



# Bais Yaakov e-Newsletter Middle School

Parshas Vayigash

## AIM

**AIM - Attitude, Independence and Maturity**, is a framework of core values designed to help our students AIM for the sky. The mantra of our AIM program is:  
**At the Lower Middle School we are AIMing to reach new heights by continuously**

**growing.** Signs are displayed in the classrooms and hallways, highlighting tangible ways that students can grow in each of the three domains. Teachers fill out "AIM cards" to describe successes. At the end of each semester there will be an AIM party to celebrate our students' growth in these areas.



## #BHFS - Baruch Hashem for Shabbos

The **Sixth Grade** recently launched their year-long learning of the *lamed tes melachos*, (the 39 categories of constructive work) with a special introductory assembly focused on the blessing that *Shabbos* brings. **Rabbi Tzvi Mordechai Feldheim**, Rosh Mesivta of Yeshivas Kesser Torah, addressed the girls with inspiring stories and thought-provoking insights about, "*Shabbos Hi Makor Habracha*." Then the students had the opportunity to create "*Baruch Hashem for Shabbos*" keychains. As a part of the BHFS program, every Friday prior to *Shabbos Mevarchim*, the students join together for a short assembly. One class prepares a song presentation related to *Shabbos* as well as *cholent* for the entire grade to enjoy. The assembly culminates with a *kumzits*, singing a song related to the upcoming month.



### Birthdays in the Upper Middle School

Our **Birthday Crew**, headed by a committee of **Eighth Graders**, makes sure that birthdays are special for our students. Each month, the Birthday Crew invites the "birthday girls of the month" to join them on stage at our Friday assembly as they dance to our original Birthday Song. In addition, the birthday girls receive cupcakes, small gifts and their names are announced each week. Each girl is thrilled to celebrate her birthday with her friends in such a festive way.



### Eighth Grade Production

In Bais Yaakov, we believe that "It is not only about the product, it is about the process." Countless hours, energy and resources are invested over many months to help our **Eighth Graders** actualize untapped skills and talents that do not always emerge in the classroom. And emerge they did, at the **Eighth Grade Production of "Crossroads,"** an original play written and directed by **Mrs. Rochelle Goldberg**. We have tremendous appreciation to our Producer, **Mrs. Sossie Ansbacher**, and Assistant Producer, **Miss Yocheved Horowitz** as well. The three of them spent months planning and orchestrating all the moving pieces which resulted in 130 girls synchronously beaming with pride throughout each scene, choir, and dance.



### Nursing Home Visit

Our **Seventh Grade** visited local nursing homes on *Chanukah*. The residents enjoyed playing games and singing with our students. What a special way to celebrate *Chanukah*, bringing *simcha* to others!

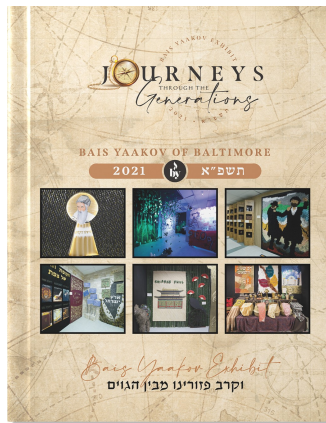


### Sinai Bulletin Boards

We work hard to develop a deep understanding and appreciation for the value of *chesed* (kindness). Our **Sinai Bulletin Board Committee**, headed by **Mrs. Shuli Frand**, work throughout the year to create stunning displays that adorn the *Bikur Cholim* room at Sinai Hospital. This initiative was originally started by **Mrs. Laure Gutman a"h**. It is so meaningful for to us continue this in her loving memory. Tremendous creativity, thought and care are put into each display, that serves as a reminder to the many people that utilize this room that students of Bais



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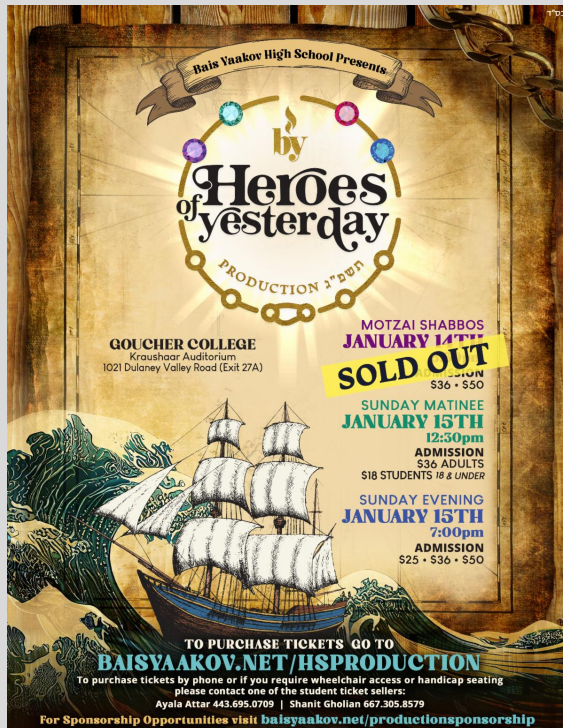
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Jan 3 - Asarah B'Teves (Early Dismissal)  
Jan 14/15 - High School Production  
Jan 22 - Second Grade Chumash Play  
Jan 26-31 - Winter Vacation (School Closed)

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