

**At Home Learning continues through the end of the school year.**

CTA Weekly Communicator | April 24, 2020 30 Nisan 5780 | 8:02 pm Candle lighting for Tazria-Metzora



**CTA Weekly Communicator**

Weekly Newsletter with Important News & Updates from Columbus Torah Academy

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**Shabbat Shalom D'var Torah**

By Esther Bernzweig, 1st grade Judaic Studies Teacher

As I reviewed this week's parshiyot, I found myself focusing on the first part of parashat Metzora. Here we find the process of how a metzora, a person who is afflicted with tzaraat, a spiritual disease, becomes purified again. This is a person who was punished in a very public way for mistakes that he made. The person was totally isolated for the duration of his disease. Isolation is something that we can all relate to now more than ever before and maybe the plight of the metzora seems more real to us because of it.

Now, here in the parasha, we learn of a very specific process to reenter society once the metzora has repented and his disease has cleared up as a result. It's a very (strange and) arduous process including being shaved, being sprinkled with bloody water, immersing in a mikveh more than once and bringing sacrifices to the Beit haMikdash. A person who submits to all of this shows that he is really making an effort to put his past behind him and to improve himself.

We are all human. We make mistakes. There are many funny videos and memes about the kinds of mistakes we make these days in these unusual times. We say "we are in this together" and "we are all doing our best" and I think that is true. These days of juggling jobs and learning from home and managing your family needs and social distancing are not easy by any means. I think it's great to have a sense of humor when managing them but I also hope that we can take some inspiration from the metzora to identify the mistakes we are making along the way and work on improving on them as we go. Personally, I have a pretty good list going!

Shabbat Shalom

**Important School Information**

**School Wide Yom HaZikaron Commemoration and Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration:** Wednesday, April 29 is a day to celebrate the State of Israel. Most activities will happen in classrooms and those Zoom links will be on the calendar for lower school students and sent via Alma for upper school students.

Families are encouraged to join with CTA on at the Global Yom HaAtzmaut Project Ceremony on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-2:00 pm and to wear a white shirt. Use this link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/6809981283>

A complete schedule of CTA activities can be found [here](#)

**Learning Modalities:** At Home Learning continues through the end of the school year. Principals are sending emails and a lot of information is also being posted. Upper School assignments are being posted via Alma. Access to a lot of information can be found for both Upper and Lower School on the CTA website at [www.torahacademy.org/covid-19-updates-and-links/](http://www.torahacademy.org/covid-19-updates-and-links/)

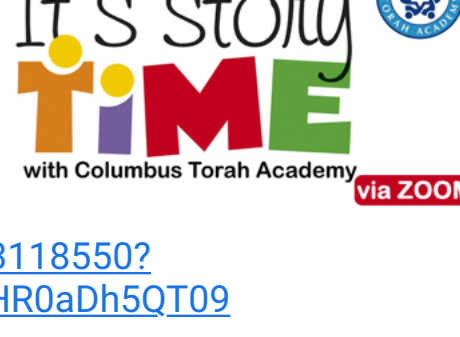

**NEW! Lower School ZOOM classes are on Google Calendar**

Lower School ZOOM classes can now be viewed on a calendar [here](#). You can also add the calendar to your personal calendar. Zoom class links are included in event description.

**Coping Resource for Lower School Students:** Lacey Drake, school counselor, is available to meet with children in grades K-6 who need support during this hard time. Students may be struggling with anxiety, depression, sadness, etc. Sign up for available times [here](#).

**Personal Items at School:** With the announcement that the school building will not reopen this school year, a plan for families to collect their children's personal affects left in classrooms, lockers and cubbies is being developed. If there is something you need sooner, contact one of the principals.

**Preview of the Week: April 27- May 1, 2020\***

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| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <p><b>8:45 pm - SeeSaw Training 101 for Lower School Parents</b></p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting<br/> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/720542617207">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/720542617207</a><br/>           pwd=K0ljVSsxNHVpTKilWmlHS01zL1cvZ09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 720 5426 1720<br/>           Password: cta12345</p>   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <p><b>Yom Hazikaron</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>6:30 pm - Story Time with Morah Jamie and Morah Paige for preschoolers and incoming kindergartners (Get Ready for Kindergarten)</b></p>  <p>Join Story Time here<br/> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/791631185507">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/791631185507</a><br/>           pwd=UzVCU1ZlaFNbVDhUeHV1ZHR0aDh5Q109</p> <p>Meeting ID: 791 6311 8550<br/>           Password: cta12345</p>  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <p><b>Yom HaAtzmaut</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>6:30 pm - Music Time with Morah Cheri - Celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut for ages preschool through 4th grade</b></p>  <p>We will have a drumming circle. Click to watch a great video from art teacher, Amy Neiwirth, showing how to make a drum at home <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Join Music Time here:<br/> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/796923963352">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/796923963352</a><br/>           pwd=eWxOUFJy0cZ12vMS9lUkxU02Z00T09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 796 9239 6335<br/>           Password: cta12345</p> <hr/> <p><b>8:00 pm - Upper School Parent Dialogue with Mr. Staffilino</b></p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting<br/> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77382733778?pwd=WEIRY2w3TjV6TU1KWVpOahlvUjNFqz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77382733778?pwd=WEIRY2w3TjV6TU1KWVpOahlvUjNFqz09</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 773 8273 3778<br/>           Password: 1UHR</p> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>No evening events or programs</b>   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>No evening events or programs</b>   |

\*Updated information at time of publishing

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

May 13-14: CTA Day of Giving

**Save the Date: May 13-14, 2020**

**CTA Day of Giving**

All or nothing.  
 Every dollar quadrupled.  
 Show your support. Make an investment.

