



# SCHOOL SHMOOZE

לקראת שבת פ' חיי שרה ה'תשפ"ד

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Dear parents of the BCM family,

There are no words to describe the tremendous amount of light our BCM Lamplighters brought to the GTA and the entire world last Friday in honour of מרחשון כ'. Look further in the newsletter for a more detailed report about the Talmidos who went on Mivtzoim last Friday. The impact that this has on the safety of our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel, especially our soldiers on the front lines, is way beyond what we can imagine.

Talmidos, the Rebbe teaches us that based on מ' שיש לו מנה רוצה מאתים ברוחניות, one should never be satisfied with our accomplishments. Let's make this a habit and go on Mivtzoim every Friday. We are stocked up with Neshek ready for you to go and light up the world. See below how you can get your Neshek to distribute on a weekly basis. This campaign is dedicated לעילוי נשמת הילדה עטרה ליבא ע"ה בת יבלחט"א ר' שמעון אפרים הכהן. The bulletin board hanging in the hallway is now getting fuller with hearts as we continue to illuminate the city in Atara's memory. Keep up the amazing work!!!

## Caution please:

We are hoping to very soon have both our drive-ways back and for the Chesswood construction project to be completed. In the meantime however, please drive s-l-o-w-l-y and be very careful. Your additional patience increases the safety of our Talmidos and staff. THANK YOU!

## Shabbos Mevorchim:

This Shabbos is **שבת מברכים כסלו**! Let's hit a record we haven't yet hit in BCM. Increase in Tehillim for the safety of our soldiers, the return of our captives and all our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel and in the entire world. Hashem is waiting to hear your voices with the words of Tehillim! Remember the Rebbe's words that is YOU, the children who have the most power! מפי עוללים ויונקים יסדת עז להשבית אויב ומתנקם.

Girls' Tehillim @ Lubavitch will be held upstairs from 9:30-10:00 followed by a raffle for the par-

The name of this week's פרשה is חיי שרה, literally the "life of שרה." As explained by the Alter Rebbe, the Hebrew name of a particular object or creation is what gives it its vitality and sustains it. Thus we must conclude that the entire פרשה is somehow connected with the life of שרה.

This, however, appears difficult to understand at first glance. Only the first פסוק of the פרשה relates to שרה's life, whereas the rest of it speaks of seemingly unrelated matters: the marriage of יצחק and רבקה and the passing of אברהם. Why then is the entire portion known as Chayei Sרה? The answer is that in truth, all of the events related in חיי שרה, the marriage of יצחק and רבקה as well as the passing of אברהם express the sum and substance of our Matriarch שרה's life.

Concerning the marriage of יצחק and רבקה the Torah tells us, "And יצחק brought her into the tent of שרה his mother, and took רבקה, and she became his wife." When did יצחק agree to marry רבקה? Only after he brought her into his mother's tent, and the miracles that used to occur during שרה's lifetime resumed.

רש"י explains that there were three specific miracles: 1) the שרה kindled burned from one Friday afternoon till the next; 2) the dough she kneaded was specially blessed, and; 3) a cloud of holiness hovered over her tent. After שרה's passing these miracles ceased; in the merit of רבקה, they returned.

This occurred three years after שרה passed away, yet we see in these miracles a continuation of her life.

A similar connection exists to the passing of our forefather אברהם. The Torah states, "His sons יצחק and ישמעאל buried him." יצחק is mentioned before אברהם passed away, by the time ישמעאל had already done יצחק. By giving his younger brother precedence, ישמעאל demonstrated that the birthright rightly belonged to him.

This development was in the sole merit of שרה who when she saw that ישמעאל was "mocking," i.e., not behaving properly, demanded that אברהם "cast him out...for he will not be heir." שרה's intent was for ישמעאל to return to ה', which indeed subsequently occurred. Many years later, after שרה was no longer alive, ישמעאל allowed his younger brother to lead the way, again an expression of the continuation of שרה's life.

The entire פרשה is therefore known as חיי שרה as all of the events it relates are connected to שרה's life.

ticipants. Thank you Mrs. Stevens for running and sponsoring this program.

Talmidos from grades 1-6 received their Tehillim Quota cards. Please check your daughter's card before Shabbos. This way, you can modify her Tehillim quota if you need to do so. This can be done by logging into your Tzivos Hashem parent account. **Let's increase our quotas to help our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel and bring Moshiach NOW!!!**

I'd like to thank an anonymous sponsor for sponsoring the prizes לעילוי נשמת ממח שמחה בת יהודה ע"ה.

### Rosh Chodesh Kislev:

This upcoming Tuesday is ראש חדש כסלו! We will be celebrating with a grand Fleishig Seuda and some surprise programs.

