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## ON RAISING CONFIDENT CHILDREN

In this week's Torah portion Shemini, the Torah details the death of Aharon's sons Nadav and Avihu. In comforting Aharon, Moshe says to him "Of this did Hashem speak saying I will be sanctified through those who are close to Me and I will be honored before the entire people."

The Talmud in Tractate Zevachim explains that Moshe consoled Aharon by saying "I knew that this Mishkan was going to be sanctified through the death of someone close to G-d. I thought that it would be either you or me. I now see that they (your two sons) were greater than either of us".



Rabbi Yissacher Frand is bothered, how could Moshe talk this way? How is it possible that Moshe, who is known to be the most humble of all men, could think of himself as the holiest person? This seems to be the antithesis of humility. Rabbi Frand quotes Rabbi Leib Chassman who explains that this is only a question if one defines humility as a low self esteem. The key element of humility is the recognition that whatever a person has is a gift from G-d. The purpose of humility is not to ignore that talents that one has, rather, it is to be aware of where they come from.

When raising our children, we need to build them up and imbue them with the confidence that they can accomplish tremendous feats throughout their lives. It is critical for them to believe in their abilities but also to be thankful for what they have. They also need to understand that their talent and skills come with the responsibility to help others. Raw talent and intelligence is not what defines an individual, it is what they chose to do with them that will ultimately leave their mark on this world. It is my hope that every one of our precious students at Columbus Torah Academy believes in themselves as much as we believe in them and that they learn to appreciate the responsibility and potential that comes with their unique greatness.

Rabbi Avrohom Drandoff, Head of School

## MAZAL TOV

Dr. Jonathan Gisser on his engagement to Miriam Peltz

Chaim and Silvia Wolfson on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Esthy

Gary Sukienik (Class of 2012) on his engagement to Richelle Leuchter of Bradenton, Florida and to parents Harvey and Lisa Sukienik

David Schmelzer (Class of 2008) on matching into a residency in anesthesia and to parents Victor and Susan Schmelzer

David Ciranni (Class of 2005) on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents Nick and Marge Ciranni

Cheri and Tod Friedman on the engagement of their daughter Rachel to Dr. Jeff Gold of Cincinnati

Orri Benatar (Class of 2014) on publishing an article in topflight.com magazine about the World Cup  
<https://thetopflight.com/2018/03/05/world-cup-100-things-i-cant-wait-to-see/> and to parents Gil and Shirly Benatar

Tal Benatar (Class of 2011) on recently conducting for his Master's recital at University of Michigan to the orchestra of master's students in the music school. He will graduate with his Master degree in Orchestral Conducting in April 2018. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vkoP1k4WnrUEYWqR0qO6y3BZn4i-23wk/view?usp=sharing> and to parents Gil and Shirly Benatar

Miriam Kaltmann (CTA current 4<sup>th</sup> grader) and her parents, Rabbi Areyah and Esther Kaltmann, who joined with more than 1600 young girls from across the country for the Chidon Sefer Hamitzvos where attendees took a test demonstrating their knowledge of the book of daily mitzvot they have been studying all year.



Shylee Delman (CTA current 10<sup>th</sup> grader) and her parents, Tod and Eliza Delman, on being invited to participate in the US Chidon Ha-Tanach. More than 500 participants took the initial exam and Shylee advanced to the national finals on April 29 where she will compete in Bible knowledge against students from across the country.

Rabbi Howard and Linda Vlosky Zack on being selected by the Rabbinical Council of America to receive the RCA Distinguished Leadership Award which is presented to those who personify the best in commitment, care and action for the advancement of Torah and the welfare of individual Jews and the Jewish people. The Zacks will be recognized for over thirty years of Jewish leadership and community building at a gala dinner in their honor on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Stamford, CT.

Jennifer Johnson on the marriage of her daughter

## CONDOLENCES

Larry, Richard and Jonathan Gilbert and families on the passing of their mother Marcella Gilbert

Rabbi Levi and Aviva Andrusier on the passing of this mother Fraida Andrusier

Mariana Krayter and Anna Krayter (Class of 2001) on the loss of mother and grandmother Fanya Aleksandrovskaya

Cathy and David Schwartz, Lindsey (Schwartz) Glazer class of 2000 and Julian Schwartz (8th grade class of 2001) on the loss of brother and uncle Steve Grooms

Mikhail and Angelina Kuperberg, Igor and Larisa Goykhman, Dasha Kuperberg (Class of 2017), Svetlana Goykhman (Class of 2005) and Tolik Goykhman (Class of 2008) on the loss of father and grandfather Alexandre Kuperberg

### THANK YOU TO:

The L & K Binsky, Blumberg, Bornstein, Garvin, Ilin, Kohn, Newman, Shindel, and Steinberg families for sponsoring March's Rosh Chodesh Shevat Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

### A GOOD BYE and A WELCOME BACK

Sandi Turner, who has worked in the CTA Kitchen since 2013, retired just before Passover vacation. We will miss her warm smile. And, welcome back to Gayle Downey, who had hip replacement surgery and was missing from action at lunch time during the last 6 weeks.



