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TORAS CHAIM  
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KLURMAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# TEAM SPIRIT

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Friday  
April 29, 2022  
כ"ח ניסן תשפ"ב  
פרשת אחרי מות  
שבת מברכים

Through the  
Classroom Door  
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## "EVERYONE DOES IT"

Dear Parents,

Erev Shabbos Parashas Acharei-Mos 5782

Most people are impressionable, especially children. We form impressions of events, ideas, proper and improper behavior and societal norms from our family, neighbors, media, celebrities and friends. It is worthwhile to delve into the potential consequences of this dynamic.

To paraphrase a *pasuk* in this week's Parsha (*Vayikra 18:3*): *Do not behave like the Egyptians, amongst whom you lived, nor like the Canaanim into whose land I am bringing you. Hashem* was instructing *Moshe Rabbeinu* to warn the Jews to be extra careful not to emulate the ways of the inhabitants of the lands in which they lived. It is so very easy to be swayed by the behavior of one's neighbors. It is hard to resist falling prey to sin, when "everyone" is doing it.

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The *Mefarshim* disagree as to the exact extent of the (mis) behavior the Jewish people were to avoid. The *Kli Yakar* points out that (unlike *Rashi's* explanation) it is not likely that *Yosef* would have picked the land of *Goshen* for his family to live in, if it was the absolutely most immoral and degraded area of Egypt. Similarly, it is not right to assume that *Hashem* would place the Jewish people in the most corrupt and debased area of the world. *Goshen* was not the worst and the land of *Canaan* is not the worst. So why the need for this special warning?

The *Kli Yakar* explains that *Hashem* was warning against a presumption the Jewish People were likely to make. The Jews understood the need to avoid contact with the absolutely outrageous manifestations of immoral and idolatrous behavior, that did exist in more distant surrounding areas. The fact that *Hashem* needed to warn them about their immediate neighbors who were not as bad as some of the others, brings us to an important insight.

People have a tendency to justify behavior when they can point out that "so and so is doing even worse than me." We like to place ourselves in the middle ground of what we consider acceptable norms and behavior. Those to our right, we tend to label as "extremists" and those to the left as being too open-minded or loose. If we're looking to excuse marginally inappropriate behavior, we benefit from the grossly inappropriate and we justify our conduct to ourselves and others by saying – "look, I'm not as bad as him!" We know to avoid the absolute worst type of behavior around, but are we as careful with the marginal or questionably improper conduct?

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One lesson is to live, work, study and play in the most wholesome, spiritually supportive environment possible. Another lesson is we have an obligation to help our children understand this dynamic. When a child misbehaves and tries to justify his actions by "but everyone does it," or "he was even worse than me" we need to patiently explain that each of us is responsible to be the best we can and always act appropriately. Others' unacceptable behavior is no justification for our misconduct.

If we were to enter our children into a sports or academic competition, we would encourage them, inspire them and help them to do their very best. The last thing we would want is for them to only try to be like everyone else, and become complacent in the middle of the pack. Our striving for our children's spirituality and *mentschlichkeit* should be the same – we don't settle for "just as good as everyone else." We aim for the stars and leave the mediocrity in the dust.

There is an overwhelming preponderance of immorality, weakening of ethics and values swirling around the world today. If we let down our guard and look to surrounding societies for a barometer of how to behave, we would be swept away by a tidal wave of anti-Torah and anti-*Kedusha* influences. We need to go beyond the bare minimum, beyond mediocrity, in our *Mitzvos* and beyond the barely acceptable in our conduct. We must strive to make the proper impressions on our children's minds and hearts through our own mode of conduct, from the surroundings in which we place them, and most importantly – through the tools we give them to be true to their inner values and beliefs.

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Best wishes for a wonderful, *Kedusha*-filled Shabbos,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

## מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ben-Harush  
and family on the birth of a boy.

## Calendar Reminders

Monday, May 2  
Rosh Chodesh

## Important Notice

Parents,

Be advised that the school offices will no longer deliver any **Uber Eats** order that comes in for a student. Parents should not order anything for their children to be delivered to school. School hot lunches are to be ordered in advance. All homemade lunch and snacks must be sent to school with each child in the morning. Uber Eats and food delivery orders will be considered hefker once they arrive on campus.

\*In the case of an emergency, call the school office to work out a solution.

## רפואה שלימה

Chaim Shmuel ben Leah Yocheved  
Rochel Leah bas Miriam Frumit  
Yehudis Leah bas Sara Chava  
Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya  
Mina Yehudis bas Masuda Marsel  
Yochanan Baruch ben Fruma Etta  
Yeziel Nosson ben Sara  
Ita bas Rachel  
Chaya Rus bas Masuda  
Aryeh Yosef ben Devorah Hinda  
Yaakov ben Miriam  
Ava Shlomit bas Ilana Esther  
Ahron Halevi ben Perela  
Yosef Simcha Chaim ben Sara  
Chana  
Shalom ben Shaina Hinda  
Menachem Zev ben Klara  
Nuta Moshe ben Sarah

### 1B-1 And RMS's Special Visit

Mrs. Waldman's first grade class had the pleasure of listening to Bari Sipper, our own 6th grade singer. Bari sang songs to reinforce their unit on Middos Tovos. The KES students politely interviewed Bari regarding his singing career.



### Boys Mishnayos Siyum

This week we marked the conclusion of our Extra Curricular Mishnayos program. The boys completed months of extra Mishnayos learning and celebrated with a gala Siyum with pizza, french fries and soda. Many Sefarim were given out as rewards. Yasher koach to the boys for the THOUSANDS of extra Mishnayos they learned!



