

Dear parents,

We hope that you had meaningful and enjoyable חודש תשרי. We are so happy to be back at school and look forward to spending full weeks of learning IYH.

It is starting to get cold! **Please have your daughters dressed properly for outdoor play.**

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This Shabbos, is special in many ways. Our Rebbeim tell us אזוי ווי מען שטעלט זיך אוועק -שבת בראשית אזוי פירט זיך א גאנץ יאר Our conduct on Shabbos Beraishis influences the entire year. Let's start it on the right foot by getting up to say Tehillim as it is Shabbos Mevorchim. Girls' Tehillim @ Lubavitch will be held upstairs from 9:30-10:00 followed by a raffle for the participants. Thank you Mrs Stevens

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project was received with great enthusiasm and many students brought back their cards with so many tremendous acts of כיבוד אב ואם.

Mazal Tov to Chayale Klasner (6) and Chaya Mushka Altein (7) who won framed pictures of Rebbetzin Chana.

Mazal Tov to Mussia Sosover (2) and Tanya Kogan (5) who won the raffles for answering the trivia questions correctly.

Question 1: When is the Frierdiker Rebbe's wedding anniversary? י"ג אלול

Question 2: What day is the יאהרצייט of the ח"י אלול? ממהר"ל מפראג

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**NEW SECURITY UPDATE:** We have installed a red rope on both sides of the building. The point of these ropes is to protect the students playing in the playground from cars driving around the building at carpool time. Ropes will be closed from 9:00-3:55. **Ropes should remain closed until a BCM staff member opens them.** Only then can the parents picking up by car drive around the building and line up for carpool. Again, this is to ensure the safety of our students who will sometimes be playing in the back and a car driving up the driveway cannot see them.

I'd like to wish the entire BCM family a שבת אגוט!  
Rabbi Vidal

## בראשית

The first פרשה of the בראשית, תורה, gives us an account of the creation of the world, and concludes with the words, "ויכל אלקים ביום השביעי מלאכתו אשר עשה" -And ה' finished on the seventh day the work which He had made." How does this פסוק fit in with the prohibition against מלאכה on the שבת? If ה' completed the creation of the world on the seventh day, does it not imply that some מלאכה was done on that day too? Rashi solves our problem by explaining that ה"ס clock is more precise than our own. Human beings, who cannot measure time as accurately as ה' Himself, must cease from work several minutes before nightfall to make sure we do not violate ה' שבת, however, knows exactly when "the seventh day" begins, and He went on creating the world right up until the last moment. Taus, whose vision is not so perfect, it would have appeared as if ה' ceased to work on שבת itself.

Every letter, word and sentence in the תורה is precise, and included in order to teach us something positive. What then are we to conclude from the fact that ה' continued His work right up until the very last possible instant, something which we must be careful not to do?

We are taught by our חכמים that "ה' created nothing superfluous in His world," including the creation of time itself. Every organism, every object, and every minute has been created with a Divine purpose in mind, and must be fully utilized and not squandered. Even one second can make a difference.

Every person in the world is created with his own individual talents and abilities, and each of us is given the right circumstances in which we may use them to the fullest. At this time in history, the end of the sixth millennium since the creation of the world, we stand at the threshold of המשיח. We can counter the claims of a person who says that his actions hold no importance, as our גלות is almost over and that only a few minutes remain. How can an insignificant individual possibly add to the accumulated מצוות of the generations who went before us, including our forefathers, משה רבינו, the אמוראים and נביאים, who were spiritually superior to us in every way? he may ask. The תורה, however, teaches us that the opposite is true. Every minute we are allotted is precious, and indeed, the whole of creation may hinge on a single second. Even a tiny good deed can tip the balance and bring Moshiach now, the culmination of the entire creation.