



what's new bi@lik



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, April 19th** **Yom Hazikaron – regular school closing**
Chicken Fingers Lunch
*****was scheduled for Tuesday*****
- Tuesday, April 20th** **Yom Ha'aztmaut – noon dismissal**
- Wednesday, April 21st** Pizza Lunch
- Thursday, April 22nd** Earth Day
Senior Division Cafeteria
PTA Book Club – 8:00 p.m.



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please remember that it is very important to call Safe Arrival if your child will be late, absent, or out of town at any time. Even if the teacher is aware of the absence, Safe Arrival must also be told. It's easy to reach Safe Arrival...just call 416-783-3346 ext. 5 or email safe@bialik.on.ca.

FROM THE PTA



AFTER 4 UPDATE

Please note there are no After 4 classes on Tuesday, April 20th due to early closing. Tuesday classes resume on April 27th.



GRADEPARENT THANK YOU

Thank you to our head gradeparents, Jackie Florence and Michelle Wagman, and all the gradeparent coordinators, gradeparents, and other parents who volunteered their time to help make this year's model seder so successful.

A huge thank you to Sue's Flowers on Bathurst south of Wilson for the generous donation of flowers that adorned all of the tables.

A memory card was found at the Grade 5 model seder. If you think it may be yours, please email pta@bialik.on.ca to claim it.



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the PTA Book Club will be held in the senior division lunchroom on Thursday, April 22nd at 8:00 p.m., where we will be discussing "Snow" by Orhan Pamuk (reviewed by: Michael Cole). Dread, yearning, identity, intrigue, and the lethal chemistry between secular doubt and Islamic fanaticism are the elements that Nobel Prize winner Orhan Pamuk weaves in this masterful, disquieting novel. An exiled poet named Ka returns to Turkey and travels to the forlorn city of Kars. His ostensible purpose is to report on a wave of suicides among religious girls forbidden to wear their head-scarves. But Ka is also drawn by his memories of the radiant Ipek, now recently divorced. Amid blanketing snowfall and universal suspicion, Ka finds himself pursued by figures ranging from Ipek's ex-husband to a charismatic terrorist. A lost gift returns with ecstatic suddenness. A theatrical evening climaxes in a massacre. And finding god may be the prelude to losing everything else.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



GREEN LINK

Earth Day

On Thursday, April 22nd, class 7A will present a broadcast in honour of Earth Day. Students will share the importance of our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint on a global scale, as well as ways we at Bialik can make a difference by choosing to be ecologically responsible. Following the broadcast, there will be a one hour "lights out" during which all non-emergency electricity will be switched off. Teachers and students will have the opportunity to think about what they will do to become "greener".

Walk to School Day - April 23rd

As a fun way to further our Green initiatives, Bialik is undertaking a Walk to School Day on Friday, April 23rd. Students will arrive at school on foot, bike, rollerblades, scooter, etc. Tables will be set-up in the schoolyard, manned by teachers/students from 8:30 a.m., so students can sign in when they arrive and hand in their "Walk to School Day" forms ([click here](#) to access yours).

Please note that the school's parking lot will not be accessible to staff or parents on this day. By special arrangement, staff who need to drive to work, and parents who need to drive their children to school, are able to park temporarily at Shaarei Shamayim ([click here](#) for your parking pass).

For more information about this day and how the students can earn extra points for their classes/houses, please [click here](#).

Buy Local, Think Global

Excerpted from <http://www.buylocalthinkglobal.com>

Buying local means buying food and goods that are grown and raised as close to home as possible. A tremendous amount of fossil fuel is used to transport foods over long distances. Combustion of these fuels releases carbon dioxide and other pollutants into the atmosphere, contributing to global climate change. In addition, buying local also means you are buying fresher food from sources that you know and trust, helping to contribute to the local economy. There are many farmers' markets in the Toronto area that supply seasonal produce that is fresh and often organic. Some locations are Nathan Phillips Square, Trinity Bellwoods Park, Mel Lastman Square, Downsview Park and St. Lawrence Market.

"We have to show leadership in protecting our environment so that we have a future for our children and grandchildren." Arnold Schwarzenegger



SMART BOARD CAMPAIGN EXTENDED!

