



# KEEP UP WITH THE BUZZ

L'ACADEMIE BETH RIVKAH POUR FILLES NEWSLETTER – תמוז תשע"ח JUNE 15, 2018

**MORE** banners, balloons, and smiles.

**MORE** parents, alumni, staff, and student volunteers.

**MORE** love felt by the Beth Rivkah community as our friends worldwide generously contributed. We were inspired as we saw the numbers increase every hour.

**MORE** encouragement as parents and friends came down to our call center to take part in the excitement.

**MORE** anticipation as the BR community repeatedly checked their screens at all hours of the day and night.

**MORE** adrenaline as we neared our goal.

**MORE** cheering and joy as we actually reached our goal at 12:44 p.m. sixteen minutes before the deadline.

# PLUS - means - MORE

More achdus as

88  volunteers

946  donors,

motivated board members, parents, students, and staff, reached

\$500K

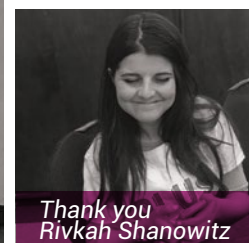
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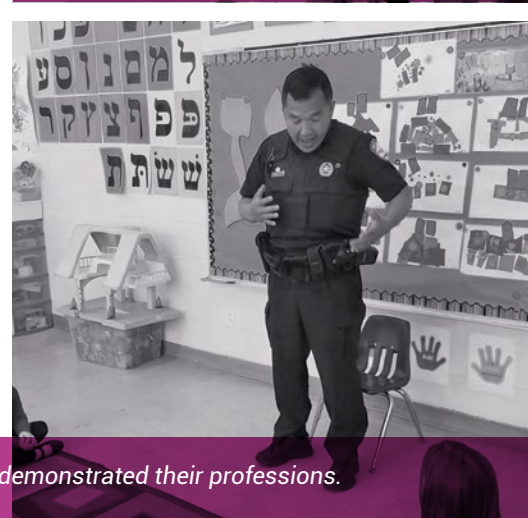
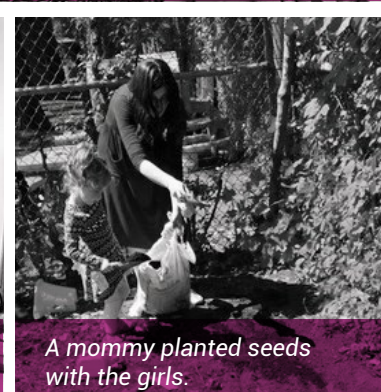
The tagline  
for the Beth Rivkah  
Charidy campaign  
summed up this  
experience.

There were many "PLUSes" while planning, organizing, fine-tuning, and creating committees.

There were innumerable "MOREs" ט'זאיר on May 1 as the campaign approached and unfolded.







PRESCHOOL

Teachers’ effort + parent involvement = enhanced educational experiences

This hands-on approach was both educational and enjoyable. Students and teachers were grateful for this wonderful opportunity.

THE SOCIAL CORNER

Partners in Education

A child’s universe is made up of two major parts: home and school. Together, we strive to nurture and educate our children with the middos, skills, traditions and values that we hope to see carried forward by the next generation of our community. As children develop into their future selves, we want them to grow up feeling safe, secure and strong – physically, mentally and emotionally. Each child is a unique being, hoping to be understood – with individual circumstances, strengths, challenges, and potential. As partners, home and school, can join efforts towards better understanding our girls, and work together, to help them experience success, in all its forms.

“It is our collective responsibility to do everything we can, in the best interests of our children, because our children are our future.”

CREATING A POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE.

Elementary school is a time to learn how to get along with peers. Students in Beth Rivkah are being taught to be cognizant of personal space, to deal with peers in a positive manner, to independently solve a conflict, and to display empathy.

Our modus operandi is that each child understands her strengths and weaknesses and is working on her executive functions. There are various proactive social programs in each class. ■

STOP WALK & TALK

This comprehensive program, implemented in grades K-2, teaches students how to deal with being bullied, bothered, and teased in 3 simple progressive steps:



Indicate to the aggressor to **STOP**, using words or gestures;



**WALK** away, if the problem continues;



**TALK** to an adult if the issue is still not resolved.



This empowers the student to stand up to behavior they feel is offensive. It helps them become advocates for themselves and to curtail bullying.

BETH RIVKAH RESOURCE CENTER

A school within a school

Teacher, if I can't learn the way you teach, please teach me the way I learn.

This aphorism exemplifies the raison d'être of our Resource Center.

Ensclosed in five bright classrooms and staffed by 10 resource teachers fluent in Hebrew, English or French, two Speech Therapists and an Occupational Therapist, the entire complex is truly a hidden gem.

The main objective is for each student to reach her fullest potential while maintaining her self-esteem. To this end, an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) is created for each student.

The devoted staff, recognizing that each child is a whole world, succeeds by creating a close pupil-teacher relationship and providing each child with a positive, encouraging environment.

This year the teachers participated in many sessions of professional development in the areas of numeracy, literacy, the teaching of social skills and neurodiversity.

