



Daf Kesher

Yeshiva Har Torah
250-10 Grand Central

March 8, 2009
14 Iyar 5769

Parshat Emor
Candle Lighting 7:39

YHT INITIATES “CLOSE THE GAP” CAMPAIGN

At its monthly meeting this week, our Board of Directors initiated a “Close the Gap” Campaign in an effort to raise \$250,000 in the next six weeks. These funds are desperately needed so that our yeshiva can fulfill our financial responsibilities in spite of the economic downturn which has left a significant number of our families unable to meet their tuition obligations.

More detailed information appears in a letter which is being sent to the entire YHT “Family” and which appears on page 6 in today’s Daf Kesher.

We urge each parent who is able, to respond to this essential campaign to the very best of their ability. For further information, please feel free to speak with Mr. Fox, Rabbi Menchel or any member of the Board of Directors. Please note that donations can be made on-line at www.hartorah.org.

NEWSFLASH!!



Congratulations to our wonderful ambassadors who represented Yeshiva Har Torah at the Inter-Yeshiva Science Congress on Sunday, May 3rd, 1009. They have each won outstanding recognition by placing in:

- First Place: Samantha Bryk & Dorit Sosnowik**
First Place: Yaakov Nussbaum
First Place: Joshua Ashkenazy & Arman Niknamford
Third Place: Jennifer Hay & Jackie Gavrilov
Third Place: Miriam Rakhmanov

Congratulations as well to Mr. Cindy Kopman for inspiring her students to excel!

The entire YHT Family expresses condolences to Mrs. Lida Larian, on the loss of her mother, Rifka Lavian, Grandmother of YHT graduates, Rebecca (Grade 7), Leora (Grade 6), and Shaina (Grade 2). May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

The entire YHT Family expresses condolences to Peter Hans on the loss of his mother, Sarah Hans.

The Funeral will take place on , Sunday, May 10th ,11:30 AM, at Sinai Chapels on 162-05 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows.

The period of Shiva will be observed at, 110-50 71st Road, Apt. 2G, Forest Hills, NY, 11375.

Shacharit -7:00 AM Mincha - 7:40 PM.

May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

THIS WEEK'S MISHMAR

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**ARLENE NELSON—
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& FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF

EUGENE NELSON (A" H)

**GRANDFATHER OF YHT
STUDENTS**

**ARIEL (Grade 7), ILAN
(Grade 5)**

AND EMMANUEL (K)

**MAY OUR LEARNING
BRING MERIT TO HIS
NESHAMA**

כיתה ד' בונים את בית המקדש

בחודש אייר ישנם תאריכים רבים וחשובים בהסטוריה היהודית; יום השואה, יום הזכרון לחיילי צה"ל, יום העצמאות, ל"ג בעומר ויום ירושלים. כמו כן בכל התקופה שבין פסח לשבועות חלים ימי ספירת העומר בהם אנו ממעטים בשמחה כיוון שבתקופה זו 23,995 תלמידי רבי עקיבא מתו ממגיפה כיוון שלא נהגו כבוד זה בזה.

כיתה ד' למדו על התאריכים החשובים הנ"ל ועל הקשר ביניהם והחליטו להקפיד יותר במצוות ש'בין אדם לחברו' "ואהבת לרעך כמוך", צדקה, אהבת ישראל, כיבוד הורים, וויתור לחברים וכו'

כל השתדלות במעשים טובים מזכה את התלמידים ב'אבן', על האבן התלמידים מספרים מה הם עשו ע"מ לקרב את הגאולה.

כל האבנים יצטרפו לכותל אחד גדול שיהיה תלוי במסדרון בית הספר, בע"ה עד כ"ח אייר 'יום ירושלים' יהיה הכותל מלא במצוות ובמעשים טובים של תלמידי כיתה ד'.

נתפלל שעוד לפני יום ירושלים נזכה להיות בירושלים בבית המקדש. אמן!



MAZAL TOV CORNER

Mazal Tov to

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klein

on the Bar Mitzvah of YHT 7th grader

Dani

REMINDER!

ל"ג בעומר

Lag Ba'Omer

Field Day & Picnic in the Park for Grades 1-8!!

This Tuesday, May 12th, י"ח אייר

All students are reminded to wear sneakers and sunscreen.



Please bring water bottles and sports equipment. Every child is invited to enjoy the special hot dog and hamburger picnic lunch in the park.



Kindergarten and Nursery Children will be having a barbeque in school. Lunch will be provided for all students.

HERITAGE FAIR

AT YESHIVA HAR TORAH

May 6th, 2009

How wonderful it was to have so many parents, family and friends join us as we celebrated our Jewish heritage on Wednesday May 6th. Outstanding projects focusing on "MEMORIES" were displayed throughout the lobby.

Kindergarten & Nursery students collected pictures of heirlooms and wrote about the importance of each one to their families.

First Grade students compiled recipes of various foods that evoked specific memories of good times and special people.