### EXCITEMENT BREWING FOR UPCOMING BASEBALL TOURNAMENT



Bigger and better than ever--that's not just talk from CTA Baseball Coach Steve Guinan. Indeed, CTA baseball has soared in popularity, featuring a roster of sixteen boys, many who participated in winter training to prepare for the 2018 CBI, aka The Jewish World Series. And the Lions have already made their mark, both on and off the field. First, they began the promising



season with a 10-0 opening day win at Walnut Ridge. The Lions were led by solid pitching, from veterans junior David BenMoshe, sophomores Drew Samuelson and Benzi Gisser, and freshman phenom Akiva Epstein. Off the field, the Lions also showed tremendous team play in their CTA Diner fundraiser, a massive success that bought the boys sharp new uniforms, with the new CTA athletic logo. Come out and support the Lions in their slate of games in April. Home games will be played at Berliner Park, field 32. The Lions are gearing up and getting ready to show CTA can walk the walk as well, against the highest level of play from Jewish day schools around the country. Big shkoyach, Lions, and good luck in CBI!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8plDbMWIGA4>

David Bar Asher, David Benzaquen, Harry Bernzweig, Saul Myers, Benzi Gisser, Avior Hazan, Shmuel Metz, Akiva Epstein, Solomon Weller, Dov Myers, Drew Samuelson, David BenMoshe, Coach Guinan, Coach Savage

Come see a game leading up to the tournament and be sure to check out all the CBI action at:

[www.columbusinvitational.com](http://www.columbusinvitational.com)

A spring schedule can be seen here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qOwC\\_4fIZ016dHBjTNrKny0poKpOnjr8/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qOwC_4fIZ016dHBjTNrKny0poKpOnjr8/view?usp=sharing)

## NEWS FROM HEBREW LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



By Shirly Benatar, Hebrew Language Department Chair

### Hebrew Learning, Creative Projects, Celebrating Israel's 70, and Farewell to our Shluchim

Hebrew department staff are busy planning and preparing for Israel's 70th Independence Day. In the meantime, many wonderful and innovative things are happening in the classrooms:

Our 3rd graders have been busy studying and designing their own comics story in Hebrew (see picture), using our web-based curriculum Ivrit B'Click. Under the guidance of Moreh Mordechai and Morah Eva, third grade students learned about the basic guidelines and stages of creative writing, composing a story, picking the main characters, scenery, and writing dialogue in comics format. Our third graders are in the final stages of editing and creating their colorful comic books. Students have impressed us with comics featuring up to 30 frames! We are so proud of them, and we plan to share their work at the Achievement Fair.



2nd grade students have moved on to the first unit in Ivrit MiB'reshit and are focusing on gender classifications of nouns and verbs in Hebrew. Morah Tehilla designed several creative activities which used several modalities of learning. The students played a wonderful game of choice (see picture) and ran team races with the goal of internalizing the basic feminine and masculine forms!

6th graders are currently engaged in 'What's Your Story' (מה הסיפור שלך?), a creative writing project (in Hebrew!!!). They are learning the stages of composing and developing stories, and they are in the final stages of editing their wonderful stories.

One 5th grade group is engaged in a family-heritage project. The students are researching, interviewing their grandparents and they are learning about their heritage, history, and families...all in Hebrew!

The Month of April is the Hebrew Department's busiest time, as we are engaged in several school and community events celebrating Israel, and this year is significant because Israel is celebrating 70 (!!!) years as a growing vibrant democracy.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their favorite pictures from Israel. We received such a great variety of pictures, from vacations to scenery, honey-moon to holy sites and Israeli fruits. We have created a wonderful Picture Mosaic of Jerusalem, using all of your photos and it will be exhibited by the Federation at the JCC.



