



# what's new bi@lik



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Purim – Noon Dismissal
Monday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sushi Lunch
Wednesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chinese Food Lunch
Thursday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Division Cafeteria After 4 Session II Ends
Tuesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	After 4 Session III Begins



## 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



## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Many thanks to our fabulous Family Night Chair, Michelle Simons Maimon, and her incredible committee of Cheryl Shapiro, Marion Albaum, Kevin Albaum, Jill Reback, Elana Gryfe, and Bonnie Pollock for organizing the incredibly fun and successful Family Bingo Night. Over 200 people braved the bad weather to dab their bingo cards or be the "last man standing". Our gym was packed and, judging by the noise level, it was clear everyone had a great time!!!

Thank you to Sean Stewart from the IT department for helping to set up the A/V equipment. The new high-tech bingo screen was a great addition and a huge hit. Thank you also to the many families that donated prizes. Your generosity helped to ensure fun was had by all.

**If you forgot to bring a non-perishable kosher food item with you to Family Night, please drop one off in the office. The PTA is proud to help support the Na'amat/Pride of Israel Food Drive.**



## AFTER 4 ANNOUNCEMENT

**After 4 Spring registration is closing!** Registration has been extended until Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. All registrations that were received as of Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> have automatic acceptance into the program, while those received afterward may be part of a lottery. Some courses are almost full, others require a few more children to avoid cancellation.

1. We are looking for 4 more kids for the following courses:

**Kidvivor; Comics; Whimz; Art; Fashion Design; Sportball; Cooking**

Let's give these new courses a chance!

2. Cooking is now open to grades 1 and 2.
3. There are a couple spots left in Sessions – so if your child loves to sing, this is the course for him/her!

Keep your registrations coming! We are having a very exciting year with fantastic feedback! Looking forward to another exciting term!



## AFTER 4 PLAY PERFORMANCES

If you are interested in purchasing tickets to either of the Act 1 shows (March 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>), please email [after4@bialik.on.ca](mailto:after4@bialik.on.ca). Our little Von Trapps have been hard at work learning all the tunes and dances in “*The Sound of Music*”.



## SENIOR DIVISION LEARN-IN - THANK YOU

Another successful Learn-In! Thank you so much to Ziona Hagler & our Learn-In committee: Perri Kirshenblatt, Maureen Tanz, Frances Altow, Deanna Lustig, Tammy Brown, & Debbi Ross who worked so hard to make Learn-In such a fabulous day for the students. Thanks also to our “day of” volunteers: Randa Sebastien, Renat Zaltz, Yona Viner, Adeanna Axler, Marlene Morrow, Susan Tobin, Lisa Kerbel, Hedda Gold, Aaron Wine, & Hanna Isaac. A very special mention to Maureen Tanz who never says “no” to Bialik and who once again took on Learn-In even though her youngest of 3 Bialik students graduated 4 years ago!

Special thanks also must go to our wonderful support staff: Allison, Rivka, and Rhona in the office, Tony, Jason, & Roger in our maintenance department.

And finally, Learn-In wouldn't be the same without the outstanding support of our fabulous workshop leaders. Thank you to: Aaron Wine, Julia Dorosh (Kirsch Cosmetics Studio) , Fred Chin Sang, Sidura Ludwig, Adam Swaye, Janette Holmes, Mitch Zeltzer, Dr. Fay Sliwin, Dr. Harvey Blankenstein, Dr. Nina Wine, Dr. Nicole English, Dr. Brenda Cowen, Adina Kaufman, Shelley Rabie, Neria and Uri Mayer, Ilana Onel, Oren Sukenik , Ron Glezer, Jonathan Haver, Judge Rebecca Rutherford, Ronit Kenedy, Mint Events, Lisa Adler, Robyn Rosen Codas, Denise Wild (The Sewing Studio), Martha Fleury, Sari Nisker (Spynga), Diane Rothman, Mike Grossman, Ari Isaac, Jesse Gold, Sindi, Judy Romantini (Judy's Group Fitness), Caroline Davis (Two Moms Baked Goods), Scarborough Golf Club & Edo.



## PURIM

Purim sameach to all of our Bialik families. We hope you have a fun filled Purim holiday.

