



SCHOOL SHMOOZE

לקראת שבת פ' תולדות ה'תשפ"ד

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Dear parents of the BCM family,

I'd like to inform you of the passing of Mr. Chaim Gabay ע"ה, father in law of Mrs. Gabay who heads the Mechayil El Chayil program in BCM. We wish the entire family המקום ינחם and that they only have Simchos to share from this point on.

I'd like to wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Miss Landa and her entire family upon her sister's engagement this week! May the Chosson and Kallah build a בנין עדי עד and merit all the Rebbe's Brochos.

Chesswood Construction update:

Both our driveways are now open! Please use the entrance driveway (closer to Sheppard) to enter the BCM parking lot and the exit driveway (adjacent to Canada Fuels) to leave the BCM parking lot. We hope that this project will be completed shortly and we can have Chesswood as a 2-way street again.

Shabbos Mevorchim update:

Many Talmidos received their cans of Sprite for completing their Tehillim quotas this past Shabbos!

Rosh Chodesh Kislev:

The highlight of this week was definitely the day of Rosh Chodesh Kislev. We started the day with Davening and then recited Hallel with the entire Bais Chomesh High School. What a nice treat! Thank you Bais Chomesh for coming!

Grades 6-8 had a special BeBesimcha Chavrusa Learning accompanied by a beautiful and delicious Ice Cream Bar.

The highlight of the day was the Grand Rosh Chodesh Kislev Seuda! The entire school joined in the lunchroom for a delicious Fleishig Seuda. During the Seuda, the 8th grade students put on a beautiful skit acting out parts of the story of Rosh Chodesh Kislev. The entire school recited a Kapital Tehillim for our brothers and sisters in

This week's Parsha, תולדות, begins with the words, ואלה תולדות יצחק בן אברהם, אברהם הוליד את יצחק. What is the meaning of the repetition in this פסוק? By stating אברהם הוליד את יצחק and יצחק בן אברהם - two ways of expressing the same idea - the תורה offers us the reason for the generations of יצחק. The generations of יצחק are the consequence of אברהם having begotten יצחק.

אברהם as the תורה relates, was "one" - the only איד in the entire world. The whole world stood in opposition to אברהם as the name עברי (from the word עבר, side) - implies. The entire world was on one side and אברהם on the other. Nonetheless, אברהם persisted in his mission to make ה' Name known, as it states, ויקרא שם בשם ה' אל-עולם. This approach was passed on to אברהם's son יצחק as an inheritance, thereby paving the way for the possibility of future "generations of יצחק" - both in the spiritual sense (according to the explanation of חז"ל that the primary "descendants" of the Tzadikim are their מצוות תורה, and the physical sense, actual offspring. This contains a lesson for every איד in his daily life. When a איד takes a look at the world he is apt to become discouraged. רשעים seem to prosper and flourish, and countless obstacles stand in the way of his עבודת ה'. For most of the day he must involve himself in mundane affairs; it is an ongoing struggle to bring קדושה into his life. The איד is liable to wonder where he will get the strength to observe the מצוות. How can he withstand the many trials that he must endure? The answer is contained in this week's פרשה

and not only a sign or indication of how they should conduct themselves, but an infusion of strength. "אברהם הוליד יצחק" was the rock from which יצחק was hewn, and the source of strength for all אידן. Just as אברהם did not flinch at taking on the entire world, spreading the belief in one ה' and the knowledge that אין עוד מלבדו so too must every single one of אברהם's descendants take courage in his ability to overcome all hindrances and impediments that come his way.

By striving to fulfill "the generations of יצחק" in the spiritual sense, i.e., תורה, מצוות, we thereby merit to become "the generations of יצחק" in the literal sense as well, vanquishing the enemies of ה' and His תורה in preparation for the conquest of ארץ משיח צדקינו at the hands of ישראל

Eretz Yisroel. Lunchroom was dark and each grade had a different color glow stick. When their color came up on the screen it was their turn to sing the Rosh Chodesh Kislev Niggun. What an energy!!! The Chayus in the room was tremendous! 8th grade Talmidos did an outstanding job at setting up, decorating the room, being counselors and cleaning up after the Seuda. A big Yasher Koach to grade 8 students for your leadership and for being such positive role models for the rest of the school. Another shout out to our dedicated Bnos Chabad Shluchos, Miss Gorman and Miss Sosover for planning the programs and making sure they are all such a success! Thank you Mrs. Lavner for guiding the grade 8 in the setup, preparation, serving and cleanup of the Seuda! Mazel Tov to Bassi Verzov, Tzippy Rosenzeig and Carmela Lifhsits for winning the raffles.



