

**SILVER ACADEMY**  
**MATANOT LA'EVYONIM**  
**“GIFTS FOR THE POOR”**

**February 24, 2014**  
**24 Adar I. 5774**

**Dear Silver Academy Families,**

**As we prepare for the joyous celebration of Purim, we remember that there are those who cannot afford to celebrate in a festive way. One of the four Mitzvot of Purim is “Gifts for the Poor” (Matanot La’evyonim). We have the opportunity to fulfill this Tzedakah in an unusually meaningful way.**

**Od Yosef Chai, Inc. is an organization that seeks out the truly needy in Israel and helps them in sensitive and dignified ways. For example, they give money to employers who pass it on to impoverished employees as salary raises or bonuses. In addition, all the money donated goes to the poor, because volunteers do much of the work and all expenses are underwritten by a benefactor.**

**If you would like to participate in this wonderful Purim Mitzvah, please send a check, made out to “Od Yosef Chai, Inc.”, to our school office. Checks sent before March 13<sup>th</sup> will be forwarded to Israel before Purim. Checks received after that can still count as fulfillment of the Mitzvah.**

**May G-d bless us all with a healthy and happy Purim.**

**Nachum Chasan**

**Rabbi Joseph Gewirtz**