce, that we are closer today than ever before in making that dream a reality...

For you see, shortly after our meeting with the Coopers wherein they agreed to match the Wruble family gift so that we could begin construction on the gymnasium project, the Cooper family asked



to meet again. They shared with us the commitment they felt toward honoring the dreams of their parents, Bernice and Irby, z'l, by solidifying in our community another 60 years of exemplary orthodox Jewish education in Memphis. They shared with us their deep understanding of how the current school building does not and cannot meet the needs of our children and that we as a community must rise to the occasion and build for our children

and grandchildren, what our parents and grandparents built for us. They shared with us their deep sensitivity to the challenges we as a community face and, at the same time, their optimism of where we as a community can go together...



And then, they

shared with us that the Cooper family is prepared to contribute to our school a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$2.5 million, to ensure we can upgrade our entire facility and rejuvenate our campus. This unparalleled demonstration of leadership by the Cooper family, the magnitude of which I do not believe has ever been seen in the history of our school, offers us as parents and stakeholders, an opportunity to do something monumental. For if we can commit amongst ourselves to find the money our school so desperately needs, our efforts will be doubled both in quantity and affect...

Now, I know as well as anyone how expensive Jewish education is these days and I also know, as evidenced by this very dinner here tonight, that we unabashfully ask for your financial support at substantial levels several times each year – and that must also continue...

But if we as parents and stakeholders can find the courage to stretch a little bit more. If we as parents and stakeholders can recognize that our time is now. And if we as parents

and stakeholders can unite together, because of the leadership of the Cooper family, we can do something of such significance that I believe 65 years from now our grandchildren will fill this very room, and stand at this very podium, speaking with pride and reverence for us, and challenging

one another to honor us by making the commitment to following in our footsteps...

Several years ago, I heard a news interview with a former member of the New Orleans City Council. He explained that for more than 70 years, the minutes of the council meetings reflected repeated discussions about weak-



nesses in the levee system and concerns that the flood walls

needed to be replaced. Each recorded minute shows that while the councilmembers agreed and recognized that the levees needed reinforcing, another pressing need emerged and the reconstruction of the levee walls was deferred for the next council to address. And so these discussions were held, year-in and year-out, with a full understanding of what

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had to be done, with consensus around the issue, but without action or accomplishment. For 70 years, they discussed what needed to be done, but did nothing. And in August 2005, as yet another session of the council adjourned placing the issue of the levees in abeyance, the flood walls protecting New Orleans and its suburbs failed, as Hurricane Katrina destroyed nearly 80% of the resident population...

My dear friends, now is our time. Now, is the time for us each individually and all of us a community to join with the Cooper Family



in doing what long ago should have been done. Now is the time that we

must find the courage to lead by example. Now is the time for us to sacrifice and embrace our own duties...

And if we can and if we do, we will all surely be blessed to have not only made Jewish education the most eternal value in our lives, but we will be the group that made certain our school is sustained. And I am certain that for the small sacrifices we will make today, we will merit the reward from Hakadosh Baruch Hu at a greater level than we can ever imagine in the future...

Now is the time. Join us. Join with the Wrubles. Join with the Coopers. Don't wait to be asked. Step up here, step up tonight, and together let's make May 30, 2016, a monumental day in the history of our school and community...



Thank you for your dedication and thank you in advance for your support."

To date, the \$5 million Capital Campaign has raised nearly \$1.4 million. Please join us in making the years ahead a monumental time in the history of our school and the Jewish community of Memphis. To learn more about the MHA/FYOS capital improvement campaign, call the school office at 901-682-2400 or contact Josh Kahane, campaign chair, at 901.340.4897 or by email at JKahane@Glankler.com.



Mrs. Naomi Finkelstein

A ray of sunshine in the MHA office



For more than a quarter-century, Naomi Finkelstein was the friendly face that greeted each person who passed through the double doors of the Memphis (and later, Margolin) Hebrew Academy.

Her fascinating life story begins half a world away. One of 10 children, Naomi was born into a Sephardic family in Shanghai, China, in 1917. Her grandfather moved the family there from Baghdad to serve as the *hakham* (Sephardic rabbi) for a group of Jewish entrepreneurs building an import/export business.

