

Around the Community

Continued Growth at Torah Academy of Boca Raton

Torah Academy of Boca Raton, a flourishing yeshiva with classes from preschool through eighth grade, accomplishes quite a feat each day: it succeeds as a large, well-established institution while maintaining its personal feel. Now entering its nineteenth year, Torah Academy's student body exceeds over 400 students, spanning its four divisions of Early Childhood (age 2 through kindergarten), Elementary (1st through 5th grade), Boys Middle School and Girls Middle School (6th through 8th grade). The rapid expansion of the school is readily apparent, as the yeshiva now sprawls over three campuses in East Boca Raton, with facilities appointed inside and out to provide a comprehensive educational environment for all students.

"At Torah Academy, communicating our mesorah - imbuing our students with the true words, mandates, middos, and ideals of Torah - is our highest priority, and we use every available tool at our disposal to do so," enthuses Rabbi Reuven Feinberg, dean. Nurturing students' relationship with Hashem and with each other is at the heart of a Torah Academy education. Under the academic leadership of Torah Academy's headmaster, Rabbi Rafi Draiman, the yeshiva's dual curriculum combines current educational research,

methodology, materials, and approach to provide instruction that consistently meets and exceeds curricular goals and national standards. In Rabbi Draiman's words, "We are fortunate to have a large, talented staff of educators, and we use our diversified training and background to enrich each other, learn from each other, and give our students the professional best of ourselves on a daily basis."

As budding *ovdei Hashem*, Torah Academy students are supported through their physical, emotional, spiritual, and academic development. The curriculum is carefully crafted using national programs in both Judaic and secular subjects, and regular targeted assessments ensure that successful learning continues. A wide range of subjects, including *kriah*, Chumash skills, science, and math, are enhanced by technology and hands-on learning materials, to individualize and customize instruction. Physical Education classes and recess take place on the school's multiple athletic fields and updated, spacious playgrounds, while art classes, afterschool clubs, and educational field trips ensure that students are given appropriate outlets for their various interests. To ensure that the

education provided reaches every student, Torah Academy's growing Student Support department implements differentiated strategies to address a range of academic, social, and emotional needs.

In addition to the education offered inside its four walls, Rabbi Feinberg is determined to maintain Torah Academy's contribution to the wider community: "Our school is proud to be an important part of the vibrant Jewish fabric of Boca Raton and South Florida, and we welcome our responsibility to model a passion for Yiddishkeit, and a commitment to broad-ranging *chesed*."

Torah Academy's philosophy rests on recognition: recognition not just of scholastic talent or ability, but of the role of every young student as an integral member of the Jewish People, each of whom matters in his/her uniqueness and potential. With this overarching view of the inherent greatness of its students, Torah Academy's staff remains charged

with lofty goals and motivated by their important mission. This vision drives their daily pursuit of educational excellence.

Torah Academy will hold its Open House in January, which is an annual event for current and prospective parents and students offering an array of hands-on learning demonstrations, family fun activities, and opportunities to tour the campuses and meet administration. Any interested parties are warmly welcome to contact the school office at 561-465-2200 or visit www.torahacademybr.org for more information.



Boys Middle School



TABR Early Childhood Center



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TABR New Girls Middle School Campus