

## Family Profile

### Meet the Dallas Family

Hillary and Bryan Dallas are the proud parents of one of Gesher's great Gan members, Madelyn, as well as a preschooler, Rachel. They have lived in Northern Virginia for about 15 years -- with Hillary venturing here after college and Bryan coming to the area after a stint in the Marine Corps. Hillary is originally from New Jersey, Bryan from Chicago.



Hillary and Bryan's marriage, in February 1999, took place in a setting similar to somewhere they can be seen regularly -- a synagogue. The difference, though, was that Hillary and Bryan were wed at the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands -- a national historic landmark.

"We highly recommend visiting the synagogue if you are ever in the vicinity," they said.

Their destination wedding follows one of their most adventurous hobbies: traveling. This summer, for example, the family will venture to a cousin's Bat Mitzvah in Jerusalem. But that's not all they do when they're not at Gesher.

"We enjoy reading, cooking, swimming, visiting with family and friends," Hillary says. "And Bryan still gets to squeeze in football and baseball even with a house full of girls!"

Hillary and Bryan are active members of Congregation Olam Tikvah in Fairfax (Bryan is on the board of directors there) and live right around the corner from the school -- a hop, skip and a jump from Wegmans and Fairfax Corner. Gesher remains a major focus of their lives.

"We chose Gesher because we believe that the curriculum, both general and Jewish studies, provides an excellent opportunity for our children to develop their education," Hillary and Bryan said. "Further, the value [set] in which the program is based is what we already have been practicing in our own home and we felt it would be the best environment to build on."

Hillary works for Booz Allen Hamilton, sourcing supplier agreements for their global travel program. Bryan is a development director for a commercial real estate firm. Additionally, Bryan and Hillary own and operate Mitzvah Tree Gifts, the Judaic and specialty gift shop at the JCCNV (which also has a showcase in the Merkaz at Gesher).