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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 27 th	Kabbalat Shabbat Assemblies
Monday, November 30 th	Ice Cream at lunch
Tuesday, December 1 st	Coffee House – 3:00 p.m. (Boardroom) After 4 Session II begins
Wednesday, December 2 nd	Pasta lunch
Thursday, December 3 rd	Senior Division Cafeteria PTA Book Club – 8:00 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.

Please note that – in order to reduce the size of our weekly newsletter and increase the ease with which you access related documents – letters, flyers, forms, and other documents are now being embedded directly into the copy where required. All you need to do is click on the blue hyperlink and the relevant document will open in a new Internet window or tab. We hope you enjoy this improved functionality and welcome any and all feedback. Thank you. The Administration.

FROM THE PTA



ACT 1 PERFORMANCE

Our students have been working hard all term and will be performing “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” this weekend (Sunday, November 29th at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, November 30th at 7:45 p.m.). If you don't already have your tickets and would like to attend, please email after4@bialik.on.ca.



COFFEE HOUSE WITH SENIOR ADMIN - NEW TIME

The next coffee house will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the boardroom. This is a great opportunity to come and chat with Benjy Cohen, our Principal of General Studies, and have a coffee and a muffin courtesy of the PTA.



AFTER 4 SESSION II BEGINS

Another great term is starting on Tuesday! We have had a fantastic response to the courses for the past session!

An email will go out confirming your children's enrollment in their program. If you have not received an email by Friday, please send an email to after4@Bialik.on.ca.

Please be reminded to send your children with additional snacks that are specifically for After 4.



BOUTIQUE MARKET

The PTA's 8th annual Boutique Market was held this past Monday, November 23rd. Thank you to Marion Albaum and Ann Weiszmann and their hard working committee members: Bonnie Pollock, Mardi Obadia, Elana Orzeck, Risa Katz; volunteers: Shari Goldberg, Elisa Garay, Jill Reback, Liane Cutler, Kevin Albaum, Susan Lehner, Tammy Lindover and Kim Simmons; and also fabulous student volunteers: Emma Albaum, Jillian Pollock and Marley Gryfe.

Magen Boys Entertainment spiced things up this year with constant music and fun giveaways from our vendors. Senior Division students earned house points and upped the raffle ticket sales with their spirit.

This year's market was well attended and a big success for the PTA. Thank you for supporting our vendors and our school.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



GREEN LINK

The month of December has been designated as BOOMERANG LUNCH MONTH. This follows on our October and November ecological initiatives to reduce the amount of waste we produce. Boomerang lunches mean that everything that comes to school, goes home again. This includes peels and food waste, which can be taken home to the green bin or composter. Items that can be reused like ziplock bags, containers, canteens, etc. should all go home, and garbage (wrappers, packaging, etc) should go to the home garbage.

Student members of Bialik's Green Team have prepared posters and will deliver PA announcements to promote December as Boomerang Lunch Month. With the cooperation of all members of Bialik's community, we can make a difference in the amount of waste we produce at school and take one huge step forward toward becoming GREENER. Thank you in advance for your support.



PICKATIME – ONLINE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE BOOKINGS

Pickatime went live on **Tuesday, November 24th, at 9:15 a.m.** You are now able to book for this year's Parent/Teacher Conferences and Student-Led Portfolio Conferences. Basic instructions are available on Bialik's [website](#).

Pickatime bookings will remain open until Friday, December 4th at 11:59 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 416-783-3346.



SCHOOL-WIDE KABBALAT SHABBAT ASSEMBLIES

Please join us this Friday, November 27th, at our first school-wide Kabbalat Shabbat Assemblies of the year, which will take place as follows:

- 9:15 a.m. – JK and Grades 4 - 8
- 12:35 p.m. – SK and Grades 1 - 3

We look forward to having you join us for this special Bialik community event and ask that – in order to allow your children's classes to sit together and as close to the stage as possible – all parents and other guests sit together toward the back.

Please remind your children to wear their blue Bialik t-shirts or white t-shirts.



DOLLARS FOR DAVID

As Chanukah approaches we have an opportunity to brighten the lives of Israeli children who are not as fortunate as our own. The Na'amat **Dollars for David** campaign ensures that the 18,000 children in Na'amat Day Care Centres throughout Israel will receive Chanukah gifts and treats. For over 30 years, Bialik families have been strong supporters of the program. By sending Chanukah tributes to Bialik teachers, assistants, specialists, staff, and administrators, you can help bring joy to these deserving Israeli children this holiday season. The tributes are charitable donations for which receipts will be issued. The campaign launched last week and you should have received the familiar orange **Dollars for David** envelope in your child's backpack. You can also click [here](#) for the forms.



