

## Dr. David A. Portnoy

### Biography

Dr. David Portnoy grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, where he graduated first-election *Cum Laude* from Gilman School, a leading boys independent college preparatory K-12 school. At Gilman, Dr. Portnoy was president of the Debate Club and of the Lancers Boys Club of Baltimore City, and he lettered in Varsity Soccer, Basketball and Golf, on a Gilman team that won the Maryland State Golf Championship in 1979.



Dr. Portnoy graduated *Cum Laude* from Yale University in 1983, where he majored in Economics and Political Science, completed the Yale Teacher Preparation Program, played soccer and lacrosse, and sang in a close harmony a cappella singing group.

He has taught at Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles, worked in Undergraduate Admissions at The University of Pennsylvania, served as Upper School Head and Associate Head of School at Beth Tfiloh Community School in Baltimore, and as Head of School at Emery Weiner School in Houston and Yavneh Academy of Dallas, where he is in his seventh year as Head of School.

He has also practiced law and managed a family business.

Dr. Portnoy holds a J.D. from UCLA School of Law, an M.S.Ed from Johns Hopkins University, and an Ed.D from Seton Hall University.

An avid cyclist, singer and reader, Dr. Portnoy has been married for 33 years to Dr. Shira Lander, who serves as Director of Jewish Studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. They are the proud parents of two married sons, and they have thoroughly enjoyed their time so far at Frederica Academy and on Saint Simons Island.