

Early Childhood Newsletter

Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes

Parashas Shemos

December 20, 2013
Candle Lighting 5:16 P.M.

30th Anniversary Journal and Dinner

We hope you will take this opportunity to express your Hakoras HaTov to our wonderful honorees for they've done for our Yeshiva and community by responding as generously as possible. Please see the attached for further details. Mark **JANUARY 5, 2014** on your calendars and line up your babysitters early!

CONFERENCE NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

PRE-KII, KI, KII

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

NURSERY, PRE-KI, KIII, KIV

Please go online to

schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. If you need assistance, please call the school office.

Calendar Notes:

January 1- Teacher Work Day- No School

January 7- Kindergarten Trip to Jungle Island

January 20-24- Mid-Winter Vacation. No School

January 27- School Resumes

February 4- Pre-K Trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science

READ ALOUD

An amazing culminating activity for the Read Aloud Program took place this week. Parents dressed in costumes came to school to read stories to the children. You should have seen the excitement on the faces of the children. Thank you to the mothers who participated in this program:

Shira Feld, Karen Feldman, Rachelli Grossman, Rachel Liberman, Aliza Markovitch, Arin Taillard and Chaya Weiner

MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Abey and Li ora Cohen on the birth of a son.

Rabbi Ephraim and Sara Palgon on the engagement of their son Yechiel to Tal ya Rosensweig of Queens.

From The Office Of Admissions

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that now is the time to submit applications for your children who will be new Early Childhood (N, PK and K) Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes applicants for the 2014-15 school year. We are very excited that we have received many inquiries from new families, but as always we would like to extend a sibling priority to our current families.

Please contact me 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 6th.

I look forward to working with you.

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NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

This week, we began a unit on Winter. We talked about the different kinds of clothing worn during cold weather and sang a song about a snowman.

Let's Build A Snowman

Let's build a snowman
With a funny hat
Carrot in his nose
And he's big and fat
Cookies in his eyes
Come let's play
When the sun comes out
He'll melt away

We made our snowmen, decorated them with funny hats and listened to the stories Snowy Day by Jack Ezra Keats and Sadie And The Snowmen by Allen Morgen.

Many new Hebrew vocabulary words were taught to the children.

שלג, חורף
אני לובש מעיל
יש לי כפפות
אני נועל מגפיים
יש לי צעיף
קובע על הראש
קר מאד בחוץ

The Nursery children loved hearing the many beautiful midrashim about the life of Moshe Rabbenu– how he was placed in a teivas gomeh by his mother Yocheved and hidden in the river amongst the tall reeds. As Miriam watched her brother Moshe, Batya, the daughter of Paroh, came down to the river and heard Moshe cry. She reached out her hand and Hashem made a nes occur. Her hand stretched all the way to the teivah. We also learned how Bnei Yisroel became slaves and how Moshe Rabbenu was commanded by Hashem to lead Bnei Yisroel out of Mitzrayim. The children acted out the parsha and pretended to be slaves. They built the cities of Pitom and Ramses and sang the song: "Bang, Bang, Hold Your Hammers Low."

Bang, Bang, Bang, hold your hammers low
Bang, Bang, Bang, give a heavy blow
For it's work, work, work
Every day and every night (2X)
Dig, dig, dig, your shovels deep,
Dig, dig, dig, there is no time to sleep.

NURSERY – MORAH SUSAN

Our Nursery class had a lovely week filled with exciting activities. A new unit on Animals That Live in the Water was introduced in class. We learned about the many different animals that live in the water and created a picture of a whale in the ocean by mixing paints to simulate the appearance of water. We also made a starfish and a seahorse.

We learned a new finger play entitled "Where Is Fishy."

Where is Fishy (wave hands in fists in front of you)

Here I am (open hands up)

Here I am

How are you today fish (shake hands with someone)

Very wet I thank you (hands on waist)

Swim away (wave hands)

Swim away

We really enjoyed reading and looking at several books about fish, whales, ducks and frogs. The children loved listening to the stories Froggy Goes To School, Froggy Bakes A Cake and Froggy Goes To Bed by Jonathan London and Counting Crocodiles by Judy Sierra.

During center time, the class enjoyed working with our new Under The Sea puzzle. They had fun putting together a whale, octopus, dolphin, starfish, crab and a turtle.

