



Environmental Education Grant Awarded

We are thrilled to be the recipients of an Environmental Education Grant, specifically the **ecoSTEM Earth Kit**. We will use these kits towards our TASA Environmental Project Based Learning STEM and Garden Projects.



"We are so impressed with the project brought to us by Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio," says Leesa Carter, Executive Director of the Foundation. "We are honored to play a part in funding its implementation and wish Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio great success on this important project.

"The funding of the Captain Planet Environmental Education Grant shows the ongoing dedication and push for excellence in education by our TASA teachers," says Howard S. Feinberg, TASA Board President. "The Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio Board of Directors looks forward to witnessing, first hand, the accelerated and continual learning of this ecoSTEM project and all of its components."

Get to know a little bit about the project

The TASA Environmental Project Based Learning STEM and Garden Project will utilize the Captain Planet Foundation's ecoSTEM Kits to engage our students in project-based learning, which includes observing phenomena, conducting inquiry investigations, making models, collecting data for citizen science projects, creating solutions to engineering challenges, and implementing environmental stewardship projects to solve real-world problems.

JFSA 100 Days

This Sunday, September 15th from
9:30am - 4:00pm, the Jewish Federation



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of San Antonio is beginning their "100 Days, One Community Goal Kick-Off"

Lets give back to our local Federation and show our support during Super Sunday. We're asking our TASA Community to sign up for a time slot and help kick-off this important fundraising event.

TASA Marks 9-11

TASA marked 9/11 "Patriot Day" by having a school assembly followed by a moment of silence. Afterwards, grades 4th-9th visited the Shavano Fire Department where students had the opportunity to show Hakarot Hatov, thank the First Responders and present them with pieces of art that they made during art classes. Mrs. Henderson, the Art teacher at TASA directed students to make collages out of magazines and con-



struction paper for the firefighters which read either "Hero" or "Thank You". It was an honor to show appreciation for our firefighters who risk their lives every day to keep us safe. During the field trip, the firefighters gave us a personal tour of the station and even let students jump in their fire truck. We plan on presenting the firefighters more artwork from kindergarten-2nd grade at a later date!

What's New TASA Crew!

P.E. Classes Focus on Mind & Body

Physical Education classes with Coach Carla Keegan have gotten off to a phenomenal start. Students have been exercising, participating and learning about the word "agile", and why it is important to have this quality in sports. Transitioning into soccer, our amazing kids have learned about proper technique when passing the ball, passing lanes, and visual and verbal communication. All classes had a small scrimmage and our TASA students have really gotten into competition, while maintaining great sportsmanship. "I am excited to keep up with our curriculum and see how our students begin to correlate Jewish values within the sports they love", says C. Keegan.

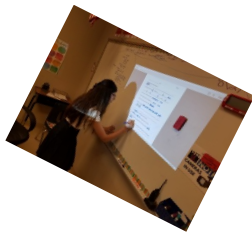
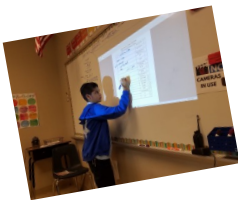


Gemara Classes Go Hi-Tech!

Welcome to Rabbi Moshe Rosenwasser's Oral Law class where Talmud and Hi-Tech go hand in hand.

Rabbi Moshe creates multimodal lessons with the Gemara text, to enhance the learning for our VISUAL, AUDITORY and KINESTHETIC learners, giving them a chance to interact and take part in the lessons and classroom activities.

"Oral Law (Mishnah & Gemara) is a wonderfully complicated section of the Torah to grasp. However, it is definitely the most rewarding when it is understood and internalized. The Talmudic study helps develop the analytical mind and way of thinking which is important for our students growth in more than just our Judaic classes", says Rabbi Moshe.



Coming  Soon!!

- ◆ **Sunday, September 15th** - 100 Days, One Community Goal Kick-Off @JFSA. You can sign up at <https://www.tinyurl.com/JFSA100DAYS>.
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 18th** - Picture Day! Information packages coming home Monday 09/16.
- ◆ **Thursday, September 19th** - Open House Night @6:30pm.

Rabbi's Corner

Elul - Field Report

The month of Elul is the month of preparation and stock-taking prior to the High Holidays. This month is spent increasing in our observance of Mitzvot, Torah study and rectifying our misdeeds of the past twelve months.

Our sages in the writings of the Kabbalah explain that during this special month of Elul, a special light and spirit of mercy radiates from on high. It is called the Divine Light of the 13 Attributes of Mercy. As such, it is an opportune time to take advantage of this spiritual energy.

Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi (1745-1812) explains this special spiritual energy with a parable in his classic work Likutei Torah. He explains that the month of Elul is comparable to the King being in the field. During the year, the king lives in his palace which is heavily guarded and protected. If one wishes to visit the king, he must be granted an audience, many months in advance and come visit the king as he sits on his throne in his majestic throne room. However, from time to time, the king goes out into the field to visit his subjects. He interacts with the common folk and listens to their requests and needs. When the king is in the field anyone can approach the king just the way he/she is.

So too, in the month of Elul, Hashem is "in the field" giving us the special opportunity to come meet Him and reconnect with Him. Thus, it is a time of Divine Mercy and great spiritual energy.