I'd like to thank some of the sponsors who already came forward and donated for the upcoming Seuda and events during the month of Kislev. I'd like to thank **Rabbi and Mrs. Reinitz** for the very generous donation ע"ה הכהן ר' יצחק whose Yartzeit is coming up on כסלו ה' Mrs. Lazar ע"ה spent much time in BCM and we are forever grateful to her. As well, I'd like to thank **Rabbi and Mrs. Borenstein** in honour of Pearl, Chaya and Bina's Zaidy's Yartzeit on Yud Zayin Kislev - הרב חיים שניאור זלמן בן הרב מאיר ע"ה, **Mr. and Mrs. Gersh** as well as **Mr. and Mrs. Yehoshua Lang** for your very generous contributions. If you would like to be a sponsor for the Rosh Chodesh Kislev Farbrengen please reach out to [rabbi-vidal@bcmschool.ca](mailto:rabbi-vidal@bcmschool.ca). Any amount is welcome and appreciated. The more donations we get, the less participation we need from the parents.

### Answer their call:

There are 2 organizations who always answer our calls in the time of great need; Chai Lifeline and Hatzoloh. Now it's time to answer their call. Chai Lifeline has launched their annual toy drive. If you can donate toys, they will go to great use. We have a donation box at the entrance of BCM. See the Hatzoloh invite for more details.



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We are so proud of all of the girls that were awarded for Behavior and Uniform for the past two months! All of the students with an 85% or above average received an award with a stress ball as a reward for their high grade. Students with a perfect score received a donut as well in recognition of their exemplary performance. Keep up the good work!

The following girls received a perfect score since the beginning of the year!!! We are so proud of all of the students that got an 85% or over average for the term! Keep up the great scores! Now, we start a new leaf and if you didn't make this round, you surely can make the next round!

Chaya	Borenstein
Bluma	Bronshteyn
Chaya	Bulman
Leeba	Deren
Sheina	Doron
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Chaya	Kamman
Adina	Nachlas
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Mushka	Overlander
Leah	Rabiski

Esty	Antebi
Chana	Bard-wigdor
Mushka	Binshtock
Chaya	Cohen
Chaya	Gurovich
Chaya	Selkowitz
Chaya	Shiminov

## Grade 1

We had a week filled with learning and fun!

Thank you, Mrs. Landa



## Grade 2

We stopped using the words "I can't" in our class! Ask us why ;) We are trying hard to point in during Davening, just like the Rebbe instructed a Shliach. The games on our walls are so much fun! A Chosid is a lamplighter-art. Thank you, Mrs. Rosenfeld



This week we continued to learn the story of Avraham and Lot as they came back to Eretz Cnaan. We learnt that Lot started to learn from the people around him, and we discussed how we can often be affected by our surroundings. The girls have really advanced in



Chumash skills - recognizing Shoroshim and Milim all throughout the day! Parsha came alive, as we saw a picture of what Meeras Hamachpeila looks like nowadays! Mazal Tov to Leah Zaltzman for passing a Tefillah Champ level! Have a wonderful Shabbos! Thank you, Miss Landa

This week we learned about verbs and nouns. We learned how the ed and s letters added to the end of words can change a word to past or present. We worked on capitalization and enjoyed making the correct changes to the story. In our math unit we enjoyed learning about odd and even numbers. We watched a video and played a fun snakes and ladders odds and even game. Thank you, Mrs. Perl



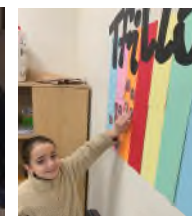


## Grade 3

It was pretty amazing to witness firsthand the miracle that Yitzchok experienced - his crops grew 100 times as much! We said the pesukim beautifully and a single corn plant multiplied repeatedly until the field miraculously filled up with 100 ears of corn!! A special shout-out to our professional architects, who were able to design elegant rooms, all in Hebrew! They are definitely hired to plan the Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi! Thank you, Mrs. Rabiski



The girls have mastered many new Ivris words related to a room. In Chavrusas the girls worked together to make beautiful and intricate floor plans of a bedroom, using the Ivris words to label it. When exploring the story of this weeks Parsha, we delved into the difference between Eliezer and Eisav asking for water/soup. We discussed the value of עולם הזה for the goyim- which is everything to them as opposed to what it is to us. Mazel tov to Chana Landa, Mushkie Kamchaji, Brochie Gorman and Miriam Gittel on passing the second *tfilloto* level and pioneering onto the third level. Thank you, Miss Goldberg

