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3 Sivan 5768 - June 6, 2008

Shabbat - Light Candles at 8:15p.m. Shabbat ends at 9:17 p.m. June 7, 2008.



Erev Shavuot - 5 Sivan - Sunday June 8 - Light candles at 8:16 p.m.

Eve Second Day Shavuot - 6 Sivan - Monday June 9 - Light Candles after 9:18 p.m.

From the Heart of Akiba

Sad News

Board Executive Vice President Linda Johnson's parents were involved in a tragic car accident in South Africa last week. Linda's father Maurice Bernard Fluxman (Moishe Ber ben Chaim) passed away, and her mother Miriam (Miriam bat Sima) suffered

Class of 2008 - Returning to Tradition
by Akiba mom Dia Epstein

All 25 graduating 8th graders and nearly all of their parents embraced the revival of a meaningful Akiba tradition on May 29th. Attendees gathered for dinner and discourse to mark the completion of the students' years at Akiba.

serious injuries and is recuperating in the hospital. The family is observing shivah in South Africa. The entire Akiba community's thoughts and prayers are with the Fluxman and Johnson families during this very difficult time.

Our condolences go out to Linda and Dr. Murray Johnson and their children Rabbi Zev '95 Johnson and family, Tanya '99 and Arielle '03 Johnson.

We extend our blessings for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Miriam Fluxman.

We regret to announce the passing of the aunt of Akiba mom Janyce Steinbrecher.

May the families be comforted amongst the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazal Tov

Congratulations to Zach Petsrillo, 6th grader who took 2nd place in recent Youth/Adult bowling tournament. Zach and his coach competed in the Dallas United States Bowling Congress' tournament held at Red Bird Lanes in Duncanville. Zach received a scholarship award (\$400.00) for his 2nd place finish.



Eighth grade parent and Akiba alum Lizzy Rosenberg Greif coordinated the festive, yet sentimental evening, after proposing the return of the parent-graduate dinner earlier in the school year. The parent-planned and executed event took place in the specially decorated Pollman Hall, and included a "flip book" booth where groups of classmates made flip books together. Attendees enjoyed a heartwarming "three hankie" multi-media presentation, with pictures and music chronicling students' fun-filled years together at Akiba.



The meal featured Randy Pulitzer's famous barbeque ribs and chicken, which were praised overwhelmingly by the crowd and consumed in their entirety at a quick clip. All other menu items were prepared by a spirited parent and student cooking crew in the Akiba kitchen. Even the parent and student cleanup crew had fun, whether operating the commercial 3-minute dishwasher or sweeping and mopping. Student and parent spirit permeated the evening from start until finish.

Lizzy welcomed everyone, focusing on the students' time together, as well as the parents' time together at Akiba- noting that many parents would be finishing their time at Akiba, too, with this graduation of their youngest child. Lizzy reflected that "the evening exceeded all my expectations, and I was touched deeply as I watched all the parents visiting with each other and the graduates smiling while signing each other's yearbooks.

Parent Liz Liener graciously thanked Lizzy for her ongoing efforts on behalf of Akiba, and noted that: "The event was put together with love and care, and it was a touching way to close out our childrens' years at Akiba with families and friends with whom we have been together for so long. This is a wonderful tradition." The 8th graders were having so much fun that they did not want to leave. What a fine testament to their years together at Akiba!

Calendar of Events

June

6 Last day of School, grades

Thanks are Not Enough

Head of School Mark Stolovitsky and the Faculty and Staff of Akiba, along with the Board of Directors, want to thank

8 Camp Orientation
(Kulanu, 2-2:45 p.m. Mazal
2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)

16 Summer Camp Starts

2008-2009 Academic Year

August

8 Forms Fiesta

13 Ice Cream *Back to School* Social, time t.b.d.

17 Jewish Arts Fest

18 First Day of School

AKIBA E-NEWS

This is the last issue of the Akiba E-News for the 2007-2008 academic year. I want to thank everyone who contributed stories and photos and hope that you have found each issue relevant and informative.

Please feel free to check our website over the summer for breaking news and updates. Our E-News will resume in August!

Have a safe and exciting summer!

Mireille Brisebois-Allen
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the Parent Teacher Association for the dedication of their members and their outstanding contributions to the success of Akiba this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006

Akiba's first Annual Report will be arriving in your mailbox this month. This report will cover the 2006-2007 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2007.

Our current 2007-2008 fiscal year ends on June 30th and we look forward to providing our stakeholders with this report next year after our audited financials become available.

(Note: Audited financial statements are generally available six months following fiscal year end.)

Camp Orientation Sunday June 8

2-2:45 p.m. Camp Kulanu

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Camp Mazal

Camp Starts June 16!

Camp Kulanu: for preschool campers!

Director: Dorit Schonbrunn



- Magic shows and puppetry
- Hobo the performing monkey
- Snuggling with your favorite pet
- Bounce house
- Weekly shabbat projects and baking challah too!

