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DEAR PARENTS, שיחיו

Who could have imagined, as we *bentched* over our *Menorahs* only a year ago, that the *brachah* "בימים ההם בזמן הזה" would take on such tragic significance this *Chanukah*?

Who could have imagined that we would once again become a tormented nation, the victims of Holocaust like barbarism?

Who could have imagined the blatant antisemitism that is infecting our world, more contagious than a deadly virus?

As I pen this letter, there are no words that can adequately encapsulate the horrific course of global events. Whenever we are at a loss, we look to our holy *Torah* for direction. Having recently concluded *Chanukah*, our takeaway is captured in just **one** word: The *ZAYIS*, the olive.

“למה נמשלו ישראל לזית? לומר לך: מה זית אינו מוציא שמנו אלא על ידי כתינה
אף ישראל אין חוזרין למוטב אלא ע"י יסורין" (מנחות, נג ע"ב).

Bnei Yisrael are likened to an olive. The more the olive is squeezed, it expresses quality oil. The more the *Yidden* are battered and tormented, instead of losing hope, the purest *middos* emanate from within.

The *Rebbe* paved the way for survival by creating a lifeline through the *Mivtzaim*. We could not have fathomed how they would become the platform and basis of our present-day spiritual warfare. Previously non-observant Jews are now embracing *Neiros* and *Shmiras Shabbos*, giving their lives meaning. Unaffiliated soldiers are proudly donning *tefillin* and *tzitzis*, acknowledging that this is their primary ammunition. Former atheists are passionately reciting the *Shema* and the sacred *tefillos* that infuse us with strength in times of travesty. *Mezuzos* are being affixed to provide G-dly protection. *Mivtzah Sefer Torah* is going strong. *Tzedakah* is being dispensed in abundance. *Mivtzah Kashrus* has taken on a new dimension, as soldiers are being provided with nourishing meals *Min Hamehadrin*.

Divisiveness has disappeared. Instead of internal strife, we are now experiencing unprecedented *Achdus*. *Chareidim* of all stripes and colors are supporting our soldiers in every way possible. All barriers of judgment have fallen; we have become ONE.

Here at Bais Rivkah, our teachers are once again tasked with the monumental responsibility of guiding and supporting our students through most trying times. The curriculum that they so painstakingly created at the beginning of the school year has taken on a new dimension.

The *Alter Rebbe* guides us: "*Men darf leben mit der zeit*". Our contemporary challenges and their solutions are clearly sourced in the *Parshas Hashavuah*. Our curriculum has been tailored to impart that to our students.

When the *Rebbe* launched *Tzivos Hashem*, little did we comprehend the *Rebbe's* keen foresight that our children would live through times of war. Our students have been empowered to become true soldiers by increasing in *Torah* and *Tefillah* as the real weapons of a *Yid*.

Tinokos Shel Bais Rabon each have a rank and mission of what they can do to facilitate victory. As our teachers educate our students on the magnitude of the disasters we are experiencing, they also strive to cushion and buffer them how to live with *Bitachon* and resilience, without trauma.

Just as judgment and prejudice have dissipated in *Eretz HaKodesh*, so too are we inculcating extra measures of *Ahavas Yisrael* and total acceptance within our student body.

When *Am Yisrael* is squeezed as a nation, the best comes out of us. As all *Yidden* unite "כאישי אחד בלב אחד", may we experience **Didan Notzach** in the fullest sense.

With fervent *tefillos* that we should be *zoche* to "שמן זית זך כתינת למאור" in the *Bais Hamikdash Hashlishi* immediately,

Rabbi Sholom Goldstein,
Executive Director

Behind the Scenes

ERETZ YISROEL: THE BAIS RIVKAH EFFORTS RESPONSES AND INITIATIVES TO EVENTS IN ארץ ישראל

PRE-1A

ארץ ישראל FOR תהילים

In Pre-1A, we say extra תהילים and דאוונן every day that ארץ ישראל in אידן and everywhere else safe. We had a special program with **Morah Zeesy** from **Zappy By Zeesy** in honor of the אידן in ארץ ישראל. The מיידעלאך sang the 12 פסוקים with חיות, said תהילים, and gave צדקה. Then we packed gift packages with crafts and games, to be shipped directly to families that are currently relocated to different areas in ארץ ישראל. We're so happy to send the message of love from our students to the children.

