

TEAM Spirit

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



Friday, December 3, 2010
Candle Lighting 5:11 PM

פרשת מקץ
שבת מברכים

TEAM PLAYERS

★STAR STUDENTS★

Rebecca Balgley ★S.S.
Fayge Deutsch ★T.S.
Batsheva Druin ★T.S.
Chavie Fried ★T.S. & S.S.
Tzipporah Leah Greenberg ★T.S.
Daniella Katz★S.S.
Shani Lesnik ★S.S.
Avital Nightingale ★ S.S.
Shoshana Sapirman★S.S.
Rivka Stern★S.S.
Aliza Zeines – T.S.

Simcha Bistriz ★S.S.
Asher Goldenberg ★S.S.
Avraham Kanter ★T.S.
Yitzi Meisels★T.S.
Natan Mizrahi ★T.S.
Mordechai Shapiro ★T.S.
Shaya Steinberg ★S.S.
Yaakov Sutton ★T.S.
Noam Schultz ★T.S.
Simcha Seltzer ★S.S.

Rebecca Balgley
Ellee Benchetrit
Rivka Goldenberg
Brendel Jablon
Atara Laks
Simcha Leonoff
Shoshana Lesnik
Leah Lind
Deborah Nash
Sara Seltzer
Yael Ungar
Sara Winter
Yaakov Alfassy
Adam Dennis
Avos Greenberg
Josh Herzek
Josh Hyman
Ezra Kirschenbaum
Yehuda Lehrfield
Yitzi Meisels
Kalmi Rosenberg
Tzvi Winter

V'SAIN TAL UMATAR L'VROCHO
Begin saying this wintertime
Shemone Esrei insert at *Maariv*
this *Motzei Shabbos*.


Chanukah Vacation
Sunday, December 5 -
Tuesday, December 7
★★★★
Classes Resume
Wednesday, December 8
at 8:00AM

ONE MONTH TO GO!!!
Yeshiva Toras Chaim
Toras Emes Academy
26th Annual Dinner
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011
at Jungle Island Treetop Ballroom
Guests of Honor
MR. AND MRS.
MARCOS & TIFFANY LAPCIUC
Kesser Shem Tov Award
MR. AND MRS.
AARON & RANDY GROFFMAN
Please see our journal update
later in this newsletter.

**COMING TO A (TORAS EMES)
THEATRE NEAR YOU!**
Toras Emes will be presenting the exciting, just
released video production of *Berel and the Bus
Driver* by Rebbe Hill this Tuesday, December 7.
Entrance is from the main Middle School
entrance only.
See flyer for further details.

CHANUKAH TV CONTROL

The Chanukah TV Control program is concluding this Thursday, December 9. Yasher Koach to the children who are participating in this worthwhile endeavor! Please bring your signed calendars to school on Wednesday,



Thursday, and Friday to be entered in our daily drawings and to be eligible for our BBQ lunch and festivities for those who participated in both TV Control programs this year. Thank you to our generous sponsors:

Dr. and Mrs. David Bistriz
for a refuah shelaima for Shlomo Leib *ben* Miriam
Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Rosenbaum
in memory of Miriam Frimet *bas* Shlomo Henoch

KONEI OLAM

We wrapped up our visit to England with a visit to Big Ben. It has been quite an experience learning about the *Middah of Emes*. Stay tuned for next week when we move to Canada and learn about the *Middah of Savlanus*.

MENORAHS OUT OF CLAY!

Rabbi Schwartz's second and fourth grade boys got into the Chanukah spirit by making their own Menorahs. The boys rolled and shaped, pulled and poked until their creations were ready to bake. We hope that these Menorahs will brighten their homes for years to come. See pictures later in this newsletter.

MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Sharfman and family on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Bracha to Yaakov Skolnick.



NICHUM AVEILIM

To Mrs. Deborah Chames and family on the loss of her father, Mr. Irving Seidel, one of the founders of the North Miami Beach community. Mrs. Chames is sitting Shiva in her home - 5978 SW 33rd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale (954-987-4515) on Motzei Shabbos - 7:30-9:30 PM, Sunday—5:00-8:00 PM. Shiva concludes on Monday morning, December 6.

