

Melava Malka Fever! As you surely know, our **1st ever Alumna Malka is being held on Motzoei Shabbos December 11th!** Mrs. Aisenstark and Mrs. Glustein together with Mrs. Aliza Rangott, are totally immersed in organizing it. There are over 100 alumna who have already confirmed their reservation. If you haven't done so, please email to Aliza at dir@bethjacob.ca today!

Fall Outing / Oneg Shabbos Early in October, the girls enjoyed a fun outing via ferry to Oka. They appreciated the beautiful fall foliage and also enjoyed the apple picking. Along the way, they visited a soap factory, where they were able to make their own decorative soaps. The apples they picked were used in the baking of delicious Apple Crisps which were served at an Oneg Shabbos in the Kuhnreich home. At that time, they were privileged to hear Rabbi D. Grossnass speak on the hardships of beginnings and how to gain the most from their year in Seminary.

Ani Maamin Later in the month, we were also privileged to be addressed by Rabbi D. Sapirman of Toronto, founder of the Ani Maamin Foundation. He helped to clarify the truth of our Mesora.

Toronto Trip Another one of the highlights of this term was our trip to Toronto via a comfortable and luxurious coach bus. We visited the Village Shul and were inspired by Mrs. Adrienne Gold, a former fashion designer for the media, who described her personal journey and struggles and the realization of the falsehood of her previous life.

We were hosted by the Alon family and were addressed by Mrs. Weber, the Assistant Principal of Bais Yaakov. She taught us about growing without comparing. We then went to Tifferes Bais Yaakov where Miss Batya Feigenbaum spoke about her personal challenges and how she grew through adversity. Today she holds one of the most prestigious jobs in her High School. We were treated to a delicious buffet lunch at the home of Mrs. Bayla Kuhnreich (Richler), an alumna of Bais Yaakov of Montreal. At that time, Mrs. Kakone spoke of the unusual Yeshiva, Nefesh David, founded and operated by her husband and herself. It is the only Yeshiva in the world for the hearing impaired. Gemorah is learned in sign language! We watched an inspiring and emotional video on the progress of the students. A panel discussion on "The Chashivus of Torah" and the role we play in helping it was held.

After some free time, supper was held at the home of one of our Toronto alumnae, Bryna Friedburg. Our students were able to meet with girls their own age, and were treated to a presentation by Bryna and Rivky Adler, another alumna, on their role in the organization for Russian immigrants, called Ashreinu, This organization has a Sunday school, a summer camp, sponsors Shabbatons, etc. Suri Ochs discussed the fantastic clothing drive she and her friends organize and operate, which involves the collecting, sorting, and cleaning of hundreds of boxes of clothing which are then shipped to Kiryat Sefer – an immense undertaking.

The next morning, the girls were privileged to hear from Mrs. Chana Leya Rappaport, a Mechaneches in Bais Yaakov, who spoke about her experiences in her first job, which was as a teacher in Moscow. Since that time, Mrs. Rappaport started a summer camp in Moscow, where, for the past fourteen years, she and her family spend their summers. The girls then visited Zareinu, a school for special needs children. The staff prepared an interactive workshop especially for them which featured professional therapists who showed them the difficulties faced by special needs children.

The girls were then taken on a tour of the Abir Yaakov Sephardic Synagogue, a magnificent edifice which is among the five most visited places in Toronto. Following lunch, they were given a tour of the Hachnosas Kallah Gmach which is led by Mrs. Bleeman.

Chanukah Guest This month, Rabbi Kessin, a psychologist who works in the frum community in New York, ushered in Kislev by helping the girls understand the deeper meaning and relevance of Chanukah.

In Town Shabbaton A Shabbaton, this past weekend, was held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Aisenstark with Rabbi D. Merling as the guest speaker. There was also an interactive workshop "It's Your Move", and a wrap-up session led by Mrs. Pam Chasen and her daughter Ora.

Chanukah Chagiga In anticipation of Chanuka, the day before the girls leave for their vacation, a pre-Chanukah breakfast will be held featuring latkes, donuts and music. The speaker will be Rabbi M. Willig.



Have a Freylichen Chanukah!

Rabbi Yossie Treisser

