60th Anniversary of Beth Rivkah Academy Montreal



Honoring
Rabbi & Mrs. Y. Minkowitz

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ב"ה, ראש-חודש שבט, ה'תשפ"ה ברוקלין, נ.י.

צו אלע אנטיילנעמער אין רעם 29טן "יערלעכן באנקעט פון "בית רבקה אין מאנטרעאל, ה' עליהם יחור

שלום וברכה:

עם האט מיר געפריים צו באקומען די ידיעה אז די הייארדיגע יערלעכע מסיבה וופס פארקומען ה' שבט, גפציילמע טעג און אין דער וואך פון יארצייט-הילולא פון כ"ק מו"ה אדמו"ר נשיא דורנו - דער מייסד פון אלע בית רבקה מוסדות אין פארשידעבע שמעם און לענדער, צווישן זיי דק בית רבקה אין מאנטרעאל.

ספעציקל צופרידנשטעלגד איז דאס וואס די מטיבה איז געווידסעט דעט בוי-קאפפיין אויסצוברייסערן די געצעלטן בית רבקה, וואס איז ב"ה בעורארן א דרינגענדע נויטווענדיקייט אדאנק דעם וואוקס פון דעם מוסד.

עם איז גום באוואוסט ווי גרוים ס'איז געווען די מסירות-נפש בפועל ממש פון דעם בעל ההילולא פאר חינוך בכלל, און חינוך הבנות בפרט, און אז דער בייסט פון מסירות-נפש דרינגט דורך און באלעבט דעם הינוך וועזן אין אלע מוסדות פון דעם מייםד און ווערט איינגעפלאנצט מיט גרויס הצלחה ב"ה אין די תלמידים און תלמידות שיחיו.

אויך ביח רבקה אין מאנטרעאל קען מיט שטאלץ זאגן צו דעם בעל ההילולא: ראו גדולים שגדלת - "זע די גוטע פירות - און פירי פירות וואס דיינע פארפלאנצונגען האבן ארויסגעגעבן!"

איך האף און בין זיכער, אז אויך אלע פריינד פון בית רבקה וועלן ארויסווייזן א צוגאב מסירות-נפש אין צו_זאמענהאנג מיט דעם בוי-קאמפיין, און לכבוד דעם יום ההילולא פון דעם מייסד - אין צוגאג צו דער פריער-דיבער שטיצע, וואס דארף דאך אויך פארגרעטערט וועדן, ווי אין אלע גוטע זאכן - מעלין בקודש.

דער זכות און די ברכות פון בעל ההילולא וועלן זיכער ביישטיין יפרן איינפם און איינע צו מצליח זיין אין אלע אונסערנעמונגען צו אויסברייטקרן און פארשטארקען דעם מוסד חינוך בית רבקה, ווי אויך אין אלע פערזענלעכע נויטווענדיקייסן בגשמיות וברוחניות גם יחד.

> בכבוד ובברכה להצלחה פרובה ולבשורות שובות



Greetings and Blessing!

Boruch Hashem Rosh Chodesh Shvat 5745

To All Participants in the 29th Annual Banquet of "Beis Rivkah" in Montreal G-d Bless You All

I was rejoiced to receive the notification, that this year's annual banquet will take place on the 5th day of Shvat, a few days before, and in the same week as the Yahrtzeit-Hillula (passing) of my father-in-law, the Rebbe, the Nosi of our generation – the founder of all the Beis Rivkah institutions in various cities and countries, amongst them – the Beis Rivkah in Montreal.

Especially gratifying is the fact that the banquet is dedicated to the building campaign to expand the "tents" of Beis Rivkah, which has, Boruch Hashem, become an urgent necessity, thanks to the growth of the institution.

It is well known how great was the Mesiras Nefesh, the actual self-sacrifice of the Baal Hahillula [the previous Rebbe] for Chinuch (Jewish education) in general, and girls' Chinuch, in particular. The spirit of Mesiras Nefesh permeates and vitalizes the Chinuch aspect in all institutions of the founder, and is implanted with great success, Boruch Hashem, in the students, boys and girls, שיחים.

Also, Beis Rivkah in Montreal can say with pride to the Baal Hillula: "See the good fruits – and fruits from the fruits – which your plantings have produced!"

I hope and am certain, that all the friends of Beis Rivkah will also demonstrate additional Mesiras Nefesh in conjunction with the building campaign, and in honor of the day of the Hillula of the founder – in addition to the previous support, which also has to be increased, like all good things – there should be <u>Maalin baKodesh</u>, an elevation in holiness.

The zchus (merit) and blessings of the Baal Hillula will surely stand by each one, both man and woman, to be matzliach in all undertakings to expand and strengthen the educational institution Beis Rivkah, as well as in all their personal needs, both materially and spiritually.

With esteem and blessings for much success and good tidings in all the above.

(Rebbe's signature)



PRIME MINISTER - PREMIER MINISTRE

May 22, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my warmest greeting to everyone attending "Reunite to Reignite," celebrating the 60th anniversary of Beth Rivkah Academy in Montréal.

This event offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of your school and the pivotal role it has played in the development of its students. Since 1956, Beth Rivkah Academy has provided a rich learning experience comprised of Judaic and secular studies in French, English and Hebrew that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth. Staff and parents can be proud of their efforts to empower girls to excel and become confident leaders with strong Jewish identities.

This reunion offers alumnae a wonderful chance to reconnect with former classmates and to share treasured memories. No matter what path you have taken since graduating from Beth Rivkah Academy, the education you received there has played a strong part in making you the person you are today.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable reunion.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada





PRIME MINISTER - PREMIER MINISTRE

Le 22 mai 2016

Chères amies, chers amis,

Je suis heureux de présenter mes salutations les plus chaleureuses à celles et ceux qui participent à l'événement « Reunite to reignite », célébrant le 60° anniversaire de l'Académie Beth Rivkah à Montréal.

Cet anniversaire est l'occasion idéale de se pencher sur la riche histoire de l'école ainsi que sur le rôle important qu'elle a joué dans le développement de ses étudiants. Depuis 1956, l'Académie Beth Rivkah a fourni une riche expérience d'apprentissage composée d'études judaïques et laïques en français, en anglais et en hébreu qui encourage l'excellence académique et la croissance spirituelle. Le personnel et les parents peuvent tirer une grande fierté de leurs efforts visant à habiliter les filles à exceller et à devenir des leaders sures d'elles et munies de solides identités juives.

Cette réunion offre aux anciens une merveilleuse occasion de retrouver de vieux camarades de classe et de revivre de précieux souvenirs. Peu importe le parcours que vous avez suivi depuis l'obtention de votre diplôme de l'Académie Beth Rivkah, l'éducation que vous avez reçue ici a joué une grande partie pour faire de vous la personne que vous êtes aujourd'hui.

Je vous souhaite une réunion mémorable.

Cordialement,

Le très hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, C.P., député Premier ministre du Canada





Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Beth Rivkah Academy on this Alumni Reunion in honour of its 60th anniversary year. On a day when we take the time to reflect on the past, Beth Rivkah can be proud to have educated thousands of girls, many of whom are community leaders today.

It is also a privilege to congratulate Rabbi Minkowitz and Rabbi Rosenfeld on their commitment to helping their students achieve maximum progress through formal classes and individualized instruction in a safe, supportive

environment. Moreover, their concern for the student extends to their work outside the classroom. This is true of the entire staff and I want to congratulate the entire team for their dedicated work. I am deeply grateful for their service to the community.

It was an honour to have been elected as the Member of Parliament for Mount Royal in October of last year, and I look forward to serving all its residents, including the vibrant Lubavitch community, which brings an incredible richness and joy to our riding. I look forward to its success and continued growth.

Regards, Anthony Housefather Member of Parliament for Mount Royal / Député de Mont-Royal Email: Anthony.Housefather@parl.gc.ca

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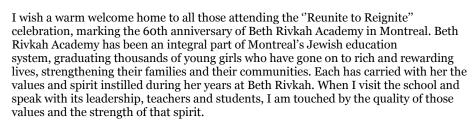


David Birnbaum

Député de D'Arcy-McGee Adjoint parlementaire du ministre de l'Éducation et de la ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur

May 22, 2016

Dear Friends,



As the MNA for D'Arcy-McGee and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, I am proud to support an educational institution that has had such a meaningful impact on our community.

I trust this evening will be a warm and memorable one for all of you. May there be many more over the years to come. My very best wishes to all of you.

David Birnbaum

MNA for D'Arcy-McGee and parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Higher Education

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J'aimerais offrir mes sincères voeux de succès à Beth Rivkah Academy, à l'occasion de son 60e anniversaire.

C'est avec plaisir que je souhaite la plus cordiale bienvenue à tous les anciennes élèves de l'école qui assistent à ces retrouvailles. Depuis les soixante années de son existence, l'école Beth Rivkah s'est positionnée de manière avant-gardiste dans la sphère éducationnelle montréalaise, en contribuant à la promotion de l'égalité entre filles et garçons, et donc, une plus grande tolérance entre les peuples. Ces qualités de tolérance et d'ouverture sont au coeur des valeurs véhiculées à Montréal, qui compte plus d'une centaine de communautés culturelles.

Permettez-moi de féliciter les membres des administrations successives de l'école ainsi que les bénévoles et les talentueuses étudiantes qui en font la renommée !

