



# Spotlight

Friday, May 24, 2019

19 Iyar 5779

Parshas Behar

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!

*“Ben Azzai said: Run towards performing a minor commandment as you would a major one, and flee from transgression; For one commandment leads to another commandment, and transgression leads to another transgression; For the reward for performing a commandment is another commandment and the reward for committing a transgression is a transgression.”*

This quote from the 2nd Mishnah in the 4th Perek of Pirkei Avos is usually used to explain how Hashem opens doors of opportunities for us if we participate in a mitzvah, while transgressions don't open such doors.

That is a beautiful explanation of Hashem's ways, but it leaves a glaring question about how to read the text of the mishnah. It seems that there is a redundancy in the wording. Ben Azzai seems to say that running towards a mitzvah is important because doing a mitzvah leads to another mitzvah. Then he seemingly repeats this concept saying that the reward for performing a mitzvah is another mitzvah. Certainly, he cannot be restating the concept in a different way! So, what is the conceptual difference between the final sentence and the one preceding it?



**1st graders** harvested onions and are looking forward to tasting them. Farm to table experiences encourage healthy habits.



The **first graders** are so excited to learn new skills while using their brand new Chumashim. See the joy on their faces!



Recognizing the aleph beis and reading Hebrew words is something for the **kindergartners** to celebrate!



These **eighth graders** epitomize middos tovos. They help younger students on their own time, here at the kindergarten siyum.



**Team building** was a major theme in TSDA's Lag B'Omer activities including field day, a sing-a-long, hiking and more.



**Middle school** students supported TSDA's Build the Jewish Future campaign by making phone calls. They all did a fabulous job!

### Calendar of Events!

**Monday, May 27**  
NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

**Monday, June 3**  
TDSA Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, June 4**  
Invention Convention, Chinese Auction  
& BBQ

**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 Shavuos

**Tuesday, June 11**  
LATE OPENING 1-Hour Delay

**Tuesday, June 11**  
8th Grade Graduation  
7:30 p.m. Beth Jacob, Heritage Hall

**Wednesday, June 12**  
Kindergarten Graduation  
10:30 a.m. TDSA Gym

**Thursday, June 13**  
NOON DISMISSAL Last Day of School

**Tuesday, August 20**  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

### Day of Learning

May 23, 2019 18 Iyar 5779

In Honor of

Ariella and David Minkow

By Florence Minkow

**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.**

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or 404.982.0800 ext. 101.*



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### Mazel Tov!

TDSA parents Rabbi Yaakov and Mrs. Malkie Citrin on the birth of a son

### Mazel Tov TDSA Kitah K!

Celebrating the milestone of mastering the aleph beis is major to our kitah k class and their families. The students enjoyed games revolving around the aleph beis and then enjoyed a delicious hot dog or hamburger dinner. Not only have these students learned the essential skills needed to read Hebrew, they also exhibited fabulous table manners. With napkins in laps, saying please and thank you, and knowing not to reach over your table mates, the children truly enjoyed their simcha. Middos tovos and good manners, along with learning how to be a good friend, are vital skills gained in kindergarten.



### We Did It... Thanks to YOU and YOU and YOU and YOU!

With tremendous assistance from our parents, students, faculty, staff, board and DONORS, TDSA raised over **\$228,000** during this week's BUILD THE JEWISH FUTURE One Student at a Time 33-Hour Challenge. Thank you to the **462 people** (and counting!) who made donations and to the many people, including TDSA middle school students, who solicited donations. It truly takes a village to achieve, and even exceed, one's expectations.



### Lag B'Omer Celebrations

From color war to cook-outs, hikes, and QT, the students at TDSA truly enjoyed Lag B'Omer. Most of the activities involved team building, which dovetailed beautifully with the essence of the day: The importance of treating each person with respect and working together for a positive outcome in a wholesome environment. It helps to have some good old-fashioned fun as well.



### FLASH BACK FRIDAY!



His family left Atlanta for snowy, cold Chicago several years ago. No longer a kindergartener, this young man is married (we think). However, we don't know much else. Send information about this young man to [Imorris@torahday.org](mailto:Imorris@torahday.org). We want to stay in touch with our alum!

Avraham Bachrach

### FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!

Wow! This is one happy face! And why not? She just graduated from NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing Class of 2019. She's off to a great start in her professional career. Stay in touch, dear alum! To stay in touch, contact [Imorris@torahday.org](mailto:Imorris@torahday.org).



Deena Sheffel Reich



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