

TEAM. *Spirit*

Friday, February 26, 2010
Candle Lighting 6:03 PM

★STAR STUDENTS★

Jacob Benchetrit★S.S.	Moshe Kessler★S.S.
Elisheva Bokor★T.S.	Yonatan Klecky★T.S.
Avraham Brass★T.S.	Yehuda Kon★S.S.
Tamar Brody★S.S.	Yaakov Lesnik★T.S.
Sarah Cohen★T.S.	Yitzi Meisels★A.S.
Eli Danan★T.S.	Penina Rosenbaum ★S.S.
Sara Dudovitz★S.S.	Dovi Schwartz★T.S.
Meira Entin★S.S.	Dovy Wakszul★S.S.
Shmueli Feigenbaum★T.S.	Atara Weberman★S.S.
Hadassa Grossman★T.S.	Baruch Moshe Weinberger★S.S.
Baruch Haimov★T.S.	Sara Winter★T.S.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

פרשת חנוכה

פרשת זכור

TEAM PLAYERS

Shira Adar	Yaakov Lesnik
Yaakov Alfassy	Avital Nightingale
Zev Berkowitz	Eli Sandhaus
Zelda Bernstein	Noam Schultz
Shmuel Chaim Dreyfuss	Yakov Schwab
Ephraim Dudovitz	Reuven Shaffren
Ariella Fellus	Chaya Sharfman
Elisheva Fellus	Ahuva Spero
Moti Froimovich	Mindel Weinberger
Avraham Hornick	Meital Weisskoff
Naomi Klecky	

Monday, March 1 SHUSHAN PURIM Sessions 9:00-2:00

- Come in original Costumes for a Parade and Contest
- Carnival
- Pre-order BBQ

OD YOSEF CHAI

We are so proud of everyone's efforts. As of press time, we have raised over \$4,200 and counting! It is especially gratifying to see how much we raised, without any incentives for the children, other than the satisfaction that comes from doing a Mitzvah. Tizku L'Mitzvos!

PROGRESS REPORTS AND PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES

Progress reports will be in the mail this coming week. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place, IY"H, in the afternoon and evening, on Tuesday, March 9, from 2:00 – 5:30, and from 6:30 until 9:00 PM. Detailed instructions about making appointments via internet or phone will be forthcoming early in the week.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE 2010-11

Please be reminded that the early bird registration ends this Thursday, March 4. After that date, the registration reverts to the standard \$500 for the first child and \$450 for additional children.

As space in our classes is very limited, be advised that those who do not make the March 4 deadline may lose their priority for a space.

MAZEL TOV FIRST GRADERS!

This was a most memorable week for all of our extraordinary first graders! *Toras Emes* teemed with excitement on Wednesday as our children, dressed up for the occasion, celebrated receiving their first Chumash at parties filled with song, learning, gifts and delicious refreshments.

The parents, grandparents and siblings "shepped much nachas" as they enjoyed this milestone in their lives, while the pride felt by the administration, teachers and staff was palpable.

A tremendous Yasher Koach goes to **Mrs. Rosenbaum** and **Rabbi Goldenberg**, our first grade Limudei Kodesh teachers, for their inspiring teaching and preparations for their students' special day.

Yasher Koach to our very own **Rabbi Steinberg**, **Mrs. Aliza Becker**, **Mrs. Esther Slepoy** and **Miss Adina Glatt**, whose help was invaluable in putting together the presentations.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of the parents' committee heads,

Mrs. Rivkie Flamholtz

Mrs. Toby Goldman

Mrs. Racheli Grossman

Mrs. Risha Schwartz

who organized a host of dedicated volunteers whose combined talents and efforts made these magnificent parties possible. The tremendous efforts and talents of the many parent volunteers is greatly appreciated.

Yasher Koach to:

Mrs. Cohen - bookmarks

Rabbi Kalendarev - calligraphy

Mrs. Lefkowitz - calligraphy

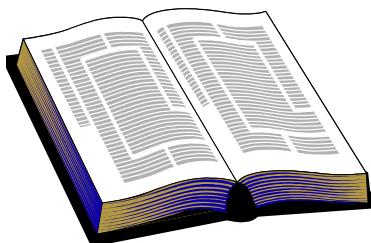
Mrs. Adar & Mrs. Rubin - photography

**Mrs. Bistritz, Mrs. Buzaglo, Mrs. Itzkowitz,
& Mrs. Sharfman - candy bags**

**Mrs. Bergida, Mrs. Flamholtz, Mrs. Grossman,
Mrs. Heller, Mrs. J. Lehrfield, & Mrs. Privalsky -**

Chumash cakes

Rabbi Schwartz - videography



Patrons

The Schwab Family

Sponsors

The Bennett Family

The Oumanski Family

Donors

The Bistritz Family

The Braunshweiger Family

The Breier Family

The Dennis Family

The Feldman Family

The Jeger Family

The Nash Family

And to the following parents for their help with food, drinks, supplies and other invaluable support:

Mrs. Benchetrit

Mrs. Bennett

Mrs. Bisker

Mrs. Breier

Mrs. Dennis

Mrs. Dreyfuss

Mrs. Dudovitz

Mr. Feldman

Mrs. Jeger

Mrs. Kalendarev

Mrs. Kaploun

Mrs. Kon

Mrs. Levi

Mrs. Lind

Mrs. Nightingale

Mrs. Oumanski

Mrs. Perets

Mrs. Rosenberg

Mrs. Schwab

Mrs. Shaffren

Mrs. Shapiro

Mrs. Suissa

Mrs. Weinberger

If your name was inadvertently omitted from this list, please forgive the oversight and consider yourself thanked for making this occasion a huge success.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

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

SCIENCE FAIR NEWS

The Science Fair projects are due in just a few weeks on March 15! Display boards are available for \$5 in both offices.



