

# Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Emor

April 26, 2013  
7:31 PM

## Conference Night

Tuesday, April 30  
6:40—9:00 p.m.  
Nursery, Pre-K I, K I, K II

Please call the office to make an  
**appointment to meet with your child's teachers.**

## CHINESE AUCTION UPDATE

Our 9th Annual Chinese Auction is under way. By now you should have received the auction booklets in the mail. Make sure to go through it as we have added amazing new items this year and visit [ytcteam.org/auction](http://ytcteam.org/auction) to choose your prizes and earn a free Bonus Gift. Hope to see you all on May 26!

## MAZEL TOV:

Rabbi Tzvi and Leah Bedziner on the birth of a granddaughter to their children David and Mera Sharbani.

Rabbi Mordechai and Esti Palgon on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Shmuel Dov.

Rabbi Mordechai and Esti Palgon on the birth of a grandson to their children Jeremy and Shoshana Blinder.

SAVE THE DATE  
Wednesday, May 8

**Women's Pre-Shavuos**  
Evening of Inspiration  
featuring  
Rabbi Leiby Burnham  
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# Save The Date



## Pre-K Around The World Programs

Pre-KI Morah Judy and Morah Rachel  
Wednesday, May 29 10:15 a.m.

Pre-KII Morah Judy and Morah Rachel  
Thursday, May 30 10:15 a.m.

Pre-KIII Morah Nechama and Morah Malka  
Wednesday, May 29 1:15 p.m.

## "YOU HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL HERE"

They came, they saw, we conquered!

The Accreditation Committee that visited our campus this week, representing the Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) were greatly impressed by what they saw. In addition to the above, some other quotable quotes were "we found serious academics in a warm and loving environment," "our first impression was how welcoming and friendly everyone was" and "there is a warm and caring relationship between teachers and students."

The official decision is up to the respective organizations' Board of Directors, who are meeting in late May. We await their decisions most optimistically. We would like to thank our entire staff and student body who worked hard preparing, put their best foot forward and are eminently deserving of reaping the Nachas and pride from a job well done.

## THANK YOU:

Mr. Aaron and Valerie Kurlansky for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten III class in honor of Noah's sixth birthday.



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Erev Shabbos Parashas Emor 5773

Dear Parents,

Reprinted below (with slight modification) is an inspiring *Dvar Torah* that focuses on everyone's highest calling - to learn and teach Torah. The *Dvar Torah* originally appeared in *Mussar HaTorah* by Rabbis Aryeh Striks and Shimon Zehnwirth

**“Command the Jewish People ...” (Vayikra 24:2)**

The *Midrash Rabbah* (Vayikra 31:5) tells us that anyone who toils to understand the Torah is guaranteed that other people will listen to him. This, the *Midrash* tells us, is the meaning of the *pasuk* above: *Hashem* is telling *Moshe* that since he labored greatly to understand the Torah and its teachings, he can, **“command the Jewish people” and they will heed his authority.**

*Moshe Rabbeinu* was the greatest Jewish leader of all time, with many qualities that qualified him for his position. He cared for and loved every member of *Klal Yisrael* with endless patience (see *Rashi, Devarim 11:12*). *Moshe* reached the highest level of prophecy ever achieved by a human being – speaking to *Hashem*, **“face to face,” and was able to do so whenever he needed Divine guidance.** Despite these extraordinary attributes, *Moshe* remained so modest that the Torah itself testifies (*Bamidbar 13:3*) **he was the most humble of all men and that he was a, “servant of Hashem.”** These are all character traits that are critical for a leader of *B’nei Yisrael*. Any one of them could be assumed to be the crucial prerequisite that gains the trust and compliance of the people. Why then, does the *Midrash* point to *Moshe’s* sweat and toil to understand the Torah – and not any of these other traits – as the reason that *Klal Yisrael* will accept his leadership and command?

