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# TIFERES TODAY

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Tiferes Bais Yaakov
The Daniel T. Gordon High School for Girls

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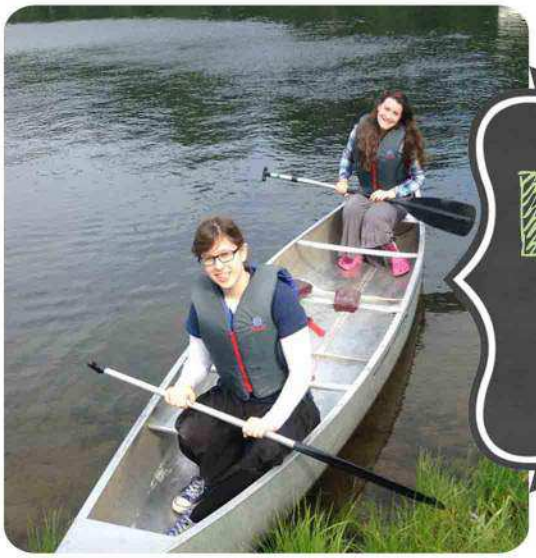
On June 18th, Tiferes celebrated its 12th graduation at Shaarei Shomayim. Speakers included: Menahel, Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum; President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Moshe Shields; TBY parents, Mr. Howard Mammon and Rabbi Aaron Selevan; Our student speakers were Eden Gabay, Levana Ouanounou and Ashira Forman. Gifts were presented to staff members by Malka Goldreich, Shaina Forman, Yael Jacobs, Elana Abrams, Menucha Rabinowitz, Shoshana Sherrington, Devorah Spigelman, Leah Soberano and Miriam Rand.

We would like to express our hakaras hatov to the Graduation Committee: Mrs. Leandra Forman, Mrs. Smadar Gabay, Mrs. Deena Mammon, Mrs. Rivky Nadoff, Mrs. Galya Ouanounou, Mrs. Paula Rand, Mrs. Simma Sudaley and Mrs. Aliza Terris for arranging a beautiful evening.

## RETREAT

Thanks to some technical glitches, recalcitrant electrical outlets, pesty mosquitoes, and some rainy weather, our girls had ample opportunity to take to heart the theme of this year's retreat "Lefum Tza'ara Agra". Nothing could dampen the spirit of achdus, and the joy of spending a Shabbos together with many of our TBY families. Under the leadership of our Retreat Heads, Yael Jacobs, Sara Marder and Shira Habot, the girls prepared a beautiful choir; created stunning murals, decorations and centrepieces; organized handy kits for all the guests and bunks, baked yummy cakes and cookies, ran wonderful programming, delivered inspirational Divrei Torah, and kept the kitchen running smoothly. We have come to the realization that we have the best in-house speakers; and therefore, for this year's retreat we did not invite any guest speakers. After the Friday night seuda, Miss Feigenbaum presented to the girls a powerful message of perseverance and bitachon, delivered with humour and passion. Shabbos day, after a classic TBY interactive educational game, the girls heard from a panel comprised of Mrs. Nadoff, Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Wise, who shared with the girls some of their own high school experiences, offering their own perspective as to how each girl can enhance the time she spends in TBY. From Rabbi Feigenbaum's opening Dvar Torah to sitting around a bonfire late Motzai Shabbos,the retreat brought together all the lessons the girls have learnt this year. The girls left on Sunday tired but exhilarated, ensuring that they bring those lessons with them into the summer. A huge thank you to Mrs. Shukroon and to all the staff and families who braved the elements to join us this year.

# BANQUET 2015



# RETREAT 2015

# RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to all our winners and to all of you for your support in making this a successful fundraiser.

3rd Prize - $1,000 Shopping Spree
Dovid and Leah Handelsman

2nd Prize - 18KT White Gold Diamond Engagement Ring
Alex and Chaviva Buxbaum

Grand Prize - $10,000 Cash
Allan and Enna Heisler

# NEW PRESIDENT

Tiferes Bais Yaakov would like to thank Mr. Simi Grosman for his many years of dedication as President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Grosman brought his knowledge of governance and organizational management to the TBY Board. His strong interpersonal skills enhanced the efficacy of the Board's operations. We are grateful to Mr. Grosman for his dedication and loyalty to the school. We are happy to note that he is continuing on as a member of the Board of Directors.

We would like to introduce our new President, Dr. Moshe Shields, who has been a member of the Board of Directors for ten years. Dr. Shields was Chair of the Tuition and the Education Committees, a fantastic combination for an incoming President. Three of his daughters are graduates of the school. Dr. Shields' high standards and expectations will ensure that the school attains its goals of continuous improvement in the realm of Academic Excellence and Personal Growth of all of its girls. We are delighted that Dr. Shields has accepted this responsibility on behalf of the TBY community.

