

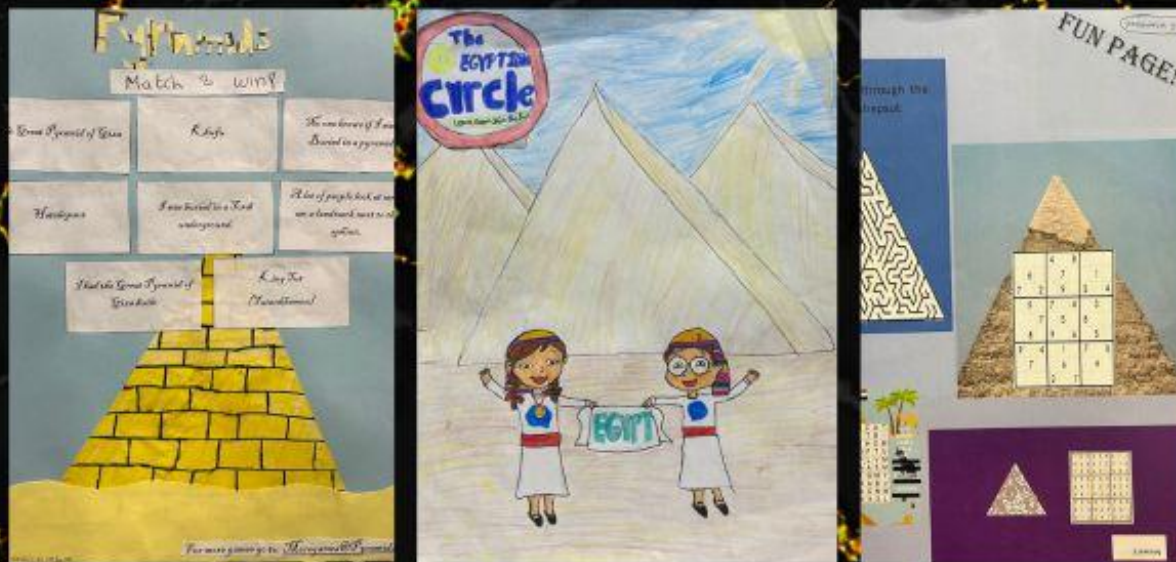


Bais Yaakov e-Newsletter Middle School

Parshas Tazria-Metzora

BAIS YAAKOV'S OWN CIRCLE MAGAZINE

As an informal assessment of their Social Studies unit on Ancient Egypt, some of our **Sixth Grade** classes chose a template and format from the Circle Magazine and adapted it to include information that they learned. The project reinforced critical computer skills as the students spent time designing the magazine with both educational and “fun” pages, including a word search, puzzle and mazes. One of our **6D** students wrote to Circle Magazine about the project which was then featured in the magazine's next issue. Thank you to **Mrs. Tali Moss** for incorporating this wonderful project.



HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE

At a recent **Ashreinu** program, **Rabbi Naftoli Hexter** spoke with the **Sixth Grade** about the positive impact we make by helping those that are less fortunate. The students enjoyed hearing about his trip behind “The Iron Curtain ” in the early 1990’s when he had an opportunity to smuggle in Jewish books and *sefarim* for Jews in the Soviet

Union. This lesson was an important reminder how fortunate we are to live in a country that allows us to practice freely as Jews and to appreciate every single *mitzvah* that we have.

CELL PROJECT

Hook rugs, shrink art, clay, and delicious cakes are just a few samples of cell models that were found in **Seventh Grade** Science classes as the students reinforced their learning of cells by creating intricate models of organelles. Students used their creativity to build their own cell models. These projects are a small sampling of the enjoyable learning that occurs in each classroom.



INFORMED AND EMPOWERED STUDENTS

As technology continues to advance at a rapid pace, we want to ensure that our students are well informed so they can make empowered decisions. **Mrs. Rena Berger** has been giving a series of workshops to our **Eighth Grade** to provide awareness around common struggles that our students face with technology. Armed with this knowledge, our students can utilize technology while making healthy decisions. The workshops have been highly interactive, with time for reflection. Our girls have enjoyed sharing some of their personal “victories” that resulted from making positive and thoughtful choices.

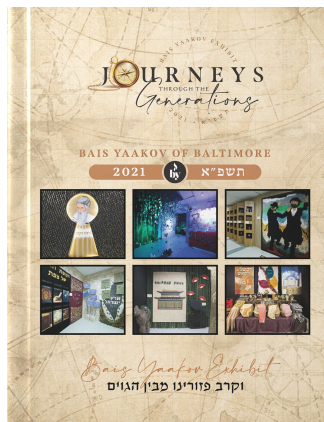
GAMETIME WITH JEWELS

We are fortunate to have **Jewels** students in the Lower Middle School, which continues to be a mutually rewarding and enriching experience for both the Bais Yaakov and Jewels students. A beautiful new initiative began recently as some of our **Fifth Grade** students enjoy playing board games with the Jewels students during their recess time.



LOMDEI BLENDED LEARNING INITIATIVE

A group of **Fifth Grade moros** have been experimenting with new teaching modalities, with a goal to increase student engagement and active participation in learning. These methods allow the teacher to work with smaller groups of students and focus specifically on their needs while other students are given tasks to complete. Our teachers, **Miss Hadassah Berkowitz, Miss Leah Feder, Miss Rochel Feder and Mrs. Shira Gold**, have attended ongoing training and professional development through the **Lomdei Blended Learning Initiative**.



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