

TOT ALERT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2009
Volume 8, issue 5
Temple Torah of West Boynton
Beach



Shari E. Young, Director
Marcy Samuels, Assist. Dir.

Welcome to our new January 2's!

On behalf of Temple Torah of West Boynton Beach and Wiston Family Torah Tots we would like to welcome all of our new two-year-old students and their families. Becoming part of our extended family is a very special moment for all of us.

For those parents who have already been down this path, we welcome you back and are so glad that you will be spending more time with us. For those that early childhood is a totally new experience, please remember that first time experiences always come with the big question mark. Therefore, no question is too small, too big or too silly, please feel comfortable to come in and spend time with me. I am happy to sit and explain the who, what, where, when and why of the most formative years.

Most importantly please remember that these years are just the beginning of a life time of learning. Our children need to be children and learning takes place best through play when a teacher is being a good facilitator. Children can be doing math, science, literacy, pre-writing and reading skills throughout the day especially when they are playing.

Once again please allow me the privilege of working with each of you when you feel the need arise.

Lastly, please remember that our PTO will be sponsoring a lovely breakfast on Tuesday, January 5th immediately following drop off in the main lobby so that all our new parents can get the chance to meet one another.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP 2010 AND SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011!!

It is hard to believe but registration for Camp 2010 and for the school year 2010-2011 is just around the corner.

In order to help you prepare, I want you to be aware of the following: Registration for those families presently enrolled in our school, Mishpacha and Me, or Music Together will be able to register on Wednesday, January 13th. In order to accommodate those parents who are presently enrolled in our two's Tuesday/Thursday program, we will hold a special registration for you on Thursday,

January 14th.

All registrations will be held in the main lobby of Temple Torah during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All you will need to reserve your spot for camp is the registration fee and deposit. All you will need to reserve your spot for school will be the registration fee. A letter will be coming home on January 4th with all the details of registration.

Lastly, and most importantly, due to the economic times, Wiston Family Torah Tots will not be increasing the tuition fees for next year.

Torah Tot Students take part in a Shabbat Service!

One time per school year, all the children of our school are welcome to partake in a Saturday morning Shabbat service. To enhance the service we also ask for parents and staff to take both English and Hebrew roles.

Please note that the official school calendar reads Saturday, January 16th due to a scheduling issue we are now changing the day to Saturday, February 20th.

Look for a permission slip to come home in the near future about your child singing. Also please let me know if your family would like to partake in this service.

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS SHARE HANUKKAH WITH THEIR FRIENDS AT SUMMERVILLE ASSISTED LIVING!

Each Friday, we have had some very special guests join us for our morning Shabbat service. These guests are residents of the Summerville Assisted Living Facility.

In order to enhance our relationship and teach the children about the true meaning of Hanukkah, we took our four-year-olds on a trip to Summerville.

On Thursday, December 17th, 2009 our four-year-olds, along with staff, administration and many wonderful parents walked up the block to the Summerville facility.

Once there, the children joined the residents in their auditorium. The children divided up and some sat with residents at a long table while other children walked around and talked to the remaining residents. For the next half an hour they all shared a fun morning of playing the dreidel game. It was amazing to listen to the children explaining to the residents what each Hebrew letter on the dreidel stood for. The children also explained the rules of the game and were quick to tell a senior if they got half the winnings, or if they lost.

For the next half an hour, the children and the residents ate lots of latkes, which the children made during class time and we brought with us. During snack

time, many of the residents shared stories about Hanukkah when they were a child.

To end this wonderful morning, the children sang a medley of Hanukkah songs led by their music director Miss Beth.

A great morning was had by all.

TEMPLE TORAH STARTS IT'S OWN KINDERGARTEN

In the fall of 2010, Temple Torah of West Boynton Beach will begin it's very own Kindergarten Program. After much research, I am proud to announce we will have a very low student teacher ratio. It will be one certified lead teacher and a full time assistant teacher to a maximum of 18 students. We will begin this program with 12 solid registrations.

In order to produce the best learning environment for children that may go onto the public school system and for those who wish to continue at a Jewish Day School, Temple Torah's Kindergarten Program will be following the Florida Sunshine Standards of what you need to know by the end of Kindergarten. The reading and phonics program will be one of the latest used in only a few public schools at this time. It will be a researched based program called Foundations by Wilson. As we know this is the best time to teach languages and therefore will continue with a strong Hebrew immersion program as well.

