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Thursday, April 11 - Wednesday, May 1
Pesach break

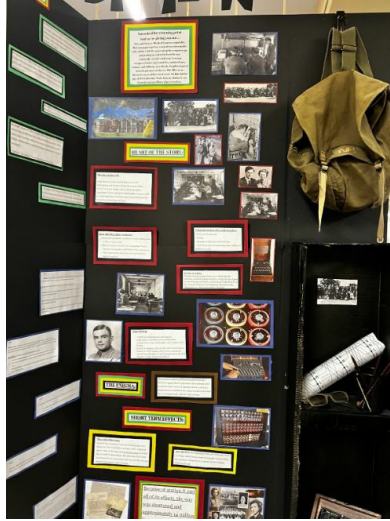
Thursday, May 2
Classes resume

Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28
Lag Baomer trip



HISTORY DAY
by: Mrs. Schachter

On Tuesday, March 5, our 12th graders presented their History Day Project depicting an impactful event in history. Displayed and judged at the University of Minnesota, Tamar Chodos and Rachel Ghermizian planned, prepared and presented their project on Station X's impact on codebreaking and how it impacted the course of WW2, as well as the technological breakthrough of computer development. Mrs. North guided and supervised the project development. The Bais Yaakov students were awarded Runner Up status in the competition.



Extra Curricular

ANNUAL PRODUCTION - "INSCRIBED" -

This year's production, *INSCRIBED*, was a riveting drama with a powerful uplifting message. The superb acting, singing, and dancing were a reflection of both the extraordinary talent and the outstanding work ethic of the girls.

Yasher Koach to all the students, staff, alumni, parents, and community members who helped out in so many ways. Special thanks to our multi-talented and very devoted director, Mrs. Shaynie Goldberger.

CHESSED SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Chessed heads arranged a beautiful program with the theme, ונתנו - when we give, we're really receiving and vice versa. We arranged a panel made up of our very own Bais Yaakov students, and the girls each gave examples of times when they were both a giver and a receiver. The girls filled out a questionnaire about how they feel when they give to others and what it feels like to receive. Mrs. Waxman arranged for each Chessed family to write a heartfelt note of thanks as a surprise for their Chessed girl, and it felt so good to know that each girl was so appreciated! This showed us that when we give, we really do get back.

PURIM PREPARATION AND FESTIVITIES 5784

With the onset of Adar II, Purim could be felt in the halls of Bais Yaakov. From Purim shtik to Purim Prep to Purim Chagiga, Purim was in the air.

The girls prepared brilliant Purim shtik transforming the entry way and the classrooms into various games. They learned about Purim and the megillah both during halacha classes and during Purim Prep day. They enjoyed a fabulously creative Purim chagiga the night after Taanis Esther. Yasher Koach to Miss Rivka Engelson, Chagiga Advisor, and to Dena Kupfer, Rena Mandelbaum, and Rochel Spiro - Student Chagiga Heads.

I OWN IT TRIP - GRANBY, COLORADO

The 8000-foot ascent to Winter Park, Colorado was the perfect setting to commemorate the completion of the uplifting I Own It Program. Launched in Cheshvan, the I Own It Program has the students focus on owning their own decisions Bein Adom L'Chaveiro, and Bein Adom L' Makom, with focused goals selected by each individual girl, with the guidance of Mrs. Crystal, Miss Spar, and the I Own It student heads. The three days spent on the I Own It trip had the girls participating in ruach and achdus-filled wholesome activities, including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snow tubing, singing, dancing, and ceramic creation in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. The culmination of the program was celebrated at a siyum, which included speakers and a student panel. Rabbi Fleisher, Rav of Zera Avrohom in Denver, addressed the group before departing from Denver, by delivering the message of looking inwards to develop themselves and use their kochos to the fullest by giving to others. The girls returned to Minneapolis with fond memories and deep inspiration for future growth.

Thank you to Mrs. Mandelbaum who enabled this experience by arranging the myriad details involved in the transportation, food, and activities. Thank you to Mrs. Crystal, Miss Brochie Spar, and the I Own It Student Heads - Yael Ghermezian, Sarah Idstein, and Sarale Mayer - who planned the program and took care of so many details.



