



what's new bi@lik



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 8 th	Ice Cream at Lunch
Tuesday, March 9 th	Chicken Fingers Lunch After 4 Session III Begins
Wednesday, March 10 th	Pizza Lunch
Thursday, March 11 th	Senior Division Cafeteria
Friday, March 12 th	Last Early Closing – 3:15 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



MISHLOACH MANOT

Thank you to all of the gradeparent coordinators and gradeparents – and especially our head gradeparents, Jackie Florence and Michelle Wagman – for organizing and helping last Thursday to assemble mishloach manot for our 800 students. The volunteers worked together in an awesome display of industrious energy, and put the fabulous packages together in under an hour. We hope your children enjoyed them.



JEWISH BOOK FAIR

Our library is hosting a Jewish Book Fair that will include a wide variety of Hebrew and Judaica books. The book fair will be in the front lobby on Portfolio Night, Monday, March 22nd, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as well as Tuesday, March 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Come by, take some time to browse and, hopefully, make some purchases for your children. All proceeds will help fund Bialik's library.

Our Jewish Studies librarian, Nelly Levy, is looking for volunteers to help her set up prior to the book fair. If you are able to help on March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., please email pta@bialik.on.ca with the times that you are available.



LOST & FOUND NEWS

Are you missing a brown, embroidered winter jacket, size 8 brown UGGS, black snow pants, a red olympic mitten, or any other item of clothing? The Lost and Found is filled to overflowing with sweatshirts, gloves (singles and pairs), hats, boots, shoes, winter jackets, snow pants, and lunch boxes. From Ski Day, there is also a white ski helmet, holding black gloves, and a pair of ski goggles. Ski poles, owner unknown, are in the office. Please drop by the Lost and Found to see if any of your child's belongings are there. Please remember to label everything that comes into the school.



AFTER 4 PLAY PERFORMANCES

Last chance to buy tickets to either of the Act 1 shows (March 8th and 9th) - please email after4@bialik.on.ca. Come out and support our budding thespians!

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, to 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. Those interested in participating will receive more information closer to the run of the pilot program.



SMART BOARD CAMPAIGN 2010

**HOW CAN YOU HELP US PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR A 21ST CENTURY CAREER?
REGISTER FOR THE SMART BOARD CAMPAIGN 2010 AND DONATE TODAY.
[CLICK HERE](#) NOW TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL-WIDE EFFORT.**



FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Please be reminded that you cannot enter Bialik's parking lot from Viewmount Avenue. Our drive-through is one way with access from Hillmount Avenue only. It is very dangerous for parents to drive in the wrong way, and only a matter of time until this causes an accident or injures a child. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to drive around the school to access the drive-through appropriately. Thank you.



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 HAS REOPENED

You have until 11:59 p.m. on March 5th to book or adjust your March portfolio night appointments.

Here's how:

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.](#)"



INFORMATION SESSION - MARCH 10TH

Bialik is hosting an information session on March 10th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have family or friends who might be interested in learning more about Bialik and/or sending their children to the school, please have them contact Rochelle Wise at rochelle_wise@bialik.on.ca or ext. 220.

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! 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. All orders will be ready for pick up beginning March 22nd.

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



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 24th

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](#).



Odysseus Chaoticus - A play unlike any other

ODYSSEUS CHAOTICUS is a fantastic cabaret show, based on the travels of Odysseus, king of Ithaca. Parts of the Mythological Odyssey are intertwined into a story of an eccentric Italian family: a romantic dreamer husband, his uptight dominating loving wife, a needy old Papa, and their newly born noisy baby all packed like sardines in their small home. The dreamy husband escapes his mundane routine to an imaginative journey inspired by the "Odyssey".

The three actors/clowns play a multitude of characters, switching between them in an almost dizzying rhythm, while playing musical instruments, dancing and singing. Physical theatre, clowning, acting, dance and live music create a sweeping rhythmic succession of scenes. One of the most enjoyable hours you will ever spend in the theatre!

Show Times: March 4th and 6th at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Al Green Theatre/Miles Nadal JCC | 750 Spadina Avenue at Bloor Street

Tickets: \$18 general | \$12 student/senior

Purchase online at: www.algreentheatre.ca or call 416 924 6211

Presented by the Al Green Theatre/Miles Nadal JCC and the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation. [Click here](#) for more information.



