

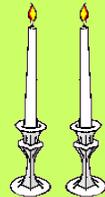
MAY 17, 2013

TEAM Spirit

פרשת נשא

CANDLE LIGHTING

7:42 pm



WELCOME BACK!

We hope that everyone enjoyed an uplifting and inspiring Shavuos break. It is a pleasure to see the students back at school with renewed enthusiasm for learning.

May the next four weeks of school be productive and fruitful for everyone at Toras Emes!

A VISIT FROM BRACHOS BEAR

This week our students were delighted with the appearance of a very special guest in their classrooms. “Brachos Bear” was seen throughout both the boys and girls buildings bringing cookies to all the students and listening intently for their recitation of brachos.

WALKATHON WRAP UP

Please continue to bring in your pledges as we would like to wrap up our collections before the end of the school year.



CHINESE AUCTION COMING SOON!!!

We are eagerly anticipating the Chinese Auction which will take place, IY”H, on Sunday, May 26. Join us for a spectacular evening of fun, food and prizes. Good luck to all!

ASSEMBLIES

Our next assemblies will take place Thursday, May 30 featuring 1G and 4B. All students must wear official uniforms on assembly day—including white knee socks for the girls. Girls’ assembly at 1:30, boys’ assembly at 2:45.



REFUAH
SHELAIMA

Moshe Zvi ben Rachel Leah
Mazal bas Batya
Aharon Dovid ben Chaya
Yosef ben Rus
Yosef ben Farcha
Yitzchok Reuven ben Malka
Penina bas Miriam
Avraham ben Michal Tova
Ora bas Magdalena
Gabriel Yonasan Rachamim ben Ora
Maryam bas Geula
Chulya Tehila bas Etel
Yehudit Mina bas Masoudi
Yehoshua Mendel ben Sima



MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi and
Mrs. Ephraim
Palgon and family
on the marriage of
their daughter, our
alumna, Leora and Yossi Estersohn.



A GIFT FOR 3B

One day at recess, some first grade girls caught a butterfly. They gave it to Mrs. Weiskoff, who immediately adopted this new pet and placed it in the third grade boys' butterfly nursery. The boys are enjoying watching it thrive in its new environment. This is an especially timely gift as the third graders are studying butterflies in conjunction with their unit on the Rain Forest. Thanks 1G!

RAISING G.R.E.A.T. CHILDREN

Rabbi Baumann's class for
parents takes place on Tuesday
mornings, 8:45-9:30,
in the Library.
Please join us!
The topic will be:
Fostering Healthy Independence



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Erev Shabbos Parashas Naso 5773

Dear Parents,

Based upon the juxtaposition in this week's Parsha of *Sota* and *Nazir*, the *Gemara (Sota 2a)* instructs us that one who observes the degradation of the *Isha Sota*, the unfaithful woman, should respond by taking on the status of a *Nazir*, one who refrains from the permissible, for a set period of time. Being a *Nazir* (not applicable in our generation) is not something the Torah approves of under normal circumstances. We are expected to enjoy the pleasures with which *Hashem* has blessed our world, albeit with moderation and within the proper context of time and circumstance. A life of asceticism is not the Jewish way.

What lesson can we glean from this notion of taking on extra precautions as a result of an experience we have gone through? If becoming a *Nazir* is not an option, do we retain some message from this *Gemara* that applies in our times?

It would seem that the obvious answer is a resounding YES! The challenge and greatness of our generation is raising children loyal to Torah despite (over) exposure to the most lurid, seductive images, language and behavior imaginable. We are subject to trials the likes of which were not in the wildest dreams (nightmares(!)) of our Torah leaders of 50 years ago.

We try our best to protect ourselves and our children, but we do live in this world. Perhaps the **lesson of this week's Parsha** is to recognize that we live in extraordinary times that call for extraordinary measures. The *Satmar Rav ztvk'l* is quoted as saying that the adage about children turning out **to be very similar to the parents, that "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree" doesn't apply when there is a hurricane outside, and today there is a hurricane!**

We should all contemplate our situation and protect ourselves and our children from exposure to immodesty as best we can. In addition we should think of extra measures we can take to reinforce the *Kedusha*, sanctity, in our homes and our lives. Perhaps there are material excesses of a different nature that can be curtailed. *Shabbos* is a time of *Oneg* – pleasure and delight, but can we manage without the finest Single Malt whiskey? When choosing a car, do we stretch our finances beyond reasonable, when something more affordable would do just fine? In determining appropriate dress – do we follow the standards set in Paris or the standards set by *Halacha*?

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If we are not convinced that there is a need to moderate our lifestyle choices for ourselves, we should nevertheless consider the impact upon our children. Is the **legacy we want to pass on to them that of 'keeping up with the Joneses' or one of enjoying life as a means to the end of serving Hashem?** Are we really helping our children grow up as happy individuals when our actions proclaim that without lots of **'stuff' one cannot be truly happy?**

Our reactions to the societal morés and improprieties around us should be **fashioned in the manner of this week's Parsha.** We cannot let the bad behavior of our fellow citizens of the world pass without reaction. We may not be able to save the world, our country, our neighborhood or even our neighbor. We will, however, be **taken to task if we don't take appropriate measures to save ourselves and our children.**

Have a meaningful and enjoyable *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Principal

BRACHOS
BEAR
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3B'S NEW BUTTERFLY GETS
ACCLIMATED IN ITS NEW HOME



THE
BUTTERFLY
ENJOYS A SLICE
OF ORANGE

