



Bais Yaakov e-Newsletter Upper Elementary

Parshas Va'eira

Chazak - Finishing Sefer Bereishis

As *Klal Yisroel* recently completed *Sefer Bereishis*, **Mrs. Chaya Hoffman**, our *Limudei Kodesh* Coordinator, gathered the girls for a *Chazak* Assembly. Each grade played a collaborative game that allowed each girl to participate and demonstrate how much she gained from the *Yedias Haparshios* (knowledge of the weekly *Torah* portion) program. In addition, Mrs. Hoffman went to every Third and Fourth Grade to "test them" on all the *parshiyos* in *Sefer Bereishis*. Each girl earned her own "I Know *Sefer Bereishis*" sticker. The girls are so proud of all they have mastered, and we are too!



Our schoolwide program, **SIMCHA: Simcha Is My Connection to Hashem Always**, continues to bring joy to our halls and classrooms. During *Chanukah*, the **Fourth Grade** prepared mini-activities for our **Kindergarten**. Giving the younger children a fun activity brought *simcha* to the students. Our **Third Grade** assembled packages to be distributed to children in local hospitals. The students presented these packages to representatives of **Chai Lifeline** and the **Jewish Caring Network (JCN)**.

This week, we enjoyed another school-wide assembly for the entire Elementary. **Morah Judy Stein's** and **Morah Miriam Nelkin's** classes performed dances on the theme of *simcha* as well!



Fourth Grade Reading

Our **Fourth Grade** reading groups encourage additional reading through an exciting program. The girls earn treats and prizes as they read books. During *Chanukah*, the girls wrote the title and author of each book they read on links of a

paper chain. We wound up with nearly 1,000 links in the chain. The colorful chain is now looping its way above the Fourth Grade hall for all to see! This reading initiative lasts throughout the year, so we will keep reading!



Dr. Tova Schachter, mother of our **Third Grade** student **Dassy**, treated our **Miss Nechama Stein's** class to a lesson about fire. It was an excellent introduction to our science unit on Matter. The girls learned that the hottest part of fire is the flame's bottom center. The fire appears with a blue tinge and is hollow. There are three things a fire needs to survive: oxygen, heat, and fuel. The girls observed how removing any of these elements would stop the fire from burning. Everyone enjoyed Dr. Schachter's presentation.



Listening to Our Bodies

Our **Fourth Grade** science students are exploring the different systems of our bodies. Most recently, the girls studied the circulatory system and identified arteries, veins, and capillaries that carry blood throughout the body. They learned how to check their pulse, which measures how fast the heart pumps the blood, carrying all the essential food and gasses needed for a person to survive. Using stethoscopes, they could easily compare how many times their hearts beat per minute before and after exercising!



Many Ways to Multiply

Just before *Chanukah*, the **Third Grade** finished up their introduction to multiplication. **Mrs. Rachel Gedalius's** classes completed the chapter with a math art project. The girls demonstrated that they could represent a multiplication problem in five different ways. In **Mrs. Devorah Goldstein's** classes, they enjoyed reading **Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream**, about a girl who loved to count and realized how learning multiplication would help her count much faster! The classes produced various representations of multiplication, and their artistic talents are displayed all along the Third Grade hallway.



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.

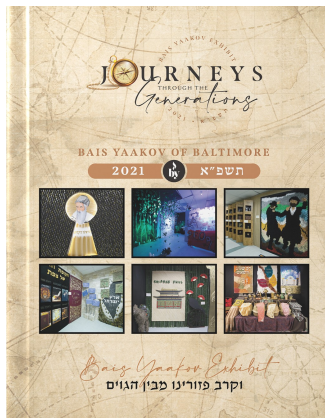
HOW LONG SHOULD YOUR ESSAY BE?

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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Jan 22 - Second Grade *Chumash* Play
Jan 26-31 - Winter Vacation (School
Closed)



Jan 13/ 20 Teves

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