

TEAM Spirit

**TORAS EMES
ACADEMY OF MIAMI**
Samuel Aba & Sisel Klurman
Elementary School
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday, December 4, 2009
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פרשת וישלח

★ STAR STUDENTS ★

Boaz Abramson ★ T.S.
Tehila Alfassy ★ T.S.
Avia Bennett ★ S.S.
Ezra Bistriz ★ S.S.
Zev Bistriz ★ S.S.
Miriam Chesal ★ T.S.

Eliana Haimov ★ S.S.
Elisheva Homnick ★ S.S.
Mendy Itzkowitz ★ T.S.
Brendel Jablon ★ T.S.
Chaim Len ★ T.S.
Lior Mizrahi ★ T.S.
Lea Riesel ★ S.S.
Naftali Rubin ★ T.S.

Eli Sandhaus ★ T.S.
Reuven Shaffren ★ S.S.
Michael Shmueli ★ A.S.
Ahuva Spero ★ T.S.
Shaya Steinberg ★ T.S.
Alysa Suissa ★ S.S.
Shira Suissa ★ T.S.
Tzvi Winter ★ S.S.

*Yeshiva Toras Chaim
Toras Emes Academy
Annual Dinner*
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010
JUNGLE ISLAND**

Guests of Honor
DR. & MRS. NORMAN BLOOM

Rabbinic Leadership Award
RABBI & MRS. NEAL TURK

Kesser Shem Tov Award
MR. & MRS. DAVID GOLDIS

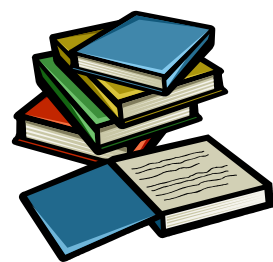
See attached update

THE WEEK AHEAD

Motzei Shabbos, December 5 - begin *V'Sain Tal Umatar*
Tuesday, Dec. 8 - Girls' Class & Individual Pictures
Wednesday, Dec. 9 - Boys' Class & Individual Pictures
Friday, Dec. 11 - T.V. Control Begins
Sunday, Dec. 13-Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Chanukah Vacation

BOOK FAIR UNDERWAY!

Our Elementary trailer is brimming with selections of books for all Kindergarten and Elementary school ages. Come join the excitement - see attached class schedule and this week's letter.



V'SAIN TAL UMATAR L'VROCHO

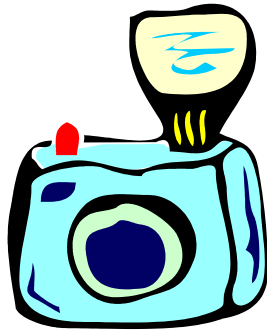
Begin saying this wintertime *Shemone Esrei* insert at *Maariv* this *Motzei Shabbos*, December 5.

YAHARZEIT GATHERING

An evening of Chizuk and inspiration is being held this Wednesday, December 9 at Yeshiva Toras Chaim at 8PM marking the first *yahrzeit* of Dr. Abe Chames, z"l.

READY, SET,.....SMILE!

Individual and class pictures are this **Tuesday, December 8** for the girls and **Wednesday, December 9** for the boys. Please remember to wear your official school uniforms. All orders must be sent to the office, with payment, on **Monday, December 7**. One or two volunteers are needed to help organize the picture taking on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please call Rabbi Baumann.



To Mr. and Mrs. Shlomo Ritterman and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Tzvi.

To Dr. and Mrs. Allan Jacob on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their son, our alumnus, Danny and Dasi Jacob.



CHOSEN WORDS

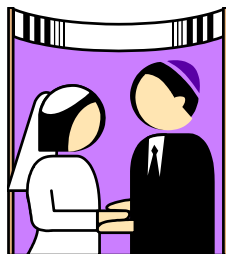
We hope you are enjoying this year's editions of "The Chosen Words," which appear in this TEAM Spirit newsletter. This inspirational newsletter by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation enhances your homes every other *Erev Shabbos*. An opportunity for sponsorship of this newsletter is available and your help would be greatly appreciated. The \$360 sponsorship, in memory, in honor of, or for a *Refuah Shelaima*, will be printed at the bottom of each Chosen Words that appears in our weekly newsletter for the entire school year.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

- " Miriam *bas* Malka
- " Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Leba
- " Bina *bas* Chaya
- " Libba *bas* Fayga
- " Tova *bas* Rochel
- " Rachel Leah *bas* Guta Raizel
- " Chaviva *bas* Simcha
- " Mordechai *ben* Ora Yehudis
- " Yosef *ben* Simcha
- " Yossi Yosef *ben* Etti Esther

MAZEL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tokayer and family on the engagement of their daughter, our alumna, Esti to Jake Asher of Los Angeles.



