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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

In this week's parsha, Ki Tisa, the Jewish people commit the sin of worshiping the golden calf. Many commentaries on the Torah grapple with the question of how it could be that just forty days after the holy Sinai experience, the Jewish people can worship an idol? How could it be that the clarity and inspiration that was generated by witnessing G-d talk directly to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai not be able to help the Jewish people fight off the temptation to participate in the sin of the golden calf? The only thing the Torah tells us prior to the sin, is that the Jewish people miscalculated when Moshe was due to return, believing he should have returned a day earlier. How is it possible that a simple mistake of what time Moshe is due to return could result in the sin of the golden calf?



In sefer Nefesh Hachaim, Rabbi Chaim Volozhin sites the Talmud that says that once the Jewish people made this miscalculation regarding the expected return of Moshe, the Satan created confusion and hysteria by showing them an image of Moshe no longer alive. Upon seeing this image, the Jewish people became frantic and panicked and immediately demanded from Aron to make the golden calf.

Rabbi Volozhin goes on to explain that the Satan constantly seeks to create confusion for us. When a person has clarity and knows that something is unequivocally wrong they will not do it. However, when they are confused, it is easy to mistake right from wrong and make a poor decision. Rabbi Volozhin concludes his thought by saying the remedy for the confusion generated by the Satan is Torah learning. The more one learns and is connected to the word of G-d and their Jewish heritage the more clarity they will have. If we want to raise our children to live a life of clarity built on the foundation of our Jewish heritage, a Jewish day school education is imperative.

MAZAL TOV

Amy and Lior Rahav on the arrival of their baby girl

Rabbi Avrohom and Hope Drandoff on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Teme

Ilana Klamka and Daniel Newman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yaakov

Dr. Jonathan Gisser and Elana Burak on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Akiva

Brent Levison (8th grade class of 1985) on the birth of a baby girl

Dr. Michael and Sarah Blumenfeld on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tovah

Tonia (Shatz) Levison (Class of 2002) on receiving her Masters in Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling from Columbia College Chicago, and to parents Alan and Sara Shatz

Daniel Libicki (Class of 1995) and Inna (Gakh) Libicki (8th Grade Class of 1991) on the birth of a son in Jerusalem. Mazel Tov to grandparents Charlie and Penny Libicki and Eugene Gakh

Jenny (Shindel) Sinowitz (8th Grade Class of 1993) on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Rikki and to grandparents Harold and Elaine Shindel

Dr. David Weinerman (Class of 1997) on the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Hadassah and to grandparents Drs. Phil and Julie Weinerman

Rabbi Binyomin and Ahuva Weinschneider on the birth of a son

Rabbi Yeshayahu Ginsburg (Class of 2007) and Rabbi Nuriel Klinger (Class of 2005) celebrating receiving their rabbinic ordination (semicha) at the upcoming Chag HaSemikhah at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and to their parents, Rabbi David and Shulamit Ginsburg and Jiri and Tzipora Klinger, respectfully

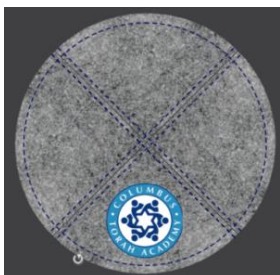
CONDOLENCES

Lisa and Seth (8th Grade Class of 1979) Stavsky, Jared (Class of 2012), Jonah (Class of 2014) and Tamar on the passing of sister and aunt, Mrs. Sharon Berger

Tim Pray on the loss of his father

THANK YOU

To Rabbi Zvi and Chaya Aviva Katz, Dr. Roman Ilin and Victoria Melnikova and Chaim and Silvia Wolfson for sponsoring the Teacher Appreciation Rosh Chodesh Luncheon for the month of Adar.



NEW CTA KIPPOT AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

The Upper School Student Council is offering CTA kippot for sale. The newly designed items are from Klipped Kippahs. They are gray felt with the CTA logo. Cost is \$12 per kippah or 2 for \$20. They can be ordered at the front desk or online at <http://www.torahacademy.org/order-cta-kippot/>. The order will not be placed until a minimum order number is reached. If you have any questions, please contact Ioni Wolfson at ewolfson@torahacademy.org or ymetz@torahacademy.org.

