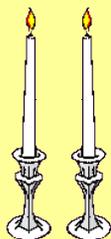


TEAM SPIRIT

פרשת מקץ

CANDLE
LIGHTING

5:10 pm



V'SAIN TAL UMATAR

Begin saying this wintertime
Shemone Esrei insert at *Maariv* this
Wednesday, December 4.

CHANUKAH BREAK

Our Chanukah Break begins tomorrow, Friday, November 29
and continues through Monday, December 2.
Classes resume at the regular time on Tuesday, December 3.



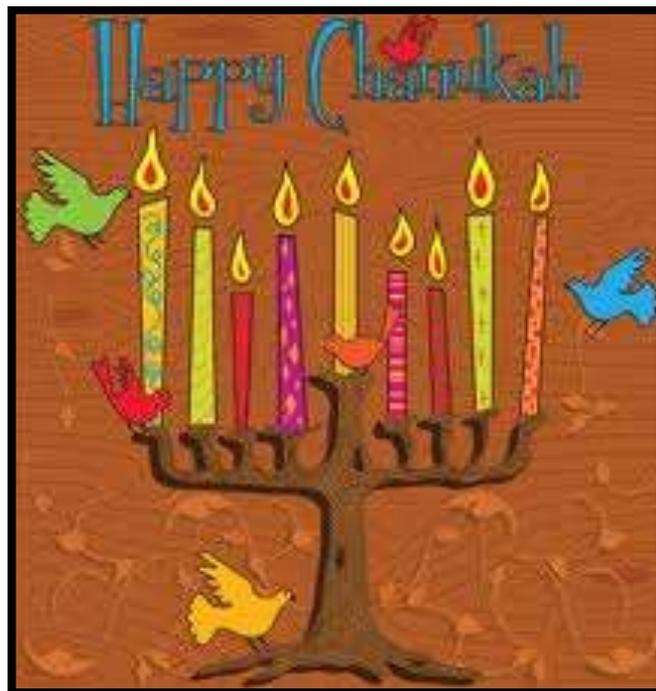
CHANUKAH SAFETY

With the forthcoming Yom Tov of Chanukah, we would like to share the following Chanukah-related safety precautions:

- ◆ Cover all surfaces on which Chanukah menorahs rest with silver foil or inflammable trays.
- ◆ Keep all candles, matches and flammable liquids out of reach of young children.
- ◆ Do not leave burning Chanukah menorahs unattended.
- ◆ Supervise young children closely when lighting the menorahs, and when celebrations or games are taking place near the Chanukah menorahs.
- ◆ Assure that smoke detectors are installed throughout the house and check that fresh batteries are inserted.

Advisory courtesy of Torah Umesorah

*Wishing all of our parents, staff and administration
a safe, Happy Chanukah.*



Last week's question:

Which city is mentioned in this Parsha that was also mentioned in Parshas וישלח?

Last week's answer:

The city of שכם was mentioned last week when יעקב arrives in ארץ ישראל (, לד , יח) and in וישב when יעקב sends יוסף to meet his brothers (טו , כד)



This week's question:

Who is called a כהן in this week's Parsha?

LIMUD
MISHNAYOS
PROGRAM AND
KICK-OFF
BRUNCH



Our annual extra-curricular Mishnayos Learning Project is currently underway for all boys in grades 3 through 5. Please encourage your boys to participate and help them learn.

The Mishnayos Program is dedicated
as an *Illui Neshama* for
HaGaon HaRav Ovadia Yosef **zt'l**

Sponsors are still welcome!

All those fortunate enough to have been part of last Sunday morning's events experienced the *simcha* that learning Torah brings, as our fathers and grandfathers celebrated together with our *talmidim* and *Rebbeim* to revel in the excitement of learning *Mishnayos*.

A meaningful event such as this could not possibly have taken place without the special people who worked so hard to make it possible. We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

❖ The generous sponsors of the Mishnayos Kick-Off Brunch:

THE BERKOWITZ FAMILY	THE MENDY BREIER FAMILY
THE DENNIS FAMILY	THE GELMAN FAMILY
THE HEINEY FAMILY	THE JEGER FAMILY
THE LEHRFIELD FAMILY	THE TOBOL FAMILY

❖ Mrs. Esta Rosenberg, our dynamic chairperson, whose tireless work from planning, to the invitations, through the brunch, and everything in-between resulted in a most magnificent event!