The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation and community partners Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and The Speakers Action Group and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto present:

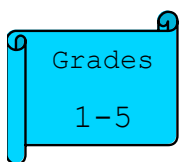
Dr. Ofer Merin Chief of the Israel Defence Forces Field Hospital in Haiti And Director of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Program at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

Join us as Dr. Merin discusses his recent experience in Haiti and how Israel prepares for and responds to mass casualty events at home and around the world

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 9th at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Shaarei Shomayim Congregation | 470 Glencairn Avenue

Register: [Click here](#) to register online.



NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Israeli Soldiers

On Monday, March 8th Bialik will host soldiers from Israel's armed forces, Tzahal. They will visit grades 1-3, and speak to grade 4 and 5 students as part of an assembly at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to connecting with this incredible group from Israel.

Shabbat Celebrations

On Friday, March 12th 1D's students will lead grades 1 and 2 in celebrating Shabbat in a class performance at 12:35 p.m. in the Upper Gym. Parents, grandparents and guests are cordially invited.

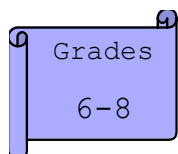
Character Counts

This month we highlight 'Responsibility' as our good character trait. Responsibility is being accountable for actions and circumstances that are within a person's control. A responsible person takes care of himself/herself and others, and fulfills his/her obligations. Being responsible means:

- That others can depend on you.
- You are willing to be accountable for your actions.
- When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses.

- You keep your agreements.
- You give your best to any job.

It is one of the main characteristics of menschlichkeit. Please discuss this value with your child so that they can relate it to their lives both at school and at home.



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

Houses Spirit Week

Can you guess the theme? Every day next week during lunch (except Thursday), each house in turn will transform the lunchroom into a themed party. Be sure to drop in and enjoy the decorations and fun activities they have planned for you! It is, after all, about the Spirit!

Visit by Israeli Soldiers

On Monday, March 8th Bialik will host soldiers from Israel's armed forces, Tzahal. They will speak to the senior division students as part of an assembly at 1:15 p.m. They will share stories of their time in the army, and students will have the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to connecting with this incredible group from Israel.

Synagogue Tour

On Tuesday, March 9th, grade 6 students will visit four different synagogues in the city, each representing one of the different streams of Judaism. This is part of their T'fila unit where they are studying the comparative religious practice. We hope that they will gain insight and understanding into the traditions and practices of other Jews.

Israel Interactive Centre (IIC)

All grade 6 and 7 classes will visit the IIC to learn about "The Story of Israel" as told through Maps. While grade 6s will learn about the time from Abraham until the return from the Babylonian exile, grade 7 will begin with the return from the Babylonian exile and examine events up until the present. These sessions will reinforce and bring to life the materials students are studying in their Historia classes.



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:**

Thursday, March 4th at 4:30 p.m. at Leo Baeck North

Wednesday, March 17th at 4:30 p.m vs Bayview in the Upper Gym

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

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

Thursday, April 15th at 4:30 p.m. at Leo Baeck South

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

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

DATE TBC Thursday, April 29th at 4:30 p.m. vs the Associated Hawks in the Upper Gym

Season Standings: [Click here](#)

Playoff 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 11th

Senior Boys Volleyball

Coaches : 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 10th

4/5 Coed Basketball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Yasmin Shalev

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

UPDATED Practice is cancelled on March 10th

***UPDATED* Season Schedule:**

Tuesday, March 9th at 4:30 p.m. at USDS Bayview

Tuesday, March 16th at 4:30 p.m. vs Paul Penna in the Lower Gym

Tuesday, March 23rd at 4:30 p.m at Heschel.

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

Playoff 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 25th.

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



BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Looking for a carpool for next year for Crestwood Upper School from the Spadina & Eglinton area. If interested, please email davrith@hotmail.com.

Great cleaning lady available to clean one day a week. If you are interested, please call 416-256-0017.

Looking for a nanny for three-week period from the end of March to mid April (including Passover break). Please call Brenda at 416-256-9354 or email bfcowen@sympatico.ca for further details.

Part-time nanny caregiver, available mornings and flexible for evenings and weekends. Excellent references. Please call Pat at 416-653-0116.

Rock the House Children's Drama Studio is an after school creative drama program. Our objective is to encourage self expression and an appreciation of the performing arts. Classes are packed with engaging dramatic activities where the primary focus is on the experience of the participants. For more information on specific classes and costs, please call Diane Rothman at 416-732-5108 or email rockthehousedrama@rogers.com.

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.