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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Salad lunch
Wednesday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTA meeting 9:15 a.m. – Boardroom Chinese Food lunch
Thursday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Senior Division Cafeteria
Monday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Division Ski Day



## 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



## NEXT MEETING

The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the boardroom. We will be joined by Sonia Shron, Executive Director, and Simona Dayan, Principal of Jewish Studies. Please click [here](#) for minutes from the last meeting held on November 4, 2009. If you have any items or topics you wish to have raised at the meeting, please email [pta@bialik.on.ca](mailto:pta@bialik.on.ca).



## PTA FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

### HOLD THE DATE!

Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> is FAMILY BINGO NIGHT. A wonderful evening to bring your children to eat, play Bingo, and win prizes. Last year we had over 200 people and they ALL had a BLAST!!

If anyone has any birthday/Chanukah gifts their children received and do not want, please bring them into the office and we will use them as bingo prizes (*all bingo/raffle winners will have the opportunity to choose their prize from the prize table*).

Please watch for our detailed flyer coming soon.



## GET INVOLVED

The PTA is looking for a *Recess Buddies Coordinator* to take over from the current coordinator, Andrea Kohn, for next year. Recess Buddies is a fantastic program created and run by Bialik parent volunteers for grade 1 and 2 students. This year, the program was expanded to 3 lunchtime recesses (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

We are looking for someone to take over from Andrea to coordinate the volunteers for next year. Andrea will train her successor. This successful program is dependent on parent participation. If you are interested in this position, please email [pta@bialik.on.ca](mailto:pta@bialik.on.ca).



## MISSING CLOTHING, BOOTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

Please take a moment to look through the clothing, boots, and supplies your children bring home. Some other child's missing items may have inadvertently been mixed up with yours. Please send any wayward items back to school to the Lost and Found. Our hardworking volunteers continue to do a great job at matching lost items with their owners.

Please remember to label all items you send to school.

Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and effort in setting up the lost and found hanging rack and table in the front lobby. If you have not already done so, please check for any missing items in the lobby. The lost and found will be returning to its regular location in the Multi-Purpose Room downstairs.



## BIALIK BOUTIQUE 2009

Boutique 2009 was happy to help support Bialik's Green Team by running a separate raffle item, generously donated by the school's Admin Team. The lucky winner will enjoy a fabulous dinner, prepared by Bialik's own Admin Team Chefs! This fun raffle raised almost \$200 for the Green Team initiative.

We are also excited to announce that Boutique raised over \$8,900 for the PTA! Thank you for coming out and supporting our vendors and the school. Don't forget, links to all our vendors can be found at [www.bialikboutique2009.com](http://www.bialikboutique2009.com).

The names of the following volunteers were inadvertently omitted from the last thank you. Please accept our apologies for the belated thank you. We could not have put on the event without your help: Shauna Lindzon, Gabriel Brodsky-Weiszmann, Ruben Cohen, Noah Wolfe, Jenn Glied Goldstein, Dor Kleinmann, Eden Shaul, Ya'ara Avitzur, Shira Karney, Lauren Schwartz, Rikki Blankenstein, Melanie Drutz, Jason Kirshenblatt, Jamie Blustein, Eden Kirshenblatt, Joshua Weisleder, Leni Weisberg, Skylar Cohen, Hannah Epstein, Jasmin Katz, Nicole Filler, Ben Shiff, Sophie Chitiz, Nathan Gibson, Ben Tobin, Jacob Landau, and Lucas Gold.

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



### GREEN LINK

Continuing with our 12 tips to a greener home:

#### **Green Home Step #2: Find knowledgeable sources for consumer information**

Misinformation. Disinformation. Outright lies. 'Green' concepts have been laughed at for too many years. Fortunately, there are enough publications today that you can pick and choose one or two that match your personality, goals, and learning style. Visit your local book store or hop online to find those that best suit you.



### SUPERVISED PROGRAMS FOR FEBRUARY'S BREAKS

Sabrina's Before & After School Care Program is offering full-day supervised programs during February's PD Day and Mid-Winter Break. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register your child(ren).



## TU B'SHVAT 2010-5770

Tu B'Shvat, the New Year for Trees, is only a few weeks away. This has become a very special day for celebration by both Bialik and the Jewish National Fund/Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel, and is closely associated with Israel's afforestation program and the protection of the environment.

This is a very meaningful and important project and we urge every student to participate in this endeavour. At a cost of \$18.00 per tree, a student can plant as many trees as they would like, in their own name, to help green the Negev. Each child who participates will receive a beautiful certificate.

Students are bringing home envelopes today. Please have your children bring in your contributions to their teachers. We hope that together Bialik can make a meaningful contribution.



## HAITI RELIEF FUND

As you are probably aware, Haiti was hit the other day with a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake. After much consideration toward creating our own relief fund, it was decided that greater benefit to the effort lay in supporting the United Jewish Appeal, which has already advanced \$45,000 to IsraAid: The Forum for International Humanitarian Aid, so that search and rescue efforts can start immediately. We encourage everyone in the Bialik family to contribute any amount they can.

To make a contribution that will be sent directly to IsraAid, please visit the United Jewish Appeal [website](#). This fund has been established outside of the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to tikun olam, "Repairing the World".

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Commemorating Raoul Wallenberg Day

Join the UJA Federation in commemorating Raoul Wallenberg Day with a special screening of *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*. This film tells the true story of a Polish Catholic social worker who organized the rescue of 2,500 Jewish children by smuggling them out of the Warsaw Ghetto. For more information or to reserve your tickets, please click [here](#).