I would like to offer my best wishes of success to Beth Rivkah Academy for its 60th anniversary.

I am pleased to welcome the school's alumni who are here for the occasion. For the past 60 years, Beth Rivkah Academy has been at the forefront of Montréal's educational sphere by helping to promote equality between girls and boys and greater tolerance among different people. Tolerance and openness are among Montréal's core values, a city with more than 100 cultural communities.

I'd like to congratulate members of the academy's successive administrations as well as the volunteers and talented students for which it is known!

Denis Coderre Maire de Montréal Mayor of Montréal



Rabbi Benjamin Weiss

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בס"ד

25 Nissan 5776

To the whole **Beth Rivkah** family, staff, parents and students.

It is with great pleasure that I join you in celebrating the 60th anniversary dinner of the founding of the *Academy* with the direct guidance of the Lubavitcher Rebbe and under the devoted stewardship of the esteemed Rabbi Minkowitz for the last 40 years. The *Beth Rivkah Academy of Montreal* has been a pillar of *Chinuch Le'Torah, Chassidus and Yiras Shamayim* in Montreal for more than half a century. And for that, we all owe a debt of gratitude and appreciation to the dedicated staff, benefactors and leadership of this world renowned institution. They have essentially built an empire of Jewish education dedicated to creating *Neshos Chavil* of the highest caliber.

My heartfelt *Brochos* to you all on this wonderful occasion for continued success and *Seyata Dishmaya* in all your endeavors.

ויהי רצון שיהיה שם שמים מתקדש על ידכם

Rabbi Benjamin Weiss

Chief Rabbi - Beth Din of Montreal

Rabbi Benjain Wein



En tant que Juifs, nous sommes tous responsables les uns des autres
As Jews, each of us is responsible for each other



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Federation CJA, I wish to extend a heartfelt *mazel tov* to Beth Rivkah on the occasion of their 60th anniversary. This exciting milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of Beth Rivkah Academy and the important contributions it has made to the personal and academic development of thousands of students, past and present.

As you mark 60 years of success, you have every reason to be proud. Looking ahead to the future, we have every confidence that the mission of providing girls with an enriching educational experience and preparing them to engage successfully with the world will continue to develop self-assured women with strong Jewish identities.

May you go from strength to strength *Yasher Koach* and we wish you the very best for a memorable anniversary reunion.

Au nom du conseil d'administration de la Fédération CJA, j'adresse un chaleureux *mazel tov* à l'Académie Beth Rivkah pour son 60° anniversaire. Cette étape importante nous invite à nous remémorer l'histoire de l'Académie et à réfléchir à sa précieuse contribution au développement personnel et pédagogique de milliers de jeunes filles d'hier et d'aujourd'hui.

Ces 60 années de succès vous donnent toutes les raisons d'être fiers de ce qui a été accompli. Pour l'avenir, nous sommes convaincus que votre mission – procurer aux jeunes filles une expérience pédagogique enrichissante et les préparer à occuper une place de choix dans le monde – vous permettra de continuer à former des femmes confiantes en elles dotées d'une solide identité juive.

Puissiez-vous toujours aller de succès en succès. Yasher Koach, et nos meilleurs vœux pour cet anniversaire, qui promet de rester longtemps gravé dans les mémoires!

Sincerely | Sincères salutations,

Evan Feldman Président • President, Federation CJA





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Dear Beth Rivkah Students.

A Beis Rivkah student is a <u>student forever</u> – never a <u>former student!</u> I am sure everyone applies in their daily lives what was learned and absorbed in Beis Rivkah, whether in the formal classes, or in the extra-curricular Shabbatons, Melava Malkas, Farbrengens, trip to New York, etc., or through the special bond created with friends, which continues to the present and onwards.

It is a great simcha to participate in this special Hakhel gathering of Beis Rivkah students, celebrating 60 years since the Rebbe established your/our wonderful school in 5716 (1956). Actually, already in 5703 (1943) the Rebbe had sent numerous letters stressing the urgency of establishing Beis Rivkah in Montreal. The letters were sent by the Rebbe to a group of young men who escaped the Holocaust and, by the instruction of the previous Rebbe, had settled in Montreal. In one extraordinary letter the Rebbe writes:

"Each day that passes is an irretrievable loss. Many young girls and teenagers could have themselves become observant of Torah and Mitzvos, as well as having an influence on others, by being an example of the change that transpired in their lives through the proper Chinuch received in Beis Rivkah. If, thanks to this Chinuch, one girl would recite one Brocho in all this time, more than usual, she would be completely connected with the Divine Supernal Will of Hashem, a Unity that is eternal forever and ever (as explained by the Alter Rebbe)! It is also known the Halachic ruling, that one should consider himself and the entire world to be equally balanced, and by performing one mitzvah, the scale is tipped for the good for him and the entire world. So until when will this be delayed?"

Can you calculate how many <u>hundreds of millions</u> of Brochos have been recited, and Mitzvos performed, by the Beis Rivkah students – and by their children and grandchildren – thanks to the Chinuch that was received in Beis Rivkah in the past 60 years!

We are extremely proud of our students. You are torchbearers of proper values and are shining, living examples to your families and communities throughout the world. May the Rebbe's brochos always be with you and your loved ones.

Special thanks are extended to all the amazingly dedicated teachers, administrators and Board of Directors, who work tirelessly to meet the needs of <u>each</u> student. May we, together with our wonderful partners, the parents, always see much nachas from our students and be zoche, in this year of Hakhel, to the ultimate Hakhel – the Kibbutz Goliyus through Moshiach!

Sincerely, Rabbi Y. Minkowitz





A Word from Our Executive Director

e are presently in the year of Hakhel, the year of achdus and gathering of our people. How appropriate that Beth Rivkah is honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz this year. They have devoted over forty years to our school and its girls. They have gathered many students from across the community and have united them through teaching them Torah. They have imbued in them the love of Hashem. Through their tireless devotion, they have mentored the mothers and educators of the next generation.



Beth Rivkah is a place where students can learn and grow. Beth Rivkah is constantly evolving and implementing improvement. Beth Rivkah understands that education does not only take place in the classroom.

Joining the Beth Rivkah team as Executive Director has given me the unique opportunity to live and work in a vibrant and growing environment.

Through the generosity of various community members, Beth Rivkah has made many recent visible improvements. Two new preschool rooms, security cameras, a panic alarm system, two state-of-the-art kitchens, high-school split A/C are but a few to date. We are planning many more improvements in the future!

I welcome all the alumni back in this year of Hakhel. May we meet once again before the next Hakhel together with Moshiach.

Rabbi Mendy Rosenfeld Executive Director

Message from the President of the Board of Directors of Beth Rivkah Academy

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Beth Rivkah Academy I am honored to recognize our school on their 60th anniversary and Rabbi Yosef and Mrs. Minkowitz on over 40 years of steadfast and faithful service to the young Jewish girls under their care for generations.

One of the mainstays of our school is that no child is ever turned away. Whatever their standing in terms of Yiddishkeit or their financial means, Rabbi



Minkowitz always found a way to fit them into the Beth Rivkah family. Together with Mrs. Minkowitz they nurtured both body and soul of every child in every class in every year, both in and out of the school building. Their home became a refuge for many neshomas.

Beth Rivkah began in 1956 with a dream. Over the decades, through construction of the school, expansions of the building, growth in student population and increasing staff to match the surge of the student population we have never wavered from the Rebbe's message that every Jewish child must have a Jewish education.

We have much to be proud of. Yet, as is our mandate, we do not stand still. As we know, each child encompasses an entire world. Our task continues as it was sixty years ago - to bring out the best in every student tapping into their incredible potential so when they graduate from our school they leave as productive and dynamic members of society.

May Hashem continue to shine His countenance on Beth Rivkah. May He bless Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz with many more years filled with wisdom and strength, shining the light of the Rebbe's message on all who pass through our doors.

Mrs. Julie Gniwisch
President, Board of Directors

Rabbi Eliezer Wenger OBM



Rabbi Eliezer Wenger, a noted author, educator and expert on Jewish law, passed away 6 years ago at the age of 62. Revered by students around the world and his pupils at Beth Rivkah, he formulated a curriculum that has guided thousands in their daily lives, and served as the rabbi of the Oneg Shabbos synagogue.

According to Rabbi Yosef Minkowitz, principal of Beth Rivkah – where Rabbi Wenger taught for more than two decades – the educator's influence spread far beyond Montreal. Known for their methodical treatment of the legal minutiae governing holiday observances and their accompanying images and diagrams, Rabbi Wenger's volumes quickly became popular in schools throughout the Jewish world. They were reprinted dozens of times.

"He not only taught Jewish law at our school in a phenomenal way, he embodied Jewish law," said Rabbi Minkowitz. "He was a true role model for students: honest and patient."

Rabbi Wenger, whose students came from families of varying religious backgrounds, meticulously prepared his lessons so that they would be easy to grasp, explained the principal.

"He not only taught the material, but empowered the students to be able to learn it on their own," said Rabbi Minkowitz, "giving them the background and structure of the subjects."

Rabbi Wenger was known for the many books he printed as well as online articles on Jewish practical Halacha.

