



Shmuel Bass  
**TORAH ACADEMY**  
of San Antonio

## Changemaker Program



Last Friday, TASA students welcomed Corey Weinberg as our newest Changemaker. This 23 year old man is a favorite amongst the San Antonio Jewish kids, as he has been a Camp Counselor for many years. He DJ's, he makes Sukkahs and builds graggers with the kids, and even has a fireworks show license, and runs the fireworks at Six Flags! How cool is that?

However, there were many other important things that our kids learned about Corey; for as inspirational and successful as he is becoming, Corey struggled in school. He was always hyper and had a hard time sitting and was considered a "trouble maker". He was bullied. As he began to read and write in school, Corey noticed that letters and numbers began to jump around and slide off the pages. Not only was he dyslexic, but also dysgraphic. Corey was in day school at the EKA, but sadly, he couldn't learn Hebrew because it was so hard for him to read and write in English already. Ultimately, he transferred out to a different school for his high school years and was very successful because his needs were met in slightly different ways: Hands on learning!

How did he succeed? Corey was focused and determined. Lessons that were hands on were the best! He knew that the sky was the limit if he could work and learn to his strengths! He loved music and took care of all the schools DJ and sound systems, making sure that every event, dance and performance had the correct acoustic setup. His determination was so great, Corey ultimately graduated as the Valedictorian of his school with straight A's.



Moving into college, Corey knew that his academic struggles would still get in his way, but to overcome, he spoke to professors for added help, requested notes, audio recordings and power points, uses his computer to work and learn, and even uses special blue glasses to help with his vision.

Graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from UTSA this December, Corey looks forward to getting his Master's Degree in Business Management in the future! His advice to ALL kids: LEARN! Don't let people tell you that you can't! Be Ready-Watch-Learn!

# THE TASA TIMES

# TORAH ACADEMY

of San Antonio

HA'AZINU

October 11th, 2019

12 Tishrei, 5780

Issue 4, 2019-20

## High Holiday Programming



TASA students were well prepared for the Yamim Noraim (High Holidays) this year. Beginning with educational units on the month of Elul, Rosh Hashanah, Aseret Yemei Teshuvah and Yom Kippur, the students study the laws, customs, and songs associated with each holiday in their Judaic Studies classes. Special Rosh Hashanah programming included the students visiting three different stations; (a) Rosh Hashanah Story (b) Shofar Presentations (c) writing Shana Tova cards to the IDF.

On Erev Yom Kippur, students participated in the ancient custom of Kapparot. Our school raised a total of \$301.00 which will be sent to a Tzedaka organization Od Yosef Chai to help feed poor people on Israel. After prayers the students were treated to a PTO breakfast as everyone began eating in order to prepare for the upcoming fast. We sincerely thank PTO volunteers Rochel Teldon and Shira Steiner for coordinating the breakfast.



## Upcoming Program

### SUKKART

A Sukkot Judaica Art Workshop with Judaica Artist Chaya Toron of Cincinnati, OH., will be held on Thursday, October 17th.

Chol Hamoed Sukkot.

This program will be free of charge.

# What's New TASA Crew!

## MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Avi & Riki Hanun, and TASA siblings Aliza (grade 9) and Elimelech (grade 2) on the birth of a baby girl: Leshay Sol.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Levi & Naomi Grossbaum, and TASA siblings Chaya (grade 2) and Haddasah (kindergarten) on the birth of a baby boy. Bris information to follow.

## New & Improved Website

Check out TASA's newly launched website! Students and staff are featured with gorgeous professional photographs. The site, designed by marketing company THL: Team Hiploch, is user friendly and easy to view on both on the computer and on your mobile device. We encourage you to take a look at <https://www.torahacademysa.com/>. We would love to hear your feedback!

Shmuel Bass  
**TORAH ACADEMY**  
of San Antonio

**2020-2021  
Pre-Registration Opening  
November 1st**

**Only 60 Spots Available!!**

**\$200\* Early Registration for NEW Families!**

**See website for more information!**

**Up to 25 NEW Student Spots Available!**

**Call Now! (210) 607-7261**

Torah Academy of San Antonio  
3003 Shalom Dr., San Antonio, TX 78230  
<https://www.torahacademysa.com>

## DVAR TORAH

### Different Strokes for Different Folks

One of the highlights of the upcoming Sukkot holiday is the *Arba Minim-4 Species*. Each one of these species is unique and has many *Halachot* associated with it, as is enumerated in the *Mishnah, Tractate, Sukkah, Chapter 3*. The Etrog (citrus) must be clean without any major blemishes. Of course, its stem and Pitom must be intact. The Lulav (palm frond) must be complete, not dried out, and must be closed at its center. The Hadas (myrtle) must be fresh, and complete and grow in threes. The Arava (willow) must grow near the water and also be fresh and complete. There is a well known teaching that the Arba Minim represent four different categories of Jews. Simply put; Etrog-the Tzadik, Lulav-the Talmid Chacham (scholar), Hadas-the Bal Mitzvot (the one that does many acts of Mitzvot) and finally the Arava-the simple Jew.



Just as there are different types of Jews and people in general, so too with children. Each child is unique and brings something different to the table. Good education is realizing that every child learns in their own unique way.

We can take a lesson from the Arba Minim to be more attentive to our children and celebrate their differences, just as we cherish each and every one of the four species.

Chag Sameach!  
Rabbi Y. Marrus

Coming



Soon!!

- ◆ **Monday, October 14th & Tuesday, October 15th** - Sukkot First Days, there will be no school.
- ◆ **Monday, October 21st & Tuesday, October 22nd** - Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah,, there will be no school.
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 23rd** - late start @9am