

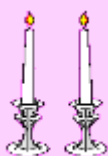
STAR STUDENTS

פרשת שמיני

פרשת פרה

CANDLE LIGHTING

7:14 pm



Daniel Bagdadi – S.S.
 Moshe Benlolo – S.S.
 Yosef Benmergui – T.S.
 Mordechai Bernstein – S.S.
 Isaac Dahan – S.S.
 Moishy Danziger – S.S.
 Adam Dennis – T.S.
 Koby Fruhman – T.S.
 Simcha Gassner – T.S.
 Joseph Gelman – S.S.
 Michael Goldberg – S.S.
 Dan Leonoff – T.S.
 Natan Mizrahi – T.S.
 Binyamin Ness – T.S.
 Dovi Schwartz – T.S.
 Aryeh Sova – T.S. & S.S.
 Tzvi Stern – S.S.

Ariella Balgley –S.S.
 Bracha Getzel – S.S.
 Chaya Ora Goldenberg – T.S.
 Shira Goldenberg – T.S.
 Avital Gutfreund – T.S. & S.S.
 Michal Herman – S.S.
 Batsheva Roth - T.S.
 Naomi Rubinov – T.S.
 Miriam Rena Schwartz – S.S.
 Esther Shaffren – T.S.
 Avigayil Silverstone – T.S.
 Leila Silverstone –S.S.
 Esti Stern – S.S.
 Arielle Tempelberg – S.S.
 Chava Wunsch – T.S.

TEAM PLAYERS

Moishe Danziger
 Nataniel El-Gad
 Simcha Gassner
 Michael Goldberg
 Avos Greenberg
 Benjy Heller
 Leo Kanter
 Yoseph Nahon
 Zevi Raab
 Shmueli Vaiselberg

Ariella Balgley
 Avia Bennett
 Aleza Bernstein
 Chavie Fried
 Hadassa Goldenberg
 Noa Gutfreund
 Sophie Jacobs
 Ella Liberman
 Mijal Mizrahi
 Esther Nahon
 Ariella Paritzky
 Batzie Rubin

Esther Chaya Rubinov
 Yocheved Sharbani
 Ayelet Siev
 Shira Suissa

YEDIOS HATORAH

BONUS POINTS!

All students who correctly answer these questions by Thursday, March 27 will receive **bonus points on the next tests!**

Last week's questions:

1. What is the last of the **עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרוֹת** ?
2. How many times is the city of **יְרוּשָׁלַיִם** mentioned in the Bracha of **עַל הַמַּחֲיָה**?

Answers:

1. --**לֹא תִחַמּוּד**-- You should not be jealous
2. 2 times.

Yasher Koach to all the students who gave correct answers!!

This week's questions:

What is the name of the **תְּפִילָה** that is only said on **יוֹם כְּפֹר** ?

What is the last word in the Bracha of **הַמַּפִּיל** ?

Next Yedios HaTorah test is scheduled for next week--make sure to study!

HELP! I'M A LIBRARY BOOK AND I'M LOST!



A large number of library books are overdue from the school library. As you embark on your *chometz* cleaning, give yourself a prize for finding and returning our missing library books. Please keep in mind that no books may be checked out of the library over the Pesach vacation.

PARSHA QUIZ



Last week's Question:

This week's **פרשה** has only two letters in its name. Which

other **פרשיות** in the Torah have only two letters in their name (2 answers)?

Last week's Answer:

ח פרשת **ח** in **בראשית** and **בא** פרשת **ח** in **שמות**.

This week's Question:

Who is referred to as a **דוד**—an **uncle, in this week's פרשה**?

PESACH CHOCOLATES WRAP UP

If there were any mistakes or missing items in your Pesach chocolate orders, please call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115 before Monday.

4G SIYUM

This week, 4G celebrated the completion of Parshas Vayeshev with a beautiful Siyum. They created exquisite jewelry boxes and had tasty treats. They are excited and ready to plow ahead and begin Parshas Mikeitz! **מזל טוב! חזק חזק ונתחזק!**

SHUSHAN PURIM

An absolutely wonderful time was had by all at our Shushan Purim celebration, including carnival, costume parade, talent show and barbecue! The carnival booths provided exciting and challenging games, the bounce houses and slides were thrilling, and the sno-cones and cotton candy were welcome treats. At our talent show, the students showed us how talented they are in so many varied areas. We heard beautiful musical performances, watched gymnastics and dance, and enjoyed hula hooping. The keyboard was put to good use as students shared their piano playing expertise. We laughed at the stand up comedy routine and marveled at broom & guitar balancing and bicycle stunts. What a talented bunch of students!!!

