



Bais Rivkah PULSE

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DEAR PARENTS,

It is a minhag to place a hand on the **מזוזה** before leaving the house, to remind us of **ה' אחד** wherever we go. The Rebbe explains that it is not enough for a home to be a **בית מלא ספרים**; it must also have a **מזוזה** publicly displayed on the outside. The outside world is indeed very challenging; the forces that try to pull us down are stronger and more prevalent than ever before. To combat this, Each of us must "put up a **מזוזה**" on the "doors" of our head and heart and show pride in who we are.

As we enter the summer months, it is imperative to convey this message to our children. We must remember, and display, that we are **אידן** who believe in **ה' אחד**.

In this way we will receive all of the **ברכות** enumerated in **שמע** in the **מזוזה** and we will all be **זוכה** to the greatest **ברכה**, the Rebbe bringing us to the third Bais Hamikdash! Moshiach NOW!

Rabbi L. Newman
DEAN



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Pre-1A

PRE-1A KRIAH PROS!

Mazel tov! After consistent hard work this year, Pre-1A maidelach have learned all of the nekudos and can fluently read full words!



SIYUM HANEKUDOS

We celebrated this incredible accomplishment with a **Siyum Hanekudos**. After an opening from **Rabbi Newman** about Shavuot and Matan Torah, we said pesukim with chayus and gave tzedakah. Each class played a life-sized game of **Nekudos Bingo**, followed by a **Nekudos Hunt**, searching for flowers with letters and nekudos. Using the flowers we collected in our hunt, we decorated Har Sinai, preparing it for Matan Torah. Each girl received an ice pop for a sweet, refreshing conclusion. What a celebration!



ADDING IT UP

From Pesach until the end of the year, our Math unit focused on familiarity with basic addition and subtraction, giving our girls the foundations of math concepts in preparation for first grade.



MODEL MATZAH BAKERY

Pre-1A maidelach got into the Pesach mode with a visit from **Rabbi Grossbaum** and the **Model Matzah Bakery**. The maidelach learned about harvesting wheat for flour and preparing mayim shelanu. Each girl rolled, baked and enjoyed her very own delicious matzah!



10 POINTS!

The **10 Mivtzoim** are a central mission for every chossid in this last stretch until geulah. Several classes are exploring the 10 Mivtzoim in a hands-on unit, learning all about them and creating unique projects that bring the ideas to life.



Creating shiny candlesticks for **Mivtza Neiros Shabbos Kodesh**

SHAVUOS PROJECTS

With **Shavuos** approaching, every girl in Pre-1A prepared something special. Some classes planted flowers and grass in their own pots. They carefully watered their plants each day, watching out for the first shoots to appear, and then brought them home in time for Shavuos. Others enjoyed decorating vases and plates with colorful tape and tissue paper, a special addition to the Yom Tov table!



Writing with a 'quill' like a real sofer for **Mivtza Tefillin** and **Mivtza Mezuzah**

Primary GRADES 1-3

BRINGING THE LEARNING HOME

Pirkei Avos Partners is the beautiful initiative that gives our maidelach and their parents the opportunity to connect through reading and learning Pirkei Avos together on long Shabbos afternoons. The girls can't wait to redeem the **Pirkei Avos Dollars** that they've earned for prizes at the **Pirkei Avos Gift Shop**. Definitely a win-win for all!



TUT ALTZ

Bais Rivkah Primary joined the global initiative **"It's Time to Know"** with a daily mini lesson about Moshiach culled from הלכות מלכים of the **Rambam**. Using an original booklet created especially for our maidelach, the girls were introduced to the basic beliefs and understandings about Moshiach. Just as the Rebbe had envisioned, the lessons sparked fascinating questions and discussions, leaving everyone with a deeper and more passionate yearning for the **Geulah**.

Taking it to the next level, the girls were encouraged to share their new knowledge and excitement with at least one family member at home. Girls who shared the lesson at home and completed the **"Take it Home"** chart were entered into a **Grand Raffle**.



KITAH ALEF MILIM MAVENS

In preparation for receiving their new Chumashim in Kitah Beis, our Kitah Alef maidelach have been building their **Lashon Hakodesh vocabulary**. The students carefully compile their new **Milim flashcards** in a binder for frequent practice to ensure they retain what they have learned. They are proud to display their mastery on the Milim tests at the end of each unit.



SHOSHANA BEIN HACHOCHIM

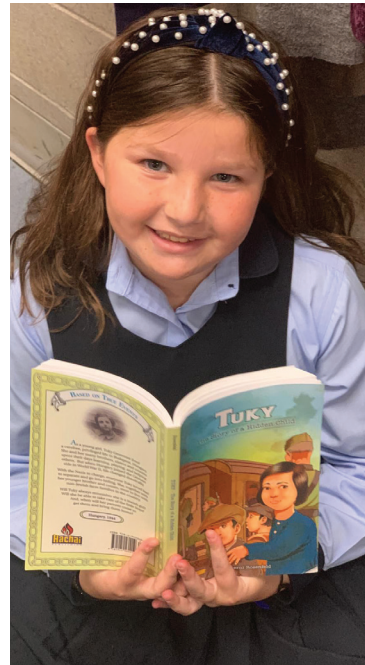
“Shoshana Bein Hachochim” is the long-awaited subject learned in Kitah Gimmel. Through interactive lessons and scrapbooking, each girl gains a new pride in being a Bas Melech.

The **Shoshana Music & Dance Performance** was a culmination of the learning throughout the year. The students practiced their songs and dances for weeks on end, taking the lessons to heart along the way. The girls wowed the crowd at the performance, clearly displaying the effort they had invested. As a moving conclusion, the girls sang the **finale** to their mothers, expressing their gratitude for inspiring them to constantly grow.



TUKY

Our third graders culminated a year of practicing strategies for effective graders reading by reading the chapter book, “**Tuky - The Story of a Hidden Child.**” The girls related to Tuky’s fun-loving nature and learned resilience and emunah from her remarkable journey at a very young age. Inspired by Tuky who learned to embroider from her mother, the girls also began working on their own embroidery. There was such excitement when **Mrs. Tuky Treitel** honored us with a special visit to Bais Rivkah all the way from Montreal, Canada! She connected with the girls and shared stories of hashgacha pratis, pikuach nefesh, and taught them to thank Hashem for every moment. The students were thrilled to see Tuky’s own handmade embroidery, which is such a colorful part of the story, and show her their own embroidery creations.



COUNTING OUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY HATCHED

SCIENCE, MATH, AND MITZVOS!

Between Pesach and Shavuot, keeping count was the highlight of everyone's day!

First, second and third graders were treated to a hands-on life cycles science unit unfolding before their eyes, brought to us by **Morah Liba Rapoport**. Both adults and children began their school day checking up on the eggs in our incubator and were amazed to see nine baby chicks hatch on Day 21!

First and second graders also used the daily sefirah count to explore the value of digits in their math classes. Our third graders used the 49 days of the Omer to master the 7 times table!



LAG B'OMER MARCH & RALLY

On Lag B'Omer, our **Pre1A through fifth grade** students proudly marched as Tzivos Hashem from Bais Rivkah Leffert, joining the other schools in a march to 770 for a special rally.



SIXTH ANNUAL WRITING & BOOK FAIR

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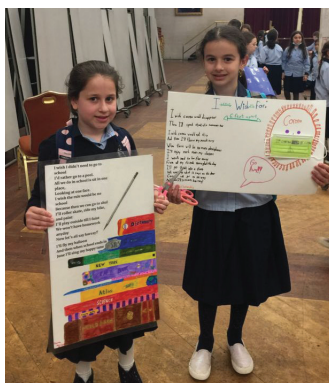
In preparation for the **Sixth Annual Bais Rivkah Writing & Book Fair**, our first-third graders brainstormed, drafted, edited, and finally published their work. Each unique writing piece celebrated its author, highlighting her personal writing style, creativity, and best handwriting. It was such a treat to welcome mothers into school to view the writing displays as well as shop at the book fair with their daughters.



Elementary GRADES 4-8

POETRY FAIR

Throughout the year, fourth graders have been working on various forms of poetry. In honor of the **Poetry Fair**, the girls chose their favorite piece of work to be featured on the **"Wall of Poetry,"** accompanied by a drawing. Our fair celebrated their hard work with poetry recitals and a viewing of their beautiful compositions.



LINES TO LIVE BY

In honor of Shnas Hashivim, from Yud Shvat through Chof Hey Adar, our students learned the **Yud Beis Pesukim** in depth. A **beautiful colored booklet** included the translation, explanation, story and pisgam connected to each posuk. They also watched the "My Maor" videos on each passuk to bring the lessons to life. After learning all of the pesukim, each student made her very own Yud Beis Pesukim framed poster, sponsored by **Mrs. Altein** in memory of her mother. In addition, each student who memorized them all received a donut and was entered into a class raffle.

BRINGING OUR TORAH LEARNING TO LIFE

At Bais Rivkah, we don't just *learn* Chumash... Our fourth and fifth graders took their learning to the next level, exhibiting the depth of their understanding through skits, decorations, food projects and interactive review games. With one look at the pictures you'll see the pride and achievement that they feel when displaying their wealth of knowledge!



JOURNEYING THROUGH READING

Jump on our magic carpet as we travel back in time through the wondrous **Jewish books** we read. Each book, carefully chosen for its valuable lessons, encourages students to cherish the world that reading has opened up for them. We learn, discuss and even create as each book is appreciated together at our biweekly meetings.



BE A CHOSSID - מעלין בקודש

Throughout the year, our sixth grade students worked on their **Avodas Hashem** by filling out daily **checklists**. In addition to the missions they all had, each month the students challenged themselves by **choosing** an area they would be extra careful in. Each month, the students enjoyed creating a hands-on activity connected to the monthly theme. Participants of the program also received monthly prizes in recognition of their hard work.



COLOR WAR

In honor of **Lag B'omer**, Grades 6, 7 and 8 had an incredible **color war**, themed "תהא שנת פלאות אראנו". With Torah learning, incredible chayus and a healthy dose of exercise, every girl had a chance to shine. The activities and games continued through Thursday and Friday, but didn't end there. Color war extended into Shabbos with the girls completing their missions of davening, Chitas and Pirkei Avos to earn points for their teams.



SCIENCE!

LEARNING BY DESIGN

Design Education is based on the idea of implementing learning experiences into action. In **design challenge competitions**, students organize teams to work collaboratively using a range of concepts from current design philosophy. They also develop and test fabrication skills to make scalable physical objects that model a proposed solution. Once completed, each team interprets findings and communicates results effectively.



REACH FOR THE STARS

Science classes for our eighth graders this year ended with a bang, with a visit to a **planetarium**. There was no need to leave school for this fun activity—it came to us at **470 Lefferts Avenue!** Our lunchroom was transformed and the girls enjoyed a most spectacular live experience of Hashem's amazing and intricate world.



RHODE ISLAND, HERE WE COME!

What a whirlwind of a day! Eighth grade went on a graduation trip to **Newport, Rhode Island**. With a visit to the historic **Touro Synagogue**, a boat ride from **Fort Adams**, and tour of **The Breakers Mansion**, the girls had a smashing time experiencing all sides of this beautiful city. The fun-packed trip ended on a high note with dinner at **Chabad of Midtown Manhattan** and meaningful words shared by the shliach **Rabbi Metzger**.



High School

GRADES 9-12

SCHOOLWIDE READING INITIATIVE

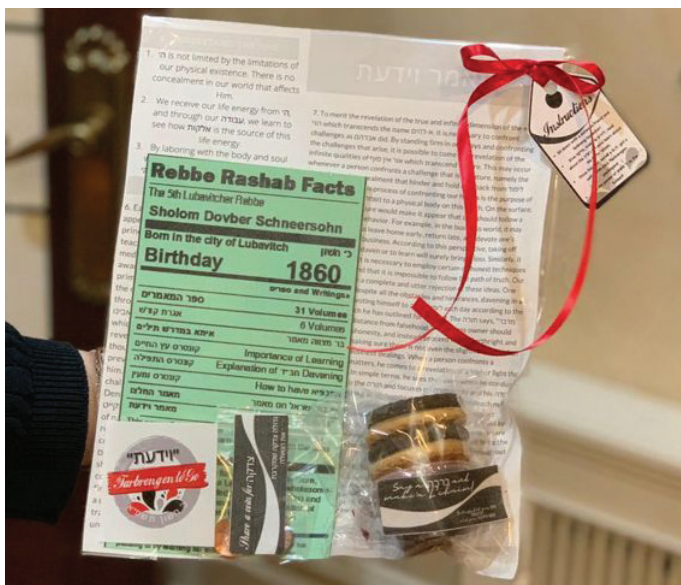
To encourage our students to spend more time reading, students in each grade were assigned specific books to read. Classes engaged in guided discussions that brought the books to life and assignments that brought the themes home. As one student put it, “I never really liked to read but I loved *The Family Aguilar*, and this encouraged me to open other books as well.”

Some of the books assigned were: *Subbota*, *Forever My Jerusalem*



BRHS EXTRACURRICULAR

The chayus that is known to the world as “Bais Rivkah Energy” does not emerge from a vacuum. Our extracurricular programming gives each Bais Rivkah student an outlet to utilize her talents, get involved, build lasting friendships and strengthen her hiskashrus and Torah values.



A.G.V.

“AGV,” A Gutteh Voch Bais Rivkah, was established for Bais Rivkah students to encourage unity between students of all classes and grades. The girls get together on Motzei Shabbos to sing, dance and enjoy each others’ company. Graciously sponsored by Rabbi Moshe Rubashkin, this program gave the girls a springboard to start off the week on a high note.

ACHOS HATMIMIM

Achos Hatmimim is a program that encourages personal growth, using a point system to support students to grow “mechayil el chayil” in their Yiddishkeit. Students participate in farbrengens and are also involved in special projects. At the conclusion of the year, all members of Achos Hatmimim join a retreat, and a few lucky girls win a raffle to Eretz Yisrael. (This year’s destination will be in the US.)

KI KAROV CONTEST

While “Diving In” to the possuk of Ki Karov Eilecha, GO introduced a new initiative. Each girl had the opportunity to express a concept in Chassidus that is applicable to her life through any form of art. Their artwork was sent in to a panel of esteemed judges and presented at the grand “Chassidus is Key” contest where winners were chosen to receive prizes including a Rebbe dollar.



CHIDON

For many weeks, students were engaged in intensive study of the Rebbe's sichos. Students who excelled in the weekly tests qualified to be finalists in the grand Chidon. It was a great success and inspired many girls to continue learning sichos, both independently and with a chavrusa.



MUSICAL SETS

Lights, camera, action! Our Musical Sets this year hit a major homerun. The limitations of large gatherings didn't stop us from bringing Bais Rivkah talent to the stage—we went bigger, brighter, and better! The film “Now I Know” highlighted the power of women, and empowered our girls through song, dance, and drama. Thank you to directors Malka Aisenbach, Chavi Swued and Chaya Mushka Baumgarten for the time and effort invested!

GO THEMES AND ASSEMBLIES

Each year, the GO chooses a theme aimed at driving home the ultimate goal of Geulah. This year's GO theme was “Dive In,” brought out through the 12 pesukim. This world is a beautiful place, but often it's hard to recognize the true beauty Hashem has embedded within creation. The 12 pesukim, handpicked by the Rebbe, are a way to zoom in on this truth. This year, BRHS focused on “Diving In” to understand why they are so fundamental, and how living by them will bring Moshiach now!





LAG B'OMER

Lag B'omer in Bais Rivkah was a true day of celebration! At night, the girls sang around a bonfire. The day started off with an incredible Game Show where we discovered some interesting facts about Lag B'omer. At the fun-filled carnival run by 11th and 12th graders everyone enjoyed cotton candy. For the main highlight of the day, Australian artist Yitzchok Mouly directed the creation of a magnificent permanent mural on the wall of Bais Rivkah. Each student got the opportunity to spray on a letter of the alef-bais, creating a masterpiece of a painting.





What will you remember most about elementary school?

I will miss the achdus and chayus that can be felt in the hallways of elementary school.
- Rika Deitsch

I am going to miss the shorter days.
- Rosie Rubashkin

In eighth grade I really enjoyed when the principals taught us.
- Raizel Polter

I am going to miss the teachers, principals, the gatherings, and the wonderful building.
- Atara Friedman

The beautiful building and my beautiful classroom.
- Miriam Brocha Golomb

The energy in the school.
- Chaya Mushka Altein

The Yud Tes Kislev and Chof Bais Shvat programs every year.
- Sarale Nadler

I am going to miss my teachers and my friends that are not coming to Bais Rivkah High School.
- Shoshi Koniaroki

The entire staff - actually everything!
- Tzippy Gurkov

In high school classes are always changing, I am going to miss having one class.
- Rozy Pruss

The JEP programs!
- Leba Borisule

The warm environment.
- Chaya Mushka Mathless