

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **THIS SHABBOS! 10th grade Oneg, Shabbos Party & Melave Malka!**
- THIS SUNDAY: Mock AP Exam at Temima, 1-4 PM
- Monday, April 8: Accreditation Visit
- Tuesday, April 16: SAT

## MAZAL TOV:

- Mazal Tov to Tehila Stein, 12th grade on the birth of a new nephew.
- Mazal Tov to Bracha Sobel (18) on her recent marriage to Dovid Kossman. Mazal Tov to Miri Sobel, 12th Grade, and Penina Sobel, 10th Grade. Mazal Tov to the entire Sobel family.
- Mazal Tov to Meechal Lovett (17) on her recent marriage to Danny Glick.
- Mazal Tov to Ms. Chaya Freitag (16) on her engagement to Yitzchak Gamus! All are invited to a vort this Sunday from 1-3 at Congregation Ariel in Dunwoody.
- Mazal Tov to Mrs. Graiser on her grandson's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbos!

HIRSCH GOLDBERG, AND ALL THE  
HOSTAGES,

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ARE IN OUR HEARTS AND TEFILOS.

PLEASE CONSIDER SAYING PEREK 140 OF TEHILLIM  
AS A ZECHUS FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS.

## 2024/2025 ENROLLMENT:

Parents, reminder that the \$300  
Registration Fee and FACTS  
Application are due on Friday, April 12

*Alumnae Shiur*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN  
*Alumnae Conference Call Shiur*  
AND CHIZUK AS A Z'CHUS FOR A  
REFUAH SHLEIMA FOR

MIRIAM AIDEL BAS SARAH MALKA.

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE

*Mrs. Birnbaum*

SPEAKING THIS SUNDAY,

APRIL 7, 8 PM EST.

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## From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro GETTING READY FOR PESACH

"Where Heaven Touches Earth" is not only the name of our play, it is a reality that we try to manifest in our lives every day of the year. It is a lofty goal that often seems unattainable or at least very illusive.

The Sefer HaChinuch explains that the Mitzvah of יציאת מצרים helps us to internalize the idea that there is a Master of the Universe who created the world, runs the world, and wants us to recognize this reality and connect to Him.

When we recount the story of the Exodus from Egypt we are required to see ourselves as having been participants in the Exodus. חייב אדם לראות את עצמו כאילו הוא יצא ממצרים. If we do this right, we will integrate into our very being that there is a supreme being who has ultimate power and ability to change the laws of nature. The ten plagues, the splitting of the Red Sea, etc. are all examples of this that we experienced.

Belief in HaShem and His omniscience and omnipotence is the foundation of our Emunah. Retelling the story of the Jewish people leaving Egypt reinforces our commitment to this faith. The Mitzvah to remember that HaShem took us out of Egypt is so important that זכר ליציאת מצרים is referred to over and over again and included in many Mitzvos. It is a daily obligation to remember.

Ever since we left Egypt, we are required to retell and relive the story of יציאת מצרים with our children on the night of Pesach. According to the Torah, when we bring the Korban Pesach, which is the same time we tell the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim, we are also enjoined to do so in family groups. "לבית אבותיכם", "למשפחותיכם". "With the house of your fathers" and "in your family groups" are the terms used when telling us how to offer the Korban Pesach.

One student asked me, "Why don't we just read about יציאת מצרים in Shul like we read Megilas Esther on Purim?" The basic answer to that question is because there is a specific Mitzvah to tell the story to your children. "והגדת לבנך". The Torah obligates us to personally tell the story of the Exodus to our children, and reading about it in Shul will not suffice.

The Sefer HaChinuch has already taught how seminal יציאת מצרים is to our Emunah. The question is: so what is the best way to accomplish that? The Torah teaches us that the ideal way to inculcate this in our children is through the family unit.

In other words, the optimal way to transmit to our children Emunah and connection with HaShem is to sit down and talk with them about it - to ask questions and to get them to ask questions, to relive together with them יציאת מצרים.

That is what the night of the Seder is all about. An opportunity to set aside time to recreate the reality "Where Heaven Touches Earth" just like it did when we left Egypt thousands of years ago.

Good Shabbos To All,

Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

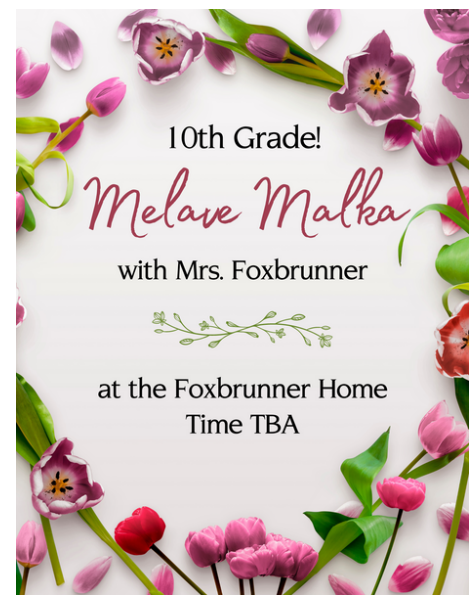
# This Week at a Glance:

## BACK TO SCHOOL!

THIS WEEK, WE ALL GOT BACK INTO SCHOOL AFTER THE PLAY PROCESS!

THIS SHABBOS!

### 10TH GRADE EXCITEMENT IN TOCO HILLS



## GOOD SHABBOS!