NEWS FROM UPPER SCHOOL JUDAIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT

By Rabbi Zecharia Weitz, Upper School Judaic Studies Coordinator



What an Adar!

Loaded is an understatement. This might have been the busiest month in the history of CTA's Upper School. Here's a quick glance at the past few weeks:



IronMench

The long awaited Iron-Thursdays finally came on March 2nd. Thanks to Rabbi Savage's Panoply format, this year's IronMench was said to be the most fun yet! The High School (HS) competed in the morning and the Junior High (JH) in the afternoon in a 4 team Yiddiot Klaliot (general Jewish knowledge) tournament - mixed with a variety of random questions. The competition was fun and fierce but team Red came up on top for the HS and Team Yellow for JH.

HS In-House Shabbaton

Planned and organized by students Shylee Delman, Shayna Herszage, Gillian Herszage and Avior Hazan, this Shabbaton featured a full Shabbat menu of delicious foods, spirited davening and shiurim, entertaining programming and a lot of clean-up! The Shabbaton was a lot of fun and quite an accomplishment for the student leaders and their committees. Thank you so much to all the students who helped with the cooking and baking. Student Council planned most of the programming. A special thanks to our chaperone families: the Bar Ashers, Kimches, Savages and Rosenbaums and generous food sponsors!

Spirit Week

Senior Rosie Kalef helped us all get into the Purim spirit by organizing a spirit week leading up to the holiday. Dress-up themes included "You in 10 years", "Your Favorite Character", "Red Carpet Day", and "Dress-Down". Rabbi Savage's tux with coattails, silver shoes and a top hat clearly stole the show.

Color War

Student Council also planned a Color War for grades 8-12 on Purim celebration day at school. Activities included a Purim themed Kahoot competition, "Gaga", tug-of-war, and a video & art competition. It was

awesome and everyone had a lot of fun!



7th Grade Carnival

Each year, our 7th grade runs the Lower School Purim Carnival. It is always a blast seeing the creative booths our 7th graders come-up with for this fun event. In addition to being an opportunity to express their fun and creative minds, the carnival is a great lesson in marketing, finances and program planning. The proceeds from the carnival will help pay for their 8th grade trip to Washington DC.

NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL JUDAIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT



By Dror Karavani, Lower School School Judaic Studies Coordinator

Adar Fun Leads to Purim Fun and Learning

Anyone who was at CTA on Rosh Chodesh Adar couldn't stop smiling, seeing the students walk into school in their silly hats. As every rosh chodesh, the day began with "tefillah b'yachad" singing Hallel together, and then continued with dancing in the hallways, singing "mi she'nichnas Adar". As part of preparations for Purim, the students learned about the laws and customs and they also used their baking skills to make delicious hamentaschen.

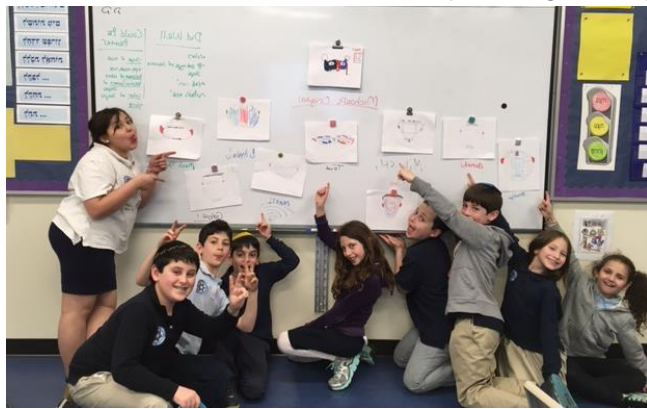


We celebrated Purim at CTA the Friday before the holiday, with a variety of activities. We enjoyed a magician, the sixth grade Purim play, the costume parade and the 7th grade carnival. The 4th through 6th grades enjoyed cross-curriculum activities that taught different aspects of the holiday. They rotated to different stations where they learned how to make ink from pomegranate or grape juice mixed with honey and alum and used calligraphy markers to create designs. Another station combined the Purim with reading and social studies, to find the names of 35 countries (of the 127 from the megillah). Others learned about the works of Israeli artist Hanoach Piven and created a piece of art about Purim that is hanging in the hallway or had group discussions about the values and messages of Purim. It was a wonderful and meaningful (pre-)Purim celebration.