Expending energy – being ***amel b’Torah*** – is a necessary component for truly understanding the Torah and guaranteeing that it is absorbed accurately. We see that this is even true for *Moshe Rabbeinu* who heard the Torah first-hand, directly from *Hashem*. One cannot imagine a greater teacher than *Hashem* Himself, nor a better educational setting than forty days in *Shomayim*, in a prophetic interaction between *Hashem* and *Moshe*. Even so, had *Moshe* not worked so hard to ensure that his understanding of *Hashem’s* words was pre-cise, it would have made a difference in his grasp and clarity in *Torah*. *B’nei Yisrael* would have sensed that difference, that lack of effort, and their trust in *Moshe* and his commands would have been lacking. It was only *Moshe’s* hard work and effort to plumb the fathomless depths of Torah that earned him the Jews’ unswerving loyalty and full commitment to follow his instructions.

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This insight is not only relevant to teachers and rabbis. It applies also to a father and mother in their role as guide, mentor and teacher to their children. To be successful and gain the confidence of your **children, to instill within them a willingness and passion to follow in the Torah's ways**, you must have a solid grasp of Torah knowledge and Torah values, which can only be acquired through hard work and genuine exertion. As the *Gemara (Megilla 6b)* teaches us: "**R' Yitzchak said, 'If a person says, "I toiled and didn't find," - don't believe him; "I didn't toil and I found," - don't believe him.'**" The greatest, most humble *tzaddik*, able to learn directly from *Hashem* on the most sublime level of prophecy, simply **cannot gain complete comprehension, and his followers' cooperation, unless he exerts himself in studying Torah.** *Moshe Rabbeinu* **only earned our nation's loyalty through his painstaking effort to achieve total understanding of the Torah.**

Let us summon all our energies to apply ourselves fully to the study of *Hashem's* holy Torah, and in **the merit of that toil, may we be blessed to "find" the treasure of clarity and comprehension of its timeless truth and beauty.** We are then promised by the *Midrash* that we will merit another gift: the trust and loyalty of all those who follow our example and our teachings.

