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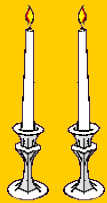
TEAM Spirit

STAR STUDENTS

פרשת בהעלתך

CANDLE
LIGHTING

7:52 pm



Yosef Chaim Alber – S.S.
Adam Dennis – S.S.
Ashi Greenberg – S.S.
Josh Hyman – S.S.
Dovid Kaplan – T.S. & S.S.
Meir Liberman – T.S.
Menachem Oumanski – T.S.
Yehuda Pomper – S.S.
Tzvi Rubin – T.S.
Michael Shmueli – T.S.
Shaya Steinberg – T.S.
Aaron Sutton – T.S.
Nochi Zeines – T.S.

Hadara Balgley – T.S.
Pnina Bergida – T.S.
Miriam Bisker – S.S.
Batsheva Druin – T.S.
Cila Ginsparg – T.S.
Ahuva Grossman – S.S.
Noga Libson – S.S.
Elisheva Raab – T.S.
Chana Shapiro – T.S.
Rivky Stern – S.S.
Esti Weinberger – S.S.

TEAM PLAYERS

Yosef Alber
Mendel Druin
Tzvi Lehrer
Yehuda Lehrfield
Shalom Marcus
Natan Mizrahi
Noam Peleg
Shea Rosenberg
Binyamin Rubinov
Shimmy Siev

Leehee Akrish
Rebecca Balgley
Racheli Bernstein
Esther Bracha Blejer
Sarah Leah Buzaglo
Shaina Druin
Tzivi Elias
Adiel Elkayam
Shira Goldenberg
Debbie Nash
Esther Pam
Hadassah Privalsky
Yocheved Sobol
Yael Ungar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES

The end of year assemblies take place in the morning; Girls at 10:00 and Boys at 10:45 in the school auditorium. The assembly will culminate the year-long Yedios HaTorah Program with gifts, certificates, medallions and trophies for our hardworking Yedios HaTorah Participants, Learners, Experts and Super Experts. In addition, the Dena Chern **A'H Memorial Midos Tovos Awards will be** conferred on a number of graduating fifth graders, and Supermentsch Awards will be conferred upon a number of 2nd – 5th graders.

The Supermentsch Award is bestowed upon a student who has shown him or herself to be a good friend, respectful of others and especially teachers, responsible about their school work, arrives punctually at school and to class, and someone about whom their classmates will agree is deserving of the award.

The **Dena Chern A'H Awards** have the same criteria, they are limited to students who have been at Toras Emes for at least two years, and are for students who are clearly at a point in their development where their Midos Tovos are recognizable to all. This award has been established by the family of **the late Dena Chern A'H, a young mother in** our school who was passionate about developing *Midos Tovos* in her children and their classmates. The awards are a means to perpetuate her values in a meaningful way, in the Yeshiva that was so close to her heart.

Recipients receive a beautiful gift and their names are inscribed on a plaque for future generations of Toras Emes students to see and to emulate. Official uniforms are not required.

Parents are welcome!

THURSDAY, JUNE 14 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Dismissal is at 1:30 PM. (Lunch

schedule follows a

Friday Schedule) The children will be receiving Summer Review packets, and Award Certificates from their teachers. We strongly **believe that students' behavior on the last day** of the school year should be much the same as the first day of the school year. The **children's behavior should reflect how much they've grown and accomplished in the past 10 months. (See Rabbi Baumann's letter).**

There will be no writing on shirts or any clothing. Appropriate memory books are being prepared by the teachers .

Kindly send one or two trash bags in with your child to help with transporting their school materials and belongings home for the summer.

Please note: Regular Hot Lunch will be served on Thursday.



WALKATHON WRAP-UP

As we enter our final week of school for the year you are reminded to fulfill your walkathon pledges by collecting all outstanding money and bringing it in to the school office as soon as possible. We would like to fulfill our pledge to the needy families of our community and we need your help! T-shirts are expected to arrive this coming week. Bills will be sent out for all outstanding pledges once school is over.



3G TZEDAKA

The girls of third grade had a busy week. They were very proud to donate \$70.63 to Tzedaka. They used this money in the classroom during the year to help learn math. Now that the term is coming to an end, the girls want to add and multiply the use of the money by helping others. Yasher Koach!



