

Spotlight



Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2 Tevet 5778

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This week was a milestone week for the second grade students at Torah Day School of Atlanta. Mazel tov to the second graders on receiving their first Chumash. Mazel tov to their families, as well. How appropriate that we celebrate the students' receiving their first Chumash during Chanukah. Chanukah is a celebration of the victory of the Jewish



people against assimilation and annihilation in the second century BCE. It seems that with every generation, we continue to fight this war with the transmission of Torah education, Torah living, and Torah values. This generation is fortunate to be the recipients of an education lovingly provided by committed educators who want nothing more than to teach Torah. It is our fervent prayer that all of our students at Torah Day School of Atlanta absorb the Torah taught to them, and that they continue the chain of Torah observance and learning, dor l'dor. It is noteworthy to acknowledge that four of the second graders in our school are second generation TDSA students.



Have a healthy, restful and rejuvenating winter break with your precious students. We look forward to seeing them back in school on Tuesday, January 2nd!



Mazel Tov!

TDSA Graduate Gavriella Shleifer on her engagement to Harold Hershman

TDSA Graduate Dovi and Rivka Halpern on the birth of a daughter

TDSA Graduate Sarah Perez on her engagement to Mark Segal

Condolences

TDSA Parent Avi Warga on the passing of his father, David Warga

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Kindergarten Chanukah Comes Alive

An overflow crowd of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and special friends enjoyed the kindergarten class perform their Chanukah Comes Alive presentation. The students worked so hard on memorizing their lines, and they did an amazing job. Thank you to Morah Dina Shmuel for her musical accompaniment.



Everyone shepped much nachas from these beautiful children. As Rabbi Moshe Hiller expressed, they are the

embodiment of the Jews' triumph over the Greeks. Thank you to Morah Dena and Morah Esther for always providing our youngest students with their loving care, careful guidance, and infinite patience. We are all blessed to have them on the TDSA "Team".

Third Graders Are Engineers and Builders



You never know what type of challenge you may face when you enter Dr. Feingold's science class! This week, the third grade students came to class to find that they were tasked with building the tallest structure possible using only scotch tape and paper! One may think that's an easy task, but in reality, it's not. Through much trial and error, and utilizing our favorite phrase, "Fail Forward," the students designed some really tall structures, even taller than the students themselves. They began building their structures on the tables, but quickly realized they needed to relocate to the floors because their structures were too tall! What a great example of encouraging creativity, team work, and tenacity! Thank you Dr. Feingold!

Rabbi Yoel Gold Inspires Middle School Students

Utilizing his incredible skill of storytelling, Rabbi Yoel Gold, of Congregation Bais Naftoli in Los Angeles, CA and 9th grade rebbe at Mesivta Birkas, had the middle school students sitting on the edge of their seats. He shared several stories, all with a common thread. Hashem is in control, and everything that happens is for the good. It's certainly a good reminder, especially during the challenging adolescent years. Thank you to Mr. Andy and Mrs. Leah Lewis for bringing Rabbi Gold to TDSA and to the Atlanta community.



Boys in Grade Four through Eight Scripps Spelling Bee Competition

Congratulations to 6th grader, Yisrael Simcha Haller, the official winner of the Scripps Spelling Bee for the boys in grades fourth through eighth. Congratulations to runner up, 8th grader, Yisroel Rubin. All of the participants did a great job and clearly studied hard. They include: Shmuel Karsh, Yitzzy Larimer, Aaron Berger, Yaa-kov Wasserman, Yisrael Haller, Shlomo Reeds, Yitzzy Levitt, Yisroel Gross, and Zalman Citrin.



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for a refuah shleimah,
or to celebrate a milestone
occasion or simcha.*

*Over 330 students will be davening and learning
Torah on their behalf.*

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TDSA Boys Choir at Kroger's Chanukah Party



Thank you to choir director, Rabbi Shalom Yosef Horowitz, who gathered a group of third through fifth grade boys to form the choir. The boys sang beautifully and brought much simcha to the Toco Hill Kroger store. Parents, siblings, and on-lookers truly enjoyed their singing and dancing.

TDSA is Having an A"Door"able Chanukah!

All of the TDSA teachers and their students created



winning door decorations! They were colorful, meaningful, and downright fun! Thank you to judge, Mrs. Jacalyn Sosin for her creative awards! Everyone had such a great time and exhibited amazing ruach!

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, January 8, 2018

PARENT PROGRAM:

Learn How to Keep Your Children Safe
7:30-9:30 p.m.

Congregation Beth Jacob Heritage Hall

Presented by Mrs. Deborah Fox, LCSW
Founder and Executive Director



BOX TOPS Collections



Keep collecting those box tops!!!! They earn money for TDSA's PTA. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 21, 2017-

Monday, January 1, 2018

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

SCHOOL RESUMES

Monday, January 8, 2017

Parent Safety Program at Congregation
Beth Jacob

Tuesday, January 9, 2017

3:30 p.m. School-Wide Dismissal



Every Tuesday Can Be Giving Tuesday

Thank you for your continued support of TDSA! Donations received by December 31, 2017 are tax-deductible for the 2017 calendar year. It's not too late!



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inspire each student
to love G-d, to
observe the Torah,
to strive for
personal excellence,
and to pursue
life-long learning.



Kindergarten, First and Second Graders Enjoy Hand-On Oil Press



Thank you to JCrafts for bringing the oil press to TDSA once again. The students truly enjoy the opportunity to learn about the history of Chanukah as well as learning and observing the process of making olive oil. They find out it doesn't just come in plastic containers from Costco! The yummy sufganiyot were just the icing on the....doughnut!



FLASH BACK (ALMOST) FRIDAY!

Can you identify these two TDSA graduates? One lives in New York and the other lives in Israel. Both are Temima High School graduates as well as college graduates. The nicest thing about these young ladies is that even though they graduated over 20 years ago, they have continued to stay in touch with each other and many other classmates. They even hold an annual Pesach reunion (may that continue for MANY more years to come)! Any guesses?



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