



# KEEP UP WITH THE BUZZ

L'ACADEMIE BETH RIVKAH POUR FILLES NEWSLETTER – 18 ELUL 5778 AUGUST 2018



## WELCOME

We are looking forward to a new and exciting school year.

“Chinuch” – as in חנוך לנער educate a child – is defined by Rashi (בראשית יד, יד) to mean “the beginning of the introduction of a person into something which he is destined to remain at”. In other words, each and every day the Chinuch of a child should be approached with responsibility and excitement, since it is the beginning of the introduction of the child’s Chinuch. This will help her remain with it for life!

We are very fortunate that we have an amazing team of dedicated staff, who treasure the opportunity to be involved in Chinuch. Thanks to them, in full cooperation with our devoted parents, we will אי”ה be blessed to see the fruits of our labor – Yiddishe, Chassidishe Nachas from all the children.

Wishing you a happy, healthy sweet new year and may we merit to see the coming of Moshiach now! ■

**RABBI Y. MINKOWITZ**



CPE Art Exhibition



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



Chinuch Convention



Morah Tziviah Block was a dedicated teacher who went above and beyond the call of duty not only in her teaching but especially in her role as a mechaneches. Our girls learned so much from her. We are truly grateful. You will be missed!

–Mrs.Rivkah Lison–

Our daughter has grown so much this year. A special thanks to her kind and loving Morahs: Morah Sheina Bresinger & Morah Ceita Perlstein.

“ Everything is by השגחה פרטית – Divine Providence. If a leaf is turned over by a breeze, it is only because this has been specifically ordained by ה' to serve a particular function within the purpose of creation.”

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF  
REB YISRAEL BAAL SHEMTOV  
(1698 – 1760)

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.

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## PLUS TRAINING MEANS MORE TOOLS

In preparation for a year of enhanced teaching, caring and nurturing, 10 Beth Rivkah teachers and principals went back to school this summer. They spent 2 energizing days at the Menachem Education Foundation Chinuch Convention and Retreat in Long Island, New York.

They had the opportunity to learn from, and share with, fellow teachers and professional presenters Rabbi Shais Taub, Dr. David Pelcovitz, Mrs. Gitty Rosenfeld, Mrs. Henny Bartfield, and Rabbi Levi Feldman, who, along with many others coached and inspired the teachers. We all returned invigorated by this stimulating Convention. ■

## PLUS TECHNOLOGY MEANS MORE EDUCATION

Educational assessments, which measure a student's knowledge and skills, will be gradually implemented this year in Elementary Judaic Studies. Presently, the evaluations will be targeting:

- ▶ Elul & Tishrei Yahadus in Grades 3–6, in order to determine what information the students already have and/or are retaining. The questions will focus mainly on practical Halacha of the Yomim Tovim – and its reasons.
- ▶ Chumash language skills will be evaluated in a more comprehensive way in order to strengthen the student's ability to learn independently.

We will proceed to develop tests for other subjects, as well as broadening the scope of the current ones, depending upon the success of the above evaluations.

## PLUS COLOURS MEANS MORE LOOK

The CPE is getting a new look with the help of interior decorator, **Sheryl Slean**

Warm tones with accent colours will give everyone a "Welcome Back to School" feeling. ■

## PLUS SECURITY MEANS MORE PEACE OF MIND

With an eye on safety, Beth Rivkah continues to upgrade its security system. Some of the changes in the building include:

- ▶ Employee access to the building only by using a FOB.
- ▶ Electric strikers at 5 entry points to the building.

## PLUS THOUGHT MEANS MORE INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

- ▶ 8 new air conditioners have been purchased to keep the girls cool and comfortable while they learn.
- ▶ The plumbers have been busy installing new high-pressure main water entry and shut-off valves. ■

NEW!

✓ **ZIPGRADE**

is an application that can be installed on a laptop.

It allows one to create an unlimited number of quizzes, containing **UP TO 100 QUESTIONS EACH!**

Last year, we used this application for a Grade 5 test. The results were amazingly informative.

ZipGrade can store actual images of each student's test paper, with their answers and scores. It can indicate how well individual students are doing, as well as the class as a whole. It can also pinpoint which specific questions were difficult, and thus where more teaching may be needed.

The biggest advantage is that it can provide the students' scores instantly – in the classroom! No teacher would be able to grade an entire classroom's quizzes and give the results back immediately.

Beth Rivkah purchased new laptops to enable the use of the ZipGrade app. We look forward to using it this school year. ■

# PLUS - means - MORE



## WISHING THE BETH RIVKAH COMMUNITY A HAPPY, HEALTHY, SWEET NEW YEAR.

MAY WE SHARE TRUE נחת FROM OUR WONDERFUL GIRLS.

כתיבה וחתימה טובה, לשנה טובה ומתוקה

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