



IN-FOCUS

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Thursday, February 22- Sunday, Feb. 25

South Bend Convention for Grades 11-12

Thursday, February 29 - Sunday, March 3

Torah Umesorah Shabbos, in Minneapolis, for Mechanchim and Mechanchos

Sunday, March 10

PRODUCTION

Thursday, March 21

Taanis Esther- No school

Thursday Night, March 21

Purim Chagiga

Friday, March 22

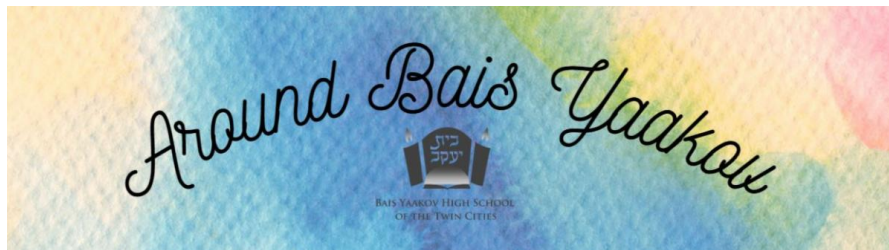
No school

Sunday, March 24

Purim - No School

Monday, March 25- Wednesday, March 27

I OWN IT Trip



Mrs. Genendel Krohn Addresses BYTC Students

By: Batsheva Fried

Mrs. Krohn came to Bais Yaakov and presented a PowerPoint describing what it takes to be an author. She spoke about each step of the publishing process and obstacles along the way. She emphasized that if we're determined enough, and we set our minds to something, we can accomplish it and be successful. She taught us about the time and effort it takes to find the truth while writing stories about real people either in Tanach and Gemara, or even in today's day and age. Her presentation showed us that every girl has what it takes to become an author with the proper amount of perseverance and dedication.

LMAAN DAAS

By: Mrs Estie Shurpin

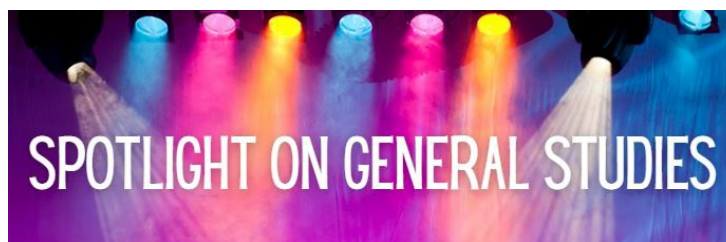
Lmaan Daas has settled in as a wonderful complement to all of the learning going on in Bais Yaakov. The girls have completed 11 weeks of Jewish general knowledge, taking quizzes, earning stripes and butterflies for their Lmaan Daas sweaters, and "filling their kups" with important fundamentals of Yiddishkeit.



Foundations

By: Mrs. Shulamit Gibber

This year the 10th Grade has been learning many valuable life lessons in Foundations. With the focus on understanding the role they play as Bais Yaakov girls and Ovdei Hashem, the girls are presented with various Torah sources, commentaries, activities, and visual presentations to help them come to a deeper understanding of some of these concepts. We began the year by recognizing our uniqueness as humans created in the image of Hashem and what that responsibility demands of us. This past month, in Unit 4, we focused on how each person is given a unique mission in this world, and how every individual's focus should be to use the tools they have been given by Hashem to develop as a person. Throughout the year we will continue to study various ideas that allow us to refocus our daily intentions and actions so that our actions reflect our purpose and ultimate goals.



9-10th grade English

By: Mrs. Avigayil Rudnick

9th and 10th grade English students are finishing up their reading of *Murder on the Orient Express*, by Agatha Christie. This novel taught us lessons about characterization, building suspense, and the importance of a tight plot line. Now we know who did it! We also introduced a new writing curriculum, The Writing Revolution, which will help us improve our writing starting at the sentence level and moving up to paragraphs and essays. Next, we will study Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Acting out the play and appreciating Shakespeare's language will help us

understand and discuss the play and its themes, which include friendship, corruption, and appearance vs. reality. To be or not to be, that will be the question!