Pre-1A also joined the community-wide campaign to say תהילים on שבת מברכים as a זכות for the אידן in ארץ ישראל. Although the Pre-1A students are still learning how to read, the מיידעלאך know that the תפילות of children have extra power! So many מיידעלאך said תהילים, repeating after a parent or older sibling, and singing the קאפיטלאך they know by heart, and received a yummy donut as a prize!



PRIMARY

ארץ ישראל FOR מבצעים

Throughout this month, the girls in grades 1-3 had a special opportunity to go on מבצעים after school and give out שבת candles. Preparations started early, with girls coloring personalized cards and packing the נש"ק kits. On Friday, girls were paired up with teachers and high school מדריכות, spreading out over different areas to distribute the kits. It was a new experience for many of the girls and they really enjoyed it!



ELEMENTARY

ארץ ישראל FOR החלטות

Guest speaker **Mrs. Esther Piekarski** from Tel Aviv gave a compelling presentation, emphasizing our role as soldiers on the home front. Following this talk, each eighth grade class has taken on a תורה, עבודה, or החלטה in the החלטות, or תורה, עבודה, and גמילות חסדים to contribute to the well-being of our brethren in ארץ ישראל. In addition to these class commitments, our JEP heads, **Altie** and **Mushki**, provide weekly challenges for students to embrace. The students are eager to witness the impact their החלטות have in fortifying the three pillars upon which our world stands, ensuring safety for the front-line soldiers.

Students have the opportunity to symbolize their החלטות on a paper shield. ברוך ה', ארץ ישראל bulletin board is nearing completion, adorned with depictions of all our positive resolutions and commitments. Through this, our Bais Rivkah Elementary girls are illuminating the world and ensuring victory over our enemies.



HIGH SCHOOL

ארץ ישראל FOR LEARNING

In the wake of the unspeakable tragedy in ארץ ישראל, a special unity event was coordinated for all high schools in Crown Heights. Girls joined to say תהילים for the safety of the אידן in ארץ ישראל. The girls were addressed by **Mrs. Dina Gorkin** regarding their emotional wellbeing during these challenging times, and then by **Rabbi Yossi Paltiel**, who shared how to follow the Rebbe's directives during a time of war. After that, a חת"ת campaign was launched, with hundreds of girls committing to saying חת"ת for the safety of ארץ ישראל. The girls then joined together in uplifting song.

As the war in ארץ ישראל continues to be fought on all fronts, students have been given the opportunity to learn more about the history of ארץ ישראל, our connection to the land, and the Rebbe's response to events that have happened there.

Mrs. Esther Piekarski from Tel Aviv gave high school students a glimpse of the situation from the lens of a שווחה from ארץ ישראל. She spoke about what our role as חסידים is during this critical time, and answered questions that the students had on the topic. **Ms. Chana Levertov**, 11th grade's beloved history teacher, taught students about the history of ארץ ישראל, including the Jewish claim to ארץ ישראל and what "Palestine" really is.



Transition & Pre-1A

PETTING ZOO פרשת נח

The Pre-1A & Transition מיידעלאך learn the פרשה of the week in fun, interactive ways. In honor of פרשת נח, a live petting zoo came to

visit. The מיידעלאך had so much fun with the cow, goats, sheep, and chickens. Some girls were even brave enough to hold or feed them!





א-ב סיום

Pre-1A begins the year reviewing the א-ב to ensure a strong foundation before moving on to נקודות. They go through each and every letter, reviewing with consistent practice and fun activities. The classes play א-ב games, draw the letters in sand, shape them with pretzel sticks, and other interactive activities.

Before starting to learn the נקודות, the Pre-1A מיידעלאך had a beautiful א-ב סיום! They played an א-ב bingo game, and shaped א-ב cookies. We are so proud of them, and so excited to move on to learning how to read with נקודות!

PRE-1A פארברענגען TIMES

When a טוב יום or חסידישע יום טוב arrives, Pre-1A marks the day with a special פארברענגען. Sometimes it's in the classrooms, and sometimes it's with the entire Pre-1A.

