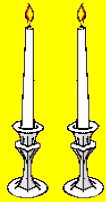


TEAM Spirit

פרשת תרומה

CANDLE LIGHTING

6:00 pm



REMINDER:

PARENT-TEACHER

CONFERENCES

NO SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY.

REGULAR CLASSES ON MONDAY.

STAR STUDENTS

Nossi Bergida – T.S.
 Yehuda Bloom – S.S.
 Danny Breier – T.S. & S.S.
 Yitzi Eisenberger – T.S.
 David Leubitz – T.S.
 Yosef Nemani – T.S.
 Netanel Oumanski – S.S.
 Yakov Schwab – T.S.
 Yosef Steinberg – T.S.

Esther Bracha Blejer – T.S.
 Racheli Breier – S.S.
 Shaindel Farmer – S.S.
 Ariella Fellus – S.S.
 Sarah Miriam Fuchs – T.S.
 Hadassa Grossman – T.S.
 Malky Koot – T.S.
 Esty Newman – S.S.
 Naomi Rubinov – S.S.
 Esti Schwartz – S.S.
 Batia Segal – S.S.
 Avigail Shapiro – T.S.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



Progress reports should be arriving today or tomorrow. Parent-teacher conferences are taking place, **IY" H, this Sunday**, from 9:00-1:00 and Monday from 6:00 until 9:00 PM. Note: There are no classes on Sunday but regular 8:30-4 classes on Monday.

APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE. Please call Mrs. Tamir in the **boys' office at 305-948-3338** to schedule your appointments or follow the instructions for scheduling your appointment online at <https://customer.infograsp.com/apps/login.jsp> Please note: Appointments for Sunday are no longer available. Appointments for Monday may be made until 11:00 AM on Monday.

TITLE 1 & RESOURCE ROOM CONFERENCES

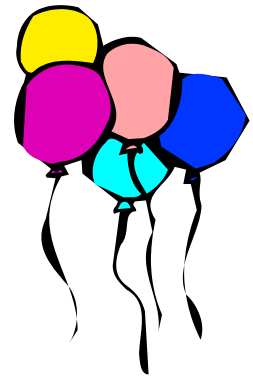
Mrs. Glatt will be available to meet with parents of students in the Title I Program from 6:00-9:00 PM on Monday, February 27. Mrs.

Berman will be available to meet parents of students in the A.C.E. program on Sunday from 9:00-1:00 and Monday from 6:00-9:00. Please **call Mrs. Tamir in the boys' office at 305.948.3338** to schedule your Title 1 and Resource Room appointments.



FAMILY FUN DAY

We were so happy to see the vast majority of our Toras Emes families represented at Toras Emes this past Sunday, and we derived much *nachas* **watching everyone enjoy a totally 'Family Fun Day'!**



The delicious food was devoured down to the very last morsel and the rides and activities were enjoyed by all.

An event of such great caliber does not happen by itself. A tremendous amount of **effort and energy went into the day's** preparations and programming.

Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation is first and foremost extended to Mrs. Karen Berger and Mrs. Helene Gassner, the organizers of Family Fun Day, who devoted many weeks of hard work and *Mesiras Nefesh* **to insure that this year's Fun Day** would be great! It could not have taken place without their efforts. Under the best of circumstances, the preparation, management and administration of this day is quite an undertaking, unless of course, the host school (in this case Toras Emes), is blessed with the number and quality of volunteers, who assisted in the project.

We would like to thank all of our energetic and diligent on-site volunteers. who handled food sales and set up with great enthusiasm and efficiency. Last, but certainly not least, everyone who came forward to volunteer throughout the day helped us immeasurably, and we are truly grateful to the volunteers, family members and friends who worked continuously throughout the day.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Rachel bas Basya

Natalie bas Vicky

Yehuda Pinchas ben Osna

Yaacov Chai ben Margalit (HaRav Yosef)

Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana bas Esther Liba

R' Yosef Shalom ben Chaya Musha

(Rav Elyashav, Shlita)

Ariella Sarah bas Elisheva Malka

Leah Golda bas Esther Frimmet

Devorah Chana bas Tova Gittel

R' Chaim Yisroel ben Chana Tziril (Rav Belsky)

Yitzchok Tuvia ben Rickel

Aharon Yehudah Leib ben Gittel Faiga

Yitzchak Isaac ben Treina Rivka

Meir Baruch ben Esther Fayga



MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi and Mrs. Kalman Baumann and family on the birth of a grandson, born to their daughter, our alumna, Sora Malka and Rabbi Chaim Wagner.



