

Beis Yaakov Jewish High School Academy

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Dear BYJHS families שמחה,

Have a look inside this newsletter. You will find so much good news and exciting developments - we are delighted to share all this with you. Newsletters aside, I expect that throughout the term you will have heard from the girls themselves about many of the activities and programmes we have run in school.

I am particularly proud of last year's GCSE results (see Mrs Feddy's detailed analysis on p.2), or to be more precise, I am proud of the girls who attained these outstanding results . Each of the girls in the Class of 2017 is a credit to the school; each girl has shown exceptional מילוי תורה and a desire for continued growth in תורת מץ. I look forward to the current Year 11, with their own exceptional כוחות making us equally proud בזיהו.

Our staff have worked incredibly hard this term and I want to take this opportunity to thank them all for their professionalism, their commitment to our girls and their general good cheer.

With best wishes for a relaxing and successful winter break.

ברכה והצלחה

Rabbi Wilson

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Head of Chol—Mrs Feddy

Beis Yaakov Jewish High School students have achieved a fantastic set of GCSE results! This is especially pleasing with the new, more challenging, GCSE examinations being introduced in English and Mathematics this year.

59% of all results came back as either A*- A grade or grades 9 - 7 - an exceptional set of results!

The percentage of students achieving 5 GCSEs A*- C / 9 - 4, including both English and Maths was 80%.

93% of pupils in English and 84% of pupils in Mathematics achieved the new grades 9-4 (the old A*- C grades). There were even two pupils in this small cohort of students achieving the new Grade 9 (A**), one in English and the other in Mathematics. Only pupils in the top 2% nationally will achieve the new grade 9 – a remarkable achievement for our school. These exceptional young women now have a bedrock of academic qualifications that reflects their mature and conscientious approach.

It is also impressive that our GCSE results now place Beis Yaakov in the **top 1% of highest achieving schools in the country**, with a progress 8 score of 0.92. This measures the progress pupils make from KS2 (in primary school) to GCSE and shows that at Beis Yaakov, pupils achieve well above average progress compared to similar schools nationally. This is even more impressive, when the reduced amount of teaching time compared to other schools nationally, is taken into account.

In a statement on behalf of the school, Rabbi Wilson, Executive Menahel, reflected on the achievements and underlined the wider mission of the school: ‘These really are exceptional outcomes, particularly considering the incredibly challenging new exams this year. Our parents, teaching staff, support staff and students deserve huge credit for their effort, hard work and determination. As well as securing the best exam results, we want our young women to possess excellent character and be responsible citizens within their communities. All the staff at Beis Yaakov would like to wish everyone the very best in their future endeavours.’

Deputy Menahel—Mrs Reif

As the term comes to a close, we can reflect on the good start that we had this year BH. The girls have applied themselves well to their studies and there has been a good atmosphere of learning, both in Kodesh and in Chol. The girls are now getting ready for their exams which will take place after the winter holidays.

The percentage of the girls **רוח משמרת** and the extra curricular activities have impacted on the positive attitude of the girls in school. The run up to the recent **מליה** held in school for mothers created an atmosphere of **אחדות** among the students who performed so beautifully in dance and song.

The year 11 student teams have been busy raising money for **צדקה** and amongst other things, increasing awareness for more **תפלה** in **כונה** and **שמירת הלשון**.

We hope you all have a good break and continued **נחת** from your daughters. We look forward to beginning the new term in a positive way and with **דרך** ט"ו to continue to guide our students in the **תורה**.

ברכת כל טוב



The Governors — Mr Ziskind

I wish to share these few lines with you and take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Wilson, שלייט א, supported by Mrs Feddy and Mrs Reif, and all members of the teaching and administration staff, for ensuring that the new academic year commenced so smoothly. The challenges of settling in our largest Year 7 to date were numerous – and I would like to convey gratitude to all the staff for the wonderful work they do for our precious בנים, who have been entrusted to them by very supportive parents and governing bodies.

Parents are enthusiastically commenting on the wonderful work being achieved in קידוש studies, especially the current programmes and extra-curricular activities.

We are also extremely proud that each and every one of our precious תלמידות made massive progress in last year's exam results - and this is testament to the incredible enthusiasm, zeal and competence of our dedicated Teaching Staff, מנהנכות, and SEND Department.

Wishing you all a נח�ת, געזונט פֿרִילִיכָן חַנוּכָה and continued שמחה from all your respective families

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David Ziskind on behalf of the Governors



Mechanchos Training

It has never been easy being a teenager and in today's world, it is harder than ever. With this in mind, we held a series of CPD events for our dedicated Mechanchos, providing the opportunity to develop skills, explore resources and discuss new methods. By popular demand, the training was also offered to year tutors and SEN tutors.