I'd like to thank the sponsors who donated toward the Seuda and events during the month of Kislev. **Rabbi and Mrs. Reinitz** for the very generous donation לעילוי נשמת לאה בת ר' יצחק הכהן whose Yartzeit is coming up on כסלו ה'ה. Mrs. Lazar ע"ה spent much time in BCM and we are forever grateful to her. **Mr. and Mrs. Antebi** for their generous donation לעילוי נשמת ר' דוד משה בן ר' אפרים ע"ה and for the safety of our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel, **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, Mr. and Mrs. Yehoshua Lang** and **Rabbi and Mrs. Shuchat** in honor of Chaya Mushka's upcoming birthday on י"א כסלו.



Parent Participation:

Thanks to our sponsors, the parent participation was only \$5. Thank you to all the parents who already paid. If you have not paid yet, please send \$5 in cash with your daughters next week. Thank you!

Beis Kislev papers:

Monday will be the raffle for all the students who brought in the Beis Kislev papers.

Grades 7&8:

It's a new month which means another month of work! YOU'RE HIRED!! This month we are each Fashion designers. Each of us get to pick one area in Tznius that you want to work on!

Chessed projects:

Thank you to Mrs. Garbman and Mrs. Wolosow and all the mothers who took part of this initiative. Please see upcoming pages for more details and photos.

Chai Lifeline Toy Drive:

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.

Warm Hug Project:

If you have anything warm that you'd like to donate to displaced families in Eretz Yisroel, please see flyer in the upcoming pages. We will have a drop off in BCM as well.

PT conferences:

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **Wednesday כסלו ט"ז/November 29** in the evening. Please look out for an email to sign up for appointments. If you won't make it, please call the office to be placed on the teachers' call list.

PD day will be on **Thursday כסלו י"ז/November 30th**. There is **no school** for students on this day.

Grade 2

This week learnt that Avraham and Lot decided to separate, we practiced our rights and lefts and have been adding new words to our Milim banks! Our Shoroshim

knowledge is growing as well - we can spot then in almost every part of our day!! Parshas Toldos brought a whole new excitement, we held our breath as Yaakov walked into the room, and got the Brachos from him father Yitzchak! We learn that as Yidden, the children of Yaakov, our weapon is our voice, when we use our voice to learn Torah in school, we are fighting our enemy! Ask your daughter what the Michtavin are!? The children in the times of the BHK were confident in their weapon against the Goyim and so are we! Mazal tov to Bassi Verzov, Shaina Bronstein, Chana Pela Wechter, Naava Lang, and Rivka Deren for completing Level Yellow in our Tefillah Champs! Gut Shabbos! Thank you, Miss Landa



We enjoyed the story we read in our reader about deserts. We learned so many interesting new things. We learned about hot deserts as well as cold deserts and about the plants and animals we find there. In our math unit we worked on solving word problems as well as solving basic addition and subtraction problems with numbers 0-8. We enjoyed playing an addition connect four game. Thank you, Mrs. Perl



Grade 3

Well, well, well! We had a wonderful well-filled week! The pessukim describing the three wells brought many opportunities for smartboard work, cool brain gyms, a hands-on reenactment of this story, and the deeper crucial insight of what the three wells correspond to! We sadly watched the two Batei Mikdash get destroyed because of "Aisek" and "Sitna", but we were delighted to help Yidden from every land peacefully make their way to "Rehovos" - our glorious third Beis Hamikdash! On Rosh Chodesh Kislev, we "Reported Live" from the scene and enjoyed a beautiful Seudah. Thank you to Mimi and Simi for a beautiful and inspiring message - "one action is better than a thousand sighs!" Congratulations to all the girls who received the Chodesh Cheshvan Davening Awards! Thank you, Mrs. Rabiski

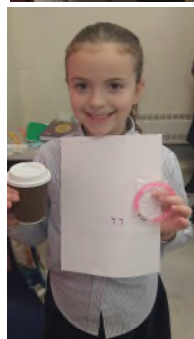
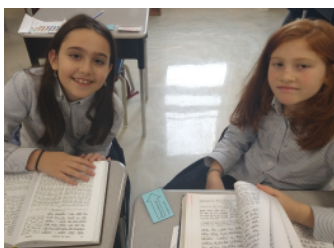


Our map of Eretz Yisrael has been filled, every inch covered with icons displaying the Torah, Tefillah and Tzedakah that the girls have been adding for the safety of our brothers and sisters. The girls wrote a Duch telling the Rebbe about all the which they have been doing, concluding with the Hachlata they took on to keep in Eretz Yisrael's zchus. Wow, may these efforts, fighting the spiritual war bring an end to the suffering with Moshiach now! Mazel tov Sara Bardwidor on passing the second Tfilloto Level! Thank you, Miss Goldberg