SHAVUA IYUN - TECHNOLOGY

by: Mrs. Shulamit Gibber, Coordinator

Bais Yaakov is still flying high from an inspiring week of awareness and learning about the challenges of technology. We began with an inspiring introduction from Rabbi Avrohom Chaim Gibber about the importance of maintaining our precious culture. This was followed by a delicious yogurt and coffee bar and an eye opening activity. On Monday Bais Yaakov had the privilege of hearing two nationally acclaimed speakers. Mr. Ronnie Adjmi and assistant director of TAG international, Rabbi Mosheh Drew. Mr. Adjmi and Rabbi Drew also addressed the community in the evening, at Yeshiva of Minneapolis. On Tuesday the girls watched an inspiring speech from Rabbi Efraim Shapiro reinforcing the lessons we learned. The girls created magnificent banners, badges and jingles to concretize the concepts. The program came to a successful conclusion with us joining thousands of girls nationwide with a Nissan technology kabbalah.

PESACH PREPARATIONS

On Monday, April 8, 29 Adar II, Bais Yaakov girls participated in the mitzvah of Maos Chitim by raising money for Maos Chitim and earning prizes in the annual Rosh

Chodesh Nisan auction. Yasher Koach to all the girls for raising more than \$2000.00 for this very important mitzvah.

On Tuesday, March 9, Rosh Chodesh Nisan, Bais Yaakov students enjoyed a full morning of guest speakers and Bais Yaakov teachers presenting various aspects of Pesach and the Hagadah.

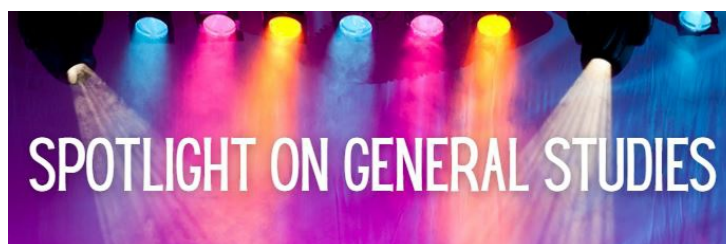
During the Pesach break, students will listen to at least one shiur about Pesach. They will share four divrei Torah with their family during Pesach.



L'MAAN DAAS PROGRAM

By: Mrs. Esti Shurpin

The L'maan Daas program is an opportunity for students to broaden their general Jewish knowledge. This year, the program focuses on six topics- Tanach, Tefila and Brachos, Eretz Yisroel, Luach (Jewish calendar), Gedolim and seforim, and the Bais Hamikdash. Every week the girls receive a sheet with one fact or idea on each of the topics, for a total of six facts, as well as a few optional facts ("parpera'aos l'chochmah") and a general knowledge riddle. A multiple choice quiz is administered every week with six questions on that week's facts and three questions from previous weeks. The girls' mastery of the information earns them stripes to fill their the cups on their sweaters; parpera'os earn "parpar" butterflies for their sweaters and correct riddle answers also earn a "cup" candies. Students also receive a report card grade based on their quiz performance. This grade reflects only their mastery of the facts and does not include the optional parpera'os or riddle.