9th and 10th graders have been working on project Remembering 2gether (זוכרים יחד), in partnership with our sister city, Kfar Saba and the Jewish Federation of Columbus. Our students worked in groups learning about a specific fallen IDF soldier. The students are in touch with the soldier's family and have created a presentation about the soldier's life and service. The project creates bonds between the students and Israeli family members, provides comfort to those bereaved families, as well as develops the appreciation of the sacrifice made by these

Israeli families. Thank you to Morah Ester, Morah Tehilla, and Moreh Oded for guiding and working with our students on this important project. Please join the community on **Tuesday April 17 at 6:45 at the JCC for Yom HaZikaron Ceremony**, where our students will present their work to the entire community. They will also lead a commemorating Yom HaZikaron ceremony for the Upper School on April 18th.

On April 19th, the Hebrew Department is organizing half a day of festivities for the entire school celebrating Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel's 70's Independence Day), complete with fun and educational activities, festive Mincha, a ceremony and special lunch for all the students.

Please also note that CTA is a proud recipient of a special photo exhibit called *Celebrating Israel: Snapshots of the People Behind a Young State* from Beit Hatfutsot, The Museum of the Jewish People. Photos will be displayed around the school.

This year is a bit different, because we are also saying goodbye to our Shlichim, Ester and Mordechai Bar Asher. The Bar Ashers are going back home in June, after a two-year service as Morim Shlichim (Ambassador Educators). They have come here on an education service-mission on behalf of the World Zionist Organization from Israel, putting their life on hold in order to serve our community. They have been working tirelessly to redesign and build our Hebrew program, they inspired students and staff with their excellence, brought the spirit of Israel to our school, and created meaningful personal bonds that will last a lifetime. The Bar Ashers represent the finest that Israel can offer and we are fortunate that they chose our community for their service. We will all miss them! Please join us to celebrate the Bar Asher family. All parents are invited to join at a school wide assembly on **Thursday, April 19 at 3:45- 4:00 at the end of Yom HaAtzmaut festivities for a short farewell to the Bar Asher family.**

## FROM THE DESK OF NICOLE MILLER, LOWER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



**News From Across the Subjects:** Time is flying by in the lower school. Celebrating Passover together was a wonderful even at CTA. Students took so much pride in the projects they created. We hope you enjoyed your time with your family during that week off. After Passover break, we have only about 2 months of school left. Can you believe that? Here is what is happening around the lower school:

Students have been working hard these month. Kindergartners are working on writing "how-to" papers. They are sharing the steps of how to make a birthday cake or tie their shoes to name a few topics. First graders had their Iditarod race with a great showing of parent support. It was a great time to see the whole school cheering on the first grade class and sharing stories of past races. Second grade had their annual Jellyfish week where they were able to write, create, and explain these fascinating creatures. Third grade celebrated publishing their book of cinquains about Ohio History then and now! Fourth grade-6th grade worked on creating a Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) powerpoint for our return from Passover break and we enjoyed their commercials for Purim where they had to write and direct the video! The entire school worked on collecting food and nonperishable items for the Huckleberry House. Student Council has also been working on their recycling project. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders made wonderful presentations about different types of music instruments and musical genres as part of a collaboration between Morah Cheri in music and their general studies teachers. I am proud of all the hard work from each child and their classroom teachers.

**Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) update:** Many classes have earned their Middot Money rewards. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade has taken on the teachers at a friendly game of kickball. Mr. Bailey has been given the lower grades extra gym as a reward. Student council has created boxes for Lion Notes for grade spans: K-2; 3-4 and 5-6. Many classes are working on having a lunch with the principal now. As we return from Passover break, we will continue to review class and school wide expectations. As the warmer weather comes, students begin to test boundaries. That is why it is important for us to constantly review these expectations and explain the why behind why we set those expectations. There is so much still to learn in April, May, and the beginning of June.

**State Testing:** 3rd-6th grade have the Ohio State AIR testing starting Monday, April 16. Lower school students are scheduled to take the test first thing in the morning. **Please make sure that your child comes to school**

**well rested a few days before the test and the night of the test.** This is critical for students to feel sharp and focused on the day of testing. Ensure your child is on time and has eaten a nutritious breakfast the morning of the test. Talk to your child about how to alleviate stress. This test is just one measure of your child's success in the grade level. It is not the only way we look at a child's success. Reassure them to do their best. Give your child a positive send off the morning of the test, too! We will be letting each student know that we believe in them and we will tell them to try their best on the test. Christy Smith and our general studies teachers have prepared students by practicing taking the test online. If you would like to practice with your child, you can go here: [https://login9.cloud2.tds.airast.org/student/V266/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Ohio\\_PT](https://login9.cloud2.tds.airast.org/student/V266/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Ohio_PT)

Please look at the google calendar for dates of when the test is scheduled. There were a few changes that you want to look at. A parent letter will be going home as well.

