



Bais Yaakov e-Newsletter Chanukah Edition

Shabbos Chanukah - Parshas Mikeitz

Wishing you a freilechen Chanukah!



Lower Elementary School

Beginning with *Rosh Chodesh Kislev*, our **Preschool** classrooms have been filled with music as the girls created special projects and made *latkes* and donuts! **Rabbi Sanders** reminded the students of the importance of fire safety and not playing with matches, candles or oil. **Rabbi Shmulik Raices** presented a **Shemen Show** on how to make clear olive oil for lighting using test tubes and a centrifuge machine to separate the sediment from the pure oil. The girls were amazed how a can of black olives can turn into yellow oil! **Morah Debbie Kessler** performed a puppet show for the Preschool, which was enjoyed by all. We rounded out the week with visiting other classrooms to play *Chanukah* games, make projects and hear stories. It has been a whirlwind of excitement as the Preschool maximized every moment of our *Chanukah* days!

The **First and Second Grades** have enjoyed a variety of *Chanukah* activities including singing, baking donuts, and davening *Hallel*. The girls created beautiful signs for the *brachos* and trays for their *menoros* to stand on.

In honor of *Chanukah*, the **Second Grade** played **Chumash Shores** Bingo. The girls filled their boards with *shorashim* and had a great time filling up row after row with delicious "Bingo markers" (colored winkies). Many students completed their whole boards!



Upper Elementary School

Festive *Chanukah* music has been greeting the **Upper Elementary** girls as they enter school this week. Each morning, the entire division has been joining together to enjoy *Hallel* and hear a *dvar Torah* from a **Fourth Grade** class. Following *Hallel*, we have been joined by the **First and Second Grades** to sing *Chanukah* songs with piano accompaniment by **Mrs. Shazy King**. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a performance by **Mrs. Esther Feldheim's Fourth Grade** class. They highlighted how much gratitude we must have for *Hashem*.

Many classes have been enjoying *Chanukah* parties with fun games and activities. Our **Fourth Grade** had a great time designing their own *dreidels*! Thank you to the **PTA** for sponsoring donuts in honor of *Rosh Chodesh Teves* and for facilitating the *Chanukah* gifts for our teachers and support staff. A special thank you for assisting with our faculty appreciation lunch!



Middle School

The Middle School has been aglow with *Chanukah ruach*. In the **Upper Middle School**, our **Decorating Halls Committee** outfitted their halls with donuts, *menorot*, streamers and more. The **Chanukah Chagiga Committee** went above and beyond with their creativity in transforming the auditorium into a big game show. Perhaps the Jews hiding from the *Yevanim* were playing Connect Four or Rummikub other than *dreidel*? **Mrs. Shira Abramovitz** inspired the girls with the message of the *Maccabim* regarding the importance of standing up for our values and not falling prey to peer pressure. The girls played a fast-paced game show with *Chanukah* trivia and ended the night with dancing.

On Wednesday, our **Seventh Grade** visited local nursing homes to share the light of *Chanukah* with those who are not able to be with their own families. **Rabbi Shlomo Horwitz** spoke to our **Eighth Grade** and shared a fascinating story about fighter jets and oil filled with modern day "*Chanukah-esque*" miracles and *hashgacha pratis*.



In the **Lower Middle School**, our **Fifth Grade** turned the lobby into a museum of beautiful *menoros*, *dreidels* and other *Chanukah* paraphernalia. The girls enjoyed fun activities throughout the week, including making *dreidels* out of phone books! At the *Chanukah Chagiga*, **6F** performed a dance. The girls created magnificent resin keychains and enjoyed donuts and iced coffee as they journeyed to the "Milky Way." We were excited to have some of our Bais Yaakov Seniors join us for dancing at the end of the *chagiga*.



High School

The High School halls have been filled with *ruach* and *Chanukah* spirit all week! The students have enjoyed *davening* together with beautiful *Hallel*. The **Twelfth Grade Guitar Class**, led by **Miss Yaffa Caplan**, performed *Chanukah* songs which led to lively dancing. The *Chanukah Chagiga* on Tuesday evening was enjoyed by all.



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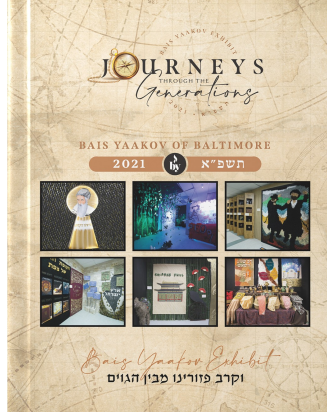


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