Because she and her family were also British citizens, they were viewed as enemies of Japan during World War II. For a couple of years during the war, they were forced to live in an internment camp—the same one depicted in the 1987 film “Empire of the Sun.” Her mother worked with the Japanese officials to provide kosher food to the Jews interred there.

Naomi completed her schooling in China after the war and went on to work for the Kadoories, also Sephardic Jews hailing from

Baghdad and one of the wealthiest families in Asia. Her job was securing the paperwork needed to help people leave China, which required visiting various agencies across Shanghai.

She traveled to Memphis for a vacation to visit her sister, whose husband was studying medicine at the University of Tennessee. That



Mrs. Finkelstein shown in her usual multitasking posture.

trip changed the course of the rest of her life. In Memphis, she met and fell in love with a young attorney named Bernard Finkelstein. They became engaged to be married and decided they would settle in his hometown.

“My mother moved to Memphis with virtually no family, and the com-

munity embraced her with open arms,” said the Finkelsteins’ daughter, **Sara (Finkelstein) Schachter** (MHA ’73). “Her parents were in England and were unable to come to her wedding. The Memphis Jewish community made her a wedding, and she immediately felt like she was a Memphian.”

Her sister Seema soon joined her in Memphis and married Bernard’s best friend, Meyer

Kipper. The two couples were very close and relished in being able to raise their children together.

"My siblings, cousins and I are extremely grateful for the wonderful childhood we had in Memphis," Schachter said. "Memphis is a warm, special place, and it will always be home to us."

As the Hebrew Academy continued to grow, so did its administrative needs. Mrs. Finkelstein was hired as the school's first secretary, supporting Rabbi Joseph Nayowitz, z'l, and the entire faculty. Over the course of the next 25 years, she worked for several subsequent principals, including Dr. Jerry Kutliroff.

"Naomi was my administrative assistant while I was the head of the MHA, but that was a misnomer," he said. "She was a colleague who knew the school, the community and how to solve problems. She had worked in the office for many years before I did and was an important part of the school for a long time.

"Naomi had grace, poise and elegance, and I learned a lot from her. Her presence alone made people feel trusting and at ease. She could speak to the students and parents about what they needed to do in a way that was sensitive and pleasant, and they always listened and did as she asked. I valued her

advice and saw that we really led the school together. I was privileged to work with her." In her signature fashion, Mrs. Finkelstein became a beloved figure to generations of MHA students.



Mr. and Mrs. Finkelstein at their son David's wedding in 1984.

"She may have been there to help run the school, but to the students, she was there to take care of us," said **Dawn (Posner) Goldstein** (MHA '77, YOS '81). "I always thought of her as Nurse Finkelstein, as she was never too busy to give a Band-Aid and attention when needed."

"How can one think of Mrs. Finkelstein without picturing her in the school office with her beautiful smile and willingness to

help us children with whatever we needed?" said **Mashie (Greenblatt) Langsam** (MHA '73). "When someone would come in and ask for something without saying 'please,' she would respond, 'I can't hear you, darling.' The request would be repeated louder and louder until the person finally realized she couldn't hear him because he forgot to say 'please.' Mrs. Finkelstein taught us by example how to have appreciation and to realize that everything is from Hashem."

"Some of my oldest and fondest memories of growing up in Memphis include Mrs. Finkelstein because for me she was the face of the school and of my friend Sara's home," said **Judy (Katz) Rudovsky** (MHA '73). "I clearly remember the trill of her voice, clear as a bell

and reassuring in tone, as well as her positive energy and ever-present smile. She was like human sunshine, and I feel so lucky to have been one of the many people who lived in the glow of that warm temperament.”

“‘Aunt Naomi’ was a ray of sunshine in the front office,” said **Judy (Yormark) Mernick** (MHA ’75, YOS ’79). “Anything we needed—a Band-Aid, a late note or even a little sympathy—she was there with that warm smile.”

Beyond her role behind the front desk of the MHA office, she also volunteered as president of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and served as the assistant school librarian for many years. “She was always very involved and devoted,” Schachter said. “She really cared about the school.”

In 1995, Mrs. Finkelstein retired from her job to care for her ailing husband. In recognition of her memorable career at the MHA, she was named the guest of honor at that year’s scholarship banquet. Regrettably, Mr. Finkelstein was particularly weak that evening, so she opted to stay home with him, missing her opportunity to publicly accept the accolades of which she is so deserving.

