

# TEAM

# Spirit

TORAS EMES  
ACADEMY OF MIAMI  
Samuel Aba & Sisel Klurman  
Elementary School  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday, October 23, 2009  
Candle Lighting 6:29 PM

פרשת נח

## ★ STAR STUDENTS ★

Hadara Balgley ★S.S.  
Yehoshua Braunschweiger ★S.S.  
Noach Chemtov ★T.S.  
Odaya Cohen ★T.S.  
Yaakov Deutsch ★S.S.  
Yitzi Eisenberger ★S.S.

Moti Froimovich ★T.S.  
Benjy Heller ★T.S.  
Moshe Kaploun ★S.S.  
Chaya Sora Koot ★T.S. & S.S.  
Reuven Dovid Lefkowitz ★S.S.  
Miriam Lesnik ★S.S.  
Yael Lesnik ★T.S. & S.S.

Ezra Pomper ★T.S.  
Dovi Schwartz ★T.S.  
Elisheva Sharfman ★S.S.  
Yosef Steinberg ★T.S.  
Alysa Suissa ★T.S.  
Sapir Zabari ★T.S.

## PROJECT DERECH - YEAR #2

Our mini assemblies on Thursday were the setting for the introduction to year #2 of the Project Derech program for the coming year. The students are excited and enthusiastic to participate in this worthwhile, innovative program that is designed to increase our students' awareness and knowledge of Derech Eretz and Kibud Horim U'Morim - honor of parents and teachers. Updates begin this week. Ask your child and try to make Derech a part of your discussions at the Shabbos table.

## ASSEMBLIES

In addition to the launching of Project Derech, our "not so" mini assemblies included the recitation of poems by most of the classes - to the delight of Dr. Lerer and their teachers. Summer Review certificates were handed out to all our students who successfully completed the program and the students who participated were also recognized. Also, our top Hasmoda learners received gift certificates in acknowledgement of their efforts. The Lev L'Achim raffle and Library certificates rounded out our abbreviated assemblies. We hope to be able to resume our regular assemblies in the auditorium real soon.

## A SPECIAL SHABBOS ON MIAMI BEACH

If you have the good fortune to be spending this Shabbos on Miami Beach, we hope to see you at a Gala Shalosh Seudos on Shabbos afternoon, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Menachem and Alyssa Baumgarten, 4385 Pine Tree Drive. The guest speaker is Rabbi Dr. Chaim Feuerman, renowned Mechanech and YTC/TEAM Educational Consultant. The topic is: "Creating an Atmosphere of Mutual Respect at Home and in School." Mincha at 5:15 PM, followed by Shalosh Seudos and Maariv.

## LEV L'ACHIM

We are very proud of our students' efforts in raising Tzedaka for this most worthwhile Kiruv organization in Eretz Yisroel. Our students raised \$2,107 which goes to help children from non-religious families attend Yeshiva. Their incentive prizes will be arriving shortly.

Yasher Koach to the Torah Studies teachers for their time and effort in organizing the collection.

Tizku L'Mitzvos!

Mazel Tov to the winners of the Lev L'Achim raffle:

1st Prize - Rabbi & Mrs. Schwartz

2nd Prize - Mr. Barry Mankes

3rd Prize - Mr. David Gold

Avital Cohen  
Sara Dudovitz  
Elisheva Homnick  
Miriam Lesnik  
Yocheved Miriam Sapirman  
Shoshana Shapiro  
Ruth Shmueli  
Sara Weberman  
Sapir Zabari



## **SUMMER REVIEW CHAMPS**

**W**e proudly congratulate our Summer Review Champs! The following students completed their entire Summer Review packets *and* scored 80% or higher on their Dikduk Review test, which was administered the second week of school. In addition to this wonderful accomplishment, each of these students received a beautiful certificate at Thursday's assembly *and* will attend a special lunch with our principals soon!

### **2G**

Tehila Alfassy  
Rebecca Balgley  
Sarah Cohen  
Abby Dennis  
Fayge Deutsch  
Meira Entin  
Yael Lesnik  
Lea Riesel

### **3G**

Miriam Dreyfuss

### **4G**

Chana Alber  
Yossi Cohen  
Riki Grossbard  
Brendel Jablon  
Chaya Sora Koot  
Penina Rosenbaum  
Shoshana Sapirman  
Rivka Shemesh

### **5G**

Zelda Bernstein  
Nechama Bodkins

### **2B**

Shalom Deutsch  
Avrumi Gruenstein  
Avraham Homnick  
Ezra Kirschenbaum

### **3B**

Yaakov Benchetrit  
Yossi Cohen  
Elias Mizrahi

### **4B**

Yakov Alfassy  
Tzvi Atkin  
Yochanan Gittleson  
Joshua Hopen  
Eli Sandhaus

### **5B**

Shmuel Chaim Dreyfuss  
Dovi Schwartz  
Yaakov Deutsch

Yasher Koach to the following students who received special recognition for participating in the Summer Review program:

### **3G**

Raizy Dudovitz  
Tye Hilel  
Nechama Wulwick  
Sivan Zaig

### **5G**

Alex Brody  
Tzipora Wechsler



## 2B

Shaya Steinberg

## 3B

Boaz Abramson  
David Grinman  
Reuven Dovid Lefkowitz  
Yitzi Lind  
Yitzi Meisels  
Zevi Roth

## 4B

Zev Bistriz  
Rubin Evgi  
Uriel Heiney  
Yonatan Kalendarev  
Yenon Moshe Sharaby

## 5B

Lior Mizrahi  
Boaz Sobol

## HASMODA PROJECT

We are proud of our many students who participated in the Sukkos Hasmoda Project. We are tallying the number of hours of learning and the students will select their prizes this coming week. Yasher Koach to all the participants! A special Yasher Koach to the top learners:

**Sora Chana Gruenstein**

Tamar Feldman  
Miriam Lesnik  
Batel Levi

**Avi Nash**

Yakov Alfassy  
Moshe Kaploun  
Yaakov Lesnik

## SWEATER WEATHER

With the cooler weather approaching, we ask that you please cooperate with our uniform policy regarding sweatshirts and sweaters.

CHILDREN MAY WEAR ONLY SOLID NAVY, HUNTER GREEN OR WHITE SWEATERS OR SWEATSHIRTS (NO HOODS) WHILE IN SCHOOL.

We appreciate your full cooperation in conforming with our policies. Please be sure to label your children's sweaters.

**Tip: \$4.00 Navy Sweatshirts have been spotted at Target! Get them while they last!!!**

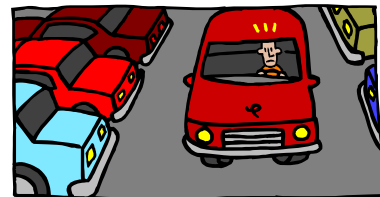
## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found box is filling up quickly with lunchboxes, sweatshirts and other assorted objects which need to be reclaimed as soon as possible. Please remember to label all items you send to school so that we can return them to their rightful owners. Parents: please check our lost and found box located in the girls' building for any items you are missing.

## CARPOOL CONSIDERATIONS

A number of carpool drivers have begun some creative maneuvers upon arrival in the morning, creating a potentially dangerous situation. Be reminded of the following:

All elementary children should be dropped off on 11th Avenue only between the crosswalk between the boys' and girls' buildings up to before the open rolling gate at the end (beginning) of our parking lot. DO NOT drop children off in the parking lot, and DO NOT drop off children before the rolling gate - it is extremely dangerous to have little children walking by the open rolling gate where impatient drivers are zipping past. If you have Middle School passengers, they



can get off near the girls' building and proceed up the walkway into the Middle School.

In addition, BE PATIENT. If there is a long line of cars unloading, don't move to the front of the line hoping to find an opening. That is an accident waiting to happen. With everyone's cooperation and allowing an extra 2-3 minutes, our children, drivers and vehicles will arrive safely at their destination.

As for the afternoon.....it is very important to keep the carpool line moving smoothly so that all the children can safely be loaded into their respective cars. Before arriving to the carpool line, please be sure that all car seats, packages etc. are out of the way and that your car is ready to receive passengers and their "luggage".

Please be reminded that you must arrive at school before 4:20 PM to pick up your children. In addition to incurring a late fee (see Parents' Handbook), it is inconsiderate to the school staff who must stay late to watch your children.

## MAZEL TOV

To Mr. Avrohom Eliezer Friedman, our alumni coordinator and technical advisor, on his engagement to Miss Leah Hauser of Columbus.



To Rabbi and Mrs. Yisroel Bodkins and family on the engagement of their daughter, our alumna, Shaindy to Yosef Fishman of Lakewood.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Avi Wakszul and family on the birth of a daughter.

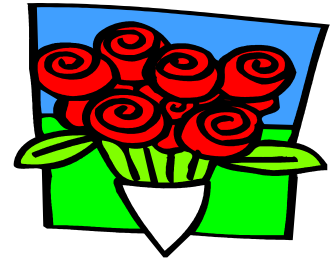
## REFUAH SHELAIMA

- " Ruchama Aliza Sara Chana *bas* Esther Leba
- " Chaya Yachet Elka *bas* Chana Rochel
- " Bina *bas* Chaya
- " Liba *bas* Fayga

- " Chaim *ben* Breindel Bracha
- " Mordechai *ben* Ora Yehudis
- " Yosef *ben* Simcha
- " Yossi Yosef *ben* Etti Esther

## FLOWERS FOR SALE

The Rohr Middle School students are selling beautiful floral bouquets for Shabbos on a weekly basis. Flowers will be sold at both the ECE and Elementary carpools. Your purchase will support the eighth grade boys' fundraising efforts on behalf of their graduation trip.



