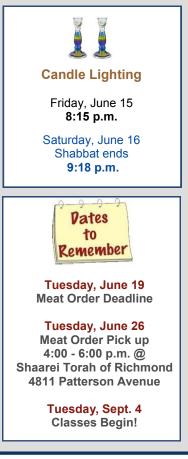
MAZEL TOV TO ALL OUR GRADUATES! - - HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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RTA Graduation



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Second Grade Chumash Party

The second graders celebrated a fabulous Chumash party this week.

The party began with the second graders blowing away the crowd with many beautiful songs about Chumash and different plays about how important the Torah is to the Jewish people.

After this the children each spoke from the heart about how much they have loved learning Chumash this year.



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Mazel tov to Mazel tov to Adrienne Winkelmann on her marriage to Dr. Edwin Epstein!

THANK YOU!!

To Mrs. Susan Press - whose exceptional work and incredible dedication throughout the year ensures that we have a beautiful, professional looking V'ahavta - **every single issue!** Her talent, patience, artistry, and attention to every fine detail are what make this publication possible, from the beginning of the year to the very last day!

To Mrs. Adrienne Winkelmann Epstein - for magically capturing our treasured memories at so many RTA events throughout the year!

The Student Council thanks all the parents and teachers who helped chaperone and drive for the End-of-Year Bowling Trip. At the conclusion of this school year, after many exciting and fun-filled Student Council events, we also wish to express our appreciation to all of the people who participated in this year's cookie dough fundraiser. Without your support, these activities would not have been possible.



Attention Parents!

Please check the office for lost and found items. Any unclaimed articles will be donated.

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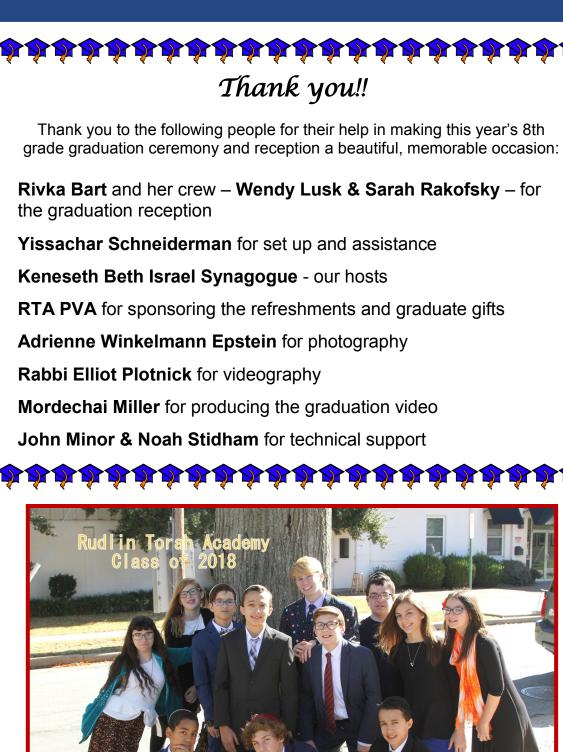












Second Grade Chumash Party

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We then watched a video of some of the 2nd grade highlights this year. The video also included clips of what the children most enjoyed this school year and what they wish for in the future.

The students then split into centers where there were different Chumash activities. The centers included: A Chumash cover decorating center, decorating a bag (for Lech-Lecha), shorashim (root words) in shaving cream, and a matching game from English to Hebrew.

There is no party without food. So last, but not least, the second graders and their families enjoyed bagels and spreads and delicious cake for dessert.

Second grade, RTA is so proud of you! You did an awesome job! May this excitement of learning Chumash for the first time stay with you for the rest of your lives.

A big shout out and thank you to all who helped with this event:

Rabbi Bart for ordering the Chumashim, setting up the sound system, screen and much, much more. **Noah Stidham** for setting up the sound system.

Aliza Asher for making the costumes, props and helping with the set up.

Dr. David and Robyn Galpern for setting up the stage.

Robyn Galpern, Yali Klestzick, Yehudis Gruber, and Adina Mizrachi, for helping with the cooking and set up.

Malka Bart for helping with the set up, the music and clean up.

The Krumbeins for helping with clean up.

Karen Farzad, Yali Klestzick, Chana Mayer, Chana Hecht, Bracha Poliakoff, Elizabeth Shoenfeld, and Susan Krumbein, for buying the food and paper goods.







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Second Grade Chumash Party

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RTA Annual Meeting

RTA held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 6th. A tradition at this meeting is the bestowal of the President's Award for distinguished volunteers. This year's award was presented by outgoing Board President, Mrs. Rebecca Kalman-Winston, to her predecessor, **Dr. Bob Weisberger**, who was recognized for his outstanding dedication, support, and tireless volunteer events on behalf of RTA for so many years.

RTA alumnus Campbell Wharton (class of '13) then installed the newly elected Officers and Board of Directors for 2018-19.

The meeting concluded with remarks from incoming president, Mr. Eric Shoenfeld, who was given a warm welcome by all to his new position!





Slated Officers and Board 2018–2019

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Mrs. Ann Eisenberg Mrs. Helen Griffin Dr. Tino Habib Mr. Seth Kaplan Ms. Shira Lanyi

BOARD MEMBERS (To be elected to a one year term)

Mr. Russ Jennings Ms. Holly Moskowitz Mr. Bob Siegel

Nominating Committee: Dr. Bob Weisberger, Mrs. Rebecca Kalman-Winston, Mr. Brian Greene, Mrs. Ellen Renee Adams, Mr. David Hecht, Rabbi Yosef Bart

Article V, Section C of our Constitution and Bylaws states: "Any Regular Member shall be entitled to make additional nominations provided that the nomination is seconded by at least five (5) additional Regular Members and nomination and seconds submitted in writing with at least six (6) different signatures, ten (10) days before the annual meeting addressed to the president at the school's current address."