The sessions were all led by members of staff, showcasing the incredible and varied areas of expertise we have available. Through seminars, workshops, discussions and role play, participants covered topics including: bullying, restorative justice, running productive meetings, solution circles, study skills and resilience.

Thanks to Mrs Bookman, Mrs Rechnitzer, Mrs Royde, Mrs Singer, Mrs Stamler and Mrs Treblow for leading the sessions. Further sessions are planned for next term iy'H.

My first day at Beis Yaakov

As soon as I walked through the doors of BYJHS everyone was so friendly and kind. Finding my way around was not easy but soon after I managed. I found the lessons with Mrs Smith so funny and I love cookery but it's overwhelming because there are so many girls. My best bit of lunch is the slush machine. I think it is so cool how I can use my finger print to pay for my lunch!!!

The kitchen staff are all so kind and friendly !!!

I like how we get our own locker and we can decorate it with pictures and posters. The dancing on Fridays is so fun, everyone is included. Being a part of Jewish High so far has been so much fun.

I am looking forward to many more years of fun and excitement here and I wish you all a lovely winter holiday.

By: Eliana Mason



Anti -Bullying week by S.H. Scherer

In our lesson about bullying we learnt the difference between bullying and a one off. Sometimes people can be in a bad mood so if someone speaks to them, they may get angry for no reason - this is a one off. If someone is constantly teasing you, embarrassing you, putting you down-this is bullying! We also learnt the effect bullying can have on a person. Someone can lose their self esteem and self confidence because people are constantly making them feel unworthy human beings. Miss Berghash gave us the example that if you look at a slightly bruised apple, for every one of those bruises it looks ten times worse in the inside. So too even though a person may not seem that upset on the inside, deep down they are crying out for help and for that person to stop. Usually somebody bullies another person/people because they want to make themselves feel better or above the other person. You can either see someone who is higher and aspire to go up with them or you can pull them down to be on the same level as you. In this lesson we learnt a deeper meaning of what bullying actually is.



Mishmeres

What an exciting term!

The Mishmeres programme continues to create a real buzz in the school.

The different שמיות הלשון of הלוות are learnt in an exciting and innovative way.

Ably led by Mrs H Berger, the Mishmeres concentrated on different aspects of שמיות הלשון each month. This included a special breakfast in, where the theme was birds, stressing the necessity of not chirping like a bird to pass on. רכילותות

In כסלו the theme was being aware of your body language and how to be careful not to convey לשון הרע in that way.

We look forward to חודש טבת where the Mishmeres will be working on teaching us to be tactful in how we speak and communicate with others.

The girls thoroughly enjoy these programmes.

They create a tremendous Achdus across all the year groups, highlighted by the catchy Mishmeres song which is sung with actions by all the girls together.

Thank you to Mrs H Berger for working so hard, and to the Mishmeres heads who put so much כח into this programme, ensuring that it is such a success.

עליה והצלחה!

An Early Bird Special

On Wednesday, 11th March
At 8:30 am

Looking forward to seeing you!

Cheshvan Rechilus
Don't Parrot her Words!

Please hold this in to a Mishmeres-Head to receive your entry card for the breakfast!

ספוי נושא היה מילוט דבורי רישיבת נרגנחת וולו רט לו כי יומנו רב נטפר מה...
3) What are these people called? (Look further in the 'א'ש) _____
4) How do they become gossips? Through _____
5) So therefore the שיטר (gossiping) is related to the שרט...
6) נורא! Just as the peddler transfers merchandise by buying from one and...
to another, so does the gossip (and the spy) transfer information from one and...
to another. A peddler = ?ן

Gateshead Sems trip

Year 11 girls and their teachers met at Victoria Station on Friday morning for their trip to Gateshead. They all met up for an inspiring Kabolas Shabbos at Gateshead Old, followed by a social after the meal. Over the weekend they had a panel from girls in both Gateshead New and Old so that the girls could get a feel of the differences between the two Sems. R' Katz spoke to the girls about the type of girl his Sem is looking for. They girls also heard a number of inspiring Shiurim.



Extra curricular activities and Melave Malka

Elul: Our pre Rosh Hashono programme began with a court case acted on stage by some talented actresses from years 7 & 8 - Rochel Klyne, Sara Benamor, Suri Friedman and Gila Abenson . Two criminals were accused of stealing a necklace in Heaton Park—the crime had been ‘caught on CCTV’. The footage was shown at the court case and the accused were found guilty. The girls were told by the judge that they had four days to try and change the verdict, through Teshuva, Tefilla and Tzedoka. The school was split into teams named Teshuva, Tefilla and Tzedoka, each was tasked with inspiring themselves and others in their area. Using posters, plays and Divrei Torah, the girls came up with some creative ways to achieve this.