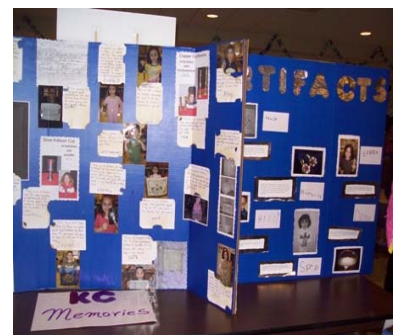
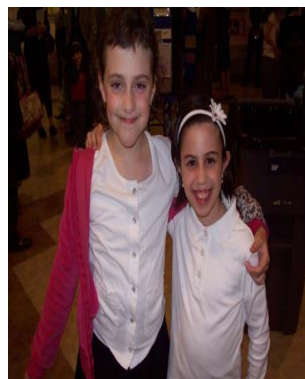
Second Grade students worked diligently designing and writing about their Memory Bead Bracelets. Each bead represented a special moment in their lives.

Third Grade students wrote books in Hebrew and created beautiful dioramas describing many different cities in Israel. Special thanks to Morah Perla for helping the students research and learn all about Eretz Yisrael.

Fourth Grade students explored what life was like when their families first came to America. Using maps and flags, they tracked the countries their families lived in before arriving in NY.

Sixth Grade students presented a "Living Museum". They designed official "labels" for their family artifacts explaining their history and importance to the family. They compiled the labels into a comprehensive museum catalogue. They were terrific official docents explaining their artifacts to all the visitors.

Third Grade students presented a delightful evening of Jewish Folk Tales to a full packed audience in the Beit Midrash. The students were well prepared and enjoyed themselves as they shared what they learned from each folk tale. Special thanks to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Chubak for the time and effort they put into writing, producing and directing the skits. Thanks to Morah Ester for her artistic help creating the "set".



It is time for the annual....

Garage Sale



Lag Ba'Omer May 12th, 2009

All benefits go to the 8th grade Washington Trip!!

Bring \$5-\$20 to get something spectacular!



Laptops at YHT!

Last summer Mrs. Karen Simon, our math/science curriculum coordinator and mentor, applied for a grant from the NYC Department of Education in conjunction with the Board of Jewish Education and Columbia Teachers' College to work on integrating technology in the classrooms. Thanks to Mrs. Simon and this great grant, we have acquired a portable computer lab housing twenty five laptops. Along with the computer lab came mentoring for specific projects we had planned and organized. Ms. Pegah Rahmani, Mrs. Marleen Fenton and Mrs. Heather Finkel worked with Mrs. Mary Metzger from Columbia Teachers' College. Participating in this program along with other teachers from various Yeshivot provided them joint planning time, classroom visits from their mentor and online support. They explored a variety of programs such as Inspiration, Kidspiration and Timeliner. Mrs. Fenton's eighth grade students learned to design a timeline, incorporating it into their literacy studies, Ms. Rahmani's fourth grade students worked on food chains and Ms. Finkel's sixth grade students used their computer time to research and write up the material they needed in their studies of the resistance during the Shoah. Mrs. Metzger recently presented a workshop at the BJE outlining different projects her teachers had accomplished. Yeshiva Har Torah teachers were highlighted for their outstanding projects incorporating computer technology into the classrooms. It is so exciting to see how quickly the students access a laptop, log onto the internet, gather their data, organize their information and log out, returning the laptops to the portable lab for recharging. The laptops were recently used by the seventh grade students to create power point presentations explaining their science fair projects. We are delighted to have this portable computer lab that enhances all sorts of classroom projects. Special thanks to Mrs. Simon for her initiative and support integrating technology at YHT!





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Menahel *Assistant Principal* *Assistant Principal* *Director of Early Childhood* *Executive Director* *Dean*

May 8, 2009

Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

As we are all aware, the country and the world are experiencing difficult economic times. We, at Yeshiva Har Torah are not immune to the economic issues that are affecting the world. Our own economics is being affected on a daily basis.

In anticipation of this situation, our Board of Directors built additional Tuition Assistance funding into this year's budget, but, as we all know, no one imagined that the situation would become so serious. In response, the Administration, working closely with the Finance Committee, implemented several cost-saving measures immediately and carefully analyzed each line item of the 2009 – 2010 budget, reducing costs in all areas which would not impact on our core educational program.

However, the situation has left us with a serious gap. The "gap" is the loss of income to the school caused by the economic hardships of parents who had planned to fulfill their tuition obligations, but due to unemployment and loss of income, they are unable to. Our tuition assistance program is unable to fulfill the needs of these parents and like many other yeshivas we are faced with a serious loss of income.

As a result, our Board of Directors has undertaken a "Close the Gap" Campaign in an effort to raise \$250,000 in the next six weeks so that we can fulfill our responsibilities in spite of this situation.

Without a doubt, we understand that everyone is experiencing the effects of this downturn. No one is unaffected by it. But some of us are less affected than others. We know that you recently received a mailing from us asking you to support our annual dinner and thank you to those of you who were able to support us. In addition, you will soon receive information about our upcoming Golf Outing – a very enjoyable day for those who golf as well as those who don't. Please, if you can see your way to advertise your company or encourage your firm to take out a sponsorship, it will go a long way to alleviating our current, urgent monetary crisis.