LECHU VENELCHA

Bais Yaakov's local alumni began a new session of Lechu Venelcha learning with Mrs. Basya Trenk. They will be reading and discussing the book, "With Hearts Full of Faith," based on the teachings of Rav Matisyohu Salomon zt"l. Thank you to Mrs. Hindy Kulefsky for leading the earlier session on Midos. Thank you to Mrs. Basya Trenk for leading the new session.



I OWN IT

By: Mrs. Aviva Crystal

I Own It was challenging, the girls worked hard and long,
They worked on their tefila, and making shema strong,
They trekked and they climbed with their drech erez as well,
with their behavior to another, and in class we can tell.

They disconnected from technology to connect for real,
They strove for kedushas shabbos in the week to feel.
They woke in the morning and thought of Hashem,
They put away phones to connect again.

מי יעלה בהר ה' ומי יקום במקום קדשו
They elevated themselves through these long weeks,
They grew, they climbed, they reached the peaks.
On Friday we went fishing to see who will "byte" our bait and make something their own,
Now that the phases are over do they want to establish themselves at the height they were shown?

They were offered to join others on the top of the mountain, & grab their climbing gear,
Choose an I Own It challenge to do until the end of the year.
We shared how we grew and talked about living like a fish,
Separated from others and focused on our own wish
To live a life elevated to grow and to try,
To always remember that we are stronger than the mountain is high.

CONVENTION

By: Mrs. Chana Rochel Schachter

This Shabbos, Parshas Tetzaveh, the eleventh and twelfth graders will be participating in the Bais Yaakov Convention hosted by the Bais Yaakov of South Bend. The convention

theme is "Ner Leragli Devorecha V'Ohr LeNesovosi," with a specific focus on the *shesh mitzvos temidiyos*." 17 delegates from Bais Yaakov of the Twin Cities will have the opportunity to be part of an inspiring and meaningful Shabbos, to meet other students from across the United States, and to feel the achdus of being part of Bais Yaakov. The delegates will be addressed by Rabbi Joey Haber. Mrs. Craindel Mannes, menaheles of Bais Yaakov of Chicago, will be a keynote speaker as well. We feel fortunate that our talmidos will be participating in such an inspirational and memorable experience.

TU B'SHVAT WITH G.O.

By: Miss Devora Cohen

In honor of Tu B'shvat the G.O. girls made a whole lunch filled with fruit! There were four stations, each with a different food-related activity. We made smoothies, made fruit leather flowers, fruit loop necklaces, and fruit salad bowls. The G.O. heads spoke about the power of renewal and growth, a lesson we learn from the blossoming trees. Thank you so much for such a beautiful event!!

PRODUCTION!!!

By Mrs. Suri Gibber

Production practice is in full swing, as girls practice for drama and dance each evening. Once again, our girls are tapping into and developing their extraordinary talents. We look forward to an outstanding performance. Thank you to all the students, teachers, administrators, and community members for all they are doing to ensure the success of the production.



Mazel Tov to our Alumni

- Mazel Tov to Yocheved Silverberg on her marriage to Nuchi Apfel. Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Aryeh Leib Silverberg and the entire Mishpacha. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Ephraim Silverberg.

Mazel Tov to our Faculty

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Yisroel Berkowitz on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov to the entire mishpacha.
 - Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mandelbaum on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to Rena and to the entire mishpacha.
 - Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Spiro on the engagement of Mrs. Spiro's brother. Mazel Tov to Rochel and Shaindy and to the entire Mishpacha.
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Mazel Tov to our Bais Yaakov Family

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Pinchos Idstein on the birth of a grandson. Mazel tov to Sarah, Bracha, and the entire mishpacha.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Skapino on the birth of a grandson. Mazel

tov to Bracha and the entire mishpacha.

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Yerucham Prero on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to Chaya and to the entire mishpacha.

Nichum Aveilim

The entire Bais Yaakov family extends our heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Avromi Mayer on the loss of his father. *Hamokom yenachem eschem beseech sheor aveilei Tzion VeYerushalayim.*

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