

# TEAM Spirit

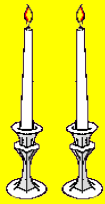
פרשת ויקרא

פרשת החדש

ראש חדש

CANDLE  
LIGHTING

7:15 pm



## STAR STUDENTS

Adi Akrish – T.S.  
Leah Corcos – T.S.  
Chana Gill – T.S.  
Hadassa Grossman – T.S.  
Yokheved Krispin – S.S.  
Tziporah Pam – S.S.  
Lea Riesel – S.S.  
Ayelet Siev – S.S.  
Esti Stern – S.S.  
Yael Ungar – T.S.  
Aliza Zeines – S.S.

Elisha Dovid Fuchs – T.S.  
Simcha Gassner – T.S.  
Mendy Itzkowitz – T.S.  
Avraham Kanter – S.S.  
Leo Kanter – S.S.  
Yehuda Kon – S.S.  
Eli Mizrahi – S.S.  
Yehuda Ohana – T.S.  
Noam Richmond – T.S.  
Shimmy Siev – T.S.  
Shaya Steinberg – S.S.  
Tzvi Stern – S.S.  
Yisrael Winter – T.S.

## TEAM PLAYERS

### CALENDAR NOTES

PESACH BREAK

APRIL 4-15

SCHOOL RESUMES ON  
APRIL 16 AT 10:00 AM

Sarah Cohen  
Chani Dreyfuss  
Batsheva Druin  
Ahuva Grossman  
Yokheved Krispin  
Esther Pam  
Yasmin Reboh  
Rivka Sapirman  
Rochel Schloss  
Abigail Shapiro  
Hannah Shapiro  
**Ma'ayan Tzur**  
Tamara Yeshurun  
Sivan Zaig

Yosef Chaim Alber  
Simcha Bistriz  
Adam Dennis  
Netanel Hendel  
Eli Mizrahi  
Natan Mizrahi  
Noam Peleg  
Aaron Riesel  
Yehuda Segal  
Akiva Yeshurun

## MISHNAYOS SIYUM

**M**azel Tov to all of the winners and participants!

Prizes were distributed to our top achievers at our Grand *Siyum* on Thursday.

### SENIOR DIVISION (5)

Reference Shas – Eli Mizrahi  
Mikraos Gedolos – Yossi Cohen  
Mishna Berura – Yosef Steinberg  
Chumash with Rashi – Zevi Roth

### JUNIOR DIVISION (3 - 4)

Mishnayos Kehati – Avraham Homnick  
Mishna Brura - Ariel Hahn  
Mikraos Gedolos - Adam Dennis  
Chumash with Rashi - Ephraim Dudovitz

*Yasher Koach* to our two top learners, Yossi Cohen and Eli Mizrahi, who delivered articulate and sophisticated *Divrei Torah* at the *Siyum*.

We are honored to have had Rabbi Yaakov Tzvi Blejer, Rosh Kollel, NMB Kollel, deliver inspiring *Divrei Bracha* and words of *Chizuk* to our boys, and we are grateful that he took the time to join us.

A special *Mazel Tov* goes to Eli Mizrahi who won the bicycle raffle! We are still looking forward to the *Mishnayos* Auction, which will take place after Pesach.

Our Mishnayos Program was conducted **L'Ilui Nishmas Yehuda Leib ben Menashe, Avi Greenberg, a"h**. We are gratified at the efforts of the many, many boys who honored his memory through their learning.

## HASMODA PROJECT

**W**e are looking forward to our Annual Pesach Hasmoda Program for all of our elementary school children.



With less than two weeks of school until Pesach, we are issuing our semi-annual call for sponsors to dedicate this program for a Refuah Shelaima, in memory of a beloved departed, or simply to honor someone. Sponsorships are welcome, beginning with a \$50 contribution. Please call Rabbi Baumann in the school office.

## OUR FIFTH GRADE AUTHORS

PRESENTING MICHAEL SHMUELI & EFREM WASSERMAN

**O**ur second grade boys had a special presentation on March 23, in which two of our own fifth graders, Michael Shmueli and Efrem Wasserman read their own compositions of character sketches from books they had read. The presentation was enhanced by the 3-D puppets the boys created, reflecting the clothing, faces, and expressions of the characters. The second grade boys listened attentively as Michael and Efrem proudly read their essays while displaying their puppets. What a special treat for grade two! What a commendable accomplishment for Efrem and Michael!

## HELP! I'M A LIBRARY BOOK AND I'M LOST!

A large number of library books are overdue from the school library. As you embark on your *chometz* cleaning this weekend, give yourself a prize for finding and returning our missing library books. Please keep in mind that no books may be checked out of the library over the Pesach vacation.



## MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Flamholtz and family on the engagement of their daughter, our alumna, Hindy to Yoel Chaneles of Kew Gardens.



