

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parshas Yisro

February 10, 2012
Candle Lighting 5:51 P.M.

TU B'SHEVAT PLANTING

The kindergarten children experienced the joy of starting a garden on Tu B'Shevat. With the assistance of Dr. Damon Salzman and Mrs. Shelly Laks, the kindergarten children planted sunflowers, radish and parsley seeds.

Dr. Damon Salzman also assisted the Pre-KI class with planting corn seeds in the outdoor vegetable garden.

PRE-K TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE

Thank you to the parents who joined us on this trip:

Mrs. Liat Attia, Mrs. Penina Bernstein, Mrs. Jennifer Kasztl, Mrs. Astrid Ruda, Mrs. Amy Salzman, Mrs. Romina Shmueli, Mrs. Tamara Siegel and Mrs. Ruchi Turner.

Please see Morah Judy's Pre-K article for details about this fabulous trip.

MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Shlomo and Yael Simkins on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Alex and Miriam Wieder on the birth of a grandson to their children Chaim and Gitty Wieder.

TU B'SHEVAT PLATTERS

Thank you to the Parents's Association for providing the ECE with delicious fruit trays in honor of Tu B'Shevat. A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Bryna Roth, Mrs. Penina Bernstein and Miss Ruthie Moss and their terrific team of helpers for the fabulous job that they did in purchasing and filling the trays.



THANK YOU:

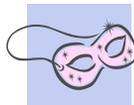
Mr. Mendy and Rachel Breier for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Zachy's sixth birthday.

Rabbi Eliezer and Dina Rubin for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Gitty's sixth birthday.

Calling All Women

Pre-Purim Spectacular Event
Wednesday, February 15

Please see the attached flyer and check your mailboxes for invitations



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Yeshiva Toras Chaim/
Toras Emes
8th Annual Chinese Auction
Sunday, May 6, 2012



FAMILY FUN DAY

Can't wait to see you here!
Next Sunday, February 19 at Toras Emes
12:30-4:30 pm

Thanks to the generous parents who are sponsoring our Fun Day, there will be no charge to our families except for the minimal costs of purchasing food.

PARSHA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

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

NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

With a nash, nash, hamentasch
Mask and raashan
Purim Day has just begun.

The yeladim in the Nursery have started to prepare for the joyous holiday of Purim. They learned about the party given by Melech Achashverosh and how Vashti Hamalkah refused to come to his party because she was covered with pimples. Several stories about Purim were read to the children. Our favorites were A Purim Story by Linda Davis and Tova and Esty's Purim Surprise by Judith Belsky. We started working on our megillos and learned the songs "When You Hear The Name Of Haman" and "Chag Purim." Our new Hebrew vocabulary words for the week were megillah, melech, malkah, keter and raashan.

We continued learning about plants and seeds. We talked about the importance of trees and learned several songs about them. We listened to the stories The Secret of the Leaves by Esther Van Handel and I Am A Tree by Josh Sanchez. We discussed how we should take care of trees and how we can enjoy them. We also talked about what trees produce.

For Parashas Yisro, we learned how B'nei Yisroel prepared for Matan Torah, and how Hashem chose the humblest of all the mountains as the mountain upon which to give the Torah. We talked about how a Sefer Torah is written and listened to two stories, The Scribe Who Lived In A Tree by Michael Muchnik and The Place Where I Belong by Abie Rotenberg. For our Parsha project, we made a picture of Har Sinai and all the beautiful flowers which surrounded it at the time of Matan Torah.



NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

A new unit on plants and seeds was started this week in the Afternoon Nursery. We listened to many stories such as How A Seed Grows by Helene J Jordan, A Tree Is Nice by Janice May Udry, Why Do Leaves Change Color by Betsy Maestro and The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle.

As our art project for this unit, we transformed our handprints into fruit trees and colorful flowers. We also used our leaf collection to create "leaf people."

A new fingerplay was taught this week:

Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a pea pod pressed
One grew, two grew
And so did the rest
They grew, and they grew
And they never stopped
They grew so fat
The pea pod popped!



PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

Parashas Yisro taught us about so many mitzvos! We learned how excited Bnei Yisroel were to accept the Torah. We discussed how they prepared themselves for many days for this special gift from Hashem. We also spoke about how we should have Derech Eretz for our parents.

Our new Hebrew letter this week is ג . Some of the vocabulary words that we learned were:

נעלים
נייר
נחש
נר
נרות
נס

We continued our Tu B'Shevat unit by planting seeds in decorative cups, learning about the Shivas Haminim and singing songs about trees and Eretz Yisroel.

We are still practicing our Shabbos vocabulary unit by reviewing the phrases:

נרות על שלחן
חלה על השלחן
דגים על השלחן
עוגה על שלחן
יין על השלחן

אבא אוכל חלה
אמא אוכלת חלה
אבא שותה יין
אמא שותה יין

אמא מדליקה נרות
אבא עושה קדוש

For our Purim craft projects, we would like each child to bring in a shoe box and a water bottle with a sports cap. Thank you!



PRE-KI & II-MORAH JUDY

This week, the Pre-K children enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum. They were excited to experience the wonderful world of science and discovery with all their Pre-K classmates. Favorites activities were creating huge bubbles, picking oranges at the pretend orange grove, watching the underwater sea **otters and going into a "real" airplane. Thank you** to all the parents that joined our trip.

The children were introduced to the letter "Gg." **We discovered that the words grandmother, grandfather, goldfish, goat, gorilla, grass and gate begin with the letter "Gg".**

The Pre-K children were fascinated to discover that their plants are growing so tall. They planted corn kernels and were surprised to see how quickly they grew. They have been careful with the plants and have been talking good care of them, by watering them and giving them plenty of sunlight.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

Tu B'Shevat Higiya! We enjoyed celebrating Tu B'Shevat in our classroom on Wednesday and eating foods from the Shivat Haminim.

Tu B'Shevat is called Chag Hailanot. We learned that Tu B'Shevat is the day that Hashem judges the trees. We also asked the children how trees are involved in each of our chagim. We realized that trees contribute to every one of our Yomim Tovim:

Rosh Hashana-The trees provide apples and rimonim.

Yom Kippur- Our machzorim are made from paper which comes from trees.

Chanukah- We use oil from olives which grow on trees to light the menorah.

Purim- Haman was hung on a tree.

Pesach-We get our wine from grapes which grow on the vine.

Lag Ba'Omer- We use the branches to make a fire.

Shavuos-The first fruit of the tree was brought to the Bais Hamikdash on Shavuos

In Parashas Yisro, the yeladim were fascinated to learn many beautiful midrashim connected with Matan Torah. We heard how Moshe Rabbeinu's father-in-law, Yisro, joined the Jewish nation and the wonderful advice that he gave to help Moshe lead the people more effectively.

This week, we continued reviewing the letters kaf and chaf and discussed the concept of the sofit letters and how even though they look different than the regular letters, they have the same sounds.

This week, the yeladim in Kindergarten discussed the importance of saying "Amen." They learned that they must always try to say our brachos out loud so that people have the chance to say "Amen." We listened to a beautiful book of stories called Let's Say Amen by Tamar Ansh.

As a culminating activity for our brachos unit, we had an amazing brachos snack party. We enjoyed eating food items from each bracha. The children divided up into five groups corresponding to the brachos that they have learned. Each group made the appropriate brachos for the food out loud and everyone else said "Amen."

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah to wait for parents to eat first.

We also reviewed all the Shabbos vocabulary words and phrases that we learned last week.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

"Bb" was our letter this week. In conjunction with the letter "Bb", we studied all about the stages in the life cycle of a butterfly and reread the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. To reinforce the letter "Bb", we made blue binoculars, balanced books on our heads and tossed balls. Outside, in the playground, we practiced walking on the balance beam. We also read more books about Babar The Elephant.

