

TEAM Spirit

WE ARE STAR STUDENTS* AND TEAM** PLAYERS!

Each week teachers recognize one student who has distinguished him or herself during the past week in academics, citizenship, effort or improvement. Our PE teachers recognize two students per class who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship during recess or PE during the past week. Students' names are published in the weekly newsletter, names are posted on the display board near the office, and a beautiful certificate is sent home.

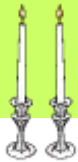
*Student Achievement Recognition **Teamwork, Encouragement, Attitude, Midos Tovos

SS - Secular Studies, TS - Torah Studies

פרשת כי תבא

CANDLE LIGHTING

7:14 pm



BEGIN SELICHOS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
REGULAR HOURS 9-12

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STAR STUDENTS

Nosson Tzvi Bergida – T.S.
Daniel Chattah – T.S.
Yoel Fabian – T.S.
Asher Goldenberg – S.S.
Asher Greenberg – S.S.
Avraham Homnick – S.S.
Dan Yitzchak Leonoff – T.S. & S.S.
Dovid Leubitz – S.S.
Yosef Nemani – T.S.
Ailee Shanes – S.S.
David Suissa – S.S.
Uriel Toronczyk – T.S. & S.S.

Rivka Balgley – T.S.
Miriam Berkowitz – S.S.
Leeann Biton – S.S.
Odaya Cohen – S.S.
Peshi Dreyfuss – S.S.
Chavie Fried – T.S.
Rachel Kirzner – S.S.
Avigayil Maya – T.S.
Mijal Mizrahi – S.S.
Rochel Schloss – T.S.
Shayna Schwartz – T.S. & S.S.
Aliza Zeines – T.S.

TEAM PLAYERS

Shalom Deutsch
Mendel Druin
Nataniel El-Gad
Avi Girnun
Asher Goldenberg
Avraham Homnick
Mendy Itzkowitz
Aharon Liberman
Shmueli Nadel
Yisrael Winter

Orly Adar
Ellee Benchetrit
Natali Biton
Odaya Cohen
Fayge Deutsch
Meira Entin
Elisheva Franklin
Bracha Getzel
Rivka Jablon
Chaviva Peromsik
Perri Ruck
Faigy Schloss
Rochel Schloss
Esti Stern

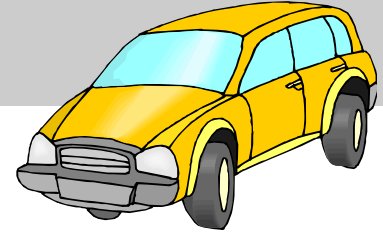
BACK TO SCHOOL EXPO

A beautifully decorated auditorium, many smiling faces and informative displays welcomed our families at our Back-to-School Expo on Wednesday. The informal yet comprehensive nature of the evening was greeted with enthusiasm by the parents. The teachers were able to connect personally with each parent, and share their excitement for the new school year, their curriculum, and the impact the Responsive Classroom approach is already having on the classes and school. The enthusiasm for our school engendered by the attending families will help bring us all closer to achieving our lofty goals for Toras Emes and our *talmidim*.

Involvement in our childrens' lives and in their school shows them how much we care! Please be in touch with our **Parents' Association presidium, Mrs. Esta Rosenberg @ 305.651.0115 and Mrs. Esther Entin @ 305.4934969** and become involved!



CARPOOL COMMUNIQUE



Please be advised that on Mondays through Thursdays school ends at 4:00 PM and outdoor carpool procedures conclude at 4:20.

On Fridays, dismissal is at 2:25 and carpool ends at 2:45. After 4:20 on Monday-Thursday and 2:45 on Friday, all administrators and staff who supervise outdoor carpool return to the office.

We ask that you please make every effort to pick up your children before those times. If, occasionally, circumstances beyond your control cause you to arrive late on a given day, you will need to come to the office to pick up your carpool.

Additionally, we would like to remind all drivers that all morning drop offs of elementary students should be made **on the girls' side of 11 Avenue.**

Parking or even stopping on the boys' side causes traffic congestion and creates a potentially hazardous situation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note the following information regarding our carpool policy, as stated in the Parent Handbook:

"All carpools must arrive at the school for the afternoon pick-up by 4:15 Monday through Thursday and by 2:40 on late Fridays and 2:15 on early Fridays.

Accordingly, the school has instituted a system of fines to be levied on carpool drivers each time they arrive late as follows:

Monday-Thursday

After 4:20 - \$5.00

4:30 - \$10.00

4:40 - \$15.00

Late Friday

After 2:45 - \$5.00

2:55 - \$10.00

3:05 - \$15.00

Early Friday

After 2:15 - \$5.00

2:25 - \$10.00

2:35 - \$15.00

The fines continue at this rate - \$5.00 for each ten minute increment.

TARGET STORES—TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

This year we are continuing our *Target Stores – Take Charge of Education Program.* By signing up, you help our school raise money effortlessly and enrolling is simply a breeze!

