

TEAM Spirit

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Friday Candle Lighting 7:26 PM

חג כשר ושמח!

PESACH VACATION

Enjoy a well-deserved vacation, make the most of an inspiring Pesach holiday, and return to school rested and renewed on Thursday, April 28 ready to have a productive, final seven weeks of the school year.

HASMODA PROJECT

The students received their packets today for our 24th Annual Pesach Hasmoda Program. We wish you hatzlacha in using your vacation time wisely and productively. Please read the instructions and information carefully.

We would like to thank the generous sponsors who have already stepped forward and have dedicated **the children's learning in honor of, or in memory of loved ones, or for a Refuah Shelaima.** We are most appreciative of our sponsors, and credit them for the success of this learning program.

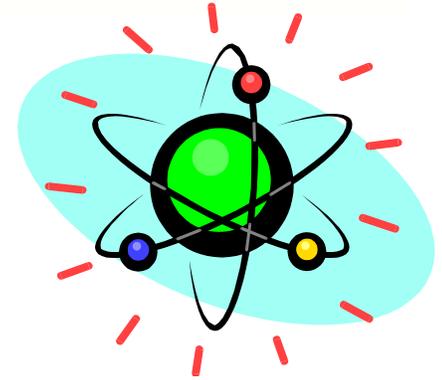
Thank You to:

- The Baumann Family
- The Brass Family
- The Zalmy Cohen Family
- The Flamholtz Family
- The Glatt Family
- The Zvi Rosenbaum Family
- The Roth Family
- The Schwab Family

All boys have the opportunity to participate in the Pirchei Hasmoda program as well. These sheets were sent home today and should be returned directly to the address shown on the sponsor sheet.

SCIENCE FAIR

A magnificent exhibit of our students' projects was on display at our School Science Fair this past week. Everyone enjoyed viewing the interesting projects created by our 4th and 5th graders and discovering the exciting results of the various experiments.



Many thanks to our Science Teacher, Mrs. Palgon, for her efforts in directing and guiding our students with their projects these last few months. The quality of the **students' projects is evidence of Mrs. Palgon's input** coupled with the efforts of the students and parents. Mazel Tov to the following students:

5th Grade Girls Division

Winners:

- Malka Anton
- Raquel Elgavi
- Rivka Shemesh

Commendation:

- Chana Alber
- Brendel Jablon
- Penina Rosenbaum
- Sara Winter

Participation:

- Natalie Aronov
- Yafit Cohen
- Sarah Feige Goodman
- Riki Grossbard
- Sora Chana Gruenstein
- Eliana Haimov
- Chaya Sora Koot
- Shoshana Sapirman
- Chaya Sharfman
- Meital Weisskoff

4th Grade Girls Division

Winners:

Arielle Chemtov
Raizy Dudovitz
Tzipporah Leah Greenberg
Tehila Palgon
Alysa Suissa

Commendation:

Hadara Balgley
Miriam Dreyfuss
Tzivi Elias
Shira Feldman
Gita Glazer
Naomi Kalchman
Sara Seltzer
Rivky Stern
Sivan Zaig

Participation:

Adi Akrish
Miriam Balgley
Leah Baroukh
Shaina Druin
Ariella Fellus
Yokheved Krispin
Sofia Leonoff
Yasmin Reboh
Batya Segal
Yael Ungar
Nechama Wulwick

5th Grade Boys Division

Winners:

Tzvi Atkin
Dani Levy
Ezra Pomper

Commendation:

Yaakov Alfassy
Zev Bistriz
Daniel Danan
Jonathan El-Gad
Yochanan Gittleson
Uriel Heiney
Josh Hopen
Shmuel Palgon
Noam Schultz
Shaya Schwab
Simcha Seltzer

Participation:

Reuven Evgi
Josh Herzek

Moshe Kessler
Elisha Steinberger
Avner Yeshurun

4th Grade Boys Division

Winners:

Yossi Cohen
Yossi Rosenberg
Yosef Steinberg

Commendation:

Boaz Abramson
Ezra Bistriz
Dani Franklin
Yehuda Gassner
David Grinman
Josh Hyman
Reuven Lefkowitz
Yitzchak Lind
Elias Mizrahi
Zevi Roth
Michael Shmueli
Yosef Tokayer
Efrem Wasserman

