

Seminary Shmooze

BAIS YAAKOV BNOS RAIZEL SEMINARY

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It's so quiet around here now that the girls are gone. Boring? No way, there is so much work that has to get done, we are anything but bored. However we do miss the hustle bustle and the smiles of all the girls. Since our last Smooze was right before Pesach let me bring you up to date.

☺ . On the first Shabbos back from Pesach vacation the Weber Family hosted a gala Sholosh Seudaos at their "downtown" home. All the "uptowners" walked "downtown" and had a wonderful time. The speaker was Mrs. Silberman, the Principal of Skver. A fun game was of "Where is" was played ... partial pictures of different things and places in the Seminary were distributed and the girls had to guess what each one was. A big Yasher Koach to the Weber family for hosting.

🚐 . One early morning in May, the students boarded a bus and headed to our nation's capital – Ottawa. This was a combination educational and recreational trip. The first stop was at the Torah Academy School where groups of girls were assigned different classes and gave lessons. The principal, Rabbi Goldbaum, greeted us and gave over the school to our students for the morning! Much preparation had gone into these lessons and a good thing too, since our students were duly impressed with the level of the students at the school. Next was a stop at the local Kollel where the Rosh Kollel, Rav Burr spoke to the girls. From there the girls went to Parliament Hill, to the beautiful Tulip Festival and to the Museum of Civilization. Supper was at the local kosher pizza restaurant. This was followed by a panel discussion from Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Goldbaum, Mrs. Hochstadter, and our very own alumna Mrs. Tzivi (nee Burstyn) Koff. The topic was living a Torah life away in Ottawa.

🏠 The famous writer, Mrs. L. Kotkes, was in Montreal to give workshops on the skill of writing. While here she was kind enough to address the Seminary girls on how to bring out their creative attributes.

➔ – The Kiruv program consisted of our Seminary girls going to Minniapolis to teach & bond with the children. Please read the following, written by those Seminary girls.

This year, as a part of our methods course in seminary, we were privileged to spend three weeks interning in Torah

Academy of Minneapolis. Besides for the valuable teaching experience we gained, we learnt so much from observing the teachers, the students and in general, the way the school is run.

We had the opportunity to teach almost every grade level from Pre-K through 8th grade, and got a feel of the different skills necessary for each one. Although some were more difficult than others, every lesson we taught was a rewarding experience!

We also got to participate in the color war on Lag Baomer, helping the students use their creative abilities to prepare banners, skits, slogans and Divrei Torah. In addition, we got to paint a mural of the Sheishes Yemei Beraishis with the 8th grade girls, on the wall of the hallway, so we definitely left our mark in the school!

We were privileged to get to see R'Ginsberg in action – he runs a terrific team of devoted staff –all of whom were constantly ready to help us with anything we needed.

We were amazed at the warmth and welcoming of the community and got to meet many families who invited us for meals. We were also lucky to stay at the MOST fabulous hosts ever – Mr. and Mrs. Yaakov and Faigy (Ament) Murray – who went all out to make us feel at home and enjoy our stay in Minneapolis!

Thank you so much for giving us this incredible opportunity!

Toby Cziment ,Adina Freylich, Shira Rottenstreich
Sara Bina Rowner

🏠 . Montreal was fortunate to have had a visit from Rav Zev Leff, the Rov of Moshav Matityahu in Eretz Yisroel. Rav Leff came before Shavous and spoke at a few places. His first stop was at the Seminary, where he enthralled us with his inspiring words about Sefirah and Shavous. This was a wonderful way to help us prepare for the upcoming Yom Tov.

☺ First of all let us wish a big Mazel Tov to our Dorm Madricha for the past few years,

Aviva Bulua, on her engagement! Aviva continues to wow the girls with her dedication even as she prepares for her big day! As the school year was coming to a close she invited all the dorm girls to her home for Sholosh Seudos. All the girls feel very close to her and were elated to be able to spend such a wonderful time together.

✿ . On a beautiful June afternoon, a group of students went to Laval Nature Park to enjoy some time together. As the end of school is upon us, this was a pleasant way to enjoy friendships that have been formed here in Seminary.

