

A message from Rabbi Wilson שליט"א

הפעם אודה את ה'

(רבי יצחק מאיר מגור זצ"ל) חדושי הרי"ם was the oldest son of the רב אברהם מרדכי. He was only a young married man when he became seriously ill. Bedridden and suffering with the pain of a debilitating illness, he was close to giving up.

Then one day, his father, the holy חדושי הרי"ם, came into his room, stood by his bed and gave him the following life-changing instructions: "The Torah says ובחרת בחיים – you shall choose life – and according to some פוסקים this is a command, an actual מצות עשה. Strengthen yourself and choose life. You do not yet have a son - daven that you should recover and merit to live long enough to have a baby boy."

With the little bit of strength he could muster, רב אברהם מרדכי got up from his bed and davened "רבונו של עולם, please give me the gift of a few more years of life. Let me merit to have a son and I will call his name יהודה and fulfil the words of לאה אמנו who said "ה' – הפעם אודה את ה' – this time I will give thanks to ה'".

With ניסים, רב אברהם מרדכי recovered and later that year his wife gave birth to a baby boy. רב אברהם מרדכי said to his wife: "We called this child לייב אריה and my תפילה is that he should draw the hearts of כלל ישראל to give thanks to ה' יתברך".

This שפת אמת grew up to be the famous שפת אמת. In his later years the שפת אמת would say "My father called me יהודה to give thanks to ה' and I can testify that my whole life, night and day I have never felt tired of giving thanks to ה'."

רב אברהם מרדכי and לאה אמנו did not just say thank you; rather they built appreciation into their children's names and into their essence.

לשנה אחרת קבעום ועשאום ימים טובים בהלל – The חכמים did not just say thank you for the miracles of חנוכה. Rather they established a יום טוב every year to give thanks. The great כלל ישראל understood the need to build an 'attitude of gratitude' in כלל ישראל.

As we reach the end of what has been a marathon first term of the year, there are so many people to thank and so much to be thankful for. To all our staff for their commitment to continue building BYJHS into the excellent מוסד חינוך that we know it can be; to parents for your support and partnership; to our girls for their constant חיות and desire for רוחניות that inspires us every day.

This newsletter gives a taste of the amazing things that have been taking place this term and some of the many things that we have to be thankful for.

ברכה והצלחה

Rabbi Wilson

צדקה and חסד teams

Mrs Sasson and the Year 11 חסד team ran a fun launch programme to show the school how many חסד opportunities there are in the קהילה. The girls got a chance to play the "chocolate game", and had to fold blankets, dress a 'baby' and sort cutlery before trying to eat the chocolate. Two representatives from Shabbat Walk came in to speak about how much one can gain from giving to this amazing organisation, which offers a range of services, and match up families in need with volunteers. The girls watched a video about Shabbat Walk from London, Manchester are now operating a similar service. Esti Leitner spoke about Kids Haven, which runs in Vine Street Shul, and provides after school care for children with additional needs.

Afterwards the girls had the chance to sign up for one or more חסד options: After School Club at Kids Haven, services for Shabbat Walk, helping to clear up from חופות, singing at אם הבנים.

Twice this term girls from Year 10 and Year 11 have gone to sing at Aim Habonim, bringing much joy to the children, and many girls have helped to tidy up from חופות. Girls from Year 9 have made a huge קידוש ה' by visiting and playing board games with the residents in Beenstock Home, and girls go regularly to help families on שבת.



Year 7 מלוה מלכה

Under the guidance of Mrs Niasoff, Miss Miller, Miss Levenson and Mrs Richman, Year 7 prepared for and enjoyed a beautiful and fun מלוה מלכה. The theme was כאיש אחד בלב אחד, working together to make their class complete. The girls enjoyed a dance and a choir which they created, and the hall was decorated in yellow and black with bees—just as bees work together to produce honey, so too we work together באחדות to serve ה'. They had a fun tie-dyeing activity—watching the colours blend like the members of the class, and ate pizza and chips.

