

# Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Terumah

February 15, 2013

5:56 P.M.

**Presidents' Day**  
**Monday, February 18**  
**School is from**  
**8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon**  
**(The time stated on the**  
**calendar is incorrect)**  
**Dismissal will begin at**  
**11:50 a.m.**

**Please arrange your**  
**carpools accordingly.**  
**There will be aftercare for**  
**those enrolled until**  
**1:00 p.m.**

## SHUSHAN PURIM CARNIVAL

The annual E.C.E. Purim Carnival will take place on Shushan Purim, Monday, February 25 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. All children should be brought to school between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and picked up at 12:00 noon.

There will be no aftercare.

Children should come dressed in Purim costumes. We will be serving a snack to the children. It will not be necessary to send lunch. Please send in \$3.00 to help defray the cost of the carnival.

We need parents to help man the booths at the carnival. Please call the E.C.E. office to volunteer.



## **SAVE THE DATE -CHINESE AUCTION!**

**O**ur Annual Chinese Auction is scheduled for Sunday, May 26. Please line up your babysitters now for this amazing evening that you won't want to miss!



## THANK YOU:

Rabbi Zelig and Nechama Privalsky for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Shua's sixth birthday.

## **PURIM CARDS & MISHLOACH MANOS**

**B**elieve it or not, Purim is just around the corner! Our beautiful Purim cards are now available from the Parents Association, through the school office. Suggested donation is \$2.00 per card (including envelope) or 10 cards for \$18.00. If you can't come in to the office, order forms are attached for your convenience.

This year we are, once again, offering the opportunity to show your Hakoras Hatov to the staff, faculty and board members by participating in our Mishloach Manos project. If you would like to submit your order online please go to [ytcteam.org/purim](http://ytcteam.org/purim).

## HAMANTASCHEN

### Dough I (Toras Emes Cookbook)

6 ½ cups flour	¾ cup margarine or crisco
2 cups sugar	1 tsp vanilla
2 Tbsp baking powder	4 eggs
1 tsp salt	2/3 cup orange or pineapple juice (or mixture of both)

Mix dry ingredients; make a hole in the middle. Mix liquids in a separate bowl; add liquids slowly to dry ingredients. Make rounds of dough 2 ½ inches in diameter. Drop filling from teaspoon into the center of the fold and shape into triangle. Squeeze edges. Brush with egg yolk. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes on a greased cookie sheet until lightly browned.

### Dough II

¼ lb. margarine (softened)	½ cup sugar
zest of one orange	3 eggs
2 cups flour	¼ tsp salt
1 ½ tsp baking powder	

Cream margarine and sugar. Add beaten eggs and zest. Blend well. Mix flour, salt and baking powder and add to the mixture. Divide dough into four portions. Roll out dough (1/4 inch thick) and cut with a drinking glass. Place filling in middle of circle and fold both sides over to form a triangle. Brush with egg. Grease cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

### Dough III

3 eggs	5 ½ cups flour
1 cup sugar	3 tsp vanilla
¾ cup oil	3 tsp baking powder
1/3 cup juice	

Mix together eggs, oil and sugar. Beat on high speed for 10 minutes. Add flour mixed with baking powder alternately with juice. (A little more flour may be needed to achieve proper consistency). Add vanilla. Roll out, fill, shape and bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

### Dough IV

½ cup oil	1 tsp almond flavoring
½ cup sugar	1 tsp vanilla
1 egg	1 tsp honey
2 cups flour	1 tsp baking powder

Mix oil and sugar, add egg, mix well, add flavorings, slowly add flour and baking powder and mix until you can form a ball. Take a small amount of margarine, roll out on a floured board. Use a wide mouthed jar to make a round shape. Fill center with filling and roll up sides to make a triangle. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown on a greased cookie sheet.

### Filling

Chocolate chips, any flavor jelly, cherries from canned pie filling etc.



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Erev Shabbos Parashas Terumah 5773

Dear Parents,

The week of *Parashas Teruma* and the introduction to the *Mishkan* – a sanctified place uniquely suited for approaching and serving *Hashem*, affords the opportunity to make our annual appeal. This is not an appeal for money, or even for volunteers. The appeal is for some thoughtful introspection about the issue of appropriate decorum in shul and proper *Chinuch* for *Tefilla*, for *davening*. We are blessed with many *Batei Knessios* – synagogues and *Batei Midrashos* – *yeshivos* and *kollelim*, our mini sanctuaries during our *Galus existence*. **We don't have the *Mishkan* or *Beis HaMikdash***, but let us ask ourselves how well we are handling our opportunities, our special places to serve *Hashem*.

