

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Lech Lecha

October 26, 2012

6:24 P.M.

THANK YOU TO:

Mr. Muti Bistriz for playing the guitar to the Pre-KII and Pre-KIII classes.

Miss Aliza Palgon for playing the guitar, banjo, violin and mandolin banjo to the Early childhood classes.

Zevi Roth for playing the clarinet for the Pre-KII class.

Rabbi Chaim and Yael Summer for donating educational equipment to the Pre-KI class in honor of Sara's fourth birthday.

Mrs. Mindy Winter for playing the ukulele for the Pre-KI class.

MAZEL TOV:

Dr. Dovid and Nechama Bistriz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zevi.

Rabbi Chaim and Susie Casper on the forthcoming marriage of their son Gavriel to Hila Tamim.

Mr. Mike and Ettie Schloss on the birth of a grandson to their children Shlomo and Miryam Schloss.

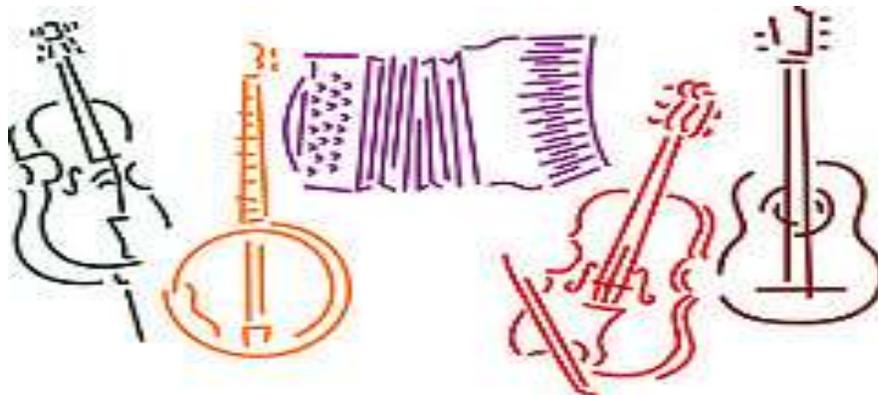
Mr. Daniel and Esther Waisman on the birth of a daughter.

ANIMAL KINGDOM

The Animal Kingdom program was cancelled because of Tropical Storm Sandy. The program will be rescheduled in the near future.

BEFORE SHABBOS...

Make sure to check whether the Eruv in your neighborhood is in operation this Shabbos.



NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

If you happened to pass by the Nursery this week, you would have heard strange noises coming from our classroom-the sounds of chickens (tarnegolet), ducks (barvaz), sheep (kivsa), cows (parah), cats (chatul), dogs (kelev) and horses (sus). (We taught these words in the singular form in Hebrew.) We had a wonderful time pretending to be all these animals as part of our unit on the farm. **We played “Farm Lotto”, made a yellow duck and sang the songs “Two Little Ducks” and “La Dod Moshe Hayta Chava.” In conjunction with the farm unit, we also talked about the concept of “Tzaar Baal Chaim.”**

Our Music month activities include learning about the concepts of fast and slow and soft and loud as they pertain to music. Using rhythm instruments as well as our voices, we created slow and fast music and loud and soft tones. The children also enjoyed matching sounds to corresponding pictures of objects that produce them.

We listened to the stories Berlioz The Bear by Jan Brett and The Little Band by James Sage.

Parashas Lech Lecha was taught this week. The children were fascinated to learn that Avraham discovered the existence of Hashem when he was only three years old-the same age as the children in Nursery. We also talked about the story of Avraham and the idols and the promise that Hashem made to Avraham, that his children would be as many as the sand and stars. We enjoyed listening to the stories The Ten Tests Of Avram by Shoshana Lepon and A Little Boy Named Avram by Dina Rosenfeld.

Our Hebrew Language Program this week focused on tzevaim. We learned the colors:

ירוק
צהוב
כחול
אדום

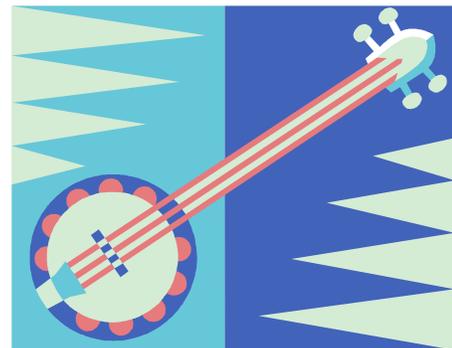
NURSERY - MORAH SUSAN

What an exciting, fun filled week we had in the Nursery. In honor of Music Month, we sang the song **“Don’t Walk In Front Of Me” and created a friendship mural** featuring the handprints of each child in the class. The children experimented with different colored paints to create this mural.

Making banjos out of rubber bands and foam trays was lots of fun. We were so excited to march around **the room as we “played” these instruments.** We also played with a real flute, made our own pretend flutes and learned about many different kinds of instruments. The children enjoyed listening to the stories Zin! Zin! Zin! The Violin by Lloyd Moss and Mama Don’t Allow by Tatcher Hurd.