Challenging the Students

Believing that empowering children through challenges was a vital part of education, Rabbi Wenger also devised numerous contests for participants to learn key areas of Jewish law. Among his contributions is the national Brochos Bee, a children's competition based upon the rules governing various blessings said before eating or drinking

In keeping with a directive of the Rebbe, for Jewish people everywhere to study Sefer Hamitzvos, Rabbi Wenger was among the architects of the national Chidon Sefer hamitzvos competition promoting such study.

"He was dedicated to Jewish education," said Rabbi Shalom Ber Baumgarten of Tzivos Hashem, the Chabad-Lubavitch international children's organization that hosted the Sefer Hamitzvos competitions. "He cared about the kids and dedicated great effort in creating a comprehensive curriculum for the competition."

"When Rabbi Wenger could no longer regularly teach due to illness," explained Minkowitz, "he substituted. And he dedicated almost two years to creating a full curriculum on Jewish law for all of the teachers."

The world is missing a giant of a man, and Beth Rivkah in particular, feels his loss still today.



History of Beth Rivkah in Montreal

The Early Years

In 1956, the year that the Lubavitcher Rebbe founded Beth Rivkah Academy for Girls in Montreal, the school was located on S. Joseph Boulevard in a basement. The directives from the Rebbe were very clear and Rabbi Leib Ceitlin was going to make sure they were all met. After all, his daughter, Chaya Sarah (Marazov) was in grade one along with Shterna Sarah Ceitlin (Kalmanson), Chaye Leah Gerlitzky (Berger), Nechama Jurkowitz and Shaindel Shur (Chaikin).

The school was one room with one teacher, Mrs. Feigelstock. Chaya Sarah and her two or three friends were in one corner of the room, her sister Sima (Paris) and a few of her friends in the kindergarten corner.

A few years later Beth Rivkah outgrew its one room and the school moved to a building on Rachel Street near the market. There were now a few classes and more teachers, Rebbetzin Schwei obm, Mrs. Feigel Minkowitz and a principal, Rabbi Butman.



Not long after the Rachel Street move, the school had to vacate the premises moving to Mrs. Wolfe's living room on Jeanne

Mance. Shortly after that they moved across the street into a two-story home near Fairmount, which also served as a shul on Shabbos. All the while the school kept growing.

A couple of years later Beth Rivkah moved again, down the block to Jeanne Mance and St. Viateur. While the student population expanded, the girls wanted to help the school grow and took it upon themselves to go door to door in their neighborhood encouraging girls to come to Beth Rivkah.

It seems the girls were successful in recruiting, as the school graduated to a two-story building on Hutchison and Van Horne. Beth Rivkah now had an infrastructure: secretaries, a principal and teachers. Many girls graduated from that location, among them Chaya Sarah and five classmates in 1962.

The Community Moves West

The Lubavitch community began moving west together with many other Jews. In 1965, Reb Zalman Gurevitch formed a committee with balabatim and purchased a plot of land on Vezina from Westbury to Lemieux, the full length of the block. It would become Beth Rivkah.

Reb Zalman Gurevitch was a man with a broad vision. Before breaking ground there were very serious discussions as to what kind of foundation was to be poured. While some people thought a foundation for one floor would suffice he felt that a foundation strong enough to hold three or more floors had to be poured, which was what happened.

Construction costs became an issue and in the early seventies, Rabbi Leib Kramer became the director of Beth Rivkah in addition to the Yeshiva, positions he held until his last days.

Once Beth Rivkah was constructed, commitment to the school was fierce and money was scarce. Parents did whatever was necessary to keep the school afloat, including cleaning the building. Despite these constraints, the school was very viable with Rabbi Yosef Slavin the principal. In 1971 Chaya Sarah Marosov registered her own preschoolers in Beth Rivkah.

Although classes were small (sometimes two students per class) the school went from kindergarten thru high school, all on the second floor. Part of the first floor was used for the nursery and a playing area. The basement was still an empty shell.

Rabbi Minkowitz Comes to Beth Rivkah

In 1973 Rabbi Minkowitz became principal of Beth Rivkah. It did not take him long to realize the children had nowhere to play - there was no playground, no gym and no toys. Rabbi Minkowitz befriended Mr. Silverberg from Silverberg's Toys in the Cavendish Mall and through this gentlemen's kindness, the school was supplied with many toys. The problem of where to play remained, as the basement of the school was a huge unfinished and unsafe space running the length of the building. It had no electricity or heat.

Three women - Mrs. Gitel Lurie, Mrs. Linda Rosenblum and Mrs. Tuky Treitel took it upon themselves to make Rabbi Minkowitz's dream a reality. With the help of the community at large, students and parents, part of the basement was outfitted as a gym.

In 1977 Beth Rivkah had a preschool that relied solely on parents paying tuition, with no subsidies

from the government. Collectively, the tuition did not even pay for the teachers. As well, at that time the yeshiva did not have a nursery, so the very young boys were also in Beth Rivkah.

It was evident that without an influx of funds, operating the nursery school would become impossible and there would be no 'feeder' of children coming into elementary for the school. Rabbi Minkowitz decided to apply for a permit from the Quebec government



to run a nursery for eighty children. He spent over a year applying and was successful, ensuring life-saving subsidies from the government. It also gave him startup money for equipment for the playground, educational toys for the children and office equipment.

Beth Rivkah was the first Jewish Day school to have a garderie on its premises with a government permit. Each year, going into the 1980's Rabbi Minkowitz applied for an increase to the permit, each year adding more children to the numbers. With the Rebbe's brochas, the government accepted all the requests. Today, CPE Beth Rivkah has the largest permit for CPE's in Quebec, at one hundred and twenty-four students!

In the mid-eighties there was no more room for the boys in the CPE and Garderie Yeshiva Levi Yitzchak (GYLY) was opened in the Yeshiva.

Expansions and A Story Within A Story

In the early eighties, Rabbi Minkowitz had a weekly shiur (class) with Mr. Sam Aberman a"h, owner of Divco Construction. Through this friendship, Mr. Aberman became involved in the completion and renovation of the larger part of the unfinished basement by constructing the lunchroom, library, two kitchens and garderie play area.

At this time, the extension of the metro from Plamondon to the Namur station was being built and the city was looking for a large empty lot to store their trucks and heavy equipment and construct a shaft three stories down for the workers to lower equipment, including small trucks to haul out the blasted rocks from deep underground. The side of Beth Rivkah on Vezina and Lemieux fit the bill, exactly what the city was looking for.

A deal was made and the city paid Beth Rivkah monthly to 'rent' the land. The city had to blast through rock deep underground, a portion



of which runs directly under Beth Rivkah. Many former students vividly remember the siren before the dynamite was ignited and the building violently shaking during those explosions. Today that shaft is the air-shaft for the metro just outside the playground.

During the construction Rabbi Minkowitz befriended the head foreman and convinced him that after everything was finished, they should pave part of the of the field (with asphalt) where they had stored the trucks. This would be used for a basketball court and playing area. The first foreman left and a second one took his place. Again Rabbi Minkowitz befriended him and this time asked for grass to be placed on the rest of the area and a fence to be built around the entire area. All requests were granted, in addition to the rent.

Once there was a place for playground equipment, Mrs. Lurie, Mrs. Necha Rubin a"h, Mrs. Rosenblum and Mrs. Treitel got to work again. This time they raised monies for some of the equipment that is now in the playground.

Further Growth

By 1988 the school had outgrown its building. Instead of one class per grade there were now two classes per grade. The school was still two floors with all grades - kindergarten through grade eleven on one floor. The school was very overcrowded and another floor became a necessity.

Plans were drawn up with Mr. Aberman again overseeing the construction. The third floor, the length of the entire building was constructed for the high school. With the third floor built, the garderie was on the first floor, the elementary school was on the second floor, the high school, complete with a science lab, on the new third floor.

By 1999 there was not sufficient space for all the classrooms necessary for the growing school. The offices were cramped, the garderie needed more classrooms, and there was no proper computer room and the single classroom serving as a 'resource room' was divided into four sections. Further expansion became a necessity.

Rabbi Mendel Marasow worked tirelessly and with great devotion as Executive Director of Beth Rivkah for almost twenty years.

His determination was key in the construction of the new wing making place for more garderie classrooms, two kindergarten classes and a computer room. The resource room grew into a resource center with a number of classrooms, today one of the top

centers in the province. An auditorium and library were also constructed in the new wing.

Rabbi Marasow was very close with Mr. Jack Dym, owner of a steel company. Through this friendship, Mr. Dym generously donated all the steel for the new construction and then some...

Another very dear friend of Mendel Marasow, Mr. Irwin Beutel a"h, donated a significant sum of money to help finance the school. At a ceremony attended by the entire community in his honor the building was named Edifice Irwin Beutel. The school owes a great debt of gratitude to the years Rabbi Mendel Marasow gave to Beth Rivkah.

In 2013 Rabbi Mendel Rosenfeld took over as executive director. He has made many visible, positive and substantial improvements in the school.



The Spirit of Beth Rivkah

What makes one school stand out above all the rest? The spirit. One can't touch it nor are there words to adequately describe it. Through the years however, the spirit of Beth Rivkah has shone through a myriad of extra curricular activities. Remember...Chai Elul breakfasts... Rosh Chodesh Kislev and Yud Tes Kislev seudas...Chanukah Carnivals... Yud-Shevat...Mivtzoim...Tzivos-Hashem...Shabbatons...Productions...New-York Convention...Visits to senior citizens homes and other schools...Mother and Daughter tea...Lag Ba'Omer bonfire.