Thank you as well to Mrs. Rifky Flamholtz and Mrs. Rochel Heiney for helping in various aspects of preparation, set-up, serving and clean up.

❖ Rabbi Yehuda Bergida, Assistant Principal, DACHS, our guest speaker, whose *Divrei Torah* had the entire assemblage transfixed as he described the power of Torah learning and especially learning *Torah Sh'Baal Peh*.

❖ Our supportive fathers, grandfathers and friends, whose attendance on Sunday morning provided loving encouragement and demonstrated staunch support for the Torah learning of their children and grandchildren.

❖ And last but certainly not least, our extraordinary *Rebbeim*, whose dedication and devotion to Torah learning, and to the spiritual and emotional growth and well being of their *talmidim*, our children, make this all possible.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

We are starting the next cycle of our After School Sports program for boys on Monday, December 9. Forms were sent home. Please return your forms, with payment, on Tuesday.



PIZZA

Our next Pizza Cycle will begin on Friday, December 6. Please send in your completed form, with payment, on Tuesday.



KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

The need for basic food items and other daily necessities is ongoing. 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. Keep in mind that all the food must be either OU, Chaf-K, O-K, or Star-K certified, making it suitable for any family. Thank you for your continued help. *Yasher Koach!*

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Chaim Yosef ben Rus

Tinok ben Dina

Yaakov ben Rachel

Galit bas Ruma

Mina Yehudis bas

Masouda

Aharon Dovid ben

Chaya

Esther bas Chaya Sara

Yitzchok Shmuel ben Pesha Sara

Yitzchok Reuven ben Malka

Tzvi Zelig ben Chasya Rochel

Rivka bas Minnie

Dovid ben Rochel

Dovid Tzvi Aharon ben Alte Rochel





Erev Shabbos Parashas Vayeishev 5774

Dear Parents,

Roshei HaYeshiva

Rabbi Binyomin Luban
Rabbi Yisroel Y. Niman
Rabbi Mordechai Palgon

Founding Rosh HaYeshiva

Rabbi Bentzion Chait

Principal

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Secular Studies Principal

Dr. Deborah Lerer

Assistant Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman

President

Dr. Allan I. Jacob

President

Dr. Jonathan Rubin

Vice President

Rabbi Moshe Lehrfield

Among the many valuable messages to be learned from *Chanuka*, there is a very personal question that each of us needs to ask. If we were living in the times of *Chanuka*, when Greek culture was dominant, when the political fortunes of the Jews were declining, when only a relative handful of Jews remained loyal to the ideals and practice of Torah – whose side would we be on?

This question is very relevant – because our times are not so different from those times when Torah loyalists were few, assimilation was rampant and the external affairs of the Jewish people were frightening. Add governmental coercion against the open and free practice of our *Yiddishkeit*, and our resolve may not be as strong as we would like to think.

To take the question further, let's take a look at the contemporary situation. The overwhelming majority of the Jewish People are clearly in the camp of the assimilationists. The remainder of our people include many, possibly including ourselves, who may be called assimilationist sympathizers – embracing many aspects of the hedonistic society around us, comfortable with imbibing many values of western society and pursuing goals of acquiring material wealth and creature comforts along with the best of them. We may be so comfortable with the status quo that we find little wrong with the current situation.

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Let's suppose one of our great Rabbis publicly declares war against this enemy of Torah – the Jewish people is being decimated by the pursuit of pleasure that characterizes our surrounding society, and the call goes out to escape to the mountains – **leave our `regular' lives behind and join an emergency campaign to `defeat' the values and culture embodied in the New York Times, Hollywood, Madison Avenue and Facebook.**

Perhaps this sounds preposterous – **but it's not that different from the circumstances that existed** when *Mattisyahu Kohein Gadol* **first cried out to his brethren “Mi L'Hashem Aylai.” “Whoever is for G-d, follow me.”** The secular press would have had a field day excoriating *Mattisyahu* and his followers. Are we strong enough in our personal faith and commitment to give up all our material and social accomplishments for **Hashem's** honor? Would we have stepped forward and followed *Mattisyahu*? Our personal answer is not as important as the need to think about the question, to self-examine and take stock of our spiritual inventory.

