



# Bais Yaakov e-Newsletter

Parshas Ha'azinu



## Preschool Begins Sweet New Year with Honey

There was a buzz all around the **Preschool** as the girls prepared for *Rosh Hashana*. **Mr. Avi Ray**, Bais Yaakov parent and beekeeping enthusiast, presented an engaging presentation about bees and the delicious sweet treat they create - honey! The girls enjoyed seeing his special beekeeping clothes, his smoking tools to calm the bees in the hive, and especially his single-frame live-bee exhibit. We learned about how bees interact and work to create the delicious treat we use on *Rosh Hashana*.

## The Preschool Garden

Our very first seedlings were transplanted into the new Preschool garden. Our garlic, onions, spinach, beets, and radishes are preparing to sleep through the winter in our raised beds. We are excited for more vegetables join them in the spring. Stay tuned for the official dedication of our new garden.



## Ima Day

The **Nursery** began learning the *Aleph-Beis*, and hosted an "*Ima*" day to register all the girls and their dolls into Bais Yaakov. Our girls knew the word *Ima* starts and ends with the letter *Aleph*. It was fun to hear the clickety-clack of their *Ima* shoes and to see

them sporting *tichels* or *sheitels*! Each girl received her stamped "Welcome to Bais Yaakov Card."

### Grade Level Yom Tov Projects

As *Elul*, *Rosh Hashana*, *Yom Kippur*, and *Sukkos* accompany the beginning of the school year, it is a perfect opportunity to enrich the girls' *Yom Tov* experience by creating beautiful projects. Thank you to our **PTA** for sponsoring these projects.



### Yom Tov Preparations in the Upper Elementary

The Upper Elementary has been busy preparing for the many *Yomim Tovim* in *Tishrei*. The **Third Grade** created striking diamond art projects, and the **Fourth Grade** decorated beautiful clocks. The girls enjoyed preparing these precious works of art that will grace their *Sukkahs*. We especially want to thank the **PTA** for generously sponsoring our *Sukkos* projects.



### Simanim Activity

Our **Fifth Graders** have become experts in the *simanim* of *Rosh Hashana*, including apples, honey, leek, beets, head of a fish, pomegranates, black eyed peas and dates. The girls were treated to beautiful tables adorned with various *simanim* eaten on *Rosh Hashana*. They were each given a chart with the various *tefilos* and were challenged to match up each one with the proper food. The correlation between the words of the *tefilah* and its corresponding food were concretized, as the students



experienced a hands-on, memorable and tasty lesson.



### G.O., Gemach and GEM

Our Upper Middle School **G.O.** Presidium broke out this year's theme, "**Celebrations.**" The **Seventh** and **Eight Grades** celebrated with a special opening trip to **Urban Air**. The **Gemach** Presidium also introduced their new theme, "**It's a Breeze,**" by rolling out a special *Tzedaka* and *Tehillim* program for the *Aseres Yemei Teshuva* reminding us that doing *mitzvos* can be a breeze especially during this auspicious time of year.

In the Lower Middle School, **GEM** presented its new theme, "**Journeys,**" with each student receiving a travel bag and food to eat on the way. The girls will embark on exciting new journeys - traveling around the world and growing in their *middos* with this special program.

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### Inspiration in the High School

**Rav Yehonason Alpren** *shlit"á*, an admired and popular Rabbinic figure from *Eretz Yisroel*, energized us with a most inspiring and illuminating interpretation of *Shlomo Hamelech's Eishes Chayil*. Rav Alpren's insights and commentary brought this beautiful *tefilah*/paean into sharp focus and helped the students relate to it in a new, refreshing, and inspired way.

The *Yom Tov* season has also been enriched with uplifting messages from **Rabbi Zweig, Rabbi Shapiro, Rabbi Engelsberg**, and our special, annual *Tzom Gedaliah* guest, **Rav Shrage Neuberger** *shlit"á*. Opening presentations from **G.O.** and *Gemach* have charged the school *ruach*, as we look ahead to the pre *Yom Kippur Yom Iyun*.



## High School Breakouts

The **G.O.** opening activity saw a beautiful day dawn as hundreds of students visited with the wildlife at **The Maryland Zoo** and competed in a lively scavenger hunt. A comment from a zoo employee echoed what we hear so often, "You all should stay for the whole day; you're so well behaved!"

At the *Gemach* breakout, **Mrs. Malka Zweig** spoke about the deep feelings for *Klal Yisroel* exhibited by **Mr. Aryeh Wolf A"H**, who cared so much that others should follow his lead in *mitzvah* observance. Aryeh's model for selfless *chesed* has led us to dedicate this year's school-wide *Gemach* activities as a merit for his pure *neshama*. May his memory be a blessing and inspiration for all of us.



**Oct 7-19** - Succos Recess (School Closed)  
**Oct 20** - School Resumes

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