

TAGHS Newsletter

In conjunction with their studies of United States History, grades 10 and 11 will be visiting the Constitution Center tomorrow, Dec. 15th. The students will have the opportunity to review important events in our nation's history and through unique, interactive exhibits, learn how the United States Constitution is as important today as it was 216 years ago. Original copies of five of America's founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence and Benjamin Franklin's own copy of the Constitution are also on display. Students will also have the opportunity to take an active role as a citizen by e-mailing elected officials and watching up-to-the-minute constitutional issues unfold. The classes will also visit the new Benjamin Franklin exhibit.

A *Yom Iyun*, a day dedicated to the acquisition of a deeper understanding of a specific subject, is planned for *Asarah B'Teves*, The Fast of the Tenth of Teves. Students will study the tragedy of the day and its significance as the beginning of our long exile. A portion of the day will be dedicated to the testimony of Holocaust victims as viewed from the new Torah Umesorah video, "*V'Nikdashti*". Professor

Moshe Reicher, Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, will address the topic, "Discrimination, Ostracism, Dehumanization: The Nazis' Legal Assault on the Jews". Discussion groups with the teacher advisors and a student cantata will conclude the program. Formal invitations to participate in this day of learning will be extended to the mothers of our students as well.

With Chanukah just around the corner, a gala "*Chanukah Chagiga*" is planned by the vibrant student GO. Under the direction of Mrs. Nomi Levene and GO Co-Presidents, Miryl Lichtenstein and Gitty Spinner, the student GO organizes extra-curricular activities that inject the school atmosphere with fun and excitement. We look forward to future GO activities, including the spring Shabbaton.

Torah Academy Girls High School is proud to present an adaptation of "Beauty and the Beast" on Motzoei Shabbos, Feb. 4th and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5th. The TAGHS annual production allows students to creatively express their dramatic, dance and coral talents in a production that enhances "*achdut*" and camaraderie. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

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We congratulate the TAGHS Torah Bowl team (Fran Tanner, Chana Malka Davidson, Chavi Epstein, Rachelli Abboudi and Leah Meadvin) for an excellent finish of the first round of competition against other girls high schools. The next round of competition is scheduled to take place at Ilan High School on Dec. 21st and will cover Megillas Rus, Megillas Esther and Parshios B'Shalach, Yisro and Mishpatim. We wish the team and its coach, Mrs. Miriam Kamenetsky, much success in this and all subsequent meets. TAGHS is looking forward to hosting a round of competition in the near future.

We wish *hatzlacha rabbah* to our seniors as they enter the final stages of their seminary application process. The students have appointments with the *menahalim* and *menahalot* of various Israeli seminaries including Bnos Chava, M'Ohr, Scharfman's, Machon Gold, Michlala, Bnos Sarah, BJJ, BYA, Haddar Bais Yaakov, Darchei Binah, Midreshet Tehilla, MMY, Shaalvim for Women, Midreshet Moriah, Seminar Yerushalayim, and Machon Maayan.

Senior parents are reminded to prepare, fill out and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) after January 1, 2006. This important document offers students and their parents the chance to reasonably undertake the

challenge of paying for their post-secondary school education. While we recommend that students submit their FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov, hard copies of the FAFSA are available in the high school office. The site will walk parents through the application process. Electronically submitted applications will also result in quicker decisions.

Here's a public announcement: Need help paying winter heating bills? Call 1-866-550-4355 or visit www.staywarm.com if you:
-Need help restoring your utility services
-Want help paying your heating bills
-Require financial help to fix a residential heating system
-Need a place to go to stay warm
-Are worried about the safety and health of neighbors and friends
-Want to know more about resources available in your community.
Prepare this winter. Stay warm and safe.

Do we have your correct email address?

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Dec. 15: Trip to the Constitution Center, grades 10 and 11
Dec. 28: Chanukah Chagiga
Dec. 19: Late night
Dec. 29 – Jan. 2: Chanukah vacation
Jan. 4: Late night
Jan. 16-20: Final Exams, fall semester
Feb. 4&5: School Play
Feb. 26: TORAH ACADEMY BANQUET