We sang the song “Do, Re, Mi” from “which helped the children learn the names of the notes on the musical scale.

Do, a deer, a female deer
Re, a drop of golden sun
Mi, a name I call myself
Fa, a long, long way to run
So, a needle pulling thread
La, a note to follow so
Ti, a drink with jam and bread
Do to start over again



PRE-KI, II & III- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

In the beginning of Parashas Lech Lecha, Hashem tells Avram to leave Charan, where he lived with his father Terach. Hashem promised Avram that he would have as many children as the stars in the sky, and the sand on the ground. Hashem gave Avram many tests. Avram had full faith in Hashem and passed all the tests that Hashem gave him without complaining.

We listened to the stories Who Is The Builder by Genendel Krohn, A Little Boy Named Avram by Dina Rosenfeld and The Ten Tests Of Avraham by Shoshana Lepon.

We are continuing our unit on Tzevaim (colors). The children had a lot of fun playing color games and creating unique collages that represent the colors that we have learned. Some of the phrases that we learned this week include:

יש לי תפוח אדום
יש לי תפוח צהוב
יש לי תפוח ירוק
הכובע שלי שחור
הכובע שלי לבן

A new unit-Bakitah, was introduced this week. We learned the words:

בית ספר
דלת
כסא
שולחן

Our Hebrew letters of the week were beis and veis. Some of the vocabulary words that we focused on were: boker, beitzah, beit-sefer, beit-kenesses, begadim, booba, bayit, lulav and kochav.

The children are so excited to be making alef-beis projects in their very own alef-beis books! These books will be kept in school and worked on throughout the year.



PRE-KI, II & III-MOROT JUDY & NECHAMA

The Pre-K children continued their unit on Music. This week, the String instruments were introduced. The children listened to and compared the many different sounds of instruments such as the guitar, violin, harp, piano and ukulele. They also experimented with many different types of rubber bands to create musical vibrations.

The children enjoyed learning about the life of Mozart and listening to the book Mozart by Ann Rachlin. **They also listened to some of Mozart's concertos.** Did you know that Mozart loved to play the piano so much that he slept with a make believe keyboard in his bed?

Math skills were exercised by practicing number recognition and counting skills. The Pre-K children sorted, matched and counted instruments. They also compared the lengths and widths of the rubber bands that they used to create musical instruments.

As a special art activity, the children created their own string instruments.

We spoke about how the weather is changing up north. We looked at weather reports and discussed the different weather conditions up north and at home.

Favorite books this week were Sounds All Around by Wendy Pfeffer and Zin! Zin! Zin! The Violin by Lloyd Moss.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

We had a wonderful week in kindergarten. In our Alef Bais program, the letter Hay was introduced. **We learned about the mitzvos of "Hashavas Aveida" and "Hachnasas Orchim."** We enjoyed working in our Alef Bais books and practiced combining the letters Alef through Hay with the Patach.

Parashas Lech Lecha was the focal point of our week. The stories A Little Boy Named Avram by Dina Rosenfeld and The Ten Tests Of Avraham by Shoshana Lepon were read to the children. The children were fascinated to hear how Avram recognized Hashem at an early age and how together with his wife Sarai, he taught everyone to believe in Hashem. We learned about the **importance of respecting someone else's property from Avram's experience in muzzling sheep. There are so many lessons to be learned from the life of Avraham Avinu and the many challenges that Hashem tested him with.** After hearing many interesting stories and midrashim about Avraham, the yeladim understood why **he was chosen to be the role model for B'nei Yisroel.** We made a beautiful art project incorporating the brachos that Hashem gave Avraham.

We also enjoyed listening to the book Who Is The Builder by Genendel Krohm.

We started a new Hebrew Language unit called **"Bakitah" (classroom vocabulary).** The friendly puppets from Israel, Dan and Tali helped us learn many new words and phrases such as:

איפה דן
איפה טלי
אני דן
אני טלי
מי את?
מי אתה?

We started the Derech Program this week. In this program, we learn one halacha of Derech Eretz each week. This week, we talked about Hakaras Hatov-how we have to show appreciation to our parents and grandparents for everything that they do for us. Please **review the "derech" picture with your child.**

We also continued reviewing the tzevaim that we have learned and added the following:

צבע סגל
צבע חום

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

Great News! This week was filled with grand activities. **We zeroed in on the hard "Gg" sound and completed letterbook "Gg".** We read The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We also read a delightful story called Grandpa's Slippers by Joy Watson. We learned to listen for the final sound as well as the beginning sound of the letter "Gg"(bag, egg, plug). **Of course, we played lots of games.**

We combined our math activities with the letter "Gg." **We learned that a graph is a math picture.** We made graphs of different topics of interest to our class.

Our unit on music will be ongoing for a month. Our emphasis this week was on the string family. **We talked about plucking" the strings and feeling the vibrations of the instruments.** We also talked about how music can tell a story, and the many different types of musical instruments.

Our unit on "All About Me" is still in progress.

