

# TEAM Spirit

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



Friday, February 12, 2010  
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פרשת משפטים  
פרשת שקלים  
שבת מברכים

### ★ STAR STUDENTS ★

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| Tzvi Anton★T.S.            | Esty Newman★S.S.     |
| Miriam Balgley★S.S.        | Yardena Reboh★S.S.   |
| Zelda Bernstein★T.S.& S.S. | Shaya Schwab★S.S.    |
| Zevi Berkowitz★T.S.        | Yakov Schwab★S.S.    |
| Avraham Dennis★T.S.        | Yoni Schwab★S.S.     |
| Shalom Deutsch★T.S.        | Boaz Sobol★T.S.      |
| Eliana Haimov★T.S.         | Shira Suissa★S.S.    |
| Benny Kanoff★S.S.          | Esti Weinberger★T.S. |
| Yitzi Meisels★T.S.         |                      |

### TEAM PLAYERS

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Boaz Abramson  | Debbie Nash     |
| Sivan Carny    | Zohar Reboh     |
| Sarah Cohen    | Aaron Rosenberg |
| Daniel Danan   | Sara Salame     |
| Eli Danan      | Noam Schultz    |
| Shalom Deutsch | Chaya Sharfman  |
| Benjy Heller   | Joey Tokayer    |
| Malky Koot     | Esther Ungar    |
| Leah Lind      | Yael Ungar      |

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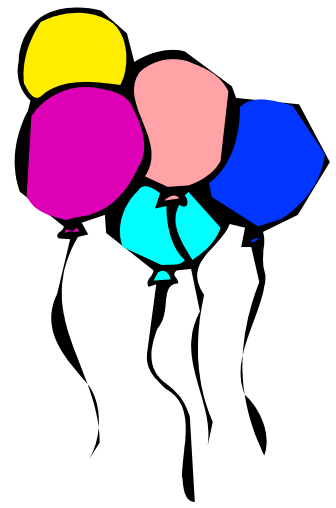
- ★REGULAR SUNDAY SESSIONS.
- ★CLASSES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 8:00-1:00, NO LUNCH

### FAMILY FUN DAY

We were so happy to see the vast majority of our Toras Emes families represented at TY Park this past Sunday, and we derived much *nachas* watching everyone enjoy a totally 'Family Fun Day'!

An event of such great caliber does not happen by itself. A tremendous amount of effort and energy went into the day's preparations and programming.

Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation is first and foremost extended to Mrs. Chanie Berkowitz and family, chairperson of Family Fun Day, and Mrs. Natasha Len, chief organizer, who devoted many weeks of hard work and *Mesiras Nefesh* to insure that this year's Fun Day would be great! It could not have taken place without their efforts. We are also extremely grateful to Mr. Amram Bendahan for his invaluable help. His generosity of time and expertise were vital to the success of this event.



### OPEN SCHOOL DAY

Open School Day will take place on Presidents' Day, this Monday, February 15. Please join us for an 'open school experience' as we sit in on the children's classes from 9:45-11:45. Also note that classes on Monday are from 8:00 AM -1:00 PM. Bring snacks but **no lunch**.



Under the best of circumstances, the preparation, management and administration of this day is quite an undertaking, but providing the day at minimal cost to the attendees can be a daunting task...unless of course, the host school (in this case Toras Emes), is blessed with the number and quality of volunteers, who assisted in the project.

Our thank yous are extended once again to our generous sponsors, donors and supporters, (see names below) without whom the amusements and activities could not have been offered at no charge

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The Einhorn Family  
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The Oumanski Family  
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The Avi Rosenberg Family  
The Sandhaus Family  
The Sapirman Family  
The Ungar Family  
The Weisskoff Family

- **Mr. and Mrs. Barry Einhorn** for performing with grace (under fire), the huge task of grilling the hot dogs and burgers.
- **Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Herzek** for donating the pickles and condiments, in addition to grilling and face painting.
- **Our Bais Yaakov and Shaarei Binah Student Volunteers** who handled food sales and set up with great enthusiasm and efficiency.
- **Coach Sammy Hakim and Miss Estie Gruenstein** (of JAG fame) who donated their time and expertise to organize sports activities and made sure that everyone had a blast!
- **Mrs. Esther Entin and Mrs. Esta Rosenberg** for overseeing this PTA function with their dedication and efficiency.

