

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.

What role should hakaras hatov play in our lives? The mitzvah of bikurrim is described in this week's parsha. The theme of this mitzvah seems to be gratitude. A farmer selects the first fruits of the season to be taken to Yerushalayim via a procession led by an ox with plated gold horns and someone playing the flute. Once at the Beis Hamikdash, the basket of fruit is given to a Kohen. The Kohen holds the basket of bikkurim in his hand along with the farmer and they wave it around. During this time, the farmer recites several sentences that include a brief history of the Jews from the time of Yaakov, our time in Mitzrayim, Hashem leading us out of Mitzrayim and into Eretz Yisroel.

It is interesting that in order for us to eat an olive, we need to express hakaras hatov for the entire history of the Jewish people. Isn't that a bit over the top? If we don't farm these seven species, should we be thinking about the beginning of time? How do we understand the value and purpose of this mitzvah for our fulfillment of hakaras hatov?

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8th graders wrote a song about GA and its resources. Memorizing a list is boring, but harmonizing is memory making.



First grader proudly displays his patriotic artwork while also enjoying cooler weather during his playground break.



Kindergarten girls graciously welcome mystery reader, Mrs. Landau, as she reads to her granddaughter & her classmates.



In **second grade**, getting ready for math is a team activity with different helpers distributing books, pencils and notebooks.



The **MSG Thunder** beautifully exhibits teamwork, cooperating, sharing, and leadership while playing volleyball.



This is what a caring friendship looks like. Two **kindergarten students** walking together after morning assembly. So sweet!

Mazel Tov!

TDSA alum Rella (Abramowsky) and Yoni Eisenbach on the birth of a son
 TDSA alum Chaya (Shleifer) and Shlomo Berelowitz on the birth of a son
 TDSA student Eliyahu Yitzchak Oami on his bar mitzvah
 TDSA student Shira Oami on her bas mitzvah

Calendar of Events!

Monday, Sept. 30 - Tuesday, Oct. 1
 No School - Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, October 2
 NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
 3:30 p.m. Dismissal SCHOOLWIDE
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

Day of Learning

Sunday, September 15 15 Elul 5779
 In loving memory of
 Shal-m ben Moshe, z"l
 By Daniel and Jan Menchel
Thursday, September 19 19 Elul 5779
 L'zecher nishmas Jerry Grossblatt, z"l
 Yaakov Tzvi ben Levi Yitzchak
 By Velvel Grossblatt, Naftali & Rivkah
 Estreicher & family, Adam & Robyn
 Grossblatt & family, Fayga Grossblatt, and
 Ruby and Stan Katz
Friday, September 20 20 Elul 5779
 In loving memory of
 Ellen Karsh, a"h
 Simcha bas Shalom
 by David and Miriam Zelda Karsh and family
**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.
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Kindergarten Literary STEAM Challenge

"Oh no, my chair is broken!" cried baby bear. This is one of the events that kindergarten students sequenced as they learned about a story's timeline in language arts class using *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* as an example story. Of course, a broken chair needs to be rebuilt. So, Morah Mindy grabbed this opportunity to integrate a STEAM lesson by challenging students to design and build a new chair for baby bear. You wouldn't believe the amount of creativity, teamwork, and engineering ability shown by this kindergarten class!



7th Grade Chemistry Class

Learning chemistry begins with studying the ancient theories of Aristotle and Democritus. Aristotle opposed the Atomic theory developed by Democritus and believed that atoms were all fundamentally air, fire, water and earth. Here the students are igniting a candle, then mixing baking soda with vinegar, and extinguishing the flame with the vapor, not the liquid.



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

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FLASH BACK FRIDAY!

This adorable child's mother taught at TDSA for several years and his family now lives in Maryland. Surely you all remember this red-headed kid? Let me know who you think it is! Alums, you can call me @404-982-0800 ext. 100. I'm still here!



Ahron Shmuel Wiggins

FAST FORWARD FRIDAY!

This guy was a short timer at TDSA, but he never forgot Morah Dena and she never forgot him! Now he's an uncle to a kindergarten student and was lucky enough to enjoy a birthday party in kindergarten! Time flies. Guess who? Think late 1990's.



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