

# Hillel Torah Highlights!

January 9, 2015  
Parshat Shemot  
Candle Lighting: 4:17 pm

יח טבת תשע"ה  
פרשת שמות  
הדלקת נרות:



## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It was great to see everyone back in school this week after a hopefully restful winter vacation! Despite the frigid temperatures outside this week, we warmed up with a great week of learning at school.

The 1st-4th grade mid-year AM/PM switch took effect this week which gave students and staff a fresh start to the new semester.

Children in grades K-8 began their mid-year academic screenings this week in both reading and math using the MAP, Aimsweb and MaDyk tools. Results will be used to assess curriculum alignment and student progress and to make adjustments as needed to ensure that all classes and students are on track with their academic growth.

Next week will be especially meaningful as our 8th graders will be conducting and filming their Names, Not Numbers interviews and we will be hosting eight Holocaust survivors as special guests in school throughout the week.

Thank you to the prospective parents who braved the cold on Wednesday night to attend "Behind the Scenes" to hear about Hillel Torah's mission, vision and educational goals. It was a pleasure meeting with you!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Menachem Linzer

## Pre-Nursery A's Interactive Winter Learning!

Mrs. Sandy Kanter & Mrs. Naomi Erlich, Pre-Nursery A Teachers



This week we were blessed with full-on Winter weather to help us begin our unit on Winter! The children were very excited to share their stories about playing in the snow with us. The children's Hebrew vocabulary continues to grow as they learn the words for all the Winter/cold weather clothing. To enhance this concept, we started to create

our Winter clothes mobile. We began by putting buttons on our מעיל (coat) and decorating our כובע (hat). We also created our Winter season trees with puffs of snow clinging to the branches and trunk.

## Upcoming Events

### January

#### 11 - Sunday

- 3rd Grade PTA Event

#### 12 - Monday

- HT: Soup & Sandwich

#### 13 - Tuesday

- HT/SV: Pizza
- Hot Dog Thursdays Sign-Up Deadline

#### 14 - Wednesday

- HT: Macaroni & Cheese
- 2nd Grade Open Classroom

#### 15 - Thursday

- HT: Hot Dog
- SV: Chicken Nuggets

## Get excited for HT's SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

January 19, 2015

Come dressed in your favorite

**HT Gear!**

Now being sold - [click here](#) or see attached flyer for details!

## Save the Date!

The Ray Stein Memorial  
Scholarship Dinner will  
be taking place on

**Monday, March 9, 2015.**

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## Art in Action: Bookmark Winners!

Mr. Michael Glassman, Fine Arts Instructor



Congratulations to Lea Yael Ackerman, Abby Singer and Kayla Kupietzky, the winners of this year's annual Jewish Book Month Bookmark Contest!

## Library News: Bookmark Winners cont.

Mrs. Robbin Katzin, Librarian

Congrats to the winners of our annual Bookmark Contest: Lea Yael Ackerman is the winner in the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade division, Abby Singer in the third grade, and Kayla Kupietzky in fourth. Thank you to Mr. Michael Glassman, our art teacher, who worked with all of the third and fourth grade students to create bookmark designs, combining art and reading! All first – fourth grade students will receive a bookmark with one of the winning designs.

Need give/get credit? The library has an opening for a volunteer to check out books on Fridays from 12:00-1:00 pm. Please contact Mrs. Katzin at [robbin.katzin@hilleltorah.org](mailto:robbin.katzin@hilleltorah.org) if you are interested.

Thank you to Sarah Friedman for her book donation.

## Kindergarten Jolly Phonics Program

Mrs. Linda Kagan & Mrs. Ilana Karesh, Kindergarten A Teachers

The Kindergarten children had a big surprise this week while learning new sounds in their Jolly Phonics Program. Several of the new sounds were represented by "TWO LETTERS!"

The children enjoyed acting out the new rule they learned: When two vowels go walking, only the first vowel does the talking, and it says its name!