# STAFF NEWS

We wish a fond farewell to Mrs. Leah Handelsman, Mrs. Sandy Hyams, Mrs. Sarah Klompus and Mrs. Shulie Klots, who will be leaving us. We thank you for everything you have imparted to our students.

We take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Tamar Juda and Mrs. Moran Sabbah to the TBY staff.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ilan & Polina Nagla and family on the birth of a baby boy. May they see much nachas from him and the rest of their family!

## EDUCATIONAL PANEL

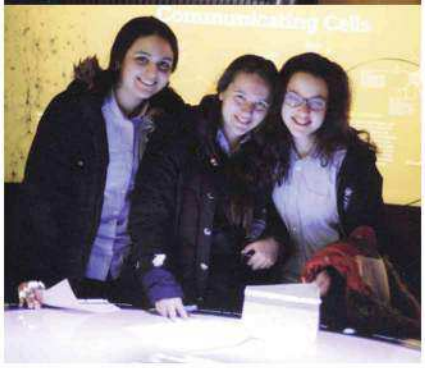
On May 6th, Tiferes alumnae Rachel Bressler, Bryna Bressler, Tali Lyons, Zehava Cohen and Ayala Goldreich returned to school as panelists. They presented the seniors with helpful information and astute advice about making a successful transition from seminary to university or college. Our alumnae are currently pursuing a variety of programs including; business administration, nursing, sciences and graphic design. Each panelist addressed both academic and spiritual challenges. Our Seniors felt this panel was so informative that, IY"H, we hope to make it an annual event.

## TTYL

The girls who participated in all six weeks of TTYL were treated to sushi and pizza, and were given a private shiur by Miss Chevi Garfinkel about the concept of Kedusha - which is really the core of our TTYL project. They also received a special bracha from R' Aaron Feldman Shlita (the Rosh Yeshiva of Ner Yisrael Baltimore) and each girl took home a cell phone holder in the shape of a hand engraved with the TTYL Logo and the phrase "Handle with care". Lastly, each girl received her "TTYL diploma" - which was a document with each girl's individual thoughts on what she had gained from TTYL - in order to help her hold onto the inspiration for the future.

The girls walked away from the program inspired and invigorated, and even more than that - proud of themselves and what they had accomplished this year!

# HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT



Mrs. Klompus' **Human Growth & Development** class recently went on two outings.

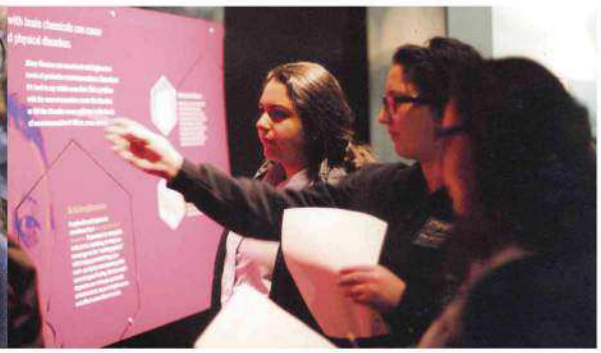
Their first stop was to the Science Centre since they discovered that the Science Centre's "Brain: the Inside Story" exhibit coincided with their topic. Mrs. Kurtz, mother of one of the students as well as a geriatric recreational specialist, volunteered to accompany Mrs. Klompus and the class.

Excitement mounted as the group entered the exhibition through an artistically designed dark tunnel of electrically charged, firing neurons. They went on to view actual vivid brain scan images and the creation of new neurons in an older brain, demonstrating latest neurological breakthroughs. Interactive visuals demonstrating the brain's countless functions and playing the brain-teaser games were entertaining and fascinating.

The trip proved successful on many levels. Firstly, the students explored the Brain Development unit through various media which made their learning experience deeper. Secondly, the exhibit evoked new, meaningful questions for further investigation. Lastly, the adventure inspired a sense of class unity and comaraderie!

Their second stop included a tour and lecture at Baycrest called "Rethinking Brain Health and Aging." There the girls were treated to a viewing of Baycrest's state of the art technology. They heard from Dr. Roseana Olsen who shared her notes regarding her actual research which provided historical insight and meaningful application.

This trip inspired the students to such a degree that upon their return from the trip, they enthusiastically marched into Mrs. Green's office recounting details of their experience and expressing the desire to go back - perhaps as volunteers - and even perhaps as researchers one day!



