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



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| Gavriel Aminov★T.S. | Malky Koot★T.S. |
| David Bisker★S.S. | Mutty Koot★T.S. |
| Gabi Breier★T.S. | Yitzi Lind★S.S. |
| Sivan Carny★T.S. & S.S. | David Oumanski★T.S. |
| Shmuel Chaim Dreyfuss★T.S. & S.S. | Hadassah Privalsky★S.S. |
| Benjy Heller★S.S. | Shaya Schwab★T.S. |
| Naomi Kalchman★T.S. | Batia Segal★S.S. |
| Moshe Kessler★S.S. | Elisheva Sharfman★T.S. |
| Naomi Klecky★S.S. | Sara Weberman★S.S. |
| | Tzvi Winter★T.S. |

T.E.A.M. PLAYERS

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| Chana Alber | Brendel Jablon |
| Yosef Alber | Cila Ginsparg |
| Avia Bennett | Josh Hopen |
| Ezra Bistriz | Mendy Itzkowitz |
| Zev Bistriz | Batel Levi |
| Miriam Chesal | Eli Mizrahi |
| Miriam Dreyfuss | Lior Mizrahi |
| Sara Dudovitz | Lea Riesel |
| Yitzi Eisenberger | Naftali Rubin |
| Dina Ellenbogen | Mordechai Shapiro |

MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Please make sure to join us **THIS SUNDAY** for an opportunity to bond with your daughters at our Mother-Daughter Luncheon, scheduled for **January 17** in the Toras Emes Social Hall. **Please note the time has been changed to 10:30 AM!** This exciting event will surely be a memorable one for all in attendance. Please RSVP to Mrs. Esther Entin at 305.493.4969.

The many parents who participated in the journal and attended the dinner are the linchpins of our success. We are sorry for those who were unable to attend the dinner – you missed a spectacular evening.

ANNUAL TORAS EMES/TORAS CHAIM JOURNAL-DINNER

Our Annual Journal-Dinner this past Sunday evening was a most memorable and successful event. Enjoying the delicious food and warm atmosphere, nearly 500 people shared in this outstanding evening showing appreciation to our honorees, **Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bloom, Rabbi and Mrs. Neal Turk and Mr. and Mrs. David Goldis.**

Once again, the dinner enhanced our feeling of pride for Toras Emes and Toras Chaim, and captured the essence of our ultimate goal – to imbue our talmidim with a love of Torah, Midos Tovos and intellectual growth.

OUR HEARTS GO OUT.....

We join with all of mankind in feeling and expressing our sorrow and compassion for the suffering of the Haitian people in the aftermath of the terrible earthquake that struck earlier this week. All of us work with, live near or otherwise have contact with individuals whose families have been directly affected by this tragedy, including members of the Yeshiva's staff.

Our response, as members of B'nei Yisrael, is to keep the victims in our thoughts and prayers. By using our most powerful response mechanism, the Kol Yaakov, our voice of Tefila, we will be exercising our most effective role in bringing healing and support to this overwhelmingly tragic situation.

TV CONTROL WINNERS DAY

The excited participants of our TV Control Winners Day were put to the challenge through a myriad of competitions between the boys' blue and green teams and the girls' pink and purple teams, as all the participants enjoyed a day of fun, food and festivities. It was a pleasure to watch the children thoroughly engrossed in the exhilarating activities!



As always, our chef extraordinaire, **Rabbi Yitzchak Teitelbaum**, barbecued our delicious lunch. Thank you once again for your time and your talents.

A special thank you **Mrs. Esther Schwab**, our dynamic parent volunteer, who helped make this an extra delicious day for all those who earned it:

MAZEL TOV!
TO THE WINNING TEAMS OF
TV CONTROL WINNERS DAY...

BOYS - GREEN TEAM
GIRLS - PINK AND PURPLE TEAMS

If you were unable to participate this time, remember you still have a chance to be a winner in our next TV Control Program, which will take place, IY"H, during Sefiras HaOmer.

MID-WINTER VACATION

School will be closed from **Sunday, January 24** through **Sunday, January 31**. Classes will resume at 8:00 AM on Monday, February 1.

PESACH CANDY SALE

The Pesach Candy Sale is now in progress. Thank you to **Mrs. Brachi Bergida, Mrs. Racheli Grossman** and



Mrs. Ali Jeger who got this project off to a great start, under the leadership of **Mrs. Adina Dreyfuss**.

All orders should be turned in to the office by the deadline on **Tuesday, February 2**. Please remember to return the top two pages of the order form in the envelope with the money collected. Check that all orders and tallies are correct, your child's name and grade is written clearly and that the amount collected corresponds with your order. **Keep the bottom page in a safe place at home** so you will know who to deliver the candy to when it arrives.

Along with the prize incentives that your children will earn by selling candy, the top class will win an ice cream party! Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

PROJECT DERECH

We have concluded the section of Derech Eretz B'Dibbur—speaking with proper Derech Eretz. This week is being used by the teachers to review and reinforce that which we learned. Please review the topics we have covered so far with your child and encourage them to continue their excellent behavior. The topics are: greeting with a smile, speaking in a pleasant tone of voice, not interrupting, using a proper title for an adult, not speaking in the presence of someone older, excusing ourselves before leaving, reporting back, and avoiding Aveiros such as Lashon Hara, embarrassing people, and Ona'as Devarim.

MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi and Mrs. Gedalya Glatt and family on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their daughter, our alumna, Bracha and Nachshon Aronovitch in Israel.



To Mr. Avrohom Eliezer Friedman on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Leah Hauser.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Avrohom Yachnes and family on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Sora Minna to Yoey Shaps.

MISHNAYOS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Mid-Winter vacation is an excellent opportunity for our participants in grades 3B-5B to fill in their charts with many hours of learning.