Four days later, the court reconvened (watched by the whole school) and the judge called up a representative from each group. The jury, (of teachers), decided how much ‘weight’ each group had earned, which was then placed on one side of giant scales. The girls watched as gradually the scales tipped in favour of the accused. This was followed by a short video presentation about how every person is judged on Rosh Hashono, and how even small acts are noticed and counted. Thank you Year 11 Programme Team, who worked many hours to create this inspirational programme.

Melave Malka: This term was full of excitement with rehearsals for the Melave Malka, and girls were given the perfect opportunity to share their talents . Year 11 girls headed the performances and took charge of the brochure , décor and food and worked tirelessly to produce an amazing evening. The theme of Hamadvil was presented through song and dance. The décor team ensured that the hall suitably portrayed the theme . The Melave Malka was tirelessly Headed by our three heads—Tzivia Kay , Michal Katz and Yocheved Daniel who spent hours of their time enabling the Melave Malka to be such a success . The joyful atmosphere was felt by all who attended and the feedback was incredible . It was an evening full of happiness and the girls felt very proud of their successes and the evening created much Achdus.

Chanukah was filled with joy as girls danced every lunch time throughout the week. There was further excitement when on Friday, all the girls were given iced coffee. This led into the main programme, which was full of races and fun with a Chanuka twist. Girls had to bid for boxes with hidden contents, which contained materials for their Menorah making activity. Girls were surprised to discover that the boxes which looked the best turned out to be of little use, and vice versa , Still, with excitement and energy the girls used their skills to quickly pull some fantastic menorahs together . The message of the whole programme was to learn not to focus on the externals. Yovon focused on externals, on what was visible to the eye. The message came through, with the coffee cups through to the boxes and all girls had a great time and left with a clear message. Thank you to the entire programme team who put in much effort to make this Chanuka programme enjoyable and inspiring for all .

The Tzedokoh team raised £116 over Chanuka by selling doughnuts!

This term's events

13/9	Yom Iyun years 9 and 10
16/9	Yom Iyun years 7 and 8
14/9	Yom Iyun year 11
17/9	Selichos breakfast year 11
18/9	Yom Iyun plenary
19/9	Guest speaker
28/9	Guest speaker
7/10	Simchas Beis Hashoav
25/10	Mishmeres programme
31/10	Citizenship fair
2/11	Citizenship fair part 2
10/11	Gateshead Sems trip year 11
10/11	Guest speaker
23/11	Mishmeres programme
3/12	Matinee
9/12	Melave Malka
13/12	Guest speaker—R' Klein
15/12	Guest speaker—R' Angel
18/12	Chanuka programme



Citizenship fair

By Rikki Leitner and Adina Tepper

We made a fair for the year 8 girls, to raise awareness of the importance of saving energy.

Each group presented a different workshop on their topic.

Topics included; solar panels, wind and water power, insulation and radiation.

The girls were split into groups and each group went round to each stall to do the activities.

Group 1— we made hot chocolate and taught the girls not to over fill the kettle because it wastes energy.

Group 2—candy floss—to show wind power. Just as the machine works by using wind power, so too wind turbines work to make energy.

Group 3 built a huge insulation house and the year 8 girls went ‘inside’. This was to show how insulation in our homes keep us warm.

Group 4—a pupil brought in a rabbit to show that a rabbit has a lot of fur which insulates it thus keeping it warm.

The girls enjoyed themselves and had a very informative morning!

Poppies—Armistice

Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War 1 and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War 1, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. The date was declared a national holiday in many Allied nations, and coincides with Remembrance Day and Veterans Day which are public holidays.

British Poppy Foundation gave us poppies to sell in order to raise money for the charity. BYHS raised £126.27!

Rabbi Roodyn

Every fortnight, year 10 are privileged to hear Rabbi Roodyn, who travels from London to speak about different topics in Hashkofo.

They heard some insightful Meforshim and have gained a lot from it.

The girls feel comfortable and know that Rabbi Roodyn is happy to answer any questions. Rabbi Roodyn always offers satisfying answers which helps the girls understand some of the concepts as part of a bigger picture.

The girls really benefit from these sessions and feel that he is very approachable and down to earth and look forward to his Shiur every time.



Upcoming Events

Shabbaton Year 10

Year 10 will be going to YHA Windermere for their Shabbaton, 26th—28th January.

Citizenship group—visit to court

The Year 10 citizenship group will go on a visit to the court

Bas Mitzvah Event Year 7

The annual Bas Mitzvah Event for year 7 will take place on Tuesday 20th February.

Senior Citizen party

Year 10 will be arranging the Senior Citizen Party

Year 11 Parents evening

Monday 29th January

Year 10 Parents evening

Tuesday 6th February

Year 9 Parents evening—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Wednesday 21st February

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