



# Bais Yaakov e-Newsletter Middle School

Parshas Bo

## Clic Breakfast

The **Fifth Grade** enjoyed a gala breakfast celebrating their efforts to limit their technology usage over *Chanukah*. Despite this being an optional program, every single student in the grade participated. Besides for technology usage, they also included an extra act of *chesed* or *davening*. Reflection cards were filled out and students had the opportunity to share the impact of their commitment. One of the most meaningful comments shared was, "Being technology-free allowed me to spend more time with my family and appreciate my siblings."



### Lamed Tes Melachos Come to Life

In connection to our *Lamed Tes Melachos* unit, **Miss Yehudis Bracha Shnidman** made a presentation to the **Sixth Grade** using a real loom, and depicted some of the *melachos* related to "weaving," in action. The loom was then displayed in our library and students were able to take closer look and gain an understanding of how it works.

### Bereishis Bingo

Our **Fifth Grade** was tested on *Sefer Bereishis* as they participated in a grade-wide game of **Bereishis Bingo**. Through our **Parsha Point Program**, the students memorize a tremendous amount of information, such as names, places, dates, numbers and concepts. The girls had a great time and showed their mastery of *Bereishis*, while playing an engaging game.



## Kamocho Program

A new **Kamocho** program made its way to the Upper Middle School. The goal of the program is to sensitize students to think, "**How would I feel?**" (**H.W.I.F.**) before talking and interacting with their classmates. Our **Seventh and Eighth Grade** teachers are leading powerful discussions in the classrooms, as each class identifies a collective area of growth. **Rabbi Yechiel Spero**, a well-known speaker and Middle School parent, kicked off the program with an inspirational story about the impact that can be made when one is mindful of the feelings of others.

## Bobby Krakauer

On *Asara B'teves*, the **Upper Middle School** was privileged to hear from a great grandmother of some of our students. **Bobby Krakauer** shared her story of how she survived Siberia. Her father's mantra, "Hold on to the *Torah* and it will lead you," is what carried her through those difficult times. Our students were mesmerized as she spoke about the utter deprivation she experienced during those trying years and the dedication of her parents to uphold *Torah* and *Mitzvos* despite very real fear of the KGB.



## Cake with a Twist

**Mrs. Miriam Mellman's Seventh Grade** *chumash* classes celebrated completing *Parshas Shelach* by decorating cakes with a theme that related to the *parsha*. The girls came up with great connections! One of the winning teams had tears for the *meraglim* and a megaphone depicting the announcement not to enter *Eretz Yisroel*. The girls had a great time applying their knowledge to this wonderful activity.



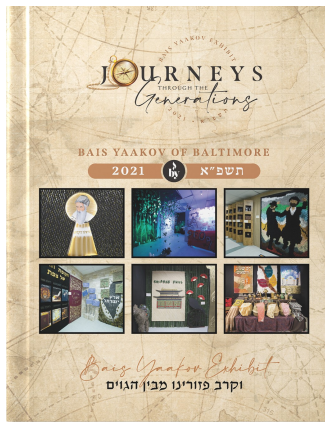
## Seventh Grade Melave Malka

Our **Seventh Grade** enjoyed a high-spirited game of Family Feud at their recent *Melava Malka*. The girls had a great time, guessing the most popular answer given by their peers to fun and riveting questions. Examples included, what is the most eaten item with a hamburger and the most popular summer camp. The program concluded with **Mrs. Chaya Bracha Waldbaum** sharing words of inspiration and leading the girls in a heartwarming *kumzitz*.



## Robotics Tournament

Mazel tov to our *Eighth Grade Robotics Team* on their incredible performance at the recent tournament. The girls brought home four trophies including two First Place trophies! More importantly our students displayed *achdus* and *derech erez* throughout. Thank you to **Mrs. Rochelle Goldberg** for her sweat (and tears!) over many months to prepare our girls for this event, and to **Miss Meira Levy** and **Mrs. Miriam Schechter** for their assistance throughout. Last but not least, thank you to **Mrs. Gitti Horowitz** for her bedrock vision and support of the entire Robotics program.



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Conferences

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