

Around the Community

Florida Governor Rick Scott Visits Torah Academy of Boca Raton

This week, Florida's Governor Rick Scott visited Torah Academy Boca Raton and delivered a heartfelt message to the students, parents, and community members.

"This is your state. You should have very high expectations of your government, but you have to be in the middle of it. You have to call your House and Senate members on a State and Federal level, and say to them, 'My expectation is that I get a quality education and that I am in a safe building. Your expectation should be that your government does not do business with people who boycott Israel.'"

The Governor recounted his recent visit to Yerushalayim for opening of the US Embassy there - the only US Governor to do so. He vowed that in his administration, "No Florida government agency will do business with any company that participates in the BDS movement." He stated that, "Florida has close to \$300 million in trade with Israel, making us one of their closest trading partners. I told President Trump to walk away from the Iran deal because it wasn't good for Israel, or America or our allies."

He also shared that, "This is my last year as governor, and my goal is that every child in this state will realize that this state loves you. We want you to be safe, we want you to have a quality education and we want you to have an unbelievable future."

Rabbi Reuven Feinberg, Dean of To-



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rah Academy of Boca Raton thanked the Governor on behalf of the many families that have benefited from the Governor's support of several key initiatives. "We are blessed in our great state to have a leader who looks out for each and every child. Governor Scott, through his Securing Florida's Future Budget Initiative, has shown that the safety and security of each and every child in our state is something we should make a top priority. Also, through his steadfast support of Florida's Tax Credit Scholarship Program, Governor Scott has empowered parents to choose the educational program that supports and complements their beliefs and ethical values that their children are learning at home."

This visit was arranged by Teach Flor-

ida, a growing coalition of Jewish day schools and Yeshivos, Rabbis and community leaders who recognize that the equitable distribution of government resources for children will help our schools provide an excellent, safe and more affordable education for our children. It was Scott's second visit to a South Palm Beach county Jewish school in as many years.

Mr. Daniel Adler and Mr. Steve Jacobi, Co-Chairmen and Founding Board Members of Teach Florida, and Mrs. Mimi Jankovitz, Teach Florida's Regional Director, also thanked the governor for his help and support of the more than 10,000 Jewish Day School children in the state of Florida, and said they look forward to continue to work together with Scott for the benefit of our community and its children.



Governor Scott with 7th Grade Student Abi Luz



Governor Scott Visits Torah Academy's Early Childhood Center

We would like to thank Dr. Allan Jacob, Mr. Daniel Adler, Mrs. Mimi Jankovitz, and Mr. Daniel Aqua of Teach Florida, the Governor's office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Boca Raton Police Department for facilitating this memorable event.



ECC Israel Fair

Torah Academy of Boca Raton's Early Childhood Center's Israel Fair

The Early Childhood students had a fantastic time at last week's Israel Fair, which was an interactive, multi-sensory finale to weeks of learning about Eretz Yisrael. The fair showcased a wide variety of student projects, including a "Kosel", clay models of the shivas haminin, multiple pieces in the style of Tzfas artwork, and "fruit" growing on our very own "kib-

butz"! Each area offered a different activity, from juicing oranges, to water play in front of the Ein Gedi waterfall, to salt art at Yam HaMelach, to pita and Israeli salad at Yam HaMelach, to pita and Israeli salad at a Yerushalayim restaurant. Students even got to "milk" a cow! What a memorable way to nurture our students' love of our special Land!



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