

TEAM Spirit



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PLEASE NOTE:

ASARA B'TEVES—DECEMBER 23

Regular Sunday sessions.

OOPS!

Fraidy Thav's name was inadvertently omitted from the Star Student list in last week's printed TEAM Spirit. Yasher Koach Fraidy!!!

28TH ANNUAL DINNER & JOURNAL CAMPAIGN

Please see the attached Journal Update for the latest campaign news and be sure that *YOUR NAME* is on the list!

While you're at it, please make your dinner reservations today!!

Tuesday, January 15...Treetop Ballroom.... It's the **ONLY** place to be!

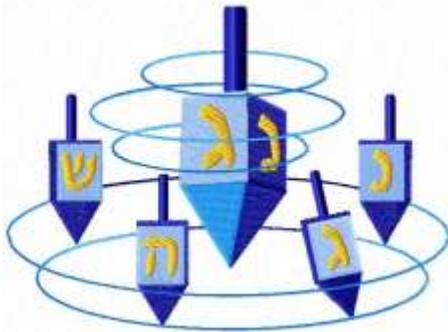
CHANUKAH CONCERT AND SEVIVON SPECTACULAR!

Wednesday was an exciting day at Toras Emes as we celebrated the fourth day of Chanukah with an incredible concert performance and spinning Sevivon contest.

Our thanks to Mr. Shlomo Stauber and Azamra Orchestra for their time and tremendous talent as they entertained the students with a rousing medley of Chanukah songs. The spirit and dancing were fantastic!

The students all enjoyed the opportunity to try their hand at spinning the dreidels and eating the fruits of their labors (jelly beans!)

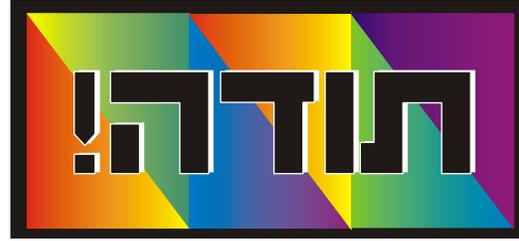
What a great way to celebrate Chanukah 5773. Can't wait till next year! (See photos)



2013-14 REGISTRATION

Planning for the 2013- 14 school year has already begun. Inquiries for 2013-2014 indicate a high interest in our program.

We are writing to advise you that if you have a child who will be a new Yeshiva Toras Chaim/Toras Emes applicant (eg. Nursery, Pre-K...) for the 2013-2014 school year, please contact our office of admissions ([305-947-7779 x 310](tel:305-947-7779) or hpam@ytcteam.org) to request an application as soon as possible. In order to receive priority for siblings, we must receive your child's application by Monday, January 14th.



TEAM TEACHERS THANK YOU

TEAM teachers and staff gratefully acknowledge all the parents who so generously participated in the Chanukah Gifts for Teachers Program. Due to your participation in this project, we were able to show true Hakaros HaTov to our hard working Toras Emes staff and bestow each and every member of our staff with a worthy gift.

The TEAM Staff extends a very special thank you to the Parents' Association for providing our most deserving teachers with a beautiful and delectable Chanukah Luncheon on Thursday. Our gratitude and heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Esta Rosenberg and Mrs. Esther Entin for organizing and setting up the fabulous luncheon.

RAISING G.R.E.A.T. CHILDREN

Rabbi Baumann's weekly Parenting
Class resumes this Tuesday, Dec. 18,

8:45-9:30 am, in the library.

All are welcome to attend.

This week's topic:

Empathic Listening

SIDDUR PARTY

Mazel Tov to the first grade girls who celebrated receiving their first, beautifully decorated Siddur at a festive party on Thursday.

Special recognition must be given to Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Rosenbaum, Miss Flamholtz, and Mrs. Rosenberg **for all of their efforts and hard work in preparation for this milestone in the girls' lives.**

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Baumann for encouraging the girls with his inspiring words.

Many thanks to Mrs. Romina Mizrahi for the delicious Sufganiot. Special thanks to Mrs. Sandra Getzel for the bagels and fruit platters, to Mrs. Allison Gutfreund for the *pekalach* and to Mrs. Raquel Franklin for food shopping. We are most grateful to Mrs. Perla Pollock and Mrs. Charna Zeitouni for setting up. Thank you as well to Mrs. Sandra Getzel and Mrs. Dina Rubin for coming in to capture this wonderful day on video and still photography.

The girls will enjoy using the beautifully crafted Siddur Bookmarks, which were made by Mrs. Elinor Cohen, and beautifully hand-calligraphied by Mrs. Rebecca Lefkowitz.

Last, but not least, great appreciation is extended to the first grade girls and their mothers for the time and energy expended in making such beautiful and creative Siddur covers! What a Happy Chanukah this has been for the first grade girls!