Mr. Finkelstein passed away shortly thereafter, so Mrs. Finkelstein decided to move to Baltimore to be near her children—Sara, **Sam** (MHA ’70) and **David** (MHA ’75)—grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Now approaching the age of 90, she continues to live within a few blocks of her three children and remains active.

“Her mind is as sharp as ever,” Schachter said. “She reads a lot and does Sudoku and crossword puzzles all the time. She still enjoys making her signature dishes, like cabbage rolls for Rosh Hashanah. She is a very devoted

grandmother and great-grandmother and puts her energy into her family.”

“I will always remember Mrs. Finkelstein’s warm smile from when I was a student at the Memphis Hebrew Academy,” said **Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz** (MHA ’76, YOS ’80).

“It amazed me that she was still there

with the same ageless demeanor to greet my children when they attended the Academy. She touched the lives of so many children and made them feel good whenever they came to the office. We were so blessed to have her in Memphis.”



A recent photo of Naomi Finkelstein with her three children (from left), David, Sara and Sam.

1976-1980

TRIVIA



Regardless of when you graduated, have some fun with these trivia questions. Please send your answers to joannekahane111@gmail.com. The person who gets the most answers correct (or, in 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. Chemistry teacher Mr. Bob Smith had a nickname; what was it, and why was he called that?
2. In what year did the MHA have its largest-ever graduating class?
3. What did the Herskowitzes do in their bathtub?
4. What food did Rabbi Shraga Herskowitz's wife prepare every time he held a *siyum* (celebration of completing a unit of study) for his class?
5. In what city were the girls snowed in at the Bais Yaakov convention of 1975?
6. Who was known for making the best peanut butter balls for parties?
7. What color were the couches and chairs in the girls' lounge during these years?
8. Who was the only male YOS graduate in 1980?
9. Who "got married" in a pretend wedding ceremony during recess?
10. Which teacher gave *siddurim* to students who learned to recite the *shemonah esrei* prayer by heart?

11. Who played Tevye in the eighth grade production of "Fiddler on the Roof"?
Who played the fiddler?
12. Which Judaic studies teacher was known as the school's "resident artist"?
13. Which general studies teacher rode to school on a moped?
14. What was the name of the school's crossing guard?
15. Which well-known alumna taught language arts during these years and ran the poetry club?
16. Why did Mrs. Miriam Cheruff, z'l, take the sixth and seventh grade classes to the supermarket?
17. What was unusual about the 8th grade valedictorian of 1980?

The MHA/YOS Classes of 1976-1980 *Where Are They Now?*

Naomi (Belsky) Homnick (MHA '74, YOS '78) lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she works as a programming director. Among her favorite memories from her school days was making a surprise wedding shower for **Chaya (Terry Wollner) Fuchs** (MHA '74, YOS '78) on the Lag b'Omer trip to Natchez Trace State Park. Homnick's most beloved teachers were Mrs. Joyce Casada and **Rabbi Harry (Nechemiah) Kibel, z'l** (MHA '65, YOS '69). She can be reached at nhomnick@yahoo.com.

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'78

Brad Freiden (MHA '75, YOS '79) lives in Modiin, Israel, where he is the VP of sales for IsraelDiamonds.com. He lives with his wife Dena Wieder-Freiden (the niece of former Memphians Shelly and Barbara Wieder) and her two college-age daughters. Freiden's five children live in Israel, too, including daughter **Danielle (Freiden) Gold** (MHA '98), who recently became a mother and made him a first-time *sabba* (grandfather). "My four sons proudly served in the IDF; we've been here for 15 years, and my love for Israel only grows stronger as time passes," Freiden said.



"The MHA class of '75/YOS class of '79 was indeed special," he said. "In March 2015, we convened the first 40-year class reunion in the school's history. It was a testament

to the amazing friendships we've formed and maintained all these years. I am honored to be part of that group."

His favorite teacher was Rabbi Efraim Greenblatt, z'l. "He made an impression on me like no other through his teachings at school and by setting an example at his home,

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'79

'98



where I spent a lot of time. Rabbi Greenblatt showed me the true meaning of life as a Torah-observant Jew," Freiden said. His email address is bradfreiden@gmail.com.

