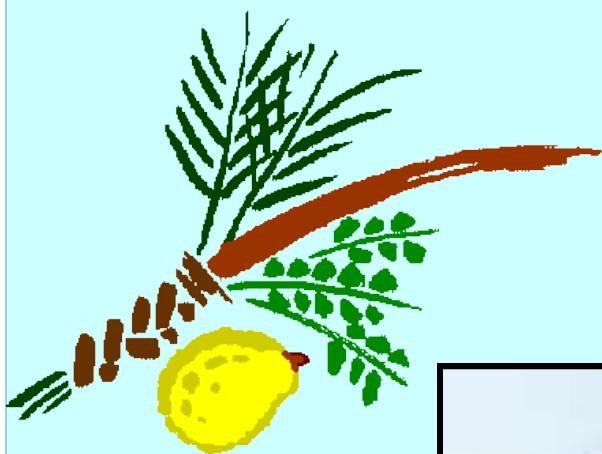


TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

חג הסוכות



תשע"ב 5772



OCTOBER 6, 2011

TEAM Spirit

SUKKOS BREAK

Wednesday, October 12 -
Sunday, October 23

We hope you have a wonderful and meaningful vacation!

Classes resume Monday, October 24

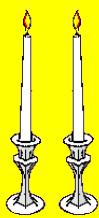
8:30AM-4:00PM

ערב סוכות

WEDNESDAY

CANDLE LIGHTING

6:38 pm



HASMODA PROJECT

Our semi-annual extra curriculum learning program begins tomorrow, Wednesday, October 12 and runs through Sunday, October 23. Please ask your children for the packet they received from their Torah Studies teacher today. Thank you very much to our generous sponsors:



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TV/VIDEO/DVD CONTROL PROGRAM

The end of Yom Kippur marked the completion of our Aseres Yemei Teshuva TV/Video/DVD Control Program. Once again, we would like to commend the students and parents for their hard work and *Mesiras Nefesh* in completing this project so successfully.

We look forward to our next exciting TV Control Program, which will take place, IY"H on Chanukah.



DATA BANK

Our first Data Bank quiz will take place on Wednesday, October 26, after we return from Sukkos break. Please use the time until then to study the information.



PIRCHEI HASMODA

Forms for the 75th Semi-Annual Hasmada Contest of Pirchei Agudas Yisroel of America were sent home today with all boys. These forms must be mailed directly to Pirchei Agudas Yisroel and received at their office no later than Monday, October 31 in order to be eligible for the contest. The specific information and mailing address are on the entry form.

SIMCHAS BAIS HASHOEIVA

The Yeshiva will be holding its annual Simchas Bais Hashoeiva on Sunday evening, October 16 at 8:30 PM at Yeshiva Toras Chaim, 1025 Northeast Miami Gardens Drive. Please join us for live music, refreshments and lots of Ruach and dancing.



KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

This week our school received a letter of thanks from the Jewish Community Services Kosher Food Bank for the generous response to their *Yom Tov* campaign. (See our showcase outside the main office) Please bear in mind that the need for basic food items and other daily necessities is ongoing. Those in need make an appointment to shop, and are not seen by any other shopper. The Food Bank depends on everyone's participation to help combat hunger in our community—one meal, one person at a time. For the month of October the specific requests are grape juice, mayonnaise, canned salmon and

sugar. Keep in mind that all the food must be either OU, Chaf-K, O-K, or Star-K certified, making it suitable for any family. Thank you for your continued help.
Yasher Koach!



OOPS!

Please note the following correction from last week's newsletter:

The correct date for the Pesach assemblies is Thursday, March 29 featuring 5G-1 and 2B.



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

Leah Golda bas Esther Frimet

Ephraim Yankel ben Gnesha

Yosef Shalom ben Chaya Musha
(Rav Eliyashiv, Shlita)

Asher ben Gittel



BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Just a few weeks left to get all those box tops in! We cannot afford to slow down now... the October 24 deadline is just around the corner! Any boxtops still lying around the house or sitting in your 'junk drawer' should be sent in to school when we return from vacation.

Please remember to continue to collect box tops after the deadline. The collection will continue

throughout the year so do not throw away any box tops! You'll be surprised at how many you will find while you are enjoying the Sukkos vacation! Yasher Koach and thank you for the continued incredible success of this project!



PARSHA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

First class takes place, IY"H, Thursday October 27, 8:45-9:30 AM in the main office. All are welcome. See attached flyer.



MAZEL TOV!

To Mr. and Mrs. Binyomin Lehrer and family on the birth of a son.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Sharfman and family on the birth of a grandson, born to their daughter, our alumna, Bracha and Yaakov Skolnick.





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Erev Sukkos 5772

Dear Parents,

Thankfully, the security situation at school has greatly improved and the fear and uncertainty hanging over our heads has dissipated thanks to the efforts of the local FBI in ascertaining that there was no threat in the first place. There is, however, a threat of a totally different kind that hangs over us, and ironically it was one of our extra security guards, a non-Jewish gentleman, at our school for merely three days, who pointed it out to me.

At the conclusion of the afternoon dismissal carpool one day last week, he turned to me and said casually –“ I’ve never seen so many parents talking on their cell phones when picking up their kids from school...!” Unfortunately, in too many cases, it’s true. Our children wait a whole day until they see us again, and we might be there physically, but our attention is elsewhere. I sent home a letter two years ago about this situation – I’m reprinting excerpts below:

“One of the most poignant and important occasions in the day of an elementary or pre-school child is that magical moment when they greet a parent at the end of a long school day.

There are many variations and styles of this encounter based on the nature of the relationships different parents have with their children. One constant, however, should be that the mother or father acknowledge their child in some positive manner, even if understated. Those of us at school derive special pleasure when we see children climbing into their parent’s car, and receive a kiss, a smile or an enthusiastic “how was your day?”

Sadly, those encounters are becoming few and far between. More often than not, the drivers on our carpool line are busy on their cell phones and pay scant attention to their children as they approach and enter the car. While they are making productive use of the wait time, they end up squandering the golden opportunity of starting off the second half of their child’s day on a great footing.

I hope this little insight will help refocus and direct your attention to your child(ren) at these most opportune moments. Let’s keep technology as a tool for enhancing our quality of life, and not as a replacement for the things that matter most.”

Over *Sukkos* we have the opportunity to make up for lost time – by making our children the central focus of our *Yom Tov* celebration. We need to not only teach and inspire our children about *Sukkos* and all its wonderful *Mitzvos* and *Hashkafa* lessons, we also need to make our minds and hearts open to their thoughts, ideas, questions and feelings, and closed to the bombardment of the digital universe.

May your *Yom Tov* find you strongly connected to *Hashem* and your family. That’s what *Simchas HaChag* is all about.

Moadim L’Simcha,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM / TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

BEGINNING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Parents are cordially invited to a class on
Parashas HaShavua
given weekly by Rabbi Kalman Baumann

THURSDAYS 8:45-9:30 AM
Toras Emes Main Office

Come for words of inspiration and guidance
based on the weekly Torah portion
with a focus on issues of
personal growth, relationships and family.

For further information call 305.947.6000 or e-mail team613@ytcteam.net