



# what's new bi@lik



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Salad Lunch
Tuesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Division Art Fair 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pasta Lunch
Thursday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Division Cafeteria
Friday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chidon Israel (moved from May 11 <sup>th</sup> )



## 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](mailto:safe@bialik.on.ca).

## FROM THE PTA



### CALENDAR 2010/2011

The Bialik PTA Calendar Committee is busy at work putting together the school calendar for next year! We are still accepting advertisers for every month.

This year's calendar will feature a new design with a new look and feel, and it needs YOU to make it the best calendar ever. As always, the calendar is distributed to all Bialik families and provides all of the important information they need on a daily basis. It's also a fabulous way for you to showcase your business or service to all our of families, staff, teachers, and community. What a fabulous way to support your PTA! For more information on how to advertise, please [click here](#). Please email your questions to us at [bialikcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:bialikcalendar@gmail.com).



### AFTER 4

The PTA is looking for people interested in volunteering for the After 4 Committee (including taking on the role of Chair) to continue the fantastic structure and programs that this year's committee has put in place. Next year's schedule and programs are already being planned. If you are ready to take on a more active role in the PTA, this is the job for you! Please email [pta@bialik.on.ca](mailto:pta@bialik.on.ca).

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



### GREEN LINK

#### Bialik's Tetralogy of Eco Literacy

Last week, the Bialik family helped us complete four distinct initiatives – our tetralogy – of eco literacy. On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, class 7A presented an Earth Day broadcast that was followed by a one-hour shut down of all

non-essential energy in the school. During this hour, teachers taught lessons relevant to the school-wide initiative taking place. On Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Bialik family partook in a very successful Walk to School Day that included a large walking school bus. 6B later partook in the city-wide 20 Minute Makeover, cleaning up our schoolyard for the benefit of all. We want to thank our students, parents, and staff for helping to successfully complete our tetralogy of eco literacy.



## ADMIN'S PARKING SPACES MAY BE FREE FOR YOU

In an effort to provide more parking spaces in the staff lot for parents who are picking up students at the end of the day, the administrative team members will indicate when their parking spaces are available. If the spot is free for use, there will be a sign saying, "Feel free to use this parking spot".



## YIDDISH CONCERT - MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

On Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. in the upper gym, we are very excited to present a Yiddish Concert featuring Lenka Lichtenberg, our choir, and all grades 3 to 8 students singing a program of Yiddish songs. We invite parents, grandparents, and special friends to attend, but please bear with us if there is standing room only!



## GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

### Moroccan Sukkah Project

Building a sukkah is serious business. It takes brawn and wit and a steady hammer. It takes dedication and a keen eye for design. It is a place to savour the abundant edible joys of the fall harvest, and most important, to spend time with family and friends. We are creating a Moroccan Sukkah! Please volunteer for one of these exciting opportunities, and help bring the traditions of Sukkot in Morocco to the Bialik family.

### Job Opportunities:

- Foremen...reads diagrams
- Builders...follow directions
- Artists... install a vision
- Cooks...improvise with herbs and spices
- Demolition Crew...tear down and restore
- Investors...encourage a Jewish happening
- Mentor...teach us about Moroccan traditions

Construction: September 2010. Volunteers needed now!

Please contact Michal Daskalo at 416-783-3346 ext. 223 or email [michal\\_daskalo@bialik.on.ca](mailto:michal_daskalo@bialik.on.ca).



## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

### Grade 1 Orientation

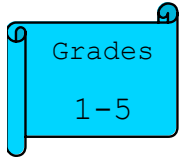
A second grade 1 orientation will take place the evening of Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the lunchroom. Please join us to hear all about the grade 1 year. Especially helpful to families for whom this is their first experience in the elementary division at Bialik.

### **Yom Sport**

On Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, JK and SK will partake in Yom Sport. Please look in your children's school bags to learn about their team's colours so you will be able to send them to school wearing colour for the program. Thank you.

### **The Eggs Are Coming!**

On Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> our chicken eggs will arrive in JKFD3. All of our JK and SK students enjoy visiting daily to see the eggs moving, cracking, and being born for the JK Spring Farm animal study.



