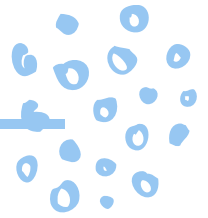




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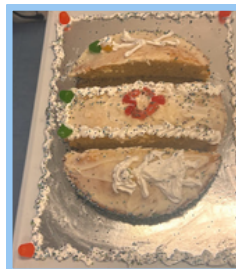


CHODESH KISLEV

What a whirlwind of a month filled with joy, excitement and meaningful activities!

YUD DALED KISLEV

Yud Daled Kislev, the anniversary of our Rebbe and Rebbetzin, had the girls learning about **how this day connected the Rebbe to his Chassidim**. Students then decorated cakes based on what was learned and judges, **Leba Katz, Hadassah Rosen and Chana Schanowitz** decided on winners.



SHABBOS MEVORCHIM TEHILLIM



The Tehillim was divided amongst students and each girl received a beautiful magnet with the dates of shabbos mevorchim to have as a reminder throughout the year. Every girl who says her kapitlach is entered into a raffle for a gift card. **Congratulations to Leba Katz, winner of Shabbos Mevorchim Tehillim raffle for Kislev**

YUD TES KISLEV

Our goal at Bais Chana is to create a chayus around special days on the calendar so that students remember these important dates and understand how the concepts and inyanim related to each of the yamei d'pagrah help shape us as chassidim.

From Rosh Chodesh Kislev, BCA students prepared for Yud Tes Kislev with a wonderful hachana that focused on different chassidishe concepts, halachos and the hayom yom for each day.

Pictures of objects that connected to the lessons learned, adorn the hall @BCA. Participants in the hachana were treated to a sushi lunch – Way to go **Riki Brakman, Yehudis Drizin, Chana Katz, Batya Raskin, Rochel Wilhelm, Hinda Landa, Toby Sandman, Libby Vail, Chana Drizin and Chayale Wilhelm.**

In addition, each class made a presentation in their classroom about a different inyan of Yud Tes Kislev.

9th grade working with **Mrs. Chaya Hecht** displayed the story line of yud tes kislev.

10th grade working with **Mrs. Kalmenson** made a beautiful painting depicting the Tanya as a guidebook and how each individual has a constant struggle between the yetzer tov and yetzer horah vying for command in one's own "city".

The 11/12 th grades, working off what they learned in maamarim class with **Mrs. Schmukler**, created a fantastic "Beinoni Boutique" showing how chassidus helps strengthen and keep our machshava, dibur and maaseh on the straight and narrow. Every last detail was included in this boutique displaying the girls' deep understanding of the maamar Vayishlach Yehoshua. As a special treat, a charm bracelet was gifted to all of the boutique's clientele aka BCA students.

With the theme "Plant, Nurture, Grow", a lovely Yud Tes Kislev melava malka, hosted by Mrs. Laufer, was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Laufer shared how Chassidus can be applied in a real way to make Yiddishkeit come to life. Students then had a chance to make their own succulent plants to take home.



CHANUKAH



Chanukah is always so much fun at Bais Chana! With carefully planned events, students were able to share the joy of Chanukah with others, while delighting in all the energy of Chanukah.

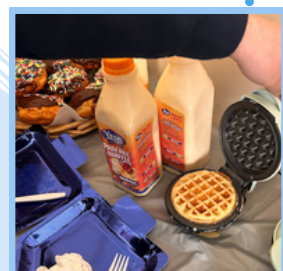
A visit to **the Towers** brought smiles to the elderly. Playing a game of Chanukah bingo, singing and sharing donuts had the seniors in high spirits. As one senior remarked, "This is the most fun I've had in a long time!"

BCA's 12 th graders prepared beautiful boxes for the girls to enjoy over Chanukah break that included thoughts for each night of Chanukah and supplies for decorating their own donuts.

Chanukah on ice, a delicious Chanukah brunch, assisting the preschool with their Chanukah program and a Chanukah grab bag rounded out the activities.

A special thank you to **Mushka Rosenstein** for hosting a fun, BCA Chanukah party in the evening. But that wasn't it...thanks to **Riki Brackman and Rochel Wilhelm**, students participated in their first Torah & Tea this year. Beautiful décor and a yummy chocolate fountain and treats, got the girls ready to listen to Mrs. Malka Abelov who shared her journey to and her passion for Yiddishkeit, and how we can all make this world brighter by igniting our own feelings for Torah and Mitzvos.

Thank you BCA parents for your generous gift of Chanukah gelt to Bais Chana's staff members. It was so special of you to recognize their dedication and devotion!