Camp Mazal: kindergarten through 8th grade

Director: Annette Wolk



June

Maayan Abouzaglo (6/1), Avishai Avraham (6/23), Sara Bassichis (6/28), Samuel Coretz (6/16), Manya Dubrawsky (6/23), Mordechai Dubrawsky (6/1), Darcy Fisher (6/7), Karen Folz (6/6), Esther Grosberg (6/13), Henry Karpeles (6/23), Heidi Kravitz (6/5), Megan Lacritz (6/17), Jessica Lampert (6/7), Eliana Lazarow (6/10), Elvira Levi (6/2), Jordan Mark (6/24), Benjamin Mishler (6/14), Elimelekh Perl (6/10), Itai Rubin (6/14), Rachel Rudberg (6/5), Jordan (6/17) and Jacob (6/20) and Joshua Schildcrout (6/20), Noah Schwartz (6/9), Jonah Schwartz-Mullins (6/20), Titzchak Tannenbaum (6/10), Ephraim Weiss (6/4), Anna Wernick (6/14), Sarah Wilensky (6/5), Max Williams (6/29), Samuel Zoller (6/28).

Staff and Faculty: Gail Mabel (6/3), Denny Ticker (6/22), Janeen Chattaway (6/15), Nooshine Adhamy (6/28).

Summer Birthdays

Evan Allen (7/12), Aaron Bensman (7/18), Jeffrey Berk (7/30) Justine Berman (7/2), Evan Drazin (7/9), Jori Epstein (7/15), Preston Conrad (7/20), Jordan

• Swim at Emler's Twice Weekly!

Do you enjoy these activities: calligraphy, chess, karate, guitar, woodwork, clowning, baking, jewelry making, archery, drumming, computers, science wizardry, , yoga, animal care, hip-hop, fitness training, Zimriah practice, Hebrew Ulpan, Daglanut (flags), Israeli cooking?

Do you like to play : volleyball, soccer, and basketball?

When was the last time you went to: the Dallas Science Center, Pump it Up, the Plano Children's Theater, Rollerskating, Bowling?

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Parsha Naso

by Rabbi Mordechai Pollock

Hashem said to Moses, "One prince per day, one prince per day shall they bring their offering for the chinuch of the altar" (Numbers 7:11). Rashi, the fundamental commentator on the Torah, tells us (on Genesis 14:14) that the word chinuch, commonly translated as education, really means something somewhat different. Chinuch means the initiation of something for the task for which it will serve. In the context of the above verse, chinuch refers to the initiation of the altar for the purpose for which it is to serve in the future. With regard to the chinuch of our children, we should also realize well that our goal is to initiate them into proper relationships and to introduce to them ideas and information that they will use throughout their life. It is not the information that they know now for the sake of the moment that is of import. What we teach our children now is indeed really for the morrow. "When your child is two or three you must

Gerard (7/28), Jordan Gernsbacher (7/8), Liad Guttman (7/9), Liel GFuttman (7/9), Frank Hoffman (7/10), William Kaufmann (7/10), Ethan Khuntheyev (7/10), Molly Morris (7/8), Hodaya Myers (7/31), Luois Potashnik (7/4), David Rudomin (7/13), Joshua Saland (7/3), Diane Scheinberg (7/27), Maya Shamir (7/13), Jonah Taurog (7/10), Noa Terenyo(7/17), Ilana Wernick (7/30), Jacob Wisch (7/18), Ariel Almog (8/13), Nechama Block (8/6), Hannah Gaswirth (8/2), Jailey Hoppenstein (8/7), Hanna Liebermann (8/1), Mira Roosth (8/15), Isabel Schirmer (8/9), Itai Snir (8/7), Nechama Tannenbaum (8/17).

Staff and Faculty:

Marcy Stollon (7/29), Sara Laizerovich (8/3), Vanessa Pollard (8/13), Haya Silver (7/25), Susan Donnenfield (7/29).

Our apologies if your name was omitted in error: please let us know by sending a note to info@akibaacademy.org

take into account that when he becomes 14 or 15 he will be in a very difficult time of life." These words are those of Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe, possibly the greatest teacher of mussar (Jewish ethics) of our time. He states emphatically that the behavior of tomorrow is often determined by the initiation and education of today. Rabbi Wolbe explains that the goal of a parent is to create a warm, open relationship with their children from the very start. The amount of time spent with a child, the discipline meted out, and the ability to encourage growth and stimulate learning are but a few examples of areas where initiation now will impact greatly upon the relationship of the future. A tremendous amount of thought and calculation must go into this effort for it to be successful. At our businesses we run analyses, have meetings, and call in expensive consultants to insure that our efforts are not for naught. Our children require the same amount of attention and introspection, but rarely receive it. How do we build self-esteem in our child? What is the appropriate way of disciplining this child at this point in his or her life? The questions and need for answers are endless. It behooves us to spend the time and put in the extra effort to initiate our children in the most appropriate way. We need to spend the time, effort, and money to make this happen. Only with this dedicated effort will we be able to properly prepare our children and watch them live up to their true potential.

Our Community

"Let's Draw, Let's Paint" Intro to Art with Monica Ribald June 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19, from 10am to noon at Yavneh Academy of Dallas. **Open to high school students and adults.** Classes are \$20/session with a two-class minimum, and advance rsvp is required. Please email yishag@aol.com to rsvp by June 6.

ISRAELI SCOUT CARAVAN PERFORMANCE

Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 4 p.m.

Come see a group of ten highly-talented, energetic, and enthusiastic Israeli teens who travel throughout the U.S. and Canada, bringing Israel's culture and a message of friendship through song and dance to our community at the J.

Bring your family and friends of all ages. For more information, please contact David Abrams at (214) 669-3033 or Linda Kahalnik at (972) 867-7780 or email rikudchik@gmail.com

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