Many, many thanks to all of the teachers and helpful volunteers who added to the great enjoyment and success of this day. In particular:

Rabbi Teitelbaum - our chef extraordinaire!

Mrs. Jennifer Dahan Mrs. Sharon Fadida

Mrs. Allie Gutfreund

& the Middle and High School volunteers!

If your name was inadvertently omitted from this list, please forgive the oversight and consider yourself thanked for making this occasion a huge success.



MISHLOACH MANOS

The faculty and staff of Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes greatly appreciate the beautiful *Shalach Manos* Baskets which arrived in time for Purim, thanks to the concerted efforts of our hard-working committee. We also thank all the volunteers who delivered packages on Purim day.



Mazel Tov
מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre Mann and family on the birth of a daughter.



To Dr. and Mrs. Hillel Abramson on being honored at the Shaarei Bina Annual Dinner this Motzei Shabbos.

SPEND & RAISE

Deadline to order Pesach gift cards for next week is Monday, March 24 for pickup/delivery by Friday, March 28. You can order online anytime at www.ytcteam.org/scrip or call the Yeshiva office to place an order by phone 305-944-5344 ext. 201. All purchases will be applied to your family obligation on \$5,000.

רפואה שלמה

Mina Yehudis bas Mesouda

Dovid Tzvi Aharon ben Alte Rochel

Dov Berish Nachum ben Esther

Tinok ben Chana Basya

Raytz bas Sarah

Chaim Kalman Klonimus ben Chaya Sara

Gitcha bas Yetshka

Yitzchok Shmuel ben Pesha Sarah

1ST GRADE BOYS CHUMASH PARTIES



This was a most memorable week for all of our extraordinary first grade boys! Toras Emes teemed with excitement on Wednesday as our children dressed **up for the occasion and traveled to Torah V'Emunah** where they celebrated receiving their first Chumash at parties filled with song, learning, gifts and delicious refreshments.

The parents, grandparents and siblings **"shepped much nachas"** as they enjoyed this milestone in their lives, while the pride felt by the administration, teachers and staff was palpable.

A tremendous *Yasher Koach* goes to Rabbi Goldenberg, our first grade *Rebbe*, for his inspiring **teaching and preparations for his students' special day.**

Yasher Koach to our very own Miss Devorah Homnick and Mrs. Aliza Becker whose help was invaluable in putting together the presentations.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of the **parents' committee heads**, Mrs. Rivka Bloom and Mrs. Yael Simkins who organized a host of dedicated volunteers whose combined talents and efforts made these magnificent parties possible.

Yasher Koach to the Rosenbaum, Berkowitz and Sapirman families for dedicating the Chumashim for a *refua shelaima* for:

חיים מאיר בן מרים פרומעט

We would like to express our Hakoras HaTov to the following families:

For being sponsors of the Chumash parties:

The Suissa Family

For driving to/from Torah V'Emunah:

Mrs. Dreyfuss, Mrs. Siegel, Mrs. Simkins,
Mrs. Strassfeld

For shopping, food, supplies & pekalach:

Mrs. Benlolo, Mrs. Drang, Mrs. Druin, Mrs. Jacobs,
Mrs. Mergui, Mrs. Ness, Mrs. Raab, Mrs. Sharfman,
Mrs. Siegel, Mrs. Simkins

For setup/cleanup:

Mrs. Alfassy, Mrs. Grossman
Mrs. Nahon, Mrs. Shmueli

For PowerPoint presentations:

Miss Homnick

For photography/videography:

Mr. & Mrs. Simkins

For calligraphy:

Mrs. Dahan, Mrs. Lefkowitz

For sewing:

Mrs. Rochie Schwartz

For invaluable "inside" help:

Mr. Akrish, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Rosenbaum

For going "above & beyond":

Mrs. Kurlansky, Mrs. Sitbon, Mrs. Tangir

The tremendous efforts and talents of the many parent volunteers is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Rabbi & Mrs. Bensinger and **Congregation Torah V'Emunah** for allowing us to **"take over" the Shul for our parties.**

If your name was inadvertently omitted from this list, please forgive the oversight and consider yourself thanked for making this occasion a huge success.