Safety at BYJHS

Following concerns from some worried citizens, Mrs Royde ordered reflective sticker and keyrings to be sold by the School Council Heads, so that girls are safe and seen when walking home in the dark Winter months.



Year 11 Gateshead Weekend

Many girls from year 11 spent an inspiring and informative שבת in Gateshead.

The weekend started very early on Friday as the coach left, and their first stop was 2 שיעורים in BCR Sem, from Rabbi Sipper and Rabbi Lieberman. As it was a short day, the girls prepared for שבת, and enjoyed a heart-warming שבת קבלת and Friday night meal in Gateshead Old Sem, after which they had a chance to tour the Sem, and have a question-and-answer session with some of the girls there. They also had a session with Rabbi Kohn and his daughter in law, where they could find out more details about what is on offer there.

On שבת morning some of the girls went to shul, and after lunch with their hosts, they went back to BCR for the famous שיח מוסר שיפור from Rabbi Katz, followed by a kumzitz and הבדלה.

On שבת they returned to Old Sem for a classic שבת שיפור by Rabbi Moore, and then went back to BCR for מלוה מלכה and a question-and-answer session there.

They returned on Sunday morning, refreshed and pleased with all the information they have gained that will guide them when making a decision for their next stage in life.

Many thanks to Mrs Klein and Mrs Levy for arranging the weekend and for accompanying the girls, and to Mrs Korn, Mrs Kaufman, Miss Elkouby and Miss Bloch who went with to ensure our girls gained the maximum from the whole programme.

Year 8 מלוה מלכה

Year 8 girls worked really hard to prepare for their מלוה מלכה, The theme was יהי כבוד חברך, and the tables were decorated with heart shaped chains, indicating the bond we create with true friendships. There was a beautiful choir, and creative dance and acrobatics, and a skit which taught some important messages: be דן לכף זכות, don't leave others out, and take care to avoid embarrassing others, like R' Akiva Eiger with the wobbly סדר table. Everyone enjoyed pizza and chips. A game was prepared where the class had to watch skits and identify where girls shows respect for each other, and where there was השגחה פרטית involved, but due to a technical hitch, this had to be played at a later date. The evening ended with enthusiastic dancing, and as a souvenir, each girl received two chocolate bars, one for themselves, and one a 'bonus' to share with a friend. Many thanks to Miss Bloch, Miss Goldman, Mrs Librae and Mrs Royde for arranging and preparing the fun evening.



חנוכה at BYJHS

Day 1

חנוכה began with a heartfelt הלל, after which Ety and Leah explained the connection between חנוכה and our theme of הודאה, illustrated by a Powerpoint. Later on, Mrs Malka Rebenwurz ex-pounded further on the theme, illustrated by an amazing story about her father and The Manchester Rosh Yeshiva. The girls received delicious muffins and chocolate milk, and watched an amazing music video created by Year 10 of the song Listen To Your Neshomo. This explained the challenges we all face in our daily lives, which mirror the fight the אידן endured at the hands of the יונים, and how we can tune in to our נשמה to give us the weapons to win the fight against the יצר הרע.



Day 2

On Tuesday after davening, the Year 11 choir sang Abie Rotenberg's classic song "Little Neshomale", building on the point that the יונים focused on the גוף, while we focus on our נשמה. Each year group had a turn to work on their scrapbook, where they document the lessons they have learnt in the extra curricular activities. They also all had a lesson to rollerblade, skate or hover around the hall to music, which was greatly enjoyed.

חנוכה at BYJHS

Day 3

Wednesday was one of the busiest days BYJHS has ever seen, but thanks to expert organisation, everything ran smoothly. Following הלל, the school choir, under the guidance of Miss Elkouby, sang "Those were the nights of חנוכה", the second time with the whole school joining in enthusiastically, followed by our theme song on הודאה.

Year 7 and 8 spent the whole day in the hall working hard at Enterprise day (see next page).