PRE-KI & II MOROT HEIDI & NECHAMA

This week, in Parashas Shemos, the children were fascinated to hear the story of Moshe's birth and his life in the palace. We spoke about the emunah of his mother, Yocheved and his sister, Miriam, and how they were not afraid to disobey Paroh's terrible decree. The children learned that Moshe ran away from Mitzrayim to Midyan. In Midyan, Moshe married Tzipporah. When Hashem spoke to Moshe as he stood near the burning bush, Hashem told him to lead Bnei Yisroel out of slavery and back to Eretz Yisroel.

We are continuing our unit on Brachos. The children are enjoying playing various games to reinforce saying the correct bracha over specific foods.

Our Hebrew letter this week is yud. Vocabulary words that we learned are:

י
ידם
יום
יום הולכת
יין
ירח
יום טוב
ילך
ילדה

The children enjoyed using different foods from the housekeeping center to practice the brachos that they have already learned. They have also been playing Brachos Lotto to help reinforce the brachos that were taught.

PRE-KI & II- MORAH JUDY

This week, the Pre-K classes completed their unit on Favorite Authors. They learned about the life of Leo Lionni who started writing creative stories as a little boy. He was an only child and would spend many hours collecting objects of nature and studying them. His illustrations are usually very colorful and reflect his love for animals and nature. Frederick was our favorite Leo Lionni story. In this story, the mice prepare for a long, cold winter while Frederick collects sun rays. The highlight of the week was a visit from parents dressed in costumes, who read stories to the children.

We began our new letter, the letter "Gg." We listed many "Gg" words such as grapes, goat, game, gate, glue, glass, go and glow. One game we enjoyed was sticking letters that we have already learned on our building blocks and then putting those letters together to create words. When the children recognize that they've created a word that they know, they become very excited and motivated to read.

In math, the concepts of more, fewer, heavy and light were introduced. Using our classroom scale and objects such as rocks and counting bears, the children were able to grasp these math concepts.

KINDERGARTEN I, II, III & IV
MOROT BAYLA, HEIDI & RENA

The yeladim have become so much more aware of the brachos that they make on food as our brachos unit continues to evolve. The bracha Borei Minei Mezonos was featured this week. We enjoyed activities such as baking and decorating cupcakes and cookies. Many new words were added to our growing Hebrew vocabulary such as oogah, oogiyot, kemach and sukar. We also practiced saying the phrases:

אם אופת עוגה
ילדה אופת עוגה

We made beautiful cake plates that will grace our Shabbos tables. We set up a makolet (grocery store) in our housekeeping center. We enjoyed shopping for different foods and sorting them according to the appropriate bracha. Please send in empty boxes for our store.

We enjoyed hearing the story Adventures In Bracha Land by Bracha Rishona. Of course, our culminating activity was a delicious mezonos snack. Thank you once again for sending in foods for our delicious snack.

We are excited to start the next Sefer in the Torah-Sefer Shemos. We heard about the hardships that Bnei Yisroel had experienced in Mitzrayim. We heard how Moshe was saved by Batya, Paroh's daughter and how he was raised by her. Though Moshe had all of the luxuries of living in Paroh's palace, he always concerned himself with his fellow Jews. The children were amazed to hear the Hashem appeared to Moshe in a burning bush and told him that he was chosen to be the leader to take the Jews out of Mitzrayim. We enjoyed listening to the story A Little Girl Named Miriam by Dina Rosenfeld.

Open top "tes" came to our class this week. We talked about appreciating Tuv Haboreh and all of the beautiful things that Hashem gives us.

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah to ask permission before leaving the presence of a parent.

KINDERGARTEN I, II, III & IV
MOROT BERNEY, PEARLY & TALIA

You should have seen the excitement in the Kindergarten this week as the little authors wrote their own books. Each class continued to listen to different books written by Eric Carle. We discussed similarities and differences between his books and analyzed his illustrations.

On Tuesday we had a very special treat when parent volunteers came into our classrooms in costume, to read some wonderful books to the students. Everyone was delighted.

We began the letter "Tt" book this week. We discussed words that begin and end with the "t" sound. Now that the students know 6 consonants and 3 vowels, we are working hard on putting those letters together to read words. We have studied the letters, c, o, g, a, d, s, l, i, and t. We also completed a picture sound and sort activity where we matched pictures to appropriate sounds. This activity helped the students review the different vowel sounds that have been taught.

Our sight word vocabulary continues to grow. To accompany the new letter sound "t," we added the word "to" to our ever growing list. We are providing a list of all the words that have been taught in the blue folders. The children practiced reading and writing these words in the classroom in many fun and interactive ways. Writing the words on mini white boards is one of their favorite sight word activities. They also played sight word recognition games during our circle time. The children enjoy the games and it improves their sight word retention.