Erev Shabbos Parashas Shemini, Parashas Parah 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

In the wake of political turmoil occurring in *Eretz Yisrael* over the past 18 months, great controversies have gripped the Torah community, both in Israel and abroad. The issue of the role and responsibility of the Torah world towards the rest of the Jewish community in Israel has unfortunately become a flash point and focus of disagreement even amongst members of our own community.

As with most situations of *machlokes*, the conflicting point of view in framing the question is usually the point of departure. In the current case, one side considers it a basic point of *mentschlichkeit* **to bear equal responsibility with one's fellow** citizens with whom one resides, in directly protecting the country militarily. The other side frames the question as one of understanding the primacy of Torah and **Torah learning's role in our nation's wellbeing as the issue at hand. Each side** blames the other for lacking consistency and honesty in maintaining its professed values and the resentment and animosity builds from there.

What seems to be lost in the mix, however, is the need to place close heed to and reverence for the directives, guidance and leadership of our *Gedolim*, Torah leaders. Many who would not make a move in personal matters or areas of strict *Halacha* without adhering scrupulously to our *Manhigim*, leaders, have no problem voicing their own opinion on matters of state and public policy, relegating the voices of genuine Torah leadership to an equal voice at best, or uninformed, backwards looking, self-absorbed and self-preserving misguided individuals at worst, **R'L**.

This is not a new phenomenon! No less an authority than *Rabbi Akiva*, (who was an extreme 'Rabbi-basher' in his pre-Torah learning days) asks in the *Medrash Rabba* (11:8) (also brought in *Medrash Tanchuma*) **in the beginning of this week's Parsha**, why does the Torah tell us (first *Pasuk*) **"And it was on the eighth day, Moshe called to Aharon and to his sons and to the elders (Gedolim) of Israel"** (*Vayikra* 9:1).

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Rabbi Akiva, apparently questioning the necessity for the presence of the elders at the dedication of the *Mishkan*, since they served no visibly practical role (as opposed to the *Kohanim*), explains that the Jewish People are compared to a bird, and just as a bird cannot fly without wings, the Jewish people cannot accomplish anything without its Torah leaders. Hence the need for and purpose of the presence of the elders at this seminally important national event.

One of my *rebbeim*, **HaRav Moshe Chait zt'l** (*Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim, Yerusholayim* (and great-grandfather of some very special Toras Emes students(!)), questioned how indispensable are wings to a bird? It can still breathe, hop, eat and do everything else without wings. It just cannot fly. **How is that comparable to “not being able to do anything?” He explained that this indeed is a precise analogy.** Observe a bird that cannot fly. He is constantly looking about, constantly in fear. A bird on the ground is most vulnerable and in its greatest danger. Without wings its life is in constant jeopardy. To think a bird can exist without wings is a delusion. Similarly, to think *Klal Yisrael* can flourish without its *Gedolim* is the greatest mistake.

So many “religious” people have a very restricted view of the role of “Rabbis.” They (the Rabbis, in their opinion) are great functionaries but are incapable of understanding and dealing with modern life. To think that Jewish life can exist without *Daas Torah* (the Torah point of view as promulgated by the recognized *Gedolim*), however, is a fatal error. The fact that the point of view of the *Gedolim* on a particular issue is hard to understand and difficult to accept, doesn’t change the imperative to “not veer from their words to the right or to the left.”

The function of respecting and revering the great Rabbis and their opinions has ramifications for our children as well. Much of their learning and development depends on their relationship and respect they have for their own *Rebbe* or *Morah*. A child who grows up in a home where reverence for *Rabbonim* is high, is in a much stronger position to enjoy and succeed in his or her Torah learning.

May *Hashem* bless you and guide you in the critical area of proper *Kavod HaRav*.

Best wishes for an honorable Shabbos,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann

FIRST GRADE BOYS CELEBRATE!





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