

# TEAM Spirit

Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Friday Candle Lighting 5:53 PM

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



פרשת תצוה

## TEAM PLAYERS

### ★STAR STUDENTS★

Malka Anton – S.S.	Tzvi Atkin – S.S.
Shaina Druin – T.S.	Yehuda Bloom – T.S.
Shaindel Farmer – S.S.	Avrohom Dennis – T.S.
Aliza Feldman – T.S.	Avos Greenberg – S.S.
Tamar Feldman – T.S.	Yackov Greenberg – T.S.
Cila Ginsbarg – T.S. & S.S.	Avrumi Gruenstein – T.S.
Shira Goldenberg – S.S.	Yossi Rosenberg – S.S.
Naomi Kalchman – S.S.	Shmuel Dov Palgon – T.S.
Esti Weinberger – T.S. & S.S.	Tzvi Stern – S.S.

Chana Alber	Daniel Chattah
Malka Anton	Yossi Cohen
Rebecca Balgley	Daniel Danan
Ellee Benchetrit	Moti Froimovich
Sarah Buzaglo	Levi Haimov
Malky Koot	Moishe Kessler
Ella Miriam Liberman	Zevi Roth
Leah Lind	David Sharbani
Aliyah Shapiro	Aryeh Leib Thav
Rivky Stern	Tzvi Winter
Alyssa Suissa	
Shira Suissa	

REMINDER:  
NO SCHOOL TOMORROW!  
RABBI YOSSI HEBER  
TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

## ASSEMBLIES

Our assemblies on Wednesday were a huge success! Miss Swartz's second grade girls delighted their audience with "Abraham Lincoln's Top Hat" - a performance paying tribute to our esteemed President. Mrs. Ehrenreich's fifth grade boys performed "Immigration Tales" - the story of Irish immigrants fleeing the Potato Famine, and Jewish immigrants escaping the Pogroms of Eastern Europe. Yasher Koach to Rabbi Zev Pam and Rabbi Ariel Yeshurun for their inspiring Divrei Torah.

## KONEI OLAM

We made it to Australia!!! The *midah* we are focusing on is *Kibud Av V'Em*. This week we specifically discussed doing something right away when asked.

## BRACHOS BEES

We are anxiously anticipating our school wide Brachos Bees, scheduled for Thursday, February 17 (change of date) in our auditorium. The Girls' Bee will take place at 10:30 AM and the Boys' Bee is at 2:00 PM. Parents are welcome to enjoy and *shep nachas!*



## OPEN SCHOOL DAY



Open School day will take place on **Presidents' Day**, Monday February 21. Please mark your calendars and 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 February 21 are from 8:00 – 1:00. Bring snacks, but no lunch.

## GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

We're almost at the finish line so don't let up now! Please continue to collect Boxtops and bring them to school before the February 21 deadline. Boxtops can be found on all types of products and the more we collect, the more we are able to do for our school.



## LIMUD MISHNAYOS PROGRAM

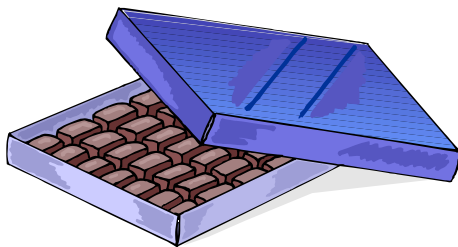


Now that the learning part of the program is officially over, our hard working Masmidim can look forward to enjoying the fruits of their labor. We're waiting with great anticipation for the

Gala Siyum Mishnayos, to take place on February 22, IY"H.

## PESACH CANDY/CHOCOLATE SALE

The deadline is passed, but orders will still be accepted on Monday morning.



## THINK ABOUT INK!

Please remember to send us your used printer cartridges for recycling through the Miami-Dade County Recycling Program. This is an easy fundraiser for our school and a great way to do your part for the environment.



## REFUAH SHELAIMA

- ◆ Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Leba
- ◆ Tziporah Feiga *bas* Sima Shaindel
- ◆ Rachel *bas* Bryna
- ◆ Leon *ben* Esther
- ◆ Yehuda Pinchas *ben* Asna
- ◆ Aryeh Leib *ben* Genendel
- ◆ Yitzchak Shlomo *ben* Mazal

## NICHUM AVEILIM

To Rabbi Asher Suissa and family on the loss of his brother. Rabbi Suissa is sitting Shiva in his home, 16667 N.E. 35 Avenue, through Friday.

To Mrs. Rena Gruenstein and family on the loss of her father. She will be sitting Shiva in New York until Tuesday and returning to sit at home, 675 N.E. 178 Terrace, until Wednesday morning.

## IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE CHEVRA KADISHA

A class for beginners, and a review for all Chevra Kadisha members will take place Tuesday, February 22, 8:15 PM at Levitt-Weinstein, 18840 West Dixie Hwy. Men and women are welcome.

## UNIFORM GEMACH

**D**on't forget to avail yourselves of the many items of clothing at the uniform gemach!

**Many girls' skirts and shirts are available and boys' shirts and pants are also in abundance.** Please

take advantage of the wide selection of colors and sizes to stock up on for the rest of the school year. Call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.



## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Weekly Parsha Class

Thursday mornings 9:15-10:00AM

**In Rabbi Baumann's Office (Girls' Bldg.)**

### Homework Club

Monday-Thursday 4-5PM

Miss Rottman [tobirottman@gmail.com](mailto:tobirottman@gmail.com)

### Boys' After School Sports

Monday & Thursday, 4-5PM

Coach Melamed 786.356.8063

Mr. Harkavy 631.612.7532



# Research Club



• Which state borders the most states?

• How many lines are there in a sonnet?

• What do you call a baby dove?

These are some of the questions our student researchers have to answer.  
How did you do answering them?

Congratulations to the students below who have reached new milestones!  
Keep looking it up!

4G	5G	5G	5B
<i>Library Maven</i> 500 points	<i>Explorer</i> 1,000 points	<i>Navigator I</i> 1,500 points	<i>Navigator I</i> 1,500 points
Yael Ungar	Sarah Goodman	Riki Grossbard	Daniel Danan
		Chana Alber	

**Kids, Don't forget about "The Triple R!"**



*"The Triple R" is a reading program that is a joint effort between Ms. Grossman and the Secular Studies Teachers. Students read books approved by their teachers, fill out a short book report, and have a parent sign the report to assure the student has read the book. Students receive one research point for every two pages read. There is no limit to the number of points that can be earned this way!*

Boys and Girls, GO FOR IT!!

Keep up the good work, everyone!  
Warm Southern regards,  
Ms. Grossman, Librarian/Computer/Music Teacher



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Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
*Principal*

Dr. Deborah Lerer  
*Secular Studies Principal*

Rabbi Noam Grossman  
*Assistant Principal*

Mrs. Naomi Bloom  
*Early Childhood Director*

*Erev Shabbos Parashas Tetzaveh 5771*

Dear Parents,

Elementary and Early Childhood students are not coming into school on Friday, because of a “professional growth” day for the teachers. It is common practice in *Yeshivos* to have one less day of learning during the school year, in order for the teachers to become even better teachers, by learning new techniques and developing even more positive mindsets towards their students.

Let’s analyze why this justifies the *Bitul Torah* and interruption in the children’s routine. When a person is involved in a helping profession, such as teaching, or nursing or mental health services, he or she can get very emotionally involved with the people with whom they are working. Burn out is potentially a real problem, and those in the helping professions require renewal to avoid. When working with others, improving their skills or developing their attitudes, new ways of looking at things, different techniques need to be mastered. And, as is common in almost all professions and industries, the teacher needs to remain current with new ideas, new suggestions of approaches that work, be they for the individual or the group. Time and energy needs to be focused on achieving these three goals of emotional support, improved attitude and learning new skills. The children are clearly the beneficiaries in this process.

What about “professional growth” for parents? Are we really providing our children with the best parents possible if one day follows the next and we don’t attend to our own emotional needs and potential burnout? Do we possess an attitude that is positive, do we see misbehavior as a learning opportunity to guide our children on the proper path? Can we keep our spirits up and our voices down after our three year old spilled his third cup of the meal, the six year old is crying about her homework, and the nine year old is wailing she has nothing to wear? (We haven’t even mentioned teen aged children!) Do we have the skill to navigate a child’s social difficulties, sibling rivalries, academic challenges, bedtime nightmares (for the parents)?

Who more than parents need “professional growth” opportunities? You owe it to yourself, your spouse and your children to find and take advantage of opportunities for enhancing your strengths in all these areas. Make sure you have some time away from the ‘war zone.’ Learn *Mussar*, exercise, go to *Shiurim* and find support groups to keep your body and mind strong and vibrant. Read parenting and relationship books, find and attend parenting classes and cultivate relationships with veteran parents (could be your own!) who can offer sage advice and guidance for specific issues with your children.

Parenting is not a profession, but it should be a calling and a passion that deserves every bit of focus, skill-building and enhancement as any career, technical skill or academic discipline. The rewards to you and your family will be eternal.

Best wishes for a wonderful, growth-filled *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann





**YESHIVA  
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Bais Medrash Zichron Ezra  
Dr. Abe Chames High School

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# 15th Annual Learn-a-Thon

We Invite You to Join Us on

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*Monday, February 21, 2011*

*(Presidents Day)*

*2:30 – 7:30 P.M.*

**Yeshiva Toras Chaim**

**1025 N.E. Miami Gardens Drive**

**North Miami Beach**

- ◆ Exciting Shiurim and Learning Sessions delivered by prominent Magidei Shiur
- ◆ All fathers and friends are encouraged to participate in this extraordinary Torah event.

***PLEASE RESPOND GENEROUSLY  
WHEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR.***

***CLOSING SHIUR DELIVERED BY RABBI BINYOMIN LUBAN TO ALL  
FATHERS/FRIENDS AT 6:45 P.M. IN OUR BAIS MEDRASH***

***MA'ARIV – 7:30 P.M. / DISMISSAL – 7:45 P.M.***

**I LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU PERSONALLY.**

***Rabbi Mordechai Palgon, Rosh HaYeshiva***

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