CHANUKAH DISPLAY

Chanukah is just around the corner and to get us all in the mood, the library is excited to announce their annual Chanukah display. All students are invited to participate. Please click [here](#) for information on grade-specific symbols and submission deadlines.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

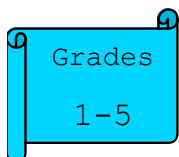


In the wake of several recent attempts to demonize Israel, anti-Israel activists have now turned their attention to Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC). Anti-Israel groups will be protesting at MEC stores across Canada this Saturday to press their case for a boycott of Israeli goods.

You can oppose this boycott call in three ways:

1. Please shop at the Toronto [MEC](#) store, 400 King Street West at Spadina, on Sunday, November 29th between 11:00 and 5:00 p.m. to support Mountain Equipment Co-op's commitment to selling Israel made products, under its ethical sourcing policy. When you shop at MEC you will become a MEC member.
2. Become a MEC member by December 19, 2009. It costs only \$5 and it gives you a say in how MEC is run at the company's Annual General Meeting. When you've joined MEC by clicking [here](#), let us know. Register at the Canada Israel Committee BUYcott [website](#) and sign up for [BUYcott](#) alerts. You can also join [BUYcott Israel on Facebook](#).
3. Purchase Israeli products online. For a list of MEC's Israeli products, click [here](#).

Our community has shown, time after time, that we are ready to stand up for Israel when Israel comes under attack. Help us defeat this unwarranted assault on one of Canada's most ethical retailers and yet another attempt to isolate and demonize Israel.



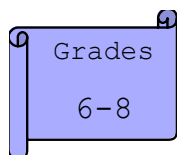
NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

DOR LeDOR RIKUDIYAH 2010

Grade 2 students and parents are invited to participate in a special program as part of Rikudiya 2010. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to learn and perform an Israeli dance together at this yearly Jewish community event. Each year Bialik families are wonderfully represented, and we look forward to another successful year. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Character Counts

Next month, the character trait that we will be adding to our character palate is self-discipline. Self-discipline means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want or need to do, without vacillating or procrastinating. It includes what you choose to do or say when you are presented with a situation or challenge. It brings order to your life and gets you to do things efficiently. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself. Especially important at school, it helps you to be accountable for doing the very best you can, and to take control of your own learning. Of course, we continue to reinforce and discuss respect, friendliness, and honesty. Please continue to emphasize these positive character traits at home as well.



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

Student Council

Student Council is excited to present our third annual THINK PINK dress-up day on **Tuesday December, 1st**. Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Foundation. Students will receive house points for dressing up and will have the opportunity to buy pink sodas and World's Finest Chocolates at lunchtime, enjoy music, and even get their faces painted, as Senior Division goes P-I-N-K! Ribbons are already available to staff members who would like to donate to a great cause.

Grade 8 Sock Drive

Grade 8 is launching our annual **Sock Drive** for the homeless, in cooperation with Ve'ahavta, as part of our Tikkun Olam. This will be a two-week drive beginning November 30th and running till December 16th. Our students will be visiting classes to explain the importance of helping the homeless maintain warm feet during the cold winter. They will also drop by periodically to collect and encourage students to bring new or gently used men's socks. We appreciate any types of socks, especially cotton and wool.

Grade 7 Men's Clothing Drive

The Grade 7s are running their annual **Men's Winter Clothing Drive from Friday, November 27th to Monday, December 14th**. We are asking families to please go through your closets and send in warm pants, sweatshirts, scarves, gloves, and jackets. Blankets and sleeping bags are also appreciated.



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 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, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m. vs the Associated Hawks

Thursday, December 10th at 4:30 p.m. vs Netivot in the Upper Gym

Wednesday, December 16th at 4:30 p.m. vs the Associated Hurricanes

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

***NEW* 4/5 Co-ed Basketball**

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Yasmin Shalev

4/5 Boys ONLY: Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:45 a.m. in the Lower Gym

4/5 Girls ONLY: Friday, December 4th at 7:45 a.m. in the Lower Gym

Senior Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Jaimie Kudlats, Dani Ross, Becky Fraser

Parent Volunteer: Natalia Wilner

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

TannenbaumCHAT Invitation Tournament: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Senior Boys Volleyball

Coach: Marcus Dickler and Jeff Lieberman

Parent Volunteer: Mike Wilner

Tryout Schedule: Monday, November 30th at 7:45 a.m. in the Upper Gym

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 TBA

SENIOR TEAM (Grades 6-8): Schedule TBA

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

Day of the Week:

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

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

Grade 7/8: 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

Full-time nanny with papers (live-in or live-out) required for approx. 6-month contract starting January 2010. Bialik family with three children, ages 5, 3.5 and newborn, in Bathurst and Eglinton area. Pay to be negotiated based on living arrangements and experience. Please call Leslie at (416) 782-1201.

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.