



# ELEANOR KOLITZ ACADEMY

## UPDATE

February 27, 2009 3 Adar, 5769  
 Parasha: Terumah  
 Candle Lighting: 6:14 pm  
 210-302-6900 www.eka-sa.org

MARCH 2009		
1	Sun	<u><a href="#">Meet the Candidate</a></u> <b>You are invited to meet the Head of School candidate at the home of Jon and Susan Blumenthal, 11714 Elmscourt (Elm Creek) on Sunday, March 1, from 10 am -12 pm. Please call Susan at 479-7901 to RSVP.</b>
2	Mon	<b>ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS DUE/FEEES WILL INCREASE BY \$150.00</b>
6	F	Kabbalat Shabbat Grades 1-8
7	Sa	Parents Night Out (see form attached)
10	T	<b>PURIM 12:00 Dismissal</b> We encourage all students and staff to wear their favorite costumes (please no weapons or t-shirts with inappropriate writing).
11	W	Middle School Israel Block Party- UT Hillel 3:00- 9:30 p.m.
12	Th	Mensch Breakfast 7:50 a.m.
12	Th	Middle School Oratory Contest 2:00 p.m.
15	Sun	Tuition Assistance Forms Due
16-20	M-F	Spring Book Fair/Standardized Testing/OLSAT
23	M	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 – 6:00 p.m. <b>12:00 Dismissal</b>
26	Th	Siddur Dedication Grade 1
31	T	Grade 5 Outdoor Education Program- Marble Falls
APRIL 2009		
1	W	Grade 5 Outdoor Education Program- Marble Falls
6	M	Model Seder 2:00 p.m. (Note Date Change)
7	T	Erev Pesach <b>12:00 Dismissal</b>

### D'var Torah Terumah

In פרשת תרומה, we learn about the utensils, (כְּלִים), used in the מִשְׁכַּן, (the portable Temple in the desert), and what their sizes and measurements were. The most important and holy item in the entire מִשְׁכַּן was at its very center, the אָרוֹן הַבְּרִית, the Ark of the Covenant. The Torah tells us that the measurements of the אָרוֹן were 2½ cubits x 1½ cubits x 1½ cubits. Not exactly whole numbers, but almost. Since the אָרוֹן is the heart of the מִשְׁכַּן, don't you think that the measurements *should* be in whole numbers? According to R' Natan Adler and the Pardes Yosef, this shows what we should feel about ourselves as Jews. We are *never* complete. *No one* is perfect. Like the אָרוֹן, which was *almost* 3 whole cubits x 2 whole cubits x 2 whole cubits, we must always strive to become better, more complete, people.

In פרקי אבות (Ethics of the Fathers), we learn, "אם למדת תורה הרבה, אל תחזיק טובה לעצמך, כי לך נוצרת", ("If you have learned much, do not think you are great, because that is what you were created for"). No person can feel that he has learned everything there is to learn. Even if you learn the same Torah lesson for a second and third time, you learn something new. You also find out how much *more* there is that you do not know!

פרשת תרומה teaches us that we should always feel like there is more good to do in the world, and more Torah to be learned. Our job is never done.

## Operation Purim '09 is Underway at the EKA!

Purim is right around the corner (evening of March 9 and day of March 10), and this year, we will be sponsoring a unit of the Israel Defense Forces! Through Connections Israel, we will receive a photo of and a letter from, our sponsored unit. Best of all, we get to provide our brave soldiers with some delicious משלוח מנות/*Mishlo'ach Manot*/Purim treats. If each student would be able to bring in \$3, we could reach our goal of sponsoring an entire unit. Please give your contribution to your Chumash teacher. Thank you very much for your participation and support. Shabbat Shalom, and Happy Purim!

-Rabbi Aryeh A. Leifert, Director of Judaic Studies



**Purim Operation '09**  
Bringing Jewish People Together

Send a Purim Basket  
to an **Israeli Soldier**

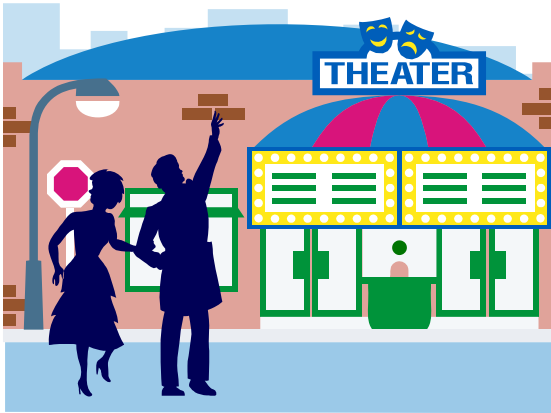
**Our goal is to raise \$300 to adopt  
an IDF unit**

Adopt an Israeli Army unit  
Let them know that you're  
thinking about them...

