

Dear parents,
Simchos are so wonderful and we love to share them!

A very hearty Mazal Tov to Mrs Lavner (Junior High Social Studies) and the entire family upon the engagement of her son Levi to Chaya Mushka Friedman! We wish them to build a בנין עדי עד and merit all the Rebbe's Brochos!

Another Mazal Tov to Morah Chanie Zaltzman (Pre1a) and her entire family upon the birth of her daughter. May you raise her לתורה, חופה, ומעשים טובים!

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In other exciting news, we put up a brand new Basketball net in our playground for our students to enjoy during their recesses.

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Our dedicated PTA is looking for class mothers. The class mother is responsible for organizing mother volunteers for various activities (helping the class with a pre Yom Tov art, going on a trip etc.), coordinating Chanukah Gelt for the teachers and being the liaison between the teacher and the mothers of the class. If interested please contact Mrs Neely Antebi by emailing neelyantebi@gmail.com

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ח"י אלול was celebrated with great enthusiasm in BCM. Grades 1-6 had a הקהל gathering where they were addressed by Mrs Rabiski and immediately following the presentation they took part of a very creative activity. The theme was אהבת ישראל. Each student had to decorate a heart-shaped key chain for another student in their class. The shrinky dink key chains came out beautiful. Students were also treated to a special birthday treat to celebrate the birthdays of שני בעל שם טוב and the הגדולים המאורות. Grades 7&8 had a special אלטער רבי.



## כי תבוא

This week's פרשה, כי תבוא, opens with the מצוה of ביכורים - first fruits. "You shall put it in a basket...and the כהן will take the basket out of your hand."

Closer study of the תורה's laws of ביכורים reveals that the presentation of the basket (usually made out of wicker) to the כהן was an integral part of the מצוה itself.

Interestingly, while the fruits that were brought were only the choicest (and only selected from the שבעת המינים), the basket that was used for them was made of a common material.

This seeming contradiction in the מצוה of ביכורים contains an allusion to the descent of the נשמה from the higher worlds and its incarnation in a physical body down below.

The fruits of the ביכורים are symbolic of the נשמה; the basket is the גוף. Handing the basket to the כהן represents the purpose for which the נשמה made this drastic descent.

In general, the first fruits are symbolic of the אידן; more specifically, of the נשמה as it exists Above, completely transcendent of the physical world.

ה' plan, however, is for this lofty נשמה to become enclothed in a body, a coarse and lowly "vessel" which contains it, as it were.

This vessel makes it difficult for the נשמה to express its connection with ה', even to the point of obscuring its true mission in the world. Again, just as in the מצוה of ביכורים, the holy and superior "fruit" is contained and even constrained within the confines of a simple and unpretentious "basket."

תורה provides the reason for this, explaining that the descent of the נשמה into a physical body is a "ירידה צורך": It is precisely through its sojourn on the physical plane, having to confront the difficulties of this world and overcome them, that the essence of the נשמה is revealed and a higher level of spirituality attained - much higher than could ever be reached without experiencing this descent in the first place.

In principle, "fruits" alone are not enough; the objective of the נשמה's descent is "fruits within a basket."

The נשמה's ascent is accomplished through the performance of practical מצוות, which can only be done with the help of the "vessel" - the physical body. For in truth, the נשמה was already filled with love and awe of ה' before it came into the material world; the only change it experiences upon finding itself in a body is that it can now do physical מצוות, something that was previously impossible. Thus the נשמה is rendered capable of elevating the physical world and turning it into קדושה - the very intent of all of creation.

גוט שבת!

Farbrengen, with a guest speaker. Thank you Rabbi Spalter for coming to Farbreng with the students. Many new concepts and details of Chai Elul were shared, and the students enjoyed the Rebbe video, nosh and inspiration. To put their learning into action, each student made a החלטה and was entered into a raffle for a leather bound Sefer Tehillim. Mazal Tov to our winner Tzirl Reznick! Thank you to our Shlucha Miss Brochi Feigelstock for organizing the events and to Mrs Overlander for taking care of the Farbrengen.

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Chidon registration is now open. Parents who have students in grades 4-8 received an email with all the details. The first test is scheduled for Tuesday מרחשון כ"א/November 22nd. Hatzlacha to all our students who are committing to study the Mitzvos!

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Curriculum night will be taking place IYH THIS upcoming **Tuesday כ"ד אלול/September 27th from 8:00-10:00 PM**. Please refer to the attached schedule.

