



# TORAH DAY SCHOOL

## Thursday Thunder

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Parents please make note of the dates below!

### MARCH CALENDAR

Mon & Wed	Taekwondo-boys 3:45-4:45 pm
Fri, Mar 5	DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION
Fri, Mar 5	REGULAR DISMISSAL - 3:45 PM
Sun, Mar 7	PARENT WORKSHOP "SOCIAL THINKING" BY DR. TOM MERRIMAN 7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 9	ACADEMIC FAIR 6-8:00 PM REGULAR SCHOOL DAY HOURS
Tue, Mar 16	ROSH CHODESH NISSAN-PIZZA LUNCH
Mon-Wed, Mar 22-24	NOON DISMISSAL
Thur-Wed, MAR 25-APR 7	NO SCHOOL - PESACH
Thur-Fri, Apr 8-9	NOON DISMISSAL

Friday-light Shabbat candles at 6:06

## WHAT'S NEW AT TDS

**Academic Fair is Tuesday, March 9 from 6-8:00 PM.** Come one, come all and bring your friends to TDS' annual Academic Fair. This year's theme is "The Year of the Book." Each class is presenting projects about the books they've read. Some of the art work students produced in Morah Aviva's art class will be displayed. This is a special opportunity for you to see a snapshot of your child's school day.

### CHESSED HOURS

In order to serve on the Student Service Club, girls must commit to a designated number of Chessed/Community Service Hours over the course of the year. The following is a list of hours that have already been completed and turned into Mrs. Fishman:

Laya Fishman (26), Racheli Cohen (25), Gabrielle Nuszen (10), Shirley Lipski (20), Aleeza Schwartz (25), Malkie Feigenson (3), Adina Lapine (25), Vivian Ohana (4), and Chani Traxler (3).

The girls have earned these hours by heading G.O. groups, helping in the Library, running Shabbos programs, volunteering for Friendship Circle, and other volunteer opportunities in their communities.

The girls have forms to fill out after completing Chessed hours, or parents can e-mail Mrs. Fishman with a description of the Chessed they did and the number of hours they have spent.

Last week, Karen Bobetic spoke to grades 1-5 about glass, its properties and capabilities. Ms. Bobetic, a glass sculptor, demonstrated making glass art and had some students design and fire their own pendants. This presentation was organized by Mrs. Saler Axel, the middle school science teacher, who teaches a "hands-on" science class for grades 1-5.

### Father & Son Learning TONIGHT—THURSDAY!

\*\*\*SPECIAL RAFFLE!\*\*\*

Remember... This is the 3rd out of 5 weeks for the special raffle...come on time and get a second chance into the raffle.

Light Refreshments will be served!

**7:00 (after Ma'ariv) to 7:45 pm**

Light refreshments served

### PARENT WORKSHOP "SOCIAL THINKING" BY DR. TOM MERRIMAN, MAR 7- 7:00 PM AT TDS

Dr. Merriman will speak about the importance of social thinking, a language based concept that teaches students to recognize others' points of view and intentions. He will discuss how this thinking increases positive interaction and helps in abstract thinking. Dr. Merriman is working with the boys in grades 5-8 with this program. Parents of all students are invited to learn how to help your student increase his academic and social thinking and interaction.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Epstein, by Friday, noon if you plan to attend.

**All School Fees (tuition, G.O., sports, etc.) must be current before your child's 2nd semester report card will be mailed to you.**



## Chayolei Tzivos Hashem Program

The last day to return your week of Tetzaveh (last week) and Purim missions is Friday (tomorrow).

On Monday Shushan Purim we had another Medal Award Ceremony. We extend a big Mazel Tov to Chayale Goldstein (Gr. 1), Bayla Greenstein (Gr. 1), Mushkie Schmukler (Gr. 1), Eli Cagen (Gr. 2), Leeav Ederi (Gr. 2), Rina Ohana (Gr. 4), Tonya Schmukler (Gr. 4), Menachem Fishman (Gr. 5), Daniel Frydman (Gr. 5), Naftali Lazaroff (Gr. 7), upon earning their respective medals. A double Mazel Tov to our new Sergeants Lev Bargrasser (Gr. 1), Racheli Barnett (Gr. 2), Bayla Fishman (Gr. 2), Shaindy Schmukler (Gr. 2), Eli Moshe Barnett (Gr. 3), Devorah Leah Turj-man (Gr. 3), Laya Fishman (Gr. 4), Sholom Ber Lazaroff (Gr. 4), Ari Feigenson (Gr. 5). We now have a total of 14 sergeants!!!

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents who attended the Chayolei Tzivos Ha-shem medal award ceremony. May you always have Nachas from your children/grand-children.

The way to earn medals is by completing missions and bringing them back to Rabbi Vidal. A lot of students are very close to earning medals... Keep up the good work!

This week's Tzivos Ha-shem and father and son programs are sponsored Leiluy Nishmas R' Yaacov ben R' Eliyahu whose Yahrtzeit is this Friday 19 Adar. May his Neshomo have an Aliyah.

For more info and/or future sponsorships you may call me on (713)777-2000 ext 231

Your base commander,  
Rabbi Y. Vidal

Mesibas Shabbos for Boys grades 2-5  
with the best Mesibas Shabbos  
Madrichim (counselors) in town!  
Chen Denn and Noach Tanenbaum  
**THIS SHABBOS - 5:15 PM—MINCHA (6:15)**  
@ Nosson & Mendel Cotlar's house  
7907 Candle Lane

The boys will be accompanied by their Madrichim to Shul for Mincha. Contact Rabbi Vidal for more info.

The middle school boys' performance "Purim with the Ba'al Shem Tov" was a great success and brought a lot of Purim joy to young and old. A big Yasher Koach to all the middle school boys for the wonderful performance!

## Passover begins Monday night, March 29 - 14 Nissan

### Sell Your Chametz

Since it is prohibited to possess chametz on Pesach, any chametz left undisposed must be sold to a non-Jew. [Any chametz remaining in the possession of a Jew during Pesach may not be used, eaten, bought or sold even after Pesach.

Therefore, all chametz that will not be eaten or burned before Pesach and all chametz utensils that will not be thoroughly cleaned by then should be stored away.

The storage area should be locked or taped shut to be leased to the non-Jew at the time of the chametz sale.

Since there are many legal intricacies in this sale, only a competent rabbi should be entrusted with its execution. The rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the chametz to the non-Jew on the morning before Pesach starts and also to buy it back the evening after Pesach ends.

**Sale-of-Chametz Forms are available at**  
[www.chabadtexas.org/chametz](http://www.chabadtexas.org/chametz)

Note: We will not be able to process chametz sales submitted later than Sunday evening, March 28, 2010, 5:00 PM CST.

*There is a place for you at our Seder Table...*

## TRADITIONAL PASSOVER SEDER

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