



# Bais Yaakov of Baltimore

## E-Newsletter

Parshas Vayakhel  
Parshas Shekalim  
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### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### 6TH GRADE BAS MITZVAH DINNER



Approximately 320 proud mothers, grandmothers, and teachers joined together for our annual *Bas Mitzvah* Dinner. The *bnos mitzvah* were radiant as they received their *siddurim* and certificates. The highlight of the night was the original performance written and directed by **Mrs. Shira Gold** entitled, “Capturing the Real Me,” featuring all the *bnos mitzvah* in either drama, choir, or song dance. Thank you to **Mrs. Rivka Hammelburger** for directing the drama, to **Miss Tehilla Kibbel** for heading the choir, and to **Mrs. Ariella Schuchman** for heading the parent committee that arranged the beautiful dessert reception.

#### MOTHERS AND STAFF MELAVA MALKA

Approximately 200 mothers and staff members enjoyed each other’s company at the Middle School Melava Malka for Mothers and Staff. The warm ambiance, delectable spread, interactive game, and inspirational words by **Mrs. Sorah Malka Winter** were enjoyed by all. Attendees had the opportunity to purchase Chinese auction tickets that featured fun prizes for students, such as, a ride on Mr. Leon’s golf cart and a sushi lunch. Thank you to the **PTA** and the committee of volunteers for arranging such a pleasurable evening.



#### SKILLS FOR LIFE

Our **7th graders** have been enjoying learning life skills as part of a new elective, “Costume Design”, taught by **Miss Rivka Rachel Danesh**. Students are learning how to use sewing machines to create a pillow, scrunchy, and skirt. Many girls have opted to send their skirts to *Eretz Yisroel* for others to wear. Our **8th graders** have been enjoying their new Photography class taught by **Miss Bracha Benyowitz**. The girls are learning how to balance colors, adjust shutter speed, and utilize reflectors and diffusers, while capturing masterful pictures.

#### BITACHON BITS

In a world full of uncertainty, our **7th grade** Yahadus teachers adapted a new *bitachon* curriculum called, “Bitachon Bits”, to help students foster a sense of trust in and personal connection to *Hashem*. The program imparts the *Chovos Halevavos*’s famous seven conditions for trust in *Hashem* and the benefits of having *bitachon*. Thank you to **Miss Shevie Mellman** and **Miss Dina Bracha Schechter** for rolling out this new inspiring curriculum.



**March 18-19** – Annual Campaign  
**March 21** – Taanis Esther Early dismissal  
**March 25** – Late start 12:30