

# TEAM

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



Friday, September 3, 2010  
Candle Lighting 7:20 PM

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פרשת נצבים- וילך

## WELCOME BACK!

**Baruch Hashem, the first days of school were a wonderful success. The students seem happy and are busy learning and becoming comfortable with their surroundings. We look forward, IY"H, to a great, productive year!**

In our efforts to cut costs and clutter, this weekly newsletter will be distributed via e-mail every Friday. Additionally, one copy per family will be sent home with the youngest elementary child.

### WE ARE STAR STUDENTS\* AND TEAM\*\* PLAYERS

Each week teachers recognize one student who has distinguished him or herself during the past week in academics, citizenship, effort or improvement. Our PE teachers recognize two students per class who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship during recess or PE during the past week. Students' names are published in the weekly newsletter, names are posted on the display board near the office, and a beautiful certificate is sent home.

\*Student Achievement Recognition    \*\*Teamwork, Encouragement, Attitude, Midos Tovos  
SS - Secular Studies, TS - Torah Studies, AS - Arrowsmith Program

### ★STAR STUDENTS★

Daniel Akrish★S.S.	Sofia Leonoff★S.S.
Dovid Alber★S.S.	Ella Liberman★S.S.
Yosef Alber★T.S.	Rivka Chaya Lisbon★S.S.
Malka Anton★T.S.	Elias Mizrahi★S.S.
Jacob Benchetrit★T.S.	Esti Schwartz★T.S.
Yehoshua Braunschweiger★T.S.	Elisheva Sharfman★S.S.& T.S.
Batsheva Druin★S.S.	Michael Shmueli★A.S.
Avos Greenberg★T.S.	Yosef Sutton★T.S.
Ariel Hahn★S.S.	Fraidy Thav★T.S.
Eliana Haimov★S.S.	Aliza Turner★T.S.
	Avner Yeshurun★T.S.

### TEAM PLAYERS

Daniel Akrish	Stephanie Leonoff
Yehuda Bloom	Tziporah Pam
Arielle Chemtov	Penina Rosenbaum
Batsheva Druin	Eli Sandhaus
Raizy Dudovitz	Michael Shmueli
Raquel Elgavi	Fraidy Thav
Aliza Feldman	Akiva Yeshurun
Cila Ginsparg	Tamara Yeshurun

**Reminder: Speech and O.T. Screening takes place September 13-16.  
Please return your forms as soon as possible.**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, September 5** - Classes for Boys Grades 3-5, 9:00-12:00.

**Monday, September 6** - Labor Day.  
Classes for all Elementary grades 9:00-12:00.  
No lunch. Snacks only.

**Tuesday, September 7** - Regular Sessions.

**Wednesday, September 8** - Erev Rosh Hashana  
No Classes.

Mrs. Rebecca Lefkowitz  
Mrs. Esti Palgon  
Mrs. Sarah Palgon  
Mrs. Leah Dina Ritterman  
Mrs. Rosalie Rosenbaum  
Mrs. Annette Saks  
Mrs. Barbara Swartz  
Miss Dana Swartz

### **SPECIALTIES:**

Rabbi Yerucham Goldenberg - *Arrowsmith Program*  
Mrs. Sorah Glatt - *Title 1*  
Ms. Susan Grossman - *Library/Computers/Music*

Mrs. Esti Palgon - *Science*  
Mrs. Susie Selmar - *Physical Education*

## WE WARMLY WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF MEMBERS

### **OUR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACULTY:**

Mr. David Appel  
*Physical Education*

Mrs. Goldie Berman  
*Resource Room*

### **OUR NEW TEACHER ASSISTANTS:**

Mr. Aharon Harkavy  
Miss Tobi Rottman  
Miss Devorah Sharfman  
Mrs. Shira Sipper

## WELCOME BACK TO OUR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Rabbi Elchonon Goldenberg  
Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz  
Mrs. Debbie Atkin  
Mrs. Miriam Cohen  
Mrs. Dorie Ehrenreich  
Mrs. Carol Fried  
Mrs. Sue Hirsch