ASSEMBLIES

Our Chanukah assemblies on Thursday were a huge success! Mrs. Palgon's third grade girls entertained their audience with a performance entitled "A Menorah for Dena" This Chanukah story also references the Great Depression - an event in our history that 3G has been discussing in class.

Rabbi Schwartz's fifth grade boys shared the miracle of Chanukah through a moving performance depicting how the Jews were saved on this holiday.

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Yaakov Fried and Rabbi Ariel Yeshurun for their inspiring Divrei Torah.

PLEASE CHOOSE "CHOSEN WORDS"!

We hope you are enjoying this year's editions of "The Chosen Words," which appear in this TEAM Spirit newsletter. This inspirational newsletter by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation enhances your homes every other *Erev Shabbos*. We need your help in order to continue providing this publication! Please consider partaking in the \$360 sponsorship, in memory, in honor of, or for a *Refuah Shelaima*, which will be printed at the bottom of each Chosen Words that appears in our weekly newsletter for the entire school year.

רפואה שלמה

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Leah bas Rochel

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Shlomo Meir ben Aviya Nechama

Malka Rivka bas Devorah

Shoshana bas Miriam

Mordechai Yisroel ben Zisa Sara

Chaya Shaina Sara bas Chana Esther

Meir Yitzchok ben Pessel

Rochel Gittel bas Yehudis Etil

Peretz ben Gittel

Yaakov ben Malka

Naftuli ben Rivka

Miriam bas Itzilah Aida

Dovid ben Golda

Devorah bas Victoria

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Erev Shabbos Parashas Mikeitz, Chanuka 5773

Dear Parents,

The festival of *Chanuka* provides a golden opportunity to strengthen one of our core beliefs that is too often taken for granted but is in fact, a major challenge for many of our children. The concept of *Emunah Peshuta*, straightforward belief in *Hashem*, unencumbered by **philosophical and psychological complexities, is proving elusive to many of today's young Jews.**

To be sure, questioning, analyzing and probing are valuable tools in the thinking Jew's arsenal. At the end of the day, however, what is the `default' position of our beliefs? When a crisis occurs, when earth-shattering events unfold – do we look to explanations based on politics, social theory, historical trends, charismatic personalities, or do we see the hand of *Hashem* animating the events of our lives? All the layers of `natural occurrences' that cover the hidden direction that *Hashem* provides for events need to be peeled away in order for us to recognize the truth of what really lies beneath everything that happens to us.

This is one of the great messages of *Chanuka*. No matter how you interpret the events surrounding the *Chashmonaim's* **defeat of the mightiest army in the world, you cannot escape** the obvious – that *Hashem* made a miracle. There is no other explanation. As the last of the holidays that our Rabbis instituted for our people, *Chanuka* comes to drive this lesson home – **that the Jewish people's fate does not rest on the size of the enemy's army, on the statistical probabilities that seem stacked against us, nor is it restricted by seemingly limited resources, as the small jug of oil demonstrated. Just as the many can be defeated by the few, so too can a long expanse of darkness be illuminated by a very limited power source.**

Our children need to internalize this lesson. The true source of illumination, the real power behind an army is our G-d. No matter how bleak things look *Hashem* is there, watching, waiting, caring and ready to respond decisively on our behalf, when the time is ripe. Our children need to be ***Ma'aminim Bnei Ma'aminim*** – Believers, the children of Believers. We first need to strengthen ourselves in this most basic fundamental of our faith, and then we can imbue our children with the same strength of conviction.

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May the lights of *Chanuka* shed light on this bedrock faith of ours, and may we always keep our focus on the greatest of truths – that everything that happens is the will of *Hashem*. This immovable faith has sustained us throughout thousands of years of suffering, and this faith is what will bring us to be able to greet *Moshiach Tzidkeinu*, may he come speedily, in our times.

Best wishes for an Inspiring *Shabbos* and an Illuminating *Chanuka*,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rabbi Kalman Baumann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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3G - "A MENORAH FOR DENA"



28th Annual Dinner & Journal Campaign

Journal Update – December 14, 2012

Guests of Honor

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Kesser Shem Tov Award

Dr. & Mrs. Stan & Marla Frohlinger

Kesser Torah Award

Mr. & Mrs. Chaim & Samantha Hirsch

*Accepted in Loving Memory of Chaim's Beloved Father
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Campaign Goal \$1,000,000 Raised to date \$269,500.00

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Anyone who raises \$1,000 will receive two complimentary tickets to the Dinner.

We look forward to having all our parents attend the Dinner Tuesday, January 15th at the Treetop Ballroom at Jungle Island. Invitations will follow in the mail.

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