Mrs. Pessy Minkowitz, who heads extra-curricular activities, works hand in hand with the administration and teachers trying as much as possible to involve students. Together, they create programs that will ensure that the unique Beth Rivkah spirit is transmitted to the girls. The spirit is nurtured by the chayus (enthusiasm) and love for the Rebbe and Chassidus. It becomes an integral and noticeable part of their essence, influencing and affecting their lives and those whom they encounter.

Mrs. Minkowitz has two families, her own in her home and her other family in Beth Rivkah which over the years kept growing and growing and growing. While her

husband ran the school she kept her eye out for the small details, the little girl who needed a hug or a lunch or a coat or even a home for a while.

Epilogue

The mission statement of Beth Rivkah follows the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe: That every Jewish child



deserves a Jewish education (regardless of their financial status or religious observance) and no Jewish child should be left behind. In an atmosphere of Torah and Chassidus while simultaneously providing a comprehensive secular program, Beth Rivkah nurtures the whole child. Students graduate with strong moral values and a clear sense of identity.

Beth Rivkah is blessed with teachers and administration totally devoted to the welfare and education of their students. They work far beyond the call of duty to ensure that the needs of each child are met.

The tireless efforts of the Board of Directors led by President, Mrs. Julie Gniwisch and Reb Yitzchak Gniwisch have been the backbone for Beth Rivkah.

Over the years there have been those who quietly, with little fanfare, made substantial donations to Beth Rivkah, allowing different parts of the school to be upgraded. Mr. Moritz Hasen a"h and Mr. Murray Dalfen are two such exemplary individuals and the school owes them a deep debt of gratitude.

No school would be able to run without parent volunteers. Beth Rivkah Academy would like to thank every parent and grandparent who gave of his or her time to help out in a myriad of capacities. From the CPE, elementary and high school, the hours you donated have helped shape and make Beth Rivkah the unique and close-knit family it has become. Thank you! Thank you!

And finally, while those who dreamed, lived and breathed Beth Rivkah in its infancy are no longer here physically to see the fruits of their labor, they are no doubt watching from above. They set the bar very high for those stepping into their shoes. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude. May we be reunited with all of our loved ones with the coming of Moshiach!



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ALUMNI





Ls a Beth Rivkah Alumni, I would like to express my gratitude for the four years of High School I spent in this incredible moisad!

Coming as a young 8th grader from Cincinnati, Ohio (from a small day school, to a big Lubavitch school), was very overwhelming in many ways.

Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz, as well as the most dedicated teachers teaching at that time, were a tremendous support and created a safe and welcoming environment for me.

Beth Rivkah was more than just a school....it was my family!

Beth Rivkah set the tone and gave me the tools and foundation for my home today. The education, the warmth, the chassidishkeit that I received from Bais Rivkah Academy, have influenced my home and Bais Chabad to this day....

One of my favorite classes was the "Da Ma Shetashuv" class with Rabbi Minkowitz! These classes laid the seeds and gave me the confidence to be on Shlichus, and give classes. So not only has Beth Rivkah shaped my life, it continues to shape and effect the lives of those I teach, as well.

Beth Rivkah is a true moisad of the Rebbe. May we be zoche to the true Hakhel Celebration with all Beth Rivkah Alumni, all of Klal Yisroel, with the Rebbe B'Rosheinu! Now! Mamosh!

Chana Alte Mangel Née Kalmanson 1987



F rom the moment I entered Beth Rivkah at the age of eleven I felt nothing but love and acceptance from my teachers and my classmates. Beth Rivkah was a place where each and every Jewish girl was treated with kindness, compassion and respect and given the opportunity to reach her highest potential. My classmates and I all came from different backgrounds and cultures; from traditional to secular to orthodox homes. We all got along and genuinely cared for one another and formed everlasting bonds and friendships.

Each student mattered. The fact that most, if not all, of my classmates are shomer shabbos and are raising beautiful frum families today is a testament to Beth Rivkah's wonderful teachers and the devotion and patience they had for each student. Beth Rivkah was more than just a school; it was our second home where we looked forward to coming every day; even during blizzards.

I will forever cherish my fond memories of Beth Rivkah. May Beth Rivkah continue to inspire and enlighten Jewish girls for generations to come.

Best wishes always, Chaya Gedailovich Née Fuchs 1981 Tor most of you they're known as Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz or the principal and "extra curricular activity" director at Beth Rivkan. To me as a student of Beth Rivkah they were those things but naturally so much more. I have the privilege of calling them my parents as well.

I'm sure over the years they have touched the lives and hearts of many with their genuine concern for every student at Beth Rivkah. To me they will always be the people I respect and admire most. My father is a true chossid of the Rebbe who has devoted his life to the special and extraordinary work he has done and continues to accomplish at Beth Rivkah. He never did it to receive any sort of recognition or honor but simply because he is following the holy directives of the Rebbe.

To me, Beth Rivkah Montreal always had this wonderful sense of family and I sincerely feel that my amazing parents play an enormous role in bringing this feeling about. Beth Rivkah was never just their place of employment. They truly live and breathe it. There are very few people who put the same amount of devotion and commitment into their work 40+ years after they first started.

They genuinely care about each student and their success. My parents never discussed school related things at home or at least not in front of us but I do know that the physical wellbeing and success of every student was constantly in their hearts and minds.

I'm sure, like myself, there are many students who appreciate all that we had in Beth Rivkah even more so after having married and now raising our own children.

People often asked me how I possibly managed having both my parents working at Beth Rivkah? Was I ever embarrassed? The answer: I can't imagine it have being any other way. I went to a school with the most intelligent, caring, devoted and talented principal and his equally special and exceptional wife at his side. Where is the embarrassment in that?

I'm proud and forever grateful to have the privilege of calling them my parents.

Chaya Rochel Skoblo Née Minkowitz 2002



There are many ways students can describe their experience of school, but very few can add a "quality" experience to that list. Thinking back to my years in Beth Rivkah, I can attest to the quality years as it brings back wonderful memories. The dedication of the teachers was clearly seen and felt. They always took an extra minute to make the classes come alive and taught lessons that pertained to us. The most memorable of all however, is definitely the camaraderie and friendships built throughout the years.

Today, living so far away from any Jewish life makes me appreciate growing up in a Jewish community and going to Beis Rivkah, the Rebbe's school. It is without question that the lessons I was taught are the foundation on how I run my Chabad Center and raise my children. It gives me pride to be a Chossid and to follow the Rebbe's teachings. We were taught to realize our full potential and act upon it.

Thank you Beth Rivkah for giving me the courage and the strength to do what I do today!

Esther Hartman Née Yarmush 2009



Lou can take a girl out of her home But the home remains within Wherever I go, whomever I'm with However I feel, wherever I've been

And here I am, a proud Jewess, wife, mother, teacher, Chef, art lover, yoga instructor, and Beth Rivkah alumni But the girl within is every teacher that mentored me That is why I qualify:

The lessons I've learned, the books I've read, The depth in learning intrigued me so The friends I've made, my teachers were special Talks about spirituality gave me an afterglow

To be a friend To be a leader To be a teacher To be a healer

I am grateful to have been a student In a high school that teaches values, Teaches ethics, teaches kindness, Teaches love

I am grateful I was part of a community
That campaigned for deeds of honor
A school that gave us light and taught us to bring
Light to others and praise the one above

Thank you to my principal, Rabbi Minkowitz
Thank you to the beautiful teachers
who taught with their hearts
Thank you to all the wonderful Shabbat excursions
Thank you for my wonderful memories
with my counterparts

Genia Taub Née Epelbaum Alumni 1981

All my years in Beth Rivkah High School
All my days with the most interesting teachers
All those months in the year with my friendly classmates
All my days learning how to elevate us creatures

I learned how to learn
I learned to share
I learned to reach out to someone needy
I learned to self-care

I learned to pray I learned Aramaic I learned about community And lived Judaism, real and basic

I'm grateful to have these memories Of a school that's solid gold A school that prides itself on educating girls For them to know who they are, what they stand for, And to be strong and bold



s a graduate of the class of 1995, it is hard to believe that more than 20 years have passed since I attended Beth Rivkah Montreal. The education, experiences and friendships of my years at BR are still very much alive within me, and even though today, I am in a very different time and place, I still feel that I am in essence still a BR girl. As our very dedicated principal Rabbi Minkowitz would often repeat "You can take a girl out of Beth Rivkah, but you can't take Beth Rivkah out of a girl." My heart still beats to a BR rhythm. Very often, as I find myself thinking or doing things in a certain manner - I smile to myself as I recognize the influence of the BR girl deep within me.

Beth Rivkah gives us, its students, more than just an education, but Jewish direction.

The unique atmosphere created by the leadership of Beth Rivkah Montreal highlights each girl's unique capabilities and talents, producing responsible, confident, articulate and idealistic leaders empowering us to leave our comfort zones and make an impact in the greater Jewish world.

Alumni of BR are living in every corner of the globe - practicing the education and example we received as young girls - to live beyond ourselves and make the world a better place.

In my personal life as wife and mother living far from a traditional Jewish community, I recognize daily the influence of my BR education. Likewise, in my public role as Shlucha here in Germany, I live with BR continually. Every person I encounter and influence today is benefiting from the education and direction that I received as a young girl years ago in BR.