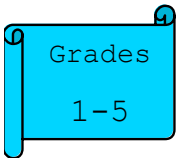
### Sarah Sefer Book Club

Women of all ages are invited to join Beth Shalom Synagogue's book club: the Sarah Sefer Society. Running free of charge this year, the next meeting will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Synagogue, where *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak will be discussed. Please view their [flyer](#) for more information.



## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The SK students will be visiting the Israel Interactive Centre (IIC) for a virtual trip to Israel. Students must bring their travel bag of clothing to school (sun hat, winter hat, empty water bottle, and towel) no later than this Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The students will visit Jerusalem and dance in front of the Western Wall. We will travel south to the Negev Desert and go to Eilat to swim in the coral reef. The students will travel to the north to ski on the Hermon mountain, and visit an orange grove where the children will pick an orange to bring home to share with the family. We are all looking forward to this exciting experience! Please click [here](#) for a list of what to send in your child's bag.



## NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

### MS Read-A-Thon / Reading Month

The launch of this important school and community event was geared to the grade levels of our students. They learned about the need to continue research to find a cure and support those who are living with the disease. A young guest speaker, who suffers from MS with no outward signs of the disease, mesmerized our older students with her wit, humour, and storytelling. This week we will have grade-appropriate activities in the library where students will have an opportunity to view media works related to published texts.

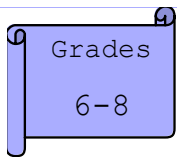
If you did not have a chance to sign up to be an MS lunch reader in grades 2-5, please email your child's teacher and he/she will be pleased to let you know which dates are still available. The children look forward to their parents bringing in favourite stories and sharing them with their classmates. Please encourage your children to read as much as possible during this month to build their love for reading and to contribute to this important cause.

### Character Counts

Being cooperative is being willing to go along in order to get along. We look for ways to be helpful, and we ask for help when we need it. When we cooperate we can do great things. On Wednesday morning, January 20<sup>th</sup>, all elementary students will participate in a cooperative activity to produce one class poem related to Cooperation. This poem cannot be created without working together, sharing the responsibility, and practising teamwork. We look forward to displaying these poems on bulletin boards around the school.

Some scenarios for home discussion are: What would cooperation look like if: You have a project to do for school and don't have all the information you need? You notice there is some bullying going on in the playground? You are asked to participate in a group activity?

There are many quotes that relate to cooperation that can promote some good discussion. Here are a few: "*We must help one another; it is the law of nature.*" French Proverb. "*By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.*" John Dickenson. "*Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends.*" Paul McCartney.



## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

### Chai Lifeline Canada Read-A-Thon

Following our introductory assemblies where students learned about the valuable work done by Chai Lifeline Canada, they received envelopes where they will record their reading and into which they will place the sponsorship money that they collect. We hope that all of our Senior Division students will show their gratitude for their own good health by reading for this great cause that makes a difference in the lives of so many children who have not been that lucky. We thank everyone in advance for supporting this campaign.

### House Meetings

On Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our January House meetings for Senior Division. We look forward to seeing muscles working it out at full steam at our Crunch Challenge Competition. Remember to wear House colours!

### Staff Versus Students Floor Hockey Game

During lunch on Tuesday, teachers and students will face off with the puck in a floor hockey game in support of our charities. Entrance fee is \$1. We look forward to an exciting game with enthusiastic supporters.



## 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 Boys Basketball

Coaches: Benjy Cohen and Marcus Dickler

**Practice Schedule:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Upper Gym

**Season Schedule:** Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Bathurst

**\*NEW\* Playoff Schedule:** TBD (please refer to weblink for updates)

**Standings:** <http://www.netivot.com/StudentLife/JDSBasketballStandings/tabid/62/Default.aspx>

### **\*NEW\*** Senior Girls Basketball

Coach: Mark Tweyman

**Invitational Tryout:** Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. in the Lower Gym

**Invitational Tryout or First Practice:** Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:45 a.m. in the Lower Gym

**Practice Schedule:** Mondays and Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in the Lower Gym

### 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

**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, 2010.

### 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, 2010.

### 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)

### Junior and Senior Hockey

Coaches: Larry Tobin (Senior), Allan Corber and Matt Cockburn (Junior)

#### **JUNIOR TEAM (Grades 3-5):**

Schedule Online: <http://allplayers.bladenet.net/allplayers/index.do?associationCode=CA00016969>

#### **SENIOR TEAM (Grades 6-8):**

Schedule Online: <http://allplayers.bladenet.net/allplayers/index.do?associationCode=CA00016969>

### **\*NEW\*** 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

Students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 will participate in an intramural House Leagues program. Our student volunteers decided on the following 3 sports: basketball, soccer, and hockey. House Leagues run from November 30, 2009 to March 25, 2010.

**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

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



## BULLETIN BOARD

Looking for a full-time, live-in nanny for toddler and newborn. St. Clair/Christie area. Please call Michelle at (416) 901-4704.

Full-time live-in nanny wanted immediately for Bialik family with 3 school-aged children (12, 11, and 7 years) – housekeeping, laundry, ironing, and cooking are a large part of the day. Days off are Friday-Saturday and must be flexible to work on Sundays several times per year. Must speak a fluent English. Family resides in the York Mills & Bayview area. If interested, please contact [nathalie@apollocorp.com](mailto:nathalie@apollocorp.com) or call at (416) 560-3707.

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