We have raised nearly \$85,000 for the SMART Board Campaign 2010, establishing a new record in individual gifts. However, we still need to raise \$65,000 to reach our goal and not be faced with the difficult decision of which classes will not be outfitted with an interactive whiteboard.

Gifts continue to come in so we have extended the campaign. We need your support to ensure that every child's classroom will have its own interactive whiteboard next year.

Please [click here](#) to make your gift today!



HOSTING OUR EMISSARIES - THE SEARCH IS OVER

Thanks to the overwhelming response from our parents, we are already well on our way to finding host families for our 2010/2011 emissaries. We are so grateful to all those who contacted us and look forward to speaking with you further. Thank you!



SAFE ARRIVAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Safe Arrival is looking for help three mornings a week for the 2010/2011 school year. The time commitment will be approximately an hour and a half, beginning after morning drop off. This is a paid position. For more information, please email us at safe@bialik.on.ca or call (416) 783-3346 ext. 5.



CLASS CELEBRATION FOOD LIST

We have updated our allergy aware Class Celebration Food List. It now includes Isaac's Bakery, which is peanut/nut free. Please [click here](#) to download the updated list.



CALLING CLASSES

When the office staff calls classes on the intercom, it is very disruptive to all the students and to their learning. Therefore, we are going to limit calls to emergencies only. When a child forgets their lunch and a parent brings it to school, the student will be called at recess time to pick up the lunch. At the end of the day, we will only make announcements reminding individual students to meet their parents/carpool if there is a change from the normal routine and the child has not been informed. Please help us by limiting your requests to emergencies/new information only.



SHAI LACHAYAL - A GIFT TO ISRAELI SOLDIERS

At this time of the year, grade 8 students lead our annual Shai Lachayal fundraising campaign in support of the soldiers of Israel. Since its establishment in 1948, Israel has dreamed of peace with its neighbours, while depending on its defense forces to keep its citizens safe.

The **Association for the Soldiers of Israel** strives to make soldiers' lives a little easier by using for their benefit the money that we raise during our "Shai Lachayalim" project. This project also expresses to the soldiers of Israel the overwhelming gratitude of the Jews in the Diaspora.

Please bring either cash or a cheque (**payable to The Association for the Soldiers of Israel**) and give it to your morning teacher or Mechanech (senior division). For more information on how to participate, please [click here](#).

We thank you in advance for your generous support of this worthy cause.



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

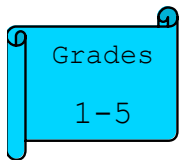
Yom Ha'atzmaut – Tuesday April 20th

A morning of celebrations await the preschool students as they celebrate Israel's 62nd birthday.

From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the MPR, SK students will grab their passports for a "tour of Israel", where they will experience Israeli song, dance, and food.

At 10:45 a.m., JK students will parade and dance in the schoolyard with the Israeli flags and hats they made in art class.

At 11:00 a.m., all JK and SK students will join the senior division for their much-anticipated annual inter-House Dance Competition. Preschool students will "judge" the dances, cheering the winner to victory.



NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Israel Interactive Centre (IIC)

As part of general studies science and Jewish studies, grade 5 classes will participate in three sessions in the IIC during the weeks of April 12th, 19th, and 26th, in which they will apply the knowledge learned in science about energy sources to looking at the problems faced by Canada and Israel in using various energy sources to meet the needs of its citizens. The students, working in groups, will use critical thinking to come up with ways to solve these problems and present their solutions to the class.

Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut

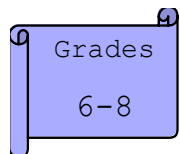
Grades 4 and 5 will be part of a Yom Hazikaron assembly on Monday, April 19th at 9:15 a.m. in the Upper Gym. At 9:15 a.m. on April 20th, 2C will present their Yom Ha'atzmaut class performance to grades 1 and 2, and grade 4C will do the same at 10:30 a.m. for grades 3 to 5. School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on April 20th.

Art

In the next 2 weeks, grade 3 Jewish studies classes will work in the art room with Martha Fleury, Bialik's art teacher, on depicting the desert in pictures.