RESERVE THE DATE

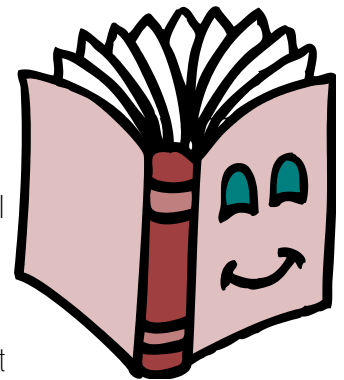
Our new Back-to School Expo will take place Wednesday evening, September 5.

First day of school is August 30.



BRING IN THOSE BOOKS!

There are still many books that have not been returned to the library. Please make every effort to see that all library books borrowed by your child are returned as soon as possible. Bills will be sent for the replacement value of any missing library books or text books. Progress Reports and S.A.T. scores will not be sent until your account is cleared. Thank you for your cooperation.



REFUAH SHELAIMA

Ariella Sarah bas Elisheva Malka
 Leah Golda bas Esther Frimmet
 Chaya Michelle bas Ene
 Penina bas Ashira
 Bracha Elka bas Mariasha Rivka
 Ayalah Sima bas Limor
 Rachel Leah bas Sara
 Yehudis bas Chaya Perel

R' Chaim Yisroel ben Chana Tziril

(Rav Belsky, Shlita)

R' Yosef Shalom ben Chaya Musha

(Rav Elyashiv, Shlita)

R' Yaakov Chai ben Margalit

(Rav Yosef, Shlita)

Shalom Dovid ben Bracha Margalit

Avivit bas Sara

Tinok ben Iris Rachel



MAZEL TOV

To our fifth grade girls, who celebrated their graduation on Thursday evening.

Hatzlacha Rabbah as you continue in your Torah and academic growth!



To our Kindergarten students on their graduation from ECE. We look forward to welcoming you to first grade next year!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzchak Flamholtz and family on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Hindy to Yoel Chanales.



To Rabbi and Mrs. Eliezer Rubin and family on the Bar Mitzvah celebration of their son, our alumnus, Naftali.

CLOTHES 'N BOWS

UNIFORMS

To ensure back to school delivery of your new uniforms, please visit Clothes 'N Bows for your fitting (and \$10 gift certificate!) before this Sunday, June 10. If you have any questions call the store at 305.947.9646.



An information sheet was distributed last week regarding the new uniform styles, colors and policies for 2012-13.

WANTED

Experienced assistant teachers are needed for the pre-K and Kindergarten classes. Please call the school office if you are interested.



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Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas B'Haalosecha 5772

Dear Parents,

In this week's Parasha, we find an unusual request made by an anonymous group of people. These people were spiritually unclean (*Tamei*) and were therefore disqualified from bringing the *Korban* (sacrifice) *Pesach*. They approached *Moshe Rabbeinu* with the complaint of "Lamah Neegorah**" – (*Bamidbar 9:7*) "**why should we be deprived**"... of bringing the *Korban Pesach* just because we're *Tamei* – it's not fair!**

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt'l questions the motivation of their request. If the *Halacha* is that someone who is *Tamei* is exempted from the *Mitzva*, why are they pressing to do the *Mitzva* – **they're excused! Furthermore, what they were requesting, according to Rashi**, was to have a minor role in the *Mitzva* that did not constitute real fulfillment of the *Mitzva*. **So what's the point?**

We learn an extremely valuable lesson from here that is especially important to share with our children. Why do we perform *Mitzvos*? **Certainly, it's to fulfill our obligations** as set forth in the *Torah*. But it goes beyond that. We have a relationship with *Hashem*, and when you have a relationship, you go beyond your obligations. One manifests **love by doing more than is required for the object of one's love. In the situation** outlined above – these Jews were not satisfied with an exemption, because they sincerely wanted to show *Hashem* their love for Him and desire for connection. Being **excused wasn't a relief** – on the contrary, it stood in the way of their relationship with *Hashem*. Therefore they wanted to do something, anything that could show what their true desire was.