**Collins Writing:** Teachers have continued to work on professional development in writing across the subjects. On March 26 & 27, grade level teams met with our Collins Writing consultant, Cheryl McDonough to look over writing samples and create new rubrics for the upcoming months. Grade levels enjoyed planning together across subject areas in both General and Judaic studies.



**Successful Student Council Food Drive:** Lower School Student Council held a food drive the week leading up to Passover vacation and were able to collect 715 non-perishable items that were donated to Huckleberry House. They also presented Huck House with a check for \$100 of funds collected from dress down days during Spirit Week leading up to Purim. The agency helps youth and families in central Ohio who come from difficult situations suffering from abuse, violence, neglect, poverty and homelessness. The donations will help these families.



**1<sup>st</sup> grade welcomes speaker about Solar Energy:** CTA parent, Yoni Zofan, came and spoke with the first graders about solar energy as part of their unit on the solar system. The students were particularly animated to share what they knew about where energy comes from and student, Avi, was very proud to have his father come and speak to the class. Mr. Zofan works for IGS Energy.

**Morah Cheri joins with classroom teachers for music presentations:** Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade chose music genres or instruments from different countries and made written and oral presentations during music class. Some students also shared the instruments they know how to play.



**Come to the Lower School Parent Café on April 27:** Be sure to join Mrs. Miller and other parents **on Friday, April 27 for a Parent Café on the topic, “Keeping Your Children Engaged in the Summer”**. Mrs. Miller will lead a discussion about how to keep your children engaged in learning during the summer months so they do not take a dip in their reading and math skills. It will be hands on and parents will be given engaging activities to instantly implement at home. Please join at 8:30 a.m. in room 8. Light refreshments will be served.

**Third Graders Preparing Original Plays:** Mrs. Rahav's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, as part of their writing workshop, will work in groups to create four original plays based on the four middot – Honesty, Patience, Friendship, and Respect. They have begun to brainstorm ideas and fill out their story map graphic organizer. They will need to collaborate with one another to write a skit, organize the props and costumes, and decorate a background before they perform at the end of May.



**Mrs. Miller spends afternoon at Skate Rink with Students:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, Gabi and his family won a skating trip at the Silent Auction at the recent Scholarship Dinner. The skating party for a student and friends with Lower School Principal, Mrs. Miller was great fun. Here's a group selfie!



**Iditarod was a Blast:** There are plenty of amazing pictures from the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Iditarod Race. Check them all out here:

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**Garden Club Fun:** The Garden Club has gotten off to a good start in spite of the spring weather looking a lot like winter! The Garden Club meets after school and the students work both inside and outside to maintain the garden spaces and greenhouse. Additionally, teachers and students in grades 3 and 6 are also helping during the school day as we tie gardening into the school curriculum.



Pictured are students working planting flats for the starts of carrots, onions, beets, peas, lettuce, radish, and cabbage. You can see in the 2nd picture that the plants have started to sprout utilizing the natural and artificial light. We hope to get these sprouts in the garden beds in the next week or two, weather permitting!

Once there are vegetables to harvest the children will package them up for delivery to families at Heritage Towers on the campus of Wexner Heritage Village. Of course, the students will get to sample some of the vegetables so they can enjoy the fruits of their labor.



## From Mrs. Miller in the Library:

### Sliding is Fun...until it comes to reading skills. Make a summer leap instead!



Did you know that it only takes 4 – 5 books over the summer to avoid the summer slide and to keep kids' reading skills on track? You can keep your children excited about reading during the summer by reading to and with them and by letting them see you read. Support your children's love of reading with a collection of books at home that changes and grows with their interests and reading skills. Our Spring book fair provides the perfect opportunity to ensure reading success by letting your child choose books they want to read.

Join us at CTA's Scholastic Book Fair school days from May 24 – June 1.

There will be lots of great books to keep your children reading this summer. And, you'll be supporting our school library, too! Plan to visit the book fair as a family on May 30 during Achievement Fair or stop by any day to fill your readers' Wish List!