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Grade 1 is busy preparing for Rosh Hashono. We learned and practiced the brachos for bentching Licht and we also practiced wishing a l'shono Tova for the first night of yom tov! Thank you Mrs Shur



In **grade 2** our חומש decoding skills are growing every day. We recognize so many שרשים, prefixes & suffixes. We are learning about חודש אלול & began our ראש השנה booklet too. In עברית we are learning how to differentiate

between זכר & נקבה. Yiddish reading rules are being reviewed & practiced. We love our Yiddish songs! Thank you Mrs Rosenfeld

In **grade 3** things are heating up in עשׂו...חומש staggered in demanding lentil soup, and we're left with wondering what exactly יעקב is planning to do next! Our ראש השנה boxes are filling up, and we're looking forward to bringing home the finished projects! Thank you Mrs Rabiski



מילים, כתיבה, עברית, שרשים, all come together during all of our morning subjects! In just this short time since the year began the students are really getting the hang of it!! Thank you Mrs Goldstein



What an exciting week! **Grade 3a** learned so many things this week! We had a blast with Grandma Grammar visiting us, decorating our Science board with a MASSIVE flower (making sure to include all the parts we learned), sounding out all the short vowel and long vowel sounds (with funny faces to remember them), winning so many prizes from Homeworkopoly, and so much more! I can't wait for another fulfilling week! Thank you Miss Korf **Grade 3b** traveling on our science school bus to discover plant life! Thank you Miss Nadoff



Grade 4 students were able to put their artistic talents to work this week. They made a pretty Rosh Hashana sand art picture. They also made beautiful keychains for each other in honor of chai elul and displayed such ahavas yisroel when creating and then giving them to their friends. They also got to listen to the ניגון שלש תנועות. In חומש class we got to see

Yosef's פסים and how it looked after it was dipped in blood of a שעיר עזים. We also saw the spices that the ישמעאלים were carrying and we were glad that יוסף had something nice to smell on his sad trip down to מצרים. The students are doing an amazing job analyzing all of the words in the פסוקים and recognizing the prefixes and suffixes. I'm so proud of them! Thank you Mrs Altein



What an amazing start to the school year. **Grade 5** has already managed to finish a פרק of חומש! The students have begun תניא בעל פה while learning the explanations and learning the daily יום in honor of ח"י אלול. They are excited to take on this new challenge! Looking forward to a wonderful year! Thank you Mrs Zaiontz

Do you know what effective leads are? This week **grade 5** learned all about how to draw our readers into our writing! In Math we've continued on to modelling patterns with various shapes. As a culmination of our learning, on Thursday we



enjoyed four exciting Math Centres!

In Geography we got a glimpse into "our place in space". From living in a galaxy all the



way to a street- there are so many places we live in. Our week ended off with our very first much anticipated Grandma Grammar! Thank you Rikki for a fabulous game of

charades, yummy treat and teaching us all about changing adjectives into adverbs. Thank you Miss Shur

Grade 7 has BH already finished a פרק in חומש and enjoyed playing a fun חזרה game. Keep up the wonderful learning and behaviour! :) Thank you Mrs Overlander



I'd like to wish the entire BCM family a גוט שבת and a כתיבה וחתימה טובה!
Rabbi Vidal

Last week's question was: When is the Frierdiker Rebbe's wedding anniversary? Answer is 13 Elul. Raffle will be next week IYH

Trivia Question:

What day is the יאהרצייט of the מהר"ל מפראג?

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Cut out this text box, write the answer and put it in the Trivia Question box.

All of the correct answers will go into a raffle during the following week.

CURRICULUM NIGHT 5776/5777 SCHEDULE

Tuesday כ"ז אלול /September 27th

Please adhere to the times below. You may park in the front or back of the building.

Time	Grade/Subject	Teacher's names	Location
8:00-8:30	Grade 1 Grade 2	Mrs Shur (LK) Mrs Rosenberg (GS) Mrs Rosenfeld (LK) Miss Neumann (GS)	Grade 1 Classroom Grade 2 Classroom
8:30-9:00	Grade 3A Grade 3B Grade 4 Grade 5	Mrs Rabiski (LK) Miss Korf (GS) Mrs Goldstein (LK) Miss Nadoff (GS) Mrs Altein (LK) Miss Indaig (GS) Mrs Zaiontz (LK) Miss Shur (GS)	Grade 3A Classroom Grade 3B Classroom Grade 4 Classroom Grade 5 Classroom (2 nd Floor)
8:30-8:45	Grade 6A&B Social Studies	Mrs Bekerman, Mrs Lavner	Junior High Lunchroom (2 nd Floor)
8:30-8:45	Grade 6b English Language	Mrs Danzinger	Grade 6B Classroom (2 nd Floor)
8:45-9:15	Grade 8 Limudei Kodesh	Miss Chaikin, Mrs Blau, Mrs Weinfeld	Grade 8 Classroom (2 nd Floor)
8:45-9:00	Grade 6&b Math Grade 6a English Language	Mrs Lipszyc	Junior High Lunchroom (2 nd Floor)
9:00-9:20	Grade 6 Limudei Kodesh	Mrs Karpilovsky, Miss Rosenfeld	Junior High Lunchroom (2 nd Floor)
9:20-9:40	Grade 7&8 English Language & Math	Mrs Danzinger, Mrs Pugen	Junior High Lunchroom (2 nd Floor)
9:45-10:00	Grade 7 Limudei Kodesh	Mrs Overlander	Grade 7 Classroom (2 nd Floor)

כתיבה וחתימה טובה!