

# TEAM Spirit

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



Friday, May 20, 2011  
Candle Lighting 7:44 PM

פרשת בחקתי

★STAR STUDENTS★

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Adi Akrish – S.S.         | Dovid Alber – S.S.            |
| Natalie Aronov – T.S.     | Tzvi Atkin – T.S.             |
| Avia Bennett – T.S.       | Adam Dennis – S.S.            |
| Racheli Bernstein – T.S.  | Moshe Glazer – T.S.           |
| Gabriella Chattah – T.S.  | Yackov Greenberg – S.S.       |
| Shaindy Goldenberg – T.S. | Rafael Haimov – T.S.          |
| Riki Grossbard – T.S.     | Josh Hyman                    |
| Hadassa Grossman – S.S.   | Reuven Dovid Lefkowitz – T.S. |
| Leah Lind – S.S.          | Dovid Oumanski – T.S.         |
| Esty Newman – S.S.        | Hillel Weinberger – S.S.      |
| Aliza Turner – S.S.       | Avner Yeshurun – S.S.         |
| Sivan Zaig – T.S.         |                               |
| Aliza Zeines – T.S.       |                               |

TEAM PLAYERS

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Tamar Brody        | Dovid Alber      |
| Yafit Cohen        | Ethan Aronov     |
| Raquel Elgavi      | Yochie Gittleson |
| Tamar Feldman      | Josh Herzek      |
| Naomi Klecky       | Yehuda Kon       |
| Malky Koot         | Meir Liberman    |
| Avital Nightingale | Yitzy Lind       |
| Aliyah Shapiro     | Yehuda Pomper    |
| Rivka Sheinkopf    | Yossi Rosenberg  |
| Aliza Turner       | Akiva Yeshurun   |
| Nechama Wulwick    |                  |
| Aliza Zeines       |                  |

READY, SET  
....WALK!



This Monday, May 23 is the date for our special

**Lag B'Omer festivities**, including a walkathon and a BBQ. Sponsor sheets can still be brought in on Monday morning! Please encourage your children to get sponsors to raise funds for Tzedaka while having fun.

All students are to come to school in a hat. We **can't wait to see the creative creations that will adorn and protect our children from the sun!**

As always, parents are invited to participate with us, as well as to help with the walkathon and BBQ in various capacities. Volunteers are needed throughout the morning. If you would like to help, please call the school office, 305.947.6000. Thank you.

YTC/TEAM TEA & CAKE SALE

We look forward to welcoming all women to our pre-Shavuot Community Event, An Elegant Evening of Inspiration, on Wednesday, June 1 featuring Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro. This event takes place at the home of Mrs. Alyssa Baumgarten, 4385 Pinetree Drive, Miami Beach. Doors open at 8:00 pm, program begins at 9:00 pm. See attached flyer.

SEFIRA/  
KABBOLAS  
HATORAH TV/  
VIDEO CONTROL

The TV Control calendars should continue to be initiated by a parent each day to indicate an entire day without watching TV, videos or DVD's! **For the second week, which ended yesterday**, all students who completed every day received ices and a mystery prize. Those students who complete this TV Control Program (participation in previous programs not required) will celebrate at a banquet and show on Monday, June 13. The calendar should be kept in one of your **child's Torah Studies folders or notebooks, to be shown to the teacher upon request.** Please continue to help and encourage your child throughout this most meaningful program.



CHINESE AUCTION

**Don't forget! The Chinese Auction will take place, IY"H,** next Sunday, May 29. We look forward to seeing all of you! You can view the prizes and order at [www.ytcteam.org/auction](http://www.ytcteam.org/auction)

## KONEI OLAM

We have arrived in Eretz Yisroel—the final leg of our world tour. We are starting to learn about Hakoras HaTov.

## THANK YOU

The first graders would like to thank Mrs. Penina Bernstein, Mrs. Lisa Farmer, Mrs. Aliza Goldenberg, and Mrs. Tamar Goldenberg for their help with our end of the year Hebrew Language books.



## 4G SIYUM

On Thursday, 4G celebrated 5 months of their accomplishments in Chumash with a beautiful Siyum on Parashas Miketz. The girls enjoyed a pizza lunch nosh, and an inspiring story told masterfully by Mrs. Chana Rochel Stern. Mrs. Stern held the girls spellbound as she entertained and enlightened them. Yasher Koach to 4G!

## 5G SIYUM

Mazel Tov to the girls of Kitah Heh on finishing Parashas Vaeira this week! We celebrated with a fun filled Siyum on Thursday packed with Divrei Torah, snacks, a yummy fruit bowl, and an exciting Chumash treasure hunt. We all had a great time! We look forward to beginning Parashas Bo this coming week.



## MAZEL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. Ari Kirschenbaum and family on the birth of a grandson, born to their daughter, our alumna, Aviva and Gamliel LaBrie.



To our founding Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi and Mrs. Bentzion Chait and family on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Mindy to Avi Kramer.

