



# what's new bi@lik



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sushi Lunch Student Led Portfolio Conferences 2:30 p.m. dismissal
Wednesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pasta Lunch PTA Meeting 7:30 pm
Thursday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Division Cafeteria



## 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, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the senior division lunchroom. We will be joined by Anita Eckhaus, Vice Principal of the elementary division, and by Rochelle Wise, Vice Principal of the preschool division. Special guest, Mark Nightingale, Chair of the Board, will provide an exciting update on the SMART Board Campaign.

Please [click here](#) for minutes from the last meeting held on January 20, 2010. 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).



## JEWISH STUDIES BOOK FAIR

Don't forget to stop by the Jewish Studies Book Fair while you are in the school for Portfolio Night on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> (3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). It will also be open on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the front lobby. All proceeds will help fund Bialik's library.

Volunteers are needed to help set up prior to the book fair. If you are able to help on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., please email [pta@bialik.on.ca](mailto:pta@bialik.on.ca) with the times that you are available.



## LOST & FOUND ON DISPLAY

A reminder that the Lost and Found has moved upstairs to the front lobby until March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment when you are in the school to see if any of your child(ren)'s missing clothing, boots, or school supplies are there. The committee has worked hard sorting through the items and returning all labeled goods. Please remember to label every item sent to school.



## KOSHER FOR PASSOVER CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Looking for a delicious Passover cookie recipe? This recipe is sure to please kids of all ages.

- 1 1/3 cups brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp Passover vanilla sugar
- ¾ cup unsalted butter or margarine
- 2 eggs
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup matzoh cake meal
- 1 cup potato starch
- 2 cups chocolate chips

In a large mixing bowl, cream the brown sugar, granulated and vanilla sugars with the butter or margarine. Blend in the eggs. Stir in the salt, matzoh cake meal, and potato starch. Fold in the chocolate chips. Chill the dough for 1 hour or overnight for chewy style cookies. Do not chill for thin crisp cookies.

Preheat the oven to 350F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Scoop out generous teaspoonfuls of dough or roll marble sized balls. Place on the baking sheet, leaving room for the cookies to spread. If using cold dough, press it a little; if using fresh dough (not chilled) do not press down.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, then cool on the baking sheets for 20 to 30 minutes. Use a metal spatula to remove the cookies to the serving platter. (Makes 4 to 5 dozen cookies.)

*From "A Treasury of Jewish Holiday Baking – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition" by Marcy Goldman © 2009 Published by Whitecap Books Ltd. Reprinted with kind permission of the author.*

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



### GREEN LINK

#### **Green Tip for Passover Break Travels**

Did you know that many electronics still consume energy even when turned off? Before leaving for vacation, remember to unplug your computers and printers, televisions, video game consoles, microwaves, digital clocks, battery chargers, and any other electronics that can safely be unplugged. Also remember to lower your thermostat before leaving to save even more energy. By following these suggestions you will not only lower your energy consumption and save on this month's energy bill, but you reduce the risk of your electronics being damaged during power surges caused by electrical storms. Have a safe trip and wherever you travel – stay green!



### SMART BOARD CAMPAIGN - ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT!

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE PLACEMENT OF A SMART BOARD IN EVERY CLASSROOM FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHILDREN. EVERY GIFT COUNTS! [CLICK HERE](#) TO DONATE TODAY.**



## 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).



## HOSTING OUR EMISSARIES - THE SEARCH STARTS HERE

Bialik is excited to be arranging for two Young Emissaries to join us for the third year in a row. Chosen from 120 applicants, our Emissaries will be among a group of eight young adults deferring their army service to be Israeli ambassadors and informal educators for the year. They will be at Bialik two-and-a-half days a week, teaching our students about Israel, Israeli culture, Jewish identity, and Jewish celebration. During the rest of the week, they will be working with other organizations/synagogues and UJA Federation, running community-wide programs about Israel.

We are looking for two host families to open their homes to our Emissaries - one girl and one boy – for a period of 3.5 months. Each family will host one of our Emissaries for this period, beginning in December 2010. The Bialik families who are hosting this year's Emissaries reflect on the experience as wonderful and touching. It is an opportunity to reach out to our broader community in a very unique and meaningful way. Following is how one of our current host families describes the experience:

"We had an opportunity to host all eight of the Young Emissaries for dinner last evening, and it was such a pleasure to see what an energetic, enthusiastic and committed bunch of kids (young adults) they are. The community really benefits from their involvement, and it has been a fantastic experience for all of us in hosting Yonatan" – The Gropper Family

If you are interested in being a host family to our future Emissaries, please contact Simona Dayan by phone at 416.783.3346 ext. 222 or by email at [simona\\_dayan@bialik.on.ca](mailto:simona_dayan@bialik.on.ca).



