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TEAM Spirit

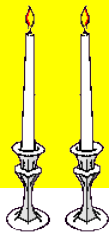
STAR STUDENTS

פרשת נח

ראש חודש

CANDLE LIGHTING

6:23 pm



Tamar Brody—S.S.
Naomi Bursztyn—S.S.
Shoshana Cohen – T.S.
Meira Entin – T.S.
Rivka Goldenberg – T.S.
Shira Goldenberg – T.S.
Naomi Kalchman – T.S. & S.S.
Daniella Katz – T.S.
Adina Kon – S.S.
Avital Nightingale—S.S.
Adi Prync – S.S.
Chana Shaffier – T.S.
Sivan Zaig – S.S.

Avraham Brass – T.S.
Avraham Dennis – T.S.
Shmueli Feigenbaum – S.S.
Simcha Gassner – S.S.
Avrumi Gruenstein – S.S.
Meir Liberman – T.S.
Zevi Roth – S.S.
Shaya Steinberg – S.S.
Yosef Steinberg – T.S.
Yisrael Winter – T.S. & S.S.
Isaac Zafrani – T.S.

TEAM PLAYERS

YTC/TEAM ANNUAL DINNER

With great pleasure, we announce that the Yeshiva's 27th Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday evening 13 Teves, 5772 / January 8, 2011. Please see the attached announcement, and stay tuned for further information regarding additional honorees as well as the Journal Campaign.

Rebecca Balgley
Leah Baroukh
Racheli Bernstein
Miriam Bisker
Chana Dreyfuss
Pesha Dreyfuss
Yokheved Krispin
Ella Miriam Liberman
Esther Pam
Hadassah Privalsky
Yasmin Reboh
Esty Stern
Fraidy Thav
Esti Weinberger

Boaz Abramson
Yoseph Baroukh
Eliezer Gold
Asher Goldenberg
Yackov Greenberg
Shua Jeger
Avraham Kanter
Zohar Reboh
Reuven Shaffren
Tzvi Stern

HASMODA PROJECT

We are proud of our many students who participated in the Sukkos Hasmoda Project. Many of the classes had a high percentage of participants and those classes can look forward to a special activity at the discretion of the teacher. Additionally, each participant will be given a small token gift, in appreciation for their accomplishment. Yasher Kochachem!



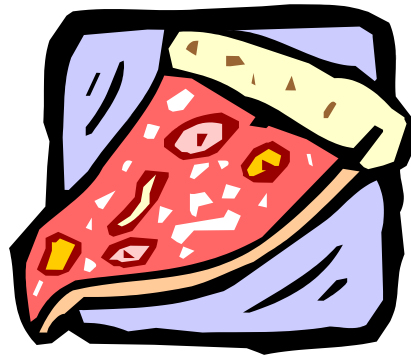
PARSHA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Rabbi Baumann's weekly Parashas HaShavua class takes place every Thursday, 8:45-9:30 AM in the main office. All are welcome to attend.



PIZZA

Order forms were sent home today for the second cycle of our pizza project. Please return the order forms with payment by Thursday if you would like to order pizza, and in addition, send money to school with your child(ren) if you would like them to purchase seltzer/water/chips. *Bon Appetit!*



HASHAVAS AVEIDA

A pair of women's prescription eyeglasses were found at Yeshiva Toras Chaim during the week of October 1. Please call 305.944.5344 if they belong to you.



THINK ABOUT INK!

Please think of Toras Emes before discarding your used ink cartridges. We are able to redeem the cartridges for credit toward much needed office supplies and would appreciate your participation in this endeavor. Your used cartridges can **be turned in to either the boys' or girls' office.** Thank you!



MAZEL TOV

To Dr. and Mrs. Allan Jacob and family on the birth of a grandson, born to their son, our alumnus, Danny and Dassi Jacob.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Bisker and family on the birth of a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Amos Prynck and family on the birth of a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schloss and family on the marriage of their son, our alumnus, Shlomo and Miriam Heisler.

KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

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 November the specific requests are oil, toys (brand new, not wrapped for ages infant to 18), chocolate coins,

Chanukah candles, and dreidels. 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!*



REFUAH SHELAIMA

Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Liba

Asher *ben* Gittel

Bracha Elka *bas* Maryasha Rivka

Chaim Zev *ben* Faiga Toiba

Zev Meir *ben* Yael Sara

Hadassah Leah *bas* Shoshana

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, Shlitta)



SUMMER REVIEW LUNCHEON

We are proud of our students who worked diligently over the summer and completed the review work from their Torah Studies teacher, and received a high grade on the Dikduk Review test. Their special lunch celebration took place on Thursday. *Yasher Koach* to the following students!



2B

Daniel Chattah
Asher Goldenberg
Netanel Hendel
Gershon Maya
Natan Mizrahi
Menachem Oumanski
Yehuda Pomper
Kalman Rosenberg
Aryeh Sova

3B

Adam Dennis
Ephraim Dudovitz
Shua Jeger
Tzvi Lehrer
David Oumanski
Binyamin Rubinov

4B-1

Ariel Hahn
Avraham Homnick
Dovid Kaplan
Akiva Yeshurun

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Yosef Chaim Alber
Ezra Kirschenbaum

5B

Gavriel Aminov
Ezra Bistriz
Yosef Cohen
Dani Franklin
David Grinman
Elias Mizrahi
Zevi Roth

2G

Racheli Bernstein
Devorah Cohen
Leah Corcos
Adiel Elkayam
Chavie Fried
Chaya Ora Goldenberg
Rivka Goldenberg
Rivka Jablon
Rebecca Katz
Shoshana Lesnik
Batsheva Roth
Rivka Sapirman
Aliza Turner
Tamara Yeshurun

3G-1

Shira Adar
Ellee Benchetrit
Gabriella Chattah
Odaya Cohen
Shira Goldenberg
Hadassah Privalsky
Esti Schwartz
Esti Weinberger
Aliza Zeines

3G-2

Miriam Bisker
Sarah Buzaglo
Chana Dreyfuss
Elisheva El-Gad
Tamar Feldman
Hadassa Grossman
Daniella Katz
Batel Levi

4G

Tehila Alfassy
Yael Aminov
Naomi Bursztyn
Sarah Cohen
Abby Dennis
Meira Entin
Shaindel Goldenberg
Chaya Mushka Greenberg
Yael Lesnik
Lea Riesel
Fraidy Thav
Ma'Ayan Tzur

5G-1

Hadara Balgley
Arielle Chemtov
Miriam Dreyfuss
Ariella Fellus
Tehila Palgon
Alysa Suissa

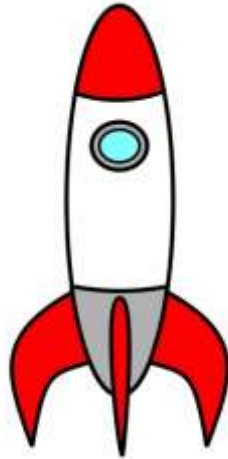
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Raizy Dudovitz	Rivky Stern
Shira Feldman	Nechama Wolwick
Tziporah Leah Greenberg	Sivan Zaig
Batia Segal	

3B IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BLAST OFF!

After reading about Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman to travel in space, the third grade boys practiced their own engineering skills by building rockets and launchers. In place of rocket fuel they used the principles of air pressure to send their rockets soaring.



WEEKLY READERS

The third grade boys are having a chance to practice their reading skills with an audience. The audience, Morah Judy's Pre-K class, is quite enthusiastic. The 3B boys have a chance to shine and be appreciated and the Pre-K kids have a chance to look up to the older boys and see what they soon will be able to do.



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.



WANTED

We are looking for mothers (or fathers) who can serve as a vital link in the chain of communication between school and home, teachers and parents. If you are available to act as a liason for your **child(ren)'s class**, please call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.

