

TEAM Spirit

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



Friday, April 8, 2011
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★STAR STUDENTS★

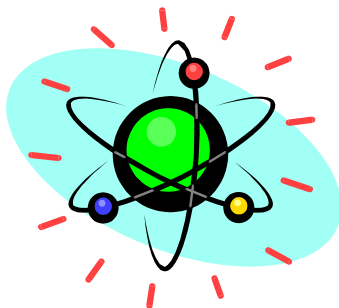
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| Miriam Balgley – T.S. | Avraham Brass – S.S. |
| Racheli Breier – S.S. | Yonatan El-Gad – T.S. |
| Gita Glazer – S.S. | Dovid Grinman – S.S. |
| Chaya Mushka Greenberg – S.S. | Yehuda Kon – T.S. |
| Riki Grossbard – S.S. | Kalmi Rosenberg – T.S. |
| Ella Liberman – S.S. | Zevi Roth – T.S. |
| Avital Nightingale – T.S. | Shaya Schwab – S.S. |
| Tziporah Pam – S.S. | Simcha Shaffren – S.S. |
| Lea Riesel – T.S. | Mordechai Shapiro – S.S. |
| Shoshana Sapirman – T.S. | Hillel Weinberger – T.S. |
| Esti Schwartz – T.S. | |
| Tamara Yeshurun – T.S. | |

TEAM PLAYERS

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| Racheli Breier | Avos Greenberg |
| Devorah Cohen | Yackov Greenberg |
| Batsheva Druin | Josh Herzek |
| Shaindel Farmer | Avraham Homnick |
| Shira Feldman | Noam Peleg |
| Hadassa Grossman | Ezra Pomper |
| Sora Gruenstein | Simcha Shaffren |
| Tamar Mindick | David Sharbani |
| Yardena Reboh | Tzvi Stern |
| Fraidy Thav | Hillel Weinberger |
| Ma'ayan Tzur | |
| Esti Weinberger | |

SCIENCE FAIR 2011

Our students marveled at the wide variety of 4th and 5th grade projects on display this past week at our Annual Science Fair. The winners will be presenting their projects in the classrooms to further explain the lessons of their excellent work. They will be “officially” acknowledged at Tuesday’s assemblies.



HASMODA PROJECT

We are looking forward to our Annual Pesach Hasmoda Program for all of our elementary school children. With only three school days left until Pesach vacation, we are issuing our semi-annual call for sponsors to dedicate this program for a Refuah Shelaima, in memory of a beloved departed, or simply to honor someone. Sponsorships are welcome, beginning with a \$50 contribution. Please call Rabbi Baumann in the school office on Monday if you are able to participate in sponsorship of this worthwhile program.

ASSEMBLIES

Our Pesach assemblies will take place this Tuesday, April 12 featuring 2B, 4B and 2G-R. Official uniforms must be worn all day on Tuesday, including white knee socks for the girls. Girls’ assembly at 1:30, boys’ assembly at 2:45.

Please note the following uniform reminders:
Boys - Official uniform pants must be navy blue and no cargo pockets. Girls - White short socks or skin colored knee highs/panty hose are not acceptable substitutes for white knee high socks.

EXODUS EXPERIENCE

The trips on Tuesday to the Pesach Exodus Experience proved to be even more of a treat than we anticipated! In addition to reliving Yetzias Mitzraim in an atmosphere complete with elaborate scenery and a cast both human and animal, the students were also able to bake their very own matzohs.



Our thanks to the following parents who accompanied us on the Exodus Experience trips:

Mrs. Penina Bernstein
Mrs. Sheri Benchetrit
Mrs. Jody Bennett
Mrs. Anna Bisker
Mrs. Malka Leah Braunschweiger
Mrs. GB Brody
Mrs. Chani Deutsch
Mrs. Esther Entin
Mrs. Lisa Farmer
Mrs. Helene Gassner
Mrs. Rivka Ginsparg
Mrs. Rochel Heiney
Mrs. Lea Kaploun
Mrs. Julie Kirschenbaum
Mrs. Elanna Rosenbaum
Mrs. Nechama Tzur

KONEI OLAM

The Konei Olam program we have been running this year has been provided to our children free of charge by "Bidrachav", the elementary school division of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. The program created a fun, informative, interactive method of learning about different Midos and aspects of Bein Adam Lachaveiro. Once a year, the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation requests that the children sell raffle tickets for their organization. We will not be participating in this raffle, but we would like to appeal to you on their behalf for providing us with this program as well as the myriad of other wonderful things that the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation does for Klal Yisroel. Anyone interested in giving to this cause can send a check payable to CCHF to the school office or contact the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation directly. Yasher Koach.

