

# TEAM Spirit

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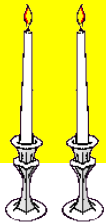
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נצבים-וילך

CANDLE LIGHTING

6:58 pm



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## TV CONTROL

Letters will be sent home on Monday introducing the first of our three TV/Video/DVD Control Programs for the year. This program will begin Wednesday evening, September 28, *Rosh Hashana*, and will continue through the end of the *Aseres Yemei Teshuva*.

The TV Control agreements, which will be sent home on Monday as well, should be signed by each student and a parent and returned to school on Tuesday. Calendar sign-in sheets will be sent home on Tuesday and should

be used to keep track of your child's progress. The calendars are to be brought back and forth each school day in order to receive a daily TV Control Card and for prize eligibility during each school day of the *Aseres Yemei Teshuva*.

Modest incentives are being offered with the opportunity to win small prizes in raffle drawings during the period of the TV Control, and then a few larger prizes will be raffled off at the end of the program.

In addition to prizes for participating students, we will invite

all students to celebrate at a super special activity during one upcoming school day *if* we have at least 70% participation in this program and the upcoming *Chanukah* program. Please encourage your children to participate in this most worthwhile program.



## OLOMEINU MAGAZINE AND BINAH BUNCH - ORDER NOW!

Olomeinu Magazine, published by Torah U Mesorah, has informative, wholesome, well-written Torah material, suitable for all, from age 5 to 105. The popular Binah Bunch Magazine is also available on a weekly basis. Information about Olomeinu and Binah Bunch order envelopes were sent home this week. Please send your \$14 check for Olomeinu to the office and put your Binah Bunch check and envelope directly in the mail. Don't miss out!



## ASSEMBLIES

The first monthly assemblies of the year are scheduled for October 5, featuring presentations by the second grade girls and third grade boys. **Girls' assembly is at 1:30, boys' at 2:45** in the school auditorium. Assembly Day is also Official Uniform Day. Official uniform includes white knee socks for all girls.



## KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

There is still time to participate in the food drive to help stock the JCS Kosher Food Bank's shelves for *Yom Tov*. Every student and family is asked to help by bringing a can or other packaged food item with proper Hashgacha (detailed above) at least one time between now and *Rosh Hashana*.



Specifically, the food items requested for *Yom Tov* are: honey, gefilte fish, honey cake, applesauce, and marmalade.

Thank you for your help. *Tizku L'Mitzvos!*

## CHOOSE CHOSEN WORDS

An opportunity for sponsorship of "The Chosen Words" is still available and your help would be greatly appreciated. The \$360 sponsorship, in memory, in honor of, or for a *Refuah Shelaima*, will be printed at the bottom of each Chosen Words that appears in our weekly newsletter for the entire year of 5772.



## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Liba

Bracha Elka *bas* Maryasha Rivka

Zev Meir *ben* Yael Sara

Rivka *bas* Sarah Raizel

Yosef Simcha *ben* Zaka Basya

Yehuda Pinchas *ben* Osna



## MAZEL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. Arie Corcos and family on the birth of a son.



## HASMODA

We will once again be conducting our semi-annual *Yom Tov* learning program over *Sukkos*. We welcome your support of the children's voluntary learning by becoming a sponsor as a *zechus* for a *Refuah Shelaima*, or in memory of a loved one. Sponsorships begin at \$50. This contribution helps defray the cost of the incentive prizes for the participants. Please speak with Rabbi Baumann to let him know that you are interested.



## NICHUM AVEILIM

To Dr. Jonathan Rubin and family on the loss of his brother. Shiva is being observed in the Rubin home in Miami Beach until Sunday morning. Minyan schedule as follows: Shacharis—7:30 AM, Mincha—7:10 PM.

## PTA PLEA

The Parents' Association is still looking for class mothers (or fathers). If you can help, please call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.



## F.Y.I.

We kindly request that when writing a check to Toras Emes, you use only black or blue ink.



## T.E.A.M. HEADBANDS FOR SALE!

Beautifully embroidered T.E.A.M. headbands are available in navy or white for \$6.50 each. Attached is an order form for your convenience.





## 1G SIGNS THE CONSTITUTION!

In commemoration of Constitution Signing Day, September 17, 1787, the girls of 1G adopted and signed their very own Class Constitution. The citizens of the class collaborated on the writing of the rules of the classroom community. Then each student citizen penned their name and agreed to abide by the “laws” of our newly adopted constitution.