If golf is not for you, please consider a donation to our Parnas HaYom program where you can sponsor a day, week, month or year of learning in honor or memory of someone.

Lastly, please search your heart to find a way to help a family in need, a family that wants to send their child to Yeshiva and keep their child in Yeshiva. We can't do this without the help of those people who are in the position of opening their wallets as well as their hearts.

All of the above opportunities are easily accessible through our website. Visit us at www.hartorah.org.

May Hashem bless you and favor you with health and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Gary Menchel

Yael Shayne

Edward Fox

(please clip and return to the YHT office)

**YESHIVA HAR TORAH
CLOSE THE GAP CAMPAIGN**

Count me in!

I wish to help "Close the Gap" created by economic hardships of YHT families.

Please accept my gift in the amount of:

- \$250. \$500. \$1000. \$1800. \$2500. \$5000. \$10,000.

I would like to allocate my contribution to

- YHT Golf Outing Parnas HaYom YHT Scholarship Fund

Name

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e-mail

(to make your credit card contribution on-line, please visit us at www.hatorah.org)

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Presents direct from the 2009 New York Sephardic Film Festival

The Tree of Life A film by Hava Volterra

Hava Volterra, tries to come to terms with her father's death by traveling to Italy to trace the roots of her family tree. With the help of her feisty 82 year-old aunt, she travels relentlessly from city to city, digging through ancient manuscripts and interviewing a wide range of quirky scholars. Using Monty Python-style animation along with music from Golden Globe nominated composer Carlo Siliotto, this documentary tells the story of Jewish mystics, money lenders, scientists and politicians. Both utterly hilarious and emotionally gripping, The Tree of Life is a fresh look at history.

" the project is clearly Volterra's way of reconciling herself to her father's death. In an age of embarrassing and unedifying frankness about family matters, her reticence is refreshing. You can read all you need to know from what is there on the screen and for that alone, "The Tree of Life" is a refreshing and fascinating change of pace." – Jewish Week

"Even with its many unanswered questions — or perhaps because of them — "The Tree of Life" is a rewarding film experience' – New Jersey Jewish Standard

"a remarkable 76-minute film of great beauty and substance." – The Forward

" in the town of Volterra that gave her family its name, she digs up a pretty interesting family tree and a truly fascinating history of Italian-Jewish life from the 15th century through the Holocaust, enhanced by interviews with historians in Italy and Israel and some nifty animation and marionette puppetry." – Village Voice

Saturday, May 23, 2009, 10:00 PM

Utopia Jewish Center

64-41 Utopia Parkway

Flushing, New York 1136

Admission: \$10.00

Sponsorships Available



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 School ID: 3070


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Total of all of Target's donations through March 2007	5,734.97
Amount accumulated so far toward Target's next donation*	319.52
Number of Target® Visa® Credit Card and Target Credit Card™ holders who have designated this school	132

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HOW YOU CAN DO MORE

As more people join the program and designate your school, there's no limit to the funds your school can receive. Here are some tips for increasing your next donation:

- Use the online fundraising tools at Target.com/tcoe to promote the program at events, in the media and on your school's website.
- Copy the flyer on the opposite side of this sheet and distribute them at school events.
- Don't forget to thank your school community for designating your school and using their REDcards.

Target gives 5% of its income to communities – over \$3 million every week.



YESHIVA HAR TORAH MONTH OF MAY 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Please contact us at lunch@hartora.h.org</p>	<p>Milk is provided on all dairy days. Juice is provided on all meat days</p>	<p>Always available: Bread, Jelly, Eggs, Tuna, Pasta</p>		<p>1 Egg Salad/Tuna/ Cheese/Cream Cheese Sandwiches Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>
<p>4 Meat Tacos Salad Fruit</p>	<p>5 Pizza Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>	<p>6 Pepper Steak Rice Israeli Salad Fruit</p>	<p>7 French Toast Maple Syrup Salad Orange Wedges</p>	<p>8 Egg Salad/Tuna/ Cheese/Cream Cheese Sandwiches Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>
<p>11 Roast Chicken Irish Potatoes Israeli Salad Fruit</p>	<p>12 Hamburgers Hot Dogs Chips Vegetable Sticks Fruit Lag B'Omer !!</p>	<p>13 Pizza Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>	<p>14 Macaroni and Cheese Salad Orange wedges</p>	<p>15 Egg Salad/Tuna/ Cheese/Cream Cheese Sandwiches Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>
<p>18 Chicken Nuggets Rice Israeli Salad Fruit</p>	<p>19 Pizza Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>	<p>20 Deli Sandwich Potato Knish Salad Fruit</p>	<p>21 Fish Sticks Mashed Potatoes Salad Orange Wedges</p>	<p>22 Egg Salad/Tuna/ Cheese/Cream Cheese Sandwiches Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>
<p>25 Spaghetti and Meatballs Salad Fruit</p>	<p>26 Pizza Vegetable Sticks Fruit</p>	<p>27 Pepper Steak Rice Israeli Salad Fruit</p>	<p>28 Erev Shavuot No Sessions</p>	<p>29. Shavuot No Sessions</p>