I am forever grateful to BR, my teachers and mentors - especially Rabbi and Mrs Minkowitz for making me who I am today.

Mazal tov Beth Rivkah on 60 Years! Thank you for all that you have given me and may you continue to educate and inspire many more generations of Jewish women helping fulfill the Rebbe's dream of a perfect world with the coming of Moshiach.



Lhey say that a child is like a sponge, soaking up knowledge and information which remains forever absorbed. From the very young age I entered preschool in Beth Rivka, it was so much more than knowledge that I absorbed. What was instilled in me from my first day in CPE, all the way through the day of my graduation, is pride as a student of Beth Rivkah.

The memories of classes, school functions, Shabbatons and just sitting around during recess with my friends bring a smile to my face and a secure sense of belonging. From my graduating class of 25 students emerged 25 very different individuals, pursuing different goals and dreams and leading different lives. Yet, when we celebrate each other's Simchos, and share a good laugh on our class Whatsapp chat our closeness is evident. This is testament to the unity that was fostered in Beth Rivkah.

It was in those classrooms and hallways that I became the person I am today. It was the care of the administration, the dedication of the teachers, and the camaraderie among us students that helped each of us grow and flourish.

As a wife, mother, teacher and Shlucha, I often fall back on experiences I gained in school. I recall lessons I learned in High School that I am now able to impart to people from all walks of life. My experience as G.O. helped me tremendously to coordinate and direct events. The diversity of the student body, which gave a beautiful flavor to our class, instilled in me tolerance and appreciation for the many people I come in contact with every day. Today I am a teacher, and as I stand before my own elementary students, I strive to emulate my Beth Rivkah teachers, who devoted themselves entirely to our success.

As the years pass, and old memories give way to new experiences, one thing is certain: walking down the hallways of Beth Rivkah will always make me feel like I'm at home. I may have graduated and left Beth Rivkah, but Beth Rivkah will never leave me.

Mushka Dalfen Née Silberstein 2010





here are many nice memories that I have of Rabbi Minkowitz. Some of my most memorable memories are of the shabbatons in Bais Rivkah with Rabbi Minkowitz and his family. I always enjoyed his Friday night shabbos meal stories or the great talks about what life will be like when Moshiach comes "What do you mean that we are going to live forever? What is forever".



On a more personal note, there was the time when I sneaked out during recess with another

friend to go buy some junk at the bakery. I will never forget coming out of the bakery with our goods in hand and Rabbi Minkowitz waiting outside in his car to personally bring us back to school straight to his office. It was the longest car drive ever! Now as a mother, I can't help but feel grateful for the care and protection that Rabbi Minkowitz provided to his students and how he still takes care of his students as his own.

However, the most precious memory that I have of Rabbi Minkowitz was when I was in grade 1. I had fallen in the playground and was told to go to the office to get a band aid and clean out the bruise that was slightly bleeding. As I waited in the office for someone to help, Rabbi Minkowitz was walking out of his room with a stack of papers in hand . As usual he seemed in a rush. When he saw me sitting down with my bruised knee exposed, he stopped in his tracks. All I remember is that the next minute he had everything he needed to fix the problem, rubbing alcohol, cotton balls and some band aids. I will never forget his reassuring words, "Everything will be okay," as he put the band aid on my knee. I remember feeling so special that Rabbi Minkowitz the principal!, took care of my "boo boo".

These are just a few of the many memories that I hold dear to my heart of the kind of caring and devoted principal that Rabbi Minkowitz was and continues to be.

I salute you Rabbi Minkowitz, and may Hashem continue to watch over your family as you have always watched over your talmidot of Bais Rivkah.

Solline Feld Née Abenhaim 1988 building is only as strong as its foundations. It may be a grand and impressive edifice or a humble cottage, a towering skyscraper or a sprawling ranch. Regardless of its appearance above ground however, the most important component of any building is the foundation.



As a sixteen year old, a foreign student with no family, I was welcomed into the extended family of Beth Rivkah High School in Montreal. Rabbi and Mrs Minkowitz took a personal interest in me throughout my short but foundational stay in the school.

I attended Limudei Kodesh classes in the morning and due to the different curriculum of my English public school, was able to work as an assistant in the Kindergarden in the afternoon.

The combination of intense Torah study and discussion with my peers each morning, and the foundational lessons of Kindergarden in parsha, yom tov, davening, brochos and basic yiddishkeit in the afternoon, were just what I needed!

In a few short months, Beth Rivkah gave me a foundation that has lasted a lifetime. It enabled me to travel to New York and pursue my teaching certificate in Seminary. It enabled me to feel confident enough to work in elementary schools around the country. It enabled me to feel that I can also contribute to the Jewish journey of others, and post my marriage, embark on a life of shlichus with my husband Rabbi Chaim Adelman.

We now serve as part of Chabad On Campus at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. I continue to teach first grade and still model many of my lessons on materials that I learned in Kindergarden in Montreal! In my exchanges with the college students I try to emulate the warmth and interest that I was shown during those foundational months. No question was too trivial. If it was too lengthy a topic for a lesson, Mrs Minkowitz would take time with me to continue after class.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Beth Rivkah and to the administration and teachers who helped me all those years ago. May you all be blessed with long life, good health, nachas from your families and from your students. With hatzlocha in all that you do and with much happiness and joy.

May we all continue to bring nachas to The Rebbe and be zoche to see the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days! Thank you for everything!

Yocheved Adelman Née Black 1977 Lhinking back about Beth Rivka only brings back great memories, but before I expand on that let me give you a little background about myself.

I am the eldest of 4 girls, grew up in a traditional home, attended Beth Rivkah from grade 5, lost my mother when I was 11, , graduated and went on to Bais Chaya Mushka Seminary for 2 years, got married, went on shlichus to Singapore, had 6 beautiful children and the rest as we say is history...



But to be a little more specific...

When I was in grade 4, I must have just turned 10, I met 2 young Beth Rivkah girls who convinced me to try a Chabad camp, I did and I loved it. That same year my mother was diagnosed with cancer. Throughout her illness my mom had become friends with special chabad ladies that would often visit her and left a strong impact on her when mentioning the values Chabad stood for. Knowing that her days were counted she requested that my dad transfer us to Beth Rivkah, of course after my camp experience I said that I wanted to go there, That September we were enrolled!

Whenever I am asked to mention the name of the one person that I admire and respect, most my answer always comes easy, Rabbi Yosef Minkowitz the principal of Beth Rivkah and I'll tell you why;

Shortly after we were enrolled, my mother met with Rabbi Minkowitz with a special request and then passed away a few months later. It is only years later at my wedding that we found out the content of that request. My mother had asked Rabbi Minkowitz to make her a promise that he would watch over us, that he would ensure that we remained in Beth Rivkah and eventually that we all were happily married. "I promise to take care of your daughters until each one is happily married" was his response. My youngest sister got married 18 years after that promise was made, and never did Rabbi Minkowitz waver from the promise he had made. He attended each of our weddings, and although by the time my youngest sister got married my father was no longer among us, Rabbi Minkowitz was there and under the chuppah declared very emotionally that his promise had been fully fulfilled.

This kind of selfless love, warmth and honesty is what convinced me to continue my studies in Bais Chaya Mushka Seminary, and eventually go on shlichus.

Before my father passed away almost 15 years ago , I had a chance to discuss with him the choices he had made in life and what he would change if he had the chance. His answer was straight to the point. "I don't know what I would change" he said, "But I know for sure what I wouldn't change. What is it?" I asked "The decision to send you to Beth Rivkah! You are who you are because of this institution and the people you were surrounded by and cared for you especially Rabbi and Mrs Minkowitz, you are a role model to your sisters and you make me proud"

When you are in school, you don't realize the impact it can actually have on your life, you go about your classes, you love the social aspect of it, but as all schools it becomes routine!

But the impact of was soon felt and came with a bang!

The summer of 1994, right on Gimmel Tamuz, the day the Rebbe passed away – my husband, baby daughter and I went in to NY to attend the levaya – funeral. When we returned home, which was Postville Iowa at the time we got a phone call about the possibility to go Singapore!

Who was thinking of shlichus at that time! Not me that's for sure, but the same kind of feeling I had about being part of the pioneers of the sem came rushing back. "We would be one of the first to go on shlichus after Gimmel Tammuz" I told my husband. "Yes indeed," he said, "I doubt anyone accepted a position anywhere between yesterday and today".

You need to understand, this was 21 years ago, before the "let me check on



Google where is Singapore option, " and even when I took out a map, I couldn't find Singapore for the life of me!

Do they have kosher food? What about education for my daughter? Any observant families? Was I going to live in a hut? And the questions went on and on.

I really felt the concept of naaseh venishma! I couldn't gather any information whatsoever and we were leaving in 1 week to "check it out". All I knew was that they always had a daily minyan and a Rabbi, so I was more or less hoping that some kind of infrastructure existed..

So one week later we arrive, I thought I had stepped into a pizza oven, it was so hot!

We got to the shul, it was beautiful! The community was equally very nice and welcoming! But my questions started to get answered.

Kosher food? Barely any! Education? Nothing. Observant families? There was one thank G-d! The only immediate answer that gave me some relief was that we wouldn't live in a hut! Baruch Hashem!

So you may ask, what was the first proactive thing I did with my Beth Rivkah and seminary background!

