

Our Former Educational Leaders

In 1955, Zalman Berdichevsky, who was principal of the former Lynn Hebrew School also became the first principal of the newly formed Lynn Hebrew Day School on Blossom Street. In 1963, the school hired its second principal, Robert Marcus, and in 1967, Rabbi Dov Pikelny took over as principal and it was during his tenure that the school added a Junior High. In 1976, Michael Halzel was named principal and held the position for 3 years.

Dr. Bennett I. Solomon came to Hillel in 1979 to serve as principal and brought a vision for integrating Jewish and general studies in innovative and meaningful ways. His passion for Jewish education and his love of children deeply touched the community. During his eight years as principal, the school grew and Dr. Solomon presided over CHA until his untimely death in 1987.

Harvey Shapiro took up the post of principal in 1988 and continued to inspire both staff and students until 1993. During his tenure, Dr., Shapiro created a comprehensive Hebrew High School in conjunction with Prozdor at Hebrew College to address the educational needs of our graduates. Harvey also hired the first full-time physical education teacher and expanded the sports program by raising funds for a basketball court and an outdoor play area for younger children.

In July 1994, Robert E. Tornberg, became Cohen Hillel's new principal. During his tenure, the school received accreditation by AISNE, the Association of Independent Schools of New England. Determined to raise teachers' salaries, he established a Teacher Endowment Fund. He also created an Upper School Model in which students in grades 5-8 were taught by a team of teachers who work together and see education as an interdisciplinary process.

Ken Schulman and Leah Summers became Interim Co-Heads of School in 2006. Both Leah and Ken had illustrious histories with the school. Leah first came to Hillel as a Kindergarten teacher. Beloved by students, faculty and parents, Leah had a deep commitment to Judaism and to helping each child reach his or her potential. She served as Principal of the Lower School for many years and was the spark of Jewish *ruach* (spirit) that she infused throughout the school.

In 2007, Ken Schulman was named Head of School. Ken wore many hats in his long association with the school. He taught English/Social Studies, Hebrew/Judaic Studies, Physical Education and Music from 1973-1977. He left to pursue a successful career as a psychologist and worked at the Landmark school and in his own private practice. Ken returned to Cohen Hillel as basketball coach in 1998. In 2003 he was named Upper School Principal.

Noah Hartman became CHA's Head of School in July 2012 and was committed to building upon the success of his predecessors and experiential learning.

In addition to our professional leadership, Cohen Hillel Academy has been fortunate to have strong lay leadership over its lengthy history. Much of what the school has stood for over six decades remains strong and true. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

Arthur J. Epstein Hillel School
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