In math, we have completed chapter three and all the students are very well versed with the numbers 0-10. We continued to stress the important vocabulary terms such as, "greater than" and "less than" and applied these terms to everyday situations. For example, we may count the number of students in a specific center and compare it to the number of students in a different center to determine which group has the greater or lesser number of students.



Dear Parents,

When our children are very young, we teach them to say “thank you.” Sometimes we are left holding our breath, hoping they’ll remember those magic words when they receive a gift or after being served a meal. We hope they will incorporate the good manners into their way of speech and action.

The words of “thanks”, “much appreciated” and the like are certainly first steps, to build upon in being polite and well-mannered. Translating ‘mere’ words into the *Midah* of gratitude requires training, and so much more. We can gain a glimpse into the depth and profundity of gratitude – *Hakoras HaTov*, from this week’s *Parsha*.

Miriam waited, hidden among the reeds along the river, to see what would be the fate of her baby brother, Moshe, floating in a basket. The *Gemara* in *Maseches Sota 9b* tells us that 80 years later, when Miriam was afflicted with *Tzoraas* (a form of leprosy), the entire Jewish People were delayed in their journey through the desert to *Eretz Yisrael*, all progress was halted while they waited the week it took for Miriam to be purified from her affliction. The *Gemara* lets us know that this was because of Miriam’s waiting on behalf of her brother, and she was rewarded in kind.

The questions are many; who wouldn’t wait for a sibling, when he was in mortal danger, Miriam waited perhaps 20 – 30 minutes, and the reward was 168 hours – one week. Miriam was one person and *Klal Yisrael* was 3 million people, Miriam was seemingly not held back from accomplishing a different task, but the *Klal Yisrael* was on its journey with destiny, yearning to reach *Eretz Yisrael* as quickly as possible. How does it make sense to suggest that the wait of an entire week by the entire nation postponing its travel to the Holy Land was connected to the short wait for the helpless, infant brother of Miriam?

The insight gleaned from here by several *Mefarshim*, commentators, is that we don’t have a proper appreciation for the obligation to show gratitude. When someone does something for you, that’s ‘huge’! We should never take for granted a favor done to us, a kind word or positive consideration sent our way. The slightest act of *Chesed* and sensitivity creates an obligation for us to feel and show gratitude. If *Klal Yisrael*’s waiting for Miriam was out of gratitude for her small act of *Chesed* towards a helpless family member, then we clearly have to work on improving our *Midah* of gratitude.

What an important lesson to impart to our children! *Hakoras Hatov* is one of the fundamentals of a *mensch* – learning to appreciate what others do for us. By truly appreciating others’ efforts, every little effort, (and unlike Miriam, even efforts that don’t bear fruit) and not falling prey to the “*Es Kumt Mir*”, “everything’s coming to me”, the entitlement philosophy, our children will gain a deeper and more meaningful appreciation for others, for their parents, and ultimately for *Hashem*. Appreciating what *Hashem* does for us every moment will help our children achieve a greater appreciation for the gift of life, for the joy of living, for *Hashem*’s tremendous love for us. It will help them become more selfless people, able to give and to be drawn closer to *Hashem*. And ultimately it will make them happier people too.

Best wishes for an appreciative and joyous *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann



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Early Childhood,
Klurman Elementary School
and Rohr Middle School

Invite you to join us for

THE INSIDERS' VIEW

Come hear from
local parents why
they have chosen
Yeshiva Toras Chaim
Toras Emes
for their children!

WHERE:

The Home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie and Dorith Ness
9464 Byron Ave, Surfside, FL 33154

CO-HOSTS:

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and Blimi Levy
Mr. and Mrs. Vidal Meir and Raquel Benarroch

WHEN:

Monday,
December 23rd
@ 8 p.m.

CONTACT:

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\$1,000,000

SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

\$2,500,000

BUILDING CAMPAIGN

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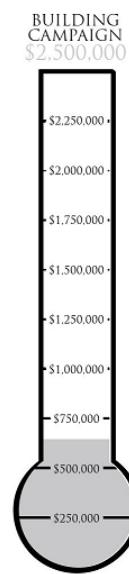
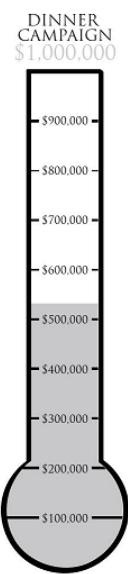
Scholarship/Building Campaign Update - December 20, 2013

Scholarship Campaign Goal

\$1,000,000

Raised to Date

\$530,000



Building Campaign Goal

\$2,500,000

Raised to Date

\$579,000

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.