Enjoy the slide show of Purim costumes at <https://youtu.be/0sRY7TTwMU0> and the Kindergarten Purim Megillah at <https://youtu.be/4A0pf7VNLs4>

Special Purim Projects from the 3rd and 4th Grade Judaic Elective Writing Classes

Mrs. Neuman's classes used the upcoming holiday of Purim to practice their descriptive writing skills. 3rd Graders used the 5 senses to describe the contents of their Mystery Mishloach Manot, and classmates had to guess the food items. The students also knew that the two food items they were describing had to come from two different food categories, according to the Halacha (Jewish Law) they studied in class. 4th Graders secretly designed Purim masks, and then wrote detailed descriptions of these masks including size, shape, color, and texture. They then read their description to classmates, who had to draw a mask that fit the written description. The students learned how important descriptive details in writing, because it helps paint an accurate picture in the reader's mind.



The 4th graders had a fun project as they wrote campaign ads for Purim. They were inspired by their study of the Megilla to choose a character to run for various positions on the fictional "Purim Council 2017." Positions included "Esther for Risk-Taker," "Bigtan and Teresh for Troublemakers," and "Mordechai for Loyal Citizen," among others. The students wrote the campaign speeches to prove that each character from the Megilla was the perfect person for the council position based on things that person did, said, or felt in the Megilla. The students also performed these speeches for their classmates and engaged in constructive feedback.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEBREW DEPARTMENT



By Shirly Benatar, Chair of Hebrew Language Department

Practicing Hebrew through Movies

Morah Ester's classes in the Upper School practiced their Hebrew Oral expressions with a special project. Each of the students picked a movie to review. They had to find the movie trailer in Hebrew (or with subtitles), record their own review on film, and add the lessons learned (Musar Haske) from the film. The completed assignments were submitted all on video and in Hebrew. Then the classes joined together for a screening of their reviews. It was interesting to see the students' choice of movies ranging from Top Gun and Star Wars to Beauty and the Beast and Frozen! Of course popcorn was enjoyed while watching these cinematic creations.



Falafel!

Moreh Mordechai's 5th and 6th grade classes enjoyed "and we have...falafel", an experiential unit about Israeli cooking in Hebrew Language. As part of this unit they learned a recipe for Shakshuka and they spent time with Moreh Mordechai baking yummy potato Bourekas in the school's teaching kitchen, all while speaking and interacting in Hebrew. The students reported that they LOVED eating the savory pastry as much as they enjoyed the process of making it!



As a special culmination of the unit 'and we have...falafel', the students created a real falafel stand during lunch, complete with menus and pricing signs. The students had to make their meal order in Hebrew to their teacher Moreh Mordechai, who acted as the server. The students were excited. We were surprised at how excited they were and much they enjoyed the Israeli fast food! Thank you to Karan Tanenbaum for preparing the delicious lunch, to Moreh Mordechai, and for all the Hebrew teachers who assisted.

SERVICE LEARNING: 10th GRADERS VOLUNTEER AT LIFECARE ALLIANCE



On Wednesday, March 15th, the 10th graders went to LifeCare Alliance together with Mrs. Kimche to help in their Meals-on-Wheels Distribution Kitchen. They assisted with other volunteers with the meal bag returns. All of the Meals-on-Wheels bags were returning from routes back to the facility, and so volunteers helped to empty out/reline/prep the meal bags for the next day's operation. Special thanks to community member, Susie Stan who helped CTA arrange this Service trip.

WRITING WORKSHOP INSPIRES POETRY AND SHORT STORIES

The annual Writing Workshop kicked off this week in grades 2 and 5. Led by Writer in Residence, Amy Greenberg, the two week residency is an indepth study of the creative writing process with a focus on poetry in 2nd grade and short stories with dialogue in 5th grade. Mrs. Greenberg started with a book read aloud assembly for grades 2-5. The students dove into the creative process right away and are beginning to learn about editing, critiqueing, reviewing and the valuable rewriting that makes a creative piece perfect.

The students will host a Sharing Night on Tuesday, April 4 for their parents and members of the community to highlight their original pieces.



The Writing Workshop at Columbus Torah Academy is made possible in part by state tax dollars allocated by the Ohio Legislature to the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically.