## 4th Grade General Studies Updates

Mrs. Sarah Bajtner, 4th Grade General Studies Teacher

The Fourth Grade students have begun Persuasive Writing and Division! We are brainstorming our essay topics and discussing the similarities and differences between personal and persuasive writing. During Math Workshop, we discussed the connection between multiplication and division and used different strategies to explain our thinking!



## Parsha Perspective

### Parshat Shemot פרשת שמות

As told by Mrs. Chanah Krupnick, Mrs. Rochelle Pelzner and Ms. Sarah Sterman's NA Class



There was a king named Pharaoh He wasn't like the king in last week's parsha. He was a mean king. He made the Jewish people work very hard. They carried heavy bricks. They were Avadim.

He said all the Jewish baby boys had to be thrown in the Nile River. There was a world under the water. A baby was born. His Imma was Yocheved. His Abba was Amram. His sister was Miriam and his brother was Aharon. His Imma put him in teiva. She put him in the Nile River. Miriam was watching over the baby through the bushes. Princess Batya tried to get the basket out of the Nile River, but her hand was too short. Hashem made a Neis. Hashem made her arm stretch, stretch and then she got the basket. She called the baby Moshe. Because she drew him out of the water.

Moshe touched the fire. The Malach switched his hand so he touched the fire and he put his hand in his mouth and he burned his tongue. He couldn't speak so well.

Moshe ran to Midyan. One of the sheep ran away. He saw a burning bush. And Moshe heard Hashem's voice. Hashem told him to take off his shoes. That's where we got the Torah.

Hashem told Moshe go tell Pharaoh to let the Bnei Yisrael go. Moshe had 3 signs: Sign 1) He dropped his stick and then it turned into a Nachash. Sign 2) He put his hand in his pocket and it turned white. And it was a sickness. Sign 3) He put some water on the ground and it turned into Dam. Moshe and Aharon went to Pharaoh. They said let Bnei Yisrael go. Our Hashem said, "No!" Pharaoh said, "I don't know your Hashem." He made the Jewish people get their own straw. He made them work harder.

## Parnes Hayom פרנס היום

The Month of Learning  
for the Month of *Tevet*  
is sponsored by

**Alfred Altschul**

in loving memory of his beloved brother

**Sanford M. Altschul, z"l**  
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in commemoration of his 2nd Yahrtzeit on the 13th of *Tevet*

May all our students' learning merit an *aliyah* for his *neschama*

This Week of Learning  
is sponsored by

**Ronni & Elliott Robinson and Family**  
**Barbara & Steve Geller and Family**  
**Gail & Barry Levitt**  
**Freda Robinson**

in honor of their beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who inspired them daily with his learning

**Sheldon Robinson, z"l**  
**Yisrael Zalman ben Yosef Chaim**

and on the occasion of his 2nd Yahrtzeit on the 17th of *Tevet*

May all our students' learning merit an *aliyah* for his *neschama*

The Day of Learning  
on Tuesday, January 6th /15th of *Tevet*  
is sponsored by

**Eric & Gale Rothner**  
**Melissa & David Levine**  
**Avi & Jennie Rothner**

in loving memory of their beloved mother and bubby

**Shirley Rothner, z"l**

On the occasion of her Yahrtzeit

May her memory be for a blessing and  
may all our students' learning merit an *aliyah* for her *neschama*

The Day of Learning  
on Friday, January 9th /18th of *Tevet*  
is sponsored by the

**Perlman and Meisels Families**

in memory of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather

**Stuart D. Perlman, z"l**  
**Yisrael David ben Bentzion**

May all our students' learning merit an *aliyah* for his *neschama*

## Good and Welfare

Mazal tov to Sarah and Doron David on the birth of a baby boy!  
Mazal tov to big brothers Yehudah (8) and Itamar (2) and big sister Tehilah (6)!

Mazal tov to Sara and Yehoshua Shlafrok on the birth of a baby boy!  
Mazal tov to big sister Liel (6) and big brother Liad (K).