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This has relevance for the last week of a school year. The way a child conducts him or herself the final few days of school says a lot about what has been internalized **from the parents' and teachers' lessons. It also speaks to how a child relates to himself.** If he or she has a healthy self-esteem, feels good about what has been accomplished and understands how special it is to be a *Ben Torah* or *Bas Yisroel*, then such a child will want to demonstrate that behaving properly, being cooperative and considerate of others is not done out of fear of consequence, but **because it's something the child wants to do.**

Parents, spend a few minutes over *Shabbos* to discuss with your child how the most important relationship a person has, is with him or herself. Their behavior is a reflection of what their true feelings are. Encourage your child to strive to demonstrate this elevated sense of self. Their success in meeting this unquestionably difficult challenge will in itself be a great catalyst in their personal growth and development.

Best wishes for a successful conclusion to a productive year!

Have a wonderful *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

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Personal Growth

Up-To-Date Picture

What kind of person are you? You probably have some ideas—calm or excitable, friendly or withdrawn, energetic or lethargic. Over the course of time, people acquire a picture of themselves, and that picture, much like a school photo, remains unchanged even as time and events make their mark on the person. Only a fool would look at a 15-year-old high school photo and assume it represents what he looks like today. You need an up-to-date picture.

The same is true of our inner characteristics. The self-image frozen in some other time—even if that time is as near as last week—has to be reevaluated if we really want to know what kind of people we are, and what kind of people we're becoming. That's why the Rambam admonishes every person to "regularly review and reevaluate his middos."

But to evaluate, you need a measure. For generations of Jews, Pirkei Avos has been that measure. It establishes clearly and for all time the qualities toward which we should strive, allowing us to see just how close we are coming to an image of our own perfection, and how far we need to go.

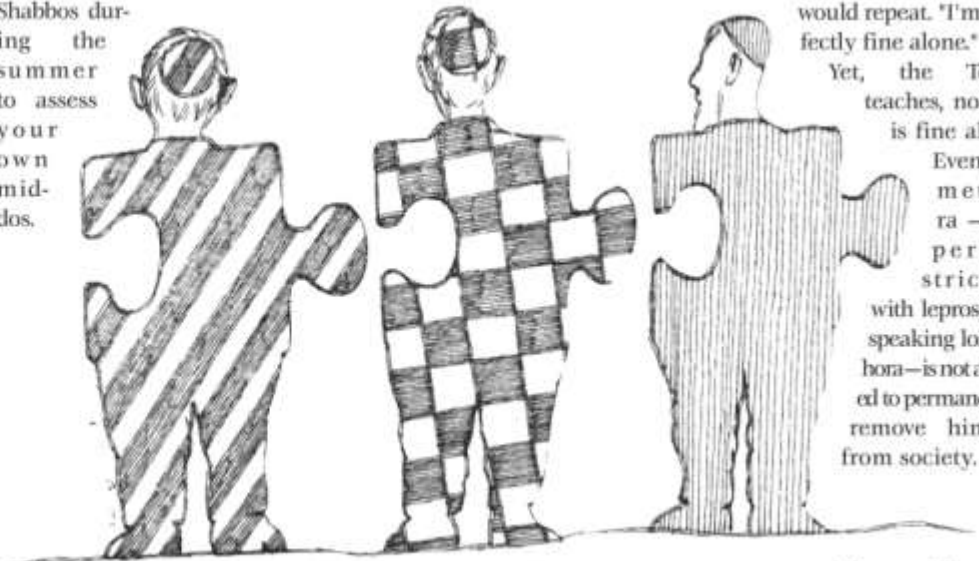
Time and events make their changes. The energetic young man always ready to help may have become the tired bread-winner who resents any extra demands on his time. The patient young mother of one child may have become the fierce commander of seven. But a regular visit with the words of Pirkei Avos helps us see these developments as they occur, making them so much easier to reverse.

The question is how to find a contemplative minute in our day. The answer is given by

Chazal, who designate the long Shabbos afternoons as the time for Pirkei Avos. At rest, undisturbed by phones and beepers, we can reacquire ourselves with who we are, who we've become, and who we'd like to be.

To Do:

Take some time each Shabbos during the summer to assess your own middos.



"Each of the different people in our lives is an integral piece of the puzzle."