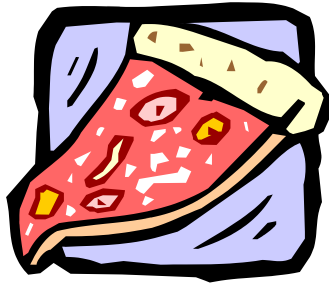
MISHNAYOS PROGRAM

Now that the learning part of the program is officially over, our hard working Masmidim can look forward to enjoying **the fruits of their labor.** We're waiting with great anticipation for the Gala Siyum Mishnayos, to take place in a few weeks.



PIZZA

Order forms were sent home today for the new pizza cycle, which begins next Friday, March 2.



If you would like your child(ren) to receive pizza, please fill out the order form and send it in with payment on Monday. Remember: If you would like your child to purchase canteen items with their pizza (chips and seltzer @ .50 each), please send a dollar with each child on Fridays.

OD YOSEF CHAI

Our annual Matanos L'Evyonim campaign for the needy of Eretz Yisroel, Od Yosef Chai, is off to a rousing start! Our mini assemblies on Wednesday were the perfect format to introduce the project to the students. Please participate in the Mitzvah of this most worthy Tzedakah by sending in your cash or check, payable to Od Yosef Chai, as soon as possible. Deadline is Taanis Esther, March 7. **Let's set our goal high and try to top last year's collection of well over \$3,000! Tizku L'Mitzvos.**

PURIM CARDS & MISHLOACH MANOS

With Purim just around the corner our beautiful Purim cards are available from the Parents Association, through the school office. Suggested donation is \$2.00 per card (including envelope) or 10 cards for \$18.00. If **you can't come in to the office, order forms are attached for your convenience.**

This year we are, once again, offering the opportunity to show your Hakoras Hatov to the staff, faculty and board members by participating in our Mishloach Manos project. If you would like to submit your order online please go to ytcteam.org/purim.

SPEAKING OF PURIM

It's never too early to start planning for our Shushan Purim Costume Contest and Talent Show. Watch for further details!



ASSEMBLIES

Our next monthly assemblies are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 6 for 4B and Tuesday, March 13 for 4G. Official uniform must be worn all day on assemblies days (boys on the 6th and girls on the 13th).

ONE WEEK AWAY!

GIRLS GALORE BRUNCH & MORE



This exciting morning of food, fun and

entertainment featuring "Fantasy Theatre Factory" presenting "The Fantasy Stew" will take place on Sunday, March 4, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Toras Emes Social Hall.

The following ticket information is applicable:

Pay in advance: \$25.00 one child and one adult

Pay at the door: \$30.00 one child and one adult

Each Additional Guest: \$10.00

Contact Joanna at [\(305\)794-1600](tel:3057941600) or jogdennis@aol.com

Sponsors are most welcome at \$50, \$75 & \$100 (includes admission).

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.

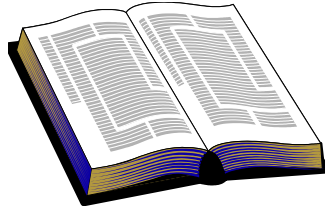
CHINESE AUCTION

Our Annual Chinese Auction is scheduled for Sunday, May



6. Please line up your babysitters now for this amazing evening that you won't want to miss!

1ST GRADE CHUMASH PARTIES



This was a most memorable week for all of our extraordinary first graders! Toras Emes teemed with excitement on Thursday as our children, dressed up for the occasion, celebrated receiving their first Chumash at parties filled with song, learning, gifts and delicious refreshments.

The parents, grandparents and siblings **“shepped much nachas” as they enjoyed this** milestone in their lives, while the pride felt by the administration, teachers and staff was palpable.

A tremendous Yasher Koach goes to Mrs. Rosenbaum and Rabbi Goldenberg, our first grade Limudei Kodesh teachers, for their inspiring **teaching and preparations for their students’** special day.