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Thoughts on Davening

This past year, Mr. Avi Gunzburg has led the daily davening at RTA for 4th-8th graders, along with a mini-class each time. (Thank you so much, Mr. Gunzburg!)

Students were asked by Mr. Gunzburg to share thoughts on what they had learned from him about davening. Here are several of their responses:

Akiva Chandler – I learned in davening class what the morning brachos mean.

Ezra Holi – I like everything but since I have to choose one I would say learning that saying I love Hashem is a mitzvah.

Daniel Olihnenco – I learned that davening has a deeper meaning to it. Davening is much more important than I thought it was.

Tamar Kranz – Because I know the meaning of everything I can daven better and now I can look at things on a deeper level.

Basya Gunzburg – The thing I took away from your class the most was the meaning of davening and the privilege of davening.

Avraham Tzvi Chandler – I liked to learn the translations and the meaning of the brachos.

Avi Gruber – Your thoughts should be focused on davening thoughts and not other thoughts.

Tziporah Gunzburg – In davening I learned that you should be proud with what you have and I think that children over the years will understand things that you taught them for many years now.

Katie Holi – I have a personal relationship with Hashem.

Miri David – In davening class I learned the mitzvos of Shema.

Naava Plotnick – One thing I learned in davening class is that each bracha represents something we should think about when we wake up in the morning.

Lily Lusk – One thing I learned is that you can daven any time of the day.



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FIDF Visit

This last week in school, jam-packed with events, included a unique opportunity for our 7th & 8th grade students. A very special group of visitors from Israel, from the organization Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF), came to share their experiences with our students. These dedicated young men and women talked about life in the IDF, shared personal anecdotes, and answered questions from the class. This wonderful group made quite an impression on us in their short time visiting RTA!

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors, under the leadership of John Klein z'l, to provide for education and wellbeing of the men and women who serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) as well as the families of fallen soldiers.

FIDF is committed to providing Israel's soldiers with love, support, and care in an effort to ease the burden they carry on behalf of the Jewish community worldwide.















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FIDF Visit

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End-of-Year Bowling Party

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RTA SUMMER READING - 2018

During the long summer months, one of the easiest and most enjoyable educational experiences available for our students (with all their extra free time!) is the simple pleasure of reading. Many of our students already take advantage of vacation to do voluntary reading, and we would like to encourage it even further so that ALL of our students spend some quality time this summer reading books that are on their levels in whatever area of interest they may have.

The following links may be helpful in finding recommended reading options:

http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/ newberyhonors/newberymedal - for a comprehensive list of Newbery medal winners since 1922

<u>https://www.henricolibrary.org/events/summer-reading-club</u> for the Henrico County Library Summer Reading Club

<u>http://rvalibrary.org/rpl-summer-reading-program/</u> for the Richmond Public Library Summer Reading Program

http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9 - for the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading program

<u>www.arbookfind.com</u> - where students may search by interest, read a summary, and actually put book titles in a "shopping cart" in order to print out a list of favorites to take to the library.

The benefits of summer reading are obvious, and will give participating students a "leg up" for the next school year.

Have a great summer, and happy reading!





My name is Sarah Chandler and I'm thrilled to be RTA's Box Tops for Education Coordinator™.

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For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. Be sure to sign up as a member (it's free!) so you can check out our school's earnings details and get access to coupons and bonus offers. You can also download the Bonus Box Tops for Education App on your phone to get bonus Box Tops.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help make our school's Box Tops for Education™ program a huge success this year.

Thanks for your help!

Sarah Chandler Phone: 347-821-1590 Email: chandlerfamily@gmail.com



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Parsha Points

Each week we feature an article on the weekly Torah portion.

Korach

(Numbers 16-18)

The fact that you have a Torah portion named for you does not mean that you are a righteous individual.

Case in point.....

Korach is a classic example of a person with great potential who made wrong decisions. The Sages tell us that Korach was a wise man. He was chosen to be one of the select few who were spiritually fitting to carry the *aron* – the ark of the covenant. The Zohar tells us that of all the Tribe of Levi, he was the one with the greatest potential. That is pretty high praise, especially when we remember that Moses and Aaron themselves were from the Tribe of Levi.

And yet, Korach starts up a dispute with Moses, and ends up being swallowed by the earth. What went wrong?

Actually, that question itself is wrong. Nothing "went" wrong. Korach had free will and he "chose" wrong. There is no determinism. Korach was not caught up in a wave of events over which he had no control. Korach made some very bad decisions. He became incredibly wealthy, but the wealth led him to arrogance. It's common for that to happen, but it was still a choice. Korach's arrogance made him feel that he was not given enough honor, and he made another choice to enter into a dispute with Moses. From beginning to end, he was choosing.

This week's Torah portion begins with the word *vayikach*, "and he took." Korach took that which was not his. He "took" it - actively and consciously.

William Shakespeare is incorrect when he says "some are born great" and "some have greatness thrust upon them." People "achieve greatness" <u>through their choices.</u> Greatness through birth, and greatness thrust upon a person, are only greatness in potential. True greatness must be achieved. Korach was great in potential. But he chose wrong and had only himself to blame.

The same is true of all of us. When we do not achieve the spiritual and moral heights we may aspire to, we can blame circumstance; we can blame upbringing; we can blame nature. Ultimately, though, we are responsible for our own choices. And conversely, when and if we achieve greatness, it is ours and ours alone - because we will only have "achieved" it, with the Almighty's help, through our own efforts and our own choices.

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