## **NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION**

### **Israel Interactive Centre (IIC)**

All grade 1 classes will work in the IIC at designated times, for the next two weeks, to look at aspects of communities in Jerusalem and compare them with those in Toronto. Nurith Sela and the Jewish and general studies teachers have prepared wonderful interactive activities that will help students internalize the concepts of community and how the parts work together to create a whole, while at the same time integrating Jewish and general studies.

### **Theatre Comes to Bialik**

Two performances produced by Prologue to the Performing Arts will visit Bialik next week: Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, "A Star Finds Its Twinkle" will be performed in the Lower Gym at 10:00 a.m. for grades 1 and 2. Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, "Four Men, Four Mics, No Instruments" will be performed in the Lower Gym at 9:30 a.m. for grade 3. Both performances will include music and drama. We are looking forward to this enrichment opportunity in our Language Arts and Fine Arts curriculum.

### **Grade 5 Orientation**

This year's grade 5 parents and students are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for our orientation meeting for **parents and students** to discuss next year's grade 6.

### **Art Fair**

On Wednesday morning, May 5<sup>th</sup>, grade 4 and 5 students will visit the senior division Art Fair.

### **Speaker for Grade 5**

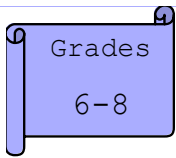
On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., John Freund, a survivor of Terezin, will speak to grade 5 students about his experiences during the war. He has written about his experiences in a book called "Spring's End," and has also been part of the "Underground Reporters" by Kathy Kacer. This talk will enrich the grade 5 Holocaust and Language Arts unit on poetry, "I never Saw Another Butterfly," written by the children of Terezin.

### **JNF Twinning Day**

On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, grade 2 classes will participate in the JNF Twinning Day at Downsview Park, leaving school by school bus at 10:30 a.m. and returning by 3:00 p.m. Please sign the permission/waiver forms sent home and return to homeroom teachers by Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This promises to be a wonderful outdoor education experience for our students, and includes activities related to the environment in a beautiful outdoor setting.

### **Character Counts**

As the month of May approaches, we are looking toward our ninth character trait, ACCEPTANCE, which we will discuss, model, role-play, and embed in all aspects of the curriculum. Acceptance or tolerance is an awareness of, and openness to, diversity and differences in others. It is one of the most essential values in a society, as it champions individuality versus conformity. We should not accept others only because they think, look, speak, and act like ourselves. Rather, we need to celebrate differences and be open to learning and interacting with all peers. It also means that we should not be judgmental, deciding who can be a friend based on what others say, wear, look like, act like, etc. When people are teased or left out, they feel sad and lonely. When we show acceptance, we don't allow differences to drive us apart, but give everyone a chance to show their good character and intentions. Wonderful understanding can come from a discussion of acceptance or tolerance around the dinner table.



## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

### Art Fair

Our Art Fair, which showcases student creativity in many diverse media, takes place Tuesday evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the lunchroom. We look forward to welcoming all Bialik families to this event. Please [click here](#) for our invitation.

### TanenbaumCHAT Science Fair

On Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, a group of Bialik students will present their Science Fair projects as part of the annual Inter-Day School Science Fair Competition run by TanenbaumCHAT. The following students have been chosen to represent us:

Kara Altow and Jordana Colomby

Shira Agid and Miriam Teich

Ben DeKoven

Leeor Greenblat

Joanna Orlander

Julia Sebastien

We wish the Bialik contingent and their teacher, Amanda Gaeeni, the best of luck.

### A Jew Grows in Brooklyn

On Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to welcoming to Bialik Jake Ehrenreich, creator and performer in the play "A Jew Grows in Brooklyn." Jake will present excerpts from his performance and the students will have an opportunity to ask questions. We are eagerly looking forward to this performance.

### Trip Orientation Meetings

Our Trip Orientation Meetings for **parents and students** will be taking place on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the following times:

7:00 p.m. – grade 7

8:00 p.m. – grade 8

These are important information meetings to be attended by students and at least one parent/guardian from each family.