In honor of כ"ה אלול, the birthday of the world, the girls had a grand time at dancing with **Morah Zeesy**. On כ' חשוון,

they colored scratch-it cards with מצוות they can do as lamplighters to light up the world. The cards decorated our beautiful בורח לאהר bulletin board! On ראש חודש ססלו, the מיידעלאך were fascinated to hear about שילחות from our special guest, **Rabbi Matusof**, who came all the way from Calgary, Alberta.



Primary

GRADES 1-3

CREATIVE WRITING- LEVELED UP

Creative Writing is an important form of self-expression, developed and practiced in grades 1-3. Through journaling, our first graders proudly learn to formulate sentences. Second graders excitedly move onto writing more descriptive sentences, expressing their thoughts with proper grammar as they perfect their handwriting. Our third graders, now "authors in training," carefully structure paragraphs that provide them with the opportunity to express their unique thoughts and creativity.

In conjunction with *The Marvelous מידות To Bring משיח* program, primary students worked on writing pieces conveying what they learned about the מידה of חסד and the importance of being a חי' דוגמה חי'.

The writing pieces were proudly displayed on colorfully decorated bulletin boards that adorn our hallways, for teachers and students to read and learn from.

Students in grades 1-3 are proudly supporting our soldiers in ארץ ישראל by taking upon themselves extra learning, החלטות טובות, and letter writing. Writing letters to our soldiers connects and gives חיות to both the writer and recipient in a most meaningful way. Our Bais Rivkah students put extra effort into writing letters that are super neat and clear, so that our primarily Israeli speaking soldiers can easily read, enjoy, & be inspired by our soldiers on the home front, our תנוקות של בית רבן.



MATH IN GRADE 1

Our first grade teachers focus on building strong math skills. Fun, engaging lessons and frequent practice both give our students a

solid foundation in number sense and fluency that we hope will lead to successful learning all the way to algebra and beyond!



כיתה ב' או חומש

A highlight at the beginning of כיתה ב' is an exciting חומש celebration where the girls receive their very first חומש. The next weeks are spent carefully exploring the creation of the world and the practical

lessons we learn from the 7. Enjoy a sampling of the creative activities the girls experienced as they discovered more about ששת שעות ימי בראשית than they ever knew before.



ART IN GRADE 3

BY MRS. GOLDA ORENSTIEN

Third Grade Art is the beginning of a two-year experience. As we progress, we build up our own collection of artwork celebrating all the knowledge and skills garnered.

The artwork we created for the first element, "Line", involved an introduction to still life by tracing, studying and drawing the vines in a leaf. This is where realism ends and our ability to create begins. We played a game and used invented patterns and personal choice of colors to complete our leaf. We will finish this artwork later this year!

In the future, we will learn the skills of 3D modeling, design, sewing, shading, painting, color combinations, carving and printing, to name a few. We will also be using a multitude of mediums and tools such as paint, ink, pastels, fabric, brayer,

charcoal, chalk, clay, and many more along the way.

We learn and we have fun because we own our knowledge and explore a wide range of experiences. This way, we can see what our favorite forms of self expression are. My goal is that art in the art room is a positive experience in a safe space, to help the girls be free to create and self-express with confidence and joy.

Every Sunday, a competent group of smiling Bais Rivkah seniors with engaging personalities and youthful energy join grades 1-8 to assist teachers, cover small groups, lead gym class and work 1:1 with students. Throughout the year, teachers and students alike looked forward to seeing and interacting with our special Sunday "teachers!"



PRIMARY & ELEMENTARY INITIATIVE

OUR MORAHS LEARN, TOO!

To inspire growth and excellence in our teachers, Bais Rivkah arranged a professional development day for all primary and elementary staff. New skills and perspectives were gained through workshops that were infused with thought provoking topics, relevant for our students in קט"ה multiple departments and classes. A gourmet lunch added to the special atmosphere

of unity and pride. Some of the highlights of the PD day included gaining new strategies for fostering self-regulation and a powerful summary of the approach of the חינוך פריערדיקער רבי פריערדיקער רבי. Teachers and administrators alike returned to school empowered to invigorate our students with helpful tools to find inner social, emotional, and academic success.



