



Friday, October 27, 2024

12 Cheshvan, 5784

Dear Harkham GAON Families,

Yesterday afternoon, our high school girls were privileged to be invited to an inspirational event called “Tikva,” with other high school girls from throughout the greater Los Angeles area that was held here at Beth Jacob. As I walked through the halls and peeked into some of the activities, it was heartening to hear conversations among the girls demonstrating an awareness of our school. I am hoping that our continued efforts to work together with you - our families - and our community will result in enrolling more students, and especially more girls, at our school.

As we approach this critical juncture of the second quarter of the school year, we have been in the process of setting up parent-teacher conferences; this past week, we had several of them already. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all better through this process! You will be contacted, if not already, by phone and/or email by Morah Sherri next week. She will set up your conference either in person or via Zoom at your earliest possible convenience.

We’ve had to re-enforce our policy around electric bikes at school. There are city and county rules regarding proper use of this form of transportation, especially for minors, due to the high risk of danger. While our school cannot dictate what parents decide is best for their children’s mode of transportation, we do want to make clear that electric bikes may not be stored anywhere on school premises. Therefore, if your child will be riding an electric bike to school anyway, you may need to look into a secure place to park it off site.

Some reminders and updates: Monday is Student Council's first Donut Fundraiser, please send your children with a few dollar bills! Permission slips and further information regarding our upcoming field trip to the Wallis Annenberg Center for Performing Arts on November 15th will be sent out toward the end of next week. Please also remember to join us for the first evening in our Community Speaker Series on Sunday, November 12th here at Beth Jacob with Rabbi Marvin Hier.

We are still making the final touches on a new master schedule for the school for the second quarter. The new schedule is intended to include more opportunities for enrichment, intervention and support for our students. We will announce more about this next week. Please know that you need not wait for a parent-teacher conference or this weekly memo to reach out to me at any time. Thank you for your partnership.

Shabbat Shalom. May our soldiers be effective and return safely, and may our hostages return safe, sound and soon.

**Ruth Morris**