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Elementary School
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATE!

Yeshiva Toras Chaim
Toras Emes Academy
Annual Dinner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

Guests of Honor
MR. AND MRS.
MARCOS & TIFFANY LAPCIUC

See attached flyer.

ATERES ZVI

We appreciate everyone's efforts on behalf of this worthy charity to help poor families in Eretz Yisrael. Please send in all monies collected by Monday. Tizku L'Mitzvos!

KONEI OLAM

Our Rebbeim and Moros will be introducing this year's Midos program in the next few days. Look for materials to come home before next Shabbos.

WEEKLY PARSHA CLASS

Rabbi Baumann's weekly Parashas HaShavua class takes place every Thursday, 9:15-10 AM in the main office. All are welcome to attend.

HASMODA PROJECT

We are proud of our many students who participated in the Sukkos Hasmoda Project. Many of the classes had a high percentage of participants and those students can look forward to getting their special rewards. Yasher Kochachem!

PARENTING CLASS

Our first parenting class is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 10:30-Noon. Registration forms and further details about this 8-part series will be forthcoming early next week, including information about childcare, which will be provided. We hope to see you there.

CHUTES AND LADDERS AT LUNCH

This week we re-introduced our very own version of "Chutes and Ladders" in the lunchroom. After bentching, each class has an opportunity to answer a question correctly. They then get a chance to roll the dice. Whenever any class reaches 100, they will receive a mystery prize. Good luck to all our classes!

NICHUM AVEILIM

To Mr. Ari Kirschenbaum and family on the loss of his mother.

To Mr. Chaim Roth and family on the loss of his father.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

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



To Rabbi and Mrs. Zev Pam and family on the birth of a daughter.



תינוק

To Drs. Sol and Deborah Lerer and family on the birth of a grandson, born to their daughter, our alumna, Emily and Eli Isaak.

WANTED: CLASS MOTHERS!

We are looking for mothers (or fathers) who can serve as a vital link in the chain of communication between school and home, teachers and parents. If you are available to act as a liason for your child(ren)'s class, please call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.

"HAVE YOU DONE YOUR HOMEWORK YET?"

If you find yourself repeating this phrase over, and over, and over again, you might want to enroll your child in our new Homework Club, taking place Mondays-Thursdays from 4-5PM. If you are interested in joining, please contact Miss Rottman at tobirottman@gmail.com, or the school office at 305.947.6000.

JOIN THE JAG!

Jewish Athletic Girls in grades 1-5 are invited to sign up for another exciting year of after school sports with Miss Estie Gruenstein which begins next week. See attached flyer for information and registration.

GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

We would appreciate it if you send in all boxtops you have collected to date to the office by Monday, October 25 so that we can redeem as many as possible by the October 30 deadline.

Collect and save all of the boxtops and send them in to school with your children. Please bear in mind, the more we collect, the more we are able to do for our school! Grandparents and neighbors love to help collect...don't forget to remind them as well. The Boxtops for Education project is ongoing, so please keep collecting after the October 30 deadline. We can continue to benefit throughout the year.



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Assistant Principal

Dr. Deborah Lerer
Secular Studies Principal

Mrs. Naomi Bloom
Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas Noach 5771

Dear Parents,

As we return to our routines (finally!) and look forward to that time of year when real growth and progress takes place in our children's learning, we find an interesting contrast with the 'routine' endured by *Noach* and his family in the *Teyva* (Ark) for 12 long months.

Chazal describe for us the role that *Noach* played in the *Teyva*; he was the sustainer of life for all the creatures that were fortunate to have been welcomed on board. The *Teyva* was a microcosm of the universe, and *Noach* in a manner of speaking, played the part of the Almighty in that his efforts and involvement were the reason the animals and humans remained alive.

Noach ended up with no routine – for his responsibility was to care for each individual's needs in the most timely and appropriate manner. When the elephant wanted his meal at 3:00 AM – *Noach* was there. When the worm needed a warm resting place, *Noach* was at his service. This is *Hashem's* way – and *Noach* was able, almost perfectly, to emulate *Hashem* for an entire year. This was undoubtedly the greatest uninterrupted act of *Chesed* in human history! How *Noach* managed to do it is beyond us – we can, however, learn from him how not to conduct affairs in our own households.

Our homes should not resemble the *Teyva* – not inside, or outside and certainly not schedule-wise. We try to individualize – but there need to be limits to time. The family needs to have one mealtime, set homework times and set bedtimes. School nights need to be planned out beforehand, and the '*Noachs*' of your family – *Abba and Imma* are not to be on active duty 24/7, nor do the residents (your children) have the right to make demands at whim. They certainly cannot be allowed to lash out when they feel their needs or wants are not being immediately satisfied (à la the lion!)

