

Dear parents,  
Simchos are so wonderful and we love to share them!  
Another very hearty Mazal Tov to Mrs Lavner (Junior High Social Studies) and the entire family upon the engagement of her son Mendel to Aviva Grinspun! We wish them to build a עדי עד and merit all the Rebbe's Brochos!



## Calendar reminders

**Our Calendar is posted on our website. Feel free to download and print it.**

Friday through Tuesday	כ"ז אלול עד ב' תשרי	Sept. 30 through October 4 <sup>th</sup>	No School
Wednesday	ג' תשרי צום גדלי	October 5	Noon dismissal
Tuesday Wednesday	ט' תשרי י' תשרי	October 11 & 12	No School
Thursday	י"א תשרי	October 13	Late Arrival School begins at 10:00
Friday through Wednesday	י"ב תשרי עד כ"ד תשרי	October 14 through October 26	Sukkos No School
Thursday	כ"ה תשרי	October 27	School resumes at 9:00

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim. Please remind your daughters to say Tehillim. Girls' Tehillim @ Lubavitch will be held upstairs from 9:30-10:00 followed by a raffle for the participants. Thank you Mrs Stevens

**Curriculum night** was well attended BH! Thank you to the parents who made the effort to attend and familiarize themselves with what our students are learning, classroom procedures, homework expectations etc. A Big Yasher Koach to all our teachers for preparing such informative presentations and handouts.

Many students from grades 4-8 already registered for the **Chidon**. We are working with Tzivos Hashem so that the Junior High students who had trouble signing up will be able to sign up IYH. Registration will close on ט"ז מרחשון / November 17th. The first test is scheduled for Tuesday כ"א מרחשון / November 22nd. Hatzlacha to all our students who are committing to study the Mitzvos!

Every minute of ראש השנה should be utilized to the fullest. Please encourage your daughters to say Tehillim. I'd like to wish the entire BCM family a גוט שבת and a חתימה טובה!  
Rabbi Vidal

## כ"ה אלול תשח"ו

The month of אלול, especially the Days of סליחות and the עשרת ימי תשובה, is the time dedicated to sincere introspection and a careful and honest examination of the record of the outgoing year, with a view to the proper deductions and resolutions which are to regulate one's personal daily life, as well as that of his home, and all his affairs in the year to come.

Moreover, these are exceptionally propitious days, days permeated with the core of the קאפיטל תהילים recited twice daily: "בקשו פני, את פניך ה' אבקש". They call and demand:

Search for the innermost and the profound within you; seek out also the inwardness of everything around you, the soul of the universe; search for and bring to light the G-dliness that animates and pervades the world!

Both aspects - the honest self-appraisal and the search for the inner essence of things - are interrelated and interdependent.

In evaluating the results of the outgoing year, one is very prone to err by taking into account only the external, both in himself and in the environment. In doing so, one is on equally treacherous grounds in regard to setting the pattern of daily living in the year to come.

To forestall this misleading approach, these auspicious days sound their message and challenge: Do not sell yourself short! Do not underestimate your capacities and abilities!

For, no matter what your spiritual "stock-in-trade" is, your "visible assets" - the existing possibilities that you have to conduct your life in accord with the teachings of our תורה, no matter how formidable is your strength of character and your ability to cope with a frustrating environment, and with undaunted perseverance to follow the path of the תורה and its מצוות, much greater and richer are your "hidden reserves" of powers to create new possibilities, and of inner qualities giving you the ability to overcome obstacles and to shape your life and the lives around you to be in harmony with truth and goodness.

In order to reveal and apply these powers, however, it is necessary that you search for and release your potential forces. But you are promised: "ומצאתי תדרשנו בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך".

What has been said above is more especially and more fully applicable to those who occupy positions of spiritual leadership and influence, from the rabbi of the community down to the individual parent who sets the pace of the spiritual life of the household and family.

All too often do we see them stymied by doubt and fear, afraid to use, what seems to them, a strong word or excessive demand lest they might alienate, instead of attract.

To them these days address themselves with this message and challenge: Search inwardly; seek deeply and you will unravel the innermost treasures of those whom you would lead and inspire; evaluate them not externally, but according to their inner resources, according to the capacity of their soul, the veritable spark of G-dliness from Above.

For with the right approach and by indefatigable effort you will be able to uncover and activate in everyone his inner spiritual resources, so that he begins to animate his daily life.

Have confidence in your fellow-Jew and give him what he, as a Jew, truly expects from you: the whole תורה with all its precepts, unvarnished and untarnished, as it was given from Sinai, in its true eternity, for the תורה is eternal for all times and places.

Only through this approach can one attain a true estimation of oneself and of those who look up to you for guidance and leadership, a true estimation that will make the year a full year - full in content and achievement commensurate with your fullest resources, and also full of ה' s blessings, materially and spiritually.

חתימת יד קדשו