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A newsletter from Talmud Torah to the parents & students

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Grand Persons' Day Filled with Joy and Pride!

Terry Krider Kleinbaum, Principal

On Sunday, November 15, for *Grand Persons' Day*, Talmud Torah was alive with the sounds of grandparents and other people visiting their special children's classes. The students enjoyed sharing what they are learning at Talmud Torah. Our guests marveled at the wonderful learning opportunities available to our students. The younger classes met together on the Jewish Star in the TT foyer where they enthusiastically danced and sang the Talmud Torah theme song. They then went upstairs to enjoy a little nosh and had their picture taken with their special visitors. As a wonderful reminder, attendees will soon receive a framed photo of themselves with their student!

Parent-Teacher Conferences Confirm There's a Whole Lot of Learning Going On!

Recently, Susie and I, along with our teachers, had the enjoyable opportunity to talk with many of you during our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete our quick online survey from which we learn a lot!

The survey will end this Monday, so you still have time to complete it at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zqi?p=WEB229W682NZNP>.

Next week, a summary of our findings will be emailed to our families. For now, I'll share with you that So far the results are overwhelmingly positive. Parents felt that the teachers were well prepared and provided useful information about their child(ren). One parent shared how informative and relaxed the conference was. In addition, she learned about the areas in which the child needed additional assistance. Another wrote about how our teachers are passionate and committed to teaching. Conferences are not only beneficial for parents, but they are also worthwhile in building deeper connections.



Dalet: Meal of Many Blessings

Dalet students and their families participated in the *Etgar* curriculum's "Meal of Many Blessings". The "meal" was actually a sampling of foods and recitation of blessings (*b'rachot*) in order to pause and identify the holy moments of gratitude that we enjoy daily in our lives. The interactive program was the kickoff lesson in the *Dalet* prayer (*t'fillah*) curriculum. Our thanks to all who helped support and participate in this well-attended event!





High School Students Adopt A Survivor

In the *Adopt A Survivor Class*, taught by Denelle Carriger, the students develop a connection to Jewish History and Jewish identity by linking the past, present and future in a unique and compelling manner.

We learn about the past by holding a weekly in- depth study and discussion on the Holocaust.

Presently, our wonderful students are interviewing and establishing a personal friendship with Holocaust survivors in our community.

In the near future, on April 11, 2010, our students will participate in the Twin Cities Yom HaShoah Commemoration at Mount Zion. Please save the date!

In the far future - in 2045, our students will attend the 100th year commemoration of WW11 and the liberation of concentration camps that will take place at the Holocaust Memorial in Washington DC. There, they will represent the survivors and give voice to their valuable life experiences. In this remarkable way, we can be assured that the memories and history of the Holocaust are never forgotten.

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