

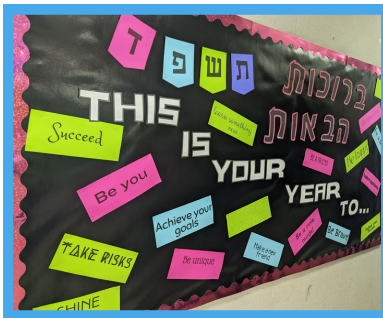
# BCA Newsletter



## WELCOME!

Bais Chana started the school year with a bang! New and returning students were welcomed at orientation with a lovely spread and fun team building activities. The girls quickly got into the back-to-school spirit.

Welcome to our new students: **Riki Brackman, Shternie Cohen, Yehudis Drizin, Ella Eichler, Chana Katz, Batya Raskin, Mushka Rosenstein and Rochel Wilhelm!** We wish all BCA students tremendous success as they journey through the year!



## BNOS CHABAD

The theme for the year is "Let's Fill Up", encouraging the girls to become kailim for all that Chassidus and Yiddishkeit have to offer. This idea will be expanded to include filling up others and the world around us.

This year's Bnos heads, **Leba Katz, Hadassa Rosen and Chana Schanowitz**, working together with **Mrs. Mirel Laufer**, BCA's new Bnos advisor, have a lineup of Bnos Chabad activities that will excite and inspire students throughout the year.

It's only two weeks into school and the positive, enthusiastic energy can already be felt! These well thought out programs complement the strong academic program Bais Chana offers, to give our girls a wholesome chinuch!



## SHABBOS MEVORCHIM TEHILLIM



The Tehillim was divided amongst students and each girl will receive 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 Riki Brackman, the winner for Shabbos Mevorchim Tishrei!**

# ROSH HASHANA

As Bais Chana students geared up for the month of Tishrei, they were presented with a Tishrei challenge as part of Bnos Chabad. A booklet of insightful thoughts will keep students inspired during yomim tovim when there is no school.

In addition, the girls were challenged to say the whole Tehillim over Rosh Hashana, and we can proudly say that 80% of our students stepped up to the plate!

Way to go **Shaindy Edelkopf, Batya Raskin, Libby Vail, Chana Schanowitz and Leba Katz** for completing the Tehillim once.

And a big round of applause to **Hadassah Rosen, Ella Eichler, Yehudis Drizin, Miriam Sarah Mouly, Bella Holtzberg, Hinda Landa, Chayale Wilhelm, Rochel Wilhelm, Chana Drizin and Riki Brackman** for completing two rounds of Tehillim over Rosh Hashana!!

Kudos to all the girls who said some Tehillim over yomtov, even if they weren't able to complete the entire sefer.

May the zechus of all your collective Tehillim stand you in good stead over the coming year.



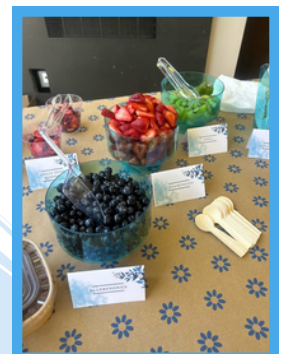
## VAV TISHREI

Vav Tishrei is always a meaningful day at Bais Chana of Orange, CT as it is the first moisad that was given permission by the Rebbe to use his mother's name after her passing.

Our **Bnos heads** organized a wonderful program. A beautiful spread of acai bowls (made of berries) and toppings was enjoyed by all. (Playing off the idea of the berries Rebbetzin Chana used to make ink for her husband's writings.)

**Mrs. Malkie Katz**, who actually met Rebbetzin Chana, shared inspirational memories of the Rebbetzin as well as how Bais Chana in Orange received its name 59 years ago!

Beautiful candles were painted as a reminder of the women's mitzvos Rebbetzin Chana's name stands for. In addition, each girl received a delicious custom cookie with BCA's logo! Students walked away feeling proud of their connection to Rebbetzin Chana.



# MECHANECHES PROGRAM

Each grade this year will have their own mechaneches/mentor to speak to privately. Often a fresh set of eyes can help guide, advise and counsel students as they navigate the teen years. 9th grade mechaneches will be Mrs. **Malka Schmukler** and 10-12 grade mechaneches is Mrs. **Chaya Rivkin**.

## MAZAL TOV!



Mazal Tov to Ivrit teacher, Mrs. Tamar Feinsod, on the birth of a son!  
Mazal Tov to the Holtzberg Family on the birth of a grandson!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR BCA STUDENTS

Riki Brackman - 13 Elul  
Chayale Wilhelm - 11 Tishrei

## MEET THE STAFF

BCA is fortunate to have a stellar group of teachers who are professional, caring and devoted. It's the teachers who spark the excitement for learning in our students.

This year we welcome the following teachers to the team:

Mrs. Hadassa Hecht (Parsha, Hashkafa)  
Mrs. Chaya Rivkin (Mechaneches)  
Mrs. Mirel Laufer (Historia, Yiddish Likutei Sichos)

They will be joining:

Mrs. Bertenshaw (science, math)  
Mrs. Doiny (English, History)  
Mrs. Feinsod (Ivrit, Holocaust studies)  
Mrs. Chaya Hecht (chassidus, navi, bayis yehudi)  
Mrs. Hindy Kalmenson (chumash, Navi)  
Mrs. Salem (math)  
Rabbi Schectman (Tanya)  
Mrs. Schmukler (English Likutei Sichos, Maamarim, mechaneches)  
Rabbi Stock (Halacha)  
Ms. Fox (sewing)  
Ms. Salva (art)  
Mrs. Lopez (gym)



UPCOMING  
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## UPCOMING DATES

We close for Sukkos **Friday, Sep 29 - Monday, October 9.**

Boarding students return Monday, Oct 9 by 7 pm. School resumes **Tuesday, October 10.**

**Thursday, October 19** - BCA Back to School Night, 7:45 pm at BCA

We are returning to in-person orientation - Come out and meet your daughters' wonderful teachers!

**Tuesday, October 24** - picture day

**Wednesday October 25** - 3:00pm Dismissal to accommodate teacher in-service

**Thursday, October 26** - PSAT tests will be offered to 10/11 grade students . These tests help us chart the academic progress of our students.



# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CLASSROOMS

We're excited to share with you what your daughters are learning and will be highlighting different classes in each newsletter.

**10th Tanya (Rabbi Schectman)** - We discussed the long short path in the Shaar Blat and what that might look like in our daily lives. Students gave examples of how shortcuts don't always pan out and how the surest path is the one that requires time, effort and patience.

**9th Biology (Mrs. Bertenshaw)** - Learning about magnification and how to properly operate a light microscope, 9th graders looked at onion skin cells, fibers and rabbit hair in their science class.

**10th and 11th Jewish History (Mrs. Laufer)** - We have been going through extensive timelines and maps, starting from the 6 days of creation. We have been following the Jews through their many travels and exiles and finally their settlement in Europe in the year 1000 CE



## AROUND SCHOOL