PROJECT D.E.R.E.C.H.

This week's theme is **Not Speaking Before Adults.** We are learning about the proper way to act respectfully when conversing with adults.

4G SIYYUM

Yasher Koach to Mrs. Fried's fourth grade girls who completed Parshas Vayeshev and will have a Gala Siyyum next week.

GIFTS FOR TEACHERS - FINAL OPPORTUNITY!

This Monday, December 7 is your final opportunity to show your appreciation to the teachers and have your name included on the beautiful letter that the teachers will receive along with their gifts.

CHANUKAH TOY DRIVE - LAST CALL!

Our Parents Association is undertaking a Chanukah project that will bring joy to needy children in our school and our community. We are collecting monetary donations in order to purchase beautiful, educational, age appropriate Chanukah gifts. We urgently need your donations in order to make these gifts possible! You can still send in your cash or checks (made out to Toras Emes) on Monday. For more information please call Rachel Breier at 305.999.9666. Please help us help our kids!



CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE - A HUGE SUCCESS!

Despite the recession (or maybe because of it) the Second Annual Chanukah Boutique on Wednesday evening was a resounding success. Hundreds of guests took advantage of the opportunity to purchase a huge variety of great gifts at amazing prices from nearly 25 vendors. Our thanks to the dynamic co-chairs, Mrs. Devorah Lehrer and Mrs. Bryna Roth, for once again this year making the Boutique an event not to be missed.

PROJECT S.I.R. ARRIVES AT TORAS EMES

Nearly 30 teachers stayed well into the evening this past Tuesday and Wednesday as they were introduced to an innovative reading program that could have a significant positive impact on reducing reading challenges for students. Presented by Dr. Jed Luchow, senior consultant to the Board of Jewish Education of New York, and designer of Project S.I.R. - Success In Reading. Our staff - Early Childhood and Elementary, Judaic and Secular - was united in their praise for, and enthusiasm about, the potential of Dr. Luchow's approach. He will return in February to continue the training sessions. A DVD about the program and its impact is available for viewing at the school. Anyone interested - please contact Dr. Lerer.

MASPIDIM PROGRAM

Our new voluntary Mishmar Program for boys' grades 4 and 5 is off to a great start. The participants were able to choose which Mesechta in Mishnayos they wanted to learn to help them advance in our 3 month long Limud Mishnayos Program. See our Masmidim in action!

25th Annual Dinner & Journal Campaign Update

*Rabbinic Leadership Award
Rabbi & Mrs. Neal Turk*

*Kesser Shem Tov Award
David & Chanu Goldis*

*Guests of Honor
Dr. Norman & Naomi Bloom*

Campaign Goal \$1,000,000 Raised to date \$68,000

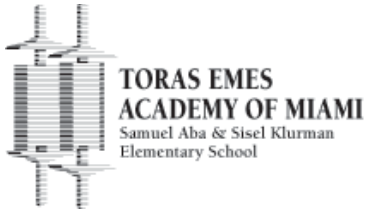
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Marcos Lapciuc</i>	<i>11,000.00</i>	<i>Dr. & Mrs. David Galbut</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hellring</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>	<i>Dr. & Mrs. Robert Galbut</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Dr. & Mrs. Shmuel Katz</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>	<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Akiva Grunblatt</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>7,500.00</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Steven Jacoby</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>	<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Joshua Levy</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Terry Chemtov</i>	<i>3,600.00</i>	<i>Drs. Dov & Debra Linzer</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Lichtman</i>	<i>3,600.00</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Warren Schwartz</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Kacev</i>	<i>2,500.00</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Binyomin Yovits</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Nevarez</i>	<i>2,500.00</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Zlotnick</i>	<i>150.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Mandel</i>	<i>1,800.00</i>	<i>Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Delcastillo</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Albert Reichmann</i>	<i>1,800.00</i>	<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Peretz Goldenberg</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Drs. Alexander & Susan Lurie</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Harold Granek</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Drs. Sheldon & Miriam Greenberg</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Joseph Grunblatt</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rosenblatt</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	<i>Dr. & Mrs. Sheldon Meth</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Dr. & Mrs. Fred Wittlin</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Aryeh Rockove</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Julius Sand</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Akiva Schein</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Mrs. Bessie Galbut</i>	<i>360.00</i>	<i>Mr. Henry Schmidt</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Getzel</i>	<i>250.00</i>	<i>Judith Schmidman</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Dr. & Mrs. Angel Tropp</i>	<i>250.00</i>	<i>Assorted Donations</i>	<i>385.00</i>
<i>Mr. Seth & Dr. Kimberly Frohlich</i>	<i>180.00</i>		

We encourage all parents to participate in this campaign by placing their personal ad and by soliciting friends, family and business acquaintances. Personal or solicited ads will be applied towards your give/get obligation.

