

Dear parents,
Though it was a short week, much was accomplished in BCM.

BH we managed to get the Machzorim from Tzivos Hashem and distributed them to our students.



We hope that the students use it to Daven on Yom Kippur IYH.



Calendar reminders

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

Tuesday	ט' תשרי	October 11	No School
Wednesday	י' תשרי	&12	No School
Thursday	יא' 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

*** Please note that the buses will run one hour later than usual on the day after Yom Kippur.**

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This Shabbos, in addition to being שבת שובה is also ו' תשרי, the Yahrtzeit of

### וילך

This week's פרשה, וילך, contains a פסוק which sums up the entire concept of the גלות of the אידן. "And on that day My anger will burn against them," we read, "and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them."

Rashi explains that the concealment of ה' presence from the אידן is only an illusion, only "as if" He were in hiding. "I will hide My face from them," ה' says, "as though I do not see their distress." In truth, however, ה' is always with the אידן; He always sees and observes them, and indeed senses their distress, as it is written, "In all their distress, He is distressed."

The sole reason that ה' hides Himself, as it were, is to stir the אידן to return to Him.

תוספות uses the analogy of a father who hides himself from his young son to determine how smart he is. The son, being subjected to the test, can respond in one of two ways: he can fall into despair and conclude that his father has abandoned him, or, if he is truly wise, he will correctly surmise that his father would never leave him and he must therefore be nearby. When the son realizes the purpose of the "game" and understands that his father is really there, despite the fact that he cannot see him, this in itself arouses a stronger love and causes the son to express these feelings for his parent more fervently.

Furthermore, as the Baal Shem Tov explained, the double expression "הסתיר אסתיר" - "I will surely hide" - means that the Divine concealment itself will be concealed, especially during this final period of גלות, when spiritual darkness prevails. Nonetheless, we must always remember that nothing can separate ה' from the אידן, and that G-dliness is forever within us.

גלות, exile, is the ultimate form of "I will hide My face from them." The sole purpose of the seeming "concealment" is to test the reaction of the אידן, about whom the תורה states, "You are the children of the ה' your G-d." This, however, is no more than a temporary illusion to motivate us to seek the "hidden presence" of ה'. Thus, through being in גלות, we are led to intensify our bond with ה', culminating in the ultimate manifestation of ה's love for אידן that will come about with the the coming of משיח.

Rebbetzin Chana. We all know how much the Rebbe practiced the **כיבוד אב ואם** of מצוה toward his parents and especially toward his mother when the Rebbetzin lived in NY. The Rebbetzin expressed in her diary that the few minutes the Rebbe spent with her on a daily basis despite the Rebbe's busy schedule "kept her going." In light of this, students of BCM (grades 1-8) received a slip of paper where they will write one specific act of **כיבוד אב ואם** that they performed on Friday or Shabbos in honour of Rebbetzin Chana. Students need to bring the signed papers back on Monday in order to enter the raffle.

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There are 7 weeks left to the first Chidon test! If you haven't started studying, now is the time to do so!

Many students from grades 4-8 already registered for the Chidon. It's so beautiful to see how students are using their free time to study the Rambam's Mitzvos! 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!

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The maidelach of **Grade 1** were proud to receive their machzorim from Tzivos Hashem! They have been working on all the different **שבא** rules in **קריאה** and are doing a great job differentiating between all of them! We are also busy preparing ourselves for Yom Kippur. Thank you Mrs Shur

The entire **Grade 3** united for a beautiful Hakhel gathering on **כ"ה אלול**, in honour of the world's birthday and Rosh Hashana. And for the first time this year, Rabbi Vidal presented the Chodesh Elul Davening Award



recipients with their certificates! We are so proud of them and are looking forward to awarding it to more girls next month! Thank you Mrs Rabiski and Mrs Goldstein

**Grade 4** got busy reacquainting ourselves with the machzor and went through the different **תפילות** of **יום כיפור**. It was exciting to use our very own, new Tzivos hashem **מחזורים**. We also learned about **יום כיפור** through a colourful slideshow. It was exciting learning about **הקהל** in this week's **פרשה** and we were able to relate, as we just finished a **הקהל** year. The students were calculating what grade they'll be in during the next **הקהל** year! Thank you Mrs Altein

**Grade 5** students have completed their first unit of Math: number patterns! The students have all excelled on their math quizzes and are preparing for their upcoming test. The spirit of Tishrei is felt in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom!

Using our five senses the students wrote a descriptive paragraph about Rosh Hashana. They also wrote Shana Tova letters to their parents, and made a beautiful craft. Moving right along they are now working on their **Sukkos** portfolio.

In Grammar they learned about comparative adjectives and their proper endings. Thank you to our Grandma Grammars Sara and Chanale for an incredible game and presentation! Thank you Miss Shur



We have been so busy with all the ימים טובים, and among all the learning, two students recently became בת מצוה.

The students enjoyed two special class פארברענגען for the two out - of - town girls in our class. מזל טוב to Osnat and Mariasha! The **כתה ז** has been working on understanding the תפילות of ראש השנה and יום כיפור on a deeper level.

Students made special cards to help them



focus on the different parts of תפילה. To put the על חטא into a practical level, girls got into groups, and figured out which על חטא apply to different practical life scenarios. Everyone worked so nicely together and gained insight into this special תפילה. To add to the excitement, the students decorated the bulletin board with חודש תשרי

- with both ימים טובים, and יומי דפגרא - it came out beautiful! Thank you Mrs Overlander



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