

Spotlight

Friday, May 10, 2019

5 Iyar 5779

Parshas Kedoshim

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!

I lived in Southern California for seven years. I met many people who considered themselves spiritually connected, but were not Torah observant. They participated in mindfulness activities that, to them, brought out the soul and spirituality. Some would meditate on the beach with the sound of waves crashing, the smell of salt, and the feel of a breeze and soft sand to connect to Hashem. Others would join a drum circle where the hypnotic rhythms would elevate their mind and soul to another dimension. Others did yoga or pilates to balance their body, mind, and soul in a spiritual experience.

All these activities (and many more I didn't mention) actually sound like ways to increase a person's connection to Hashem and, dare I say it, "holiness". In this week's parsha, we are commanded to be holy in the very first pasuk. Yet, does that commandment mean to participate in experiences like the Southern California spiritual community? Not in the least. Rashi tells us that being holy means to separate ourselves from doing the wrong thing. How is that what makes us holy? I understand that it is necessary to avoid aveiros for the health of our neshama, but it sounds like such a boring definition of holiness. Why isn't holiness defined by something we do to increase our spiritual being rather than something we avoid?

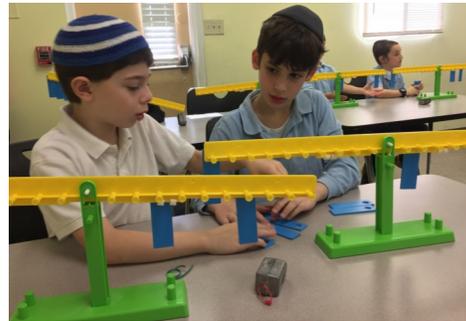
The faculty and staff says a HUGE "Thank you!" to the TDSA PTA and all of the TDSA Parents. You all really made our week so exciting!



Second graders look on in amazement as they learn about this four-hundred year old canoe at the Funk Heritage Center!



Manipulating sounds with a variety of instruments is a great way for **first graders** to see how sound is created.



Are **first graders** really studying physics? They learned about torque, which is the product of force and more. So, yes!



The **middle school students** taught Israeli dancing to the kindergarten through fifth graders. We all love our mentors!



Stretching bodies often equals stretching brains. **Kindergartners** enjoy physical education class every week. STRETCH!



Fifth grade girls sent refuah shelayma cards to Noya Dahan, a victim of the Chabad of Poway shooting last week.

Calendar of Events!

Mon.-Thurs., May 13-17

Iowa Testing

Monday, May 13

Greg Tang Math Day

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Greg Tang Math Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday, -Wednesday, May 13-15

8G Graduation Trip

Tuesday-Thursday, May 14-15

8B Graduation Trip

Wednesday, May 15

3B/3G Cobb County Youth Museum Trip



Atlanta Hadassah Chesed Award Recipient

Mazel tov to TDSA student Tzipora Estreicher for being named TDSA's recipient of the Atlanta Hadassah Chesed Award. Tzipora was nominated because she lovingly devotes her free time as a mother's helper and big sister to a family in the Toco Hills community. She was inspired by the text that we were like one man with one heart as we became a nation at Har Sinai. Mazel tov to parents, Rabbi Naftali and Mrs. Rivkah Estreicher.

Halachos of Shaliach Tzibbur

Learning the laws of shaliach tzibbur, being a chazzan and leading a minyan, may seem simple, however it's phenomenally detailed. As a means of internalizing and retaining the material, the sixth grade students were put into four groups. Two groups demonstrated a minyan properly while the other two groups showed the halachos not followed properly.



Day of Learning

Monday, May 6, 2019 1 Iyar 5779

Naomi, Meir and Yosef Kahn

By Jeff and Freida Paskow

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.

Mazel Tov!

TDSA parents and Morah, Mrs. Sara and Rabbi Yitzchak Grossman

on the birth of a son

TDSA alum Mrs. Chaily (Hiller) and Viggie

Lauer on the birth of a son

TDSA parents and alum Avi and Rachel Tate

on the birth of a son

TDSA parents & alum

Levi and Yehudis Graiser on the birth of a daughter

TDSA alum Adina (Feldman) and Yosef

Zelinger on the birth of a son

TDSA alum Pesach Levitt on his engagement to Leah Biterman

Condolences

Former TDSA parent and Board of Trustees President Raphael Gershon on the passing of his brother, Sim



Happy Birthday Israel, Yom Haatzma'ut at TDSA

Traditional Israeli dancing, creating and presenting a banner, hearing the actual recording of the UN vote, and cake were just a few of the highlights of TDSA's celebration of Yom Haatzma'ut. Learning the geography and history of Israel through the use of a 3-D map and collaborative research added richness to our celebration of 71 years of a Jewish state.

MATH = FUN MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Tang Math Night! Parents and their kindergarten through fifth grade children are invited to the TDSA Gym Monday, May 13th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Math activities, fun games, and new ways to enjoy math!

FLASH BACK FRIDAY!

This young man's family was incredibly instrumental in Atlanta's chinuch scene. His father taught at the local Jewish HS and his mom was a volunteer par excellence for TDSA! They left us for Brooklyn and we've definitely lost touch. Where is this young man? What's he up to? If you know who this is, please contact Imorris@torahday.org.



Moshé Lustig

FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!



Many of us remember this young man from his very early youth. He could give a dvar Torah like no other three year old! And now he's a chossan! It's hard

to believe! Send your best gues to Imorris@torahday.org if you have any ideas who this may be.

Yitzky Stroli



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

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