Sara Beth (Frager) Kahn (MHA '75, YOS '79) has five children, three of whom live in Florida and two in Israel (one who is married and one studying in yeshiva, then joining the Israel Defense Forces). She works as a reading and math specialist and teaches students for whom English is a second language at the Rabbi Alexander S. Gross Hebrew Academy in Miami Beach, where her husband Tzvi is the head of school.



Among her favorite memories from school is the time she received a little *siddur* from Rabbi Joseph Silverman for memorizing the *shemonah esrei*. "I had a lot of wonderful and memorable teachers, including Rabbi Silverman, **Mrs. Gitti**

(Belsky) Thomas (MHA '70, YOS '74), Mrs. Harriet Beck, Rabbi Benjamin Wolmark and Rabbi Efraim Greenblatt, z'l," Kahn said. "Mr. Jack Baxter, z'l, was entertaining and so full of information; I loved his class and the books he introduced me to." She also loved being on the basketball team and in the choir.



Sara Beth and Tzvi Kahn with four of the children on the MHA/FYOS campus during the 40th reunion of her eighth grade class.

"The 40th reunion of our eighth grade class in Memphis last year was incredible," Kahn said. "I also love that we regularly keep in touch through our WhatsApp group. I miss living in Memphis but feel proud and privileged to have been born and raised there. I still feel so close to many of you and feel honored by the welcome I continue to receive when I visit. I'm ready to coordinate a twelfth grade reunion for those who are interested." She can be reached at sbkahn@outlook.com.

Judy (Yormark) Mernick (MHA '75, YOS '79) lives in Toronto, Canada, and is an editor and legal assistant. She is also a "very proud" mother of eight children and grandmother to "lots of yummy grandchildren," she said.

"The Memphis community has produced many people who have accomplished so much all across the globe," Mernick said. "Wherever I go, the 'Memphis



connection' rings loud and proud! Even my children have started seeking it out, and it always brings smiles." She has many fond memories from her days in elementary and high school, and her favorite teacher was, not surprisingly, her father, Rabbi Mordechai Yormark, z'l. Her email address is judymernick@gmail.com.

Phyllis (Adler) Donat (YOS '79) lives in Kiryat Ata, Israel, with her husband of 31 years, Yoav. They have one son and one daughter in their twenties. She owns an online scrapbook store (www.artli.co.il) and designs wedding albums, baby books, greeting cards and other handmade



paper and wood products. "Basically, I turned a hobby into a profession and am having loads of fun," she said.

Donat came to the YOS as a boarder from New Orleans. "Being an out-of-town student, I am grateful to the Memphis community for opening their arms to my family and me; there is nothing like southern hospitality," she said. "I

made some very good friends during my years in Memphis, and I thank all of the girls who were there in the beginning to help make Memphis and the YOS my home away from home. Though I am still in touch with many of my classmates through Facebook, I would love to see y'all in person. Who's up to organizing a reunion?"

The teacher who left the strongest impression on Donat was **Rabbi Harry (Nechemiah) Kibel**, z'l. Her favorite YOS memories include school trips to Gatlinburg and yearbook meetings. Her email address is donat1@bezeqint.net.

Steven Geller (YOS '79) and his wife Ariela live in Cedarhurst, New York, and he works as a commercial mortgage broker. They have six sons, three daughters and "one spectacular granddaughter," he said.

"Whether you knew it or not, my years in Memphis were absolutely the best times of my youth," Geller said. "The city was so warm, and I will always have *hakarot hatov* (gratitude) for the wonderful and amazing people of Memphis. It would be great catching up with the classmates I lost track of." His favorite high school teacher was Rabbi Meir Belsky. Geller can be reached at stevengeller@gmail.com.



Rabbi Dovid Kipper (MHA '76) and his wife Minna live in Brooklyn, New York. He runs an adult Torah study program for members of the Sephardic community. The Kippers have five children living at home, as well as two married daughters living in Lakewood, New Jersey, with children of their own.