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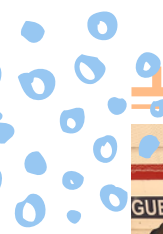
Honor Roll Prerequisites: An overall average of 90% or better, with no grades lower than a B-, no more than a total of 4 absences per semester, excused or unexcused, no more than a total of 4 tardies to davening per semester, excused or unexcused

We congratulate BCA's honor roll students for this semester; keep up your great work!

- Riki Brackman
- Shaindy Edelkopf
- Bella Holtzberg
- Hinda Landa
- Miriam Sarah Mouly
- Toby Sandman
- Libby Vail
- Chana Drizin
- Leba Katz
- Hadassah Rosen



AROUND SCHOOL



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CLASSROOMS

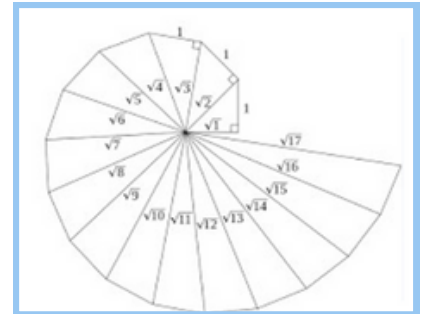
Navi (Mrs. Chaya Hecht) – We are learning about the time period of Yirmiyahu as Hashem sends him to rebuke the Yidden and urge them to do Teshuva. The Yidden are further challenged by “Nevi’ei Sheker” who come to entice them with false promises of blessings despite their sins. To understand the Jews’ gravitation towards these false prophets we discussed the idea of rationalization, how we see ourselves justifying our desires, and how to refocus ourselves in everyday scenarios.

Geometry (Mrs. Salem) – In our geometry class we concluded the Pythagorean Unit with the creation of Theodorus’s Wheel. We observed its spiral and contiguous triangles that formed as each triangle hypotenuse grew with a pattern of square roots. The final design resembled a snail or conch shell in nature. Students then made their own decorative Theodorus Wheel with colors and patterns for our classroom wall art.

English (Mrs. Doiny) – Creativity, thoughtfulness, and hard work were on display last week as the BCA English classes celebrated Chanukah (and the culmination of a unit on the stories of Sherlock Holmes) by playing games they created themselves. While all the games were fun and beautifully presented, the definite highlights were “Hound the Suspects”, a Clue - based game by Chaya’le Wilhelm and Chana Drizin, and “Mystery at the Manor”; by Libby Vail and Toby Sandman. Additionally, Batya Raskin read her wonderful short story, in which she modernized and adapted a Sherlock Holmes mystery for the 21st century, to gales of laughter from her appreciative audience. Other students presented research on the Victorian era and how it is portrayed in the stories we read. It was gratifying to see the planning, care, and sheer knowledge that the students deployed in producing their various projects.

Chumash (Mrs. Kalmenson) – 11/12 grades learned about the 6 days of creation culminating with the creation of woman. The idea of עזר כנגדו was studied with multiple commentaries sparking lots of interesting conversations about whether a woman is meant to be an עזר or כנגדו or both? We read two fascinating stories from midrash rabbah illustrating examples of both. Drawing on pesukim from משלי and קהלת, the girls are quite intrigued as we delve into whether these are contradictory concepts or not.

All classes completed their beautiful Chumash projects which showcased the students’ creativity, artwork and extensive knowledge gained in their research of Jewish women throughout history.



MAZAL TOV!!



Mazal Tov for all the BCA birthdays celebrated in יבסלו!

Shaindy Edelkopf – 'ו;
Chana Schanowitz – ג'
Yehudis Drizin – ר'ו
Hinda Landa – ר'



REPORT CARDS

Report Cards have been mailed out. Please take the time to review them so you can follow your daughter's progress.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Riki Brakman, Yehudis Drizin, Chana Katz, Batya Raskin, Rochel Wilhelm, Hinda Landa, Toby Sandman, Libby Vail, Chana Drizin and Chayale Wilhelm. Who won a sushi party for participating in the Yud Tes Kislev Hachana



UPCOMING DATES



Monday, December 25 – Noon dismissal, followed by Post Chanukah Bowl @Bowlero of Milford

Monday, January 1 – No School

January 12 – 19 – Winter break

POST CHANUKAH BOWL

Come enjoy an afternoon of bowling at Bowlero of Milford, Monday, December 25, 12:00-3:00. Fun for the whole family!

Tickets can be purchased in advance by [clicking here](#)