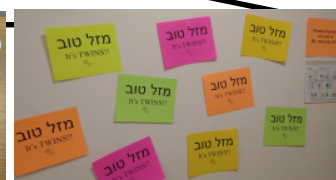


B"h the past several weeks have been so wonderful. We've made some discoveries as to our whereabouts in the world and are enjoying learning all about the different regions in Ontario. We've surprised ourselves with our writing capacity and after brainstorming as a class, we've been able to write lengthy descriptive writing pieces about shabbos. The many spelling games and math centers, continue to keep learning fun and engaging, and our reader is filled with stories that spike our curiosity and keep us growing with the great exercises that follow. So proud of my amazing girls in class 3B who are working so hard and doing so well! Wishing you all a very uplifting shabbos! Thank you, Miss Zirkind



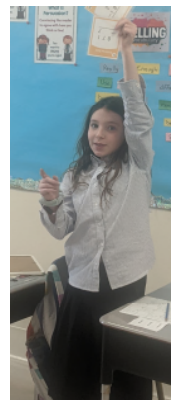
## Grade 4

Big news this week!! Tamar had TWIN BOYS!! Mazal tov! We also learned an incredible lesson for our own lives- Tamar was willing to give up her life rather than WHAT? Ask any of the Kita Daled Rashi Mavens. We finished our chocolate chip jar and celebrated with a baking activity- those zebra cookies were so much fun to make and delicious too! Thank you, Mrs. Zaltzman





Grade 4 have been busy working out how to effectively persuade someone.... We have so many different opinions on our class! We're making sure we have good reasons for persuasion too! Math card swap was fun... Did you get all the cards? Mazel tov to star of the week Carmella Lifshits! Thank you, Mrs. Doron



## Tzivos Hashem

We are so so impressed with the amount of girls who went on Mivtzoim this past Friday!!! We are truly Lamplighters. Grade 5 is the winning class with the highest percentage of girls!!! Grade one - 50% Grade two - 45% Grade 3 - 52% Grade 4 - 68% Grade 5 - 88% Grade 6 - 37% Grade 7 - 28% Grade 8 - 16% A big shout out to the 6th grade for packing over 300 Neshek!!

We have many Neshek packets in school! How can you receive Neshek to give out?

Every week we will be sending a slip of paper for you to fill out to let us know how many you want to take for Mivtzoim, and we will send it home with your daughter on Friday.

We would love to see pictures of your daughter on Mivtzoim! Send them to [shlucha@bcmschool.ca](mailto:shlucha@bcmschool.ca) for her to be featured on our bulletin board and in the School Shmooze!



**LET'S GO ON MIVTZOIM!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE  
\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT OF NESHEK ON  
FRIDAY TO GIVE OUT!!**

Parents' signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this paper back to school on Monday, so that your daughter can receive Neshek to give out on Friday!

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# M'chayil El Chayil

## Congratulations from the M'Chayil El Chayil Remedial Department

Congratulations to the amazing girls who have completed all or significant portions of the **Summer Review Packets**! Your dedication and hard work during your well-deserved time off have not gone unnoticed. This week the students who completed all or substantial parts of the Summer Review Packets not only earned an exciting prize, but they also gained something far more valuable – the assurance of sharp math skills that has made their transition into the next grade smooth and easy. We're looking forward to seeing even more students follow your lead and complete the Summer Review Packets next summer. Your hard work and enthusiasm set a great example for everyone, and we're excited about the bright academic future that lies ahead for all of you. Keep up the excellent work!

We would also like to congratulate to all the remarkable girls who received a certificate and a beautiful personalized tumbler for mastering a level in the **Math Challenge** last year! We're especially proud of Ahuva Rochel Selkowitz, who went above and beyond by mastering not just one but two levels, the Multiplication and Division Challenge. Way to go, Ahuva Rochel!

As we eagerly anticipate the start of this year's Math Challenges, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Miss Korf for her hard work, time, and dedication in preparing the program for its launch next week. We're looking forward to another exciting year of mathematical exploration and growth.

To all our students in grades 1-8, we wholeheartedly invite you to engage in the Math Challenge. You will discover a Challenge designed specifically for each of you, presenting a wonderful chance to excel in fundamental math skills that will be the cornerstone of your mathematical success. A modest investment of your time now will yield valuable returns in the future. For additional details, please feel free to visit me, Mrs. Gabay, in room 208. Parents are also encouraged to get in touch via email at [mrsgabay@bcmschool.ca](mailto:mrsgabay@bcmschool.ca) for more information.



We can't wait to witness the outstanding successes of the 2023/24 school year! Get ready to embrace the joy of learning and the thrill of mathematical challenges.



Hatzlacha  
Raba!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Gabay

