



Bais Yaakov e-Newsletter Lower Elementary

Parshas Shemos

Pre-Nursery and Nursery - Story and Movement Activity

Developing social and emotional awareness and regulation are important parts of childhood development. **Mrs. Rachel Sagal of Serene 613** recently visited our **Pre-Nursery** and **Nursery**. The girls enjoyed stretching and breathing in sync with a “Snow Story” involving themes of *chesed*, *bikur cholim* and attentive listening. Thank you to the **PTA** for sponsoring this educational and creative opportunity.



Kindergarten Visits the Maryland Zoo

Despite the wintery date on the calendar, the weather was far from frigid on our **Kindergarten** trip to the **Maryland Zoo** at the end of December. Gifted with a spring-like day for their special trip, our girls were delighted to find the animals outside. Upon their return to school, the girls wrote and drew pictures about their experience at the Zoo. We thank the **PTA** for sponsoring the buses for the trip.



Second Grade Prepares for Siyum!

Excitement is building as our **Second Grade** prepares for their *siyum* on *Parshas Bereishis*. The girls are eagerly anticipating their *siyum* and are busy practicing for the special day! We are looking forward to grandmothers, mothers and sisters joining us to celebrate.



School-Wide Program - Yismach Lev Mivakshei Hashem

The message for this month's assembly was, **"Bringing happiness to others, helps bring happiness to ourselves."** With this in mind, our **First Grade** made cheerful *refuah sheleimah* cards to be sent to patients in the hospital. Our **Second Grade** created original bags to be used in various *Bikur Cholim* rooms in local hospitals. We will be presenting the cards and bags to **Bikur Cholim of Baltimore** at an upcoming assembly.

Weekly Assembly from Yerushalayim and Chevron

The week of *Parshas Vayigash*, **Rabbi Sanders** conducted his weekly assembly for the **First and Second Grades** directly from *Eretz Yisroel* at the *Kosel* and *Me'aras Hamachpelah*. After learning about these special places in *Chumash* and *Parsha*, it was a thrill for our girls to see them close up and hear words of *Torah* directly from these *mekomos hakedoshim* (holy places). [Click here](#) to watch Rabbi Sanders's message to the students.



Gym in the Lower Elementary

Mrs. Cheryl Greenfield conducts a variety of fun activities in **Gym Class** for our Lower Elementary girls. The girls enjoy exercising and the structured games outside of their classroom. It is a pleasure to see how creative planning ensures that our students enjoy their physical education.



Reminder about our Exciting Essay Contest:



FIRST EVER BAIS YAAKOV ESSAY CONTEST (THAT WE KNOW OF)!



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students in grades 3-12 are invited to write an essay titled

WHAT BAIS YAAKOV MEANS TO ME

and submit it to the office or email to contest@baisyaakov.net by January 23rd for a chance to win fabulous prizes! **This will be an in-school project for grades 3 and 4.**



WHAT CAN YOU WIN?

EVERY submission wins a prize AND a ticket into a raffle to win:

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL:

(1 winner in EACH division!)

1. \$100 Visa gift card

2. Shopping Spree:

\$40 gift card to Target

\$40 gift card to Amazon

\$40 gift card to Playa Bowls



BESIDES those prizes, there will be two grand prize winners in Middle School and High School AND several honorable mentions!

High School grand prize winners will receive \$200 VISA gift cards.

Middle School grand prize winners will receive \$150 Target gift cards.

Honorable mentions will receive \$20 Playa Bowls gift cards.

(Really impressive- right?!? We know! We could hardly believe it ourselves!)

AND.... award winning essays may be featured in upcoming

Bais Yaakov newsletters, articles, videos or emails.



HOW SHOULD YOU START AND WHAT SHOULD YOU WRITE?

First, formulate your thoughts and jot down ideas. Then, begin writing. You can write about a teacher, a meaningful lesson or experience, a special program or activity that impacted you, a friendship you gained, or anything else you deem worthy to share. Be original. Be creative.

And most importantly, be sincere.

HOW WILL YOUR ESSAY BE JUDGED?

A panel of judges will assess submissions based on content, originality and style. Please write your name and class on the BACK of your essay, or on the bottom of email submissions, to help our judges stay impartial.

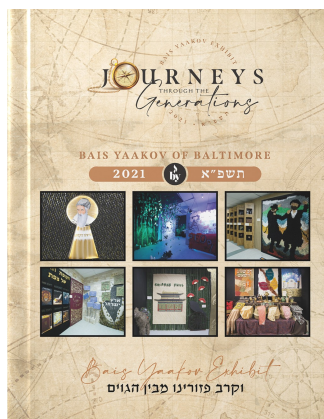
HOW LONG SHOULD YOUR ESSAY BE?

Essays may be as brief as you choose, but should not exceed two pages, please.



WHEN CAN YOU START?

Right now! Hatzlacha! We can't wait to read what you write!



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Last chance to purchase tickets to the
High School Production!



Jan 14/15 - High School Production
Jan 22 - Second Grade *Chumash* Play
Jan 26-31 - Winter Vacation (School
Closed)



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