Yasher Koach to our very own Miss **P’nina Flamholtz** and Mrs. Aliza Becker, whose help was invaluable in putting together the presentations.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of **the parents’ committee heads**, Mrs. Alli Jeger and Mrs. Moriah Adar who organized a host of dedicated volunteers whose combined talents and efforts made these magnificent parties possible. The tremendous efforts and talents of the many parent volunteers is greatly appreciated.

Yasher Koach to:

Mrs. Elinor Cohen - bookmarks

Mrs. Lefkowitz & Mrs. Shaffren- calligraphy

Mrs. Goldsmith & Mr. Kanter - photography

Mrs. Farmer—videography

Mrs. Bendahan—banner

Mrs. Miriam Cohen & Miss Rivky Riesel- Chumash
cakes

Mrs. Kanoff, Mrs. Feigenbaum & Mrs. Stern—fruit
& vegetable platters

Mrs. Bergida, Mrs. Privalsky & Mrs. Zeines—
cookies

Mrs. Slepoy—Powerpoint presentation

And to the following parents for their help with
snacks, food, drinks, supplies, gifts, set up, clean
up, balloons, and other invaluable support:

Mrs. Bergida

Mrs. Bernstein

Mrs. Dennis

Mrs. Gold

Mrs. Greenberg

Mrs. Heiney

Mrs. Heller

Mrs. Kirzner

Mrs. Prync

Mrs. Segal

Mrs. Siegel

Mrs. Sharbani

Mrs. Stauber

Mr. Sutton

Mrs. Vaiselberg

Mrs. Winter

Sponsors

Anonymous

Patrons

The Bokor Family

The Dennis Family

The Garfinkel Family

The Oumanski Family

If your name was inadvertently omitted from this list, please forgive the oversight and consider yourself thanked for making this occasion a huge success.



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Assistant Principal

Mrs. Naomi Bloom
Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas Terumah 5772

Dear Parents,

The week of *Parashas Teruma* and the introduction to the *Mishkan* – a sanctified place uniquely suited for approaching and serving *Hashem*, is a most opportune time to make an appeal – although not for money, or even for volunteers. The appeal is for some thoughtful introspection about the issue of appropriate decorum in shul and proper *Chinuch* for *Tefilla*, for *davening*. We are blessed with many *Batei Knessios* – synagogues and *Batei Midrashos* – *yeshivos* and *kollelim*, our mini sanctuaries during our *Galus* **existence. We don't have the *Mishkan* or *Beis HaMikdash***, but let us ask ourselves how well we are handling our opportunities, our special places to serve *Hashem*.

We presented ideas on this topic a few years back, and some of them bear repeating.

Davening with proper *Kavana* is a major challenge for many adults and children. Equally significant is the lack of awareness of the *Mitzva* of *Mora Mikdash*. What is *Mora Mikdash*, you ask? Exactly. The *Torah* tells us (*Vayikra 19:30*) ...*Umikdoshee Tirau...* **The *Sforno***, along with most *Rishonim* says this *Mitzva* of guarding the sanctity of the *Mikdash* refers not only to the *Beis Hamikdash*, but to any place of *Torah*, *Tefilla* and *Avoda*. Our awareness of and care for the inherent sanctity of our *shuls* and *shtieblach* is sorely lacking. There are clear *Halachos* concerning permitted and forbidden activities within the confines of a *Beis Knesses*, and this is even not during the time of *Tefilla*.

Tackling the enormous challenge of talking during *davening* that is tragically commonplace in many *shuls* **in our community and around the world appears to be a 'mission impossible'** – but anyone who minimizes the devastating impact that talking has, would do well to read the words of Rabbi Yonasan Eibeschutz in *Yaaros Devash* as he places blame for the **destruction of Prague's synagogues, whose beauty was unparalleled anywhere in the world**, on the sin of talking during *davening*. Even more compelling, is the special *Mi Shebairach* of the *Tosfos Yom Tov* in reaction to the cataclysmic events of 1648-49 in Eastern Europe.

I would like to further focus on the *Chinuch* (educational and training) aspect of *davening*, and more specifically when it is appropriate and when it is not appropriate to take children to *shul*. Too many parents look at the world as black or white. Some things and places are unacceptable, to be avoided completely. Other situations are okay, and therefore no **restrictions or limitations need be placed on their children's involvement.**

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Shul going, especially on *Shabbos*, falls into the second category, that of okay activities. Going to *shul* is a **spiritually positive experience, so let's all go!** But what are your goals and objectives in taking children?

Can a three year old learn anything about the sanctity of *Beis Knesses*, or are we training him to view the *shul* as an exciting and intriguing playground? What are we teaching a young child when we bring him to a house of prayer – **but he's** completely unable to pray? It is not *chinuch* to simply have a child in *shul* – he must learn the proper way to behave in *shul*. When a child is brought at too young an age – we are teaching the exact opposite of what we intend!

What about elementary aged children – they can read, so therefore they can *daven*. **But let's ask ourselves some questions. The few minutes that the child can** (hopefully) remain focused, are a tiny fraction of the time spent in *shul*. What **happens the rest of the time? It's play time** – and the playground is the *Mikdash Me'at!* What happens as the child grows older – have we trained him or her that the *shul* is a sanctified place requiring awe and reverence because it is **Hashem's** house – or have we initiated yet another recruit of adult shulgoers to not show respect to the shul, and helped a new generation of talkers and interrupters to emerge from **our ranks? Our children don't need to be in** *shul* before the age of 9 or 10 in order to feel comfortable in a synagogue – that is simply not a challenge for them, given the *frum* environment they are growing up in.

There are times that the mother is feeling exhausted and overwhelmed, and her **husband feels it his obligation to take the children off the mother's hands. That is** indeed a laudable attitude, and emergencies do happen, but bringing children to *shul* for babysitting purposes constitutes a very negative *chinuch*. Perhaps a more appropriate solution to this problem, which many of our parents employ, is to go to a *Netz* (sunrise) *Minyan*, get home early and take care of the children at home. The wife is helped, the children nurtured, and the *mispallelim* including the husband, can really *daven*.

You may ask – the *shuls* provide babysitting and activities *Shabbos* morning – it must be children are being encouraged to come to shul! Be careful not to confuse the **attempt to find safe and wholesome activities to fill our children's** *Shabbos* Day, with proper *Chinuch* in *davening*. Think through what you want your child to feel and do about *Davening* to *Hashem* when he or she is 18 years old, and then examine **whether the way you're exposing your child to** *Tefilla* and *Shul* is enhancing that goal, or ***Chas V'Sholom***, subverting it.

Perhaps you are eating the *Shabbos Seuda* in *shul*, or are invited out to join a family from *shul*, and the entire family therefore needs to come to *shul* anyway. Arriving at the very end, for a few minutes of *davening*, under your careful supervision, is certainly preferable to an extended amount of unstructured time around the *shul*. *Davening* at home, quietly with *Ima*, before stepping out, can be a much more meaningful and constructive approach to developing good *davening* habits.

May *Hashem* enlighten us to provide the best possible *Chinuch* to our children, in all areas of life. May our efforts to show greater *Kavod* to our ***Mikdeshai Me'at***, help us to merit the rebuilding of the *Beis HaMikdash, Bimheira*.

Have a *Kedusha*-filled *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

P.S. A magnificent book entitled "Let's Go to Shul" published by Feldheim, 2008, is an excellent source for children and families to learn how one conducts him or herself properly in a *Beis Knesses* and is a great way to generate *Shabbos* table discussions.

TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

PURIM CARD ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Enclosed please find:

check # _____ (payable to TEAM Parents Association) or
cash in the amount of \$ _____
to cover the cost of _____ cards at \$ _____ per card
(minimum donation: \$2.00 per card or 10 cards for \$18).

Please send cards home with:

Student's name _____

Grade _____

Thank you for your support!



TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

March 2012

אדר-ניסן תשע"ב

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Spring Forward)		GIRLS' ASSEMBLY OFFICIAL UNIFORM <u>1:30 PM</u>	MISHNAVOS PROJECT GRAND SIYUM		RESUME 2:30 FRIDAY DISMISSAL Candle lighting 7:11	ויקהל פקודי פרשת פרה
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