An incident from Kipper's school days that left a lasting impression was the community's response to Mr. Alan and Mrs. Karen Rankin, members of the MHA general studies faculty, getting into a car accident. "She was in serious condition, and the entire school prayed for her," he recalled. "She passed away a few days later, and the school convened a special assembly so we could pay our respects to a woman who had given us so much. Mr. Rankin came in all brokenhearted; I can still picture his face. Members of the administration and student body spoke beautifully about Mrs. Rankin, and we learned the powerful lesson of showing *hakarat hatov* (gratitude) to all of our teachers."



He also fondly remembers English teacher Mrs. Emily Whitman. "Aside from being an excellent teacher, her whole presence as a member of the religious community made an impact on me," Kipper said.

Cindy (Cooper) Ehrenkranz (MHA '76, YOS '80) and **Bart Ehrenkranz** (YOS '77) have been married since 1982. They live in Memphis, where he is an insurance broker selling life,

health and disability insurance and she is a licensed insurance agent. (She also

taught third grade Judaic studies at the MHA for more than a decade.) They are

the parents of Mordechai, **Yaakov**

(MHA '98), **Binyamin** (MHA '00,

FYOS '04), **Leba** (MHA '03), **Elana**

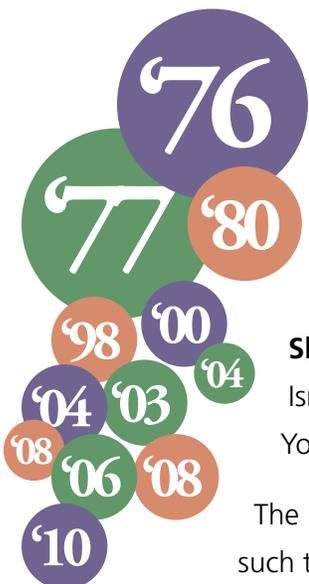
(MHA '04, FYOS '08), **Yitzchak**

(MHA '06), **Eliyahu** (MHA '08) and

Shifra (MHA '10), four of whom live in

Israel while the other four are in the New York area.

The Ehrenkranzes have fond memories of such teachers as Rabbi Meir Belsky,



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Mr. Jack Baxter, z'l, and **Rabbi Harry (Nechemiah) Kibel, z'l**. They both had a strong appreciation for the rabbis at the YOS being role models for how they wanted to live their own lives in the future. They keep in touch with a number of friends from their high school days and always enjoy seeing and hearing from those who share their positive memories of the school in the '70s.

The Ehrenkranzes can be reached at imma8@aol.com (Cindy) and behrenkranz@gmail.com (Bart).

Devorah (Sharon Wolff) Herbst (YOS '80) lives in Lakewood, New Jersey. She and her husband, who teaches first grade, have two daughters, ages 16 and 19.



"It was great being together with you," she says of her classmates. "Thank you for the amazing years I had at the school." Among her favorite memories are the slumber parties at the Belz Barn and classes with **Rabbi Harry (Nechemiah) Kibel, z'l**.



Suzanne (Klazmer) Back (MHA '77) and her husband Arthur live in Memphis and are the parents of Daniel and **Rachel** (MHA '03). She works for ALSAC, the fundraising arm of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"I have fantastic, happy memories from my years at the MHA," Back said.

"Remember kickball? I wonder if I could still manager a roofer! And what about color war and sesame seeds and poppy seeds from Rabbi [Mordechai] Yormark, z'l?"

I'm grateful to have attended the school and to have grown up with people I continue to have contact with today." Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Karen Rankin, z'l, who Back remembers being kind and very sweet. Her email address is suzklazback@gmail.com.

Marc Reisman (MHA '77) is an attorney living in Memphis. He and his wife of 24 years, Jan, have two sons, Jeffrey and Jeremy. Reisman's email address is marc@randrfirm.com.



Leigh Ann (Katz) Brenman (MHA '77, YOS '81) and her husband Cyril are the parents of three children and live in Toronto, Canada. They also have one grandson who they are grateful lives nearby. She works as a cosmetics merchandiser.

“We were lucky to grow up in a unique place at a unique time,” she said of her classmates. “I will always be grateful for having such great friends. Your houses all felt like home to me.”

Among her favorite memories from the school was performing in “Fiddler on the Roof” in the eighth grade. “What a blast we had,” she recalled.



Brenman urges Memphians and the MHA/FYOS alumni community to “treasure and support the school. Having an Orthodox school is crucial for the Jewish survival of a city. Students should always be challenged to reach their potential and at the same time be instilled with a lifelong love of Torah.”

