

# Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Chayei Sara

November 13, 2009

5:16 P.M.

## MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Sheldon and Fran Gittleson on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Gabi and Sarah Gittleson.

Rabbi Gedalya and Sorah Glatt on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Yehoshua Dov and Chaya Glatt.

Rabbi Moshe and Jennifer Lehrfield on the birth of a grandson to their children Menachem and Sarahle Lehrfield.

Rabbi Dovid and Miriam Lehrfield on the birth of a great grandson to Menachem and Sarahle Lehrfield.

Mr. Ari and Shira Sipper on the birth of a son.

## NICHUM AVEILIM:

We note with profound sorrow the untimely passing of our beloved Mrs. Jeanette Levine, A'H.

Mrs. Levine, friend and mentor to scores of our parents and friends in the community, was a Toras Emes/Toras Chaim Board Member for nearly 20 years, was PTA President for several years, was honored at our Annual Dinner, and most importantly was the elementary school office manager for nearly 10 years. We hope and pray the family finds Nechama (comfort) as they confront this tragic loss.

In addition to the Levaya held in South Florida last night, there will be a New York Levaya at JFK Airport, El Al Cargo on Motzei Shabbos at 9PM. Kvura will take place in Har Menuchos in Eretz Yisroel on Sunday evening. Shiva will take place at the Levine home 3950 N. 50<sup>th</sup> Ave., HWD. The family members not accompanying the Aron have begun Shiva and will get up Thursday morning. Those accompanying the Aron to Eretz Yisroel return Monday afternoon and conclude Sunday morning Nov. 22.

## *Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes Academy of Miami Annual Dinner*

Sunday, January 10, 2010  
Jungle Island

*Guests of Honor*  
Dr. & Mrs. Norman Bloom

*Kesser Shem Tou Award*  
Mr. & Mrs. David Goldis

*Rabbinic Leadership Award*  
Rabbi & Mrs. Neal Turk

## LITTLE FARM

The children had a wonderful experience this week learning about farm animals and petting them. Animals that were brought to the school included a rooster, a goat, a hen, a baby chick, a tom turkey and a bunny rabbit. The children enjoyed seeing the beard and the snood of the tom turkey. They also looked at the eggs of the many different animals. You should have seen them running after the billy goat. What fun!

## PARENTS AT PLAY

A wonderful turnout of parents made this day an exciting event for the children. What a delight to see the smiles on the children's faces as their parents played with them in the block area and participated in many other fun activities. Thank you for participating in our school programs.

### NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

The mitzvah of Gemilus Chassadim was introduced this week in the Nursery. We talked about Rivka's act of chessed in giving water to Eliezer and his camels. To help the children understand the mitzvah of Gemilus Chassadim, we stressed the concept of sharing both at home and at school. We also listened to the stories Making Friends by Fred Rogers, Labels For Laibel and Kind Little Rivka both by Dina Rosenfeld.

A new song about sharing was taught to the children.

You share, I'll share  
We all share together  
Sharing together, that's the thing to do  
Toys and books and puzzles and dolls  
Whatever you have  
You've got to share it all.

The story of Chanukah continued to be the focus of our week's activities. We spoke about Antiochus and how he would not let the Jews learn Torah or keep Shabbos. We also tried to understand what it meant to the Yehudim to have the Yevanim take over the Bais Hamikdash. The children learned about the bravery of the Maccabim and the miracle of the oil. There was only enough pure olive oil to last for one day but Hashem made it last for eight days.

The children enjoyed listening to the stories A Chanukah For Dina by Dina Rosenfeld and I Love Chanukah by Marilyn Hirsch.

### NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

Our Nursery class had a lovely week filled with exciting activities. A new unit on Animals That Live in the Water was introduced in class. We looked at pictures of many different animals that live in the water and created a picture of a whale in the ocean by mixing paints to simulate the appearance of water. We also made a starfish and a seahorse.

We learned a new finger play entitled "Where Is Fishy."

Where is Fishy (wave hands in fists in front of you)  
Here I am (open hands up)  
Here I am  
How are you today fish (shake hands with someone)  
Very wet, I thank you (hands on waist)  
Swim away (wave hands)  
Swim away

We listened to several stories about fish, whales, ducks and frogs. We also enjoyed listening to the stories Froggy Goes To School, Froggy Bakes A Cake and Froggy Goes To Bed by Jonathan London and Rainbow Fish And The Big Blue Whale by Marcus Pfister.

### PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

The spirit of Chanukah is in our classroom! We started learning about the story of Chanukah and sang many new Chanukah songs.

In Parashas Chayei Sara, we were introduced to Rivka Imeinu. Rivka demonstrated the midah of chessed by giving water from the well to Eliezer and his camels. The children listened to stories about doing chessed and discussed ways in which they could help other people. Some of the stories that we listened to were Yossi and Laibel, Hot On The Trail and Kind Little Rivka both by Dina Rosenfeld. We also learned about the three nissim that occurred in Sara's tent- the cloud that hovered over her tent throughout her lifetime, the bracha of continuous dough and the candles which stayed lit from one Shabbos until the next. All of these nissim returned when Rivka married Yitzchak and moved into his tent. We hope that you enjoy the delicious challah that your children baked in honor of this week's Parsha.