Visit CTA's Book Fair Home Page to shop online from May 13 – 31 and to learn more about the Spring book fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/cta>

## NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL JUDAIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT



By Dror Karavani, Lower School Judaic Studies Coordinator

**Ve'higadeta Le'bincha:** Telling the story of Pesach to our children is one of the major Mitzvot during this Chag. This was emphasized during the weeks before Pesach throughout the Lower School in a variety of ways. I would like to highlight some of what was happening in the classrooms:

The students in Kindergarten and 1st grade brought home many Pesach art projects that helped them become more active and involved during the Seder. They made Kiddush cups, Afikoman cases, washing towels, interactive Haggadot and much more. Under the guidance of Morot Jamie, Naomi and Irit, the students were well prepared and excited for the Chag.



Morah Leah's 2nd graders used iPads in order to design and create personal Haggadot. It was truly a great combination of technology and tradition. In the science lab they also experimented with Mrs. Lerner learning how Shmurah Matzah is made and baked some in the kitchen for Pesach.

The Pesach Haggadah tells us that we are obligated to view ourselves as if we actually left Egypt. To help the 3rd graders experience the suffering of slavery and joy of the Exodus, Morah Shira's students wrote a short series of diary entries from the perspective of a Jewish slave. They practiced metaphors and similes, descriptive language (using the five senses) and Collins Type 3 writing - a useful skill for state testing. The students worked hard and learned to embody the experience of the Jewish people in Egypt!

In addition to learning the laws and customs of Pesach, under the guidance of Morah Elana, the 5th and 6th grades wrote Diveri Torah to share during the Seder night.



**Model Seders:** Just before Passover break, all of the students enjoyed our traditional Model Seders, sitting around the decorated tables with all of their Seder plates and special foods which accompany them. This year 3rd - 6th grade participated in a "Beyachad (together) Seder" with many games, songs and special activates. This included Diveri Torah lead by the 6th graders and a "Afikoman" scavenger hunt around school campus. The students demonstrated their knowledge of the "Lail Haseder" night. I hope your child had the opportunity to share his knowledge during Pesach.



**Yom Hashoah ceremony:** On Thursday April 12th, our Sixth Graders will lead CTA's Yom Hashoah ceremony. The Sixth Graders will talk about the different stages leading up to and during the Holocaust period. The students will see a short movie from Yad Vashem about the Auschwitz Diary and will participate in class discussions.

## FROM THE DESK OF ELIZA DELMAN, UPPER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



March brought a lot of opportunities for Upper School students to learn both in and out of the classroom.

**Speaker on Mental Health:** On Thursday, March 15th, the high school students gathered for a talk about Personality and Mental Health from Cincinnati Psychiatrist, Dr. Nahum Klafter (a.k.a. Dr. Andrew Klafter). Dr. Klafter described scenarios for the students about some formative experiences that shape us, helping to form our personalities. He talked about the differences between temperament, personality and character. He described the different ways that mental health professionals help people overcome challenges. The presentation is part of our effort toward helping students increase self-awareness for a life of success and meaning.



**Remembering Parkland:** As we remembered the children and adults who lost their lives one month ago in Parkland, Florida, Columbus Torah Academy's Upper School students and faculty joined together on March 14. We decided to show solidarity with other students across the country and use the time to remember the victims. Under the guidance and supervision of Mrs. Delman, at 10am, all Upper School students and staff left the classroom and stood in the hallway. We then read the names of the individuals who were killed in this senseless act of violence and said Tehillim together to pray that there should be an end to these acts of violence. Additionally, we had a moment of silence, allowing us all time to

reflect on acts of kindness we can do to strengthen our school community in memory of the victims.

**AP Chemistry Students Compete in Chemistry Olympiad:** AP Chemistry students went to Thomas Worthington HS to participate in the American Chemical Society's Chemistry Olympiad. The local competition is open to all high school students. ACS Local Sections choose nominees for the national exam. The top four students of the national competition represent the United States in the annual International Chemistry Olympiad. Thank you to the Makias family for providing transportation to and from the event.



**Science Department benefits from Dorothy Kahn Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation:** Thanks to a grant from the Dorothy Kahn Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation, CTA's Upper School received new centrifuges in Science lab. The Dorothy Kahn Fund annually funds the purchase of new lab equipment for the CTA science department. This year the science department purchased new mini centrifuges as well as various labs and demonstrations for next year's Physics and AP Physics classes. The centrifuges will be utilized by our Biology and Anatomy & Physiology students to perform advanced biochemistry labs. The sound labs and demonstrations will allow our students to experience the Doppler effect, resonance and to measure the speed of sound in air.