CTA UPPER SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS "LITTLE WOMEN"



Pictured is the cast of "Little Women": Yaakov Newman, Noa-Mazal Bar Asher, Solomon Weller, Ben-Zion Gisser, Avigayil Rosenberg, Sahar Import, Shayna Herszage, Gillian Herszage, Moshe Metz, Tovah Blumenfeld and Brooke Samuelson

Opening night is quickly approaching for the Upper School Drama Club's production of "Little Women"! A lively group of thespians from grades 7-12 have been rehearsing their lines and blocking for this show directed by Kate Willis.

The show is appropriate for adults and children ages 7 and up.

Little Women is a classical novel by American author, Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), about the March family, comprised of four sisters and details their growing up and passage from childhood to adulthood. "Guided by their beloved mother, the four March sisters- tempestuous Jo, motherly Meg, shy Beth, and spoiled baby Amy- struggle to keep their family going while Father's away in the Civil War"

The production is generously sponsored by Dr. Rafe Wenger and Dr. Shifra Tyberg and Nancy and Ken Supowit. Performances are **March 28 and 29 at 7:00 at CTA**. Tickets are \$5.00. For more information or to reserve a ticket, contact kwillis@torahacademy.org or ggherszage@gmail.com.

HEBREW PURIM STORY TIME AND MORE

Moreh Dror joined with Eran Rosenberg for a super fun Hebrew Story Time at the Bexley Public Library in preperation for Purim. Hebrew Story Times are held in conjunction with the Israeli American Council's Keshet Sfarim program which offers Hebrew-speaking families a membership for \$10 annually to have Hebrew literature books sent to their home monthly. The program provides a small stipend for CTA and CJDS to hold story times, as well. For more information, go to www.iackeshetsfarim.org and use Partner Code: CDS43054 or click on the flyer here.

PHOTOS AROUND CAMPUS



KINDERGARTEN LEARN BRACHOT

Kindergartners celebrated learning all of the brachot on food with a little brachot party/seuda. They were able to combine learning about Purim and eating foods from each bracha group. The kids had fun and learned a lot!

CTA LADY LIONS AT RECENT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Pictured are the CTA Lady Lions who attended the recent Basketball Tournament hosted by RASG (Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach). Pictured are the seniors who were hosted by Rabbi Zvi and Sara Beth Kahn and family. The girls had a great time and played hard.



IT DAY IN 2nd GRADE

"It" was a celebration in 2nd grade on "It Day". The students began cursive writing with the lower case "i" followed by the lower case "t". Put them together and a successful cursive handwriting career has begun! Throughout the building we all knew about IT!



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS and GIRLS ON THE RUN



Pictured is the robust group of K-6 students who practice weekly with a tennis pro and the young women in grades 3-6 who are working out twice a week with their Girls on the Run team leaders as they prepare to run a 5K later this Spring.



BATTERS PRACTICE AT HUNTINGTON PARK

CTA students are enrolled in the a Ron Golden All Purpose Baseball Camp held at Huntington Park while they hone their skills. The season kicks off with their first game on March 23 and all of the varsity players are looking forward to the Columbus Baseball Invitational.

MS. NEIWIRTH DEMONSTRATES WHAT CREATIVITY IS

In a short video created for a professional development class, Art Teacher, Amy Neiwirth, showcases what creativity is featuring our students and school community. Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/nwhZGG1cRcq>.

IDITAROD BROUGHT TO LIFE AT CTA



Now in its 14th year, the CTA Iditarod race is a simulation of the great Alaskan Iditarod Race and is a culmination of the 1st graders study of the Alaskan tundra. Miss Tanenbaum and the students have spent weeks learning about the terrain and getting to know more about the Iditarod race and the challengers and their teams.

On the day of the CTA race, the entire Lower School came out to the soccer field to cheer on the four 1st grade teams comprised of one musher to ride in the team sled and several “dogs” to pull their sled. Traversing the fields on their plastic sleds, the teams raced through checkpoints and a series of thoughtful activities to the final challenge of creating their own sled and mushing it the last 100 feet of the course.

Thanks you to all the parents and guests who attended, those that helped at checkpoints and setting up, and all the teachers, especially Miss Tanenbaum, who take great care that the 1st graders learn so much. Enjoy the video of the teams practicing and getting ready for the race.

