

Dear Cohen Hillel Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Noah Hartman as Cohen Hillel Academy's next Head of School, effective July 1, 2012. On October 25th, after a thorough presentation by the Head of School Search Committee, the Board voted unanimously to offer Noah the position. Noah accepted with great enthusiasm and excitement, and I am confident we have chosen a warm, inspiring educator and strategic, visionary thinker to lead our school forward.

Noah comes to us from the nationally renowned Doris and Alex Weber Jewish Community High School in Atlanta, GA, where he is currently Dean of Student Life and the Arts. Noah has his MA in Education from New York University, a MA in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and completed the prestigious Day School Leadership Training Institute fellowship program for Jewish Day School leaders, sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary and the AVI CHAI Foundation. In addition, Noah has enjoyed success as a classroom teacher in public and independent schools at the elementary, middle and high school levels, and is an avid musician. Noah and his wife, Anna, an award-winning early childhood educator in her own right, have two children, Josiah, 5, and Juniper, 3.

I thank the entire Hillel community for your warm welcome to all of the candidates who visited our campus, and for the very active participation and input from many of our parents, faculty, staff and community leaders, which was essential to the successful outcome of our process. I also wish to acknowledge the exceptional work of my fellow Head of School Search Committee members, Meryl Rich, Sue Callum, Rose-Jane Sulman, Stacey Edelstein, Bob Bilech, Ken Weinstein, Deborah Margolis, Linda Greenseid, Anne Selby, Vin Spirito, and our Chairman, Bob Goldman. My gratitude to this tireless team is endless. For ten months, this committee has carried out an extensive, nation-wide search, reviewed numerous applications, conducted multiple candidate interviews and comprehensive two-day visits to school, collected feedback from parents, faculty and staff, and contacted appropriate references. This has been a serious, thoughtful committee intensely dedicated to the future of our special school.

We are enormously grateful to Ken Schulman for his leadership as Head of School, and know that over these next several months Ken will continue his remarkable efforts to position this school for great success.

In the meantime, please join me in welcoming Noah Hartman and his family to the Cohen Hillel community.

With warm regards,

Jill Weiner, President