If you already have a Target Guest Card, just call 1-800-316-6142 and sign up to have Toras

Emes receive a donation every time you make a Target Card purchase at the store. If you do not currently have a Target Card, you can pick up an application at any Target Store.

This program really works! Just this week we received a donation of \$78 based upon your purchases! We hope that we can

significantly increase the **amount through this year's** parent participation. Please consider helping the school in this way.



AM ARRIVAL POLICY

Please be aware of our school policy for dropping off your children in the morning. Drop-off time begins at 8:15. We ask that you do not drop your children at school before 8:15. If you must drop off your child earlier, be advised that early drop off begins at 8:00. We do not provide supervision before then and cannot be responsible for children left here before 8:00 AM.

NO MORE LATE LUNCHES PLEASE!

In a concerted attempt to avoid interrupting the classes while they are in session and while the children are learning, we ask that all lunches and snacks be sent to school in the morning WITH YOUR CHILDREN. While we understand that there are times when this is not possible, we ask that it be the exception and not the rule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Don't forget to include the necessary forks /spoons with your child(ren)'s lunch as we can't supply cutlery in school.



UNIFORM UPDATE

If you have any school uniforms that are no longer in use please send them into the office to be recycled. Also, if you are in need of uniforms, please visit the Community Closet at 1840 NE 183rd Street.



DON'T DEHYDRATE

Due to the hot, humid Florida weather, we are insisting that all students bring a water bottle to school with them on days that they have PE. Thank you for your cooperation.



MAZEL TOV

To Dr. and Mrs. Eli Berman and family on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their son Meir and Perla Nemetsky.

To Dr. and Mrs. Rich Bennett and family on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their daughter Yaffa and Aharon Gordon.



KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

The Jewish Community Services Kosher Food Bank provides needy families in our community with critically important food items and other daily necessities. The Food Bank is unique in that all the food must be either OU, Chaf-K, O-K, or Star-K certified, making it suitable for any family. 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. Last year, the JCS Kosher Food Bank received more than 2,500 family visits.

We have receptacle bins in **both the boys' and girls' offices** to receive donations of non-perishable food items to be distributed for the *Yomim Tovim*. Every student and family is asked to help by bringing a can or other packaged food item with proper Hashgacha (detailed above) at least one time between now and Rosh Hashana. The specific items requested for the *Yomim Tovim* are honey, gefilte fish, apple sauce, jelly, and peanut butter. For more information, contact the school office, or our volunteer, Mrs. Paola Leonoff at 786.281.1133 or via e-mail at paolalipo@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help. *Yasher Koach!*

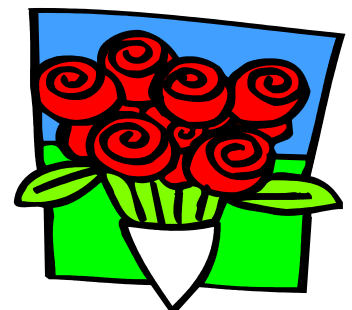


REFUAH SHELAIMA

- Rachel bas Rivka Leah
- Ariella Sara bas Elisheva Malka

FLOWERS FOR SALE

The Rohr Middle School students are selling beautiful floral bouquets for Shabbos on a weekly basis. Flowers will be sold at both the ECE and Elementary carpools. Your purchase will **support the eighth grade boys' fundraising efforts** on behalf of their graduation trip.



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TORAS EMES
ACADEMY OF MIAMI
 Samuel Aba & Sisel Klurman
 Elementary School

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

Dr. Deborah Lerer
Secular Studies Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Naomi Bloom
Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas Ki Savo 5772

Dear Parents,

In describing the impact of the blessings highlighted in this week's *Parsha*, the Torah states (28:3) **"And the blessings will come upon you, and they will reach you..."** Many *Mefarshim* (Torah commentators) are bothered by the question, what is being added by **"and they shall reach you?"** Obviously, once blessings come upon you, they have reached you. And yet it is clear from the Torah that not all blessings that come to you, are necessarily actualized. The *Mefarshim* have various explanations, but the question itself brings to mind a striking parable related by the *Chofetz Chaim, zy'a*, whose 79th *Yahrzeit* will be observed this coming week.

We say three times daily in the *Shemone Esrei*, in the *Brocha* of *Bareich Aleinu - V'Sabeinu M'Tuvecha...*, which means literally, and we will be satiated from your goodness. The *Chofetz Chaim* wondered why is there a need to be blessed with satiation – if one receives enough of **Hashem's goodness, he'll obviously reach the point of being satisfied.** The *Chofetz Chaim* explains with the following story.