Last, but certainly not least, everyone who came forward to volunteer throughout the day helped us immeasurably, and we are truly grateful to the volunteers, family members and friends who worked continuously throughout the day, especially:

Mr. & Mrs. David Buzaglo  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Chemtov  
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Kulman  
Mr. & Mrs. Nissim Levi  
Mr. & Mrs. Asher Perets  
Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Sobol

If you helped on Fun Day, but your name is inadvertently omitted from the above list, please consider yourself thanked - with tremendous gratitude for your outstanding efforts.

**PROJECT DERECH**

**T**he theme for this week is the importance of escorting your guests out of your home.

Next, we would like to thank all of our energetic and diligent on-site volunteers. Special kudos goes to:

## MISHNAYOS PROJECT

The excitement is mounting as the *Mishnayos* Project draws to a close this **Sunday, February 14, Rosh Chodesh Adar.**

The boys have really picked up the pace in their quest to learn as many *Mishnayos* as possible in the short time left. We are so proud of all the participants! We are eagerly anticipating the gala *Mishnayos Siyyum* which will take place soon. Details will be forthcoming.



## MAZEL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. Josh Ehrenreich and family on the birth of a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yaakov Seltzer and family on the birth of a boy.



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## REFUAH SHELAIMA

- Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Liba
- Bina *bas* Chaya
- Chana *bas* Shaindel
- Zelda Masha *bas* Itta Anna
- Shalva Yakira *bas* Yardena Meira
- Mordechai *ben* Ora Yehudis
- Moshe Chaim *ben* Chana

## NICHUM AVEILIM

To Rabbi David Lehrfield and family on the loss of his brother, Mr. Jeremy Lehrfield. He will be sitting Shiva at home, 1345 N.E. 171 Street, until Tuesday morning.

Our condolences to Mrs. Jennifer Ungar and family on the loss of her father. Burial took place in New Jersey. Mrs. Ungar will be at home, 17700 N.E. 9 Place, on Sunday and Monday.

## GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

Just a few days left to get all those box tops in! We cannot afford to slow down now... the end of February deadline is just around the corner! Any boxtops still lying around the house or sitting in your 'junk drawer' should be sent in to school immediately. We will be mailing in all of the box tops in two weeks for our semi-annual reimbursement check.

Please remember to continue to collect box tops after the deadline. The collection will continue through next year as well, so do not throw away any box tops! You'll be surprised at how many you will find while you are Pesach cleaning! Yasher Koach and thank you for the continued incredible success of this project!

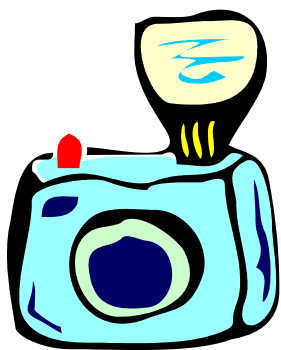
## REGISTRATION 2010-11

Registration packets will be in the mail this coming week. In view of the fact that many classes remain at capacity enrollment, it is important to bear in mind the school policy that has been in place for several years:

**Registration cannot be completed until all fees are paid and the give or get requirement for 2009-2010 is fulfilled. Space in the class can be assured only to those families who complete registration and are current with all tuition and fees for this current school year.**

## PURIM CARDS

Believe it or not, Purim is just around the corner! Our beautiful Purim cards are now available from the Parents Association, through the school office. Suggested donation is \$2.00 per card (including envelope) or 10 cards for \$18.00.



## INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PICTURES - COMING SOON!

We appreciate your patience as we prepare the picture packages for you. We hope to bring you your child(ren)'s smiling face(s) very soon!

## THANKS AND .....CHECKMATE!

The fifth grade girls would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Mendy Breier and family for their generous donation of five Chess games in honor of Gabi's class. The games are a timely and appropriate gift for the girls who are currently reading (and thoroughly enjoying) "The Westing Game."

## LOST SNEAKERS

If your child lost a pair of sneakers, size 11 1/2, at Family Fun Day, please call or come by the office to claim them.

## WISH LIST

The TEAM Library could greatly benefit from gently used series books such as:

Berenstain Bears  
Magic Treehouse  
Cam Jansen  
Box Car Children  
Arthur  
BY Times  
Baker's Dozen  
Brookville C.C.

## UNIFORM UPDATE

If wearing a long sleeved T-shirt under the uniform shirt, the T-shirt must be the same color as the uniform shirt in order to be in compliance with the uniform requirements. For example, if your uniform shirt is light blue, the T-shirt underneath must also be light blue (if any portion of it is visible).