FROM THE DESK OF..... **MRS. MARLOWE**

Our focus this year has been on taking a proactive approach to enhance positive social interactions. Mrs. Marlowe has been in the classrooms using literature as a medium to create a school safety system with positive behavioral support. The interactive, follow-up discussions have sparked practical suggestions, such as the newly initiated TEAM player weekly awards. To further address individual and class concerns, groups have been running in the preschool, girls and boys divisions. These groups, co-facilitated by Mrs. Marlowe and a volunteer, Mrs. Diana Chern, run for a series of eight weeks, and have already had a dramatic impact on overall class dynamics.

1G OPEN SCHOOL DAY

The parents of the first grade girls are invited to their daughters' classroom this Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

WISH LIST

The girls and Mrs. Selmar would love some new kickballs for use at recess and P.E. If you have a ball to donate, please send it with your daughter. Your help is greatly appreciated!

SUPER SUNDAY

All parents are encouraged to volunteer for the Federation's March 7 Phonathon. To volunteer, please register online at: www.jewishmiami.org/supsunday.cfm or call 786.866.8416.

TEFILLAH CELEBRATION

The fifth grade boys enjoyed a "popping hot" Tefillah celebration of hot, buttery (don't worry - it's pareve) theatre popcorn. Yasher Koach to the boys who have consistently davened well for three weeks and earned this special treat. "In a recent poll, 3/4 of the fifth grade boys said that their davening has significantly improved," says Rabbi Steinberg.

All the boys would like to thank the Chemtov family for their generous donation of the popcorn machine. See photos attached.

5B TEFILLAH CELEBRATION





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Erev Shabbos Parashas Tetzaveh, Parashas Zachor 5770

Dear Parents,

The holiday of *Purim* has so much to offer to our children. The focus usually centers on costumes, candy and commotion. While these should certainly be available in abundance, there is so much more to the day that can leave our children with a lot more than crumpled costumes, cramped stomachs and feelings of envy for someone else's costume and an unsatisfied desire for more and better candy.

Purim is all about *Ahavas Yisroel!* The Jewish people united behind *Esther HaMalka* in fasting and *Tefila*, and *Achdus* has been central to the *Purim* celebration ever since. The *mitzvos* of the day reflect our coming together; we send *Mishloach Manos* to each other, take care of those down on their luck with *Matanos L'Evyonim*, gather together at the *Seudas Purim*, and even *Krias Megilla* is preferably in *shul* in a large gathering, to publicize the miracle.

How can we maximize this lesson for our young children? Make them a part of each *Mitzva*. Go with them to deliver *Shalach Manos* to a lonely neighbor, visit an elderly person or even go to a nursing home or hospital with the children. Just seeing our beautiful children, especially in costume, brings such *Simcha* to people – you don't need to be an "expert" in *Bikur Cholim* or in entertaining strangers. And what a lesson you leave your children with!

Help them understand how *Matanos L'Evyonim* is central to their enjoyment of *Purim* – the more people they can help be happy on *Purim* – the greater joy each one of us has, because 'Kol Yisrael Areivin Zeh Lazeh' - All Jews are connected and responsible for each other.

Before the adult participants at the *Purim Seuda* enter another realm(!), include the children in sharing something they know about *Purim*, sing and dance with them, ask them questions about *Purim* (that you know they can answer) and let them shine.

If you take your children to *shul* to hear the *Megilla*, in accordance with the *Shulchan Aruch* that tells us (*Orach Chaim Siman 689:6*) "it is a good *Minhag* to bring young boys and girls (age 6 and up) to *shul* for the *Megilla* reading" (because of *Pirsumei Nisa* – publicizing the miracle) emphasize to them that their role is not only to bang by *Haman*'s name, but equally important to not bang or otherwise disturb at other times. This too is a lesson in *Kol Yisrael Areivin*...

May your *Simchas Purim* be genuine and all inclusive, and may the lessons and joy permeate the entire year.

Have a Memorable *Shabbos* and an Unforgettably Great *Purim*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

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Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman
Assistant Principal

Dr. Deborah Lerer
Secular Studies Principal

Mrs. Naomi Bloom
Early Childhood Director

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March 2010

אדר-ניסן תשע"ע

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ט'ו SHUSHAN PURIM COSTUME PARADE, CARNIVAL & BBQ 9:00AM-2:00PM	2 ט'ז	3 י'ז	4 י'ח	5 י'ט	6 כ כי תשא שבת פורה
7 כ"א FEDERATION'S SUPER SUNDAY	8 כ"ב SESSIONS 8:00-1:00 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	9 כ"ג SESSIONS 8:00-1:00 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	10 כ"ד	11 כ"ה	12 כ"ו Candle lighting 6:07	13 כ"ז ויקהיל-פרקדי שבת החודש
14 כ"ח DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Spring Forward)	15 כ"ט 16 א ראש חודש ←	17 ב SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR →	18 ג	19 ד RESUME 2:30 FRIDAY DISMISSAL Candle lighting 7:14	20 ה ויקרא	
21 ו	22 ז ASSEMBLIES OFFICIAL UNIFORM	23 ח	24 ט	25 ט' PESACH VACATION BEGINS HASMODA BEGINS	26 י'א PESACH VACATION Candle lighting 7:17	27 י'ב PESACH VACATION צ' שבת הגזול
28 י'ג PESACH VACATION	29 י'ט PESACH VACATION	30 ט' PESACH	31 י"ט PESACH			