## TEAM 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
TORAS EMES CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE!  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009  
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

PLEASE COME OUT TO SUPPORT LOCAL  
BUSINESSES AND OUR SCHOOL!  
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
TORAS EMES

VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE  
PLEASE CONTACT BRYNA OR DEVORAH  
786-252-1074 OR 646-238-4877



# OUR FIRST ASSEMBLIES OF THE YEAR







**TORAS EMES  
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Samuel Aba & Sisel Klurman  
Elementary School

Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
*Principal*

Rabbi Noam Grossman  
*Assistant Principal*

Dr. Deborah Lerer  
*Secular Studies Principal*

Mrs. Naomi Bloom  
*Early Childhood Director*

Erev Shabbos Parshas Noach, 5770

Dear Parents,

Many *Meforshim* (commentators) explain that the travesty of the *Dor Haflaga* (Generation of Dispersion) described in this week's Parsha, was not rebellion, but rather the creation of a monolithic society in which everyone thought the same and would brook no dissent. Such a society would never have allowed an *Avraham Avinu*, with his iconoclastic ideas to emerge. Therefore, *Hashem* had to disperse them, though it would destroy the potential unity of all mankind.

The world today is not so different. While many egotistical leaders exist, explaining the 60 plus wars raging around the world at any given time, most of mankind shares the same basic beliefs and attitudes, spread by the media to the more than six billion in our world. Many of these ideas are antithetical to Torah. They are so pervasive and so deeply rooted in society, that Torah Jews such as we feel compelled to isolate ourselves socially, educationally and communally. Our Yeshiva exists, beyond the teaching of Torah, because of our need to shield our children from the overwhelming beliefs and practices of modern secular society.

With this move to isolate ourselves and to ennoble our particular way of life, there is a potential pitfall that we must be aware of. We point out to our children what is wrong with this or that celebrity, how misguided political leaders are, how untruthful journalists and reporters may be, how immoral some sports star is off the ball field, and before we know it, we have created a generation of cynics and critical people, who become expert in finding fault with anyone and everyone not in their immediate circle. Sometimes they even turn that critical eye at those close, including parents, friends and teachers.

Are our children getting better training in disparaging the non-Torah world and shielding themselves from the pitfalls of the outside world than they are in appreciating the beauty of a Torah way of life, and the central role that *Ahavas Yisrael*, loving all Jews, should be playing in their lives? It even manifests itself in school, in social cliques and attitudes the children have towards each other. Does that negativity show up in school, in social cliques and exclusionary attitudes the children sometimes demonstrate towards each other? We certainly hope not. Our student population, *Baruch Hashem*, is comprised of Americans, Israelis, Europeans, South Americans and others. We are *Ashkenazim* and *Sepharadim*, originating from dozens of different communities. We need to focus on what unites us, not what separates us and we need to teach our children to treasure what each person, each group and each community adds to the sum total of our Torah school and *Kehilla*.

We are called upon to perform a difficult balancing act, between protecting our families from the false allure of the secular world we live in, and to be open and to show love to fellow Jews and concern and respect for all fellow humans, all of *Hashem's* creations. It would be useful to remember, that while our isolation will help us survive *Galus*, only *Ahavas Chinam* (loving fellow Jews unconditionally) will bring us home to the Third *Beis Hamikdash*. May we be *zocheh* to help bring and see the *Geulah Shelaima*, speedily in our days.

Have a beautiful Shabbos,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann



# Research Club



- Ben Franklins father was a tallow chandler. What did he make?
- Who was the only President sworn into office by his father?
- How many times has the oath of President of the United States been administered? Explain.

These are some of the questions student researchers must answer.  
How did you do answering the above questions?

Our students are on their research assignment with great **perseverance** and great **vigor**?

(Do any of you see **new words** in the sentence above? Remember - 25 points a word!

Congratulations to the students below who have reached new milestones!

5G	5G	5G
Explorer1,000 points	Navigator I1,500 points	Navigator II2,000 points
Zelda Bernstein	Miriam Lesnick	Shoshana Shapiro

## Welcome to the Research Club 4<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Keep up the good work, everyone!  
Warm Southern regards,  
Ms. Grossman, Librarian/Computer Teacher