2nd GRADE VISITED BY FRANKLIN COUNTY DOG SHELTER



The second grade was visited by Deputy Laura from the Franklin County Dog Shelter on March 9. This visit was the culmination of a community awareness program initiated by student Ilana Binsky. On a visit to the shelter with family members, Ilana was called to action and asked her classmates to help her find ways to help the over 150 dogs at the shelter. The children realized the dogs could be scared and lonely and bored, so they set out to collect toys, towels and blankets, and toilet paper tubes that could be filled with treats for the dogs. They wrote letters to their parents asking for help and also even collected the empty toilet paper tubes from CTA! They also baked dozens of homemade dog treats. Deputy Laura came to the classroom to pick up all the donations and also to teach the children about dog safety in their neighborhood. It was a terrific visit and the children certainly showed their middot in a very meaningful way.

CBI BIGGEST FIELD EVER – VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED (EARN GIVE & GET)



Don't miss a chance to be a volunteer for the 2017 Columbus Baseball Invitational which is set for May 14-16. This year's tournament has the biggest field ever for CBI with 12 teams. Games will be played at the JCC College Avenue Baseball Fields and a second field in a neighboring community (Columbus and Bexley) to accommodate the 3 packed days of play. Sunday night, May 14 is expected to have large community draw as the day kicks off the tournament, is Mother's Day and is also Lag BaOmer. An evening bonfire at the JCC is planned. More information about food trucks and activities to follow. We look forward to welcoming the following teams: 1. CTA-OH, 2. Kushner – NJ, 3. Ida Crown-IL, 4.

Fuchs Mizrahi-OH, 5. Atlanta Jewish Academy-GA, 6. Flatbush Yeshiva-NY, 7. TABC-NJ, 8. Kohelet Yeshiva-PA, 9. Frisch School-NJ, 10. YUHSB/MTA-NY, 11. Valley Torah-CA (Santa Barbara), 12. HAFTR (Hebrew Academy Five Towns and Rockaway)-NY **To find out how you can help, contact alisadk@hotmail.com** There are many opportunities to volunteer. Go Lions!

SECOND GRADERS TACKLE THE POSTERBOARD CHALLENGE

by Amy Neiwirth



On Friday, February 24, the Second Grade had a blast participating in an open-ended project that encouraged collaboration and creativity among students: The Posterboard Challenge!

The Posterboard Challenge's goal was for students to use only the supplies provided (posterboard, masking tape, pencils, ruler, scissors, erasers) to construct a sculpture that could stand on its own.

Students gathered in the gym and were briefed on the challenge's goal and scoring, based on four areas:

Craftsmanship - How well was the sculpture crafted? Was it sturdy? Was it able to stand on its own?

Creativity * - How creatively did students use a 2D material to construct a 3D sculpture? Did students try new approaches and work through challenges? Did students use basic materials in new and interesting ways?

Collaboration * - How well did students work together to share ideas and make sure everyone in the group had tasks to complete? Did the group find ways to ensure the members' talents were utilized?

Communication * - How successful were students at sharing their ideas with each other while constructing the sculpture? How did the students interact if disagreements arose? Did they work on solutions? * denotes a 21st Century Skill

Students divided up in to 6 teams of 5 members, and had about 20 minutes to work together to construct the sculptures. The teachers walked around, monitored the teams and noted which groups were working well and which ones needed a bit of guidance. After the allotted time was up, each group shared their sculpture project for the rest of the students to see.

Each team then received a different accolade regarding one of the C's they were very successful with. For example: "Team #5, you receive an accolade for your creativity in constructing a 3D gift box with a lid and a bow that can open and close. It was very innovative to use the masking tape as a ribbon for the box."

The students had so much fun with the Posterboard Challenge, they were still talking about it on Monday. They felt so proud of their creative work and collaboration. Each group approached the prompt differently and then rose to the occasion to solve this design challenge.

PTO DIRECTORY

Still wondering where to get a list of CTA families? Planning a birthday party or b'nai mitzvah? Searching for the name a high school student to babysit? Look no further than the CTA PTO Directory. You don't have one? Make sure to sign up for PTO if you haven't already done so as it is a perk of membership.