Character Counts

Despite the short month, we will put all of our efforts into modeling and developing the trait of HELPFULNESS during April. We all need help sometimes. Helpfulness is being of service to others; doing useful things for people, such as things they cannot do for themselves, something they do not have time to do, or just little things that make life easier. Likewise, we need to understand and accept that at times we need help from others. Discuss with your children ways they can be helpful at home and in school; when interacting with peers in the schoolyard, in the classroom, at the park, during sports activities, etc. Helpfulness is one of the cornerstones of menschlichkeit, one of Bialik's pillars.



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

Yom Hazikaron Assembly

On Monday, April 19th, the students of 8A will lead an assembly for grades 4 to 8 to commemorate Yom Hazikaron. The assembly will take place at 9:15 a.m. in the Upper Gym. At this time, we will honour the memory of all of the soldiers and civilians who have fallen during Israel's wars. Students should wear white tops to school on Monday.

Yom Ha'atzmaut 5770

Yom Huledet Sameach L'Eretz Yisrael

On Tuesday, April 20th, Bialik senior division students will honour Israel's 62nd birthday with a morning of celebrations. A full program of activities has been planned, culminating in the much-anticipated annual inter-House Dance Competition that will take place in the schoolyard at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. Students should dress in the colours of Israel – blue and white – as we participate in our festivities. Dismissal is at 12:00 noon.

Shai Lachayal

Our annual fundraising campaign in support of the soldiers of Israel begins on Tuesday, April 20th. Students from 8B will visit all classes to deliver letter paper and envelopes for your donations. We are looking forward to sharing the generosity of our Bialik family with those young men and women who risk so much to safeguard Israel for us and for all Jews.



ATHLETICS

Please send your children with their own water bottles, clearly marked with their first and last names, to ALL practices, games, and tournaments.

Senior Girls Basketball

Coaches: Mark Tweyman and Billy Farbstein

Practice Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in the Upper Gym

Season Schedule:

Thursday, April 22nd at 4:30 p.m. vs. USDS Bathurst in the Upper Gym

Tuesday, April 27th at 4:45 p.m. at Netivot

RE-SCHEDULED Thursday, April 28th at 4:30 p.m. vs. Associated Hawks

Season Standings: [Click here](#)

Playoff Schedule: TBA

4/5 Co-ed Basketball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Yasmin Shalev

Practice Schedule: Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:45 a.m. in the Lower Gym

Playoff Schedule: TBA

UPDATED 4/5 Co-ed Baseball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Marcus Dickler

Parent Volunteer: Mike Wilner

NEW Try-outs at Viewmount Park:

BOYS in Grade 4 and 5 – Monday, April 19th at 7:45 a.m.

GIRLS in Grade 4 and 5 – Tuesday, April 20th at 7:45 a.m.

Boys and Girls (if necessary) – Thursday, April 22nd at 7:45 a.m.

Junior and Senior Cross Country

Coaches: Robyn Rosen-Codas and Poppie Butler

Parent Volunteer: Mark Cohen

Spring Practice Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:50 a.m.

*****New runners are welcome to participate*****

Thank you to all coaches for volunteering their time for the Bialik Athletics program.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Calling All Jewish Canadian WWII War Vets

UJA Federation is working with the Dominion Institute to audiotape Canadian Jewish War Vets from WWII. They are doing an event at Lipa Green on May 13th and want to 'spread the word'. People can RSVP in advance to be interviewed or just drop in for some coffee and cake and bring their war memorabilia to discuss with the Director of the Ontario Jewish Archives. Please [click here](#) for more information.



Soul of Gershwin

See *The Soul of Gershwin* at The Winter Garden Theatre on May 4th at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go towards women's programs at JVS.

Tickets are \$100 (a tax receipt will be issued for \$42). Those interested in buying tickets should contact Melanie Braga of JVS at 416-787-1151 ext. 292. Hurry and book now – only 50 tickets left. For more information, please [click here](#).



The Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation presents:

HAIFA ART TORONTO - April 22nd to April 26th (during regular Gallery hours)

This event is a special original paintings exhibition of 40 Haifa artists who have donated their works to support our project to encourage art enrichment studies for children from socio-economically disadvantaged families in Haifa.

