

# Spotlight

Friday, December 7, 2018

29 Kislev 5779

Parshas Miketz

Chanukah Edition

## Table Talk with Rabbi Meir Cohen, TDSA Head of School

*Discussions on Torah topics deepen the bonds between family and friends. The question below can be used to start your Table Talk discussion this Shabbos. I would love to hear some of the answers you came up with. Please feel free to speak to me or email me ([rabbicohen@torahday.org](mailto:rabbicohen@torahday.org)) the answers your family thought of. Good Shabbos!*

The holiday of Chanukah is all about miracles: the miraculous war, miraculously finding a pure jar of oil, and the miraculous duration of that one day's worth of oil lasting eight days. We have every reason to sing praises to HaKadosh Baruch Hu for these miraculous events!

But something is bothering me. In the Talmud tractate, Kiddushin (39b), it states, "ein Somchim al haneis" - we are not supposed to rely on a miracle. There have been numerous times in our history when Hashem has performed miracles for an individual or our nation as a whole. However, all of those times we were forced into a situation or Hashem led us, and the miracle occurred. For example, Avraham was thrown into the fire by force and the Jewish people were led to the Yam Suf during our exodus from Mitzrayim. In the case of the Syrian Greeks and the Jews of the time, we were certainly oppressed. There was no possible way we could have won this war based on natural understanding of warfare. Yet, the Maccabees waged battle against the Greeks without being pushed into it. It seems as if they were relying on a miracle. How were they allowed to rely on a miracle?

**Third graders** dressed in parsha-related costumes for their gala pizza melava malka siyum. What a creative celebration.



**First graders** designed and decorated beautiful Chanukah cards for their parents, teachers, siblings, and friends.



**Kindergarteners** shone like candles as they entertained the residents of Berman Commons Assisted Living facility.



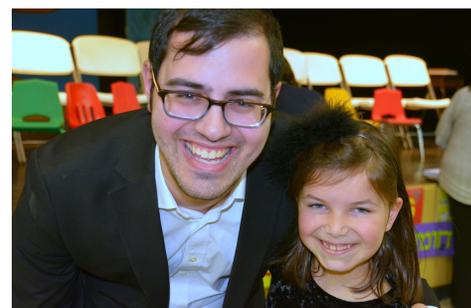
Mazel tov to **fifth grader, Ilana Barnwell**, for reading the entire sefer Tehillim! What an amazing accomplishment!



The **entire school** was treated to delicious doughnuts in honor of Chanukah! Don't these girls look like they enjoyed them?



We love celebrating **school events** with parents, grandparents, siblings & friends. We love when our grads come back too!



## Calendar of Events!

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

Kindergarten Chanukah Comes Alive  
11:00 a.m. in the TDSA Gym  
MSB Chanukah Choir Candle Lighting  
at Kroger at 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

1G, 5G Berman Commons Field Trip  
MSB Basketball Game at Galloway at 5 p.m.

**Monday, December 17, 2018**

MSG Basketball Game vs. Midtown  
4:45-5:45 p.m. in the TDSA Gym

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

SPELLING BEE

9-10:00 a.m.: Grades 1-3 Boys/Girls

11:10-11:40 a.m.: Grades 4-8 Girls

12:40-1:10 p.m.: Grades 4-8 Boys

Last Day: First Session Afterschool Activities

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

SCHOOL WIDE NOON DISMISSAL

**Friday, December 21-Tuesday, January 1**

NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

**Wednesday, January 2**

SCHOOL RESUMES Regular Time

## Ned Mindset Visits TDSA

The students were 100% engaged as the Ned Mindset Mission presenter, using a yo-yo as a prop, discussed concepts such as **Never** give up, **Encourage** others, and **Do** your best! The best part: The teachers will be provided curriculum material to support the NED Mindset Growth Mission which promotes academic achievement through character development. For more information, please go to [www.NEDkids.com](http://www.NEDkids.com). You'll see more about the program as well as great yo-yo tricks!



## Chanukah Celebration

Celebrating Chanukah playing cooperative games and performing class songs provided an entertaining and ruach-filled evening for girls in grades three through eight.