PTO Dues are \$25 yearly, \$210 Lifetime Member (that's forever!) Stay connected. You will still get a directory even after the kids graduate!

For more info, go to www.torahacademy.org/pto

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 3, 2017.** 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.



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 or 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.

SCHOOL EVENTS

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

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

March 13-24: 2nd and 5th Grade Writing Workshop
feature Artist in Residence, Amy Greenberg
March 23: 1st Grade Chag Ha Siddur, 9:30 am
March 26-29: ISACS Visiting Team to CTA for
accreditation review
March 28-29: Upper School Drama Production: *Little Women*, CTA, 7 pm
April 4: Writing Workshop Sharing Night, 7:00 pm
April 7: Model Seders
April 7-19: Passover Break – NO SCHOOL

May 7: Hebrew Story Time at Bexley Library, 3 pm
May 14-16: Columbus Baseball Invitational
May 15-19: Scholastic Book Fair
May 17: Lower School Celebration of Achievement
and Middot Fest, time TBD
May 21: High School Graduation, 1 pm
May 25: Last Day of School, 12 noon dismissal
May 25: Freshman Speeches, 5 pm
May 25: Upper School Awards Assembly 7 pm

Go Lions! Keep up with the CTA sports schedule at <http://ctaathletics.blogspot.com/>

SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES FOR MARCH AND APRIL

March 17, 6:23 pm
March 24, 6:28 pm
March 31, 6:36 pm
April 7, 7:43 pm

April 14, 7:50 pm
April 21, 7:57 pm
April 28, 8:04 pm
May 5, 8:11 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

February 7-April 10: Curtis Goldstein Memory Project, JCC

March 30: The Main Event (All That Jazz) at Torat Emet, 5:30 pm

April 1: JCC Gala, 8:30 pm

April 6: JCC Pre-Passover Fried Chicken Dinner, 5-7 pm

April 9: Pre Passover BBQ at Torat Emet, 5:30 pm

April 23: Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration at Beth Shalom, 7 pm

April 24: Zikaron Basalon in people's homes, 7 pm

April 30: Israel Fest at COSI, 3-5 pm

April 30: Community Yom Hazikaron Ceremony at JCC, 7 pm

May 2: Community IsraelFest at JCC, 6:30 pm

May 17-25: Torat Emet Mission to Israel

July 31-August 4 or August 6-11: JCC Maccabi Team Columbus

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 Sponsor a Day of Learning:

On Monday, February 27, A Day of Learning at CTA was sponsored in memory of David Myers on the anniversary of his birthday by good friends in the community - Rick & Terri Barnett, David & Esther Bernzweig, David & Terri Goldmeier, Joseph & Monica Calabrese, Shaul & Yiska Weisband, Larry & Robin Garvin, Rafe Wenger & Shifra Tyberg, David & Joni Schottenstein, Rabbi Howard & Linda Zack, Avi & Perle Benmoshe, Rabbi Ben & Rachel Weiss Berger and families. May his memory be for a blessing.

On Tuesday, March 7, the 9th of Adar, A Day of Learning at CTA was sponsored in memory of Sharon Delman, z"l (Chaya Sarah Nacha bat Zev Wolf) by Todd and Eliza Delman and family. May her memory be for a blessing.

To the Annual Giving Fund:

Stephen and Michelle Lessnick in honor of the Weitz Family on the birth of their baby Rivka

CTA Staff in memory of Ana Echevarria's father

Rabbi Ilan and Rebecca Schwartz in honor of Rabbi Drandoff and in honor of Rabbi Avraham and Miriam Goldstein

To the Scholarship Fund:

Bob, Patti, Josh and Rachel Wolf sending their heartfelt condolences to Mr. Pray on the loss of his father

Bob, Patti, Josh and Rachel Wolf wishing Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Weitz on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Rivka

To the Library and Literacy Fund in memory of Julie Moskowitz and Susan Zanner:

Dr. Avrom and Marcia Epstein

Leonid and Lena Gorelik

GIVE & GET

More info can be found at www.torahacademy.org/parent-portal/give-and-get/

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Amazon Smile: Go to 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 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 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 8th graders year round when you purchase magazines at www.gaschoolstore.com using their code # 2522449.



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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 33 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. **We just hit over the \$100 mark.** Thanks to all participants!