An ignorant villager was intent on taking a ride on a railroad, something he had only dreamed of until now. He saved up money and bought (unknowingly) a first class ticket. Not knowing appropriate riding protocol, he decided to carefully watch his fellow travelers to know how to conduct himself properly. He followed a group of shabbily dressed peasants, with whom he felt comfortable, and ended up in the last car of the train. **After a while, a loud voice was heard calling out "tickets," which was the voice of the conductor, making his way around the train to make sure everyone had paid for a ticket.** At that point, our villager observed the peasants all diving under seats and finding hiding places in and outside the car, to avoid detection. The villager followed suit and tried to hide, but was caught by the conductor. When the conductor demanded to **see the villager's ticket, and he saw what the villager handed him, he began shouting insults at the villager.** **"What a fool you are – don't you realize what you hold in your hand? You are trying to hide in a third-class coach, but you have a first-class ticket!"**

The *Chofetz Chaim* said, so many of us are like this villager. We have a first-class ticket – *Torah* and *Mitzvos*, **but we don't realize or appreciate what we have, and squander our lives hiding in a third-class coach,** endlessly pursuing materialism, not really aware of our own treasured birthright.

Let's be very aware of this as we raise our children. *Hashem* has blessed us with so much goodness – but if **we focus our search for success and achievement outside of Torah, not only won't we find it – but we will be eternal fools for ignoring what we have.** We must teach our children to find joy and pride in being Torah Jews – and it starts with our attitudes and our behavior. *Hashem* has provided the goodness, we now pray that He help us see it, find it and hold onto it.

Best wishes for a Shabbos of satisfaction,


 Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Team Parents' Association

DEADLINE EXTENDED
TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Dear Parents,

Baruch Hashem, we have successfully started another productive year of learning, growth in Torah, Midos and academic achievement.

*As our **Toras Chaim** and **Toras Emes** family continues to grow, the PTA is once again, pleased to sponsor a beautiful school-wide Rosh Hashana Card. This card will be mailed before Yom Tov to all parents of children attending Bais Medrash Zichron Ezra, Dr. Abe Chames High School, Rohr Middle School, Klurman Elementary School and early childhood division as well as to teachers and board members.*

*To include your family name on this card, please send a check in the amount of \$36 payable to **TEAM PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**, in the enclosed envelope. The deadline for receipt of your check is this Monday, September 10.*

Sincerely,

*E sta Rosenberg and E sther E ntin
Co-PTA Presidium*

TEAM LIBRARY NEWS



The Team Library is a wonderful resource for our students. Here are a few reminders as to how the Library operates.

The maximum number of books a child may borrow correlates with their grade level. First grade - one book, Second Grade- two books, Third Grade- 3 books, and so on. Students may borrow the book for one week, returning it on their scheduled library day. So you may assist your children in bringing their books back on time, you will find a library schedule below.

TEAM Library Schedule

1G	Friday	1B	Friday
2G	Monday	2B	Monday
3G	Wednesday	3B	Wednesday
4G-1	Thursday	4B	Tuesday
4G-2	Tuesday	5B-1	Monday
5G	Tuesday	5B-2	Thursday

Students who have not returned their books are not permitted to take out others. This can be very disappointing for the children, so please help them be responsible library patrons.

Please help your child(ren) understand that they may not lend their books to a friend because they are responsible for the book.

There is no charge or fee for using the TEAM library. However, if a book is lost or damaged, the replacement cost of the book must be remitted. To help prevent loss and damage, the following suggestions are made.

1. Keep all school library books in one location. It is often reported that the housekeeper put the book "somewhere." The children are told that their book is their responsibility and they must know where it is at all times. I recommend that the library books be kept in the child's backpack or a special place at home. This way, the child always has the book whether in school or at home.
2. To protect the books from damage, please be sure that water bottles are in plastic bags if they are sharing the same space in the backpack with the library books.
3. Keep books away from baby siblings. We all know they like to explore with their mouths and hands. Yum! Yum!

Thank you for your library patronage!
Remember: **READING IS SUCCEEDING!**

With warm *Southern* regards,
Ms. Grossman
Librarian/Computer Teacher

Library News



Dear Parents,

We would like to give you the opportunity to recognize your child's birthday by donating a book to the Toras Emes Library. Books can also be donated in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion.



For an \$18 donation, a new library book will be purchased and a bookplate placed in the front of the book inscribed with the person's name and occasion. **Library Birthday** books will first be presented to the children to be enjoyed for a week before we add them to the permanent library collection. A photo of the presentation will be taken and placed in the TEAM Spirit newsletter.



We are now honoring all birthdays from July through October. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office. Thank you for helping our library grow!

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Joanna Dennis,
 Library Volunteer
 Toras Emes Academy of Miami

Library Birthday Club

1. <u>Name:</u> _____ <u>Grade:</u> _____ <u>Birthday</u> _____	2. <u>Name:</u> _____ <u>Grade:</u> _____ <u>Birthday</u> _____
3. <u>Name:</u> _____ <u>Grade:</u> _____ <u>Birthday</u> _____	4. <u>Name:</u> _____ <u>Grade:</u> _____ <u>Birthday</u> _____

Other Library donations:

1) Name: _____

Occasion: e.g. in memory of, in honor of _____

2) Name: _____

Occasion: e.g. in memory of, in honor of _____

Please feel free to use the back of the form for more entries.

\$18 enclosed for each book - Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return form with money to office