Just as children's physical growth cannot really be observed, because it happens so gradually, so too does their education progress – from day to day and week to week. The demise of most diets comes when the consumption of 'just one piece' of chocolate cake is deemed insignificant – until 'just one piece' keeps occurring. The derailing of a child's educational progress comes similarly when 'just one night off' is justified because 'it can't possibly make a difference,' until you have numerous 'just one nights.'

This is the power and the challenge of routine. True growth comes in tiny, incremental, almost imperceptible steps. Since it can't be observed – one might say what's the harm in going out of routine just this once? The ability to stick with it, to reserve the exciting and new experience for a special occasion only, and instead favor another night of homework, play, supper, shower, bedtime routine, is ultimately what separates successful students from the rest of the pack.

Best wishes for a restful and (wonderfully) routine *Shabbos* and *Rosh Chodesh*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

26th Annual Dinner

4 Shevat, 5771 / Sunday, January 9, 2011

With deep appreciation, it is our kavod to present this year's distinguished

GUESTS OF HONOR –

MR. AND MRS. MARCOS AND TIFFANY LAPCIUC.

Marcos is no stranger to the organizations within our South Florida community. He has served on the Board of Congregation Ohr Chaim, currently serves on the Boards of Kosher Miami and Agudath Israel of South Florida, is past President of the Collegiate Learning Exchange (CLE) and currently serves as Treasurer of the Public Health Trust/Jackson Memorial Hospital. Additionally, he has served as a much-valued member of the Yeshiva's Board for well over a decade. Tiffany has served as President of Ohr Chaim's Sisterhood and has chaired all of the CLE dinners. She also has worked continuously and enthusiastically on countless projects to help ensure the Yeshiva's success.

However, nothing is more important to both Marcos and Tiffany than raising their 6 children ka"h and guiding them along the path of Torah and mitzvos. All have been students in one or more of the Yeshiva's divisions. When it comes to the significance of a solid Torah education, they are of one mind: "It is of the utmost importance, as it is at the forefront - the very core - of the future success of the Jewish people." We are proud to honor the Lapciucs for this exceptional devotion and commitment to our Yeshiva.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lapciuc, their children and their entire extended mishpacha and look forward to a most meaningful and successful event.

Good Shabbos!

TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

October 2010

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Personal Growth

Right From the Start

What Klal Yisrael learns from the new moon

The child is two. He barely knows red from yellow, circle from square. He isn't obligated in the mitzvos for another 11 years. Does he need to learn Torah? We learn from one phrase in the Torah that it is never too early to start, ever so gently, bringing holiness into the child's life.

In Shemos, Hashem tells Moshe "this month shall be for you the head of the months." Chazal say that Moshe didn't understand the instructions; Hashem had to point out the sliver of new moon and specify: "When you see [the moon] like this, sanctify it."

Rav Moshe Feinstein, zt'l, explained that Moshe's confusion arose from his assumption that the month should be sanctified at the full moon, when its radiance reaches its full glory. But that's not what Hashem desired. Instead, we were commanded to search the skies closely until a just-born crescent of light could be discerned.

This concept carries with it a much broader message as well. The Midrash teaches that the moon symbolizes Klal Yisrael. As the Jewish soul radiates its first glimmers of life in this world, the time for sanctification has arrived. From the moment a child comes into existence, we can begin to introduce the sounds of zemiros, davening and learning, the sight of the menorah, the smell of bisamim. We can steer his earliest language into the syllables of Modeh Ani and amen. We can teach his hands to touch the mezuzah, his lips to kiss a sefer.

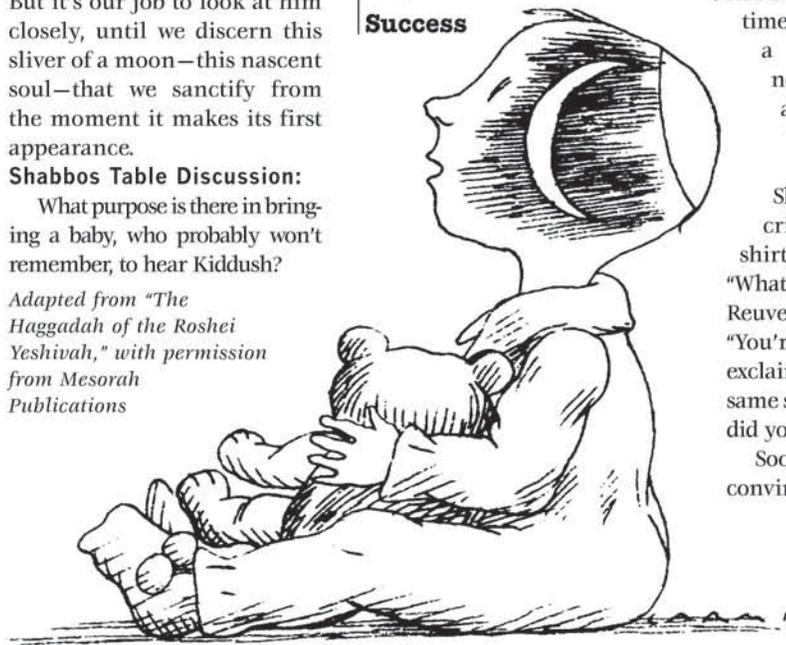
It's true he's "just a baby."