Among her favorite teachers were Mr. Jack Baxter, z’l, and Rabbi Efraim Greenblatt, z’l. “They taught their respective subjects well, and the life lessons they taught us were invaluable,” Brenman said. Her email address is leighannbrenman@hotmail.com.

Dawn (Posner) Goldstein (MHA ’77, YOS ’81) and her husband Avi live in Far Rockaway, New



York. She works as an occupational therapist specializing in newborns to five-year-olds. Goldstein also utilizes her skills as a volunteer at her local *mikvah*, where she assists women with short- and long-term physical disabilities.



“I have great memories from my days at the MHA and the girls’ school,” she said. “One of the things I loved about springtime at the Academy was hearing the daily broadcast of the Purim story by Rabbi

[Joseph] Silverman. And, I still remember all the words to ‘How do you do, Mr. Potato.’” She fondly remembers many of her teachers, including Mrs. Emily Whitman, Rabbi Mordechai Yormark, z’l, Rabbi Shraga Herskowitz, Madame Louissette Palazollo, Mr. Jack Baxter, z’l, Mrs. Phyllis Wahl and **Rabbi Harry (Nechemiah) Kibel, z’l**. “Mrs. Seema Kipper was the best substitute,” she added. “She brought good candy.”



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"Our home is near JFK Airport, so if anyone is ever traveling through New York or if your children are around and would like to come for Shabbos, we are here for you," Goldstein said. She can be reached at andgoldstein@gmail.com.

Jennifer (Whitman) Lehrfield (MHA '77, YOS '81) lives in North Miami Beach, Florida, where she is a teacher and homemaker.

Many of her teachers left a lasting impression on her, including Mrs. Phyllis Wahl, Mrs. Joyce Casada, Rabbi Mordechai Yormark and, of course, her mother, Mrs. Emily Whitman. Rabbi



Shraga Herskowitz "took such a personal interest in each and every one of us," she recalled. "I loved Rabbi [Joseph] Silverman's cabinet of coloring pictures so much that I used to 'steal' the cast-away mimeograph stencil sheets from the garbage in order to play 'pretend school.' In high school, no one could compare to the awesomely inspiring yet unassuming **Rabbi Harry**



(Nechemiah) Kibel, z'l, who dedicated his entire life to *chinuch* [Jewish education] and taught by example." She misses her classmates and hopes to have a reunion soon. Lehrfield's email address is jennlehr@mac.com.



Jeff Dlugach (MHA '80) lives in Memphis and works as a *mashgiach* (kosher supervisor) throughout the community. "I have too many favorite memories to narrow them down," he said of his days at the MHA. His favorite teacher was Rabbi Mordechai Yormark. "I'm sorry I didn't keep in touch with him after I left school. I wish my classmates all the best of everything." He can be contacted at jeffdlugach@yahoo.com.

*Want to connect with
other MHA/FYOS alumni?*

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In the MHA 1978 production of "Fiddler on the Roof," **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81, pictured above left) played Mottel the tailor, and **Scott Vogel** (MHA '77, pictured above center) played Lazar Wolf the butcher.

You will have to wait until our next issue to learn the identity of the well-known alumnus who played the lead role of Tevye the milkman (pictured above, right) because he is the answer to one of the questions in our trivia contest on page 31.



The student government for the 1976-77 academic year included (front row, from left) Suzanne Rosenberg, **Josh Thomas** (MHA '83), **Lisa Yormark** (MHA '79, YOS '83), **Jan (Slutsky) Hanover** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Aaron Katz** (MHA '78, YOS '82), **David Cooper** (MHA '78, YOS '82), Marc Weiss; (second row) **Daniel Loskove** (MHA '84), **Ira Lit** (MHA '82), **Daniel Whitman** (MHA '82), Mitch Moskowitz; (standing) faculty advisors Mrs. Joyce Casada and Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, **Michelle Shapiro** (MHA '79), **Jennifer (Whitman) Lehrfield** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Alan Harkavy** (MHA '77) and David Berlin.

flashbacks



The ninth grade class of the 1975-76 academic year included (from left) **Marc Katz** (MHA '75, YOS '79), **Joel Finegold** (MHA '75), Jonathan Kaplan, **Reuven Cheruff** (MHA '75), **Alan Auerbach** (YOS '79) and **Stuart Thomas** (MHA '75, YOS '79).