## ZAYIN ADAR SEUDAH

The Annual *Zayin Adar Seudah* of the *Chevra Kadisha* will be held next Sunday evening, February 21 at 7:00 PM in the Toras Emes Social Hall. This year we are fortunate to have as our guest speaker, **Rabbi Dovid Sharfman**, Mashgiach Ruchani of Yeshiva Toras Chaim/ Bais Medrash Zichron Ezra.

Members of the community who wish to have a share in the important work of the *Chevra Kadisha* are invited to sign up as sponsors for a \$50 contribution. Sponsors are welcome to join us at the *Seuda*. Members of the *Chevra* are urged to encourage their friends to participate in the work of the *Chevra* in this manner.

## SNOW DAY!

To better observe our Florida Snow Day (Definition: A day when school would otherwise have been closed and is now open due to the snow! In our case, because of Teacher Workshops - which have been postponed due to the presenter being snowbound in New York).

Our students received a Sno-cone treat to bring a sparkle to their day. Special thanks to Mr. Amram Bendahan for his invaluable assistance.

## SNOW DAY IN FLORIDA!



## 4B SUKKAH PROJECT

The boys of 4B have been busy learning how to make a kosher *Sukkah* and what makes a *Sukkah posul*. After finishing the first two *Perakim* of *Mishna Sukkah*, each boy made a model of a *Sukkah*.

All the other boys' classes were invited to view the *Sukkahs* and the boys were excited to explain and describe what they had made. See pictures attached. The *Sukkahs* will be on display in 4B on Open School Day. Come and see!



## SHALACH MANOS

Please check your mailboxes for your *Shalach Manos* order forms. This project is a wonderful opportunity to send beautiful *Shalach Manos* gift baskets to the faculty, staff, and administration of Toras Emes/Yeshiva Toras Chaim.





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*Assistant Principal*

Dr. Deborah Lerer  
*Secular Studies Principal*

Mrs. Naomi Bloom  
*Early Childhood Director*

Erev Shabbos Parashas Mishpotim, Parshas Shekolim 5770

Dear Parents,

When one thinks of all the areas and all the ways in which a parent takes his or her totally dependent, totally self-centered, totally incapable newborn, and instills within the child values, morals and self-discipline over the first 18 or so years of life, it can be quite overwhelming. When you add to that guidance in personal hygiene and care, educating and teaching competence in day-to-day living, being successful as a parent seems nearly impossible.

What is arguably our highest calling, instilling values, must be understood properly. We impart and impress our values upon our children in many ways, including unintended ones. When a young child observes his mother reacting to the sight of a tiny four-legged creature by emitting extremely loud, uncontrolled screeching sounds as she catapults onto a chair, and yet her reaction to his walloping his baby sister is with a gentle, calm “Moishele, that’s really not so nice,” the message is being conveyed very loudly and clearly – furry creatures are a greater threat to mankind, than abusive behavior to a younger sibling.

In this week’s *Parsha*, the Torah elaborates at great length on all areas of interpersonal interactions as they relate to financial matters. This concentration on laws of damages and compensation is a clear indicator of their importance. Furthermore, the *Pasuk* states (*Shemos 23:7*) “*MiDvar Sheker Tirchak*” – distance your self from falsehood. When it comes to integrity in business, giving testimony and in just dealing with others – it’s not enough to say “Lying is Forbidden.” Falsehood is so reprehensible, such an antithesis of *Hashem*’s will and Torah values that we are warned to stay far away from anything that hints of dishonesty.

The story is told that Rabbi Yaakov Kaminetsky zt’l, once observed parents dealing quite harshly with a six year old for putting his feet on the *Shabbos* table. He reportedly used the opportunity to make the following observation: Parents tend to focus on childish behaviors, and yet ignore character development issues. Rest assured that this child will not be putting his feet on the table when he is 18 years old. But, if he is not acting honestly, and his parents are not focusing on redirecting him towards always being honest and forthright, then when he’s 18, he’ll turn into a dishonest person.

Parents need not be overwhelmed by the myriad of lessons that need to be imparted to their children over the course of years. What’s needed is a clear focus on what really matters, and prioritizing one’s efforts and emotions to those areas that will remain with the child into adulthood. From this week’s *Parsha*, we see honesty and integrity is a great place to start, and an area that needs so much strengthening in our days.

