



Spotlight

Friday, November 16, 2018

8 Kislev 5779

Parshas Vayetze

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!

We all know the famous story of Rachel's kindness towards Leah. So that Leah would not be embarrassed under the chuppah, Rachel gives Leah the signs that she and Yaakov devised to allow him to identify the veiled bride. We teach our children this story as an example of incredible kindness.

However, that is not how the Talmud in Megillah (13B) understands the character trait Rachel is espousing. Instead, it is the trait of tznius that earns her reward. In fact, Shaul comes from Rachel based on the tznius she showed by giving Leah the signs. Why is Rachel's kind act really characterized as tznius? How is it an act of modesty? Furthermore, why is tznius the gateway to producing royalty as offspring?

TDSA PTA's Fall Festival and Book Fair

The Fall Festival and the Scholastic Book Fair were a huge success. Thank you to volunteers Sari Joel, Peshah Izenberg, Malka Adelman, Davida Levin, Judith Levitt, Miriam Ben-Chaim, Esti Gavant, Hannah Fleshel, Samantha Stein and TDSA's librarian Dr. Dunsker for their hard work and dedication.

Seventh grade boys were given the opportunity to create their own apps during a technology/STEAM challenge.



Kindergarten through 2nd graders heard from 2 veterans. The students saw a silk map of Europe among other items.



Showing **hakaras hatov**, the **entire lower school** presented Lt. Albritton, TDSA's crossing guard with thank you notes.



The **eighth grade girls** were so excited to get their sweatshirts, designed by THEM! The girls braved the cold for pic-taking!



Good sportsmanship are the goals for **TDSA's sports program**. Winning feels great but middos tovos comes first!



These **eighth graders** participated in JFGA's TikkunATL, making phone calls to raise money for Jewish Federation.



Day of Learning

Monday, November 12, 2018
4 Kislev 5779

In honor of and in appreciation to all of the veterans who have fought for our freedom

By Aaron and Miriam Cann

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!

Sunday, November 18

Pre-Kindergarten Open House

Monday, November 19

6G Night with the Stars 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20

7G, 8GG Federation Phone-a-thon
 4:30-7:00 at TDSA

6B Night with the Stars 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 21

NOON DISMISSAL

Thursday, Nov. 22-Friday, Nov. 23

NO SCHOOL

Thunder Thunders On!



The middle school boys Basketball Team, Thunder, played a hard game this past week! Kudos to the coaches for instilling in the boys the importance of teamwork. The ball was passed consistently, allowing each player a chance to score. They were all stars! Congrats!

Middle School Girls Exile Story



The TDSA middle school girls production of Exile Story illustrated what hard work, creativity, hard work, dedication and more hard work can attain. The girls did a fabulous job transporting the audience to Mitzrayim and to a Pesach seder. Thank you to Madam Director and playwright, TDSA graduate, Mrs. Rachele (Merlis) Freedman. The play was filmed by Ms. Ella Szczupak of Blue Orchid Productions, so please be on the look-out for the opportunity to purchase the Exile Story DVD.

Mazel Tov!

TDSA Graduate Tova (Asa) and Aron Yudkin on the birth of a son
 TDSA Graduate Devorah Levitt on her engagement to Luzzy Tendler
 TDSA Graduate Leah Tendler on her engagement to Berel Weinstock
 TDSA Graduate Manu and Malky Gershon on the birth of a daughter

Government Challenge

The seventh graders were faced with a challenge to build the tallest freestanding tower from raw spaghetti and marshmallows in only 20 minutes. The groups worked in a manner similar to an assigned government. For example, one group acted as a theocracy and designed with only the religious leader's approval.



Condolences

To the Merlis, Freedman and Graber families on the passing of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Mr. Henry Merlis

SAFETY FIRST

Please do NOT use the first few driveways on Jody Lane to turn around. By doing so, you are blocking traffic both ways. Please go around the block, or choose a driveway further from Lavista.

FLASH BACK FRIDAY!

This graduate is a practicing dentist in New York. He attended Yeshiva University and Columbia University College of Dental Medicine! He's currently married and living in New York. Guess who?



Akiva Berger

FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!

The flash forward and the flash back are related! This guy is now a job recruiter and is living with other former TDSA grads in Washington Heights, NY. Pictured with his youngest brother, a mighty Thunder basketball player.



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