Year 9 had the opportunity to fry delicious churros with chocolate sauce, with many grateful thanks to Mrs Levene and Mrs Morris for giving of their time to come into school to show the girls how to create these amazing fried treats, and supervise and help them. The girls also heard from Mrs S. Woolfstein who runs the GIFT organisation. She explained to them about their work, what types of things families in the community are struggling with, and how they go out of their way to cater for the needs of every single family who requires their help. They then got stuck in making sandwiches and decorating boxes to be delivered around Manchester to those in need.

Year 10 and 11 had an OddArts workshop, where they had the opportunity to act and mime, and learn valuable skills about their needs, wants and emotions. They also played a fun game with an ice cream ball, which was filled with ingredients and rolled around the circle to music. When the music stopped, the girl holding the ball had to answer a חנוכה themed question, and at the end of the game, everyone got to enjoy fresh, cold, milky ice cream!

Candy floss at lunch time was enjoyed by the whole school.



None of our amazing programme could have happened without Mrs Levene and Mrs Librae, our indefatigable EC heads. Thank you !

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Day 4

The last day of term saw another beautiful הלל, followed by assembly and certificates. Each year group had the chance to compete in the Beis Yaakov Olympic Games, on inflatables outdoors and games indoors. The difference was emphasized that when we race, we don't do it to show off our strength, nor to win, like the יונים, rather we, as אידן always try to do our best in all our struggles, and daven for סייעתא דשמיא to help complete our tasks and win the fight against our יצר הרע. We need to remember איזהו גיבור? הכובש את יצרו. We need to remember יצר הרע and strengthening our נשמה.

Enterprise Day for Years 7 & 8

Expertly organised by Mrs Klein, Years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to learn a variety of important skills in The National Careers Challenge:

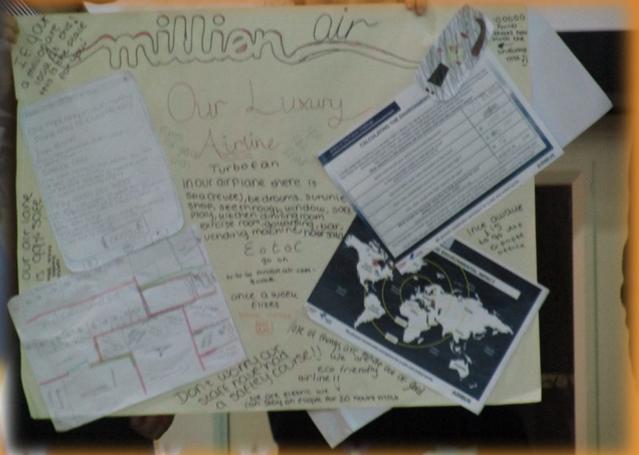
The focus of the day was to create an airline business that was eco friendly and financially viable. In groups of 6, they had to think of a business with a particular market, design a logo, uniform and advertisements. They also had to calculate their carbon emissions.

The first task was for each girl to take a short personality test and see what 'animal' represents their unique selves. They then learnt how each personality type can help in team work, and worked out roles for themselves based on this. They had to design an airline for the future, decide what type of flights it would offer, and who would be their target market. They also had to consider what type of fuel aircraft of the future may run on, and how this might affect airport infrastructure, and think about ways their airline could be environmentally friendly. They learnt about the uses of artificial intelligence and recruitment, and had to create advertisements, logos and a uniform. During the last part of the day, teams were given the opportunity to present their ideas to the judges and the rest of the school.

The girls came up with some good concepts and the presenters had difficulty narrowing down a shortlist to decide the winners!

A big thank you to Mrs Klein and to all the staff who supported the Airbus challenge, particularly the SEN department who were actively involved and made the entire experience more pleasurable and beneficial for the girls.





The following are some of the valuable skills the girls gained:

LISTENING: The receiving, retaining and processing of information or ideas.

SPEAKING: The oral transmission of information or ideas.

PROBLEM SOLVING: The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge.

CREATIVITY: The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas.

STAYING POSITIVE: The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals.

AIMING HIGH: The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them.

LEADERSHIP: Supporting, encouraging and developing others to achieve a shared goal.