**How to Give? Online - Phone - Text - Mail**

Contact Head of School Rabbi Drandoff or Board President Bob Wolf to make an advanced gift or volunteer to help make calls for the campaign - [info@torahacademy.org](mailto:info@torahacademy.org)

**Share**

Join our **facebook** Group

Let's keep our community strong! While learning isn't happening in our building, there are many ways we can share what we are doing to stay busy, active and engaged.

Join the Columbus Torah Academy PTO Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/502100903515212/>. Anyone can post there and share thoughts, pictures, musings or ask the "hive" what to make for dinner!

Send us pictures, thoughts, student work, videos, audios and more by email ([info@torahacademy.org](mailto:info@torahacademy.org)), text (614-561-1335) or upload to <https://forms.gle/aUw3UHToVknXM9PU9>.

Your submission could be featured in an upcoming CTA communication!

**Need Help?**

**Need Help?** In these very uncertain times, there are people who want to help. Please reach out to Rabbi Drandoff if your family is encountering any financial or emotional challenges. Rabbi Drandoff is working with community Rabbis and JewishColumbus to provide support. If you are in a position to help out, contact Rabbi Drandoff. It is important that efforts be coordinated so that everyone's needs are met.


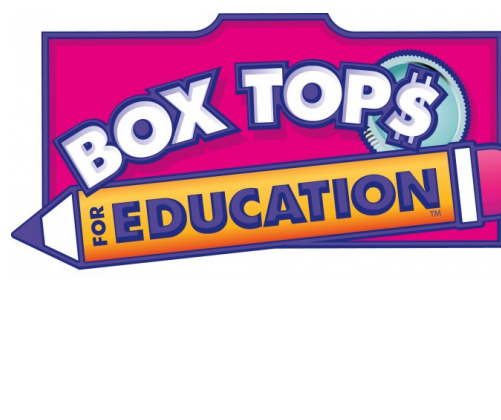

**Resources**

- How to make a mask:** Here is a resource from Franklin County Commissioners of how to wear and make a mask.
- Healthy Parenting Tips in the time of COVID-19** Check out [these](#) resources from the World Health Organization
- Worry Strategies for Children during Coronavirus** Please [click on this link](#) to see a resource from school counselor, Lacey Drake, LoHwer School Counselor
- Talking to your Children about Covid-19** Eliza Delman, Upper School Counselor, recommends [this article](#) about talking to your children about Covid-19. It is written by Dr. Andrew Klaffer, a psychiatrist, who happens to be her brother and shared with the CTA community with his permission.

**CTA Links**

**2020-2021 CTA School Calendar**


The preliminary calendar for the 2020-2021 school year is available. You can [click here](#) to download a PDF.

**HELP CTA EARN KROGER REWARDS:**  
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[info@torahacademy.org](mailto:info@torahacademy.org)  
 make sure that your rewards card is linked to Columbus Torah Academy. We earn 3% of every sale in donations to support our students. Now is the time to confirm you are enrolled. More information [here](#).

Start saving those **Box Tops**. Lots of promotions! Click here for more information: [Box Tops Back to School Promotions - Earn Prizes](#)

Fundraiser Links: <http://www.torahacademy.org/school-wide-fundraisers/>




We will continue Days of Learning during the At-Home learning. Consider sponsoring a Day of Learning in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, b'nai mitzvah or other life cycle event. A Day of Learning is a \$180 donation and dedications are listed on Fridays in the CTA Weekly Communicator and each month in the CTA Dateline. All proceeds directly support CTA.

CTA's Day of Learning for Monday, April 20 is sponsored by Daniel Newman and Ilana Klamka and family in memory of beloved brother and uncle Eytan Klamka. May his neshama have an aliya.

To choose your Day of Learning, contact Shari at [sherszage@torahacademy.org](mailto:sherszage@torahacademy.org).


**Give to CTA**



CTA accepts donations to our Annual Fund or Scholarship Fund throughout the year. We also accept Tribute Donations in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Donations can be made through the school office at 614-864-0299 or online by clicking [here](#).

Donations are listed in our monthly by CTA Dateline. Check [here](#) to see our most recent issue.

**Life & Legacy**


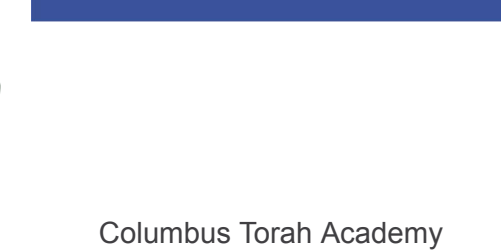
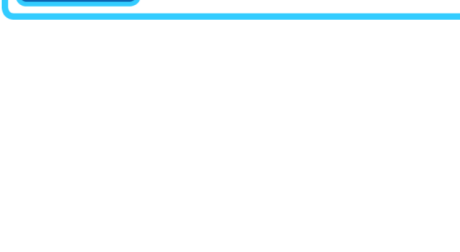


CTA is a member of the JewishColumbus Life & Legacy cohort. The Life & Legacy Initiative is a partnership of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and JewishColumbus that promotes after-life time giving to benefit local Jewish agencies, day schools, and synagogues. Since 2012, LIFE & LEGACY has raised \$960 million in new planned gifts in Jewish communities across North America.

Over the next four years, CTA along with 17 other local Jewish organizations will receive training, coaching, and incentives to raise awareness of the importance of planned giving. Expect to see more information in the next few months about the Life & Legacy Initiative and how you can make your planned gift to CTA.

Questions about Life & Legacy can be directed to Rabbi Drandoff or Shari Herszage or Board President, Bob Wolf.

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