



# THE Mizrahi Family TORAH ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## שבת חנוכה - פרשת וישב

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### Message From Rabbi Yachnes:

**WHY EIGHT?** The most "popular" question about Chanukah is, "Why is Chanukah **eight** days long and not **seven** days? If the jug of oil that was found contained enough oil for one day's worth, then the miracle was that it lasted an extra **seven** days?" There are many many answers to this question, but perhaps the most basic and important answer is the fact that oil, a **liquid**, not only doesn't extinguish fire, but rather maintains fire. That in of itself is a miracle! An unnoticed and "natural" miracle, but a miracle nonetheless. And for that miracle we have an eighth day of Chanukah. Let us use Chanukah as a reminder to take note of all the daily "natural miracles" in our lives. May we hear only good news from Eretz Yisrael. AH FREILICHIN CHAUKAH and a wonderful Shabbos.



2nd grade working on their English worksheets in Mr. Engel's class!



2nd grade learning math using money with Mr. Engel!



4th grade learning about geography in Ms. Dania's class!



6th grade built their own menorah with Rabbi Chait!



3rd grade created menorahs with Mrs. J and Rabbi Engelhart!



Learning Mishna with Rabbi Waxman in 5th grade!



3rd grade learning about history with Mr. F!



Learning about the Parsha with Rabbi Hecht in 2nd grade!



2nd grade creates a vibrant Chanukah story banner with Mrs. J!



1st grade practicing their Kriah skills with Rabbi Engelhart!



7th grade creates teepees during Mr. Lodwick Native American history lesson!



3rd grade practicing their math skills in i-ready!

### Chanukah STEM!

This week in STEM, Ms. Robbins integrated Chanukah with science, creating a vibrant and engaging candle-making experience. In addition to learning about heat transfer and candle making the students enthusiastically melted wax and crayons to craft personalized Shamash candles for their Menorahs!



### JOKE OF THE WEEK!

😂 What did the paper say to the pencil? 😂

### ANIMAL OF THE WEEK!

Meet our Ferret!

**Mr. Engel's Fun Fact:** Ferrets are very playful and inquisitive pets. They have a long, thin, and bendy body so they can navigate tunnels to chase down rabbits!





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**Olive Press:**

This week, The Olive Press visited MTA, bringing an exciting and interactive olive oil-making experience for all our students! After learning about the background of oil and Chanukah, several enthusiastic student volunteers were given the opportunity to personally press olives into oil! This was a great hands-on learning adventure to get right into the mode of Chanukah!



Rabbi Chait singing Chanukah songs with Kindergarten!



Creating beautiful Dreidel jars in Morah Levana's 4th grade!



Learning about grammar in 1st grade!



4th grade brings their science learning outside with Mrs. Fischer!



2nd and 3rd grade working on their math worksheets!



1st grade learns about the Parsha with Mrs. Pink!



Kindergarten engages in an interactive Parsha lesson with Morah Liatt!



Practicing math skills in Mrs. Fischer's 6th grade!



6th grade showcases the beautiful Menorahs that they created!



**Visiting Scientist:**

This week, our visiting scientist and her trusty assistant discussed principles of engineering and the crucial role of foundations with the students. With only everyday materials, the students were tasked with crafting their own foundations! They meticulously recorded their data and enthusiastically shared their creations with each other!



**JOKE ANSWER!**

**You have a good point!**



**Thought Provoking Parsha Question:**



Why did Reuven want to save Yosef if the brothers already determined it was halachically acceptable to kill him?

Don't forget to support your children's futures with your year-end contributions!

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULING REMINDERS:

Chanukah Break Dec 8-10th!

- "Zos Chanukah" Mesorah event for parents and grandparents Dec 15th!

- PTO event series for parents (part one)  
Dec 27th!

Winter Break Jan 19-28th!

**TORAH ACADEMY**  
PRESENTS:  
**"ZOS CHANUKAH"**



Calling all **PARENTS and GRANDPARENTS** to join us for a day of bonding and Mesorah at MTA!

- Join your child/grandchild in their learning environment!
- Enjoy activities together!

Nachas Learning  
 MTA Musical Experience  
 Life Lessons

954-526-5253  
Sponsorship and dedication opportunities

**שבת חנוכה**  
FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 15TH  
11:30-1:30  
light refreshments will be served



**PTO**  
PRESENTS

# THE PRIVILEGE OF RAISING CHILDREN

*Nurturing a Torah family in Today's landscape  
an interactive experience*

Moderated by:  
**Rabbi Avrohom & Rebbetzin Tzippy Yachnes**

**learn & connect**  
WITH YOUR MTA COMMUNITY

Wednesday, Dec 27th, 2023  
8:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF  
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