

After a summer of quiet classrooms, a “symphony” of learning and excitement returned to the halls of Torah Academy Girls High School. On Thursday, August 30, wide smiles and hearty שלום עליכם greetings were exchanged and the new school year, 2007-2008, officially began. The student orientation with Rabbi Lichtenstein was followed by a special icebreaker trip. Formal classes began and the new school year was underway.

The reopening of school allows educators and students alike to start anew and reimagine. It's a new beginning, an opportunity to excite minds, to learn about ourselves and our people, and explore new disciplines. Teachers are eager to teach and meet the needs of their new students. Students are eager to prove what they can do and to succeed. What can be more exciting? Indeed, nothing is more rewarding!

Future issues of TA Newsflash will bring you detailed accounts of the courses and personalities that make this high school such a unique place of learning and development. We warmly welcome the following new students: Sima Chase, Miriam Heyman, Sarah Lipsky, Rachel Sandler, Chana Shakow, Reena Siegel, Ahuva Yagod. We also welcome the following new teachers: Mrs. Rhonda deGatego (English), Mrs. Hannah Elabaum (Ivrit), and Mr. Roger Young (History).

Over the summer, TAGHS has revised its Chumash and Halacha curriculums. The Chumash teachers, Mrs. Biberfeld, Mrs. Kamenetsky, Mrs. Greenspan, and Ms. Mandelbaum have prepared Chumash lessons designed to challenge, broaden and deepen the students' minds and understanding of their precious Torah heritage. The Halacha *shiurim* with Rabbi Brisman and Rabbi Steinberg will explore timely and applicable every day *Halachos*.

A new course offering in AP Chemistry for eleventh and twelfth grade students, taught by Mrs. Shira Kupfer, has enthusiastically piqued the interest of nearly a dozen students. This college level course supplements the other AP courses already offered: Calculus, English Literature, Psychology, US History.

An exciting program of extracurricular and co-curricular events has been planned by our Director of Student Activities, Mrs. Nomi Levene. The student elected G.O. council, headed by co-presidents Devorah Lichtenstein and Shevy Feinstein, has already volunteered many hours to “spice up” the school day with exciting activities.

A good beginning is indeed more than half of the whole. May we all continue to experience success in the oncoming school year and merit a joyous, healthy 5769.

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