I opened a school of course. Yes, it was hard, very hard! But one thing you get coming from such institutions is the empowerment and conviction that you can do anything you put your mind to! And from 4 students in 1996 I am proud to say that we now have over 175 students ranging from tiny tots to grade 9!

Many people seem to think that if you go to a religious school like Beth Rivkah and then to Seminary you can't accomplish much more than being a teacher! They are so wrong!

Many people seem to think that if you go to a religious school like Beth Rivkah and then to Seminary you never get a chance to further your secular academic studies. Again I'm happy to prove them wrong. To help me with all the managerial positions I held in the community, I decided go back to school and take a business degree. For 2 years with 3 kids and pregnant at the time, I graduated with a business degree.

I use everything I learned in school and in sem in my daily life, from giving classes, to sitting on the academic board of our school, to running community activities; I integrate the lessons learned not only in books and texts but the values that were imparted to me, from the long personal discussions with teachers who became friends and role models to learning to become a role model myself! And it is people like Rabbi Minkowitz and Mrs Minlowitz who make you feel part of much more than a school community, who impart values that they practice themselves every day and what better way but to learn from example.

What degree did I get from going to Beth Rivkah and then to sem? I got a degree in Jewish charisma. Attracting people to you because of the values you stand for, because of walking the walk and not just talking the talk, because of your warmth and care for others, and because you don't claim to have all the answers but you have the willingness to be there for another regardless of their background, ethnicity, affiliation, but simply because they need you right there and then!

An alumna of Beth Rivkah holds this kind of degree because this is what was implemented there on a daily basis! And if I have to choose which of my degrees is dearest to me I say no doubt my Jewish charisma degree from Beth Rivkah!

And I doubt even Harvard offers such a valuable degree!

Simcha Abergel Née Zrihen 1989





To Our Esteemed Beth Rivkah Academy Colleagues

Rabbi & Mrs. Yosef Minkowitz

May you continue inspiring staff, parents, students and alumni. Your ever increasing warmth and enthusiasm in the values brought to us through Torah and Chassidus is evident in your total dedication to the mission entrusted to you by our dear Rebbe.

Rabbi Mendy Rosenfeld Mrs. Shterni Rosenfeld Executive director

Beth Rivkah Alumni

In Appreciation & Thanks To

Beth Rivkah's Devoted Staff

Your tireless effort on behalf of our girls

is a true example of dedication.

You are creating leaders,

each of whom will become pillars of light

in their respective

homes and communities.

Rabbi Mendy Rosenfeld
Executive Director

Rabbi Y Minkowitz

Principal

Dear Beth Rivkah Volunteers עמר' ש

Thank you for....

- Making this evening the great success that it is.
- Spearheading and updating our kitchens, and initiating the only \$2.00 lunch in town.
- Being a wonderful parent committee organizing antibullying events, a Challah Bake, and fresh fruit for elementary students.
- Patiently organizing the fittings and purchasing of uniforms.
- Beautifying and updating our library with a new computer, many books and a lively mural.
- Organizing women's events and programs in our school.
- Giving the girls a chance to act, sing and dance in our very own school production.
- Coordinating interschool melaveh malkahs.
- Consulting and helping decorate our school.
- Donating services, materials, and financing for many projects.

You all truly make a difference.

Rabbi Mendy Rosenfeld

Executive Director

Rabbi Y Minkowitz
Principal

To Beth Rivkah's Board Of Directors

Julie and Yitzchok Gniwisch
Ari Dworcan
Shmully Gniwisch
Asher Jacobson
Akivah Kendal
Shmully Wenger
Dovid Russ

Our heartfelt and sincerest thank you for your untiring efforts selfless devotion and continued support on behalf of Beth Rivkah, the Rebbe's Mossad.

May G-d grant you good health, wealth and Hatzlacha Rabba in all your undertakings.

אילן אילן במה אברכך, שיהיו פירותיך מתוקין, שיהא צילך נאה, הרי צלך נאה..... אלא יהי רצון שכל נטיעות שנוטעין ממך יהיו כמותך

"Ilan Ilan, dear tree- with what can I bless you? With sweet fruits? Your fruit are already sweet. To be a source of pleasant shade? You already provide pleasant shade. May you therefore be blessed that all the young trees that come forth from you be just like you."

(Ta'anit 5:2).

To our incredible parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz 'שי',

As proud and devoted shluchim of The Rebbe, you have worked tirelessly for over 40 years to ensure that each student at Beth Rivkah receives the proper care, education, as well as a love for Hashem and His Torah.

Your absolute devotion to your shlichus and unwavering commitment in any weather, at any hour, has implanted deep, strong roots which have helped produce the most beautiful "fruit"; the past and present students of Beth Rivkah.

Today, Beth Rivkah graduates are planting strong, deep roots for their own children, communities and students across the globe.

Beth Rivkah students are a true testament to the love, outstanding effort and dedication you have put in.

We know that for you there is no greater reward.

May we merit the coming of Moshiach speedily.

Your loving children who admire you greatly

To our best Bubby and Zaidy Minkowitz, שיי

You really deserve this honor!
You are a living example of how a **non** of the **real** should live their life.

Even in your busiest moments, you have time to take us on trips, outings, to talk to us and ask us how we're doing. We love the treats you give us, especially, chaw-co-late (with a NY accent®). It's amazing how you can spend so much time and care to run Bais Rivka and still run after us at the same time. ® We are so happy and feel so special to be your grandchildren. Whenever you call us for Shabbos, when you come to visit, when you call every one of us for our birthdays-we all feel so special to know you and to be close to you. It is such a special grandparent-grandchild relationship for us.

You really are amazing!

May ה' bentch you with a life full of תורה, much ה' from your children and grandchildren, much health and a lot of success with בית רבקה in a clear and easy way.

We love you so much and thank you so much for all that you do for us.

Moshiach NOW!

Love you always, <3 All your einiklach We join the Beth Rivkah alumni in paying tribute to Rabbi and Mrs. Y. Minkowitz on this auspicious honor celebrating 60 years of Beth Rivkah Academy.

We salute Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz for their total dedication to the education of Jewish girls and the institution of Beth Rivkah.

Their personal care and concern for each and every student is exemplary. We are in awe of their commitment in keeping the flame of Torah and Chassidus burning bright in the hearts and minds of their students.

Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz are our role models to what it means to be G-d fearing Jews, Mekusher and devoted to the Rebbe, his teachings and live a life solely founded on the principles of Torah and Chassidus.

We wish you only the best and may you be Zoche to continue your holy work for many more years.

With love, admiration, and respect,

Rabbi Leima and Shoshana Minkowitz
Minkowitz Family CH, Minkowitz Family FL, Rosenfeld Family, Abelsky Family,
Minkowitz Family GA, Feigenson Family, Dunin Family, Minkowitz Family CH, and
Lieberman Family.



IN HONOR OF OUR DEAR PARENTS
YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE
EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US
MAY YOU HAVE MUCH SUCCESS
IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS
WISHING YOU HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
AND MAY YOU BRING MUCH NACHAS
TO THE REBBE

Love your children,
Chanoch and Shaina Rosenfeld,
Yitzchok and Nina Naparstek,
Levi and Chani Rosenfeld,
Mayer and Mushka Chaikin,
Eli and Rivky Hurwitz,
Shmuly and Chana Wolosow,
Mordechai, Velka, Esty & Moshe



LE PERSONNEL DES ÉTUDES GÉNÉRALES DU SÉCULIER,
PRIMAIRE, SECONDAIRE ET CENTRE DE RESSOURCE,
EST HONORÉ DE POUVOIR
RENDRE HOMMAGE AUJOURD'HUI À
RABBIN ET MME MINKOWITZ
POUR 40 ANNÉES DE VIE CONSACRÉE
À L'ACADÉMIE BETH RIVKAH.

NOUS SOMMES ADMIRATIFS PAR LEUR DÉVOUEMENT ET LEUR TOTAL ENGAGEMENT QUI CONTRIBUENT AU SUCCÈS DE CETTE ÉCOLE.

ILS ONT SU RELEVER UN DÉFI DIFFICILE,
CELLE DE LA PERFORMANCE ÉDUCATIVE
TOUT EN VALORISANT LA PHILOSOPHIE LUBAVITCH.

Nous voulons les remercier chaleureusement pour leur support et tenons à les féliciter pour ce beau parcours.

BONNE CONTINUATION

MME CABRAL, MME SOUSSAN, MME DAVIS
ET LE PERSONNEL ENSEIGNANT

With fond memories of Rabbi E. Wenger זצ"ל and in this special honor of Rabbi and Mrs.Y. Minkowitz "שי

Mazal tov on this Milestone Wishing you continued ברכה והצלחה To bring משיח now.

Elementary staff

Rabbi E. Muller Mrs. C.R Halperin Mrs. C. Vaisfiche Mrs. Donna Rudner Mrs. Shoshana Scheiner

Morah Freida Shpigelman
Morah Esther Lurie
Morah Kayla Fine
Morah Chavie Shizgal
Morah. S. Vaisfishe
Morah Nechama Cohen
Morah Rivka Shanowitz
Morah Bassie Treitel
Morah Mushky Stern
Morah Aviva Amzellag
Morah Rivkah Gniwisch
Morah Esther Rader

Morah Miriam Davis Morah Bicky Aisenstark Morah Esther Malkie Bernfeld Morah Malkie Farkash Morah Reva Hamburger Morah Mushka Chaikin Morah Adina Wenick To our dearest Rabbi & Mrs Minkowitz , שיחיו

Patiently you both mentor and lead
Sharing wisdom and meeting each need
Exemplifying the Rebbe's Shlichus
Impacting generations
Support and advice willingly you supply
On you, your staff and pupils can rely

May Hashem bentch you with Gezunt to pursue your holy mission and with continuous Chassidishe Nachas from all your " children " and " grandchildren "!