Our sincerest condolences to Mrs. Sara Tamir and family on the tragic loss of her nephew.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

- ◆ Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Leba
- ◆ Sara Nechama *bas* Chaya Yehudis
- ◆ Moshe *ben* Miriam
- ◆ Shlomo Moshe *ben* Heeyena
- ◆ Shlomo Leib *ben* Miriam
- ◆ Yehuda Pinchas *ben* Asna
- ◆ Yehoshua *ben* Chaya
- ◆ Yosef *ben* Allegria
- ◆ Tzvi Hersh *ben* Chana Bayla
- ◆ Yaakov Leib *ben* Feiga
- ◆ Yocheved *bas* Tzirel
- ◆ Sima Avigayil *bas* Miriam
- ◆ Penina *bas* Ashira

ASSEMBLIES

The fourth grade girls and fourth grade boys presented magnificent productions at their respective assemblies yesterday. Their dramatic adaptations of a moving story of Chanukah during the Holocaust was inspiring and a great lesson in *Mesiras Nefesh*. A big Yasher Koach to Mrs. Swartz and Mrs. Schein for all the time and effort that went in to preparing the students for this performance.

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Ephraim Palgon and Rabbi Schwartz for their inspiring Divrei Torah.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Homework Club

Monday-Thursday 4-5PM

Miss Rottman tobirottman@gmail.com

Girls' JAG

Tuesday 4-5 PM for girls in grades 1-3.

Miss Gruenstein at 786.357.0210

Boys' After School Sports

New session begins Dec. 13.

Monday & Thursday, 4-5PM

Coach Melamed 786.356.8063

Mr. Harkavy 631.612.7532

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

Mrs. Chava Willig Levy will visit Toras Emes on December 15 and speak with the children about understanding disabilities, challenges different people face in life and appreciating differences among people. Details to follow.



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Assistant Principal

Mrs. Naomi Bloom
Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas Mikeitz, Chanukah 5771

Dear Parents,

The festival of *Chanuka* provides a golden opportunity to strengthen one of our core beliefs that is too often taken for granted but is in fact, a major challenge for many of our children. The concept of *Emunah Peshuta*, straightforward belief in *Hashem*, unencumbered by philosophical and psychological complexities, is proving elusive to many of today's young Jews.

To be sure, questioning, analyzing and probing are valuable tools in the thinking Jew's arsenal. At the end of the day, however, what is the 'default' position of our beliefs? When a crisis occurs, when earth-shattering events unfold – do we look to explanations based on politics, social theory, historical trends, charismatic personalities, or do we see the hand of *Hashem* animating the events of our lives? All the layers of 'natural occurrences' that cover the hidden direction that *Hashem* provides for events need to be peeled away in order for us to recognize the truth of what really lies beneath everything that happens to us.

This is one of the great messages of *Chanuka*. No matter how you interpret the events surrounding the *Chashmonaim's* defeat of the mightiest army in the world, you cannot escape the obvious – that *Hashem* made a miracle. There is no other explanation. As the last of the holidays that our Rabbis instituted for our people, *Chanuka* comes to drive this lesson home – that the Jewish people's fate does not rest on the size of the enemy's army, on the statistical probabilities that seem stacked against us, nor is it restricted by seemingly limited resources, as the small jug of oil demonstrated. Just as the many can be defeated by the few, so too can a long expanse of darkness be illuminated by a very limited power source.

Our children need to internalize this lesson. The true source of illumination, the real power behind an army is our G-d. No matter how bleak things look *Hashem* is there, watching, waiting, caring and ready to respond decisively on our behalf, when the time is ripe. Our children need to be *Ma'aminim Bnei Ma'aminim* – Believers, the children of Believers. We first need to strengthen ourselves in this most basic fundamental of our faith, and then we can imbue our children with the same strength of conviction.

May the lights of *Chanuka* shed light on this bedrock faith of ours, and may we always keep our focus on the greatest of truths – that everything that happens is the will of *Hashem*. This immovable faith has sustained us throughout thousands of years of suffering, and this faith is what will bring us to be able to greet *Moshiach Tzidkeinu*, may he come speedily, in our times.

Best wishes for an Inspiring *Shabbos* and an Illuminating *Chanuka*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Principal

FOURTH GRADE BOYS CREATE BEAUTIFUL MENORAHS



26th Annual Dinner & Journal Campaign

Journal Ad Update

As of 5:00 P.M., December 2, 2010

Guests of Honor

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Kesser Shem Tov Award

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Randy Groffman

Campaign Goal \$1,000,000 Raised to date \$386,730

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Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes

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26th Annual Dinner

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Date: Tuesday Dec. 7, 3:30pm.
Doors Open at 3:00 PM

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Children under 8 must be accompanied by adult.
Family maximum - \$40
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