May your efforts bring you *Nachas* on this and every *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
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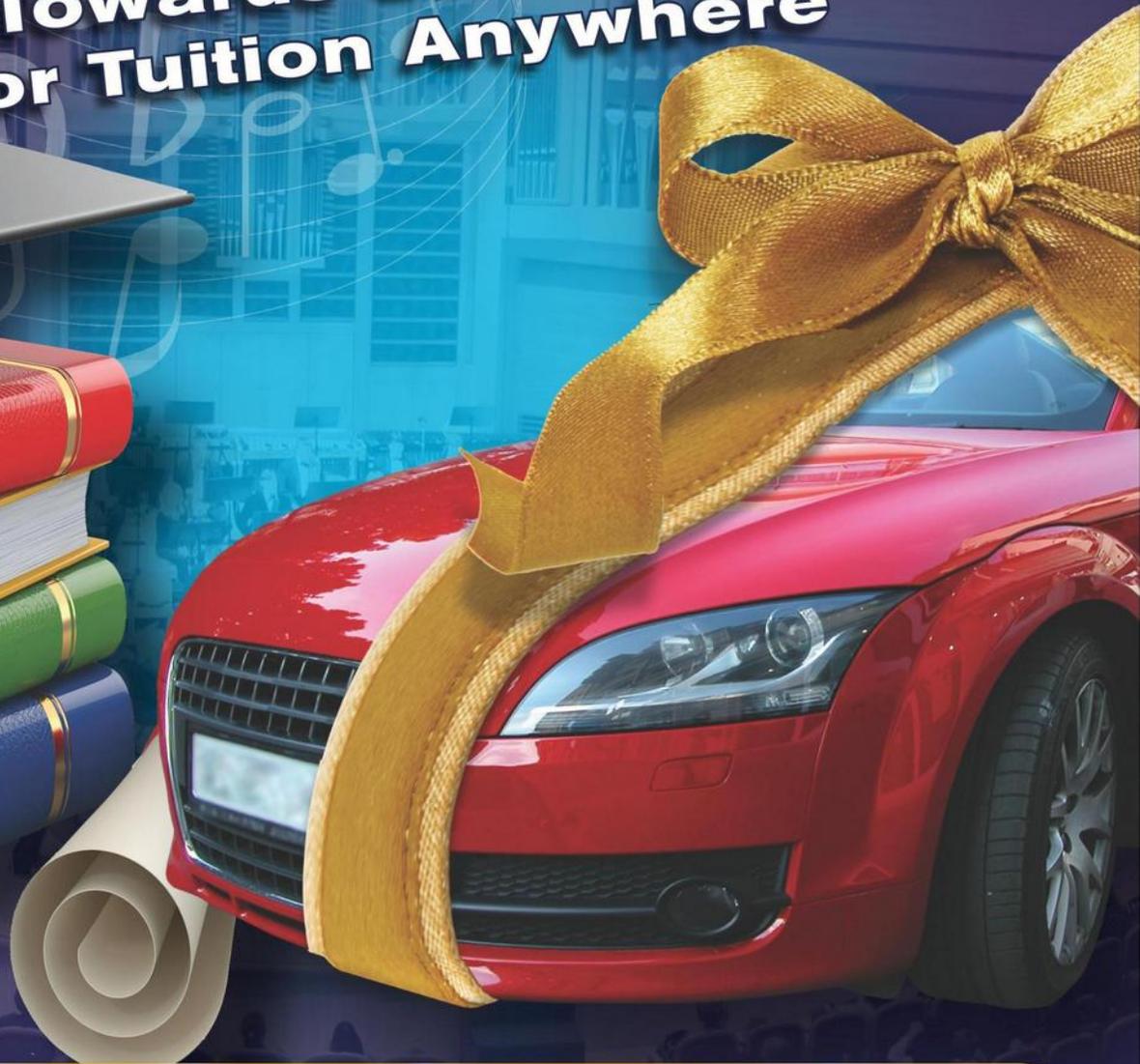
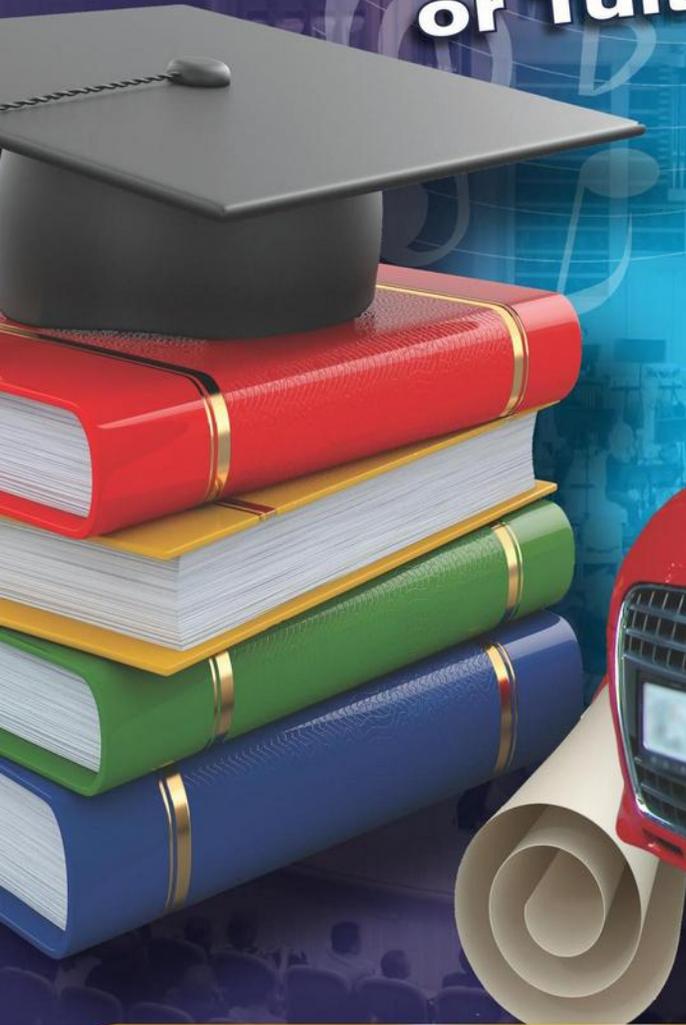
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