The city of Haifa prides itself on its multicultural and inter-religious tolerance. The paintings show the city of Haifa in all its beauty, uniqueness, and diversity.

Please join us for our opening reception:

Date: Thursday, April 22nd

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Gallery 133, 1260 Castlefield Avenue, Toronto.



Aim Chai – A Broadway musical review

Be part of a dynamic team of amateur adult performers who love musical theatre, have some degree of musical and performance talent, are willing to make a commitment to the process, and want to make a difference in the world by raising money to help others. If you would like to audition for the cast, you must attend the following mandatory information meeting:

Date: Tuesday, May 4th

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Bialik Hebrew Day School

Please RSVP to: playitforward123@gmail.com

Net proceeds from this show will support Ve'ahavta. For more information, please [click here](#).



BULLETIN BOARD

I am looking for a cleaning lady 2 days a week. Bathurst and Eglinton area. Please call Susan at (416) 485-3315.

Amazing nanny available July and August. She has worked for us for 6 years and is conscientious, hard working, and never late. She also cooks dinner, does the laundry, and keeps everything tidy. If interested, please call Michele at (416) 782-9376.

ADULT HIP-HOP CLASS WED NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM AT FRONT & CENTRE DANCE ACADEMY

Adult HIP HOP class on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. starting on Wednesday, April 21st for 8 weeks. Location is Front & Centre Dance Academy (located at the SW corner of Bathurst & Eglinton). The teacher is Alex - he is FABULOUS. Please email benskys@rogers.com if you are interested.

Is your nanny/housekeeper on holidays looking to make extra money from May 25th to June 4th? We are looking for a part-time housekeeper with flexible hours during that time period. Great compensation. Avenue/Lawrence area. If you know anyone who would be interested, please call (416) 789-7998 or (647) 200-0412. Thank you.

Experienced nanny and/or housekeeper looking for work 3 days a week in the Bathurst and Lawrence area. Please call Delia at (416) 846-5841 or (416) 781-5071.

We are looking for a full-time live-in nanny for a long-term commitment. We are a family with one child in SK at Bialik. Full housekeeping of a large 5 bedroom house is required while our son is in school. We live 2 blocks away from Bialik. Please contact Mariana (416) 669-1753 or mcatz@rogers.com.

Looking to share carpool for the following school year, Sept. 2010. Our son will be in Senior Kindergarten in September and we live in the Avenue Rd. and Lawrence area. Please contact Sabrina at (416) 787-6717 or email sabrina.barmak@gmail.com.

POTTERY BARN QUEEN SIZE SLEIGH BED FOR SALE. This beautiful bed combines the grace of an heirloom with the strength of new furniture. Comes with a complete trundle bed as well. Color is "rustic sun valley white". In flawless condition. Original cost: \$3400. Includes both mattresses, and all the bedding (pillow cases, fitted sheet, and quilt, all Pottery Barn). Best Offer. Please call Bob at (416) 816-9886.

Looking for CHAT carpool for 2010-2011 school year, Bathurst and Lawrence area. I have one daughter going to grade 10 and would like to join or form a new carpool. Please call (416) 300-4720 or email at danalevy@rogers.com.

Looking for summer childcare? I am an ECE graduate looking for a summer position working with your family! Summer fun activities, outdoor play and day trips! I am available for one week or the entire summer. Please call Melissa at (647) 505-4044.

FOR SALE: Beautiful, durable, commercial-quality Henderson outdoor playground structure in excellent condition, for your backyard or cottage. Just in time for summer! If interested, please email michelleberman@rogers.com.

St. Philip's Community Preschool still has limited spaces available for Fall 2010 or January 2011. We are a non-profit, non-denominational preschool providing a rich, nurturing, educational environment for children 2 1/2 to 4 years old. We will be moving to our brand new location at Melrose Avenue and Avenue Road in Fall 2010. Call 416-782-8026 for more information or visit us online at: www.philipspreschool.ca.

If you are interested in posting to the Bulletin Board, please send an email to pta@bialik.on.ca with the subject line "Bulletin Board". Thank you.