## STUDENT-LED PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES

On Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we welcome all families to a celebration of learning as students present their portfolios including goals and reflections on their accomplishments. Thinking about learning, self-assessing, and making decisions about future goals are very important skills. Being able to reflect on one's achievements is an authentic life skill. Effective management (and self-management) require one to engage in developing an action plan for improvement, monitoring the plan through implementation, and then evaluating its success. Please join us in celebrating your child's growth and development over the year.



## BABYSITTING DURING SLP CONFERENCES

We are happy to once again offer supervised babysitting during Student-Led Portfolio conferences. Beginning at 2:30 p.m., babysitting will be available in the lunchroom. Due to the large demand for this service, we greatly appreciate parents only leaving their children with the service while they are in portfolio conferences with siblings. Please note that no snacks or supper will be provided.



## BIBLE CONTEST - CHIDON HATANACH

Bialik students recently participated in the Toronto regional Bible Contest (Chidon Hatanach). We are excited to report that 8 Bialik students have advanced to the National Bible Contest taking place in Toronto in May. Congratulations to all of those who participated, as well as the following students who are advancing: Danielle Clasky, Adam Cockburn, Reese Daniel, Benjamin Eisen, Jordan Mamelak, Hannah Rosenberg, Shelley Mayer, Joshua Unger, and their advisor, Hannah Isaac.



## LOST EARRING FOUND

An earring was recently found in the school yard and we are trying to reunite it with its owner. It is a small white gold hoop with diamonds. If it is yours, please contact Melissa Kaplan to describe and retrieve it: [melissa\\_kaplan@bialik.on.ca](mailto:melissa_kaplan@bialik.on.ca) or call ext. 235.



## PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE - DRIVERS STILL NEEDED

We would like to thank our Bialik families for their generous support of the Passover Food Drive. The National Council of Jewish Women is still looking for drivers to make food package deliveries on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., leaving from the Council House at 4700 Bathurst Street. For more information or to offer your time and support, please contact Sarah Mourad at [sarah\\_mourad@bialik.on.ca](mailto:sarah_mourad@bialik.on.ca).



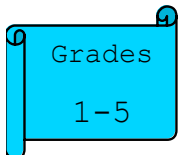
## NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Bialik's Alumni Association is on Facebook

Bialik Hebrew Day School's official Alumni Association fan page is now on Facebook. [Click here](#) to visit the largest online photo library of your days at the school, to stay connected with new and old friends, and to keep informed of the latest alumni news and events.

### A Technology Bloop

Last week, while sending you our "Message about technology at Bialik", technology at Bialik failed us. We would like to take this opportunity to release from guilt all those who couldn't bare to read the broken text, and give you another opportunity to view it the way it was meant to be seen. Please [click here](#) for the letter in its easy-to-read, cleaned-up glory.



## NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

It is hard to believe that this is the last week before Pesach. It certainly feels like spring!

### Model Seders Pesach 2010 - Nissan 5770

The model seders will take place in the lower gym as follows:

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 p.m. – grades 1 and 2

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – grades 4 and 5  
at 1:05 p.m. – grade 3

## Israel Interactive Centre (IIC)

Grade 3 classes will visit the IIC from March 23<sup>rd</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>. They will experience what it was like for Benei Israel to travel in the desert as they came out of Egypt.

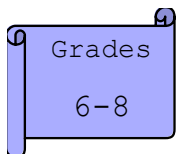
## Character Counts

Responsibility has been the focus of our character education program this month, and we have been able to apply it to all aspects of school life – from keeping our classrooms and halls neat and tidy, to caring for our environment by recycling, reducing, and reusing. We have emphasized our responsibility also to care for the needs and well-being of our friends, teachers and classmates. Most of all at school we have realized our responsibility to ourselves to be the best that we can be. As students receive their progress reports next week, and present you their portfolios, discuss with them whether they feel they have fulfilled their responsibility to themselves and their learning by putting in their very best efforts.