Grade 4

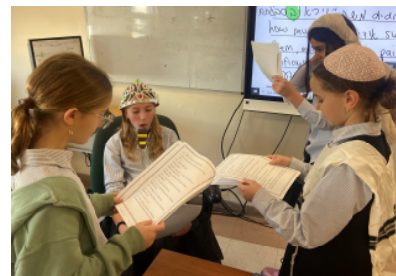
Get ready for a sparkling month of Kislev! Rosh Chodesh Kislev- we learned about this special day through a dramatic retelling of its details, and our class's spirit was evident in our participation in the school program! Our focus in Chumash this week was in preparing for the test through activities, worksheets, and a car-racing smartboard game that got hearts pumping! BH the class did a beautiful job demonstrating their knowledge and skill on the Perek 38 test. In Birchah Yakov, we are working on Yehuda's bracha (and of course the accompanying song!). We inaugurated the "GLOW (Girls Lighting Up Our World)" system this week- each girl gets her own day & personal reminder that she has a unique GLOW, her own strengths and talents, and the world is waiting for her to use all those gifts to make this world ready for Moshiach! The light-up bracelet is a tangible reminder of this, and the hot cocoa doesn't hurt. Check out the GLOW bulletin outside our classroom and its growing set of Pigmim posters. Thank you, Mrs. Zaltzman



This week in Grade 4, we have almost completed all addition and subtraction with borrowing and carrying. Warning: multiplication coming soon! We began or persuasive paragraphs but we're nowhere near done yet! We watched a second video in our habitats unit and plan to start our project soon. Mazel tov to this week's Star of the Week, Mimi Gansburg!

Grade 5

This week we learnt the difference between "feeling bad" for others and "feeling the actual pain" of others. משה was a high ranking officer, yet left his own comforts to join his brothers. He taught us how to act when our brothers and sisters are in pain! Mazal tov to the recipients of first געט ומצאת awards! Each girl worked extra hard in a specific category and should be so proud of her efforts! Chani Labkowsky, Rivkah Shuster, Rosie Wagner and Devora Leah Wechter! Thank you, Mrs., Zaiontz



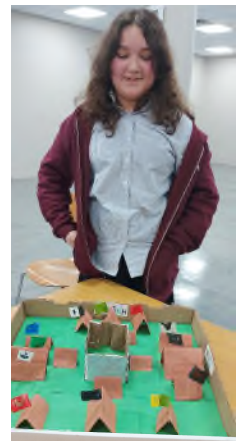
Junior High

We've finished singing

through Shiras Chana and recognizing the greatness and power of Hashem that she speaks about. So what did chof-ni and Pinchas actually do ...will have to wait till next week to find out! Continuing in kitzur about netilas yadayim shacharis...we are all like Kohanim getting ready to serve Hashem throughout the day. The girls did a super job preparing the chessed projects for the school, and your bracelets with meaningful messages came out great! Have a wonderful Shab-bos! Thank you, Mrs. Karpilovsky



The girls displayed their incredible talents by creating a 3D display of the Yiddens encampment in the Midbar. Although the assignment was the same for everyone, each project had its own creative twist. There were projects made of Orgami, gems, paint, sticks, melted crayons, material and more. Job well done! The girls are looking to find Hashgacha Protis in their lives. We've heard some great stories and are waiting for more. We have expanded our EK list over the past few weeks. Hashem tells Moshe "You do yours, and I'll do mine". We just have to try our best, and Hashem will help us out. The most important thing to remember is to try. The girls gave examples from their lives, when something seemed hard and they saw that Hashem helped them. We played a fun game with popsicles sticks, creating different ideas from the perek in just 90 seconds. We are putting extra effort into our davening and we know that it is making a difference for our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel! Yaasher Koach to all our Diamond daveners of the month of Cheshvan! Thank you, Mrs. Zaltzman



Chessed project

BCM girls took part in their first Chessed initiative on Thursday. Each class began with a Kapital Tehillim for the safety of our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel. "We protect our borders with our mitzvos." The younger grades coloured a map of Eretz Yisroel with 10 mitzvoyim around the border. We discussed that we keep the borders of Eretz Yosroel strong by keeping Torah & Mitzvos strong. The girls wrote cards and pledged Mitzvos. The older grades made bracelets for female IDF soldiers. These bracelets will be distributed around bases next week. Thank you to all the volunteers that came to facilitate the program in their child's class. Look out for more volunteer opportunities.





Rosh Chodesh Kislev Seuda

Around the school...

Girls enjoying recess while getting to talk to the police and ask all of their questions!



Making a human pyramid - focusing on balancing and working as a team in Mrs. Grover's gym class! Thank you Mrs. Grover



I'd like to wish the BCM family a Gut Shabbos!

Rabbi Vidal

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THE WARM HUG PROJECT

TORONTO COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE TO BENEFIT DISPLACED FAMILIES IN ERETZ YISROEL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 thru WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 (@ 4 pm)

As winter approaches, evacuated families in Eretz Yisroel urgently need warm clothing and basics!!
TOGETHER WE CAN UNITE KLAL YISROEL!!
לע"נ גולדה פייגא בת יהושע לייב

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Send your purchased items to school with your child	53 Ranee Ave. M6A 1M8
47 Glen Park Ave. M6B 2C1	65 Clanton Park Rd. M3H 2C9
175 N Meadow Cres. L4J 3C4	5 Stormont Ave. M5N 2B7

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- 2 Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Warm Socks
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