### **ASSISTANTS:**

Mrs. Malka Avrahami  
Miss Adina Glatt  
Mrs. Devorah Lehrer  
Mrs. Susan Schein  
Miss Raquel Stern  
Mrs. Batya Weisskoff

### **OFFICE STAFF:**

Mrs. Rucha Baumann  
Mrs. Sara Tamir  
Mrs. Deborah Zisquit

## BRUCHIM HABAIM TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

### **THE ENTIRE FIRST GRADE!**

A special welcome to those students  
who are *new* to Toras Emes:

First Grade Girls:  
Rachelli Bernstein  
Shaindel Farmer  
Aliza Feldman  
Rivka Goldenberg  
Ella Liberman  
Tamara Yeshurun

Second Grade Girls:

**Gabriella Chattah  
Batsheva Druin  
Shira Goldenberg  
Stephanie Leonoff  
Tziporah Pam**

Third Grade Girls:

**Chaya Mushka Greenberg  
Rivka Chaya Lisbon  
Fraidy Thav**

Fourth Grade Girls:

**Adi Akrish  
Shaina Druin  
Tzipporah Greenberg  
Sofia Leonoff  
Esther Pam**

First Grade Boys:

**Daniel Chattah  
Netanel Hendel**

Second Grade Boys:

**Daniel Akrish  
Levi Haimov**

Third Grade Boys:

**Rafael Haimov  
Abraham Kanter-Welcome Back!  
Michel Korff  
Meir Liberman  
Akiva Yeshurun**

Fourth Grade Boys:

**Nathan Oropesa**

Fifth Grade Boys:

**Elisha Steinberger  
Avner Yeshurun**

SUMMER NEWS

**B**elow is a partial list of summer and recent Mazel Tovs.

**BIRTHS**

**MAZEL TOV TO:**

- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Kalman Baumann and family on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their daughter, our alumna, Rivka Leah and Meir Hauser.
- ◆ Mrs. Sara Tamir and family on the birth of a grandson, born to her daughter, Raquel and Tzvi Hyman.
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Judd Zisquit and family on the birth of a grandson, born to their son, Noah and Michal Zisquit.
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Rosenbaum and family on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their daughter, our alumna, Shira and Aryeh Berkowitz.
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Elchonon Goldenberg and family on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their son, our alumnus, Menachem and Liora Goldenberg.
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Eliezer Rubin and family on the birth of a son.
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Meir Shaffren and family on the birth of a son.

**WEDDINGS**

**MAZEL TOV TO:**

- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Gittleson and family on the marriage of their son, our alumnus, Aharon to Esti Abraham.
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Palgon and family on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Shoshana to Jeremy Blinder.
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Ari Kirschenbaum and family on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Aviva to Gamliel Labrie.
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tokayer and family on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Esti to Jake Asher.

## BAR MITZVAHS

### MAZEL TOV TO:

- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Glazer and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Menachem.
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Rosenbaum and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, son of our alumnus Shlomo and Leah Rosenbaum.

Please inform us of those summer Mazel Tovs we inadvertently omitted so that we may include them in the next newsletter.

## NICHUM AVEILIM

**T**o Rabbi Avrohom Anton and family on the loss of his father. Rabbi Anton will be sitting Shiva at his home on Monday evening.

**T**o Mrs. Susie Selmar and family on the loss of her brother.

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

- ◆ Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Leba
- ◆ Moshe *ben* Miriam
- ◆ Shlomo Moshe *ben* Heeyena
- ◆ Yehuda Pinchas *ben* Asna
- ◆ Yehoshua *ben* Chaya

## QUESTIONNAIRE, IF YOU DARE

**A**ttached to the back of this newsletter is a questionnaire inquiring about possible interest in various school offerings and volunteering opportunities. Kindly return to the office.

## SUMMER REVIEW PROGRAM

**A**ll of those hard working children who have completed their entire Summer Review Program should bring their booklets in to their Torah Studies teacher by Monday, with each day initialed by a supervising adult.

The Dikduk Review tests will be administered after Rosh Hashana to all of the students in grades 2 - 5. Grades on the tests are for classroom evaluation and to determine eligibility for Summer Review Program Awards.