The tenth grade in the boys' high school in 1977-78 comprised **Roy Graber** (MHA '76, YOS '80, left) and **Keith Parker** (MHA '76).



In the boys' high school freshman class in 1977-78 were (from left) **Igor Sadetsky** (MHA '77), David Gavant, **Shamai Grossman** (MHA '77), **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Howard Seidenfeld** (YOS '81), **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Alan Harkavy** (MHA '77), **Marty Levine** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Roger Messinger** (MHA '77), **Michael Siegel** (MHA '77) and **Gary Wruble** (MHA '77, YOS '81).

flashback



The eighth graders in 1975-76 included (front row, from left) Richard Roberts, Joey Morris, Kenneth Robinson, Mitchell Lucas, Martin Katz; (back row, from left) Michael Weiss, **Roy Graber** (MHA '76, YOS '80), Bill Weiss, **Keith Parker** (MHA '76), **David Kipper** (MHA '76) and Devin Evensky.



The eighth grade class of 1977 posed in the school library with their current events notebooks. Pictured (from left) are **Devora (Kipper) Gradon** (MHA '77, YOS '81), **Shelby (Winestone) Baum** (MHA '77), **Suzanne (Klazmer) Back** (MHA '77), social studies instructor Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **Roger Messinger** (MHA '77).

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The Goldie Margolin School for Girls' class of '79 included (in the car, from left) **Phyllis (Adler) Donat** (YOS '79), **Pam (Blotner) Thomas** (YOS '79), **Julie (Brown) Roll** (MHA '75, YOS '79); (outside the car, from left) **Judy (Yormark) Mer-nick** (MHA '75, YOS '79), **Beth (Kipper) Pas-ternak** (MHA '75, YOS '79), **Sara Beth (Frager) Kahn** (MHA '75, YOS '79) and **Lisa Katz** (YOS '79).



Chana (Anet Yaffe) Silver (MHA '76, YOS '80) demonstrates one of her lesser-known talents.

flashback



In 1974, the fifth and sixth grade boys dissected a frog with Mrs. Joyce Casada and Mrs. Joyce Haggard. According to **Pace Cooper** (MHA '77, YOS '81), "That was a tough day." **Jennifer (Whitman) Lehrfield** (MHA '77, YOS '81) said, "I can still remember the stench of the frog on dissection day!"

Photographed are (top row) Robert Murray, [unknown], Alan Goldberg; (middle row) Pace Cooper, Bill Weiss, **Roger Messinger** (MHA '77), David Bowman, **Doivid Kipper** (MHA '76), **Joey Rosenberg** (MHA '77), **David Cassius** (MHA '77), **Marc Reisman** (MHA '77), **Beryl Thomas** (MHA '77, YOS '81), Marty Katz, [unknown], **Evan Levine** (MHA '77), **Marty Weil** (MHA '77), **Jonathan Frisch** (MHA '77, YOS '81), Mitchell Lucas; (front row) **Jeffrey Rabinovitz** (MHA '77), Lee Sacharin, Devin Evensky, [unknown], **Scott Vogel** (MHA '77), **Roy Graber** (MHA '76, YOS '80), [unknown], **Michael Siegel** (MHA '77), Joey Morris, **Gary Wruble** (MHA '77, YOS '81) and **Alan Harkavy** (MHA '77). If you recognize any of the faces in this photo that we couldn't identify, please let us know.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

We are planning to send out our seventh newsletter sometime around Chanukah. There we will highlight the 8th and 12th grade graduates from the years 2006-2010. If you were in those classes, you should be receiving a questionnaire by email (or regular mail) in October. Please return your completed survey promptly so that you can be included.

In that issue, we will feature a story about **Mrs. Barbara (Katz) Kutner** (MHA '64, YOS '68), who recently retired after teaching at our school for 37 years. If you have any stories, photos or memories of Morah Barbara that you'd like to share, please email them to Joanne Kahane, alumni chair, at joannekahane111@gmail.com or send them to her by mail at the school address listed below. Also, remember to submit your "Mazel Tov" events so we can include them in the Alumni News section of our next issue. Thank you!

