

Rabbi Meir Cohen's Shabbos Table Talk

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. Good Shabbos.

On Rosh Hashanah Day we read the story of Hagar and Yishmael who are banished to the desert, hungry, thirsty and about to die. Hashem hears Hagar's cries and saves them both by showing them a well. Chazal ask why Hashem chose to save them since Yishmael is the father of the Arab Nation, which will end up causing the Jews so much tzaros over the course of history - even through today. The answer is that Hashem judges people in the moment, not based on the future. They were in the midst of teshuva, so Hashem showed his mercy and saved them for who they were at that moment.

How does this story make sense with the halacha we learn in this parsha about the ben sorah umoreh? We are told that a child who shows rebelliousness in specific ways is destined to lead to more serious crimes in the future. Therefore, to save the community the heartache of dealing with those serious crimes later, the child is subject to capital punishment. This seems completely antithetical to the story of Hagar and Yishmael. How do we explain this?

#TDSA Belongs #TDSA Inspires #TDSA Leads #TDSA Achieves



Second and fifth graders combine their artistic talents to draw and perfect a beautiful challah cover for Chai Lifeline.



Kindergarteners heard the story *I Need My Monster* during library. Then they made their own not-too-scary monster.



The **kindergarten** class is already learning the Hebrew letter ט! In celebration they brought in their dov-bears. How cuddly!



5th and 2nd graders collaborate to create a sports-themed challah cover to be sent to Chai Lifeline for an ill little boy to enjoy.



Sixth graders execute an experiment to determine what will protect their control UV bead from the sun's ultraviolet rays.



Sixth graders wrote biographies of a chosen middle school student after interviewing them and getting to know them better.

Mazel Tov!

TDSA alum Aharon and Olivia Karon on the birth of a daughter
 TDSA student Shlomo Reed on his bar mitzvah
 TDSA alum and parent Rona (Shaliyeshsaboo) and Mordechai Lavian on the birth of a daughter

Black Light Experiment During Study of UV Rays



What is an ultraviolet ray and what are its uses? These future scientists are seeing first hand one of the uses of an ultraviolet ray. They've painted designs on their hands and arms using fluorescent paint and then turned on a black light. Suddenly, their designs are glowing!

Calendar of Events!

Monday, Sept. 30 - Tuesday, Oct. 1
 No School - Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, October 2
Tuesday, October 8
 12 Noon Dismissal - Erev Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 9
 No School - Yom Kippur
Monday, Oct. 14 - Wednesday, Oct. 23
 No School Succos Break
Thursday, October 24
 School Resumes
Wednesday, October 30
 School Pictures - Girls
Thursday, October 31
 School Pictures - Boys

Eighth Graders Learn Halachos of Blowing Shofar

Thank you Rabbi David Silverman, master shofar blower! Rabbi Silverman explained the many intricate halachos of blowing shofar. As well, he pointed out that S'fardim, Chabad and Ashkenazi Jews do not necessarily follow the same minhagim attached to shofar. He also taught the boys the technique of blowing the shofar. Use your diaphragm, hold your lips together, find the resonant tone of your unique shofar, practice, and BLOW!



Learning to Play Together is the Goal

In kindergarten the students are busily learning their letters, the aleph beis, simple math, and beginning reading. However, the most important skill that they are learning is how to be a mensch. Cooperative board games, building together, and playing cards all require the skills of negotiation, sharing, taking turns and more. Those are important life skills that hopefully last forever.



Safety Is Our Priority

Please do not park on any side streets to pick up your children. We have received calls of concern from our neighbors on Jody Lane and Biltmore Drive. Please, be a good neighbor. **Carpool pick up is at the TDSA Gym ONLY.** Thank you!

ALSO, NO LEFT HAND TURNS while exiting from the TDSA driveway.



There's an app for Box Tops! Download, follow the directions, and SCAN your grocery receipts. So easy!



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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 340 students will be davening and learning Torah on their behalf. Please contact Marcy Kalnitz at mkalnitz@torahday.org or 404.982.0800 ext. 101.

FLASH BACK FRIDAY!

This is TDSA's Rosh Hashanah family party at Menchie's Fro Yo circa 2013. Alum, where are you now? What are you up to? Contact Imorris@torahday.org. We want to stay in touch with our alum, near and far!

(Correction on last week's FLASH BACK: Binyamin Freundlich)



Avi Lewis

FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!

Mazel tov on the first of many firsts. This very recent TDSA graduate is pictured on her first day of high school. We hope she, along with her former classmates, stay in touch. Send your email addresses to Imorris@torahday.org.



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