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

- ◆ Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Leba
- ◆ Tziporah Feiga *bas* Sima Shaindel
- ◆ Aliza Chaya *bas* Sara Freida
- ◆ Tinok *ben* Chaya Sara
- ◆ Yoseph Simcha *ben* Zaka Basya
- ◆ Nina *bas* Victoria
- ◆ Yitzchak *ben* Blima
- ◆ Yehuda Pinchas *ben* Asna
- ◆ Zev Meir *ben* Yael Sara
- ◆ Rivka Miriam *bas* Ahuva Chaya
- ◆ Dovid Mechoel *ben* Yocheved
- ◆ Alter Mordechai Menachem *ben* Esther Frayda
- ◆ Dovid *ben* Etta Riva

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

Parsha with the Principal (final class of the year)  
Thursday mornings 9:15-10:00AM

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

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

JAG

Order form attached

Mrs. Selmar 305.479.7269



**TORAS EMES  
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Samuel Aba & Sisel Klurman  
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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 Bechukosai 5771*

Dear Parents,

This week's *Parsha* begins with the words "*Bechukosai Teileichu*" which *Rashi* interprets as teaching us that we should be "*Ameilim B'Torah*," we should exert ourselves, and put forth effort in the study of *Torah*.

The *Chofetz Chaim* (*Chofetz Chaim al HaTorah*) expounds upon these words to describe the uniqueness of *Limud Torah* – the goal is not only to gather information, but every word and every ounce of effort that is expended in its study is a great accomplishment in itself, and earns reward for the one making the effort. Whereas in every other endeavor in life one is compensated for his efforts only upon successful completion of the mission or production of the item, *Torah* study is rewarded for the effort exerted, as much as the understanding and knowledge gained. Even if one fails to comprehend what he or she is learning, if they sincerely attempted to understand, the effort is rewarded.

This focus on effort, and the relative downplaying of results carries a very important message for us and our children. We live in a society and culture that is fixated on success – the smartest, the richest, the strongest, the most attractive, most popular etc. We are saturated with information about the 'winner' with barely a word about the 'loser.' An Olympic athlete can train six hours a day for four or more years – if he doesn't return home with a medal – it's considered as if he wasted all that time. In the academic world and sadly, even in our *Yeshivas* – those who earn top grades are highly regarded, no matter how hard or easy it was for them, while those who are diligent and persistent don't get recognized for efforts alone.

This is not the *Torah* way nor does it lead to success. The one with the bright head, who doesn't need to work hard, may never learn to put forth effort and may never achieve much in life, despite innate abilities. Truly successful people are primarily drawn from the ranks of the motivated, persistently hard working people who sustain effort in their path to a goal.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is a spark to fire up their motivation and fuel their ambition. Parents should be very concerned about a lack of diligence and persistence that their children may have. It may not be easy to create a motivated child, but role-modeling, admiring hard work in others, pointing out projects that were completed only through persistence and perspiration are some ways to make it more likely your child will appreciate the value of hard work and follow through even when the going gets rough. Lack of motivation in children is commonly due to an undiagnosed learning challenge that makes the task so difficult as to be deemed 'not worth the effort' (consciously or subconsciously) by the child. It's the parent's and the school's shared responsibility to address that issue.

If the effort in studying even only one word of the world's most precious commodity - the *Torah* – yields a reward of great magnitude, we can appreciate the value of effort in all endeavors. Let's help our children become diligent, determined and persistent students, friends and citizens of our community.

Best wishes for a highly motivational *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

*...a running Hand of this Master, being convinced that  
to the formal round Method commonly taught. Indeed, I am  
with had you to the same...*

**Yeshiva Toras Chaim & Dr. Abe Chames High School**  
would be honored to have you join us at our  
**Commencement Exercises**

אור ליום ד' סיון, תשע"א

Sunday evening, June 5, 2011, promptly at 8:30 P.M.

Yeshiva Toras Chaim  
1025 NE Miami Gardens Drive  
N. Miami Beach, Florida 33179

**Reception following Program**

Please RSVP to the Toras Chaim Office - 305-944-5344

Your presence will greatly enhance this special occasion.

Women are requested  
to dress in accordance  
with strict  
Orthodox tradition.

Our  
Graduates

Meir Balgley

Isaac Mizrahi

Yosef Bizouati

Yitzchak Ouaknine

Josh Blavin

Meir Palgon

Adam Dehri

Yehuda Palgon

Jacob Gassner

Daniel Pomper

Binyomin Goldenberg

Avraham Rhodes

Rafael Goldglanz

Joseph Seif

Yehuda Gruberger

Yaakov Hillel Sharfman

David Hayes

Amrom Steinberger

Ezriel Hoenig

Yossi Turk

Joseph Laniado

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Evening of Inspiration*

*Featuring*  
RABBI EPHRAIM SHAPIRO

**WHO'S IN THE  
DRIVER'S SEAT?**

ALLOWING HASHEM TO BE  
IN CHARGE: PARNOSSA, HEALTH,  
CHILDREN, SHIDDUCHIM...

*Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

DOORS OPEN 8:00 PM  
PROGRAM BEGINS 9:00 PM  
AT THE HOME OF  
MRS. ALYSSA BAUMGARTEN  
4385 PINE TREE DRIVE, MIAMI BEACH

ADMISSION \$18 • STUDENT ADMISSION \$10 (POST HIGH SCHOOL)  
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: BENEFACTOR \$1000 • DIAMOND \$500  
EMERALD \$360 • PLATINUM \$250 • GOLD \$180 • SILVER \$100 • SPONSOR \$50

*Annual Shavuot Cake Sale! ✻ Delectable Dessert Buffet!*



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