Sincerely,
Graduating class of 1980
"Only Grade 11"

Michelle Zakon
Helen Zajdel
Dalia Reichman
Esther Lurie
Shulamis Lurie
Messody Katz
Briendy Gansbourg
Faygie Hillel
Esther Fass
Miriam Davis
Marinette Assayag

In tribute to Rabbi & Mrs Minkowitz

whose dedication and commitment to each and every student ensured us not only a strong education but an all encompassing love for yiddishkeit and respect for others

In memory of Rabbi Wenger whose brilliant understanding of Torah Halacha and teaching is now part of our everyday living

Thank you to all of our teachers
you may have taught teenagers
but your lessons are teaching generations
far beyond your classroom

Rabbi & Mrs. Minkowitz Rabbi Wenger A"h and Teachers thank you for teaching us to be the teachers of tomorrow

> Mazal Tov! Class of 97

Aliza Caytak (Edelstein)
Avigail Buki (Amar)
Aviva Erps (Wohlgemuth)
Ayala Amos (Chriqui)
Belinda Berda (Abecera)
Carenne (Bouzaglo) Mankoff
Chaiky Rivkin (Kaplan)
Chani Rodal (Paris)
Chaya Lev (Schmukler)
Cindy Sultan (Dahan)
Devora Leah Lewin (Guenoun)
Nechama Pevzner (Dina Cohen)
Dina Tova Goldman (Katzenberg)

Enny Cohen (Abitbol)

Esther Allouche (Menaker)
Esther Ouaknine (Berda)
Esty Zwiebel (Stiefel)
Faigie Kaufman (Fuchs)
Fruma Rosenberg (Chanowitz)
Gaelle Barchichat (Chitrit)
Nechami Brod (Cohen)
Rivkah Sema Sirota (Yarmush)
Rochel Kornfeld (Denburg)
Sara Natanblut (Sebbag)
Shelly Bouzaglo (Zouzout)
Shoshi Thaler (Rudski)
Sophie Boudana (Gabbay)
Esty Zweibel

ln loving memory of Chana Miriam Bell ע"ה



Who brought much laughter to the world And put a smile on everyone's face

We love you and miss you very, very much

Love, The Bell Family In memory of Chana Miriam Bell, A"H.

All the years we knew her,
A smile was on her face.
Whenever we got together,
She brought laughter to that place!

Her art, her coloring, her signs, We knew to whom they belonged. Drawn in clear and straight lines, We tried to follow along.

Never afraid to ask questions, So studious and smart. Always had great suggestions, She cared with her whole heart.

Don't worry, be happy!
Something she'd always say.
Nothing too hard or fancy,
Ever got in her way.

Friends meant a lot to her, She always kept in touch. We know how lucky we were, We miss her very much!

With love, your friends!

To my Beautiful Daughter Shterni Rosenfeld I am so very proud of you!! Mazal tov!

On this wonderful and meaningful gala, amongst all your impressive achievements.

May Hashem continue to bless you and mendy, with true nachas, gezunt, hatzlacha, and all your heart desires, beharchava.

Moshiach now
Love hugs
Mammy

Dearest Shternie Rosenfeld,

You did it!!!
On this MOMENTOUS occasion of
Beth Rivkah's alumni event
Nshei Chabad Montreal stands to salute you
in your never-ending hard work,
love, and devotion to our community.

You live a life that is a constant M'Chayil L'Chayil!

You are an inspiration!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz,

No words can express the overwhelming gratitude we owe you for the chinuch al taharas hakodesh that you have given our community for the past 40 years. Our wish is to make you proud with the fruits of your labor!

With Love,

An Evening With Friends - N'shei Chabad Montreal

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz

On behalf of the Class of 5748- 1988

We would like to express to you our sincere Congratulations and utmost Appreciation for your hard work and devotion over the 40 years of service to the Beth Rivkah School

With fondest memories - the Alumni '88

Rina Amos- Sarfaty

Myriam Amar - Benchetrit

Valerie Bouhana-Emergui

Meirav Bouzaglo- Abitbol

Myriam Benlolo-Israily

Ronit Bouskila-Loloyan

Simcha Bouskila- Franklin

Yael Elmechaly- Dahan

Nechama Dina Gurary-Korf

Neima Israily-Solomon

Elka Korman-Saadon

Emanuelle-Sarah Laskar-Chaviv

Orly Malka-Mockin

Miriam Perez-Lumer

Dina Sultan-Berdugo

Nechama Dina Stiefel-Spiero

Shirley Zahavy- Bensimchon

"We may have forgotten our French, But we will never forget our memories at BRM"

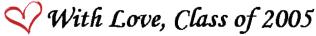
Dedicated to Rabbi & Mrs. Minkowitz

For the care and devotion you showed to each one of us and for the Chinuch that made us who we are today.

Dedicated to Rabbi Wenger OB"M

Your vast knowledge and persistence empowered us to become independent learners





In honor of Rabbi & Mrs. Minkowitz sheyichyu For their many years of tireless efforts and incredible dedication to the chinuch of each and every student.

In memory of
Rabbi Eliezer Wenger OBM
who instilled in us valuable teachings that we will
always remember and cherish.

ת. נ. צ. ב. ה.

From the Graduating class of 1999 – 5759

Toba Leah Altein - Charytan Esther Benchimol Devorah Leah Benshimon – Marozov Esther Ilana Chriqui -Rochel Cozocaru – Gurkow Nathalie Dotan - Mariasine Tamar Edelstein - Naiditch Miriam Friedman - Goldshmid Arielle Kadosh - Zakay Rachel Gammal – Marrus Chana Raizel Glassner – Zaklikovsky Devory Lison - Handwerger Joyce Simcha Moralli – Shaffer Dini Rosenberg - Edelkopf Chaya Rudski – Blachman Dini Schmukler - Hecht Vered Vidal – Sogomonian Machli Wolowik Rochel Yarmush - Charytan Sarale Zalmanov - Cohen Nechama Dina Zirkind - Okonov

OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

AND BEST WISHES TO

RABBI AND MRS. MINKOWITZ

FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

YOU HAVE GIVEN TO

BETH RIVKAH

OUR CHILDREN AND THE COMMUNITY

MAY YOU BE BLESSED

IN ALL YOUR FURTHER ENDEAVOURS.

Congregation Nusach Ho'Ari And Anshei Lubavitch " The Community Shul "

In honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz

You gave us the opportunity to grow, to learn, and become who we are today. With tremendous appreciation for all you do

In tribute to Rabbi Wenger OBM, Your brilliant words of wisdom and eternal lessons continue to guide and inspire us.

We will forever be grateful, The graduating class of 5762

Bracha Halperin Chana Refson (Treitel) Chana Shayna Gansburg (Marasow) Chanie Ehrentreu (Brawer) Chanie Teitlebaum Chanie Weingarten (Lison) Chaya Musia Gurkov Chaya rochel Skoblo (Minkowitz) Deborah Mendlewicz (Guitta) Devoiri Schectman (Rosenberg) Devorah Bukiet (Sebag) Devorah Smadja (Yess) Dina Krasniansky (Shpigelman) Dina Simon (Smetana) Elizabeth Ouanounou (Sebbag) Esther Assouline Kayla Kramer (Chanowitz)

Melissa Hagege (Belolo) Nechami Charytan (Altein) Nina Naparstek (Rosenfeld) Noemie Picciotto (Soussan) Rachel Ohayon Raizel Fuchs Rebecca Chriqui (Langburt) Rena Tobin Rivky Paris Rivky Perl (Wilansky) Ruchama Langsam (Levin) Sara Litvak (Gammal) Sara'le Fradkin (Sperlin) Sheina Dorn (Yarmush) Shoshi Shaffer (Yess) Thamy Roffé (Malka)

ניאמֶר ה' אֶל משָה אֱמֹר אֶל הַכֹּהֲנִים בְנֵי אַהֲרֹן וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם Vayikra 21:1 "Speak to the Kohanim, the sons of Aaron, and say to them."

The Talmud explains that the double terminology "speak... and say" means "enjoin the elders regarding the youngsters." This is the biblical source of the concept of education: Our empowerment and duty to confer the wisdom and instruction we received from our fathers, mothers and teachers to the next generation.

Rabbi Minkowitz and Mrs. Minkowitz, you both exemplify and show by example how, as teachers, we must confer our wisdom to generations of Jewish neshomas. Deeds, together with words, have produced graduates over the decades who continue to spread the words of Torah and the Rebbe.

May Hashem continue to bless you both with many years together filled with good health, much nachas and abundant prosperity with the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days!