Please look in your child's back pack for a cover letter and registration form. Please feel free to share this form with anyone interested in private, faith based Kindergarten. For further information please feel free to contact Shari.

WELCOMING SHABBAT/ LIK RAT SHABBAT!!!!

Our next **Likrat Shabbat** will be held on Friday, January 15th. This service is led by Rabbi Botnick, Rabbi Rose and accompanied by Hazzan Dardashti and Miss Shari. It begins at 5:45 p.m. promptly. It is held in the Wasley Chapel.

This is a 45 minute child friendly service. Families will have the opportunity to create a warm and friendly environment in which to truly welcome (Likrat) Shabbat as a young community. The primary service is done through singing along with some sign language. There is a chance to march around and greet the Shabbat Malkah (Shabbat Queen). Join in as a designated family kindles the Sabbath lights and a family opens the Ark. A simple oneg to follow!

Please note that you need not be a member of Temple Torah to come to Likrat Shabbat. Bring your friends and other family members so that you can welcome in Shabbat with your friends, family and extended family here at Temple Torah.

**Please remember
that our school
will be closed
starting Friday,
December 25th
through Sunday,
January 3rd.
School will reopen
on Monday,
January 4th!**

**Mark your calendars now for
Saturday, January 9th at 10:15
a.m. for Tot Shabbat with Miss Beth**

**You do not need to be a member of
Temple Torah to take advantage of
this special Shabbat Time! Your
friends are welcome to join in our
family fun!!**



PTO UPDATE !!

We're Halfway There!

Where did the year go? It's hard to believe our winter break and the New Year is once again upon us. The PTO has accomplished so much during the first half of our school year: First Day Jitters, the Holiday Bazaar, the Book Fair, Pajama Night, Hanukkah Happenings, several Lunch N Learns, and countless meetings! We could not have done it without our volunteers, so once again, thank you to all for helping us!

Paula Levy and Alyssa Diamond coordinated our most recent event: Hanukkah Happenings. A fun time was had by all of our students, teachers and family members. We wish to thank Ellen Berris, Heidi Borgia, Ana Brown, Abbie Chapnick, Shari Haik, Whitney Rappaport and Lorraine Weissberg for donating their time and effort to making this day a success.

In the next few months, you can look forward to the Mock Wedding, Dads and Donuts, the Spring Concert, Moms and Muffins, and Graduation. If you would like to help in any way for these events, then please contact either the school's office, Liora Weiner or Rachel Greene.

It's never too early to start thinking about the 2010/2011 school year. Most of your PTO board will be leaving the school when their child graduates in June. Therefore, all positions will be open for next year (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary), and the only requirement is that you are a current member of Temple Torah. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to chair or co-chair any of our committees or events, please contact either Liora Weiner or Rachel Greene.

Finally, the next PTO meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 7:30.** **FREE BABYSITTING** will be available. We hope to see you there! Have a wonderful Hanukkah and happy New Year! See you in 2010!

Mock Wedding

I want to thank Kristy Wexler for chairing this year's Mock Wedding. Our Mock Wedding is one of the school's biggest fundraisers of our school year.

Eight years ago when we opened the school we decided that we would do a fundraiser that met with the school's philosophy of learning through play and creating a family atmosphere. Each year our children study the life cycle events. They begin with baby namings, bar and bat mitzvahs and then finally talk about the Chuppah and marriage.

As a culmination of the life cycle unit, our four-year-olds partake in a Mock Wedding. This year's Mock Wedding will take place on Sunday, January 24th. The actual Mock Wedding will take place in the main sanctuary and begin at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following the ceremony, will be a sit down lunch, a DJ and a full morning filled with singing, dancing and a whole lot of fun.

Please save the date, as you will not want to miss this day, and look in your child's backpack for upcoming flyers and information about this event.

MISHPACHA & ME (Family & Me)!!!