## SAVE THE DATE!

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



## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Rachel bas Basya

Yehuda Pinchas ben Osna

Yaacov Chai ben Margalit

(HaRav Yosef)

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

Yitzchak Isaac ben Treina Rivka

Meir Baruch ben Esther Fraydel

Michelle bas Ene

Aharon ben Reina



## REMINDER:

### **BOYS' ASSEMBLY**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Official uniform for all boys  
on Thursday

**Next Girls' Assembly**—April 26

## **T.E.A.M.'S GLORIOUS GARDEN - "THE TEAM GARDEN WALK"**

by Mrs. Saks

It's hard to believe that it was just six weeks ago on *Tu B'Shevat* that our school garden project consisted of small tomato plants, yellow marigolds, and cups and cups of seeds planted by the students on that day. After a generous four day dose of rain from *Hashem* to start us off, the seedlings were transplanted from the cups to the ground.

Not knowing what would grow, we were pleasantly surprised to observe carrots, parsley, zucchini, corn, sunflowers, cucumbers, lettuce, and more pop up. Even though 3G's seedlings did not take, Mrs. Hirsch, Mrs. Cohen and the girls replanted beans and flowers which are now thriving. We thought that 4B's peppers were drowned in the initial downpour, but there are little seedlings growing bigger each day. Each class is on a watering schedule to insure that the hot and sunny Florida weather will not get the best of the plants. The garden's progress is updated to their classmates when students visit the garden to help in the watering and weeding. We had an unwelcome visit from some garden pests, green horned tomato caterpillars, who were enjoying dinner courtesy of our tomato plants. With help from the boys of 2B, we picked them off, as instructed, and hopefully, they will not visit again anytime soon.

Just this week, two classes were able to pick their first "Big Boy" tomatoes and experience the taste of home grown vegetables. Many students, including the ECE, enjoy visiting and seeing what is new in the garden. We look forward to eating more of "the fruits of our labor" in the near future.





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*Assistant Principal*

Mrs. Naomi Bloom  
*Early Childhood Director*

Erev Shabbos Parashas Vayikra/Shabbos Parashas HaChodesh/Rosh Chodesh Nisan 5772

Dear Parents,

**“It’s an adventure!” This is one of our family’s favorite sayings. It comes in most handy when we’re lost on a trip, when our plans fall apart, when an arrangement unravels, when a flight is delayed etc., etc. More recently, we’ve expanded its usefulness to include any of many vicissitudes of life such as a machine malfunctioning, a merchandise order gone awry, a billing snafu – you name it, we seem to be experiencing so many “adventures.”**

**Perhaps the ‘mother’ of all “adventures” is *Pesach*. Whether you’re making *Pesach* at home and the refrigerator dies the day before *Erev Pesach*, you’re going to your in-laws up north and you realize once you’re checking in at the airport, (late, of course) that you left the little boys’ suitcase at home, or you’re being pampered at a hotel by your generous father-in-law and your children simply refuse to participate in any child care arrangement, the potential for “mega-adventures” is seemingly endless.**

With the countdown to *Pesach* beginning in earnest, it would be most worthwhile to get some perspective on what our goals should be for ourselves and our children this holiday season. **There is little doubt that we’ll make it to the *seder* at the right time and place, with *Matza*, wine and all the accoutrements in order, IY’H. But what will we be able to look back upon, when life returns to normal, when the last *Pesach* dish is put away? Have we become better people, more effective parents? We have to know going in, that the excitement and pressure of preparing for *Pesach*, the stress of getting to where we need to go, the tension that could easily surround a lengthy stay in close quarters with extended family are all *Nisyonos*, tests, that *Hashem* in His infinite love for us has designed especially for us to help us grow in our *Midos*. In conjunction with our great joy and celebration, *Hashem* is measuring our ‘*midos* muscles’, to see what shape they’re in, and giving us opportunities to stretch them.**

How do we most effectively succeed at a *Nisayon*? **We prepare beforehand. It’s inevitable that we’ll stand on line for 25 minutes at the grocery only to discover the main item we came for has sold out. If we’re traveling a long distance with a large family, we can count on something going wrong – clothing misplaced, flight delayed, or a pick-up arrangement fouled up.**

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If we know beforehand something will go wrong, we don't get so uptight about it. If we envision how we will (appropriately) react when something doesn't go according to plan, Plan A that is, we'll have a blueprint to rely on when our intellect starts to flee and our emotions take over. If we're conscious about how we're being judged on high for how well we keep our cool when things start falling apart, we can consciously lower the emotional temperature. If we view stressful episodes with a touch of humor and an "it's an adventure" attitude, we will retain a measure of calm far beyond what we thought possible.

*Pesach* is the most glorious time of the year. Let's focus on our true goals during this time and turn lemons into lemonade and disasters into learning and growing opportunities. Let's think that if our favorite bowl breaks, our favorite recipe flops or our *Kittel* never made it into the suitcase, even if we can't have our *Pesach* item, we will retain and strengthen our good *midos* and the positive role model that we are for our children. That is truth, that is eternity.

Best wishes for a restful *Shabbos* and a week of peaceful, positive, productive *Pesach* preparations

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rabbi Kalman Baumann". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

MISHNAYOS SIYUM 5772