Words alone cannot express our gratitude and appreciation for the entire devoted staff. ■



TZIVOS HASHEM DATA

# DID YOU KNOW THESE FASCINATING BETH RIVKAH STATISTICS?

*This year:*

**130 girls** are registered in Tzivos Hashem.

**1003 medals** were earned.

**158 rank promotions** aimed

**7 generals & 3 1\* generals**

**42 girls** went to New York for the Chidon Sefer Hamitzvos.

**46 girls** participated and passed the Bais Rivkah Chassidus Chidon.

Shabbos Mevorchim Sivan, BRM ranked **8<sup>th</sup>** to highest from all the schools worldwide.

**Every single girl in 3A** said their quota of Tehillim or more on Shabbos Mevorchim Sivan.

*Is your daughter part of these statistics? Let's work together to make sure she is. ■*

## LETTER FROM SHIRA & SIMCHA: winners of the ABCD award

*Hey girls!*

*It really has been such a pleasure and honour to have spent this year with you and to have gotten to know each and every one of you! We have seen, whether it was at a farbrengen, during school hours, at a program, Shabbaton etc that all of you have so much to offer and give. Each one of you is what made this year so special.*

*Take the energy from this year and continue growing!*

*May you go from strength to strength and always remember that you are a chossid of the Rebbe.*

**YOU GIRLS ARE BRINGING MOSHIACH**

*Please keep in touch*

*Simcha & Shira*

# BETH RIVKAH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

## READING PROGRAMS

### CHUMASH – LE HAVIN ULEHASKIL

Since introducing this program 3 years ago, we have seen amazing growth in our students’ ability to learn Chumash independently. This year the LeHAVIN Ulehaskil program was piloted in grade 4 with great success. We are hearing very positive feedback from both teachers and students. Keep your ears tuned next year for different assessments of Chumash Skills that will help teachers identify any weaknesses in specific areas.

Grade 6 focused on understanding Rashi, which will surely help our students transition to High School. By using the 6 steps of learning a Rashi, our students have developed an understanding of how Rashi functions and what difficulties Rashi wants to answer.

### KRIYA

In an effort to improve the academic level of the students, all teachers in grades KG –3 participated in different professional development in Kriyah. Topics included Kriyah & Orton Gillingham method(KG), Phonemic Awareness and strategies for Accuracy and Fluency.

As a result of the above–mentioned initiatives, together with Rashi reading fluency, the students from grades K–6 are improving their ability to read fluently.

*All of the above wouldn't be possible without the passion and dedication that our staff brings to school every single day – day in, day out. Their commitment to improving the academics and middos, is felt at every opportunity. A big Yasher Koach.*

### CHAVRUSOS

The girls of Bais Chaya Mushka Seminary initiated several enrichment programs for Beth Rivkah students.

### PIRKEI AVOS

PIRKEI AVOS learning program was introduced for grades 3–6 in the spring. It enhanced the girls’ understanding of certain subjects in each week’s Pirkei Avos. The learning, and the delicious treats that followed were a real hit!

### AIMS'N GAMES

AIMS ‘N GAMES was an exciting and engaging chavrusah program spearheaded by the BCM girls wherein grade 7 & 8 girls would go to the seminary dorm every other Monday to learn with the seminary girls while munching on freshly baked goodies. Each evening ended with an interactive game. The B.R. girls gained much knowledge during these sessions!

### CHIDON RAMBAM

CHIDON RAMBAM took place every Thursday night in the Seminary building for grade 4 & 5 girls who participated in the Chidon. They would learn with the seminary girls and then review the material through fun–filled games. This help to prepare the B.R. girls was invaluable!

*The achdus achieved through partnering with the seminary greatly enhanced both the Beth Rivkah and the BCM girls' year.*

*A huge “THANK YOU” to all the seminary girls for their assistance with Beth Rivkah programming this year. May you continue to illuminate the world around you. ■*



# EXTRA–CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## BUZZING IN ELEMENTARY

### PROGRAMS INCLUDE

Chidon Sefer HaMitzvos  
Mivtzoin in old age homes  
Messibos Shabbos  
Melava Malkas  
Shabbos Mevorchim Tehillim  
Shabbatons  
Farbrengen Seudos  
Hachana programs for special days.

*The programs are directed by Mrs. Minkowitz and Chava Freundlich.*

*“Never a dull moment” is not merely a cliché in Beth Rivkah elementary school. In addition to the stimulating daily lessons with their Morahs, there are numerous exciting activities with the goal of adding Chassidishe Chayus, Hiskashrus to the Rebbe, and Achdus among the girls.*

On Sunday 13 Sivan, girls from grades 1–5 had a blast at the annual Messib Bowling–BBQ event. A special “Thank you” to Goldie Marasow and Chaya Shmukler of Grade 10 and their entire crew of Messib counselors.

Presently, grades 3–6 are participating in a Chidon Chassidus in preparation for

the holy day of Gimmel Tammuz. Students who score an average of 70 from all 3 tests will be treated to a fun day of pedal boating at the Old Port. Many parents have remarked that they themselves have learned quite a bit while testing their daughters on the material.