We are continuing to work in our Aleph-Bais books. This week, the letter Hey was introduced. Please review the Hebrew letters that are sent home each week with your child.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

### PRE-KI & II- MOROT BERNEY & JUDY

This week the Pre-K children started a new unit on "Colonial Times." Through art, music, stories and hands-on activities, the children will experience life during Colonial Times. The Colonial Times unit will end with a fun fair featuring activities from that time in history.

Our letter of the week was "Ff". The children sounded out words such as frog, Friday, flower, foot, four, five and friends. One funny, favorite book was The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss. As a science experiment, the children observed objects going from liquid to solid and back again. As another science experiment, we placed a variety of objects in the water and observed which objects float and which objects sink.

The Pre-K children shared thoughts on the subject of feelings. They talked about things that make them sad or glad and discussed how they would like to help other children be happy.

A Frog Race was the highlight of our week's activities. The children were all giggles as they went leaping across the class in our Leap Frog Race.

## KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BAYLA & RENA

Parashas Chayei Sara was the focal point of the week. We learned about the death of Sara Imeinu and discussed the many maasim tovim that she did throughout her life. We learned about the purchase of Mearas Hamachpela, which is still prominent in our hearts and minds today. We compared the character traits of Avraham Avinu and Efron Hachiti and enjoyed singing the song אמור מעט.

אמור מעט ועשה הרבה  
A little is what we should say  
A lot is what we should do  
To be like Avraham Avinu

Doing chess was emphasized this week in our classroom. We learned this from the way Eliezer chose a proper wife for Yitzchak. We enjoyed listening to the story Kind Little Rivkah by Dina Rosenfeld, which was also featured in our listening center. We acted out the scene of Rivka selflessly giving of herself to make Eliezer and his gemallim more comfortable. We felt that this was not an easy task. We also discussed the three simanim which left Sara's tent when she died and returned when Yitzchak married Rivka. These signs showed that she was a tzadekes. We created a beautiful Hadlakas Neiros frame and baked delicious challah in honor of this week's Parsha.

Happy "ה" with his half of a leg joined us this week. Not only is he always happy, he is always making jokes and saying "ha, ha" when he is with the patach. We enjoyed some funny jokes together.

The mitzvos of Hashavas Aveida and Hachnasas Orchim were featured this week in conjunction with our new letter "ה". We listened to the stories The Lost And Found Wallet by Mayer Bendet and There's Room In My House by Malky Weinstock.

Our reading program is progressing nicely. Please practice reading with your child the letters alef through hey with the patach.

Project Derech taught us that it is a mitzvah not to interrupt a parent.

## KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

What a super, spectacular week our kindergartners had- one filled with many surprises. As you may have guessed, we welcomed letterbook "Ss" to our class. The children are very excited about reading new words such as sod, gas and sad. We had lots of fun playing word games including Scrabble for Juniors.

In art, we learned about the concept of symmetry and made splendid symmetrical paintings.

In math, we talked about simple sums and enjoyed putting two small sets together to make one large set. We also learned to compare the weights of different objects by using our balance scales.

"Ss" is for science and we learned some interesting facts about the sun. Among our favorite books was Sylvester And The Magic Pebble by William Steig.

In Social Studies, we started a new unit on Colonial Times. We learned that the Pilgrims came to America in pursuit of religious freedom. We even looked at our map to see where they landed. They survived an extremely difficult voyage on the Mayflower only to experience many additional hardships during their first winter in the New World. We talked about the Native Americans who befriended them. We made a Native American Headdress which we will save for our upcoming powwow. Stay tuned for more details.

*Guests of Honor*

*Dr. and Mrs. Norman and Naomi Bloom*

With deep appreciation, it is our *kavod* to present this year's distinguished  
**Guests of Honor - Dr. and Mrs. Norman and Naomi Bloom.**

True pioneers of the North Miami Beach community, the Blooms have been part of our "family" since its very inception. The schools that coalesced to form Toras Emes Academy in the 1970s had been beneficiaries of the Blooms' generous support, guidance and leadership. Dr. Bloom served as President of Toras Emes in those early years and in fact is one of three signatories on the original TEAM Articles of Incorporation. In addition to helping found our school, the Blooms were founders and remain leaders of the Young Israel of Greater Miami, the first major shul in North Miami Beach.

Mrs. Naomi Bloom and our Early Childhood Education division (ECE) are one and the same.

A most successful and effective director for 30 years, she has guided the ECE (which has tripled in size) from one small facility on Northwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to its present location on our beautiful campus. Both locally and nationwide, the ECE enjoys a reputation as an outstanding program with dedicated teachers, appreciative parents and happy children. The love and devotion showered upon her little charges is Mrs. Bloom's crowning achievement, thus creating a Torah environment where children thrive and flourish.

In addition to their stellar careers, Dr. and Mrs. Bloom have been blessed with four wonderful children, all of whom are accomplished professionals in their own right, and are truly the jewels in their crown -  
 eldest daughter Adina, husband Adam and their 4 children (Beit Shemesh),  
 daughter Miriam, husband Reuven and their 3 children (Silver Spring, Maryland),  
 daughter Yael, husband Donny and their 4 children (Teaneck, NJ)  
 and son Rabbi Daniel, wife Ali and their 4 children (New Rochelle, New York).

We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Bloom, their children and their entire extended *nishpacha* and look forward to a most meaningful and successful event.

**GOOD SHABBOS!**