**Upper School Play: The Hundred Dresses:** Upper School Drama group presented The Hundred Dresses, a play adapted by Mary Hall Surface from a book by the same name by Eleanor Estes. The play is a charming story of a school girl who is different than the other students, but when she stops attending school, the other students are forced to look at the way they treated her and learn that kindness and acceptance is the best way to treat another person. The book was read in several elementary classes and the library at CTA, and the older students felt it was a message very appropriate for our times and for all ages.

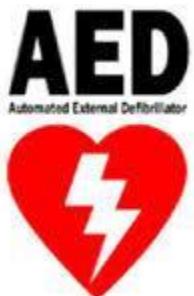
Pictured are actors: Hannah Adler, Nicole Babior, Noa-Mazal Bar Asher, Anna Bornstein, Ben-Zion Gisser, Ariel Ilin, Yaakov Newman, Avigayil Rosenberg, Aidan Samuelson, Brooke Samuelson. Not Pictured is Staff and Crew: Gillian Herszage, Ariel Eskin, Shylee Delman, Orli Hartstein, Hanna Wolfson and understudy, Sahar Import

Thank you to sponsors of the drama program: Drs. Rafe Wenger and Shifra Tyberg and Dr. Ken and Nancy Supowitz for their ongoing support of our dramatic arts. And to Director, Angela Barch. Special recognition to student Gillian Herszage who initiated the program and worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure that the show would go on!

**High School Speaker about Safety:** In an effort to keep our school safe and make sure our students are prepared in any situation, Fred Bowditch, a representative from Homeland Security and retired Columbus Police officer held a Q&A session for High School students. Our faculty have ongoing training with Mr. Bowditch and local law enforcement about lock down procedures and how to respond in crisis situations. Our students asked thoughtful questions and appreciated the opportunity to get answers from a professional in the field.



## UPGRADES TO HEALTH EQUIPMENT



Over the past two years, CTA has upgraded our health safety equipment with new AED (Automated External Defibrillators). The school now has 3 thanks to the recent donation by Deborah and Barry Adelman Philanthropic Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation to fund the purchase of a third one. One in each gymnasium and one dedicated for portable use outside the building on the fields. Faculty has been trained to use the equipment and High School students were also trained. Dr. Naomi Kertesz (AKA Mrs. Myers), a CTA parent, is also the Associate Medical Director in Cardiology and the Director of Electrophysiology and Pacing at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She has been consulting with CTA to make sure that we have the right lifesaving protocols in place. To find out more about the importance of having AED in schools, go to <http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/project-adam>



## SPONSOR A DAY OF LEARNING

**Have a lifecycle event to share?** Opportunities to sponsor A Day of Learning are now available at CTA. For a \$180 donation, you can make a donation, in honor, in memory, in appreciation, for a speedy recovery or in celebration of a person, a birthday or an event. To schedule a day, contact [sherszage@torahacademy.org](mailto:sherszage@torahacademy.org) or [adrandoff@torahacademy.org](mailto:adrandoff@torahacademy.org). The sponsorship will be listed in the CTA Weekly Communicator, the monthly CTA Dateline, posted on the monitor in the school lobby, and announced to the students. Thank you to the following sponsors:

CTA's Day of Learning for Wednesday, March 14, the 27th of Adar, was sponsored by Rabbi Michael Emerson and Dr. Adina Bitton in memory of Adina's grandfather, Rabbi David Bitton, HaRav David Ben Shalom on his yarzheit. May his memory be for a blessing.

CTA's Day of Learning for Friday, March 16, the 29th of Adar, was sponsored in memory of Moishe Herszage, z"l (Moshe Yehuda ben Pinchas) on the 25th anniversary of his yarzheit by Shari and Dotan Herszage and family. May his memory be for a blessing.

CTA's Day of Learning for Wednesday, March 28, the 12th of Nisan, was sponsored by Drs. Jay and Barrie Zweier and Family in memory of Jay's father, Irving Zweier, Yisrael ben Moshe. May his neshama have an aliya.

### CTA LUNCH MENU & SCHOOL EVENTS (<http://www.torahacademy.org/parent-portal/calendar/>)

Check this for after school activities, sports events and more.