Participation:

Gavriel Aminov
Yacov Benchetrit
Yakov Schwab

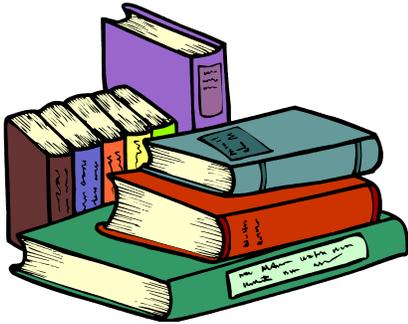
Our winners received unique “science” gifts and have been busy demonstrating and explaining their projects to the students in each class.

ASSEMBLIES

Our Pesach assemblies on Tuesday were very well received by both the boys and the girls. Mrs. Saks did “double duty” as both the second grade girls and second grade boys entertained their audiences with original productions reminding us about the importance of taking care of our planet through conservation and recycling. Rabbi Schwartz’s fourth grade boys performed “A Fire in the Aron Kodesh”, a play about the Jews of Prague facing a blood libel. Science Fair certificates were handed out to all the participants. Yasher Koach to Rabbi Schwartz for his inspiring Divrei Torah which put us all in the mood for Pesach.

HELP! I'M A LIBRARY BOOK AND I'M LOST!

A large number of library books are overdue from the school library. As you enjoy your Pesach vacation, please keep in mind to look for lost library books that might be around the house and bring them back to school on Thursday, April 28.



COMING SOON! SEFIRA/KABBOLAS HATORAH TV/ VIDEO CONTROL

We look forward to our third and final TV/Video Control Program of the year, which will run from *Rosh Chodesh Iyar*, Thursday, May 5 through *Rosh Chodesh Sivan*, Friday, June 3 - during *Sefiras HaOmer*. Those students who complete this TV Control Program (participation in previous programs not required) will celebrate at a banquet and show during an upcoming school day. Details will be forthcoming after Pesach vacation.



CHINESE AUCTION

We are eagerly anticipating the Chinese Auction which will take place, IY"Y, on Sunday, May 29. By now everyone should have received their booklet in the mail. You can also view the prizes and order at www.ytcteam.org/auction

REFUAH SHELAIMA

- ◆ Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Leba
- ◆ Tziporah Feiga *bas* Sima Shaindel
- ◆ Rachel *bas* Bryna
- ◆ Aliza Chaya *bas* Sara Freida
- ◆ Racheli Maya *bas* Shoshana
- ◆ Atara Kreindl Chava *bas* Roiza
- ◆ Ella Yehudis *bas* Hinda Devorah
- ◆ Leon *ben* Esther
- ◆ Yehuda Pinchas *ben* Asna
- ◆ Aryeh Leib *ben* Genendel
- ◆ Yosef Simcha *ben* Zakah Basya

We pray that everyone listed above have a Refuah Shelaima. New names will be compiled beginning with the first newsletter after Pesach vacation.

Please contact Mrs. Zisquit if you would like a name included on the new list.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Weekly Parsha Class

Thursday mornings 9:15-10:00AM

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

Class will resume on May 5.

Homework Club

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 4-5PM

Miss Rottman tobirottman@gmail.com

Boys' After School Sports

Monday & Thursday, 4-5PM

Coach Melamed 786.356.8063

Mr. Harkavy 631.612.7532

Class will resume on May 2.

JAG

Tuesday (1G-3G) & Wednesday (4G&5G), 4:05-5:05PM

Note: This cycle of sessions runs through May 18.

Mrs. Selmar 305.479.7269



Research Club



- Where and when did the Liberty bell crack?
- What is the largest example of erosion in the United States?
- What do snakes use to smell?

