



KOL TORAH

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This weekly publication is emailed to all of our subscribers. The newsletter recaps the week's events at Caskey Torah Academy and informs readers of upcoming programs and events. A printed copy is sent home on Fridays to each CTA family. Happy reading and have a Good Shabbos!

Candle Lighting 5:34PM

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VIDEO OF THE WEEK



RABBI ENTIN'S RECOMMENDED READING

To read Rabbi Entin's recommended reading, [CLICK HERE!](#) Hat Tip to Rebbetzin Adina Shmidman!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 6: Special Parenting Workshop with Rabbi Shlomo Goldberg

Friday, March 16: Regular (3:50) Friday Dismissal (No Middle School Bussing)

Wednesday-Sunday, March 28-April 8: Pesach Break

Monday, April 9: Classes Resume

Caskey Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia

presents

an Evening of Parenting Inspiration

in memory of Evelyn Gilberg

featuring

Rabbi Shlomo Goldberg

author of the newly released book,

"Al Pi Darko - On His Path,

Principles of Chinuch from the Weekly Parsha"

Tuesday, March 6th, 7:30 PM

CJA Gym

Rabbi Shlomo Goldberg has served for the last twenty-one years, as Mashal (Head of School) of Yeshiva Aharon Yaakov/Or Eliezer, a leading and innovative Yeshiva Preschool, Elementary and Junior High in the Los Angeles area. He holds Rabbinic Ordination from the Chief Rabbis of Shomo Chaiel and Jerusalem. Before moving to Los Angeles, Rabbi Goldberg served as the Rabbi of Congregation Torah Ba'Midbar in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the Pacific Jewish Center in Venice, California.

In addition to his administrative and rabbinic activities, Rabbi Goldberg lectures world-wide on the topics of education, leadership, personal growth, marriage enrichment, and parenting. He is a facilitator for the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" program, attended the Harvard University Summer Leadership Institute, completed a three-year fellowship as a Senior Leadership Fellow for the Yeshiva Moadin Program of Torah Umesorah, the National Council for Jewish Day Schools, (program for which he is now a senior lecturer), was a winner of the 2003 Distinguished Educator award given by the Milken Family Foundation, and winner of the 2005 Outstanding Educator Award from Torah Umesorah. In addition, Rabbi Goldberg authors a weekly article on education and leadership, and his writings have appeared in the "Jed Perspective Journal" and the "Jewish Action," "Jewish Observer," and "Homedin" magazines.



STUDENT DVAR TORAH - MAX MILLER

We are all familiar with the story of the Golden Calf and Moshe's breaking of the Luchos at Har Sinai in this week's Parsha Ki Sisa. Moshe broke the Tablets out of frustration when he saw B'nai Yisrael dancing around their new idol (the Golden Calf). You would think that there would have been some sort of punishment for Moshe. However, the Midrash states that, on the contrary, Hashem told Moshe not to be overly upset because the first set of Luchos were limited to the Ten Commandments - the Written Torah. The second set of Luchos, given as a result of the first pair being broken, not only contained the Ten Commandments but also Halachos, Midrash and Aggados. The Midrash explains that if these additional benefits had come with the first Luchos, then it would have been understandable in the eyes of Hashem for Moshe to be angry. This leads us to a logical question - why couldn't Hashem have

just included the Oral Torah with the first Luchos?

The answer to this question is that the Jewish people were lacking humility. When the Torah was given, the Jewish people were at a high level of spirituality having just been chosen by Hashem from among all the nations. The awareness they had for this elevated spirituality made it difficult for them to be humble at the same time. Hashem's greatness can only be appreciated by a humble person. As a result of their lack of humility, they were not yet ready to receive the Oral Torah, which itself is an expression of Hashem's infinite wisdom. But after the sin of the Golden Calf, and their subsequent reconciliation with Hashem, the Jewish people were then ready to receive the Oral Torah.



The Talmud conveys that the Jewish people were not able to commit the sin of the Golden Calf on their own because they had negated their yetzer hara. The sin of the Golden Calf happened because Hashem wanted to give B'nei Yisrael an opportunity for repentance. The Talmud finishes by saying that somebody who sins might think there is no point in repentance. However, we are shown otherwise when Hashem accepted the repentance of those who had sinned with the Golden Calf. Our sages say that we can actually attain a higher spiritual level than those who are completely righteous when we take advantage of the opportunity Hashem has given to us to perform teshuva.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Discovery Lunches

Thank you to Dan Namerow, of Farryn Electric, for two electrifying Discovery lunches this week! Thank you to Farryn Electric for donating make-your-own motor kits for our 4th and 5th grade students!

Enrichment Clusters



Spotlight on "Jewpardy" with Morah Miriam Goldberg- Grades 2-3

After playing some trivia games and watching clips from trivia game shows, our students were ready to create their own trivia game. Students worked with partners to identify topics of interest and used their own knowledge along with some research to write questions. It was challenging to write questions that wouldn't be too easy or too hard. The group entered their questions into a digital Jeopardy template. Visitors to the Jewpardy table were able to play this trivia game at our Enrichment Cluster Celebration last week!

Spotlight on "True Grit," with Coach Kenny- Grades 4-5

Our sports enthusiasts know that grit and perseverance are key to success. Each student in this cluster chose an athlete who inspired them. Students worked with small teams to research and write about these athletes and to find about about the obstacles each athlete overcame along the way. Students taught their classmates

about these amazing athletes in the hopes of inspiring each other to always work hard and believe in themselves.

Check out our "Good Eats" recipe book [here!](#) The book features student-created recipes, corresponding recipes from other cookbooks, and student illustrations.

Thank you to Mrs. Amy Erlbaum and the "Good Eats" students!



PTO NEWS

Ongoing PTO free FUNdraisers make a big difference!!! Please save the following items on behalf of the CTA PTO...and urge friends and family to participate in these easy, no cost programs.

Currently, we are collecting Box Tops for Education logos (go to www.BoxTops4Education.com for a complete product listing and for offers and sweepstakes) and Brown's Shoprite and Fresh Grocer receipts (must be current...within the last 5 months). A collection box for these items is at the front security desk.

Please register your Giant Bonus Cards (www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) to benefit CTA PTO (use CTA id # 23875)...anyone with a Giant card can participate in this program and you can support up to 2 schools. Once you have registered, there is no need to re- register for the new school year.

CTA also participates in the Amazon Smile program and in the www.goodsearch.com and www.goodshop.com programs, so keep CTA in mind as you shop online.

For any questions about these programs, please contact jeisenberg345@gmail.com.

Host our B'not Sherut for a meal

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