



# TORAH DAY SCHOOL

## Thursday Thunder

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### MAY-JUNE CALENDAR

Parents please make note of the dates below!

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| Mon & Wed      | Taekwondo-boys 3:45-4:45 pm                                    |
| Fri, May 28    | SPAGHETTI LUNCH (GR NII-8) \$5.00                              |
| Mon, May 31    | MEMORIAL DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED                                    |
| Wed, June 2    | NII PARENT-SHARE-A-THON-9 AM                                   |
| Thurs, June 3  | GRADES 4-8 TO ASTROS GAME<br>TINY TOTS II SHARE-A-THON 9:15 AM |
| Tue, June 8    | NEW DATE! KINDERGARTEN & 8TH<br>GRADE GRADUATION-6:00 PM       |
| Thurs, June 10 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-NOON DISMISSAL                              |
| Wed, June 23   | CAMP GAN ISRAEL BEGINS<br>REGISTER NOW!                        |
| Mon, Aug 23    | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2010-2011!                             |

Friday -light Shabbat candles at 7:57 pm  
Parsha: Beha'alotecha

### WHAT'S NEW AT TDS

**N** Middle School students recently visited Sam Houston Park, where they participated in a tour of 4 historical homes that have been restored to their original condition by the Houston Heritage Society. The earliest home was built in 1823, and the others between then and 1902. Students learned many facts about life during the 19th century, and especially about the way people lived in the Houston area. The oldest home was a rough hewn log cabin, and it was a "hands on" zone, where students could examine many artifacts, tools and pieces of furniture used in the early days of Texas settlement. Another of the homes contained the rooms used for the first school that was opened in Houston, and it was interesting to see how one woman dedicated herself to educating the children of Houston even when it was just a small settlement. Thanks to Mrs. Epstein, Dr. Bell and Mrs. Jones for driving and chaperoning grade 6-8 students on this interesting trip.



**U** First, Second and Third Grades had a fantastic time on their field trip to the Children's Museum. A few of the activities included a dodgeball light game, building an invention using recycled material, shopping at HEB, banking, climbing, and getting soaked outside at the water play area. A great time was had by all!



#### \*\*\*E-RATE SURVEY\*\*\*

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED  
HOUSEHOLD SURVEY.**

**THIS WILL HELP OUR SCHOOL GET \$\$\$ FOR:**  
Telecommunications  
Internet Access  
Technology  
Maintenance

**Please return the survey before the end  
of the school year to the front office.**

All information is confidential. Name not required.

**Friday May 28  
Spaghetti Lunch  
Offered to  
Grades NII-8  
\$5.00**

**(includes salad, cake  
& lemonade)**

**λ SUN, SURF, SAND, FOOD AND FUN!** These words sum up the Middle School's end-of-school trip to the beach. Students got to swim on separate beaches in the Gulf, which was very blue and clear. They also built sand castles, looked for shells, and played games. After all the beach activity, Rabbi Vidal was chief hot dog cook, and a wonderful lunch was the perfect ending to the day.

Our deepest appreciation to **Dr. Irv and Miriam Fishman** for lending their Suburban; without it the trip would not have been possible. Thanks to Ms. Henderson for conceiving this idea several months ago -- and for showing the girls how to play Frisbee on the beach! Thanks also to Mrs. Jones and Rabbi Vidal for driving and chaperoning.

### Chayolei Tzivos Hashem Program



The last day to return your week of **Naso** (last week) missions is Friday (tomorrow). We are launching a special campaign "A Letter in the Children's Torah." Look out for a letter and registration form which will be sent home with your children in order to participate in this special campaign. Only \$1 to get a letter in a Sefer Torah written specially for Children, in the Holy Land of Eretz Yisroel.

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

Your base commander,  
Rabbi Y. Vidal

## Color War

The boys' color war last week was a great success. The names of the teams were Rabbi Akiva (Orange) and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai (Green). The team of Rabbi Akiva represented the idea of Ahavat Yisrael-a theme that Rabbi Akiva was famous for, while the team of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai represented the idea of Learning Torah-which Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai was famous for. Both teams learned Pirkei Avos by heart as part of color war. It was great to see the students learning words of Torah and reciting them off by heart with such great enthusiasm. For additional points, the students were able to recite the Mishna in English. The most amazing thing was the Achdus (unity) of the students, all working together and helping one another. Keep it up!

## Save-The-Date

Tuesday, June 8 - 26 Sivan  
6:00 pm  
Torah Day School Assembly Hall  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**  
**Kindergarten Graduation**

Performances by:  
**Kindergarten Class**  
led by Ms. Joanie, Morah Esti & Morah Yaffa  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class** led by Mrs. Shannon  
Special Video Presentation Featuring the Students of TDSI

Grand Siyum on Mishnayos Brochos  
by 5th and 6th grade boys  
tonight @ 6:30-7:15 in Assembly Hall  
Dessert reception by Laykie's Gourmet.  
Everyone is invited!

### Mazel Tov to:

. . . Mirit Turjman and Gil Sharan on the birth of a baby boy.

**May we share only simchas!**

Mesibas Shabbos for Boys grades 2-5  
with the best Mesibas Shabbos  
Madrichim (counselors) in town!  
Chen Denn and Noach Tanenbaum  
**THIS SHABBOS - NEW TIME!**  
**6:45 PM - MINCHA (7:45)**  
@ Avrumi Goldstein's house  
7714 Vickijohn

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

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**CAMP Gan Israel**  
fun forever!

**SOLD OUT!**

Register now to be placed on our  
*first-come-first-served* wait list.