



Spotlight

Friday, October 26, 2018

17 Cheshvan 5779

Parshas Vayera

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) the answers your family thought of. Good Shabbos!

Avraham fights for the survival of Sedom after his guests leave him to continue on their way to destroy it. He pleads with Hashem asking, "Will you save it if there are fifty tzadikim in the city?" Since there are not fifty tzadikim, the negotiations continue until Avraham realizes there are not enough righteous people within the city. So, Hashem destroys Sedom.

The actions of the Sedomites are so evil, you and I can't even fathom thinking about behaving in such a deplorable way. If that is the case, why did Avraham want to save the city so badly? Also, why would fifty tzadikim have made a difference in the city's survival? In the case of Noach, he was saved, and the rest were destroyed. Wouldn't it have made more sense for Avraham to say to Hashem, "I understand that you have to destroy Sedom, but please make sure to save all the tzadikim along with saving Lot.?" What was Avraham fighting for and how would the tzadikim helped the people of Sedom?

The **sixth grade classes** performed for kindergarteners original puppet shows with a moral message that they wrote.



Learning to translate Chumash in **third grade** is fun when it becomes a game, thanks to Rabbi Mordechai Cohen.



Teaching the alef beis takes creativity! While learning the letter "ת", the **kitah K students** brought in their *dov*, bear.



In the **seventh grade**, students learned that a commonality in various cultures is bread, be it pita, matzah, baguettes, etc.



Eighth grade boys created gorgeous bridges using watercolor and black sharpie. Come see their designs in our hallway.



Learning how bones and muscles interact is easy when you are using a chicken wing as a model. Ask any **eighth grader**.



Day of Learning

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 or 404.982.0800 ext. 101.

Calendar of Events!

Week of November 4

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Sunday, November 4

Fall Festival 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, November 5

NOON DISMISSAL:

Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6

3:30 p.m. SCHOOL WIDE DISMISSAL

Wednesday, November 7

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Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-7 p.m.

Sunday, November 11

Middle School Girls Production

Sunday, November 18

Pre-Kindergarten Open House

Sixth Grade Show

The sixth grade language arts classroom transformed into a puppet theatre this week. The middle school boys and girls wrote, edited, produced, and performed their show for the kindergarteners. Part of their assignment was to impart an important, meaningful, moral message to their audience. It was a win-win assignment!



Hachnasas Orchim Day in Kitah K

On TDSA's Kitah K's Hachnasas Orchim Day, the kindergarteners' standard phrase of "would you like a seat and something to eat," was exemplified. After learning Avraham Avinu's love of inviting guests into his tent, the children couldn't wait until they could be hosts. Siblings, parents, neighbors and grandparents were invited to spend some time in kindergarten. The students treated their guests to special art projects, gifts, and sharing activities.

TDSA former parent with his kindergarten host.

TDSA alum and her kindergarten host/little sister.



BE A PARENT AMBASSADOR!

Please contact Mrs. Leslee Morris at lmorris@torahday.org or call 404.982.0800 x100 if you know of any family who may want to join our TDSA community. Our pre-K Open House is Sunday, November 18th!



FLASH BACK FRIDAY!

She's a TDSA graduate, college student & recently engaged! Do you recognize her? HINT: Her parents are long-time TDSA teachers. Send your guesses to lmorris@torahday.org!



FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!

First a TDSA student and graduate, and now, a TDSA mom. Thank you for coming to TDSA to help with picture day! And the best part, a picture was taken with our alum and her youngest sibling, who is now an eighth grader...almost ready to graduate!



Mazel Tov!

TDSA Alum Orah Cohen on her engagement to Ty Reid

TDSA Alum and parent, Nechoma (Hiller) and Rabbi Mordy Birnbaum on the birth of a son

TDSA Alum Natan and Peryl Bogart on the birth of a daughter



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