TEAM WORK: Working cooperatively with others towards achieving a shared goal.

Rewards at BYJHS

Our reward shop, ably run by Mrs Myers is proving very popular, with girls having the opportunity to redeem their accrued positive points for a variety of gifts, including vouchers for Accessory World, Brackmans or 3 Bakers, wireless headphones, ear pods or speakers, or smaller rewards such as cans, free chips and free desserts at the canteens.

Iced Coffees

Iced coffees were given out on חנוכה to girls who show consistent effort and good behaviour:

Year 7

- Pessi Klor
- Etti Abenson
- Shani Dansky

Year 8

- Miri Issler
- Zahava Stern
- Rachel Brandeis

Year 9

- Shira Schleider
- Dina Gast
- Chaya Menashe

Year 10

- Shani Mannes
- Malky Dresdner
- Chani Horn

Year 11

- Soro Brocho Wilson
- Batya Parshan
- Zipora Lewis



Rewards Shop

Starting Monday...

Exchange your rewards points for brilliant prizes!



Monday morning break: Years 7 & 9

Wednesday morning break: Year 11

Thursday morning break: Years 8 & 10

Location: Head of Year Office

Rewards Shop

PRICE LIST

Cans	8 points
Chips	10 points
Dessert	10 points
Nash bag	15 points
Adult colouring book	20 points
Crayola Super Tips	25 points
Rubiks cube	30 points
Reusable coffee cup	35 points
Insulated bottle	40 points
£5 Brackmans Voucher	45 points
Diamond art	50 points
£10 Accessory World voucher	60 points
£10 Three Bakers voucher	65 points
LED letter light	70 points
Ear Buds	75 points
Wireless headphones	80 points
Portable Speaker	90 points

End of term certificates

The following girls received certificates for consistently showing effort and refinement in מידות:

Effort and Achievement

Year 7

- Tzippy Schleider
- Racheli Katz
- Dina Kornbluth

Year 8

- Odeli Burland
- Miri Weltscher
- Avigail Morawiecki

Year 9

- Hodel Heller
- Simi Kramer
- Racheli Joseph

Year 10

- Soro Yehudis Davis
- Freeda Meisner
- Chevi Zelevansky

Year 11

- Esther Kada
- Perele Lampert
- Shira Sternlicht

מידות טובות

Year 7

- Dini Friedlander
- Sara Olsberg
- Nechama Reznick

Year 8

- Elisheva Sobel
- Dana Noa Fuchs
- Michali Miller

Year 9

- Tami Dansky
- Naama Bauman
- Adina Guttentag

Year 10

- Shana Simmonds
- Friedy Freudenberger
- Esther Weltscher

Year 11

- Ruchi Saberski
- Tehilla Lopian
- Ruthie Bitton



חנוכה Parties

Year 10 enjoyed a fun evening with a present-swapping game, and חנוכה themed Blockbuster game, and ice cream bar and dancing. Many thanks to Mrs Sasson, Mrs Schleider and Mrs Korn for arranging and giving up their time to have a great evening with the girls.

Year 11 had a blast at their חנוכה party with a silent disco, instant photo booth and amazing dessert buffet and pick and mix bar. Arranged by Mrs Reznick and Miss Reznick, it was an evening of exercise, enjoyment and אחדות.

The staff of BYJHS had a real treat at their annual חנוכה party as they enjoyed fresh churros made by our amazing Mrs Stern, and had the chance to create their own masterpiece as Mrs Schwinger guided them through painting a beautiful כותל picture. Mrs Tz Jacobs gave food for thought as she spoke about the power of the אידך always going מן המהדרין מן המהדרין—something that can certainly be said about our staff! - and a poem by Mrs Grossberger was read out, describing how, as teachers, we ignite the spark of the נשמה of each pupil. Everyone got to take home their painting and a magnet with an אמונה quote. Many thanks to Mrs Bor, Mrs Treblow and Mrs Royde for working so hard to give the staff a very well deserved relaxing evening of camaraderie, and to Mrs Schwinger for the amazing painting activity.