The Kindergarten children are now keeping their own journals. The children are encouraged to write about anything they want. The teachers do not help with spelling. The idea is to encourage the children to write and think. As long as the children can read what they write, they feel successful and good about themselves.

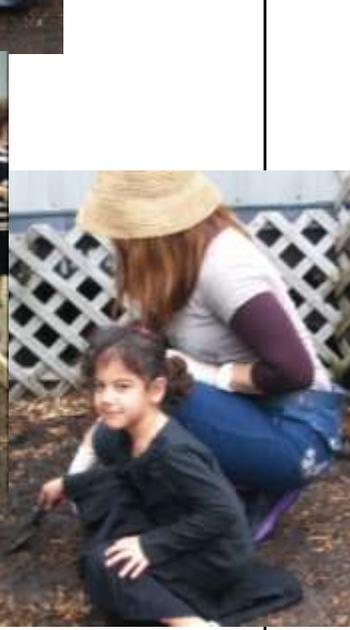
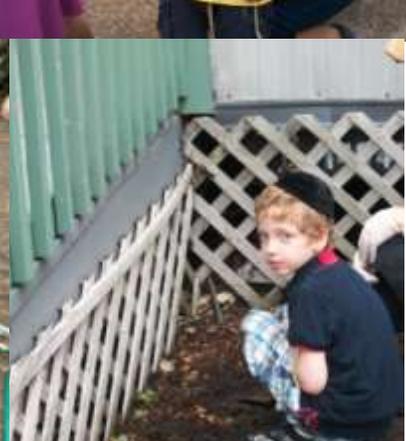
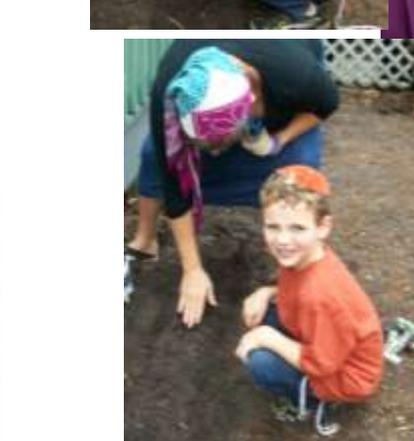
Because we are in the month of Shevat, plants and seeds formed the focus of our week's activities. We learned about some differences between plants and animals and some of the many benefits that we derive from plants. We discussed what a plant needs in order to grow and learned that roots carry water and nutrients to the stem and leaves. We learned about the different parts of a plant and how important each part is to the life and growth of the plant.

The highlight of our week was the planting of our very own Toras Emes garden. In the coming weeks, our children will watch the plants grow and learn a little about gardening. It is very exciting for the children to see something they planted emerge from the ground as a plant.



Kindergarten Planting







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All women of the community
are invited to a special

Pre-Purim Spectacular Event

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Toras Emes Auditorium

1051 North Miami Beach Boulevard

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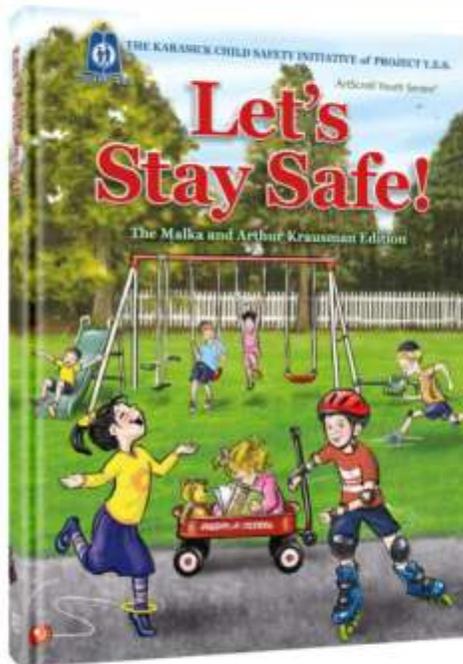
This may well be the most important picture book you will ever share with your children.

