



# Bais Yaakov of Baltimore E-Newsletter

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## LOWER ELEMENTARY

### CHANUKAH FACULTY AND STAFF LUNCHEON

Over *Chanukah*, our moros and teachers were treated to a beautiful lunch prepared by the **PTA** and parent volunteers. **Rabbi Sanders** addressed the faculty and expressed admiration for the consistency and commitment which our employees bring to Bais Yaakov daily. **Miss Esther Shapiro** led an exciting *Chanukah* dance activity to supervise the students while their teachers enjoyed the luncheon.



### STEM EXPO

On December 3rd and 5th, hundreds of **Elementary** students and their mothers joined us for our annual **STEM Expo**. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, excitement, and many requests to repeat this program next year! The PTA sold many of the games played at the Expo in advance of *Chanukah*, to help support the myriad activities the PTA conducts. We extend a special thank you to **Mrs. Beth Pasternak**, **Mrs. Rachel Gedalius** and **Miss Penina Goldstein** who coordinated the entire program, as well as the many teachers who made this event a reality.

### SECOND GRADE NUTRITION

**Mrs. Dena Mael**, a Bais Yaakov parent and local nutritionist, came to school to discuss the value of eating healthy food. She shared a short slide show identifying nutritious foods and challenged the students to explain what makes food healthy. In addition, Mrs. Mael prepared a fun activity cutting out pictures of different foods and gluing them onto healthy food cards to help reinforce the students' understanding of good food choices. Kudos to **Mrs. Chana Ciment** for facilitating this program!



### FIRST GRADE SCIENCE

On the initiative of **First Grade** teacher, **Mrs. Simmy Mittleman**, the grade has been having regular science assemblies. At our most recent assembly, the girls were introduced to simple machines. They built and tested spring scales and were shown how to make a lever with a block and a ruler. They left the assembly with a challenge, could they change the lever so that one weight could lift two or more?



December 22 - Asara B'Teves (Early Dismissal)  
January 1 - Elementary Fathers Brunch  
January 5 - Winter Break (School Closed)