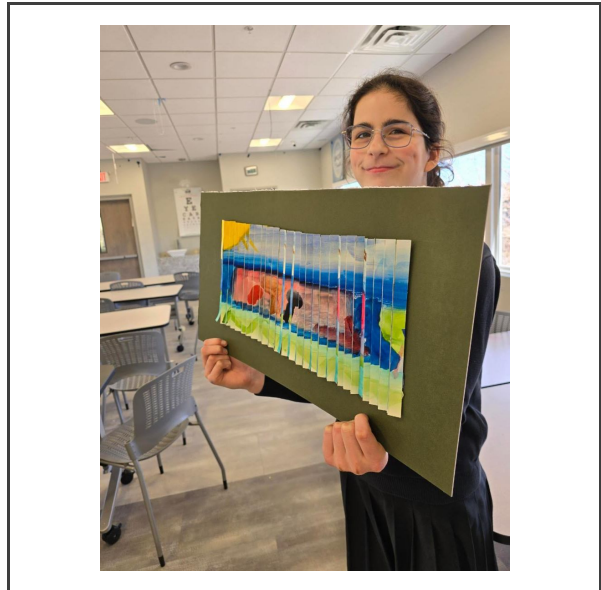
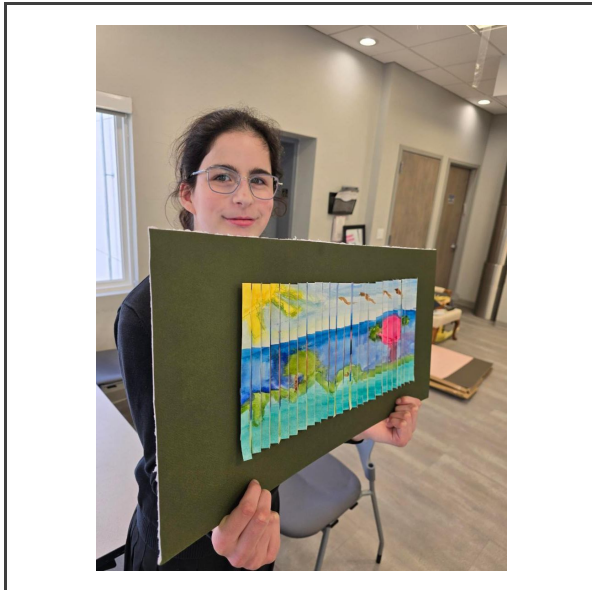
INTRO TO PSYCH

By: Mrs. Chasida Fertel

In our ongoing journey of Introduction to Psychology, we have recently delved into the topic of Emotions and Stress. As we approach the end of this unit, the timing couldn't be more fitting, considering the demands of the students' busy lives during production preparation! We also explored the profound connection between our motivations and our feelings and stressors, which lay the groundwork for understanding human behavior. Our prior unit of motivation provided a crucial backdrop, unraveling the 'why' behind our actions. Now, armed with insights into the 'how' and 'what' of emotions and stress, our students are equipped with a larger perspective on the forces that drive us and the challenges we encounter.

Art

Art that reflects two perspectives to produce a third...equals unity!



Mazel Tov to our Alumni

- Mazel Tov to Amanda Zucker on her engagement to Aaron Waxman. Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zucker and the entire Mishpacha.
- Mazel Tov to Poppy Nussbaum on her engagement to Dovid Klotz. Mazel tov to Dr. and Dr. Yitzchok Nussbaum. Mazel tov to Miss Heather Nussbaum and the entire Mishpacha.
- Mazel Tov to Noa Singer on her marriage to Joshua Dimbert. Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Singer and the entire Mishpacha.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Gedalia and Ahuva (Roberts) Blobstein on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Meir Roberts and the entire Mishpacha.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Binyomin and Mrs. Shira (Cohen) Luban on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Aryeh Cohen. Mazel tov to Miss Devora Cohen, Chaya, and the entire Mishpacha.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Shulamis (Friedler) Wender on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Tzvi Friedler and the entire Mishpacha.

Mazel Tov to our Faculty

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Maier Kutoff on the birth of a grandson. Mazel tov to the entire Mishpacha.

Mazel Tov to our Bais Yaakov Family

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Skapino on the marriage of their son Jone. Mazel

tov to Bracha and the entire Mishpacha.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joram Slager on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel tov to Daphne and the entire Mishpacha.

Nichum Aveilim

The entire Bais Yaakov family extends our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Beverly Thorne on the loss of her dear mother. *Hamokom yenachem eschem besoch sheor aveilei Tzion VeYerushalayim.*

The entire Bais Yaakov family extends our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Gali Israeli, Mrs. Tzlil Guigui, and the entire family on the loss of their dear husband and father. *Hamokom yenachem eschem besoch sheor aveilei Tzion VeYerushalayim.*

חג כשר ושמח!

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