## 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 Standings:** [Click here](#)

**Playoff Schedule:** Monday, May 3rd at 4:30 p.m. in the Upper Gym

### 4/5 Co-ed Baseball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Marcus Dickler

Parent Volunteer: Mike Wilner

**\*UPDATED\* Practice Schedule:** Monday and Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. at Viewmount Park

**\*NEW\* Practice Rain Policy:** Practice is cancelled if it is raining at 7:15 a.m.

**Season Schedule:**

- Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> vs. Heschel at 4:30 p.m. at Heschel Field
- Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> vs. Robins Hebrew Academy Bathurst at 4:30 p.m. at Heschel Field
- Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> vs. Robins Hebrew Academy Bayview at 4:30 p.m. at Heschel Field
- Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. Associated Posluns at 4:30 p.m. at Heschel Field

**Game Rain Policy:** Rain or shine

**Playoff Schedule:** TBA

**Junior and Senior Cross Country**

Coaches: Robyn Rosen-Codas and Poppie Butler

Parent Volunteer: Mark Cohen

**Practice Schedule:** Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:50 a.m. at the main entrance

**\*UPDATED\* Junior Cross Country Meet:** June 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Viewmount Park

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

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



**UJA Federation Presents Dr. Gerald Steinberg**

Come hear Dr. Gerald Steinberg speak about the anti-Israel movement's influence on human rights organizations. This community Town Hall meeting is sponsored by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Canada-Israel Committee, and the American Friends of NGO Monitor.

Gerald Steinberg, a professor at Bar Ilan University, is president of NGO Monitor, which keeps a watchful eye on the promotion of anti-Israel agendas by non-governmental organizations. Through NGO Monitor, Professor Steinberg, one of Israel's most respected Middle East analysts, has been at the forefront of exposing how the demonization of Israel has infiltrated international human rights organizations.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lipa Green Centre for Community Services, 4600 Bathurst Street

Please [click here](#) to RSVP online or call Leigh Brown at 416.635.2883 ext. 5394. Please come early. Seats are limited.



**Pogo Presents the Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**

Every year, Fallen Rock Productions puts on a fantastic theatrical production, geared for children and families, to raise money for the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO). POGO ensures that children with cancer in Ontario are given equal access to state-of-the-art cancer care.

This year's production is the Tony award winning musical comedy **The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** and all proceeds will benefit POGO's Financial Assistance Program; helping families with a child in cancer treatment. This program represents an important piece of the support POGO provides. In the past fiscal year, POGO distributed over \$800,000 to about 800 families across the province.

Please join POGO at the Spelling Bee this year. [Click here](#) to buy your tickets today or view their [flyer](#) for more information.



**Walk for Jewish Education**

Join the City Wide Grand Walk for Jewish Education on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Earl Bales Park. Admission is free and includes an acrobat show, the walk parade, a fair and rides. Please [click here](#) for more information.



### Beth Sholom's Book Club Invite

You are invited to come out to Beth Sholom's Sarah Sefer Society Women's Book Club meeting on Tuesday evening, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing the book *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery, with reviewer Marilyn Herbert. We ask that people please RSVP to the shul office at 416-783-6103 to confirm attendance numbers. Please [click here](#) for more information.



## BULLETIN BOARD

The Fun Bus Inc. - Private school bus service that goes the extra mile! Our list of families interested in our bus service for 10/11 is growing. Special introductory rate for all families that sign up before May 28, 2010. Please call Walter to register. 905-417-5559. 8611 Weston Rd. # 16. Woodbridge, ON. L4L 9P1. [www.funbusinc.com](http://www.funbusinc.com)

Family looking for a French tutor. Please call (416)838 3338.

Two children's bedroom sets from the Bunkhouse: Nadeau twin beds, one blue and one pale yellow, both with matching night table and 6 drawer dresser. If interested, call Hedda 416-481-7301.

Ashreinu day camp, with its high staff-to-camper ratio, provides for a friendly, family-like atmosphere in which campers enjoy daily swimming in an Olympic-sized heated pool, as well as sports in our large gym, basketball courts, and outdoor fields. Arts 'n crafts, workshops, theme days, and contests are all part of a day in Camp Ashreinu. Campers are also treated to exciting trips every week. Since 1994, Ashreinu overnight camp has been building self-esteem and Jewish pride in girls ages 7 - 17. Featuring picturesque camp grounds, and beautiful accommodations, Ashreinu prides itself in its individualized attention and family like atmosphere. For more information you can checkout the website [www.campashreinu.ca](http://www.campashreinu.ca).

**If you are interested in posting to the Bulletin Board, please send an email to [pta@bialik.on.ca](mailto:pta@bialik.on.ca) with the subject line "Bulletin Board". Thank you.**