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



## GREEN LINK

### Green Team Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Walking School Bus Survey. We had a great response that has sparked a pilot program, that will take place in May, in the area east of Bathurst to Mona, between Hillhurst Boulevard and Glencairn Avenue. If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, and/or you are willing to be a chaperone on a rotation basis, please contact Melissa Kaplan at [melissa\\_kaplan@bialik.on.ca](mailto:melissa_kaplan@bialik.on.ca). Those interested in participating will receive more information closer to the run of the pilot program.



## AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN

Too many parents are double parking, primarily on Hillmount Avenue, while waiting for their children at pickup time. This is causing a very dangerous situation. Children are running between the cars where drivers cannot see them, and one of these days a child is going to get hit by a car.

There is street parking on the streets a little further away from the school. For the safety of all of our students, please take the extra few minutes to park there and walk over to school to meet your children.



## SUPERVISED PROGRAM DURING PESACH BREAK

Sabrina's Before and After School Care Program will be running a supervised program during the Pesach break. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register your child(ren).



## PICKATIME IS REOPENING

pickAtime REOPENS. Need to book or adjust your March portfolio night appointment? Here's how: (From 10:00 a.m. March 1<sup>st</sup> to 11:59 p.m. March 5<sup>th</sup>, you can...)

1. Visit the [pickAtime system](#)
2. Log in with your previously selected e-mail and password.
  - If you have forgotten your password, click the "Forgot My Password" button.
3. From the Events menu, choose the "09/10 Student-Led Portfolios, March 22, 2010, Bialik Hebrew Day School." From here you can book, edit, or print appointments.

For more details, please see review the "[2009-2010 Bialik Online Parent-Teacher Conference Booking Instructions.](#)"



## TYPING SKILLS PROGRAM EXTENDED

Due to popular demand, Bialik is extending its Grade 4 Typing skills program to students in grades 5-8. Moreover, students in grades 4-8 are once again able to download Bialik's typing skills software package (Type to Learn 4: Agents of Information) to their home computers to help practice and improve their typing skills – all completely free of charge! Software installation and setup will be required. Please see click [here](#) for further details!

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



### Rikudiyah 2010

Children from around the city will perform a selection of Israeli dances as Rikudiyah returns for its 40<sup>th</sup> year. For more information on how you can enjoy this wonderful celebration of dance, please view their [flyer](#).



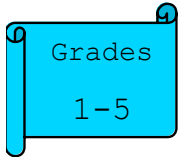
### Wine Tasting and Boutique Evening

Club Aviva, Na'amat Toronto presents their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Tasting and Boutique Evening. Discover what is new in Kosher wines and/or buy your Passover wines at one convenient location. For more information on date, time, and tickets, please view their [invitation](#).



### An Evening with Faye Schulman

Canadian Hadassah, Re'ut Chapter is pleased to present an evening with Faye Schulman, the only known Jewish partisan to document the WWII partisan experience in photographs. Faye is a remarkable Holocaust survivor, author, and lecturer, whose photographs are on exhibit at museums around the world. For more information about this incredible event, please click [here](#).



## NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

### MS Read-A-Thon

Please make sure that all envelopes with money collected for this community fundraiser are brought in to the school office by Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all families who so diligently helped their children record the minutes during which they read, and so generously contributed to this cause.

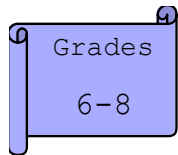
### Character Counts

This is the final week for highlighting a most important character trait: Kindness.

Congratulations! You are practising kindness when you:

- give attention and show you care to someone who is sad or in need of help
- do things to make others happy
- practice habits that help the environment
- think about your actions and make sure they do not cause anyone to feel upset
- accept people who are different
- say something nice to someone

"That best portion of a good man's life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." W.W. Wordsworth.  
Remember to do something kind for someone or something (pet or environment) today and every day.



## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

### Ski Day Rescheduled

Our new date for the Ski and Snowboard Day at Mt. St. Louis Moonstone is Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Busses will arrive at school for loading at 7:00 a.m. and will pull out at 7:30 a.m. sharp in order for the students to benefit fully from our time at the hill. Please make sure to arrive on time. A reminder that helmets are mandatory for all skiers and boarders. We wish everyone a great day and hope for more cooperative weather this time!

### Food News

1. As Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the rescheduled Ski Day, Sushi lunch for all those who have ordered sushi has been rescheduled to Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note this change.
2. There WILL be a Cafeteria Day next Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. It is not listed on the Bialik calendar but there will be Cafeteria that day.

### Public Speaking

The finals of the Public Speaking Contest take place on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning with grade 7 at 9:15 a.m. and grade 8 at 10:20 a.m. Parents and guests of finalists are welcome to join us at this special event.

### Grade 6 Synagogue Tour

On Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> all grade 6 classes will visit four different synagogues in the city as part of their T'fila unit, which looks at different streams of Judaism. Permission forms were sent home by email. Signed forms are due to your child's Mechanech/et by Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Yad Vashem Event

Yad Vashem has invited a group of Bialik students as guests to a [special ceremony](#) that will take place on the evening of Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two heroes who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust will be recognized for their outstanding courage at this special ceremony at 6:30 p.m., Kensington Place, 866 Sheppard Avenue West in Toronto.

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem National Chair, Fran Sonshine, and Israel's Consul General in Toronto, Amir R. Gissin, will confer posthumous Righteous Among the Nations honours to Mr. Zbigniew Zakrzewski and Mrs. Uranyi Palne Irma. Their two awe-inspiring stories are a testament to mankind's ability to bravely stand up for what is right, even under pain of death.

We are offering this opportunity to our senior division students. Please email Beverley Young by Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> if you and/or your child(ren) will be able to attend the ceremony. It will be a memorable educational experience to hear stories that exemplify making a difference in a powerful way.



## NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**TOGETHER, WE'LL PLACE A SMART BOARD IN EVERY BIALIK CLASSROOM!  
THE SMART BOARD CAMPAIGN 2010 IS LAUNCHING MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
PREREGISTRATION IS OPEN. PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER NOW.**



## ATHLETICS

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

### Senior Girls Basketball

Coaches: Mark Tweyman and Billy Farbstein

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

Season Schedule: TBA

### Senior Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Jaimie Kudlats, Dani Ross, Becky Fraser

Parent Volunteer: Natalia Wilner

Practice Schedule: Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Upper Gym

TanenbaumCHAT Invitation Tournament: Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

### Senior Boys Volleyball

Coach: Marcus Dickler and Jeff Lieberman

Parent Volunteer: Mike Wilner

Practice Schedule: Mondays at 7:45 a.m. in the Upper Gym

TanenbaumCHAT Invitation Tournament: Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

#### 4/5 Coed Basketball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Yasmin Shalev

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

**Season Schedule:** TBA

#### Junior and Senior Cross Country

Coaches: Robyn Rosen-Codas and Poppie Butler

Parent Volunteer: Mark Cohen

**Winter Training:** Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Gym (meet your coaches in the lobby)

#### House Leagues

**Facilitators:**

**Grade 5:** Jeff Lieberman and Tybie Trossman

**Grade 6:** Daniella Ross and Stefanie Rakowski

**Grade 7/8:** Shawn Stevens and Marcus Dickler

**Schedule:**

**Grade 5 students:** Thursdays at 12:25 p.m. in the Upper Gym

**Grade 6 students:** Mondays at 12:25 p.m. in the Upper Gym

**Grade 7/8 students:** Wednesdays at 12:25 p.m. in the Upper Gym

House Leagues run until March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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



## HAPPY PURIM

A very happy Purim and a big thank you to the PTA for supplying the wonderful Mishloach Manot goodies for all of the students.



## BULLETIN BOARD

I am looking for childcare for the first week of Pesach break (March 29 - April 1) for a male grade one student. I would be more than happy to share someone's nanny and bring my child to your house and of course to share childcare expenses. Please contact Ann at [pwdmom@rogers.com](mailto:pwdmom@rogers.com)

Looking for nanny for three week period from the end of March to mid April. Please call Brenda at 416-256-9354 for further details.

Luxury condo in Sunny Isles, Miami available for rent over March Break and/or Passover Break. A 2-bedroom plus den and 3-washroom condo on the beach. If you are interested, please contact [hfrisch@frischgroup.com](mailto:hfrisch@frischgroup.com) or 416-587-8056.

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