

TAGHS Newsletter

With the Yom Tov period a not-too-distant memory, the school year is finally earnestly underway. We wish all students and their teachers much success in all their endeavors.

New Students

We welcome the following new students to the TAGHS family: Freshmen: Racheli Abboudi, Rebecca Frankel, Leah Gesserman, Raquel Kabel, Tova Kalish, Rochel Kamenetsky, Rivka Katz, Gabriella Klein, Chana Lauterbach, Yamit Leiter, Devorah Lichtenstein, Leah Meadvin, Jennifer Schwartz, Rivka Shakow, Lauren Sherman, Tamar Siegel, Rose Snyder, Rivky Steinhart, Chaya Rivky Svei.

Sophomores: Chaya Elisheva Friedman
Juniors: Sarah Ben-Zeev, Leah Jeager

Meet the Teacher Night

Open and frequent communication between teachers and parents is an important way to assure that our students maintain a high level of accomplishment throughout the school year. This week's Meet the Teacher Night was an opportunity for the parents to meet their daughter's teachers and thereby strengthen the school-home partnership. Parents were greeted by Rabbi Lichtenstein and Mrs. Epstein and were introduced to our new guidance counselor, Mrs. Wachs before meeting the teachers in their classrooms.

Senior Seminary/College Guidance

The seminary and college application process has begun. The seniors have been meeting with the principals to

identify the schools that would be most appropriate for the students. On Tuesday night the principals met with the parents of the senior class to explain the application process: how to select and apply to a seminary and college and how to secure financial aid. A question and answer period followed the presentation. We have extended invitations to visiting seminary Menahalim and Menahalos to address our seniors about their institutions and look forward to welcoming them over the coming weeks.

Astronomy 11

From time to time, during the New Moon or Full Moon, the earth, sun and moon line up just right to provide us spectacular sights of solar or lunar eclipses. While not rare, these events are uncommon enough to be very exciting when they do occur. Mrs. Sharyn Chase and her eleventh grade astronomy class invite interested students and their parents to view the sight of the moon passing through the earth's shadow on Wednesday October 27th from the home of Dr. & Mrs. Epstein, 271 Linden Lane. While the eclipse will begin at approximately 8:00 PM and last until 2:00 AM, we will have telescopes available until only 11:00 PM.

An Appreciative Student

An alumna who recently married wrote us: "Thank you for all that you have given me. The lessons, השקפה, and relationships which helped me develop will remain with me forever. Thank you for everything." Included was a substantial check from the couple's מעשר money. We appreciate the הברת הטוב.

Commended Student

Our congratulations are extended to Malka Bromberg upon being named a commended student in the 2005 National Merit Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic progress. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2005 competition by taking the 2003 PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).

Election News

In preparation of the upcoming Presidential elections, TAGHS invited representatives of the Republican and Democratic parties to explain their party's platforms and how it affects the American Jewish voter. On Oct. 14 we welcomed Mr. Leonard Feldman of the Republican Jewish Coalition. We are looking forward to greeting Mr. Eric Colchmirto of the National Jewish Democratic Coalition on Oct. 20. As an informed voter, our students will cast meaningful ballots when they participate in the nation's largest secure on-line student Mock Election at end of October. The Mock Election is hosted by the Board of Jewish Education of New York and the University of Virginia Center for Politics Youth Leadership Initiative. The Mock Election will include more than 5,000 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as American schools abroad.

The New SAT Exam

The new SAT exam is scheduled to be administered for the first time in March, 2005. The SAT assesses student reasoning based on knowledge and skills developed by the student in school coursework. The new SAT will improve the alignment of the test with current

curriculum and institutional practices in high school and college.

What will change? There will be a new writing section that will include multiple choice questions on grammar and usage. Students will also be asked to write an essay. Critical reading will be assessed. Currently called "Verbal", this section will contain long and short reading passages. The analogies section will be eliminated. The math content on the exam will be expanded to include topics from third year college preparatory programs. Quantitative analysis will be eliminated.

The best way to prepare for the SAT exam is through diligent study throughout high school. Taking timed practice tests on your own is an inexpensive option to becoming "test wise". The College Board is selling a book, "The Official SAT Study Guide: For the New SAT", at \$19.95. One can also register for 18 interactive lessons at the College Board Web site, www.collegeboard.com for \$69.95

Advance Reminders

◆ Picture Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.

◆ High School Open House for eighth grade students and their parents Sunday, Nov. 7th in the Torah Academy library.

◆ This year's Melave Malka will be held Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Chaya Sora, Nov. 6th at 8:00 PM in Torah Academy. PTO is excited to announce that this year's honoree is Mrs. Jillyan Sved, former PTO President. Volunteers are needed to help make this night a success. Please contact Mrs. Lisa Eckmann, 610-649-1888 or Mrs. Gilya Freedman 610-667-4548 to offer your assistance.

◆ Please reserve Tuesday evening, Nov. 16th (grades 10-12) Wednesday evening, Nov. 17th (grade 9) for the high school Parent Teacher conferences. **Ninth grade parents, please note the new date.**