### First Grade Girls Sefirah Charts



BNOS INFORMATION

"WE'RE COOKING UP A STORM"  
With **BNOS '22**  
HOLLYWOOD

**SHABBOS KODESH**  
PARSHAS ACHAREI MOS

29 Nisan | April 30

**Roe Stier**  
3901 N 49th Ave

Grades 1 - 4

3:30 - 4:30

"WE'RE COOKING UP A STORM"  
With **BNOS '22**

**SHABBOS KODESH**  
PARSHAS ACHAREI MOS  
BNOS - MIAMI BEACH

**1st & 2nd Grade**  
ALIZA JACOBS  
4415 POST AVE

**3rd Grade**  
SARALA BRAUN  
4570 ADAMS AVE.

**4th & 5th Grade**  
MIRI GLUCK  
4411 SHERIDAN AVE

PLEASE  
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TIME  
CHANGE!!!

3:45-4:45  
APRIL 30 - 29 NISAN

FOR ANY QUESTIONS  
CONTACT  
SARA DIMA - 7866065624  
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"WE'RE COOKING UP A STORM"  
With **BNOS '22**

**SHABBOS KODESH**  
PARSHAS ACHAREI MOS  
BNOS NMB

**1st Grade**  
Estee Leizerson  
660 NE 176th Street

**2nd Grade**  
Tziporah Lichtman  
701 NE 177th Street

**3rd Grade**  
Ahuva Rubin  
17601 NE 9th Avenue

**4th Grade**  
Rachel Ginsburg  
880 NE 178th Street

**5th Grade**  
Benguigui  
1151 NE 169th terr.

3:30-4:30  
APRIL 30, 29 NISSAN

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# MACHANE MIAMI



## Summer 2022

"It Just Makes Sense"

WEEK	THEME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1</b> First Session Begins	TIME SENSITIVE 	6/20 First Day of Camp Boys Extreme Dave and Busters Trip	6/21 Girls Zoo Miami Trip	6/22 Minute To Win It 	6/23 Boys Zoo Miami Trip Girls Extreme Dave and Busters Trip	6/24 Parshas Shelach  BMX Show
<b>Week 2</b>	DOLLARS AND CENTS 	6/27 Boys Extreme Pines Ice Arena Trip	6/28 Kindergarten Flippos Trip Girls Planet Air Trip	6/29 	6/30 Boys Planet Air Trip Girls Extreme Pines Ice Arena Trip	7/1 Parshas Korach  Carnival
<b>Week 3</b>	SENSE OF HUMOR 	7/4 Camp in Session 	7/5 Girls Uncle Bernie's Trip Boys Extreme Trip and Late Stay: Ski Rixen Aqua Park	7/6 Preschool Gabie Bus 	7/7 Boys Uncle Bernie's Trip Girls Extreme Trip and Late Stay: Ski Rixen Aqua Park	7/8 Parshas Chukas  Talent Show
<b>Week 4</b>	5 SENSES 	7/11 Boys Extreme Flying Squirrel Trip	7/12 Girls Flying Squirrel Trip Kindergarten The Poppet Project Trip	7/13 Staff Night Out 	7/14 Boys Extreme Marlins Game Boys Flying Squirrel Trip Girls Extreme Pinspiration Trip	7/15 Parshas Balak  Dance Party!
<b>Week 5</b> Second Session Begins	SENSE OF DIRECTION 	7/18 <b>SPIRIT WEEK</b>	7/19 Girls Bowling Trip Kindergarten Chuck E Cheese Trip	7/20 Boys Extreme Theme Park Trip 	7/21 Boys Bowling Trip Girls Extreme Theme Park Trip 	7/22 Parshas Pinchas  Game Show
<b>Week 6</b>	COMMON SENSE 	7/25 Boys Extreme Planet Revu Trip	7/26 Girls Urban Air Trip	7/27 Day at the Races Game Show	7/28 Boys Urban Air Trip Girls Extreme Planet Revu Trip	7/29 Parshas Matos-Masei  Magic Show
<b>Week 7</b> 9 Days	SENSITIVITY 	8/1 Boys Extreme Top Golf Trip	8/2 Girls Park Extravaganza Kindergarten Miami Children's Museum Trip 1st and 2nd Grade Girls Miami Children's Museum Trip	8/3 Wild Animal World 	8/4 Boys Park Extravaganza Trip Girls Extreme Top Golf Trip	8/5 Parshas Devarim  Last Day!

### Specialties

**Preschool:**  
Music and Movement, Art, Kids in the Kitchen, Drum Circle, Dance, Sports, Kidokinetics and More!

**Boys:**  
Krav Maga, Kids in the Kitchen, Art, Sports Leagues: Minor Leagues and Major Leagues, 9 Square in the Air, Game Room and More!

**Girls:**  
Ballet, Baking, Kids in the Kitchen, Gymnastics, Art, Hands on Science, Dance, Yoga and More!



For more information call Machane Miami at 786-506-9071 or visit [www.MachaneMiami.org](http://www.MachaneMiami.org)  
Trips and Activities Subject to Change





**Our South Campus  
is expanding!**

# YTCTE *is* BUILDING



**CLASSROOM  
IN THE SUN**  
YTCTE South Campus Expansion

As our yeshiva grows, our commitment to each student and the community remains unchanged. It's time to expand our campus and give room for each student to thrive.

We're building a 68,000 square foot educational center, a 12,000 square foot auditorium and sports complex and more!

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GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION