



# Bais Rivkah PULSE

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THE RHYTHM OF GROWTH AND ACTIVITY IN BAIS RIVKAH



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## DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome back to the *Bais Rivkah Pulse*.

As you flip through this magazine, take a walk through the hallways of Bais Rivkah.

See the vibrant bulletin boards.

Hear the focused enthusiasm coming from the classrooms.

View the confidence and growth that takes place every day.

Our students thrive under the care of our incredible leadership, our dedicated teachers, and our constantly innovative programs.

As Bais Rivkah continues to move forward, the Pulse serves as a way to look at Bais Rivkah as a whole. Our goal is to periodically publish this magazine to help keep your finger on the Pulse of Bais Rivkah.

Here, you can see the big picture across Bais Rivkah, learn about departments, programs or initiatives you may not have known about, and find out about upcoming events. This magazine also recognizes our dedicated teachers and staff who work tirelessly to provide your daughters with top-tier חינוך.

We are honored to partner with you to educate the next generation of Jewish mothers.

Warmly,

*Rabbi Sholom Goldstein,*  
on behalf of the Board of Directors

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# Pre-1A

## יומא דפגרא

### ח"י אלול

Pre1A kicked off the special days of the year with a grand פארברענגען. Each class decorated a king for מלך בשדה and sang קלי אתה in honor of the אלטער רבי's birthday.



### י' שבט

Pre1A joined together for the 12 פסוקים, storytime with Rabbi Zalmanov, flower החלטות and writing פנים.



### כ' חשוון

The girls learned about the concept of being a נירות להאיר through creating scratch-off pictures.



### כ"ב שבט

The צניעות מידלעך decorated dresses as they learned about צניעות.



### י"ט כסלו

The students enjoyed a special breakfast of danishes and chocolate milk and a fancy lunch, in addition to in-classroom programs.



### ה' טבת

Each class enjoyed a book reading at the Bais Rivkah library!



# א-ב סיום

Before starting to learn נקודות, the Pre1a מיידלעך celebrated their knowledge of the א-ב.

The girls played an א-ב Bingo game, beaded bracelets with

the letters of their names and took home a game of א-ב Spot It. What a wonderful way to laud the מיידלעך's hard work and mastery.



# קריאה

The Pre1a מיידלעך are progressing beautifully in קריאה. They are learning so many נקודות - Komatz, Patach, Tzeirei, Segol, Cholom - and are practicing combining sounds to make words.

With fun activities and games in class, along with daily review at home, they are becoming קריאה masters!



# פרשה

פרשה is fun and interactive in Pre1A.

פרשת נח brought with it a petting zoo. אברהם and פרשת יורא were popular stops during the event. The girls cooked lentil soup like יעקב אבינו and dressed up like the כהן גדול by כהן גדול. The hands-on learning enhances their joy of אידיוסקייט.



# MATH & SCIENCE

In Pre1a, the girls are taught the foundations of Math and Science.

Math focuses on the basics of counting and addition, comparing bigger and smaller, and counting by 5's and 10's.

In Science, the girls cover topics with hands-on experiments. They mixed paint to learn the primary and secondary colors and connected cups with paper towels to watch the way the water gets absorbed and travels. The girls also compare and contrast the different seasons as they come and go.



# אדר FUN

The two months of אדר are one long celebration here in Pre1A.

On ראש חודש אדר א' the girls enjoyed glow-in-the-dark dancing, followed by edible ice cream clowns. On שושן

פורים, they had a balloon show. During the month, each class had a chance to enjoy face painting. Pre1A continues to combine learning with joy.



## הכנה לי"א ניסן

On י"ב פסוקים at bed time, we מידלעך took on a החלטה to say the Rebbe on י"א ניסן. This special evening addition will be a great present for the Rebbe on י"א ניסן. Every girl who remembers to say it at night brings in a colorful badge. Our bulletin board is filling up with the incredible accomplishments of these girls. The רבי must be so proud!



# Primary GRADES 1-3

## סידור PARTIES

In preparation for their סידור Parties, our כיתה א' מיידלעך learned songs and dances, practicing their performances for weeks. On the special day, Mommies and Bubbies came to watch them perform, as well as receive a siddur from our Hebrew principal, Morah S. S. Avtzon.

So overjoyed to finally have their very own סידורים, some students even began reading from them before they returned to their classrooms. They are continuing to make strides in their קריאה, feeling the satisfaction as they can daven to ה' from a סידור!

Thank you to our devoted כיתה א' Morahs for preparing the girls for this special milestone.



## מבצעים

In preparation for שבט י', the students in ג', ב', א' learned about התקשרות to the רבי, specifically through מבצעים. Each class worked together, creating a unique display on one of the מבצעים, which were hung up in the stairwells for the whole school to see.

On שבט י', there was traffic in the stairwells as students from all grades stopped at each poster, learning and gaining from the creative displays.



## הכרת הטוב

Real-life learning happens when we take personal lessons from the תורה we learn in class.

Students learned in חומש that אברהם אבינו built a מזבח to thank ה' for the ניסים He had done. Taking the cue from his הכרת הטוב, the students showed their gratitude by learning a "Thank You Mommy and Tatty" song to sing to their parents at home; writing cards to special people they wanted to thank; and more.

This connected to learning the meaning of מודים עשירי in שמונה עשרה and filling in their הכרת הטוב journal, where they record their daily gratitude for what ה' does for them.



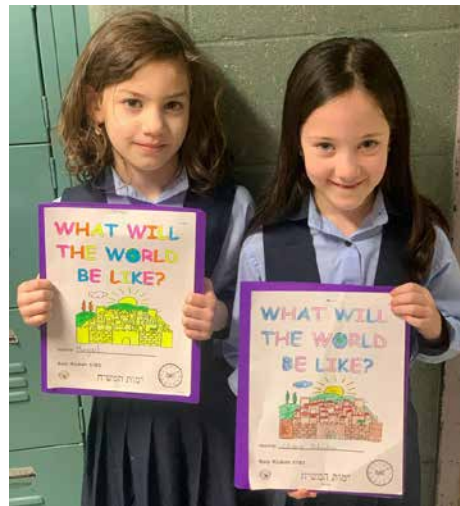
## PAINTING PRINCESSES

Abundant artistic talent and creativity was on display as students in grades 1-3 explored the concepts of royalty and **צניות**, connected to **מושקא ח' רביצין** in honor of **שבת כ"ב**. Students painted silhouettes on canvas, with mirrors to represent the princess inside of us which should always be reflected on the outside. Each student's creativity was on full display, with no two pieces of art alike!



## WE WANT MOSHIACH NOW!

Every Sunday morning, girls in grades 1-3 focus on learning a concept about **משיח**. Our **עניני גאולה ומשיח** curriculum follows the **רבי**'s directive to teach about **משיח** in ways a child can relate to. Our "What our world will be like when **משיח** comes" portfolio is filled with concrete things a child can understand and look forward to, truly making the coming of **משיח** a reality.



## ידיעות כלליות

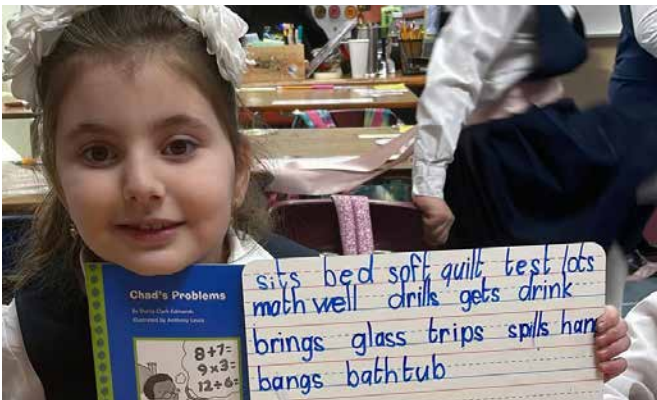
Walking through the hallways past the **כיתה ג'** classrooms, you may hear classes singing songs. They're not just taking a break from classroom learning, they're learning **ידיעות כלליות**!

Through games, activities, songs, and lots of practice, the girls learn and master **ידיעות כלליות** topics connected to different **פרשיות**. At the end of each unit, the girls take cumulative assessments to show their consistent progress.



## A TO Z

From A to Z, the first graders are well on their way to becoming skilled, confident readers and writers! Starting the year with letters and sounds, the girls can now proudly read and write lots of words, including all the words in these exciting sentences: "Look at my class! We will just not stop! Can you see us go?"



## GUIDE ON THE SIDE

Third grade is an exciting transitional year in Bais Rivkah. Our third graders enjoy working collaboratively, as their teacher leaves center stage to support their learning as a "guide on the side." Whether working on mastering their times tables and division facts, practicing reading comprehension strategies, or working as "Awesome Authors," editing and perfecting writing drafts for their writing portfolio, two heads (or more!) are truly better than one!



## שמיטה EXPERIENCE

Our third grade had an immersive שמיטה experience, complete with full farmer dress up (אדר-style!) for teachers and students alike. The girls learned the הלכות of שמיטה and how they apply in and out of ארץ ישראל, and

performed an adorable rhyming שמיטה song in costume for the younger students to enjoy. Some classes extended the experience by playing שמיטה-themed חנוכה skill games. Such excitement!



## DEDICATION TO EDUCATION

A dedication to Mrs. Chana E. Feldman was made with Primary staff members and the Feldman and Sharfstein family. Mrs. Feldman was the dedicated principal of the Primary department for 40 years, תשל"ד-תשע"ז, and now a new generation will be reminded of her wisdom and leadership which will be felt for years to come.



# Elementary

## GRADES 4-8

### ART ROOM

In October, Bais Rivka added art classes to the 4th-grade curriculum. Art classes focus on developing skills for budding artists, such as sketching, color mixing, composition, sculpture, and design. The girls practice using a variety of art mediums and tools.

This month, we are very excited to experience art in our new art room. Each art lesson includes an instructional element, creative expression, and time to independently develop the skills learned. Students' work is collected in portfolios. The girls enjoy seeing their skills develop over time.

The goal at the end of the year is for all students to have a clear, basic understanding of what makes an artist. They will have acquired a collection of skills that will help them become aware of their own abilities, which they can continue to develop independently.



### “CLIMB-IT CHANGE” PROGRAM

As אידן, we are constantly striving to improve. The most important method of change is to behave the way we want to, מעשה בפועל. This year the school theme is, “תהא שנת פנימיות בכל”, the year we will internalize our choices.

Every two weeks, on Sunday morning, our students listen to a story and discuss a quote based on חסידות. Then, they decide on a החלטה to focus on for two weeks. As the year progresses, we add more and more החלטות. The girls visually climb mountains on our “Climb-It Change” bulletin board.

Some examples of what the students have been working on:

- Say קריאת שמע from a סדר
- Think positively
- Have a growth mindset
- Focus on making ourselves happy from within

All students received beautiful jewelry. *This beautiful program and its prizes are sponsored by our dear student, לעילוי נשמת Lebovic. הדסה בת יבלחטי"א שניאור זלמן.*



## הכנה לתפילה

The רבי teaches that if you דאוונין properly, your learning and your day will be improved. At the same time, it is a challenge to concentrate and דאוונין sincerely. The רבי says that one way to help us do this is to prepare beforehand.

To help make תפילה more meaningful and enriching for our students, we've invested in creating age-appropriate הכנה לתפילה opportunities for each grade.

Our 4th graders are inspired by the "טוט אלץ" program developed by Rabbi Newman. They begin their morning with short learning sessions that relate to the הלכות of תפילה or explain specific תפילות.

Each 5th-grade girl received a full-color תפילה Journal created by Mrs. Leah Sollish. It covers the topic of תפילה in general and then delves into specific תפילות.

6th grade's הכנה לתפילה, compiled by Miss Kahanov, includes stories, הלכות, videos, and פתגמים related to davening. Each teacher presents the information Monday through Wednesday. Every Thursday, students take turns teaching the class about a specific תפילה. The girls answer questions about the topic in their own תפילה journal.

Students in 7th and 8th grade begin their morning with their תפילה journals. Both journals require students to reflect on their learning. This helps them internalize the day's lessons and apply them to their תפילה.

The 7th grade's "Inspirational Tefilla" (I.T.) journal was created this summer by Morah Chaikin and visually enhanced by Mrs. Schwei. It gives students a deeper understanding of תפילה in general and of specific תפילות. This month, the 7th graders depicted through art the תפילה they most relate to, based on what they learned.

The 8th-grade journal, "Ready. Set. Daven.", was created by Ms. Rimler. It contains many beautiful חסידות lessons on davening.

The journals are printed in color for maximum enjoyment and student engagement.



## WRITING CURRICULUM

Communication has always been the cornerstone of society. As students move from grade to grade, our curriculum continues to teach written and oral communication skills. Imagination, grammar, reading various genres, editing, and peer conferencing help our students move from sentence writers to published works.

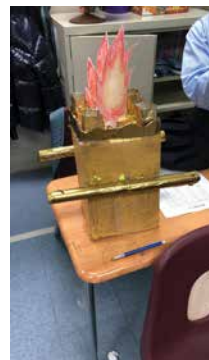
In addition to daily writing, each grade level focuses on targeted writing assignments. This year, students will combine their writing talents with public presentations by presenting their persuasive essays in a live debate, their verse novels in dramatic form, and poetry recitals.



## בקיאות בפרשה

"מען דארף לעבן מיט דער צייט". Our students are often well versed in the basic story of the פרשה. Having grown up learning פרשה each week and discussing it around their שבת table, many of our students can ברוך ה' tell the story to us.

Instead of a weekly story session, Elementary students are challenged to interact academically with the פרשה. They add names, places, family trees, ages, events and dates to their knowledge base. The בקיאות בפרשה curriculum ensures that students' knowledge builds on itself and grows in an age-appropriate way.



# אדר JOY

With a double אדר this year, Bais Rivkah Elementary School is pulsing with joy.

A large calendar featuring the school's special אדר programs has been placed on the wall. Our students look

forward to a new exciting activity every week.

From lip-synching to שמחה dancing and door decorating, the אדר spirit is in full swing.



# High School

## GRADES 9-12

### THE REBBE ONCE SAID TO AN EDUCATOR THAT CHINUCH IS BASED ON THREE THINGS: השפעה AND הוראה, הדרכה.

#### הוראה REFERS TO LEARNING, ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND ITS RELEVANCE TO STUDENTS' LIVES.

These educational initiatives were launched this year:

#### CURRICULUM בקיאות

The new Bais Rivka בקיאות program helps students improve their כלליות. The goal of this program is to expand the girls' general knowledge and familiarity with the פרשת השבוע.

Students in grades 9-11 learn selected parts of חומש and רש"י, basic vocabulary words, פתגמים and כלליות. There are different tracks for students to choose their independent-study challenge.

Students are encouraged with monthly raffles of gift certificates for beautiful jewelry.

The jewelry is sponsored by Kirsch Jewelers לעילוי נשמת חי' מושקא ע"ה קירש.



#### עניני גאולה ומשיח CURRICULUM

The Rebbe teaches us the משיח through learning עניני משיח. As such, all grade levels learn עניני גאולה ומשיח. We encourage you to ask your daughters' what they are learning. Through parents learning עניני משיח with their children, may we experience גאולה immediately!



#### CURRICULUM עברית

This year, a comprehensive עברית curriculum was introduced. Classes are divided into tracks tailored to the level of each student. The tracks cover literary works in Hebrew and conversational Hebrew. This groundbreaking curriculum equips our girls with language skills that are helpful in all קודש subjects.



## EVERY LEARNER SUCCEEDS

Every student should feel successful. To help every student expand their skills and cultivate success, we added two tracks to our Hebrew courses:

*The advanced track* for those seeking an additional challenge.

*The H-3 track* which provides additional support, modeled after the P-3 program.



## הדרכה REPRESENTS THE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

*These are just some highlights of our school events this year:*

### שמיטה DAY

To celebrate שמיטה this year, G.O. organized an interactive program to share the basic הלכות of שמיטה. The entire day was themed "שבת לה" - pausing for a moment to focus on our values and priorities.

The students heard from farmers' wives in ארץ ישראל who shared what it's like to stop working their land. The girls toured a hands-on שוק, where they gained knowledge about various הלכות of שמיטה. They answered questions about what they learned to earn the colorful sweets "sold" at the שוק.



### AGV

Short for "A Gut Voch", AGV is a monthly מוצא שבת program where students enjoy positivity and bonding over מלוח מלכה and energetic dancing. The most recent AGV featured an exclusive concert with Bracha Jaffee. Many students point to the AGV program as a highlight that helps them feel connected to each other and Bais Rivkah as a whole.



## י"ט כסלו

Students entered the high school lobby and saw a beautifully decorated space exploring the theme of the day, "חסידות מגלה את", תורה reveals the essence of תורה.

The girls visited various stations spread throughout the school building.

*איכה program:* the students created vision boards of future החלטות

*ניגון project:* students used ניגונים to present different concepts in חסידות.

*Workshops:* set up like a blind museum, the girls experienced how things may seem dark and confusing at first, but the light of חסידות makes it clear.

*Exhibits:* students walked through a recreated subway station displaying stories from תנ"ך that seem perplexing at first, until חסידות sheds light on it.

After a festive סעודה and ד' בבות, Rabbi Rodal spoke to the students about the topic. An incredible mini-production on the history before the רבי א'לטער's arrest brought out important concepts such as שמחה, אהבת ישראל, and תפילה.



## PRODUCTION

Production is a highlight of the year and gives over 560 girls the opportunity to showcase their talents on stage. This year's show, *Strong*, conveyed the power and preciousness of מצווה. Rave reviews followed the spectacular performance.



## “כִּיּוּס חִסְדוֹת”

High school students had the opportunity to use their talents to express any concept in חִסְדוֹת and show how it affects their lives. The creativity shown was incredible and ranged from poetry, art, music and much more.

On טבת כ"ד, the entries were presented to the school and the winners were chosen. Many participants reported how this program helped them experience חִסְדוֹת in a deeper way.



## חידון

Launched two years ago, לעינר יונה אבצון provides an incentive for students to learn לקוטי שיחות in greater depth. This year, participants will cover selected שיחות from חומש ויקרא, using Sichos in English as a guide. Students study in חברותא, attend שיעורים and use study guides all on their own time. As the participants attest, the sweet taste of mastering a subject independently adds a whole new flavor to learning.

## השפעה MEANS CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO MEET PEOPLE WHO IMPACT THEIR LIFE IN A POSITIVE WAY.

### CONNECTIONS

Bais Rivkah does everything possible to reach each and every student.

Each grade has a **מחנכת** who meets with each girl individually and **שלוחות** who build positive relationships with students, inside and outside of school. The robust guidance department helps students deal with challenges in their daily lives.

Throughout the year, our **מחנכות** and **שלוחות** organize grade events and **פארברענגען**, as well as fun extracurricular activities to bond as a class.






## COMING UP...

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### אדר ב' תשפ"ב - MARCH 2022

DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	שבת
		1 כ"ח	2 כ"ט	3 ל	4 א ראש חרש	5 ב פקודי
6	7	8 ה Beauty of Shabbos 	9 ו	10 ז	11 ח 5:32 PM	12 ט שבת זכור ויקרא
13 Concert with Dobby Baum 	14	15 יב	16 יג תענית אסתר	17 יד פורים 	18 טו שושן פורים 6:48 PM	19 טז צו
20	21	22 יט	23 כ	24 כ"א Optimizing Mothers' Podcast, #5 	25 כ"ב 6:55 PM	26 כ"ג שבת פרה שמיני שבת מברכים
27	28	29 כ"ד Organize it! 	30 כ"ה	31 כ"ו	1 כ"ז 7:03 PM	

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# Counseling Sessions for Parents


*All services are at no cost to parents.*



Yeled V'Yalda is partnering with Beth Rivkah Branches to offer counseling sessions to parents. You have the opportunity to talk to professionals about your child and her education.

**Obtain support for:**

- Communication
- Routines
- Anger Management
- Emotional Regulation
- Fostering positive attitudes in children
- Helping children grow academically
- Creating a healthy home environment


For more information, parents may contact: [FLauffer@yeled.org](mailto:FLauffer@yeled.org)

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Calling on all Bais Rivkah students to join our grand

CAMPAIGN



## PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

From כ"ה אדר - כ"ב שבט

for your chance to help your school and win a prize!



*Here's how:*

1. Pick up a pushka from the principal's office and bring it home
2. Give tzedakah and fill it up!
3. Bring your full pushka back between כ"ה אדר and כ"ב שבט to claim your prize!

**BAIS RIVKAH WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SUPPORTERS:**



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# BUS SAFETY

## **Bais Rivkah's top priority during this first year of private busing is your child's safety.**

*To ensure the smooth operation of the bus system, please observe the following protocols:*

- Bus stops have been chosen to accommodate as many families as possible. The bus cannot make additional "convenient" stops.
- Routes and stops are subject to change at any time.
- Please notify the office in advance if:
  - You will be moving during the year.
  - Your daughter will not be riding the bus.
  - Your daughter will be out of school for an extended period of time.
- We offer the convenience of bus tracking. Please note the tracker lags behind. Be ready at your stop in advance.
- Be at your designated stop *prior* to the bus's arrival. Drivers cannot hold up traffic or delay their route more than necessary.
- If your daughter can not walk home from her stop on her own, please be there to pick her up. Make sure you are at the stop before the bus arrives.
- If the bus is late one day, it does not mean that is the new arrival time of the bus.
- Do not call or text/WhatsApp the bus driver.

*Please review the bus safety rules and talk about them with your children:*

- If your stop is across the street, cross the street before the bus arrives.
- If there are several students waiting, they should line up without pushing.
- Wait until the bus has come to a stop and the doors have opened before stepping off the curb.
- Talk to your daughter about not pushing to get on the bus—there are enough seats for everyone.
- Be sure to keep an eye on your other children as you approach the bus.
- Do not run after the bus if you miss it.
- Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus. Please do not send your daughter on the bus in the morning with breakfast, yogurt, or hot drinks.
- As in school, students are expected to keep their hands to themselves. Bullying will not be tolerated.

We look forward to continuing to provide safe, convenient transportation for your daughter every school day of the year.

## **WE ARE HERE TO HELP** **IF ANY PROBLEMS ARISE.**

Please inform us of any bullying incidents so we can address them immediately.

If there is an issue with a bus driver, please contact the Transportation Department so we can take care of it. Bus drivers should be treated with respect. Yelling at or threatening a driver will not be tolerated.

For address changes, tracking links or other requests that are not time sensitive, please email [transportation@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:transportation@bethrivkah.edu). You will receive a response within one school day.

For all time-sensitive inquiries, please call the office at **(718) 735-0770, ext. 12.**



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