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 | 4G | 4G | 4G |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Explorer 1,000 points</i> | <i>Explorer 1,000 points</i> | <i>Explorer 1,000 points</i> | <i>Explorer 1,000 points</i> |
| Shaina Druin | Tzvia Elias | Sofia Leonoff | Alysa Suissa |

| 5B | 5B | 5B | 5B | 5B | 5B | | |
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| <i>Navigator I 1,500 points</i> | <i>Navigator II 2,000 points</i> | <i>Navigator III 2,500 points</i> | <i>Commander I 3,000 points</i> | <i>Commander II 3,500 points</i> | <i>Commander III 4,000 points</i> | | |
| Avner Yeshurun | Yonatan El-Gad | Dani Levy | Dani Levy | Avner Yeshurun | Avner Yeshurun | | |
| | Dani Levy | Avner Yeshurun | Avner Yeshurun | | | | |
| | Avner Yeshurun | | | | | | |
| <i>Specialist I 4,500 points</i> | <i>Specialist II 5,000 points</i> | <i>Specialist III 5,500 points</i> | <i>Voyager I 6,000 points</i> | <i>Voyager II 6,500 points</i> | <i>Voyager III 7,000 points</i> | | |
| Avner Yeshurun | Avner Yeshurun | Avner Yeshurun | Avner Yeshurun | Avner Yeshurun | Eli Sandhaus | Eli Sandhaus | |
| | | | | | Avner Yeshurun | | |

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



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Assistant Principal

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Early Childhood Director

Pesach 5771

Dear Parents,

This Thursday, the 10th of Nisan marks the 3rd Yahrzeit of our unforgettable Rosh Yeshiva and Rebbe, *HaGaon HaRav Alter Chanoch Henach HaKohein Leibowitz, zt'l*, the late Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim. He was the guiding light of our Yeshiva for a quarter century and it is upon his shoulders that much of the growth of the South Florida Torah community rests.

The primary mission that he set for himself was to develop and nurture a cadre of young Talmidei Chachomim who would, in turn, be the teachers and bearers of the Mesorah into future generations. His focus was on developing the highest levels of Torah scholarship in his Talmidim, involving brilliant shiurim and very deep intellectual insights. His efforts were geared towards extremely bright young men who exerted themselves to develop the intellectual prowess to perceive minute shades of understanding in all facets of Torah knowledge and wisdom.

What was most striking about this brilliant man was the love and affection that even those far removed from the confines of a Yeshiva study hall had for him. He could reach the hearts of the not-yet-frum, he could connect with elementary aged children who clearly had no understanding or appreciation of his genius and he was revered and beloved by lay leaders who forewent their previously held opinions and positions to willingly follow his guidance on the most vexing and controversial of issues.

How does a man of scholarship, steeped in the academia of the Lithuanian Yeshiva world, a man of strong ideals and deeply held principles become so beloved by the widest array of people? In a word – he cared deeply about others and concerned himself with understanding and empathizing with where they were coming from, and what mattered to them. His every encounter with a fellow human being was all about – how does the other feel right now, what are this person's needs, how can I make a positive difference in the person's day and life. It was never about him, his position, his honor or his needs.

As we encounter the glorious and stressful period of pre-Pesach and Pesach, and we will be coming into contact with numerous people, both near and distant, in demanding situations, what will our focus be? Will we think only of our needs, our deadlines, our entitlement to sit down, to relax, to be left alone and to do what we want to do? Will we leave space for others, and their needs and wants? We should realize we're entering a laboratory of Midos – a golden opportunity to flex our muscles of patience, sensitivity and positive thinking.

We should promise ourselves now, that we will look at our children with the mindset of "what does my child need now." It may very well be that what the child needs is to realize 'Mommy needs to be left alone' or 'Aba really needs my help now,' but looking at the situation through the child's eyes makes all the difference. That subtle shift in mindset transforms your behavior and reactions from that of a person under stress, to one of Chinuch – an educator who focuses on what the child can learn from the current situation.

This is not an easy task, and no one can succeed totally. The Rosh HaYeshiva zt'l's memory should inspire us to reach for greatness and to realize that we cannot afford to not try. By merely thinking in these terms, we are already on the path to a joyous Chag and building successful children.

Best wishes for a most meaningful, enjoyable Pesach,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

ישיבה זעורצ חיים

ביצ מדרש זכרון עזרא

Dr. Abe Chames High School

מוצאי שבת
חול המועד

שיעור Special

Given by

של"ט"א, HaRav Binyomin Luban,

ראש הישיבה

10:00 PM in our ביצ המדרש

All בני זעורה are cordially invited to attend!

מראצה, מקומות will be available.

We wish you a חג כשר ושמח

and look forward to greeting you personally.

הנהלת הישיבה



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