## SCHOOL SECURITY

**I**n order to protect the safety of our children, and the security of all those who come to our school, we ask that you please note the following when visiting Toras Emes during school hours. The walk-in gates on both sides of 11 Avenue and the rolling gate to the parking lot are locked. Other than during carpool time, you will need the passcode, or be buzzed in, to gain entry to our campus. Parents can find out the passcode by coming in person to one of the offices. The passcode is only for immediate family of students and may not be communicated in writing or via e-mail or text. If a housekeeper comes for your child, she can use the buzzer. Our staff and students have been instructed to never open the gates, even for someone they recognize. Entry is only by passcode or by ringing the bell and being buzzed in by the office. The code will change periodically - you will be informed when that occurs.

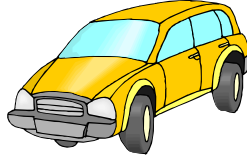
- **Parking is not permitted in front of the school buildings or the girls' play area, unless for a quick pick-up or drop-off.**
- **Always stop by one of the school offices to announce your presence.**

## WISH LIST

**W**e are looking for a number of flat screen computer monitors, 13"-17" size. This will enable us to provide each classroom with their own computer(s). Thank you!

## DON'T DROWN IN YOUR CARPOOL

With our presence on both sides of NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a middle school on our campus, and occasional construction projects, protecting the safety of our children at carpool time is a great challenge.



We implore you to carefully follow our instructions as we enforce the system to provide maximum safety and convenience for all. We ask that you please note the following at all times:

1. The intersection of 165<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue must **NEVER** be blocked when waiting on line, as local traffic must be able to turn in and out of 165<sup>th</sup> Terrace during carpool time.
2. In the morning, proceed slowly and cautiously towards the school entrance. Follow instructions of school personnel.
3. Never drop off children north of the rolling gate. Cars go quickly through the gate and can't see the children.
4. Have the children disembark quickly in the morning and move your vehicle out of the line to make room for other arriving cars.
5. **U-turns are never permitted in the middle of the carpool line, or near the school entrances.**
6. Remain with your car while on carpool line and always move forward as space permits.
7. Display your carpool number on the RIGHT SIDE of your dashboard. (**Suggestion**-attach the card to the outside of your sun visor, which folds away when not in use) If you still need a number, please call Mrs. Zisquit in the school office.
8. Please be sure to prepare your cars for the children BEFORE coming to school, i.e. removing baby car seats. It slows down the carpool process to have to wait for you to empty your car. We appreciate your full cooperation.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

- All pick-ups and drop offs must be made on the girls' side. Cars that stop on the boys' side, even briefly, cause traffic congestion. This creates a dangerous situation when thru traffic is limited to one or no lanes and impatient drivers attempt to proceed anyway.
- Access to the parking lot for thru traffic is one-way only, from NE 11 Ave. to N. Miami Beach Blvd.

This especially affects middle-school parents.

•Parking in the parking lot is for staff only, until 12:30 each day. This applies especially to parents dropping off children. You'll need to park elsewhere near the school. We are truly sorry for the inconvenience.

### PHONE NUMBERS

Please note our phone numbers:

Main Line: 305-947-6000  
Boys' Building: 305-948-3338  
ECE Line: 305-947-4007  
Fax Number: 305-947-0052  
Fax Number Boys' Bldg. 305-948-0752



### WEBSITE

[www.ytcteam.org](http://www.ytcteam.org)

### E-MAIL ADDRESS

[Team613@ytcteam.net](mailto:Team613@ytcteam.net)

**Please inform the office immediately of any changes in home address, e-mail address, home phone or cell phone numbers.**

### FLYER POLICY

Toras Emes is now accepting approved business advertisements for distribution to our families. To have your flyer distributed, please send us a print-ready original or e-mail a copy of the flyer by Wednesday at noon on the first and third weeks of the month. The flyers will be stapled together as a supplement to the weekly newsletter. The fee is \$40 per week and payment must be received in advance, checks payable to Toras Emes. Flyers announcing appropriate community events will continue to be distributed free of charge as in the past, provided the 375 copies are received by Wednesday noon, for that week.