SEPTEMBER 17, 1787



SEPTEMBER 19, 2011



**TORAS EMES**  
**ACADEMY OF MIAMI**  
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*Assistant Principal*

Mrs. Naomi Bloom  
*Early Childhood Director*

*Erev Shabbos Parashas Nitzavim-VaYelech 5771*

Dear Parents,

We all knew it would happen; it was just a matter of when. A student in our early childhood program was expressing her **frustrations to her teacher this week. Prominent among those frustrations was that her "Internet was **broken!!**"** (emphasis mine)

We all know that the Internet and all media pose a great challenge to our families and communities. First, it was adults who had to struggle with it, followed closely by teenagers and pre-teens. The realization that the Internet is part of our pre-school **children's lives should serve as a wake-up call** to all parents and educators, that we need to do all we can to protect our children, and what worked even a couple of years ago, won't work any longer.

In the earlier days of the Internet, there was a clear choice. The Internet was not a necessity, so *Toras Emes*-type families who valued *Kedusha* and preferred caution to error kept the Internet out of their homes. As time went on and more and **more people felt the Internet was a "necessity," decisions had to be made as to who, when and where would have access.** The advice offered was, if you felt you had to have Internet access in your home, the computer should be kept in the center of the house, and filters and monitors needed to be installed.

Even after older children needed Internet access in the home for school work, at least the pre-**adolescents were 'safe.'** By and large, the added challenge of cell phones, i-pads, and other hand-held digital devices were not a direct threat to younger children. That has changed. Innocent looking hand-held game devices have Internet access. (e.g – the "i" in DS)

The real challenge today, however, goes even beyond hand-helds and open access. Today, we have reached the point that **for the overwhelming majority of people, the Internet is deemed a necessity, it's an integral part of daily life, and it's a major component of their business, social and yes, spiritual lives. We have gone beyond the point of 'yes internet' or 'no internet',** we no longer have the luxury of saying – *it's treif, keep it away.* And so we now need a more sophisticated understanding of the potential pitfalls, because the challenges have become more nuanced, more subtle.

**Our child's reading difficulties can be addressed by utilizing a free download** – who would pass that up? We can bring *Nachas* to far-away grandparents by setting up a web-page with family news and views.

We can download fantastic *shiurim* from various websites to listen to while commuting to work. We can stay in touch with friends and give *chizuk* to an acquaintance who has fallen ill through creative websites whose essence is *chesed*.

However, the Internet is ultimately a conduit for what the world has to offer. It brings the best of mankind, and the worst of mankind, in a nanosecond. Adults succumb to temptations – all the more so impressionable children. There are no easy answers or pre-packaged solutions. The Internet is the challenge of our generation – no Rabbi can create a magic formula and no Yeshiva can come up with a one-size-fits-all policy that will make it easy for you. Each family has to be open to the challenges and opportunities and recognize the investment necessary to think through the issue, get advice from others and to monitor your own use.

As the *Yamim Noraim* approach, take a good hard look to where your Internet involvement has evolved . Facebook? Twitter? Blogosphere? Has your social networking involved *Loshon Hora* and *Rechilus*? *Onoas Devarim* and *Motzi Shem Ra*? **Have you, in a moment of distress, shared thoughts and feelings in anger and frustration to all your `friends`, causing harm to yourself and others?**

Has precious time that could have been spent with your children been frittered away at some interesting but non-essential site? What will your children take away from your behavior online?

No one in their right mind would grant their child unrestricted access to the Internet. On the other hand, hardly anyone is left who does not have Internet in their home. What will happen to our children? It cannot be left to chance. Think about how you use the Internet, set parameters for your children that are consistent with your values and never allow your kids to think you are unable or unwilling to monitor their digital whereabouts – no matter what device they use. You simply must be aware of what your children are aware of, and that now needs to start at the age of five.

Have a connected (to Hashem) *Shabbos*,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rabbi Kalman Baumann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal

# T.E.A.M. HEADBANDS

If you would like to order T.E.A.M. Headbands  
please complete the form below.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase the following T.E.A.M. Headbands

\_\_\_\_\_ each x White @ \$6.50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ each x Blue @ \$6.50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please include cash or check made out to Toras Ems.

Headbands will be sent home with the child indicated on the order form.