It's Up to You

*anonymous*

One song can spark a moment,  
One flower can wake the dream,  
One tree can start a forest,  
One bird can herald spring,  
One smile begins a friendship,  
One handclasp lifts a soul,  
One star can guide a ship at sea,  
One word can frame a goal,  
One vote can change a nation,  
One sunbeam lights a room,  
One candle wipes out darkness,  
One laugh will conquer gloom,  
One voice can speak with wisdom,  
One heart can know what's true,  
One life can make the difference,  
You see, IT'S UP TO YOU.



## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

### Model Seders

Senior division model seders take place as follows:

Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – grade 6  
at 1:05 p.m. – grade 8

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – grade 7

### Student Council Pajama Day

On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, senior division students will enjoy Pajama Day as a Student Council theme day. We won't be sleeping but we will be enjoying seeing all your very favourite sleepwear (modest please!).



## 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

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

**\*UPDATED\* Season Schedule:**

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m vs Associated Hurricanes in the Upper Gym

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs Heschel in the Upper Gym

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Leo Baeck South

Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs Bathurst in the Upper Gym

Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 p.m. at Netivot

**\*MIGHT BE RESCHEDULED\*** Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs Associated Hawks in the Upper Gym

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

**Playoff Schedule:** TBA

### 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:**

**\*CHANGED\*** Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs Heschel in the Upper Gym

Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs Associated (Knights) in the Upper Gym

**Playoff Schedule:** TBA

### \*UPDATED\* 4/5 Co-ed Baseball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Marcus Dickler

Parent Volunteer: Mike Wilner

Try-outs: 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)

**\*NEW\* Spring Practice Schedule (starting April 13th):** 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



### **Biscotti are back!!!!**

Club Mali is once again selling our famous Passover Biscotti. New this year, the biscotti are 100% nut free. Don't miss out – place your orders now! In previous years, we have sold out in two weeks, however this year we have changed baking facilities and so we still have more bags to sell! These biscotti are so delicious, you will not believe they are for Passover!

One dozen biscotti cost \$20. Bags are beautifully wrapped, and perfect for gift giving. Send an email with your order and contact information to [malibiscotti@gmail.com](mailto:malibiscotti@gmail.com). All orders will be ready for pick up beginning March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If we still have any left, you might see some for sale in the lobby at Portfolio night, but no guarantees!

All proceeds from biscotti sales go to support Na'amat. Thank you for supporting Club Mali and Na'amat Canada.



#### **Yom Hashoah Commemorative Event**

The UJA Federation is hosting a Yom Hashoah commemorative event on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.. Please view their [flyer](#) for more information.



#### **An Evening with Faye Schulman - Event Sold Out!**

Canadian Hadassah, Re'ut Chapter is announcing that an evening with Faye Schulman is sold out. They thank everyone for their interest in this captivating event.



#### **Movie Night for Glycogen Storage Disease**

Come out for a movie and to support research into Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD) at the Hospital for Sick Children. You'll watch "Extraordinary Measures," starring Harrison Ford and Brendan Fraser, based on a true story of a family with two children living with a severe form of GSD.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$25 | includes popcorn and a drink

All proceeds will go toward the first research project for GSD in Canada. For more information, please view their [poster](#).



## **HAPPY PASSOVER**

Wishing our families a happy, healthy Pesach break!  
Chag Pesach Sameach!



## BULLETIN BOARD

PIANO FOR SALE: 1940's Upright Heintzmann Piano and bench, made in Canada and completely refurbished is available for sale. It is in mint condition and is absolutely gorgeous. Please contact Naomi at 416-256-2555 or [naomi\\_schwartz@mac.com](mailto:naomi_schwartz@mac.com) if you are interested.

We would like to share our nanny/housekeeper one day/week or two mornings/week. Greater availability during summer months. She is reliable, responsible and very kind - we've employed her for 16 years. Bathurst/Lawrence/Avenue Road area preferred. Please call Debbie at 416-785-0403/416-212-5645 or email [davidanddebbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidanddebbie@sympatico.ca).

Looking for a part-time or full-time, live-in or live-out, housekeeper for a two-week period from April 25<sup>th</sup> on. Possible work on weekends during that period with excellent compensation. Please call Ola at 416-789-7998.

**"SHAKE AND BAKE" PASSOVER CAMP FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN SK- GRADE 3:** Are you looking for a fun and trusted program that your kids will love? Then don't miss the ever-popular **"Shake and Bake"** program offered by **Rock the House** from April 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 - 2:15 p.m. Your kids will create and enjoy a yummy Passover lunch as well as some delicious Passover treats. Then they will perform in scenes and improvisations to their heart's content. For more information, please call Diane Rothman at 416-732-5108.

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.