The business advertisement deadlines through 2010 are:  
**September 15, October 6, October 20, November 3,  
November 17, December 1, December 15**

## HASMODA PROJECT

We will be conducting our newly revamped semi-annual *Yom Tov* learning program over *Sukkos*. We welcome your support of the children's voluntary learning. There is still an opportunity to participate before *Yom Tov*. For a \$50 minimum contribution, you may sponsor in honor of, in memory of, or for a *Refuah Shelaima* for a loved one. This contribution helps defray the cost of running the program. The children's learning serves as a *zechus* for the sponsors.. Please speak with Rabbi Baumann to let him know that you are interested.

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Hot Lunch Program began this week. Please remember to post your menus in a prominent place at home, and mark the days you ordered lunch for your children. A calendar was included with your order forms for this purpose.

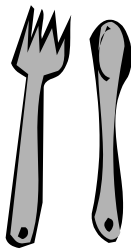
**Please note:** It is not possible to rely on the school to provide lunch for your child(ren) on the days that you did not order from the Hot Lunch Program but forgot to send lunch from home. **We cannot sell lunches "on the spot"**, as lunch orders are placed with the caterer at least one week in advance - and we do not order extra meals.

If you have not already placed an order for this cycle, you will have that opportunity for the next lunch cycle, which begins on November 30.

**Please remember** that Mondays and Wednesdays are "meat days", so children who bring their own lunch may bring meat lunches only on those days. Remember to send *pareve* snacks on those days as well.

## PLEASE PACK PLASTIC WARE

In order to avoid a wave of students coming in to the school offices at lunch time, we must request that when you pack lunch meals or snacks which require the use of a fork or spoon, please include the necessary utensils (preferably disposable) in your child's lunch box. **The offices will not be able to supply these items to the children.** Thank you for your cooperation.

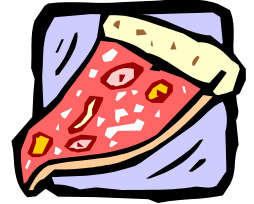


## NO GLASS BOTTLES

All drinks sent in to school, at all times, must be in **unbreakable, plastic or cardboard containers only.** Glass bottles will not be permitted at any time.

## PIZZA AND CANTEEN

Order forms were sent home for the first cycle of our pizza project, which will take place every Friday. The first cycle began today, Friday, September 4, and will run through the end of October.



Flavored seltzers and water bottles will be available for sale each Friday, as well as chips. All canteen items are \$.50 each. Please return the order forms with payment if you would like to order pizza, and in addition, send money to school with your child(ren) if you would like them to purchase seltzer/water/chips.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our uniform policy is designed to enhance the learning environment while maintaining comfort for the children. Please review the uniform policy. Colors for tops: girls-white, light blue, light yellow and boys-white and light blue only. Remember that non-TEAM logos and lace trimmings on shirts are not acceptable. Socks must reach above the ankle. Crocs are not allowed in school. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

If you are in need of uniforms, we have various items in assorted sizes available in our Uniform Gemach. There are both official and everyday shirts, skirts and pants in good condition. Please avail yourselves of this wonderful service and call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.

## LOST AND FOUND - PLEASE LABEL

**P**lease remember that we are unable to return your lost items if you do not write your child's names on all of his/her belongings. **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS BEFORE SENDING THEM IN TO SCHOOL.** We are unable to hold on to lost items indefinitely due to lack of space.

## PTA NEWS

**C**lass mothers are a vital communication link between home and school and classroom and parents. To volunteer to be a class mother, please call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.

## GENERAL MILLS BOXTOP COLLECTION

**P**lease continue to collect box tops from your favorite General Mills cereals and snack foods. All box tops collected throughout the summer can be sent in to the school office with your children. Asking friends and relatives to pitch in by collecting, will help the school achieve once again a successful, lucrative collection.

## TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

*Erev Shabbos Parashas Nitzavim-VaYeilech 5770*

Dear Parents,

It was such a joy to see our beloved *Talmidim* and *Talmidos* return excitedly and enthusiastically to their second 'home' this week. What is most striking about children's return to school is the air of optimism that pervades the classrooms and hallways. It very closely resembles adult optimism that surrounds this coming week's *Rosh HaShanah* – we put a difficult year behind us and buoyantly look forward to the blessings of the New Year.

*Chazal*, our Rabbis, advise us that success in Torah comes through viewing each day as the day the world was created. Hoping expectantly for better outcomes in a new situation is normal human psychology. The questions we need to ask ourselves are: What causes the shift from this new-found perception of the glass being half-full to becoming half-empty as the year progresses, and is there anything we can do to preserve or rekindle the children's positive outlook?

Every person and certainly every child perceives the reality around them in their own unique way. One child can be very happy to receive an 80 on a test, while another can be devastated with a 99. No one is perfect, so everyone has something they can get down on themselves about. On the other hand, any effort that yields a positive result can be something to cheer about. As the school year progresses and these assessments build, children are either energized or demoralized. The memories of mistakes and shortcomings are fresh in their minds, and that is the burden they carry with them into the new day. They really thought they would do so well, and their expectations weren't met. They begin to see the entire year as one big failure, and before long, they begin to lose steam and possibly give up altogether.

It doesn't have to be that way. Every day is a new day, every lesson is a new world! Train your child to look at setbacks as temporary, and successes as long-lasting reality. What happened yesterday can be viewed as if it were last year, because today I can accomplish anything. If we think about it – a new school year is not so different than the last one. The classrooms are freshly painted, the students have new uniforms and shoes, the teachers change places – and suddenly anything is possible! We believe external factors have a limited influence – it's all in the individual's perception. By showing our children each day that they can succeed, that their efforts are the most important factor in achieving success, then we can make each day into a new year, and greatly increase our children's chances for success.

Have a positively wonderful *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal



TORAS EMES

PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

SEPTEMBER 2010

Dear Parents,

We are looking to offer various co- and extra-curricular programs for our students and volunteering and learning opportunities for our parents. Kindly take a few moments to respond to the following questionnaire to indicate your interest. Expressing interest does not mean you are committing to it, it simply means you are considering it and want to hear more about it. After school programs entail costs to parents. Enrichment program may require parent funding, as well.

Please indicate your interests by checking the blank line(s) below and send the completed form back to school with your child, or e-mail to [kbaumann@ytcteam.net](mailto:kbaumann@ytcteam.net).

Thank you.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

1. After School Sports for Boys (4 – 5PM):   \_\_\_ 1x per week   \_\_\_ 2x per week
2. After School Sports for Girls (4 -5PM):   \_\_\_ 1x per week   \_\_\_ 2x per week
3. Homework Club (4 – 5PM, supervised):   \_\_\_ 2x per week   \_\_\_ 4x per week

CO-CURRICULAR

4. Enrichment Program – 2x per week during school day – by invitation only   \_\_\_

PARENTS' LEARNING

5. Weekly Parshas HaShavua class with Rabbi Baumann – Thursday mornings 9:15 – 10:00   \_\_\_
6. Series of 8 Parenting Classes presenting Torah sources, based on the 7 Habits Framework, Sundays 10:30 – 11:45AM, Oct. – Dec. Presenter – Rabbi Baumann (Babysitting available)   \_\_\_

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7. VOLUNTEER in school \_\_\_ 1x per week \_\_\_ 2x per week

I feel qualified to help out in the following areas:

\_\_\_ Tutoring Torah Studies

\_\_\_ Tutoring Secular Studies

\_\_\_ Teaching, leading a small group in the area of : \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. art, music, crafts, nutrition, safety, cooking/baking, gardening, etc.)

\_\_\_ Other - \_\_\_\_\_

We'd love to hear any other constructive ideas about how you can help us provide our students with meaningful avenues of education and discovery to uncover hidden talents and interests, or how we can help you be the most effective parent you can be.

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Thank you.

# TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

September 2010

אלול-תשרי תשע"א

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