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**Thursday, November 23**  
Thanksgiving – Half-day, A.M.

**Friday, November 24**  
No school

**Monday evening, November 27**  
Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Friday, November 24**  
No School

**Thursday, November 30**  
End of Trimester I

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**Shabbos Report**  
*by Miss Heather Nussbaum*

The 11th and 12th graders have officially completed the first section of their Shabbos report, researching the Mekoros (sources), and they are on to sections 2 and 3! These sections include researching the Mitzvah of Shabbos according to the Sefer Hachinuch, and choosing a topic about Shabbos and elaborating on it using two different Sifrei Machshava (Jewish books of thought). To

celebrate the completion of the first section, the girls were treated to a delicious breakfast of cinnamon buns, fresh fruit, and iced coffee, while they watched inspirational videos about the impact of Shabbos on many families in Eretz Yisrael right now. Thank you to Miss Greenberg and Sarah Idstein for helping in the preparations for the delicious breakfast.

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## Yom Iyun

by Mrs. Ruchama Leah Berkowitz

On Thursday, Bais Yaakov was fortunate to have a Yom Iyun focusing on the middah of being Nosei B'ol Im Chaveiro and feeling the tza'ar of klal Yisrael in these times. We first heard a speech explaining what it means and why it's so important and then saw a video of a girl from Eretz Yisrael describing what her sister experienced on Shemini Atzeres. Miss Cohen prepared a slideshow called "By the Numbers," giving us vital information with which to understand the extent of what Jews in Eretz Yisrael are dealing with currently. We then learned and sang an adapted version of the song "Hold on Tight" specially recorded for this event. Finally, we broke up into groups to discuss wrap-up questions to absorb all that we had learned, and to summarize what we wanted to "take home" from this Yom Iyun! Thank you to Mrs. Berkowitz and Miss Cohen for arranging this uplifting and enlightening Yom Iyun!



## 11th-12th Honors Chumash

Mrs. Aviva Crystal

The Asara Nisyonos, the ten tests from above,  
Given to Avraham- from Hashem with much love.  
Can you do it? Show the world how great you are?  
Can you draw kochos from within and *grow* very far?  
In Chumash, we are learning test number one,  
Delving into each word, we won't rest till we're done.  
Building our skills- reading and understanding it all,  
And most importantly the lessons and koach to stand tall.  
I am so proud of my talmidos and the hard work they do,  
Pushing themselves and growing much too!



Welcome to English class, where we learn to read, write, and THINK! The year-long theme for 9th and 10th grades is "Things are Not Always as They Seem." We have explored this theme by reading and writing about various short stories, and we'll continue with this theme next trimester when we'll dive into William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

The year-long theme for 11th and 12th grades is "The Art of Persuasion." We began our exploration of this theme by examining the rhetorical strategies of ethos, pathos, and logos that can be found in modern-day advertisements. Currently, we are reading famous persuasive speeches from American history and analyzing the persuasive strategies that the speakers used to win over their audiences. Next trimester, we will continue this theme as we study William Shakespeare's *Henry V*. We'll examine how King Henry used the art of persuasion to rally his English troops at the Battle of Agincourt. Concurrent with our exploration of literature, we focus on the mechanics of writing and vocabulary.

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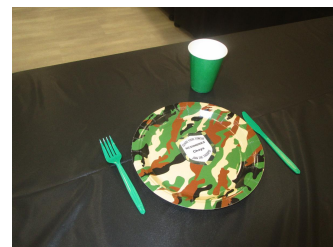
## *Extra Curricular*

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### **Mishmeres Breakout**

*Rena Mandelbaum, Chaya Prero, and Esty Shertok (Mishmeres Heads)*

This year in Mishmeres we are guarding our tongue and joining the troops! During our breakout we said a Dvar Torah and then presented the Mishmeres song and dance. Everyone enjoyed some Fleishig refreshments before we continued on with the activity. We played a fun, engaging game that showed us the power of our words and how stories can change very quickly when passed from person to person. Our theme this year is to strengthen our speech and to use our words for the good. This is our part to play on the battlefield now as a zechus for the current matzav in Eretz Yisroel. Thank you to everyone who made the event possible!

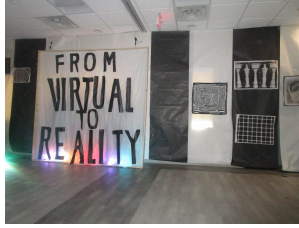


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### **Shabbaton Breakout**

*Chaya Cohen, Frumie Engelson, Aviva Rudnick, Sterna Tuito (Shabbaton Heads)*

On Friday, Parshas Chayei Sarah, we enjoyed the wonderful, amazing, fantastic, SHABBATON BREAKOUT. We introduced the theme of the Shabbaton: "בתי אל תלכי ללקוט בשדה אחר". With a fun game of guessing if the picture shown was a cake or if it was the real deal, we explained the sub-theme of "From virtual to reality." Don't go looking for satisfaction in other places. Yiddishkeit has it all; it is the real deal. We explored some more aspects of the theme over the course of the Shabbos. Thank you to Mrs. Shulamit Gibber for all of your hard work!



