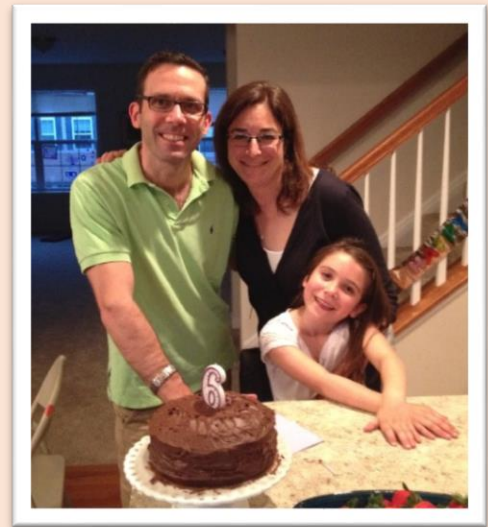


The Hodara family is our spotlight family this week. The Family members are Judith and Roberto Hodara and their daughter, Yael, who is in 1st grade at The Silver Academy.



Where do you live? Camp Hill

Where else have you lived? We lived in Philadelphia until 2009, Atlanta until 2013, and Harrisburg for 2 years.

What do you like best about The Silver Academy? We love being part of such a warm and welcoming environment. It's really been a second home for Yael and for all of us. We feel strongly that the school community has allowed us to grow as a Jewish family in Harrisburg.

What is your occupation? Roberto is a doctor at Pinnacle Health and Judith is Self-employed.

What do you like about living in central Pennsylvania? It's much closer to most of our family than Atlanta and we love being close to major cities like Philadelphia, Washington and New York. We also like that there is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. It is smaller than the other ones we have been a part of, but is also incredibly active and engaged.

What are your family's interests and activities? We love being outside, and there are so many great things to do in our area. We live near a creek and have been practicing our fishing skills this fall. We also are big fans of classical music and enjoy sharing that with Yael, who is getting to know who her favorite composers are!

What relative lives furthest away, and where do they live? Roberto's family lives in Montevideo, Uruguay. It takes about 24 hours to get there. Yael has spent our summers (their winters) going to Jewish day school with her cousins, and learning Spanish at the same time. We try to visit at least once a year, and love being a part of the Jewish community there as well.

Do you get to see your cousins often? We have 2 cousins in Uruguay, Seba and Vero, and five cousins in New York, Danielle, Sam, Hannah, Adam and Alan. We love seeing them when we can, and exploring New York City and Uruguay!

What is your family's favorite vacation spot? We love Punta del Este, in Uruguay because it's so relaxed, with great beaches and a very family-oriented lifestyle.

What is your family's favorite holiday tradition? We love to decorate for Hanukkah and have the windows, doors and floors covered with art work and crafts that Yael has done over the years!

What does your family like to do on snow days? Sledding is number one in our house!!

[A question for Yael...](#) What is your favorite activity? Yael said, "I love to do art! I do it at home and at school. When I grow up, I want to be an artist."