



Spotlight

Friday, May 17, 2019

12 Iyar 5779

Parshas Emor

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!

The reason for our mourning customs during the sefiras haomer is because of the death of 24,000 talmidim of Rabbi Akiva during this time. The Talmud explains that they died because they did not give enough respect to one another. Each morning, our Torah Day Talmidim belt out in joy the passuk, “v’ahavta l’rayacha kamocho” (and you should love your neighbor like yourself), followed by Rabbi Akiva’s commentary on this passuk, “zeh klal gadol b’Torah” (this is a major concept in Torah). Rabbi Akiva is known for his teaching about the importance of treating each other with respect and love. He felt this was one of the most important concepts in the Torah.

How is it that all his talmidim died due to a lack of respect? I would think they are the last people to lack any form of respect for one another and that they should epitomize derech ertz! How do we understand the reason behind their death?



Honorable “Mentschen”

Thank you Shalom Lindenblatt and Naftali Gross for your efforts to keep the lower school playground clean!



Kindergarten through fifth graders stretched their minds during our in-school Greg Tang Math Mania Day.



This face exudes simcha! The **4th graders** are singing along with their teacher, hand motions & all in their new sefer, Shemos.



Eighth grade boys blast off their grad trip with an escape room outing. Even better, they escaped. More adventures to follow!



Completing sefer Shoftim in Navi called for celebration. Several classes of students cheering on the **5th graders**.



What a special multi-generational treat it is to have a grandmother read a book to your class. Just ask this **kindergartener!**



After a brief “visit” to Brazil during class, the **first graders** were challenged to build their own soccer table top games.

Calendar of Events!

Tuesday, May 21-Wednesday, May 22
BUILDING THE JEWISH FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Thursday, May 23

Lag B'Omer

Monday, May 27

NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

Monday, June 3

TDSA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 4

Invention Convention and Chinese Auction

Wednesday, June 5

2G Mother-Daughter Siyum

Friday, June 7

Last day of school for 8th graders

Friday, June 7

12 Noon Dismissal SCHOOL WIDE

Monday, June 10

NO SCHOOL Shavuot

Tuesday, June 11

LATE OPENING 1-Hour Delay

Tuesday, June 11

8th Grade Graduation

7:30 p.m. Beth Jacob, Heritage Hall

Wednesday, June 14

Kindergarten Graduation

10:30 a.m. TDSA Gym

Thursday, June 13

NOON DISMISSAL Last Day of School

Tuesday, August 20

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Greg Tang Math Mania!

What a phenomenal all day event! Tang Math Mania proved to be an innovative and mind-expanding enrichment and learning experience for our students, faculty, and parents. Greg Tang Jr., a master game developer provided the faculty with a new and exciting way of teaching math, while his assistant, Jared Saavedra, provided the students in kindergarten through fifth with enrichment assemblies using the Tang Math method of teaching. In the evening, TDSA held a Tang Math Night for kindergarten through fifth grade students and their parents. Games were provided along with exciting prizes. Close to one-hundred people attended!



Eighth Grade Girls Graduation Trip



What an awesome time these young women enjoyed during this culminating trip to Washington DC. They went to the Newseum, the Holocaust Museum, Arlington Cemetery, cruised the Potomac, did a late night slurpee run, and so much more! Learning, bonding, and fun all wrapped up in one neat package. Thank you to chaperones Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Gleicher, and Mrs. Rabinowitz.

Kindergarten Trip to Kroger

To celebrate the conclusion of their brachos unit, the kindergarten students, along with their morahs, walked to Kroger to purchase their very own ha'tetz treat!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for TDSA's 33 hour 4-DAY **Building the Future Challenge**. Details coming!!

FLASH BACK FRIDAY!



William Barayev

Do you recognize this young man? We know that he is married and has children. Is anyone in touch with him? This picture has a date-stamp of 2003 on its back. That's 16 years

ago! He has a younger sibling that is a current student. Send your guesses to lmorris@torahday.org!

FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!



Orlyah Bunder

Can you say sports agent? Yup, this TDSA alum is currently in college and her plan is to become a sports agent. That's a fascinating field. She may also get a law degree as that would be helpful in attaining her aspirations. Keep dreaming! Grads, who else has dreams? Share them with lmorris@torahday.org!



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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 student Aaron Lipschutz on his recent bar mitzvah



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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