SAVE THE DATE

YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM / TORAS EMES

27th Annual Dinner

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SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 8, 2012



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Erev Shabbos Parashas Noach 5772

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

Dr. Deborah Lerer
Secular Studies Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Naomi Bloom
Early Childhood Director

Dear Parents,

This week's *Parsha* begins with the introduction: "*These are the generations of Noach*" and then proceeds to state *Noach's* righteousness, without mentioning any offspring. The well known *Rashi* on the *pasuk* states that the primary 'generations' of a person, his principle legacy, is his good deeds. *Rav Moshe Feinstein, zt'l*, suggests that the Torah is teaching us to relate to our deeds like we do to our children. Just as a parent accepts, loves and appreciates all his children for who they are, and doesn't dwell on what could be, so too a person should appreciate his own accomplishments in *mitzvos* and good deeds and not denigrate them because they weren't greater. And equally important, just as a parent tries his utmost to bring out the best in the child, so too must a person strive to perform *mitzvos* with as much beauty and enhancement as is possible.

Rav Leib Scheinbaum in *Peninim on the Torah* (eighth series) elaborates that just as a father scrutinizes his child's actions to see how he can help them improve and grow, so too must a person examine his own actions to look for improvement and refinement. He brings this point home with a pithy comment from the *Yehudi HaKadosh mi'Peshischa*: "People are used to saying they work hard only for their children. They slave and toil, so that their children will grow up to be devout Jews. When these children grow into adulthood, rather than strive for self-perfection, they focus once again on their children. They also claim to do everything for their children. *Ribbono Shel Olam*, I'd like to see that one child for whom all the generations are toiling!"

This is a very important message. While parents nobly sacrifice much for their children's sake, we need to keep focused. A parent's self-growth, advancement in spirituality, development as a *Ba'al Chesed* etc. must not be ignored. In our modern parlance, we use the word *Hashpa'ah* to mean influence, as in influencing someone to become more observant. It has been noted that *Hashpa'ah* is from the word *Shefa*, which means abundance. The most effective means of *Hashpa'ah* is through abundance. If one needs, for example to fill up cups – there are two methods: Fill a pitcher and pour into the cups. That leaves the pitcher empty. The preferred method is to keep filling the pitcher and the overflow will fill up the cups. The same applies to interpersonal interactions. If one continually refills himself, all will benefit from the abundance, because the source, the parent, remains a continuous source of spiritual nourishment. The greatest gift a parent can give to his child is to be a growing person – a more sensitive, refined, committed, learned, passionate Torah Jew, a wonderful role model. Then their *Hashpa'ah* on their children will be that much greater.

We all know that on the airplane, one "puts on his own mask before assisting others." This holds true especially in raising a generation of committed Jews in our times. One must first reach for the strong flow of Torah oxygen to flow into his essence, before he can be a meaningful support to others, especially his own children.

Have a *Shabbos* of growth and *Nachas*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
 Principal

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Personal Growth

Laying a Cornerstone

At the age of 28, Rena Stein was the cornerstone of her small community. As a lawyer, she provided free legal counsel to several local tzedakahs. As PTA president, she raised enough money to equip a computer lab for her children's school. People marveled at her non-stop productivity and joy in taking on every challenge.

But they didn't have to marvel. They only had to know that at 4, Rena was at her father's side each week setting up tables for their shul's Kiddush. Her job was to hold the napkins. She had other important jobs, as well. When she learned how to count to ten, her mother let her count out enough envelopes for a fundraising mailing—by tens.

Eventually she got to stuff envelopes, and at last, to gleefully run them through the postage meter.

By making Rena feel connected to their community and comfortable with her role, Rena's parents were heeding a lesson learned through Yosef. After years of living as a stranger in a strange land, Yosef was joined in Egypt by his brothers. Pharaoh, we are told, was pleased by this turn of events. The commentator Sforno says that Pharaoh knew that, with Yosef's family in Egypt, he would identify more strongly with the community and feel more comfortable within it. As a result, he would work even harder to administer to its needs.

Children are notoriously eager to "help" at an age when they've got few skills to offer.

But if we involve them

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration



Ideas



Excellence



Success

in our projects, we encourage them to identify with their community and its needs. If we take time to find small jobs they can do, we make them comfortable with the role of giver and doer. If we give them stock in their community when they're young, it will—with much greater certainty than any stock on the market today—appreciate every year of their lives.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What benefits are there for the people who take on work for their communities?