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## Bais Yaakov National Convention

*Tamar Chodos and Rachel Ghermezian*

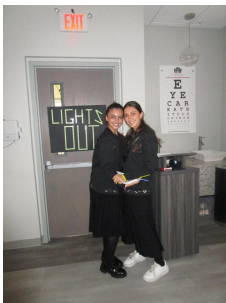
This year the twelfth-grade convention was held in Toronto and they did an incredible job! Rabbi Joey Haber gave an inspiring introductory speech about not judging others and making the most out of our time at the convention. The Toronto girls presented their theme song, a band and a choir. The next day the schools were split in groups. They viewed a fabulous exhibit and participated in a Chidon and getting-to-know-you games. When Shabbos arrived, almost a thousand people were in one room, eating, talking, learning and growing. Speakers were flown in and amazing panels were arranged all throughout Shabbos and it was so special to grow and experience this with so many girls from all over. Motzoei Shabbos arrived, and the Toronto school performed their production, followed by a Melava Malka and a gorgeous Kumzitz. We ended off with panels, dancing, and activities before we had to say goodbye. Thank you to Rebbetzin Gibber and Mrs. Shachter for helping with all the arrangements to ensure it was a smooth experience for us!

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## G.O. Rosh Chodesh Lunch

By: Miss Devora Cohen

For Rosh Chodesh Kislev, the GO heads, Tamar Chodos and Rachel Ghermezian, prepared a lunch with the theme of "Lights Out." During Kislev we encounter the darker months but our job is to bring the "Light Out" in our friends and build each other. Thank you for a delicious nacho bar, salads, and drinks! What a beautiful lunch!



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## SHABBATON 5784

*by Mrs. Shulamit Gibber, Shabbaton Advisor*

This past Shabbos, Parshas Toldos, the Bais Yaakov girls enjoyed an inspiring and enjoyable Shabbaton led by our Shabbaton Heads, Chaya Cohen, Frumie Engelson, Aviva Rudnick and Sterna Tuito. The theme of the Shabbaton was based off of the pasuk from Megillas Rus: *"Biti al telchi lilkot besadeh acher."* The Bais Yaakov movement has been using this message as a means of understanding the importance of elevating and recognizing the beauty of Yiddishkeit and our role as Bnos Melachim, while realizing that the lures of the world around us are truly an illusion of the Yetzer Hara.

The Yetzer Hara's goal is to remove us from what will really benefit us. His tactic is very wise. He creates this strong illusion that there is a whole world out there that will give us so much good and pleasure. He makes it so enticing, that he enables and encourages us to

enter this "virtual world" where things seem so alive and real, exciting and fun. We do not have to put in any effort to get it. It's easily achieved. But in reality its sole purpose is to distract us from what is really valuable. What is truly real.

Our jam packed program helped bring this concept to life beginning with a workshop given on Friday morning by our wonderful facilitators, Mrs. Shira Diskind, Mrs. Sori Hendler, Mrs. Hindy Kulefsky and Miss. Devora Cohen. The girls also had the opportunity to hear our guest speakers Mrs. Hadassah Rosen and her daughter Bruchie, who imparted a strong message of emunah in Hashem. The Friday programming ended with an action-packed filled game of "Capture the Flag" in the park.

The Shabbos Seudos prepared magnificently by Mrs. Shaindy Mandelbaum with the help of our hard working Shabbaton heads and many other volunteers were a truly royal experience. Each grade contributed to the art work and decor and added to the beauty and atmosphere of the room. The Seuda was followed by a choir and inspirational kumzitz led by Mrs. Avigail Mintz.

The girls were privileged to hear from the Rosh Kollel - Rabbi Gibber - Rabbi Engelson, Rabbi Wolin, and Bais Yaakov President, Mr. Yoni Spar. They gained so much from the panelists - Mrs. Crystal, Mrs. Pergament, Mrs. Vorotinov and Miss Becca Kushner. Thank you to our very own BYTC students who delivered a dvar Torah at the seudos - Chaya Prero and Malka Trenk.

We ended the Shabbos with a splash at the Wyndham Gardens Water Park and enjoyed a beautiful Melave Malka.

Thank you to Mrs. Shaindy Mandelbaum for taking charge of all the food for the Shabbaton. The seudos were delicious and beautiful. Thank you to the Gibber families, the Schachter family, and the Spar family for joining us at the seudos.



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## Mazel Tov to our Alumni

- Mr. and Mrs. Moshe and Nechama (Breningstall) Nafisi on the Bar Mitzvah of their son. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Dr. Nesanel Breningstall and Ms. Jenna Morris, and the entire mishpacha.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid and Gitty (Prero) Weiner on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Yerucham Prero, Chaya, and the entire mishpacha

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## Mazel Tov to our Faculty

- Rabbi and Rebbetzin Chaim Gibber on the marriage of their grandson. Mazel Tov to Miss Shoshana Biron and the entire Mishpacha.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Hillel Engelson on the bar mitzvah of their son,Refoel Shmuel. Mazel Tov to Frumie, Chaya Sora, and the entire mishpacha.
- Mr. and Mrs. Nachshon Fertel on the birth of a baby boy, and mazel tov to the entire mishpacha!

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## Mazel Tov to our Faculty

- Rabbi and Mrs. Yehoshua Borenstein on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to Guita and to the entire mishpacha.
- Rabbi Yaakov Nesanel and Mrs. Ellisheva Finkelman on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel Tov to the entire mishpacha.

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