Mazal Tov to Linda (HT Kindergarten A Teacher) and Alan Kagan on the birth of a granddaughter - Miriam - to Shimon (HT' 98) and Bracha Kagan!

Mazal Tov to Alise and Rabbi Yoni Gold (HT Middle School Judaic Studies Teacher) on the birth of a baby boy!

Hillel Torah extends condolences to the Weiss family on the loss of Mr. Jack Schwimmer, z"l, grandfather of Tova Weiss, grandfather-in-law of Josh Weiss, and great-grandfather of Sara (8th) and Yehuda (6th).

Hillel Torah extends condolences to the Katz family on the loss of Mr. Leon Gerald Katz, father of Sean Katz, father-in-law of Eris Katz and grandfather of Danit (HT '10), Gabriel (HT '12) and Liat (8th).

Hillel Torah extends condolences to the Jaffe family on the loss of Mrs. Minda S. Jaffe, z"l, mother and mother-in-law of our former parents Ezra and Marla Jaffe, and grandmother to Aliza (HT '07), Hannah (HT '10) and Noah (HT '12).

Hillel Torah extends condolences to the Erenberg family on the loss of Mrs. Lynne Erenberg, z"l, mother and mother-in-law of our former parents Steve and Shana Erenberg, and grandmother to Miriam (HT '95), Daniel (HT '98), Benjamin (HT '01) and Josh (HT

## Health Corner

Please click below for useful tips and information about

[Frostnip & Frostbite](#)

from Chana Goldstein, RN, CPNP

## HT Basketball Scoreboard

[Rondout \(01/05\)](#)

8th Girls lost 9-8

[Bannockburn](#)

7th Girls won 10-8

8th Girls won 22-13

[Rondout \(01/08\)](#)

6th Boys

JV Boys lost 24-22

V Boys lost 40-37

## At Hillel Torah, it's all about our children.

Your participation in our  
2014-2015 Annual Campaign  
will allow us to continue offering  
our children excellence in Judaic  
and General Studies education.



**Your gift is important and makes a difference.**

[Please click here for additional information](#)

# FYI: Community Notes

Torah Umesorah and ATT invite women and girls of our community to hear Rebbetzin Rena Tarshish (Mesores Rochel Seminary, Yerushalayim) speak on **"Building a Protective Edge in Today's Society"** this Motzei Shabbos, January 10, 2015, at 8:30 pm at Congregation Shaarei Tzedek, 2832 West Touhy, Chicago. For more information, please call 847-674-0800. Admission is free.

Chicagoland Jr. NCSY is pleased to announce we will be having a **Pizza Party at Putting Edge** on January 11th at 3:30 pm. It will be an opportunity to play mini-golf with friends and meet new friends from the Chicagoland area between 6th and 8th grade. Transportation will be provided. Visit <http://midwest.ncsy.org/events/120992/jr-ncsy-glow-in-the-dark-mini-golf/> for more details. For all questions, please email [chicagojrs@ncsy.org](mailto:chicagojrs@ncsy.org) or call 847.769.5826 and ask for Ezra.

Come join AMIT as we host Mara Strom, author and creator of the popular blog 'Kosher on a Budget' ([www.kosheronabudget.com](http://www.kosheronabudget.com)) as she presents a special seminar titled **"The 10 Commandments of Saving Money."** Monday, January 12th at 7:30pm at Or Torah, 3800 Dempster, Skokie. \$14 if you pre-register, \$18 at the door. RSVP to: [AMITCHICAGO@amitchildren.org](mailto:AMITCHICAGO@amitchildren.org).

Family Action Network (FAN) invites you to attend a lecture from acclaimed author and TV host - Wes Moore. Mr. Moore will speak about his upcoming book: **The Work: My Search for a Life that Matters**. Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 7:00 pm at New Trier High School, Northfield Campus, Cornog Auditorium, 7 Happ Rd, Northfield. Ages 12+. Free admission. Visit [familyactionnetwork.net](http://familyactionnetwork.net) for more information.