But it's our job to look at him closely, until we discern this sliver of a moon—this nascent soul—that we sanctify from the moment it makes its first appearance.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What purpose is there in bringing a baby, who probably won't remember, to hear Kiddush?

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"A child's neshamah, like the new moon, is sanctified as soon as its first glimmer appears."

Effective Prayer

All-Powerful

A child prays. He pleads that the Almighty convince Mommy to give him a later bedtime. If an adult could read the child's mind as he pours out his heart, he might be amused or perhaps dismayed by the request. But the child understands something adults often forget—Hashem wants us to pray for all our needs.

Yaakov exemplified this approach to prayer. He asked the improbable—that he, the second-born, should acquire the birthright of his elder brother Eisav. And it happened, through circumstances engineered from Above. Where Eisav saw trickery and bad luck, Yaakov saw the power of prayer.

As he neared death, Yaakov had another impossible dream—

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration

▼ Ideas

Excellence

Success

Better Relationships

With Friends Like That

Reuven needed some new shirts. A busy man with little time to shop, he patronized a store owned by his neighbor, where he had always found good quality and fair prices.

The next day, Shimon noticed Reuven's crisp new look. "Nice shirt," he commented. "What did you pay for it?" Reuven named the price. "You're kidding!" Shimon exclaimed. "I saw the exact same shirt for \$10 less! Where did you get it?"

Soon, Shimon had Reuven convinced that he should go back to the store and demand either a price break or a refund. Reuven took his advice, but the storekeeper wouldn't be moved. "This is my markup, Reuven. Surely you understand that."

Reuven did some quick math: \$10 x 5 shirts = \$50. "That's what I still owe on the suit I bought from him. Forget it, he's never going to see that money now," Reuven decided. Soon, the dispute turned into a bitter war. Why? Because Shimon spoke when he should have kept

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Everything

What does it mean to live in a consumer culture? You look around you, and everywhere, there are things that attract you, things you like and could use, all ready for delivery to your doorstep if you can come up with the cash, check or credit card. Could anyone living in our world look at his own four walls, his own limited selection of belongings, and say "I have everything?"

Our forefather Yaakov teaches us that this is the outlook toward which we should strive. When Yaakov and Eisav met each other after their years of estrangement, each was

well endowed with material possessions. But the Chofetz Chaim points out the difference in the way each of them described their wealth. "I have a lot," said Eisav. "I have everything," said Yaakov.

The view of Eisav is that of the perennial consumer. He has a lot, but there's a lot more still to be had. Yaakov, on the other hand, feels complete. Whatever is in his possession at that time is, in his view, everything. Even when he was

robbed of everything including the shirt on his back, he kept before him the goal of performing Hashem's will. He understood that Hashem apportions

"I have a lot,"
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the world's riches according to each person's real, spiritual needs.

Certainly, the Torah does not forbid us from enjoying the material world. We even acknowledge the joy of owning new clothing with the brachah "shehechiyanu." Yaakov doesn't teach us to give up the material world. But he does teach us that, rather than looking at what we don't have and longing for it, we must focus our eyes on what we do have, and appreciate it as the portion perfectly suited to our unique service to Hashem.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How do you know if you're grasping for too much?

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Friends

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silent. Once the purchase had been made, there was no constructive purpose to his comment. He only succeeded in angering Reuven and then fanning the flames, all in the guise of protecting his friend's best interests.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

When would it have been helpful and appropriate for Shimon to advise Reuven?

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Your Honor

Rabbi Mordechai Schwab would give everyone, even a simple Jew, the title "Reb." This habit was even reflected in his personal phone book, in which each entry was titled "Reb." He was once asked what purpose was served by carrying this formality into his phone book. Those addressed in person in a respectful manner would naturally be pleased by the title, but what did they gain by being honored in a phone book they would never see?

Rabbi Schwab explained that the listings were not written in this way for the sake of those listed. "I am writing it for myself. I need to know that the individual is a 'Reb,'" he explained. In this way, he kept the mitzvah of Kavod Habriyos—honoring a fellow man—which he said extends not only to how you treat a person, but to how you think of him as well.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What does a title of respect accomplish? Why are people less inclined to use them today?

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