**We've presented ideas on this topic before, and some of them bear repeating.**

*Davening* with proper *Kavana* is a major challenge for many adults and children. Equally significant is the lack of awareness of the *Mitzva* of *Mora Mikdash*. What is *Mora Mikdash*, you ask? Exactly. The *Torah* tells us (*Vayikra 19:30*) ...*Umikdoshee Tirau...* **The *Sforno***, along with most *Rishonim* says this *Mitzva* of guarding the sanctity of the *Mikdash* refers not only to the *Beis Hamikdash*, but to any place of *Torah*, *Tefilla* and *Avoda*. Our awareness of and care for the inherent sanctity of our *shuls* and *shtieblach* is sorely lacking. There are clear *Halachos* concerning permitted and forbidden activities within the confines of a *Beis Knesses*, and this is even not during the time of *Tefilla*.

Tackling the enormous challenge of talking during *davening* that is tragically commonplace in many *shuls* in our community and **around the world appears to be a 'mission impossible'** – but anyone who minimizes the devastating impact that talking has, would do well to read the words of Rabbi Yonasan Eibeschitz in *Yaaros Devash* **as he places blame for the destruction of Prague's synagogues**, whose beauty was unparalleled anywhere in the world, on the sin of talking during *davening*. Even more compelling, is the special *Mi Shebairach* of the *Tosfos Yom Tov* in reaction to the cataclysmic events of 1648-49 in Eastern Europe.

I would like to further focus on the *Chinuch* (educational and training) aspect of *davening*, and more specifically when it is appropriate and when it is not appropriate to take children to *shul*. Too many parents look at the world as black or white. Some things and places are unacceptable, to be avoided completely. Other situations are okay, and therefore no restrictions or limitations need be **placed on their children's involvement**. *Shul* going, especially on *Shabbos*, falls into the second category, that of okay activities. Going to *shul* **is a spiritually positive experience, so let's all go!** **But what are your goals and objectives in taking children? Can a three year old learn anything about the sanctity of *Beis Knesses*, or are we training him to view the *shul* as an exciting and intriguing playground? What are we teaching a young child when we bring him to a house of prayer – but he's completely unable to pray? It is not *chinuch* to simply have a child in *shul* – he must learn the proper way to behave in *shul*. When a child is brought at too young an age – we are teaching the exact opposite of what we intend!**

What about elementary aged children – they can read, so therefore they can *daven*. **But let's ask ourselves some questions.** The few minutes that the child can (hopefully) remain focused, are a tiny fraction of the time spent in *shul*. What happens the rest of the **time? It's play time** – and the playground is the ***Mikdash Me'at!*** What happens as the child grows older – have we trained him or her that the *shul* is a sanctified place requiring awe and reverence because it is ***Hashem's* house** – or have we initiated yet another recruit of adult shulgoers to not show respect to the shul, and helped a new generation of talkers and interrupters to emerge from our **ranks? Our children don't need to be in *shul* before the age of 9 or 10 in order to feel comfortable in a synagogue** – that is simply not a challenge for them, given the *frum* environment they are growing up in.

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There are times that the mother is feeling exhausted and overwhelmed, and her husband feels it his obligation to take **the children off the mother's hands. That is indeed a laudable attitude, and emergencies do happen, but bringing children to shul** for babysitting purposes constitutes a very negative *chinuch*. Perhaps a more appropriate solution to this problem, which many of our parents employ, is to go to a *Netz* (sunrise) *Minyan*, get home early and take care of the children at home. The wife is helped, the children nurtured, and the *mispallelim* including the husband, can really *daven*.

You may ask – the *shuls* provide babysitting and activities *Shabbos* morning – it must be children are being encouraged to come to shul! **Be careful not to confuse the attempt to find safe and wholesome activities to fill our children's Shabbos Day, with proper Chinuch in davening.** Think through what you want your child to feel and do about *Davening to Hashem* when he or she is 18 years old, and then examine whether the way you're exposing your child to *Tefilla* and *Shul* is enhancing that goal, or *Chas V'Sholom*, subverting it.