קריאה WORKSHOP

As part of our ongoing effort to improve קריאה instruction in Bais Rivkah, the entire Hebrew primary staff participated in a powerful קריאה workshop presented by **Mrs. Tova Rottenberg**, קריאה specialist, M.Ed, BCBA, and COBA. Mrs. Rottenberg introduced and presented the 'Gold Standard in קריאה'. This workshop highlighted the pivotal role that the Morah plays in ensuring each child's success, mastering the 6

key elements of a dynamic קריאה lesson, and how to maximize student engagement. This informative and practical workshop was followed up with debriefs for each grade level to collaborate and share ways to implement the new skills as they apply to each individual class and student's needs.

Elementary

GRADES 4-8

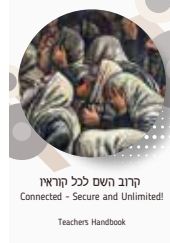
“CONNECTION” IN GRADES 4-8

Bais Rivkah grades 4-8 have really been living the school's theme of תשפ"ד:

CONNECTION - ישראל אורייתא וקודשא בריך הוא כולא חד-

The concept of connection will be incorporated in all our programs, writing contests, and curriculum throughout the school year. It is the focus of our new Sunday תפילה curriculum, beautiful תפילה journal, and a Tefillah connection contest with incentives and prizes, including a beautiful personalized תהילים.

- Every morning, students learn about תפילה and פירוש המילות with their לימודי קודש teachers. On Sunday mornings before davening, mini-lessons and round table discussions on תפילה are taught and facilitated by the general studies teachers. Students record what they learned in their special תפילה journals.
- The hallway bulletin boards further enhance the theme of "Connection". The main bulletin board is called "Secure and Unlimited Connections". Each class is represented by one little girl, and the objective is to receive the letters that spell the word תפילה and reach the sky - סלם - מצב ארצה וראשו מגיע השמימה. Proper davening is what moves the class along the path to the top: On the wall in each classroom is a monthly תפילה chart. It includes a daily checklist which is marked by the teacher running davening. After earning 20 checks, the class receives another letter in the word תפילה.
- A beautiful bulletin board of the בית המקדש graces our hallway. It proudly displays bricks with the names of students who have earned the praise of their teachers and principals for outstanding effort, good behavior, and beautiful מידות. Teachers write a "Positive Office Referral" detailing the achievement of a student. The student is then recognized, and her name is prominently displayed on a brick of our bulletin board. Together, we are building the בית המקדש one brick at a time, and bringing משיח - מצוה at a time.



TAKING LEARNING DEEPER

To truly embrace and forge a connection with our חסידישע ימים טובים, our 5th-grade students actively participate in an enhanced and interactive curriculum. The students are divided into smaller groups, allowing each to explore various facets of each יום טוב's significance. This includes delving into the historical narrative, gaining insights about the רבי associated with that special day, exploring the ניגונים, taking on התחלשות טובות, and engaging in hands-on activities or crafts. This holistic approach is designed to deliver a profound and immersive learning experience, ensuring that the day becomes truly extraordinary for our students.

י"ט כסלו

In celebration of **י"ט כסלו - חג האוּלוּה**, special programs were organized for each class. Students were immersed in real, hands-on learning experiences that brought the story of **י"ט כסלו** to life through various engaging activities. The day featured a range of events, including special breakfasts, kumzitz singing, food crafts, escape rooms, candle making, tambourine decorating, and more.

As a culmination, the school hosted a school-wide **מלכה מלכה** on **שבת מוצאי שבת**, featuring choirs and dances starring our 4th and 5th graders, headed by our talented 8th graders. A beautiful **פרו** bookmark craft added a creative touch to the event. Students left this evening of unity and joy with a deepened appreciation for the significance of **י"ט כסלו**.



INDEPENDENT הלכה LEARNING

One of our educational objectives is to empower our students to become independent learners. We aim for them to cultivate a sense of ease and familiarity with the text of ספרים. This is done in our הלכה classes for grades 5-7, where the students engage in collaborative learning with a חבורתא, using our newly redesigned workbook to autonomously delve into the content of the סימנים of ערוך שולחן ערוך.

As part of this process, students construct a vocabulary of

key words, primarily focusing on fundamental terms from שולחן ערוך that frequently come up. Supported by a word bank for more challenging terms, and guided questions, חבורתא partners collaborate to comprehend the הלכה and decipher the content independently. The students often find themselves pleasantly surprised by their ability to understand the material on their own, leading to a sense of pride in their accomplishments.



READING COMES TO LIFE

Why was **Mrs. Waldman's** fourth grade Bais Rivkah classroom transformed into an exclusive restaurant? For their "book tasting" event, of course! Each table represented a different reading genre. Students were invited to each table to browse and sample each style. Reflection napkins were provided at the restaurant for girls to share their opinions and pick their favorite genre. For dessert, the class received beautifully

decorated cupcakes. What an experience!

In other elementary classrooms, reading became a multi-modular experience as students read and analyzed a book in class, and then deepened their understanding by using creative talents to create an exhibit of their book. **Mrs. Schusterman's** fourth grade class created a "Book in A Box", while **Mrs. Srulovic's** sixth graders created a 3D model depicting their story.



תורה IN SCIENCE הפוך בה והפוך בה, דכולא בה

Everything can be found inside the תורה- and Bais Rivkah eighth graders got to experience a live demonstration of that! The eighth grade science curriculum includes the topic of centrifugal force and the concepts of mixing and separating different chemicals and elements. As חנוכה arrived, science and תורה blended in perfect harmony as **Rabbi Albuherk of Tzivos Hashem** gave a demonstration covering the properties of oil, a centrifuge in action, and the resulting pure oil and its relation to the מנורה. The eighth grade left the workshop enriched, excited and deeply connected to חנוכה like never before.



STUDENTS TODAY, TEACHERS TOMORROW

Elementary and High School departments work together to coordinate Bais Rivkah's Sunday Assistant Program. 12th graders are assigned to different elementary classrooms, where they gain the experience of working with students in a real classroom setting.

Student teachers help us accomplish things we ordinarily could not do without the support of a teacher's aide. Some of those tasks include davening with a class so that teachers can attend a meeting, or supervising a class so that the teacher can meet with individual students. Twelfth grade assistants also work with students one on one and in small groups, helping them hone their skills in various subjects. As our twelfth graders get a small taste for teaching, we anticipate welcoming many of our program graduates back as full-time teachers as they choose to make their career in חינוך.

High School

GRADES 9-12

פרשה INITIATIVE

New for this year! In the 10th grade פרשה class, students get weekly guided questions on the פרשה and answer them independently by looking inside the פסוקים and provided חינו. This valuable exercise has students viewing and going through

the פרשה from inside the text on a weekly basis. It's also been familiarizing our girls with לשון הפסוק, and helping them gain confidence and independent learning skills.



RAMBAM MUSEUM TRIP

Students in grades 11 & 12 were taken on a special trip to see the "The Golden Path" Exhibit at the Center for Jewish History in Manhattan. Arranged by **Mrs. E. Lerman**, beloved 11th grade Historia teacher, students got to view this exhibit featuring a private collection of many rare books of the רמב"ם. They were given a booklet with questions to answer as they went through the

exhibit, and the curator of the exhibit gave background on how the museum came to be. At the end, students took a few minutes to learn excerpts of רמב"ם in the museum, along with their grade shluchos. We are so grateful to Mrs. E. Lerman for coordinating this trip, and constantly looking for ways to bring learning to life for our students.



LAUNCH אחות התמימים

אחות התמימים is a program geared toward girls looking to learn and grow more in their אידישקייט and חסידישקייט. The אחות theme for this year is, "Step It Up - מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם." The dedicated אחות התמימים presented the concept of how Hashem desires to dwell within each one of us. We can achieve this goal by constantly growing, one step at a time, building a מקדש within ourselves.

This year, אחות התמימים has both paper and online options. The אחות התמימים website offers an abundance of learning resources. Over 530 girls have signed up to join אחות התמימים!



G.O. LAUNCH

The energetic, creative G.O. leaders introduced their theme for the year: "קער א וועלט" - **Make Waves.** With the כוח of the 10 מבצעים, we will turn over the world and bring משיח! Students were gifted with their very own charm bracelets to wear throughout the year. Each month this year, one of the ten מבצעים will be highlighted, and students will receive a charm that corresponds to the מבצע of the month.

In חשוון, the מבצע stressed was נש"ק. A massive נש"ק campaign was launched with the goal of giving out 10,000 Shabbos candles over the course of the month. Many girls were inspired to make huge נש"ק pledges, with some pledging to give out as much as 250 נש"ק! The first 50 girls to pledge 150 נש"ק got to go on a מצוה tank during school.



NEW AFTERNOON COURSES

Aside from the basic math, science, history and English subjects taught, we strive to provide our students with additional knowledge in every area possible. For this reason, we are excited to report that this year, in addition to our sought-after CPR course returning, students have also been offered valuable classes in Nutrition, Extended Math, and Extended Bio.

א גוטע וואך - AGV!

A long winter **שבת** - מוצאי שבת - transformed with this fantastic school-wide program! Every few weeks on **מוצאי שבת**, students brave the cold to join the warmth of unity, fun and action. So far, this year's AGV events have featured dancing with Chaiky Carlebach and a concert with Shandy Plotzker.



PROGRAM נוסעים לרבי

During the month of **תשרי**, high school students are encouraged by this program to utilize this special time by davening and learning in 770. For our out-of-towners, they can spend **תשרי** with the **רבי** through recordings of our farbrengens happening in Crown Heights, and by making going to shul a priority.

Members of the **נוסעים לרבי** program were inspired by farbrengens and learning, and got to experience **תשרי** on a completely new level. As a reward to all these girls who invested and grew, the program came to a smashing culmination at a special night out.

They were addressed by **Rabbi Hertz**, followed by a beautiful **חולטה** auction. The grand prize, a dime from the **רבי**, was won by **Mussy Minsky** from ninth grade. The girls then wrote **פנים**, telling the **רבי** how they spent their **תשרי**. After that, they enjoyed delicious treats at the Ice Cream House, and had a grand time at Ferox Ninja Park!



GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

9TH GRADE

פרשה Plus: Students come together to enjoy delicious refreshments while learning the פרשה through a variety of different options, including a שיחה, story, or letter of the רבי. After girls study their chosen idea, they write down a lesson they learned on a paper shaped like a concept in that week's פרשה. Exciting raffles are held, and the shapes are hung up on a designated bulletin board in school.

Event 'ו תשרי: Ninth graders were welcomed into a beautifully decorated room, featuring a panini making station. They heard about Rebbetzin Chana, watched a video of the רבי speaking about her, and enjoyed a choir. The girls enjoyed a learning activity where they were entered into raffles for a sushi gift card, a ספר about Rebbetzin Chana, and fancy scented candles. After that, girls were instructed on how to make scented wax candles, in the spirit of הדלקת נרות. Ninth graders had a grand time mixing scents and layering colors into their personal candles. The event finished off with a spirited, spontaneous dance party.



10TH GRADE

Welcome program: Tenth grade's major Welcome Fair featured an ice cream bar, plus cotton candy, photo booth, and locker magnet decorating stations. They ended off the night with dancing, and the girls had the best time entering the new year as proud Sophies!

Event 'ו תשרי: Rebbetzin Chana's ארצייט was commemorated at a program with inspiring words from Mrs. Jacobson. After they enjoyed a delicious chocolate fountain and refreshments, the girls sang along with the choir on stage and watched a video about the life of Rebbetzin Chana. The

event culminated with a presentation from different girls about Rebbetzin Chana's נש"ק and החלטות, and נסירת נפש in her honor.

Class programs: Each class had a committee appointed. This committee chose what program they felt their class would enjoy and planned it all the way through!

- 10-1 had a fun "Class Feud" game show.
- 10-2 had a beautiful חלה bake in זכות of the protection of ארץ ישראל
- 10-3 had a beautiful paint night.
- 10-4 made their very own acai bowls and played a fun "Are you Kayla" game.
- 10-5 had a waffle bar and played "Are you Kayla" as well.
- 10-6 had an epic game night with smoothies.

All in all, the programs really brought each class together and gave the girls a chance to bond in a smaller group setting.

Grade Shabbaton: Tenth grade had an incredible Shabbaton on the theme of unity, "אלע אידן און יעדער איד" - U N I (You and I) Unite. Buses were loaded on Friday with a surprise stop at 7-11, and upon arrival to the Shabbaton grounds, girls enjoyed a unity carnival. Shabbos was filled with singing, dancing, farbrengen, learning and beautiful workshops. The girls heard from our most amazing guest speaker Mrs. Chanel Lipskier on the importance of reaching out, the power of every individual, and technology. On מוצאי שבת, the girls had a stunning "Kulam", followed by a dance party led by dance motivators. The girls left uplifted and inspired, and we are already seeing the strong impact this Shabbaton had on uniting 10th grade.

י"ט כסלו: Girls enjoyed a very special Friday night farbrengen with Menucha Oster. The girls sang and were inspired to take on החלטות and learn more חסידות.



11TH GRADE

ליל שישי: This beloved program had 11th graders learning the פרשה from different חסידות and מפרשים. Ideas were given over by fellow students, along with practical life lessons gleaned from the חסידישע פרשה. The program wrapped up with a beautiful, uplifting kumzitz led by some talented musical 11th graders.

Paint Night: Students gathered for an evening of painting and discussions in honor of ט' כסלו and the current situation in ארץ ישראל. Each girl took the name of one of the hostages and a collective החלטה was made to learn a piece of חסידות in the זכות of their safe return.



12TH GRADE

A major highlight for our twelfth grade is the annual Senior Retreat. Girls gathered for an evening of inspiration and unity, complete with a delicious dinner and meaningful program. This year's lineup of speakers included **Mrs. Goldie Plotkin, Rabbi Herman,** and a בעלת תשובה who shared the story of her journey back to Yiddishkeit. The event concluded with lively dancing led by **DJ Shpruch** and a farbrengen with **Rabbi Herman.** A big thank you to Mrs. Gluckowski and Mrs. Guray for organizing this incredible evening.

BAIS RIVKAH'S

UPCOMING EVENTS



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Gearing up for our annual fundraising campaign!
Keep your eyes out for an exciting raffle!

February 19-20 י"א - י"ב אדר א'

EMBRACE LIVE

The Bais Rivkah Alumnae
EVENT OF THE YEAR!
Don't miss out on this night of nostalgia,
inspiration and fun!

March 15th כ"ט אדר א'



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Staff Survey

Some of our incredible staff share their views.

TELL US...

WHAT IS SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT YOUR STUDENTS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW?

- I like coloring as much as they do -*Pre-1A Teacher*
- I care about them even if they tell me they don't like me -*Pre-1A Teacher*
- I play violin -*Primary Teacher*
- I love chili lime chips more than them -*Primary Teacher*
- How much I truly love them -*Elementary Teacher*
- I love acting in plays -*Elementary Teacher*
- I love singing and I'm pretty good at it :) *High School Teacher*
- I didn't go to BR as a student *High School Teacher*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BAIS RIVKAH?

- How teachers support each other, share resources and support new teachers -*Pre-1A Teacher*
- The community -*Primary Teacher*
- Its mission -*Primary Teacher*
- The students -*Elementary Teacher*
- The students and the teachers -*Elementary Teacher*
- The unity and family it creates -*High School Teacher*
- Speaking and getting to know the girls -*High School Teacher*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH IN BAIS RIVKAH?

- Falafel and soup -*Pre-1A Teacher*
- Special lunches ;) -*Pre-1A Teacher*
- Pasta -*Primary Teacher*
- Forever and always, the french fries -*Primary Teacher*
- Spicy fries -*Elementary Teacher*
- French fries -*Elementary Teacher*
- Pasta and quinoa -*High School Teacher*
- Rosh Chodesh lunch (chicken nuggets, broccoli, knishes) -*High School Teacher*

WHAT IS A FUNNY MOMENT OR MEMORY YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IN BAIS RIVKAH?