Please join us for a Hilula dinner in honor of the Baba Sali, Rabbi Yisrael Abichatzeira zt"l. Featuring exclusive guest speaker Rabbi Daniel J. Raccah, as well as live music by Isaac Bitton of Raya Mehemna fame. Sunday, January 25, 2015, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:15 pm) at Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster. Limited seating, advance reservation required online at [www.SkokieChabad.org](http://www.SkokieChabad.org).

Attention ATT students in Grades 3-12! Two more weeks to participate in the **ATT's Asher Essay Contest**. Deadline for essay submission is Monday, January 26, 2015, by 5:00pm. The contest established through the generosity of Helen and Norman Asher, provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, ability to research Jewish topics, and to improve writing skills. Winners receive recognition and prizes at the ATT's Awards Presentation and Annual Meeting. For more information, visit [www.att.org](http://www.att.org) or call 773-973-2828.

**"Special Needs in the Jewish Community: Helping Each Other Grow and Learn."** Panel discussion, Q&A, followed by comprehensive Resource Fair. Sponsored by The Torah Learning Center of Northbrook and Keshet. Sunday, Feb. 8, 1pm, 2548 Jasper Court, Northbrook. For more info on attending or securing a table for your business or organization call Ali at 847-272-7255, email [ali@torahlearningcenter.com](mailto:ali@torahlearningcenter.com) or go to [www.torahlearningcenter.com](http://www.torahlearningcenter.com).

YU Torah Mitzion Kollel Presents Irving Weiss A"H Youth Learning Division programming. For 2nd-4th grade boys and girls **Parsha and Pizza** every Wednesday 5:45 - 6:45pm, at Congregation Or Torah (3800 Dempster, Skokie). For 5th-7th grade boys, **Mishna to the Max** every Wednesday, 7:45pm-8:45 pm at Cong. KINS, 2800 W. North Shore. For more information, please contact the Kollel office at 773-973-6557 or [info@chicagotorah.org](mailto:info@chicagotorah.org).

**GET BACK ON TRACK!** Reesa Gorenstein of On Track Tutoring (anlida Crown graduate) has graduate degrees in Special Education and School Psychology. On Track Tutoring offers one-on-one tutoring in all core subjects, study & organizational skills, one-on-one counseling and group skills classes (i.e. Social skills) and individual behavior plans. Conveniently located in Skokie. For more info call [847.561.7019](tel:847.561.7019) or email [Reesa.Tutor@gmail.com](mailto:Reesa.Tutor@gmail.com)

**Bnei Akiva Updates:** Jan. 11-18: Bnei Akiva world veidah. Jan 24: First zach Shabbat activity of the year will take place at 3:30-4:15 pm at the Lishka! Jan 25: Special Chevraya Alef event. More details to follow. Jan 30-Feb. 2: Shvatim weekend in Cleveland for all chevraya bet! Feb 3: Community Tu Bishevat seder from 6:30-8:00 pm. Feb 8: Tam (9th grade) event. Feb 22: Chodesh Irgun opening event for Chevraya Alef. Feb 28: Bnei Akiva bowl-a-thon.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				עשרה בטבת י' 1	יא' 2 שבת שלום 4:10	יב' 3 ויח'
<b>Winter Break—No Sessions</b> <b>Sessions Resume Monday, January 5, 2014</b>						
יג' 4	יד' 5 HT: Hamburger <b>I-4 AM/PM Switch</b>	טו' 6 HT/SV: Pizza <b>K-8 After-Break Lice Check</b> Musical Theater	טז' 7 HT: Baked Potato <b>SV After-Break Lice Check</b> "Behind the Scenes at HT" for Prospective Parents at 8:00 pm	יז' 8 HT: Hot Dog SV: Chicken Nuggets	יח' 9 שבת שלום 4:17	יט' 10 שמות
כ' 11	כא' 12 HT: Soup & Sandwich  Coding	כב' 13 HT/SV: Pizza  Musical Theater Fitness & Stretching	כג' 14 HT: Macaroni & Cheese  <b>2nd Grade Open Classroom 8:20 am at HT</b>  Chess	כד' 15 HT: Hot Dog SV: Chicken Nuggets <b>Chief Rabbi of Israel Rabbi Lau Visit</b>  Tae Kwon Do	כה' 16 שבת שלום 4:25  <b>Grades 4-8 Hatmada Lunch</b>	כו' 17 שבת מברכים וזארא
כז' 18	כח' 19 HT: Hamburger <b>School Spirit Day! Wear orange &amp; blue</b> <b>PN/N Ani v'Abba 9:00 am at SV</b> Coding	כט' 20 HT/SV: Pizza <b>8th Grade Chesed Trip</b> Musical Theater Fitness & Stretching	ראש חודש שבט 21 HT: Baked Ziti <b>Wear blue &amp; white</b> <b>4th Gr. State Fair 8:30 am at HT</b> sTAY/Chess	ב' 22 HT: Hot Dog SV: Chicken Nuggets  Tae Kwon Do	ג' 23 שבת שלום 4:34  <b>Last Day of 1st Semester</b>  <b>5th Grade Shabbaton</b>	ד' 24 בא <b>Kdg. Melava Malka 7:00 pm at HT</b>
ה' 25 <b>PTA Family Chesed Day</b>	ו' 26 HT: Meatballs  Coding	ז' 27 HT/SV: Pizza  Musical Theater Fitness & Stretching	ח' 28 HT: Grilled Cheese <b>PN-3 Northwestern Speech Screening</b>  sTAY/Chess	ט' 29 HT: Hot Dog SV: Chicken Nuggets  Tae Kwon Do	י' 30 שבת שלום 4:43	יא' 31 בשלח

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Mazal Tov and greetings to the class of 2015

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**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: February 10, 2015**

# Hillel Torah Spirit Day

is coming to school on

## January 19<sup>th</sup>

Are you ready?!

Come prepared with your Hillel Torah Gear!



You can pick up your gear in two different ways!

1. To order, please fill out the form below and send with payment (check made out to HT PTA, or cash) to school on Monday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. Students with payment in hand should visit the PTA table during lunch to fill their orders.
2. Email your order to Melissa Perlman, [melhar@aol.com](mailto:melhar@aol.com) and she can arrange a time to meet you.

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T-shirts: \$10.00  
 Sweatshirts: \$22.00  
 Sweatpants: \$18.00 (may not be worn on Spirit Day, but are super comfy!)

Sizes of clothing are available in sizes Children's Medium – Adult XL.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Size(s)	Cost	Total
T-shirt		\$10.00	\$
Sweatshirt		\$22.00	\$
Sweatpants		\$18.00	\$

FINAL TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_



**The Hillel Torah PTA in conjunction with  
the Emuna Shir Chesed Program**

**presents a**

# **Family Chesed Day**

**in memory of Miriam Isenberg, z"l**

**Sunday, January 25, 2015 / 9:30 - 11:30 am  
at Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School**

**Sort & Bag Clothing\* ♦ Sort & Box Food ♦ Art Projects for Patients  
Make Sandwiches ♦ Cards for Israel Soldiers ♦ Get-Well Cards**

*\*Clothing donation drop-off box located in Hillel Torah's front lobby*

## **Benefitting Charities Include:**

**The Chicago Chesed Fund, The Ark, Chai Lifeline, JUF and FIDF**



**Volunteers Needed ♦ Sponsorships Welcome** Contact Elissa Weissberg at [esweissberg@gmail.com](mailto:esweissberg@gmail.com).



You are cordially invited to join your child at school for

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**Monday, January 19, 2015**

**Pre-School Building**

**9:00-10:00 am**

If Abba cannot attend, please invite a  
grandfather, uncle or special friend!