We are working on interviewing the children about things that are important to them. This information, along with **the children's illustrations will be compiled into a big book for the class to share.**





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Erev Shabbos Parashas Lech Lecha 5773

Dear Parents,

Perhaps the most distressing aspect of raising children, for those parents blessed with two or more children, is the inability of their children to get along with each other. Sibling rivalry can tear at the fabric of a happy home, and many parents simply are at a loss of what to do. Their sweet, charming children are so good at almost everything, except being kind and patient with each other.

The situation may seem even more perplexing, when parents become aware that outside the house, the children will stand up for each other to the nth degree. Before you dismiss that phenomenon as just another proof that your kids are out to get you, think about the fact that they are actually following in the footsteps of *Avraham Avinu*.

This week's *Parsha* details the relationship and subsequent falling-out between *Avraham* and his nephew and brother-in-law, *Lot*. This was not mere family trouble – this was a clash of ideology that compelled *Avraham* to separate from his nephew. And yet, despite this estrangement, when *Avraham* heard that *Lot* was captured in battle, *Avraham* put his life in danger in order to attempt to save *Lot*.

Rabbi Herschel Becker, in his *Sefer, Love Peace*, points out that *Avraham's* attitude towards *Lot* was based not on *Lot's* failings, but that he was a brother. He relates the story of *Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzenski zt'l*, leader of Lithuanian Jewry between the two World Wars, who once excused himself from a meeting of the most distinguished Rabbis of the time, to converse with a relative, a simple man who came calling. When asked to explain his actions, *Rav Chaim Ozer* cited the *Halacha* that while a distinguished person may be allowed to turn aside from picking up a lost article worth only a penny, when it comes to showing compassion for a relative, there is no such dispensation. He quoted the *Pasuk* in *Yeshaya (58:7)* that states: *From your flesh, you may not turn aside*. You are obligated to be there for your relative.

No matter the health of your children's relationship with each other inside the family, you should focus on and stress this idea that brothers (and sisters) are there for each other. If they are loyal to each other outside the home – celebrate this most important trait. If they're not loyal even outside, encourage them and teach them the lesson of *Avraham Avinu* – loyalty is not dependent on behavior, but on family bond that is precious and most worthy of strengthening in any way possible.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

May your *Shabbos* be peaceful and well-connected,
 Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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Please join us at

the Young Israel of Hollywood, Sunday, November 11th, 7:30 pm for a

Women's Evening of Inspiration

as we commemorate the 3rd yartzheit of our beloved,

Jeanette Levine, ע"ה

(Chaya Yachet Elka bas R' Yisroel Yitzchak, ע"ה)

We are honored to have as our guest speaker:

Rebbetzin Rochel Stefansky,

esteemed counselor and Torah studies teacher at Bais Yaakov High School of Manchester, England. Rebbetzin Stefansky is also well known for her inspirational weekly shiurim to large groups of women and her renowned "History & Hashkafa" tours throughout Eastern Europe. She will address the women of our community on:

Ahavas Hashem

Loving Hashem with all your heart, soul and resources

"בכל לבבך בכל נפשך ובכל מעודך"

Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes takes great pleasure in announcing the inauguration of our **28th Annual Dinner Journal Campaign**. It is our *kavod* to recognize an extraordinary group of people who have given so much of themselves for the Yeshiva and who all share a common thread: their *ma'asim tovim* are performed in a quiet and unassuming way, almost always below the radar.

Guests of Honor

DR. & MRS. RICHARD & JODY BENNETT

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RAPHAEL MORDECHAI BEN YITZCHAK (MARVIN) HIRSCH A"H



This week, we introduce you to the Bennetts.

Part of our Yeshiva family since 1996, **Dr. and Mrs. Richard and Jody Bennett** understood the value of a quality Jewish education.

Commuting two young children from Boca Raton to North Miami Beach daily, their love for the Yeshiva, and their desire to emulate that same atmosphere in their own community (and to minimize their commute), the Bennetts played a vital role in the establishment of The Torah Academy of Boca Raton, serving on its Board of Directors and helping to shape and guide its growth. Dr. Bennett also served as a Board Member of the Young Israel of Boca Raton, and Mrs.

Bennett was a member of the Mikvah's Board of Directors as well as an officer of the YIBR Sisterhood. Due to his success with Pediatric Associates in Boca Raton, Dr. Bennett was selected to open a new Skylake office in 2005, where he has since served as the lead physician.

He extends himself far beyond office hours, taking care of our community's - and in particular, the *b'nei HaYeshiva* - at all hours of the day and night. The Bennetts have immersed themselves

in our Yeshiva and *kehilah*, and take special joy in hosting our Bais Medrash *talmidim* for Shabbos meals. We express our sincere *HaKoras HaTov* to them for allowing us to shine a most-deserved light on them as our *Guests of Honor*.

In the coming weeks, we will introduce you to the Frohlingers and Hirsches.

An ad blank is attached. Your generous response will help make this our best campaign ever!!

Have a great Shabbos!



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All donors will receive a mini physical & special giveaways!

Date: Sunday, October 28, 2012

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Place: Yeshiva Toras Chaim

**Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.
- Jerusalem Talmud, Sanhedrin 4:8 (37a)**

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