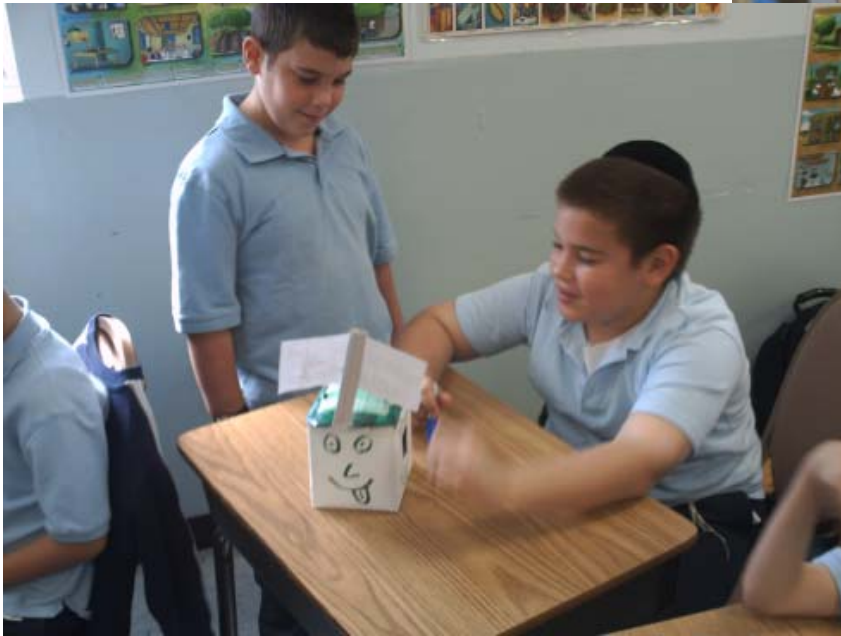
May the coming *Shabbos* and Month of *Adar* bring us all much *Nachas* and *Simcha*.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal

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 Rohr Middle School  
 Klurman Elementary School

# 14th Annual Learnathon

The Entire Community is Invited to Participate in this Exciting Yom Iyun

1 ADAR 5770 / MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

12:00 - 7:30 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL / 1051 N. MIAMI BEACH BOULEVARD

HIGH SCHOOL / 1025 NE MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE

NORTH MIAMI BEACH

## Schedule and Featured Speakers

### At Our Middle School Campus

12:00 - 12:30 PM

**Rabbi Hershel Becker**  
 Topic to be Announced

12:30 - 1:15 PM

Rabbi Abraham Benzaquen, Rabbi Yitzchok Lefkowitz, Rabbi Ephraim Leizeron  
 Rabbi Yisroel Ruck, Rabbi Yitzchok Selmar, Rabbi Nesson Spero

1:15 - 1:50 PM

**Rabbi Gedalya Glatt**  
 Cheshbon HaNefesh: The Internal Inventory

1:50 - 2:00 PM

Mincha

2:00 - 2:10 PM

Refreshments

2:10 - 2:50 PM

Rabbi Noam Grossman, Rabbi Yonason Horowitz, Rabbi David Levine,  
 Rabbi Avrohom Meth & Rabbi Avrohom Yachnes

### At Our High School Campus

1:45 - 2:00 PM

Mincha

2:00 - 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 - 3:15 PM

Rabbi Moshe Matz, Rabbi David Sharfman, Rabbi Neal Turk &  
 Rabbi Pinchas Weberman

3:15 - 4:00 PM

**Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro**  
 Kiddush Hashem: "Ohr LaGoyim"

4:00 PM

Dismissal for Rohr Middle School Students

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Rabbi Kalman Baumann, Rabbi Yitzchok Goodman, Rabbi Yaacov Gross &  
 Rabbi David Lehrfield

4:45 - 5:15 PM

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 Cheshbon HaNefesh: The Internal Inventory

5:15 - 5:30 PM

Mincha for Guests | Refreshments

5:30 - 6:00 PM

Chavrusos - Bais Medrash

6:00 - 6:45 PM

Rabbi Hillel Abramson, PhD, Dr. Norman Bloom, Rabbi Avraham Goldman & Rabbi  
 Meir Shaffren

6:45 - 7:30 PM

**Keynote Address:**  
 Rabbi Binyomin Luban, Rosh HaYeshiva

7:30 PM

Ma'ariv followed by Dismissal

For further information, or to be a sponsor of this meaningful event, please call Rabbi Mordechai Palgon at 305-944-5344.