It’s great seeing our kids smile for all the right reasons!

## HIGH–SCHOOL ENERGY



*The well-deserved ABCD Award (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) goes to:*

**Simcha Elharrar & Shira Friedman**  
– Achos Temimim

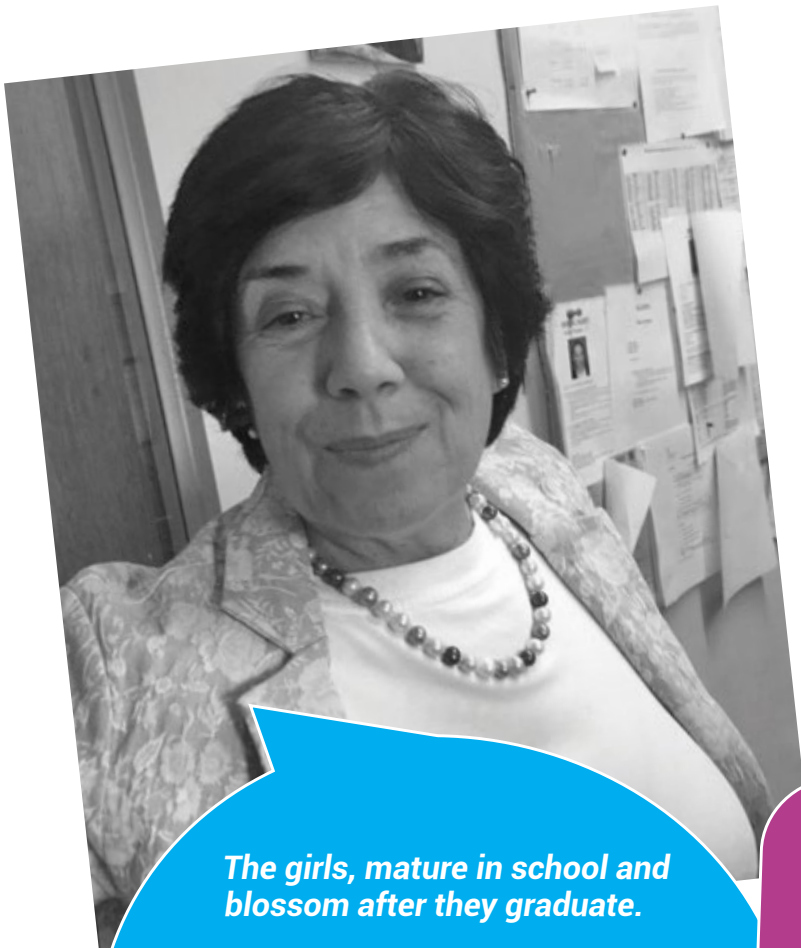
**Mushky Herzog & Gittel Raskin**  
– G.O.

*The main goal this year was to create an atmosphere where Yiddishkeit and Chassidishkeit are exciting and motivating. The amazing work of the leaders of these programs added life and energy to the whole high school experience. The spirit created around every Chassidishe Yom Tov was infectious and spilled over onto the whole high school floor.*

Parents visit ***bethrivkah.com*** to view our updated website.

# AU REVOIR ET MERCI

Three women, over 100 years combined of service to Beth Rivkah, teaching, guiding, and inspiring. The work they have done remains in the heart and mind of all the students, faculty past and present. They have impacted generations.



*The girls, mature in school and blossom after they graduate.*

*I can proudly say that I have students all over the world, even as far as Singapore.*

*I have second generation students whose mothers I've taught!*

**Mrs. M. Cabral**



*I am privileged to have worked all these years in Beth Rivkah, in an environment of achdus. I tried to impress upon the children how truly fortunate they are to be the Rebbe's kinder.*

**Morah Fraidie Shpigelman**

*I enjoyed teaching the girls in Beth Rivkah, and the school became my family away from home.*

**Mrs. M. Alter**



BETTER RESOLUTION PLEASE

## IN CONCLUSION

When we look back over the year, we are awed by the tremendous accomplishments and emotional growth attained by all the girls. We are inspired by the teachers, who invested their time, energy and love to create truly enriching learning experiences for all the students. We look forward to continuing to connect with all the teachers, students and parents next year in a most meaningful way in order to enhance the Beth Rivkah experience.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE REBB'S LETTER TO "THE CHILDREN OF THE GRADUATING CLASS AND THEIR PARENTS". SIVAN, 5711,

“You, dear children, must know that vacation does not mean an interruption — cutting oneself off — from study and education. A Jewish child cannot be without Torah study or Jewish education for even one day, whether in the summer or the winter. On the contrary, taking into consideration the many hours of free time students have in the long summer days, you should use them to solidly review the material that you have studied already and to prepare yourself to [advance] further on your way, the way of the Torah and its mitzvos.”

## הכרת הטוב

I am grateful to my daughter's teacher for...

Parents, here is a wonderful place to express your gratitude towards your daughter's teacher.

Please email us at [buzz@bethrivkah.com](mailto:buzz@bethrivkah.com)