CHINESE AUCTION

We are eagerly anticipating the Chinese Auction which will take place, IY"H, 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

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.



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



A large number of library books are overdue from the school library. As you embark on your chometz cleaning this weekend, give yourself a prize for finding and

returning our missing library books. Please keep in mind that no books may be checked out of the library over the Peasch vacation.

MAZEL TOV



To Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Lehrfield and family on the marriage of their grandchildren Malky Lehrfield and Yechiel Lehrfield.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Jeger and family on the birth of a son. Special Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Jacob.



REFUAH SHELAIMA

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

NICHUM AVEILIM

To Mrs. Lisa Furst, wife of our property manager, Mr. Marty Furst, on the loss of her mother.

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

Will resume after Pesach.

Coach Melamed 786.356.8063

Mr. Harkavy 631.612.7532

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



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Erev Shabbos Parashas Metzora 5771

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to two upcoming school projects that have been of great benefit to our students over the years, but, honestly, have not always been welcomed with open arms by some of our parents.

I would like to review the rationale behind each of them, and offer some suggestions so as to maximize their potential benefit for everyone.

The Semi-Annual **Hasmoda Project** takes place during the fourteen days of our *Pesach* break. This project conveys the message that there is never a vacation from Torah learning, and every Jew should strive to fill at least part of every single day with words of Torah. We have attempted to make this program more user-friendly by simplifying record keeping and reducing the requirements. We would like everyone to learn just a little on as many days as possible – we are definitely not encouraging individuals to conduct marathon learning sessions. Furthermore by receiving credit only for a small set amount daily – there's no need to remember details from Yom Tov. It is not required to learn on every single day. With credit being given for the two nights of the Seder – everyone is well positioned to achieve success. We urge all of you to look over the packet when it arrives home from school on Wednesday, and come up with an easy plan to make a *Pesach Masmid* out of your child.

A week after returning to school, on *Rosh Chodesh Iyar*, we will begin our month-long voluntary **TV Control Program**. TV Control has a long history at our school, and many families can attest to the positive changes it brought to their homes. In this day of facebook, youtube, bbms and whatever lurks just around the next corner, TV may seem to be the least of our challenges, but there's a lot more to this program than TV. Leaving the specific rules and regulations aside, let's focus on the impact this voluntary period of abstaining from the TV/Video experience will have on a child. For those families who eschew the secular media, this affirms their standards and strengthens their children's pride in being part of such a family. For those families who allow TV in their homes, and try to appropriately moderate and control its use by the various family members, the children are being introduced to the idea that while an activity may be permissible, there's a concept of striving for a higher standard in one's conduct and attitude.

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski has pointed out that in this generation's great success in making a Torah lifestyle 'normal' by providing easy access to all the accoutrements of a *frum* life – Kosher products and restaurants, many *shuls*, *Yeshivas*, *Batei Medrash*, relative ease of observing *Shabbos* etc., a significant downside has developed alongside it. Our children never have to feel denied anything on account of being *frum*. That's wonderful, but it atrophies their muscle of self-control and self-denial. They don't experience having to do without. Whatever the non-Jewish world provides – we have a kosher version – be it food, entertainment or travel.

When do the children experience choosing to say no to something because of Torah values? TV Control provides such an experience – and we are constantly amazed at the children's determination to succeed at something that's hard for them.

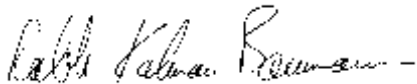
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In addition, the guidance and guidelines promulgated by the great Torah leaders of the past and present generation decrying the negatives of TV viewing, beginning in the mid-1970's, has subsequently been recognized by the secular world, borne out in hundreds of research studies. Furthermore, I think we all agree that children would be better off if they would read more, play more, use their imaginations more and not be passively entertained by some money hungry producers' idea of what will hold a child's attention.

As adolescents and young adults, our children will be searching in every direction for their own identity and value system. Being able to look back at a successful experience as a child of taking the more challenging path, of choosing to do without a favorite pastime for weeks at a time, can only be a source of self-esteem and self-pride. It may just provide the reservoir of strength needed to overcome the bigger challenges of their formative years.

When a school conducts a voluntary at-home program, it recognizes the challenges are greater for some than for others. That's why it's voluntary – each family needs to decide what and how much best serves their needs and conforms to their own mission statement. I urge you to look deeply into the benefits of these programs and judge them based upon the ultimate vision you have for your precious children. Your involvement and excitement are the keys to your child's success.

Best wishes for a most restful Shabbos,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rabbi Kalman Baumann -".

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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ישיבה זעורצ חיים

ביצ מדרש זכרון עזרא

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מוצאי שבת
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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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