Invitations have been mailed. Dinner fee for parents is \$260. We look forward to having all our parents and friends attend our Dinner, Sunday January 5th at the Treetop Ballroom at Jungle Island.

We would like to thank the following people who have already contributed to our Annual Scholarship Campaign.

150,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Emanual Rubin	1,800.00	Dr. & Mrs. Zev Raden
20,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Jonathan Rubin	1,800.00	Mr. & Mrs. David Reichman
18,000.00	Anonymous	1,800.00	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Rosenberg
18,000.00	Anonymous	1,500.00	Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Befeler
15,000.00	Anonymous	1,500.00	Mr. & Mrs. Allan Levy
15,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Shmuel Katz	1,250.00	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Shakibpanah
12,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Andisman
11,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Marcos Lapciuc	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Ely Baum
10,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Berger
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10,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. David Chait
10,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Chames
10,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Communication Consultants
10,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Max Dekelbaum
10,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Eli Berman	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Moss Ellenbogen
10,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Shlomo Entin	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fassler
10,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Allan Jacob	1,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Stan Frohlinger
10,000.00	Mr. Shopsie Schraga & Mrs Minnie Schraga	1,000.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Akiva Grunblatt
7,500.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Harrel
7,500.00	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Schechter	1,000.00	Mr. James Hellring
7,200.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Hillel Herssein
7,200.00	Greenberg Traurig	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Hirsch
6,500.00	Mr. & Mrs. Norman Ginsparg	1,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Aton Holzer
5,400.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. Charles Z. Kalchman
5,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Yitzi Lebensburger
5,000.00	Mr. Robert Moskovitz	1,000.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Ezra Levy
5,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Barry Silverman	1,000.00	Dr. & Mrs. Alex Markovich
4,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Meiner
3,600.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mingel
3,000.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Yisroel Y. Niman	1,000.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Shmuel Niman
3,000.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Sam W. Klein Charitable Foundation
2,800.00	Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Kurlansky	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Yekusiel Sebrow
2,500.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Dovid Weiss
2,500.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Yaakov Zidell
2,500.00	Anonymous	750.00	Dr. & Mrs. Edward L. Steinberg
2,500.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Binyomin Luban	720.00	Dr. & Mrs. Mark Dennis
2,500.00	Dr. & Mrs. Irving Moskowitz	720.00	Rabbi & Mrs. David Lehrfield
2,500.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Palgon	620.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Raphael Stohl
2,500.00	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Weisberg	540.00	Dr. & Mrs. Ari Benmergui
2,340.00	Mrs. M. Therese Kacev	540.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Ephraim Friedman
1,800.00	Anonymous	540.00	Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Gruenstein
1,800.00	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Chesal	540.00	Project Heritage
1,800.00	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Feldman	540.00	Dr. & Mrs. Maurice Strahlberg
1,800.00	Dr. & Mrs. Salomon Imiak	540.00	Young Israel - Bal Harbor
1,800.00	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Lichtman	500.00	Anonymous
1,800.00	Omega Container Service	500.00	Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Jakubovics

500.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Klein</i>	180.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Ginsberg</i>
500.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Josh Rubin</i>	180.00	<i>Dr. & Mrs. Sidney Jakubovics</i>
500.00	<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Hayim Schwartz</i>	180.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Emil Klein</i>
460.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Yenon Argy</i>	180.00	<i>Dr. & Mrs. Mark Lamet</i>
360.00	<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Yosef Amster</i>	180.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Landesman</i>
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360.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Rogatinsky</i>	4,232.00	<i>Additional Donations</i>
360.00	<i>Mr. Bobby & Ms. Shelley Rosenberg</i>		
360.00	<i>Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Shuman</i>		
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300.00	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Melnick</i>		
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250.00	<i>Anonymous</i>		
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180.00	<i>Ms. Rae Chevlin</i>		
180.00	<i>International Bar Association</i>		
180.00	<i>Mr. Ephraim Eshagian</i>		
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180.00	<i>Mr. Tuvya Friedland</i>		
180.00	<i>Mrs. Ruth Gibber</i>		

Have a great Shabbos!