Anyone who raises their \$1,000 give or get will receive two complimentary tickets to the Dinner.

We look forward to having all our parents attend the Dinner Sunday, January 10th at the Treetop Ballroom at Jungle Island. Invitations will follow in the mail.

Have a great Shabbos!



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman
Assistant Principal

Dr. Deborah Lerer
Secular Studies Principal

Mrs. Naomi Bloom
Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas VaYishlach 5770

Dear Parents,

The story of Chanuka represents the first real clash of cultures that the Jewish nation confronted. While always tested with the temptation of *Avoda Zara* (idolatry), this was the first time there was a competition for the hearts and minds of the people. Greek culture was the sophisticated, 'modern' approach that unfortunately swayed so many members of the Jewish people.

Since that time, especially in the Diaspora, Jews, especially parents, have had to traverse the narrow bridge of maintaining a passion for Torah and Mitzvos while existing within the wider culture. For much of our history, the rejection and persecution by the non-Jewish world held involvement of Jews in the non-Jewish culture to a minimum. In our day, however, blessed to live in a more enlightened world, our involvement is only limited by the restrictions we place upon ourselves.

In a Yeshiva Day School, we walk that tightrope every day. We raise Bnei Torah who can function successfully in the modern world. Functioning successfully has as its very foundation, the ability to read and comprehend the English language. In addition, many of the values we wish to impart to our children are best conveyed through the written word, in attractive, entertaining and appealing books. A school book fair lies at the heart of sparking the desire to read, which leads to an enhanced ability to read.


Our Book Fair is currently underway. The Book Fair room welcomes its visitors with extensive displays of books, whetting the children's appetites for investigating new fiction, non-fiction, history, science, picture books, etc. Our committee has worked hard at winnowing out books and selections that are not appropriate for our families. It is, nevertheless, so important for you, the parent, to be involved in your child's Book Fair experience. Sharing the visit with your child will make it positive and most memorable.


Children obviously are not always the best judge of which books are best suited for them. You can be of help to them and guide them towards appropriate and worthwhile selections as you share thoughts about the books you see. It's a pleasure to watch parents bond with their youngsters as they chuckle about special books they themselves recall and now want to share with their sons and daughters.

Clearly, your participation at our Book Fair reflects your belief that reading is important, that it is fun, that books are precious possessions. One cannot underestimate the positive impact of joining a child in any educational endeavor. The Book Fair is right here in school, convenient, and a terrific opportunity to validate the importance of reading and for you and your children to be together for a special time.

May our joint efforts to produce well balanced, proud and educated Jews, continue to bear fruit.

Best wishes for an outstanding Shabbos,


Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal


Dr. Deborah Lerer
Secular Studies Principal

PROJECT S.I.R. AT TORAS EMES



MASMIDIM PROGRAM



TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI
BOOK FAIR
DECEMBER 2009
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

CLASS	DAY/TIME	DAY/TIME
1B	FRIDAY, 9:00 AM-LIB	WEDNESDAY, 11:00 AM
2B	MONDAY, 10:00 AM-LIB	WEDNESDAY, 9:00 AM
3B	TUESDAY, 2:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 3:00 PM-LIB
4B	MONDAY, 3:00 PM-LIB	WEDNESDAY, 1:15 PM
5B	TUESDAY, 3:00 PM-LIB	WEDNESDAY, 12:30 PM
		
1G	FRIDAY, 11:30 AM -LIB	TUESDAY, 12:30 PM
2G	MONDAY, 2:15 PM-LIB	THURSDAY, 1:15 PM
3G	TUESDAY, 1:15 PM	WEDNESDAY, 2:15 PM-LIB
4G	TUESDAY, 10:15 AM-LIB	THURSDAY, 9:00 AM
5G	MONDAY, 1:30 PM	THURSDAY, 3:00 PM-LIB
		
K-1	THURSDAY, 12:30 PM	
K-2	MONDAY, 12:30 PM	

Each class is assigned to attend the Book Fair two times. Once with Ms. Grossman during the regularly scheduled library period or a special period, and an additional time with the classroom (secular studies) teacher.