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 16th Hebrew School Term
 Dr. Abe Chames High School
 Rohr Middle School
 Klara Elementary School

Schedule and Featured Speakers

16th Annual Learnathon

All fathers and friends are invited to participate in this exciting *Tom Iyun*.

27 SHEVAT, 5772 / MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

12:00 - 7:30 PM

ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL / 1051 N. MIAMI BEACH BOULEVARD
 DR. ABE CHAMES HIGH SCHOOL / 1025 NE MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE
 NORTH MIAMI BEACH *(President's Day)*

At Our Middle School Campus (as of February 8, 2012)

12:00 - 12:30 P.M.

Rabbi Hershel Becker
YOU DON'T SAY.....

1:15 - 1:50 P.M.

Rabbi Gedalya Glatt
KEDUSHAS HA'EMES:
THE SANCTITY OF TRUTHFULNESS

1:50 - 2:10 P.M.

Mincha followed by Refreshments

2:10 - 2:50 P.M.

Rabbi Moshe Berger, Rabbi Noam Grossman, Rabbi Naftali Kalter, Rabbi Yitzchok Selmar & Rabbi Yosef Weinstock

2:50—4:00 P.M.

Rabbi Elias Obadia
HIDDEN CODES IN THE TORAH

At Our High School Campus (as of February 8, 2012)

1:45 - 2:00 P.M.

Mincha

2:00 - 2:30 P.M.

Break

2:30 - 3:15 P.M.

Rabbi Yaakov Fzvi Blejer, Rabbi David Lehrfield, Rabbi Moshe Matz, Rabbi David Sharfman & Rabbi Pinchas Weberman

3:15 - 4:00 P.M.

Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro
ACHIEVING GREATNESS ONE STEP AT A TIME

4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Rabbi Yosef Galimidi, Rabbi Yaacov Gross, Mr. Chaim Hirsch

4:45 - 5:15 P.M.

Rabbi Gedalya Glatt
KEDUSHAS HA'EMES: THE SANCTITY OF TRUTHFULNESS

5:15 - 5:30 P.M.

Mincha for Guests / Refreshments

5:30 - 6:00 P.M.

Chavrusos - Bais Medrash

6:00 - 6:45 P.M.

Dr. Hillel Abramson, Rabbi Chaim Albert, Rabbi Kalman Baumann, Dr. Norman Bloom & Rabbi Meir Shaffren

6:45 - 7:30 P.M.

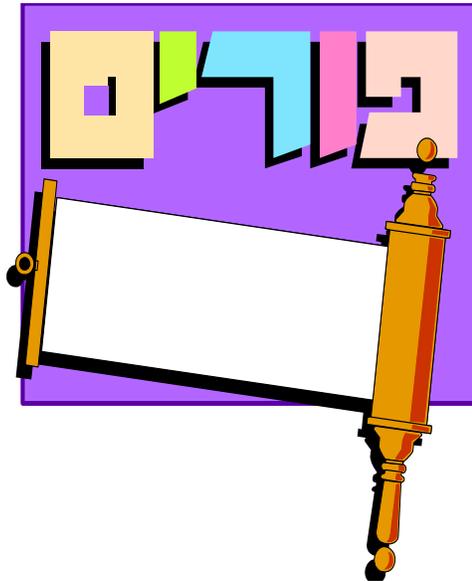
Keynote Address:
Rabbi Binyomin Luban, Rosh HaYeshiva

7:30 P.M.

Ma'ariv followed by Dismissal

*For further information, or to be a sponsor of this meaningful event,
please call Rabbi Mordechai Palgon at 305-944-5344.*

TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI



Believe it or not, Purim is around the corner!

1. Once again, we will be offering you an opportunity to show your Hakoras Hatov to the staff, faculty and board members of Yeshiva Toras Chaim/Toras Emes.

Please check your mail. Mishloach Manos order forms should have arrived.

2. **Beautiful Purim cards are available for purchase in the Girls' Office.** The cards are \$2 each or \$18 for 10 cards. Please make check payable to Toras Emes.