**CONNECTIONS**  
ISRAEL  
[www.connectionsisrael.com](http://www.connectionsisrael.com)

# Parent's Night Out!

**EKA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Babysitting Fundraiser**  
**This money supports the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Israel!**



**When:** *Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>*

**Time:** 7:00pm-10:30pm

**Where:** EKA

**Who:** EKA 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Fee:** \$25 - 1 child      \$35 - 2 children      \$50 - 3 or more

(Only family members)

*\*Reservations Recommended\**

**\$5 additional fee for drop-ins without reservations**

Parve snacks and drinks will be served

Contact EKA office at 302-6900 by 3/6/09

# Calling all Middle Schoolers!!!



## COME TO THE TEXAS HILLEL

Join us as we travel up to UT–Austin on Shushan Purim to participate in Israel-themed activities and events, including:

- Israeli food tent – Enjoy falafel, hummus, tehina, baklava, and other favorites.
- IDF tent – Learn about the different branches of the IDF, get your face painted with camouflage, run an obstacle course, and more!
- Government and Politics tent – How does the Israeli government work? Take a “picture” with a famous Israeli, too.
- Technology tent – How much does Israel contribute to the world’s technology? Find out here!
- The Shuk – Get your Bamba! Get your Bissli! Buy some yummy Israeli treats.

**Time:** *We will leave the EKA at 3:00, and will return by 9:30. Thursday classes begin at 10:00 for those who attend.*

**Cost:** *\$7-\$10 will get you a meal at the food tent. Bring more if you want to buy any souvenirs, t-shirts, etc.*

**RSVP:** *Email [rabbileifert@gmail.com](mailto:rabbileifert@gmail.com) by Sunday, March 8.*

*You are all invited to an art show featuring our own favorite artist Ms. Bella!*



**MARCH 8-MARCH 31, 2009**

**OPENING: SUNDAY, MARCH 8,  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, 6-9 P.M.**

**PARTICIPATING ARTISTS:**

RITA LINDA ABREGO, MARIA ISABEL AGUILAR, PAM AMEDURI,  
REBECCA DE LEON ALMAZAN, OLIVIA CASILLAS, MAGDA CHELLET,  
SHARON SHELTON-COLANGELO, MARTHA CURCIO, MAUREEN "MO" DOEBBLER,  
K.D. DOLAN, JACQUI DORSEY, MIMI DUVALL, ANEL FLORES,  
CAROLINA FLORES, JOAN FREDERICK, ADRIANA GARCIA, LAUREL GIBSON,  
ALEJANDRA GOMEZ, ANNIE GOMEZ, OFELIA UZ GONZALEZ,  
LE GREEN-SCHUBERT, SUCHIL COFFMAN GUERRA, GLORIA SANCHEZ HART,  
LETICIA HUERTA, IRMA AL SADIG HERNANDEZ, MYRIAM LANAU,  
MARILYN LANFEAR, JANE MADRIGAL, MARCY MCCHESENEY,  
IMELDA MALDONADO, STELLA MARROQUIN, NOEL "BELLA" MERRIAM,  
VICTORIA MONTALTO, DOLORES ZAPATA MURFF, ALEXA NELIPA,  
SUSAN OAKS, EMMA ORTEGA, ELIZABETH RODRIQUEZ, CLAUDIA V. RUBIO,  
REGINA SANDERS, PENELOPE SPEIER, VIOLET I. TIJERINA, ELENA VALENZUELA,  
MARIA CARVAJAL VASCONCELLOS, TERESA A. YBANEZ,  
AND GUILLERMINA ZABALA

**SPECIAL LUMINARIA EVENT: ELLAS, A FLORICANTO EN AZTLAN  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1-3 P.M., LED BY POET, JOSIE MIXSON**



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