Whether we are satisfied with our own response to this question or not, what about our children? What could possibly give them the fortitude and strength to follow *Mattisyahu* into the caves? Have we helped them develop *Emuna*, simple faith in the oneness of *Hashem* – that everything that happens in this world comes from Him? Do they have sufficient passion and excitement for their *Yiddishkeit*, **that it's worth sacrificing for, and that it is as dear as life itself?** Is their Jewish pride strong enough to engender a visceral antipathy towards movements and ideas that debase the values of our Torah?

These are not simple questions and there are certainly no pat answers. What these questions can do is to get us to think, on this *Chanuka* and throughout the year about our core values and beliefs. Are Torah values at the core of our being, or are they susceptible to being peeled off or shed when circumstances make living by those values a big challenge. If that thought scares us – what will we do to fortify ourselves and our families? What extras will we take on to enhance our spiritual side, and what restrictions will we place on our material side to lessen the corrosive influence of contemporary society?

These are essential life questions, and while the small flickering flames of the *Chanuka Menorah* burn is a good time to begin the process of introspection that can change our lives, our **children's and all generations to come** – and may we be eager and ready to answer the call of *Moshiach* on the day he arrives – may it come speedily and in our days.

Best wishes for a wonderful *Shabbos* and an inspiring and illuminating *Chanuka*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann

On Tuesday, the girls of 5G visited Mrs. Cohen's first grade students to read with them. Both classes really enjoyed the shared experience!



YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM TORAS EMES

\$1,000,000

SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

\$2,500,000

BUILDING CAMPAIGN



Honoring

RABBI AND MRS. YISROEL Y. & ROCHEL NIMAN

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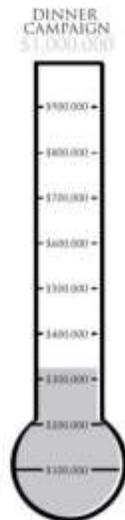
Scholarship/Building Campaign Update – November 28, 2013

*Scholarship
Campaign Goal*

\$1,000,000

Raised to Date

\$309,000



*Building
Campaign Goal*

\$2,500,000

Raised to Date

\$449,000

We thank everyone that has participated to date!

We encourage all parents to participate in these two campaigns by placing your personal ad, by making a pledge to the building campaign and by soliciting ads/pledges from friends, families and business acquaintances. Personal or solicited ads/pledges will be applied to your give or get obligation. Anyone who donates or raises \$1,000 in paid ads/pledges will receive two complimentary tickets to the dinner. We look forward to having all our parents and friends attend the Dinner Sunday January 5th at the Treetop Ballroom at Jungle Island.



DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.
Orders must be brought
to the office by 9:00am.

*Parents
Chanukah 5774*

Dear Parents,

As we anticipate the arrival of Chanukah, we are proud and honored to express thanks to the teachers and staff of Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes with a token of our appreciation for the time, energy and effort they devote to our children. Although there are many ways to say "Thank You", we have found that a cash gift is always appreciated.

The suggested gift amount of \$36 is divided amongst the faculty and staff. Additionally, in the High School, it is customary to give your son's main Rebbe a separate gift; the suggested amount is \$36. We realize that this may not be possible for everyone in light of today's economy, and therefore, are appreciative of all expressions of *HaKoras HaTov*.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to one of our offices by **Wednesday , November 27, 2013**. WE ASK THAT YOU SEND CASH WHENEVER POSSIBLE (please be sure to return the form so we know who you are!). If you must write a check, please make it payable to **CASH**. Envelopes have been provided for your convenience.

We appreciate your prompt reply and wish you all a very happy Chanukah.

Sincerely yours,
Esta Rosenberg
PTA President

**YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM TORAS EMES
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
CHANUKAH 5774**

FAMILY NAME _____

Student Name	Grade		
_____	_____	x	\$36
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$_____

Please enclose a separate check for your High School son's main Rebbe.

Student Name	Grade	Name of Main Rebbe	Amount
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$_____