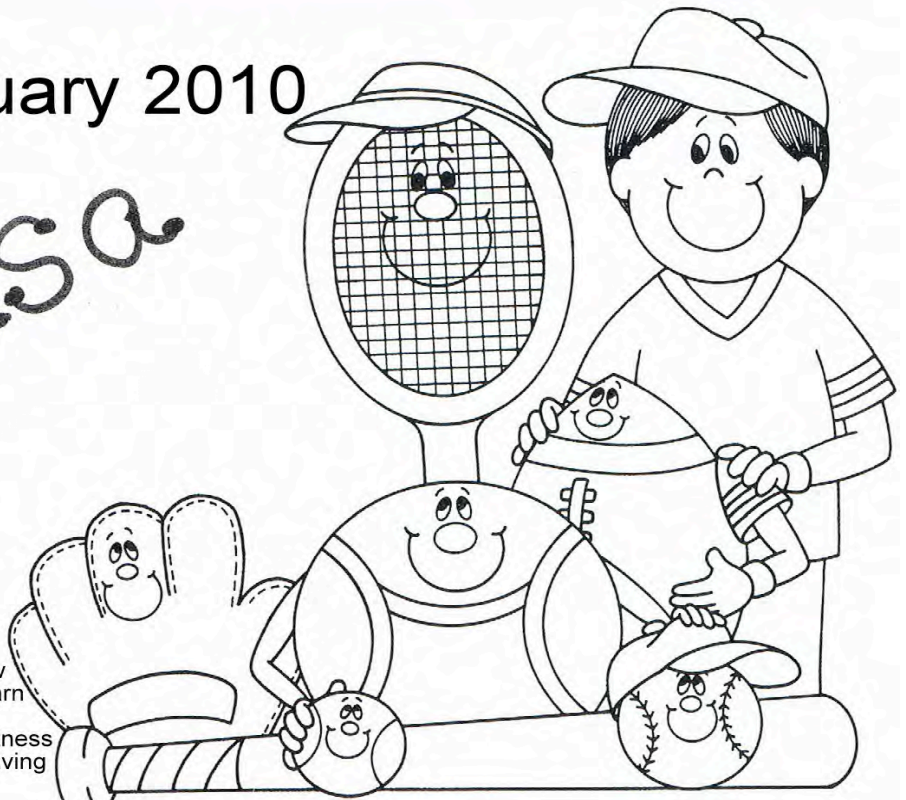
Mommy and Me

Mommy and Me had a wonderful fall session. I would like to thank Ashlyn, Geoffrey, Hesh, Hope, Jacob, Lauren, Mason, Matthew, Sarah and Zachary for making this a wonderful experience and so much fun. I would also like to thank the mommies for bringing your children every week. I really have grown to love all your children and had made some new friends with all of you. I would like to say goodbye to my students who will be attending the January twos program. I wish you all luck and I know you will do great. Miss Rachel will stop by and say hello. It is now the time to sign up for the winter session. We always have room for new friends. Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to all. May this year be even better than last year.

GYM TIME IS FUN TIME!!!!

Gym January 2010
with
Miss. Alisa

Happy New Year !!!! This month we will be playing kick ball...We hope to do our gym classes outside. We will run the bases, learn how and where to kick the ball and practice catching the ball. They will learn how to play as a team. They are so excited to learn a new sport! We will practice with drills and running!!!! We will continue are usual body fitness routine!! It is so important to be safe while having lots of fun! See you in 2010 !!!!!



Volunteering is the Key!!!

--Our parents are the key to our success: Each month look for your name and your friends as we like to honor those who have worked so diligently the past month to enhance our school environment. Without your continued support we could not do what we do!

Patricia Agudelo, Melaine Barrocas, Ellen Berris, Holly Bromer, Ana Brown, Karen Burghardt, Abbie Chapnick, Alyssa and Robert Diamond, Steven Dockswell, Shawn Ebert, Jody Greenspon, Eve and Adam Kirschner, Jennifer McMillian, Debbie Eisenberg, Rachel Greene, Shari Haik, Jessica Hastie, Tonya Kronzek, Kimberly Lubitz, Ilyssa Levick, Paula Levy, Whitney Rappaport, Lisa Scheichet, Andrea Schwartz, Melaine Silverstone, Nicole Vigilante, Liora Weiner, Kristy Wexler, Megan and Andrew Winikoff

Please remember that each Friday your child's class newsletter will be e-mailed directly to you. Each class' newsletter will also be posted on our school's web-site. Thank you Adam Cohen for being our web-master!

You can get on the school's web site by: www.ttwbb.org, then click on Torah Tots. Please take the time to read about current events in our school, all of the school's newsletters, our Mispacha & Me Program, Babies Nite Out with Daddy, and of course our Music Together Program.