



KEEP UP WITH THE BUZZ

L'ACADEMIE BETH RIVKAH POUR FILLES NEWSLETTER – THE CHANUKAH BUZZ – חנוכה תשפ"א – DECEMBER 2020



TOP 18% IN QUÉBEC

CONGRATULATIONS

Yes, all of us together, through grit– hard work, achieved a fabulous report card from the Fraser Institute.

You, the students, the teachers, the supporting staff, the principals, the administration, the board members, the supporters, and the alumni, can proudly share in our achievement. Mazal Tov!

The **Report Card on Quebec's Secondary Schools 2020** ranks 473 public, independent, Francophone and Anglophone schools based largely on the results from provincewide tests in French, English, science and mathematics.■

(<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/studies/school-report-cards>)

YUD TES KISLEV

YUD TES KISLEV, ROSH HASHANA L'CHASIDUS WAS CELEBRATED WITH APLOMB IN BETH RIVKAH.



The elementary had a Motzoei Shabbos zoom, led by Mrs. S. Pinson.



High school girls enjoyed an entire morning of inspiration, singing, and an engaging panel.



Alumni from Florida, Germany, Russia & Israel greeted the girls and showed a Tanya printed in their city.



Game show with Rabbi SZ Minkowitz.



Guest appearances by singers Avraham Fried, Chaim Fogelman, and Benny Friedman, storytime with Rabbi Y. Bernath & play by grade one.

Merci Mrs. Minkowitz for coordinating this program.



“CHANUKAH: EDUCATION

Chanukah is related to the word chinuch (חינוך), “education.”

The Rebbe often stressed the unique connection between Chanukah and education. Chanukah is a special time to inspire children to connect to Yiddishkeit, as can be seen by the many Chanukah customs that specifically involve children, like the giving of Chanukah gelt.

Chanukah is an opportune time to reflect on our children's Jewish education and continued spiritual growth. As we learn from the Chanukah candles, the way to fight darkness is not by maintaining the same amount of light we had in the past, but by always increasing the light.

https://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/article_cdo/aid/4203685/jewish/What-Does-Chanukah-Actually-Mean.htm

THE BR

COMMUNITY REACTS

Beth Rivkah has good communication.

The girls get along well. This goes a long way and allows the students to be more focused on their learning.

Lisa Mackey
(BR security guard)

BR is led by the clear vision of the Rebbe. The school leadership, headed by Rabbi Y. Minkowitz, are well organized, pay attention to details, and excel in communication.

With sincerity they inspire the girls to be successful in all they do.

Beth Rivkah students have a strong sense of being part of a growth minded school. They feel cared for, comfortable, supported, accepted, and safe in school. The students are active participants of their education, and are self-motivated. There is a feeling that good things are happening and even better things are coming.

To the Beth Rivkah student, life has meaning and purpose, and they have an important mission in this world.

Rabbi S. Hayes
(BR father)

I think we have amazing students. We have amazing staff. We have amazing parents.

I believe that we are a school that works together which makes everything better.

Mme. Sandra Soussana

Professeur grade 2A

I'm not surprised that Beth Rivkah ranked so well.

The school is devoted to its students and to their success. The teachers consistently work with and challenge their students. They ensure that each student receives the help needed to succeed. It feels like Beth Rivkah is like one big family.

Mrs. Sterna Samama

(BR mom)

KOL HATORAH KULA

THE ULTIMATE CHIDON TRACK FOR THE ULTIMATE CHIDON MASTERS

Rooted in the Rebbe's vision of Jewish unity through Torah study, Chidon has taken off across the world. Beth Rivkah got into the act this year with 88 incredible participants B"H.

Four girls in grade 8 are competing for the Kol Hatorah Kula category. These students have completed the chidon in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and now they are ready to be champions of the Kol Hatorah Kula track.

Wishing great Hatzlacha to Chana Brod, Chaya Mushka Cohen, Aydel Dworcan, Ceita Shur. You make Beth Rivkah proud.■

NEW @ BETH RIVKAH

THIS YEAR

Extensive transformation with many upgrades in building and online readiness, many with post Covid in mind

48 

touchless hand sanitizer dispensers at each of the building and class entrances.

33 

Tablets for online Zoom class.

Lunch Card 

Covid safe service

Bat Mitzvah Club 

Bas Mitzvah adjusted arrangements

6 

overhead projectors for class and auditorium multimedia presentations.

30 

iPads for class live-streaming and in class multimedia presentations.

Camera and tripod sets 

Camera and tripod sets

Filtered WI-FI 

Filtered WI-FI



Girls doing Chidon test



New outdoor play structure added!



Solutions Informatiques *Dash* Computer Solutions

ONLINE READINESS

Beth Rivkah teachers attended a workshop

To enable them to employ many of the Dash solutions in preparation for online teaching/learning. With the Dash program, Beth Rivkah teachers can upload work and links for parents and high-school students to access in their personal portal.

Dash Computer Solutions is a close-knit team of programmers, product specialists, and scheduling technicians working together to provide software, services, and support to over 180 schools across Québec.■

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you **Rochel Ceitlin and Tzivia Wenger** for heading the weekly messib zoom on Motzei Shabbos.

Delmar Jewellers for donating adorable necklaces in honor of Yud Daled Kislev

The Morahs and parents of grades 1-6 who prepared and encouraged students to partake and excel on the Chassithon Yud Tes Kislev Hachana.

HAPPY CHANUKAH
חנוכה שמח