Perhaps you are eating the *Shabbos Seuda* in *shul*, or are invited out to join a family from *shul*, and the entire family therefore needs to come to *shul* anyway. Arriving at the very end, for a few minutes of *davening*, under your careful supervision, is certainly preferable to an extended amount of unstructured time around the *shul*. *Davening* at home, quietly with *Ima*, before stepping out, can be a much more meaningful and constructive approach to developing good *davening* habits.

Many of our children struggle with *davening in school*. **Ask your child if he or she is one of the 'strugglers'.** **If the answer is yes, first examine your family's davening practices.** If your child has no issue with *davening* at home, ask your child what the problem is in school and contact us, so we can try to figure out where the challenge is coming from and work together to find a solution. It is not so common for a child to do well with *davening* in one venue and to struggle in another.

May *Hashem* enlighten us to provide the best possible *Chinuch* to our children, in all areas of life. May our efforts to show greater *Kavod* to our **Mikdeshai Me'at**, help us to merit the rebuilding of the *Beis HaMikdash*, *Bimheira*.

Have a *Kedusha*-filled *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal

**P.S. A magnificent book entitled "Let's Go to Shul" published by Feldheim, 2008, is an excellent source for children and families to learn how one conducts him or herself properly in a *Beis Knesses* and is a great way to generate *Shabbos* table discussions.**

# TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI

## PURIM CARD ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find:

check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to TEAM Parents Association) or  
cash in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to cover the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ cards at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per card  
(minimum donation: \$2.00 per card or 10 cards for \$18).

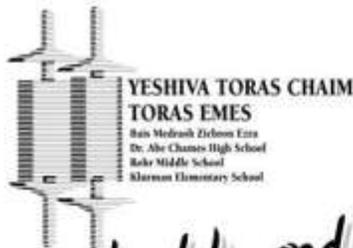
Please send cards home with:

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!





# 17th Annual Learnathon

All fathers and friends are invited to participate in this exciting *Tom Iyun*.

8 ADAR, 5773 / MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013

10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL / 1051 N. MIAMI BEACH BOULEVARD  
 DR. ABE CHAMES HIGH SCHOOL / 1025 NE MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE  
 NORTH MIAMI BEACH (Presidents Day)

## Schedule and Featured Speakers

### Highlights at Our Middle School Campus

10:10 - 10:40 AM

**Rabbi Hershel Becker**  
**Do you know My Name?**

11:15 - 11:25 AM

**Break/Refreshments**

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

*Rabbi Chaim Friedman, Rabbi Elchonon Galbut, Rabbi Yitzchok Selmar & Rabbi Yosef Weinstock*

12:45 - 2:15 PM

**Rabbi Elias Obadia**  
**The Torah Knew It Thousands of Years Before**

2:15 - 2:30 PM

**Mincha**

### At Our High School Campus

1:45 - 2:20 PM

*Mincha followed by Break*

2:25 - 3:10 PM

*Rabbi Edward Davis, Rabbi Chaim Glazer, Rabbi Moshe Matz, Rabbi Dovid Sharfman & Rabbi Pinchas Weberman*

3:10 - 3:40 PM

**Rabbi Dovid Lehrfield**  
**The Megillah Tells Us...**

3:40 - 4:15 PM

*Rabbi Moshe Berger, Rabbi Yaacov Gross, Rabbi Dovid Kivzner & Rabbi Yair Steinberg*

4:15 - 5:15 PM

**Rabbi Elias Obadia**  
**The Beauty of the Secrets of the Torah**

5:15 - 5:30 PM

*Mincha for Guests | Refreshments*

5:30 - 6:00 PM

*Chavrusos - Bais Medrash*

6:00 - 6:45 PM

*Rabbi Chayim Albert, Rabbi Kalman Baumann, Rabbi Yaakov Tzvi Blejer, Rabbi Saj Freiberg & Rabbi Moshe Bavuch Parnes*

6:45 - 7:30 PM

**Keynote Address:**  
**Rabbi Binyomin Luban, Rosh HaYeshiva**

7:30 PM

*Ma'ariv followed by Dismissal*

For further information, or to be a sponsor of this meaningful event, please call Rabbi Mordechai Palgon at 305-944-5344 x 200.