KOL YAAKOV CAMPAIGN

We hope that the students are continuing to participate in this wonderful Chessed with phone calls, letters and visits to older people in their families and neighborhood. The merits of this project include the excellent training these endeavors provide in positive communication. Our students can improve their communication skills while bringing a smile to someone's face.

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
- " Leah Aviva *bas* Roytza Broyna
- " Mordechai *ben* Ora Yehudis
- " Yosef *ben* Simcha
- " Yossi Yosef *ben* Etti Esther
- " Ariel Yosef *ben* Shala
- " Ephraim Boruch *ben* Rivka Leah
- " Tinok *ben* Rochel Rus
- " Shmuel Zelig *ben* Ziesel
- " Meir Yehuda *ben* Hinda
- " Aharon Hillel *ben* Ruth
- " Shmuel Menachem *ben* Zlata Paya

PLEASE CHOOSE "CHOSEN WORDS"!

We need your help in order to continue providing this publication! We hope you are enjoying this year's editions of "The Chosen Words," which appear bi-weekly in this TEAM Spirit newsletter. This inspirational newsletter by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation enhances your homes every other *Erev Shabbos*.

Please consider partaking in the \$360 sponsorship, in memory, in honor of, or for a *Refuah Shelaima*, which will be printed at the bottom of each Chosen Words that appears in our weekly newsletter for the entire school year. To sponsor, please call Mrs. Zisquit at 305.947.6000 and send in a check for \$360, made out to Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, with your dedication request. Thank you for your help!

JANUARY 21 ASSEMBLIES POSTPONED

While we wait patiently for our auditorium to become available we will not be holding our originally scheduled assemblies this week. Please note that official uniforms will not be required on Thursday.

UNIFORM GEMACH

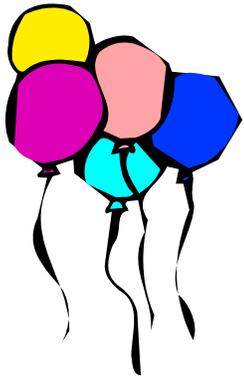
There are lots of uniforms to pick from at the uniform gemach! Many girls' skirts and shirts are available and boys' shirts and pants are also in abundance. Please take advantage of the wide selection of colors and sizes to stock up on for the rest of the school year - or to get a head start for next year! Call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.

THANK YOU

To Danny Breier in 1B for donating a brand new soccer ball to the Phys Ed department. Coach Sammy and the students are so grateful!



FAMILY FUN DAY



We are eagerly anticipating our annual Family Fun Day on Sunday, February 7 at TY Park in Hollywood. We need volunteers to assist before and during this event. If you are able to help please call Mrs. Chanie Berkowitz at 305.6514727.

TRANSPORT TO A HIGHER PLANE

Our Yeshiva is purchasing a 12 seater van for transporting groups of students to and from various activities. Dedication opportunities are available. Please call the administrative office at 305.944.5344. Tizku L'Mitzvos!



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Erev Shabbos Parashas Vaera, Erev Rosh Chodesh Shevat, 5770

Dear Parents,

The Alter of Slabodka, HaRav Nosson Tzvi Finkel zt'l, asks on this week's *Parasha (Ohr Hatzafun Vol. 1, Maamar on "Avdus V'Cheirus"* section 4) why was it necessary for *Hashem* to afflict the Egyptians with ten plagues instead of one, and for the Jews to remain in Egypt an additional twelve months during that time? One plague, in a short amount of time could have demonstrated *Hashem's* might, brought the Egyptians to their knees and enabled the Jews to leave.

The *Alter* answers that *Hashem's* goal was to bring about a complete transformation in the Jews' attitude, from that of slaves who are subservient to a human, to that of free men who recognize *Hashem* as their true masters. Such a shift in attitude and outlook can only come about through a series of experiences and lessons that touch upon every aspect of the human experience. The Egyptians, similarly, needed to have their arrogance and self-centeredness removed, and to come to the realization that there is One Almighty Being who runs the world.

This process can also teach us much about raising children. Our children need to be transformed from self-centered, self-absorbed little creatures (have you ever seen a six-month old hesitate from screaming his head off when wet or hungry, because he noticed his mother looked exhausted?) into caring, socially conscious, G-d-fearing people. We want to instill upon these selfish little bundles lofty ideals of doing Mitzvos and being sensitive and caring for others. Can this process occur in a casual, haphazard manner? Does it occur by paying lip-service to these ideals, but not living them on a daily basis in our own lives?

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski says that child-rearing today must be based upon making our children into *Mesillas Yeshorim* Jews, meaning they need passion, seriousness and deep commitment to the Torah's ideals. We won't be able to steer our children in the Torah way, and successfully fight the street's influences if we show a lukewarm commitment to their education and social development. We need to guide our children that nothing, absolutely nothing in the world is more important than being honest, being sensitive to others, being careful about details of Halacha, and caring deeply about *davening* to *Hashem* and relying on Him for our every need.

The example we show and the expectations we set are paramount. A case in point: We all want our children to *daven* with *Kavana*. It's obvious that just telling them to do so won't achieve the goal. We have to create the impression that *davening* properly is of the greatest importance. That means attaching importance to reading Hebrew properly. It means not taking children to *shul* if they'll run around instead of *davening* and following the Torah reading. It means our taking *davening* seriously by coming on time, saying the words properly and not talking. No transformation can take place unless the children are made to realize – this is important!

With this focus and consistent role-modeling, we can hope for and expect the *Siyata D'Shmaya* to enable us to successfully raise our children to become the wonderful, sincere and sensitive Torah individuals we strive so hard to accomplish.

Have a Transformative Shabbos!


Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal