



מה חדש Ma Chadash?

A newsletter from Talmud Torah to the parents & students

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Students Participate in Federation By Susie Chalom

As part of our experiential learning of the *Mitzvah of Tzedakah*, Mort Naiman, Minneapolis Jewish Federation Campaign Director, came to *Talmud Torah*. He explained to the elementary and middle school students the mission of the Federation and how it relates to *tzedakah* in our global Jewish community. His presentation enabled the students to better understand the significant effects of collective acts of *tzedakah*. He told them about the local agencies in the community and showed a video of the help extended to Jews throughout the world by our donations to Federation.

"Federation is one Jew asking another Jew to give money to help a third Jew somewhere in the community and around in world".

How can our children become involved? Parents of *Talmud Torah* are kindly requested to partner with us during this month of *tzedakah* by encouraging their children to participate in this *tzedakah* project. Each child received a *tzedakah* bag and is encouraged to collect money as his/her own Federation pledge that he/she will present on Super Sunday, November 22. Please understand, it is not the amount that is important but the process of raising and collecting their own money and donating it to the Federation Annual Campaign.

Recognition will be given to the class with the widest participation, not the highest amount collected. In addition, individual students who demonstrate outstanding dedication and creativity in raising their pledges will also be recognized.

Please partner with us to teach our children to be future leaders of the Jewish community by getting involved in acts of *tzedakah* at a young age, and learning the power of *Tikkun Olam*, helping to repair our world.

As parents, you know that our children learn most from what we DO and not from what we say.

Your participation in Super Sunday would be the best statement of living your Jewish values. Show your child you understand that "All Jews are responsible for one another."

כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה

See you at Super Sunday November 22, 2009!

Five volunteer shifts are available from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Come to the Sabes JCC on the Barry Family Campus to help raise money for those in need. With just a few hours of your time, imagine what you can do. Register to volunteer by logging on to www.jewishminneapolis.org and click on Super Sunday under Updates.



Mekhina Bet Students Express Gratitude

The *Mekhina Bet* students sang two original songs about Thanksgiving, one in Hebrew and one in English, to their special guests on Special Person's Day. Together, they discussed the meaning of gratitude and shared for what and for whom they were grateful. In the turkey they drew and decorated, they wrote in Hebrew about their gratitude in each of the turkey feathers. They will share these beautiful and meaningful turkeys at their Thanksgiving celebrations.



High School Elective: *Israeli Dilemmas* taught by Noga Shavit, Israeli *shlich*a

In the elective, *Israeli Dilemmas*, each week students examine a topic that can be defined as an Israeli dilemma. Examples of topics include:

- *What cost should Israel pay to release its POWs?*
- *Should soldiers of bereaved families be exempt from serving in a combat unit?*
- *Should Yigal Amir, who assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, be treated like any other prisoner?*

Before each class the students are given reading materials – usually brief articles or news items. During the session, students are encouraged to participate and express their opinions, based on Noga's introduction, on what they have read, and their general knowledge of Israel. As they engage in these discussions, students develop critical thinking skills and acquire a better understanding of the challenges that Israel faces today and will probably continue to face in the future.

Eat on Wednesday
November 18th:



Shop on Thursday
November 19th :



Great Ways To Help Support Talmud Torah This Month

[Help Make Oodles at Noodles](#)

Wednesday, November 18th, from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Torah will receive 50% of dine-in, take-out and gift card purchases.

Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us at the new West End, St. Louis Park location.

[Celebrate Jewish Book Month & Shop for Hanukah at Barnes & Noble](#)

Thursday, November 19th from 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Barnes & Noble is helping Talmud Torah raise funds by contributing 10% of purchases made by anyone who makes a purchase and mentions Talmud Torah or presents a coupon from Talmud Torah. We are organizing book readings, entertainment, gift wrapping and a visit from Curious George.

“To participate in the Amazon School Rewards program, please go to Talmud Torah’s homepage at www.talmudtorahmpls.org and click on the Amazon link. Thank you for your support!

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