THE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF & TEACHERS

Mrs. Sterna Mellul

Mrs. Rochel Shur Mrs. Malka Alter Mrs. Sarah Bensimon Mrs. Adina Ceitlin Mrs. Chana Cohen Mrs. Rochel Cohen Mrs. Sara Fischer Mrs. Chana Gansbourg Mrs. Chana Gniwisch Rabbi T.H. Gurarv Mrs. Riva Hamburger Mrs. Reut Hetzroni Mrs. Kesem Mia Hetzrony Mrs. Dubi Hoch Mrs. Chana Karp Mrs. Henchi Langsam

Mrs. Shoshana Lesches
Mrs. Pessy Minkowitz
Rabbi Moishe New
Mrs. Dina Perlstein
Rabbi Yaacov Ringo
Mrs. Shterna Rosenfeld
Mrs. Sterna Samama
Mrs. Rosie Sela
Miss BatSheva Shneur
Mrs. Esther Shneur
Mrs. Chana Shpindler
Mrs. Alta Silberstein
Mrs. Leah Silberstein
Rabbi Mordechai Wenger
Mrs. Rochel Zirkind

To our dear Bais Rivkah,

Many of us tonight are not here

This is, mostly, a circumstantial affair

But partly this is because you've taught us to hold each other so dear

Hakhel has been had not just once this year

Weekly and daily, we talk, far or near

And for this, Bais Rivka

You deserve the credit, that is very clear

All over the world, we are doing our part
to change the world for the better with loving hearts
Thank you Bais Rivkah for patiently teaching us wrong from right
Without your education
we could not have reached these great heights

Thank you to our parents, teachers & Rabbi & Mrs. Minkowitz for their devotion & guidance all along the way!

Seniors 2000

"Over thirty years ago
I began studying the Ten Commandments
with Rabbi Yosef Minkowitz.

The lesson never ended and has been a foundation

for my learning ever since.
Together with his partner Mrs Minkowitz
their influence on our family and the Jewish
community

has been significant
I am eternally grateful to both of them
for their selfless love and dedication to Yiddishkeite."

Murray Dalfen

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אפריון נימטיה לרהייח יוסף ורעיתו על עבודתם המסורה בבית רבקה ויהייר שיעלו בן פורת יוסף וגוי ויצליחו במלאכת שמים עד ביאת גוייצ בקרוב ממש. מנאי צפנת פענח ומשפחתו

Wishing continued success to our children

Rabbi & Mrs. Mendy Rosenfeld Moshiach now

Rabbi Yossel and Mrs. Malka Rosenfeld Brooklyn New York To our beloved Rabbi & Mrs Minkowitz,
You are and will always be the pillars of Beis Rivkah!
We are so grateful for all of your hard work and
devotion to the upbringing of girls al pi taharas
haKodesh. Thank for instilling in us a pride to be the
Rebbe's chassidim. Your dedicated efforts are
affecting generation upon generation. May you both
be blessed with health and much Nachas from
seeing the fruits of your labour.

Love,
The Graduating Class of '94/T"

In honor of Rabbi and Mrs Minkowitz
Who set a shining example of
Torah, Avodah and Gemilas Chasadim
to all their Talmidos
and through their love and dedication
they have enspired generations of women
who are now doing the same all over the world.

In memory of
Rabbi Eliezer Wenger O"H
A giant of a man with the gentlest of a heart.
The Montreal community still feels his loss daily.

ARIE & ALIZA RANGOTT

To our dear Parents and Teachers, Thank you for investing in our education throughout the years.

From the graduating class of 5762

Bracha Halperin
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 Sheina Dorn (Yarmush)
 Shoshi Shaffer (Yess)
 Thamy Roffé (Malka)

MAZAL TOV IN HONORING

Rabbi and Mrs. Yasef & Pessy Minkowitz ב"ה

טייערע שוועסטער טייערע שוועסטער מיר וועלען זיך ווייטער זעהן (Teiereh shvester, mir vellen zich veiter zehn)

So Good to See You All! Blessings For Good Health & Nachas

ALUMNI CHANA (MINKOWITZ) DIAMENT ALEXSANDRA (DIAMENT) LEIBERMAN SARA'LE DIAMENT

IN HONOR OF RABBI AND MRS.Y. MINKOWITZ THE TEACHERS AND STAFF,

We are very grateful for your dedication and commitment. The knowledge you instilled in us will be part of our lives forever. The years passed at Beth Rivkah were most memorable and the friendships we formed are everlasting. We are proud to be Beth Rivkah girls.

May Hashem give you many more healthy years to transmit your passion to Bnot Israel.

Thank you for your tireless devotion.

Myriam and Zahava Tuizer

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz,

In this letter I would like to take the time to say thank you for all that Rabbi and Mrs. Minkowitz give to Beis Rivkah. I appreciate it very much.

Thank you for creating a safe, positive and enjoyable atmosphere. Thank you for the learning, extra-curricular activities, messibos Shabbos and Shabbatons, which truly made a big difference in my life. It taught me valuable lessons, the joy of giving to others, and to follow a life of Torah and Chassidus.

Rachel Amsellem Alumni 2011

Congratulations to Rabbi & Mrs Minkowitz for the 40 years of service to Beth Rivkah!

FRED & YEHUDA PFEIFER



Chaya Mushka Seminary

Is proud to be your neighbor
for nearly half of your sixty years.
Special thanks to Rabbi Minkowitz
for his valuable input and constant support.
Looking forward for another 60 years
of welcoming your students to our Seminary.

Rabbi M. Dahan, Dean

To Rabbi & Mrs Minkowitz,

There are no words that can possibly express how much you've done for me.

The only thing I can say is,
may Hashem reward you for playing a
major part
in making me
- and so many of us become what we've become. Sheli
veshelanu,
shelachem hu.
Muriel Oziel

MAZEL TOV
RABBI & MRS MINKOWITZ

May you go from STRENGTH TO STRENGTH ARI & RAIZY DWORCAN

MAZAL TOV

RABBI AND MRS MINKOWITZ

THE CLASS OF 1996

WISH TO THANK YOU

FOR THE IMMENSE EFFORT

AND DEDICATION YOU EXTEND

SO LOVINGLY TO THE

BAIS RIVKAH STUDENT BODY.

MAY YOU CONTINUE TO SEE

MUCH NACHAS

FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

Thank you Rabbi & Mrs Minkowitz!

We are forever grateful to you for the unconditional and tireless efforts in leading Beth Rivkah--in helping us build our characters based on Torah, Mitzvos & Chassidus. You touched our hearts and our souls and changed our lives, families and communities forever.

"Every boy and girl is a seed and sapling, which with time will bring forth fruit. And their fruit will produce more fruit, and so on for generations." The Rebbe

Seniors 90

Beth Rivkah Anthem taught by Rebetzin Golda Schwei In the early years

> בית רבקה בית רבקה מוז זיין מיר זיינען בית רבקה געטריי מיר וועלן זיך באמיען בית רבקה זאל בליען בית רבקה בית רבקה מוז זיין

> > מיר וועלן אלץ אפגעבן בית רבקה זאל לעבן

מיר וועלן פארשפרייטן די הייליקע קייטן

מיר וועלן זיך מערן ווי זאמד און ווי שטערן

Just as our hopes & dreams for Beth Rivkah to grow were answered So too may Hashem unite us soon with our dear Rebbe, as promised Class of '66

> Chaye Leah Berger (Gerlitzky) Shaindel Chaikin (Shur) Chaya Sara Marozov (Ceitlin) Shterna Sara Kalmenson (Ceitlin) Nechama Jurkowitz

Cheers to Mommy and Tatty Wilansky
for holding our hands through preschool until
highschool graduation
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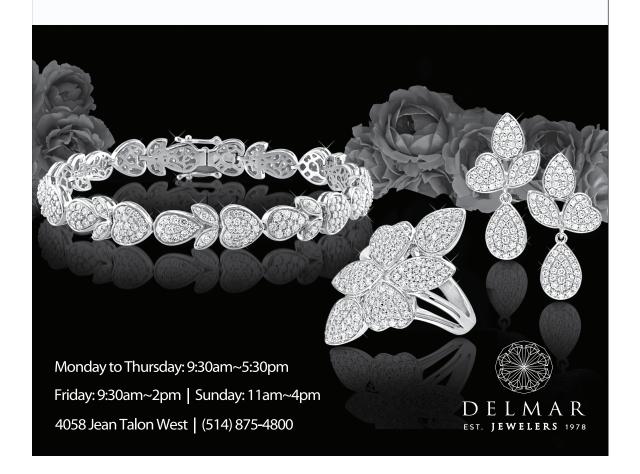


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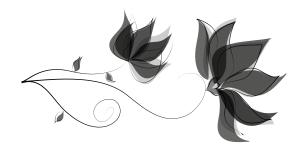
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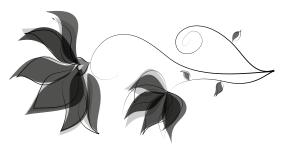


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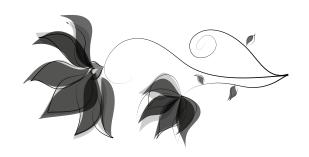
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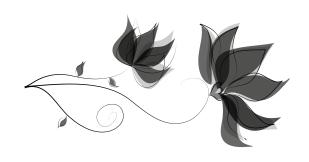
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A Bas Chabad you taught us to be
Reflecting our inner beauty
As Shluchos inspiring us to live what we learn each day
A dugma chaya paving the way

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As Noshim Tzidkanios fulfilling our role
Revealing the Geulah in all that we do
We say "Bais Rivkah we owe it to you"

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We know we can return
Your flame within us does burn