# SENIOR WEEK

The senior week tradition continued as our senior class spent the week dressing up!

# GRADE 8 ORIENTATION

This year's Grade 8 Orientation was held at Mess For Fun. Our future 9th grade class had the opportunity to get to know our new Student Council members and hear from Rabbi Feigenbaum. The girls decorated coffee mugs and enjoyed supper as part of this special welcome party for our newest students.

# SENIORS TRIP

Seniors just returned from the much anticipated trip to the Bayview Wild-Wood Resort. Though they had some rain on the way up, by Monday the weather was lovely and they were able to enjoy all of the amenities of the resort. The first morning they were busy racing around the resort for an exciting team building activity. They have now learned that it is counterproductive to scream and yell instructions at blindfolded teammates in a squash court that effectively functions as an echo chamber.

At night, they reminisced about their wonderful years at Tiferes in front of a roaring bonfire where they also enjoyed marshmallows, s'mores and a spooky story from Mrs. Wise. They played basketball, rode bikes and kayaks and sunbathed on a trampoline in the water. But most importantly, they had so many opportunities to hang out with classmates who have become so dear. On the way home they trekked through the high tree tops doing a physically demanding course that some found quite daunting while others begged for more!

Thanks to Mrs. Wise and chaperone Miss Shoshana Beliak for a trip we will always remember!

# MATH COMPETITION & POEM

This past school year, Tiferes had 34 students represented in 4 mathematics competitions through Waterloo University.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAMPIONS:
Grade 9 Pascal Team: ATARA JUROVIESKY
Grade 10 Cayley Team: TOVAH GOTTESMAN
Grade 11 Fermat Team: GILA SERMAN
Grade 12 Euclid Team: MALKA GOLDREICH

## MRS. DRUTZ'S END OF THE YEAR MATH POEM!

Y= MX + B
CALCULATING SLOPE IS FUN FOR YOU AND ME
BUT WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE
IT'S THE RISE OVER RUN
THAT WILL GIVE YOU THE SLANT
AND PUT YOU ON THE RIGHT DIRECTION
OF WHERE YOU OUGHT TO BE.

SO ALTHOUGH PIES ARE SQUARED
AND PARABOLAS ARE TOO
STAY FOCUSED THIS SUMMER
ON SAFE AND WONDERFUL THINGS TO DO.

FOR WHEN SCHOOL IS BACK IN SEPTEMBER
YOUR MATH DEPARTMENT HOPES YOU REMEMBER
ALL OR SOME OF THE FORMULAS WE DISCOVERED
THIS PAST YEAR IN OUR CLASSROOM CUPBOARD.

SO LET'S CELEBRATE HOW MATH WILL ALWAYS BE THERE
WHETHER WITH CONTESTS, WORKING WITH INTEGERS, OR SOLVING THE SQUARE
AND NEXT YEAR WHEN MATH CONTEST TIME COMES TO TIFERES
I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN IN AND NOT BE EMBARRASSED.
TO TRY ONE'S BEST IS ALL WE CAN ASK
WE KNOW YOU ARE UP FOR THE TASK
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.

# ALUMNAE NEWS

# CONGRATULATIONS!

To Sarah Dyman ('10) upon her graduation from Nursing school with a BScN Hons. Degree. Sarah has been elected as Valedictorian of the Collaborative Nursing Class of 2015 and is the recipient of The Joan C. Ballantyne Compassionate Nursing Prize!

To Hindy Edell ('11), Miriam (Libman '11) Kurin, Adina Breatross ('11), and Sarah (Schechter '11) Schreiber upon their graduation from Stern College!

# MAZEL TOV!

Minde (Rothman '05) and Moshe Klein on the birth of a baby girl

Rachel (Weber '05) and Yehuda Belzberg on the birth of a baby boy

Shoshana (Tabakman '08) and Yonasan Heisel on the birth of a baby girl

Shoshi (Chernick '12) and Binyamin Lubin on the birth of a baby boy

Jessica (Kadoche '04) and Jaron Davis on the birth of a baby boy

Lisa (Sebbag '08) and Shimon Benmergui on the birth of a baby boy

Shira Spitzer ('12) and Sachi Rubin on their engagement

Shaindel Friedman ('09) and Nathan Biren on their engagement

Shira Rosenberg ('12) and Aryeh Rosen on their engagement

Leora Walfish ('12) and Shimmy Igelman on their engagement

Nava (Berenblut '10) and Yisrael Zweig on their marriage

Chaya (Roth '09) and Aharon Lauterpacht on their marriage

Chana (Edson '12) and Yonaton Graf on their marriage