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Better Relationships

Do Tell

There were two places you were likely to find Mrs. Abraham—in the kitchen cooking up something wonderful or in the den with a child and a storybook on her lap. Few women so relished their role as wife and mother—a fact Mr. Abraham well understood and appreciated.

One evening, cousins from out of town arrived unexpectedly at the door. Mr. Abraham quickly invited them in, but Mrs. Abraham, who was telling the children a bedtime story, didn't appear.

"Where's your wife?" asked the guest.

"Putting the children to bed," Mr. Abraham reported. And another small dose of admiration for his wife welled up within him. There she was, caught again in the act of being a loving mother.

Rashi explains that when the angels asked Avraham the whereabouts of Sarah, it was only so that he would gain an even greater appreciation of her modesty. But the fact that they caused Avraham to speak the words that praised Sarah teaches us something more: We increase our appreciation of others not just by perceiving

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Effective Prayer

Power Switch

Manhattan is in the dark. Its whirring machinery, blazing lights, computers, businesses, medical centers, media, stock market—everything—sits still and dark in the black-out. Untold potential—millions of dollars in commerce and thousands of other enterprises—waits in suspended animation because nothing, but nothing can happen until the power turns on.

Manhattan runs on electricity. Hashem's creation runs on tefillah. The limitless gifts Hashem wants to bestow on His creation sit silent and waiting, right within reach. But they can only be drawn into our lives when we turn on the power of sincere, focused prayer.

Rashi teaches that when Hashem created vegetation, it stopped short of pushing through the earth. Only when man was created, when there was someone to recognize the need for rain and pray for it, did the vegetation sprout. Hashem gave Klal Yisrael the power to move creation, and that power is tefillah.

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"Tefillah is the power that draws Hashem's bounty into our lives."

The Point of No Return

Your cholesterol is high. You've got 20 pounds to lose. If you'd like to see old age, these midnight snacks of chocolate cake have got to end. And yet....

You've never been known for your patience. Lately you've noticed that your own children shy away from you, and you're determined to calm down. And yet....

Hashem knows how difficult we find it to break the grip of habits that drag us down—even when we know they're harming us. The Jews who left Egypt certainly knew how detrimental slavery had been for them. Yet, they maintained their slave mentality even after they departed. For this reason, Hashem took them on a round-about route, rather than leading them on the direct route through the land of the

Philistines. He knew that, in such close proximity to their old "home" in Egypt, they were likely to turn back when the going got tough. So, to reinforce the resolve they exhibited when they made their exodus, He kept them far from temptation.

That strategy applies to every test of will. Rav Dessler applied it to his own effort to quit smoking, which he undertook the day he heard the first reports of its negative impact on health. "Have you heard? I've quit smoking," he told every student and colleague he saw that day. The more people who knew, the more times he announced his intention, the more distance he put between himself and his habit. In shedding any bad habit, one must aim to put himself in a place where there's no turning back.

"Hashem knows how difficult we find it to break the grip of bad habits."

Sign of Greatness

The Chortkover Rebbe sat on a park bench with a student, engaged in a discussion of Torah. A gentile woman out for a stroll decided to seat herself on the same bench. The student jumped to his feet, eager to avoid any contact between himself and the woman. But the Rebbe motioned for him to resume his seat.

After a few moments, the Rebbe checked his pocket watch. "Look how late it is," he said aloud. "We'd better be going." The two men rose and departed, avoiding both contact with the woman, and an insult to her dignity.

Once, when the saintly Manchester Rosh Yeshivah, Rav Yehudah Zev Segal zt'l visited the Chortkover Rebbe's grave, Rav Segal's students asked why he felt drawn there. The Rosh Yeshivah explained: The park bench incident, a vivid illustration of the Rebbe's sensitivity, was testimony enough of his greatness.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can a person increase his/her sensitivity towards others?

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Shabbos Table Discussion:

What are some ways of making it harder to return to a bad habit?

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Power Switch

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Shabbos Table Discussion:

How is tefillah affected when one thinks of it as a concrete means of taking care of one's needs?

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Do Tell

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their qualities, but by verbalizing them. Spoken words are what turn an amorphous feeling into something real.

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