School Links for Parents (<http://www.torahacademy.org/parent-page/>)

April 10:	Kindergarten Readiness Screenings
April 10-May 9:	State Testing, various times and grades
April 12:	Yom Hashoah
April 17:	CTA 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Remembering 2gether Presentations, 6:45 pm, JCC on College Avenue
April 18	Yom Hazikaron
April 19:	Yom Ha'Atzmaut
April 20:	Art to Remember Deadline
April 19:	CTA All School Farewell Presentation to the Bar Asher Family, 3:45-4 pm, CTA
April 22:	10th and 11th Grade Better Together Celebration Program, 3 pm. Bexley Library
April 22:	PTO Social Event, 7 pm, Columbus Axe Throwing
April 27:	Lower School Parent Café with Mrs. Miller, 8:30 am, CTA
Apr. 29-May 1:	Columbus Baseball Invitational
May 14:	Lower School Parent Café with Mrs. Miller, 7:30 pm, home of Dor and Lissie Markush
May 9-24:	Artist in Residence Amy Greenberg for 2nd and 5th Grade Writing Workshop
May 14-24:	Scholastic Book Fair In School
May 13-31:	Scholastic Book Fair On Line
May 30:	Lower School Achievement Fair

**Go Lions! Keep up with the CTA sports schedule at <https://columbustorahacademy.teamapp.com/>**

### SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES FOR APRIL and MAY

April 6: 7:43 pm  
April 13: 7:50 pm  
April 20: 7:57 pm  
April 27: 8:05 pm

May 4: 8:12 pm  
May 11: 8:18 pm  
May 25: 8:31 pm

## VOLUNTEER AT COLUMBUS BASEBALL INVITATIONAL



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Baseball Invitational is set for April 29-May 1, 2018 and more than 200 athletes and coaches will descend on Columbus for 3 days of baseball. The teams come from across the United States representing Jewish day schools and yeshivot. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities and you can earn Give & Get for every one of them. To volunteer, contact Lisa Kaufman, event coordinator, at [alisadk@hotmail.com](mailto:alisadk@hotmail.com)

Registered for the 2018 Invitational include returning teams led by CTA, Fuchs Mizrachi (Cleveland), Ida Crown (Chicago), SAR (NY), HAFTR (NY), Kushner (NJ), TABC (NJ), Kohelet (Philadelphia), and new teams Farber (Detroit), Katz Yeshiva (Boca Raton), and Rochelle Zell (Chicago).

To see a full list of rosters and follow information about the Tournament as it gets closer, go to [www.columbusinvitational.com](http://www.columbusinvitational.com)

## PTO SELLING GRATITUDE GRAMS



PTO is now selling "Gratitude Grams". Noted PTO President Beth Binsky, "Everyday we send our children to school and every day CTA's teachers and staff go above and beyond to educate, nurture and challenge them to become better versions of themselves. These professionals probably do not hear thank you enough for all of their efforts. Here's a chance to say Thank You."



For \$1 you can purchase a sheet with 4 Gratitude Grams. They can be purchased by emailing to [pto@torahacademy.org](mailto:pto@torahacademy.org) and using the same email to send payment to Paypal. Orders will be delivered to your child to take home. PTO will also be selling them near the front desk and will do so every two weeks or so.

Parents or students should fill them out and deliver them to the front desk. Student council will then deliver the grams to their recipients.

It is important to note that these are different from Lion Notes. Lion Notes are given to students from teachers or from teacher to teacher. Gratitude Grams are given from parents to CTA staff (not just teachers). For instance, has a teacher gone out of their way for your student recently? Has a staff member helped facilitate something special that has enhanced your student's education? It's the little acts of kindness that happen every day that are nice to have recognized.

If you have any questions, contact Beth Binsky at [beth@2828design.com](mailto:beth@2828design.com)

## TZEDAKAH BOX TURN IN



If you have a CTA Tzedakah Box, don't forget to fill it and empty it often. **THE NEXT SCHEDULED DROP OFF DATE IS MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018.** You can choose to send in a check with the amount of the contents or put the change and cash into an envelope or baggie and send in with your child. Amounts are counted towards your Give and Get and are a great addition to the donations the school receives. If you need a new or more Tzedakah boxes, contact Shari.

## **TZEDAKAH**

It has been a time-honored Jewish tradition to give tzedakah in recognition of important events. Todah Rabah to the following for their donation:

### **To the Annual Fund:**

Steven and Smadar Import in appreciation of Joey & Lindsay Schottenstein, Coach Eddie Karmia, and Mr. Matt Bailey

Drs. Dan and Leslie Chase in honor of Aviel Metz becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Nancy and Ken Supowitz Philanthropic Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation to sponsor the Upper School drama production

Deborah and Barry Adelman Philanthropic Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation to purchase a new defibrillator for use in the athletic department

### **To Sponsor a Day of Learning:**

Shari and Dotan Herszage and family in memory of Moishe Herszage, z"l (Moshe Yehuda ben Pinchas) on the 25th anniversary of his yarzheit. May his memory be for a blessing.