- It's always funny when students say, "My mommy has a secret and I'm not allowed to tell you but she's having a baby!" -*Pre-1A Teacher*
- I once sang Hallel so off key, my students told me, "We learnt it in a different tune!" -*Primary Teacher*
- One Sunday, before automatic time adjustments on phones existed, I came to school at 8:00 AM because I forgot to change my clock -*Elementary Teacher*

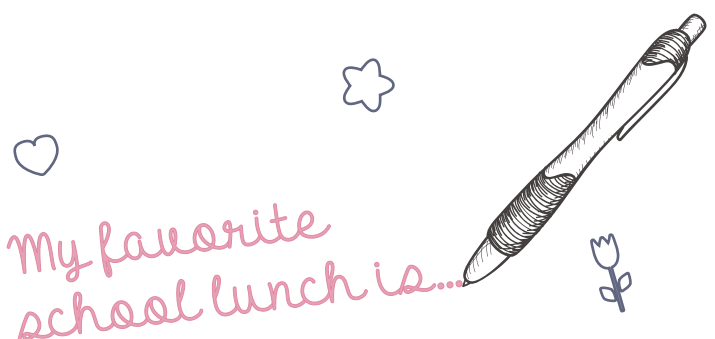
- Games at our teachers' get together -*Elementary Teacher*
- When I was a student in BRHS I put down a new floor in the shluchos room during class time -*High School Teacher*

IS THERE A PARTICULAR LESSON OR VALUE YOU TRY TO INSTILL IN YOUR STUDENTS?

- Speaking nicely and being kind to each other -*Primary Teacher*
- Have דרך ארץ to yourself, your peers and your teachers -*Primary Teacher*
- אהבת ישראל and משיח -*Primary Teacher*
- Love and excitement for חסידישקייט and אידישקייט -*Primary Teacher*
- Love for the רבי and חסידות -*Elementary Teacher*
- Integrity -*Elementary Teacher*
- בטחון - Hashem runs the world, everything will be good! -*High School Teacher*
- Be yourself! -*High School Teacher*

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR TIME IN BAIS RIVKAH?

- That every single student has something special to offer. -*Primary Teacher*
- It takes a city to educate the next generation -*Primary Teacher*
- The big impact of even a seemingly small action -*Primary Teacher*
- That Bais Rivkah is the best school in the world! -*Elementary Teacher*
- How incredible the staff is -*High School Teacher*
- Hashem is guiding every step of the way -*High School Teacher*



Kids Corner

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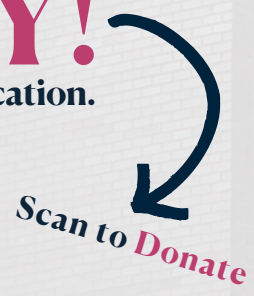
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We believe that school should be a comfort zone, starting with what you wear. That's why we've created a collection of breathable, stretchable, comfortable pieces, making this uniform your new favorite. It's a reimagining of the school uniform, crafted entirely from child-focused feedback.

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Imagine: 2,500 children learning a full day in your merit.

Make your special day last forever by sponsoring our children's Torah learning. It's a beautiful way to honor the memory of a loved one on their יארצייט, to celebrate a special occasion such as birthdays and anniversaries, to get extra זכותים for good health, or simply to show your gratitude and respect to someone.

When you sponsor a day, a notice of your dedication will be prominently displayed on the screen in front of 470 Lefferts Ave. A picture of the display will be emailed to you or to the person of your choice.

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Bais Rivkah has set up drop-off bins for Tzedakah. This program supports our school and Crown Heights families in need. Drop off your clothing, shoes, handbags, linens, towels, stuffed animals, and accessories in our drop box. These bins do not accept toys, games, or housewares.

Our drop-off bins are located at 489 E. New York Avenue. Please be courteous and do not leave trash or clutter around the bins.

To schedule an at-your-door pickup in Brooklyn, please contact us.

Contact:

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BIRTHDAY PACKAGES:

An exciting new project of Bais Rivkah Development: here's a convenient way for parents to make their daughters' birthday at school extra special.

With our Birthday Packages, you can now easily purchase delicious donuts or danishes at an incredibly low cost for your daughter's class to enjoy. Visit our website to explore this fantastic option and make your daughter's birthday celebration at school a delightful and memorable experience.

Simply order online, and your daughter can pick up the treats from our kitchen. Let's make birthdays at Bais Rivkah even sweeter!

bethrivkah.edu/birthdays

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