🎯 . It has become almost a tradition for the Salzbergs, parents of Mrs. S. Kuhnreich, to host the closing BBQ in their garden. Everyone enjoyed the chilled out atmosphere and menu! Leave it up to Mrs. Kuhnreich to once again come up with a fun game for the entertainment! The girls played "What do we have in common", and learned many things about each other that they didn't know!

🕊 On Wednesday evening June 10th, the Seminary year came to an end with a beautiful Graduation ceremony. We acknowledged and were grateful to have in attendance our Chairman of the Board, Mr. Moshe Borek and his sister Evelyn, as well as Mrs. Marilyn Avrith. These people have been associated with the Seminary for many years and it is only with their continued support that we are able to continue flourishing. After opening greetings from Rabbi Aisenstark, Rabbi Krancer addressed the graduates. This was followed by 3 students whose words moved the gathering, each with their own message. Sara Bina Rowner spoke about the life altering experience that our students had when they were on the Kiruv trip in Minneapolis. Sara Pigulskaya thanked the Seminary and especially our Renee Reichmann Achosainu program and said "without Achosainu I would not be standing here today". Sara is from Belarus and has been in our "family" for the past 3 years. Finally, Devorah Baila Elefant who comes to us all the way from Axe-Les-Bain, France spoke about the wonderful teachers and staff of the Seminary and about how Dorm life added and taught her a whole new dimension to her life. Following this we saw a pre-recorded speech from Rabbi B. Ginsberg of the Torah Academy in Minneapolis which ended by showing us the

beautiful murals that the Montreal girls have painted at their school over the years! After the conferring of the diplomas by Mrs. Aisenstark and Mrs. Glustein all were treated to a desert reception.

Maxel Tov

♦ Avigail Lokietek of our Renee Reichmann Achosainu Program ♦ Rochel Kranz ♦ Miri Zimmerman ♦ Aviva Bulua ♦ Son of Rabbi & Mrs. D. Merling ♦ Sara Pigulskaya of our Achosainu Program ♦

Maxel Tov

♦ Atara Grunberger ♦ Son of Rabbi & Mrs. A. Posen ♦ Malkie Fischer ♦ Shulamis Halpert, daughter of Mrs. Anci Halpert ♦ Granddaughter of Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe and Sistie Glustein ♦ Avigail Lokietek of our Renee Reichmann Achosainu Program ♦ Leah Binet ♦ Estie Klein, a secretary of our school ♦

Maxel Tov

Grandson to Rabbi & Mrs. Yechezkiel Lowenthal ♦ Grandson to Rabbi & Mrs. Menachem Katz ♦ Daughter to Rabbi & Mrs. Shmuli and Rochel Klein ♦ Daughter to Batsheva Solomon (Szekeres) ♦ Great-Grandson to Rabbi & Mrs. Shneur and Sylvia Aisenstark, grandson to Mr. & Mrs. Yanky & Bina Steinberg (nee: Aisenstark) ♦ Granddaughter to Rabbi & Mrs. Yoel & Malkie Wenger ♦ Daughter to Mrs. Shaindy Klein (Czeisler) ♦ Daughter to Mrs. Frumie Krochmal (nee: Galandauer) ♦ Daughter to Menucha Slate (nee: Bensabath) ♦ Son to Tzippy Bernholtz (nee: Grunberger) ♦

Maxel Tov

Grandson of Rabbi & Mrs. Shneur & Sylvia Aisenstark, son of Rabbi & Mrs. Motty and Nechamie Zions (nee: Aisenstark) ♦ Grandson to Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe and Sistie Glustein ♦

Once again, please forward any other e-mail address that we may have lost and of those you feel would like to receive this Shmooze, so that I can build up the list again. Thanks!

As we close the school year, the administration is hard at work planning for next year. Many suggestions have been put forward for innovative changes, some of which will be implemented for the new school year. So stay tuned for our next Shmooze!



I would like to wish each and every one of you a restful and healthy summer, and remember KIT. Keep In Touch, with anything you would want to share! Hatzlocho and Kol Tur!
With Torah Greetings! Rabbi Treisser rabbiy@bethjacob.ca