Rabbi Michael Emerson and Dr. Adina Bitton in memory of Adina's grandfather, Rabbi David Bitton, HaRav David Ben Shalom on his yarzheit. May his memory be for a blessing.

Drs. Jay and Barrie Zweier in memory of Jay's father, Irving Zweier, Yisrael ben Moshe. May his memory be for a blessing.

### **To the Library Fund:**

Cheryl Miller in memory of Steven Eisenberg

## **GIVE & GET**

More info can be found at [www.torahacademy.org/parent-portal/give-and-get/](http://www.torahacademy.org/parent-portal/give-and-get/)

**Tribute Donation:** Contact Lesa, Shari or submit donation on line at [www.torahacademy.org](http://www.torahacademy.org) for all in honor, in memory or milestone tributes to family and friends.

**Kroger Rewards Card:** Go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and register your rewards card. Kroger will donate up to 1% of your purchases from Kroger or Turkey Hill stores.

**OFFICE MAX:** Max Perks card number is: 207285005

**Target RED Card:** Go to <https://rcam.target.com/> to manage your red card and enroll your card in the Take Charge of Education program to choose CTA. Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target stores in the U.S and at Target.com.

**Amazon Smile:** Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and register to benefit CTA. When you make a purchase, CTA will receive 1% of that purchase as a donation to our school.

**iGive:** Register with iGive at [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com) and your Amazon purchases and online purchases at close to 1500 retailers will give a kickback to CTA. To date we have raised over \$1200.

**Apples for Students at Giant Eagle:** Go to [www.GiantEagle.com/AFTS](http://www.GiantEagle.com/AFTS) to register for their donation program. You will need your Giant Eagle Advantage Card number and the CTA School Code which is #4389.

**Magazine Sales** Help the 8<sup>th</sup> graders year round when you purchase magazines at [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) using their code # 2522449.



**Shoparoo** Download the app to your smartphone and start earning points by snapping pictures of your receipts. Do you use a smartphone? Do you ever go to the store and buy anything?

These are the two things you need in order to help CTA earn money through Shoparoo. There is no cost to you. Snap a photo of a receipt from a store you made a purchase at and CTA earns points that are converted to \$++. Best fun is that your points are posted and you can see who the leaders helping CTA earn money are. To date, there are 38 supporters and some

are very active. Imagine how much money we could earn if you participated? For more information or to help out, contact Shari and she can walk you through it. **FOR LAST SCHOOL YEAR WE RAISED \$260.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**



**Purchase beautiful keepsakes featuring your child's artwork. 1/3 of each sale goes to CTA's art program!**

**Use your child's personalized form & code to order and pay online at [order.arttoremember.com](http://order.arttoremember.com) or by phone at 800-895-8777**



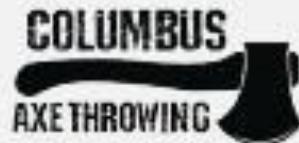
Please contact art teacher Amy Neiwirth with any questions at [aneiwirth@torahacademy.org](mailto:aneiwirth@torahacademy.org)

<https://order.arttoremember.com/>



CTA'S PTO WOULD LIKE TO INVITE CTA'S PARENTS  
AND STAFF TO BRING OUT THEIR INNER LUMBERJACK.  
THROW SOME AXES AND HAVE A LOT OF LAUGHS!

SUNDAY, APRIL 22  
7:00 PM  
COST IS \$34.68 PER PERSON



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You MUST REGISTER to participate.

Each lane has 2 targets. Each lane can accommodate 12 people. The below link is for the first lane, once this lane is full, another link will be provided. Please email [pto@torahacademy.org](mailto:pto@torahacademy.org) with any questions or prefer a live link.

[https://bookeo.com/columbusaxethrowing?devent=41566UPNKYE1624956E4CC\\_2018-04-22\\_pvv9QV6a8FTx](https://bookeo.com/columbusaxethrowing?devent=41566UPNKYE1624956E4CC_2018-04-22_pvv9QV6a8FTx)





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April 29-May 1, 2018

Fun for all ages!

Games at the JCC on College Avenue and Wolfe Park Fields

Concessions by the JCC

Check out the schedule and event details:

[www.columbusinvitational.com](http://www.columbusinvitational.com)

Cheer on  
the CTA  
Lions!!!!