## Day of Learning

**December 3, 2018 25 Kislev 5779**

In memory of Mr. Abe Esral z"l  
Avraham Aryeh ben Nachum Leib  
By Mrs. Faye Esral

**December 7, 2018 29 Kislev 5779**

Refuah Shleimah for  
Chaya Temima bas Pesha Shoshana  
By The Izenberg Family

*Please sponsor a day of learning  
in honor or in memory of a loved one,  
for a refuah shleimah, or to celebrate a milestone  
occasion or simcha.*

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

*Please contact Marcy Kalnitz  
at [mkalnitz@torahday.org](mailto:mkalnitz@torahday.org)  
or 404.982.0800 ext. 101.*

## Condolences

Mrs. Miriam Karsh of the passing of her  
mother, Mrs. Marlene Rankus  
Malka bas Shmuel Zanvil z"l

## Mazel Tov!

TDSA alum Hudy (Hiller) and Yitzchok Leffel  
on the birth of a daughter

## Sharing Chanukah Light

Chanukah becomes so much more enriched when you share your smiles, songs, giggles, and more with others. Kindergarten students certainly brightened the day for the residents at Berman Commons Assisted Living and Memory Care facility in Dunwoody.



## FLASH BACK FRIDAY!

This cutie is currently living in Brooklyn, New York and is about to embark on a career as a lawyer! Congratulations! We are so proud of our alums. Pictured here, he's lighting a Chanukah menorah surrounded by other classmates. Does anyone recognize this young man? (Don't peek at the name below!)



Max Ezoory

## FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!

When TDSA's security cameras are not focusing clearly, TDSA calls ALSCAN and one of our graduates shows up! He currently lives in Toco Hills with a wife and young child. Always friendly and willing to be helpful, he's found his perfect career. Combining hi-tech with customer service was a no-brainer. Way to go TDSA Grad!



David Sawyer



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## Second Grade Girls Receive Chumash

The second grade girls, under the direction of Mrs. Naomi Cohen and her assistant teachers, Mrs. Cindy Frances and Mrs. Sarah Bayla Gross, prepared and presented their Chumash production. The young ladies sang, danced, and showed off their knowledge of Hebrew reading, a prerequisite to studying from their Chumash. Receiving a Chumash is a milestone event for a TDSA



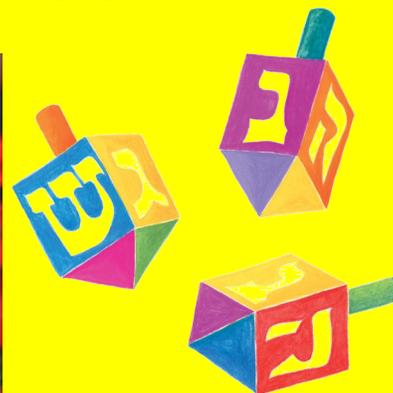
student, showing that they are academically prepared for Torah study. The students will go on to analyze and discuss ideas, concepts, translations, and more. The parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members and family friends truly enjoyed the entire event. Mazel tov to all!



PLEASE COME HEAR  
THE TORAH DAY SCHOOL OF ATLANTA  
CHANUKAH BOYS CHOIR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH  
AT 12:30 P.M.  
AT THE TOCO HILL KROGER  
LATKES & FUN SPONSORED BY KROGER!



TDSA BOYS CHOIR PICTURE FROM 2017





# CHANUKAH BONUS PICTURE PAGE



First graders create Chanukah cards for family, friends, teachers, siblings.



This kindergarten student morphed into a beautiful candle at Berman Commons.



Fourth graders wrote, directed, and starred in their own Chanukah play.



Kindergarteners light up the hallway with their beautiful menorahs.



The hallways in TDSA are decorated with beautiful and colorful dreidels.



Tables are filled with creative and home-made menorahs.



Kindergarten students learn vital fire safety rules, just in time for Chanukah.



Hands-on oil press for the students in kindergarten through second grade.



Thank you J-Crafts for the Oil Press and the yummy, freshly made doughnuts.



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