Effective Prayer

Every Mouth

Most people have someone, at some level of society, whom they would feel unnerved talking to. "Why would he want to talk to me?" one might wonder. "Who am I?"

Yet, incredibly, we don't have to worry about this when we speak to the King of the Universe, our Creator, the most powerful, exalted Being there is; Hashem "hears the prayers of every mouth."

Knowing this, in a deep, real way, fills our prayers with real emotion. We are talking, and no matter who we are or what we've done, Hashem is listen-

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration

Ideas

Excellence

Success

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Better Relationships

Social Studies

Mrs. Rosenberg was a recluse. Those who tried to draw her out of her dark apartment, where she sat glued to crossword puzzles and her favorite all-news radio station, found their efforts rebuffed. "People are nothing but trouble," she would repeat. "I'm perfectly fine alone."

Yet, the Torah teaches, no one is fine alone.

Even the metzora—the person stricken with leprosy for speaking loshon hora—is not allowed to permanently remove himself from society.

His punishment, besides the disease, is banishment from the camp. Because he created ill will among his neighbors, he must move away from them and learn, through isolation, how much he really needs human company.

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Putting off Procrastination

"You have until Hoshanah Rabbah to do Tashlich," Aaron informed his wife. "I'd rather not go on Rosh Hashanah. It's a mob scene. We'll go another day. We'll go to the ocean instead of that little goldfish pond."

Sounded like a good idea to Rivka. But that "other day" just didn't arrive. No sooner had the dust settled from Rosh Hashanah than Yom Kippur was upon the family. Then it was a headlong rush into Sukkos. Cooking, shopping, building, decorating – a trip to the ocean was as likely as a trip to Mars.

Chol Hamoed Sukkos seemed ideal for that Tashlich

trip. But it rained for two days and the children clamored for the amusement park as soon as the sun emerged. Hoshanah Rabbah arrived. There was cooking to do for the last days of Yom Tov, but Rivka put it all aside. The children campaigned for the zoo, but Aaron was firm: "Today we go to the ocean." It was drizzling, but that didn't matter. There was no time left. It had to be done –and today! All obstacles fell by the wayside.

How we operate at the last minute is often far different from how we operate when we think we have acres of time. The productive person, however, sees every

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mitzvah as a last-minute opportunity. He casts aside the obstacles and does what needs to be done, knowing that there may never be another chance. By telling ourselves that now may be the only time, we develop the habit of acting rather than procrastinating. We release the brakes on our capabilities, and live our lives full-force.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can you tell if you're procrastinating?

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Social Studies

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But once he is purified, the Torah says, he must be brought to the Kohen to be proclaimed cured. The Midrash explains that he must be brought because it's possible that he would not want to come. He might decide, after all his troubles, that he's better off alone. The fact that he must be "brought" tells us that this is not what Hashem wants. Our paths are meant to cross. Our goal is not to avoid people in an effort to avoid strife—it's to appreciate the cast of characters Hashem has given us, and strive to appreciate their role in our lives.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can you avoid strife with someone who irritates you?

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Dedications

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דבורה בת יצחק הלוי ע"ה
ג.ל.ב.ע. ט' סיון

Dedicated in loving memory of Dorothy Shindler
By Judy Z. Lane and Jerry Lane

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Why Bother?

Every Jew has a place in the World to Come. So, why learn Torah and do mitzvos? The Chofetz Chaim answered this question with a parable:

The great philanthropist of Kiev, Yisrael Brodsky, employed hundreds of people in his factories, and supported talmidei chachomim and Torah institutions by the dozens. He also provided a monthly paycheck—asking for no work in return—to some relatives whose finances had taken a plunge.

Once, a magnate came to tour one of Brodsky's factories. As he escorted his guest around the factory, Brodsky personally greeted each worker they encountered, inquiring about their families and asking them to describe their job. One worker—one of the non-working relatives—gave a truthful answer: "I take a check." All those in ear-shot broke out in laughter.

As the Chofetz Chaim explained, there are those who earn the share reserved for them in the World to Come, and those, like the relative, who simply "take a check." Those who work for their share will have the satisfaction, when their time comes, of reporting all the good they accomplished with their time on earth.

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