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Welcome back! There is nothing more exciting than the sounds of our young men and women reconnecting with one another and renewing friendships. We extend a special welcome to the students, families, and the sixty-six faculty and staff new to our school family.

Across the grades and disciplines, we are introducing innovative educational advances. We are offering more choices to our students. We are raring to inaugurate the Common Core initiative in the Elementary School and intensify writing experiences in the High School. We are creating fresh research opportunities, arts institutes and other academic facilities as part of our High School Blueprint for Excellence campaign. We're enthusiastic about completing a new student information system. We're dedicated to joining with our students in caring for hundreds of our fellow human beings each year through our chesed programs. We're also zealous about raising dollars for financial aid so that we can keep our longstanding commitment that no child be left on the outside looking in because of his or her family's financial circumstances.
To help make this all happen, we need and celebrate energetic volunteers of all skills; talk with us about what role will fit your schedule, abilities and interests. We're serious about our mission to improve the world and advance civilization, as Modern Orthodox Jews communicating authentically and coherently across the generations. We aim high - and depend on you to participate in imagining and shaping our children's destiny.

We are described in the Mishnah as appearing before God on Rosh Hashanah as bnei maron. One explanation for this term refers to the soldiers in King David's army, proceeding collectively with marut - as masters: positive, confident and assertive (BT Rosh Hashanah 18a). The start of the school year challenges each of us to do what it takes - and to be accountable - as part of a community committed to securing our Jewish future.

Tizku l’ishanim rabot and k’tivah v’chatimah tovah, a happy and healthy New Year to you and yours.

Ladies Auxiliary Annual Tennis and Mahjong/Canasta Tournament!

It was a day of fun in the sun on July 30th for the Ladies Auxiliary Tennis and Mahjong/Canasta Tournament. Over 300 people came to show their support for YOF at the beautiful home of Penny and Morris Dweck. Tennis and cards were in full swing along with a delicious lunch (created by dozens of moms). There was a not-so-small Chinese Auction as well as a shopping booth for the new school wardrobe. Congratulations to the winners of Flight 1: Grace Tawil and
Gail Beyda; runner ups Rina and Arielle Kamin; Flight 2: Helen Gindi and Rachel Khatif; runner ups Jeanette Zalta and Sara Ashkenazi. Thanks to all who turned out and made the day such a success!

Special recognition goes to Ladies Auxiliary President Nathalie Vilinsky, President-Elect Sarah Dweck, Bill and Christina Martire for sponsoring the tournament, Deborah Epstein on putting together a magnificent auction filled with great prizes, Rosie Dayan for arranging the tennis, Naomi Houllou, Aileen Nasar, and Sarah Harari on recruiting so many people to play card games, Simone Dweck, Shirley Serure Photography, the Dweck family for offering their home, and Ladies Auxiliary office staff Peggy Chernikoff, Annie Sidaoui and Fayge Nissenbaum.

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YOF Faculty Attend Herzog College Yemei Iyun!

This past July, four JBHS colleagues participated in five days of intensive Tanach study at Herzog College's Yemei Iyun B'Tanach. Tanach Chairman Rabbi Avner Taler, Talmud Chairman Rabbi Zelig Prag, Rabbi Hanoch Gez and Mrs. Sarah Rosenbaum joined thousands who came from all over Israel to participate in the annual conference and learn from top academics and rabbanim who are leading Tanach scholars and writers. Participants attend classes from 9am to 5:30pm. As Rabbi Amnon Bazak (of the Herzog Institute) visited with YOF faculty last spring, the participants already had some insight into the Herzog method of learning and teaching Tanach, which focuses on the pshat and looking at the big picture. The approach uses literary techniques to further understand and put the learner inside the text so he can relate to the Tanach on human terms. Rabbi Taler said, "the Herzog approach to learning Tanach is so fresh and enlightening!"

Since returning from Israel, our faculty has been consulting with Herzog faculty and is working to add the training they received into the JBHS curriculum. YOF is excited to continue this relationship with the Herzog Institute and looks forward to sending more teachers to experience...
the Yemei Iyun next summer.

**State Museum of the History of Polish Jewry Invites JBHS Faculty to Consult on Education**

As the new State Museum of the History of Polish Jewry nears completion, its educational staff invited two cohorts of 20 American Jewish educators from Canada and the United States to Warsaw for a week of consultations on how best to implement the educational mission of the Museum. Testimony to the multifaceted expertise among the faculty in our Joel Braverman High School, three of our faculty members were among the invitees: Rabbi Craig Lubner, who has led many student groups on educational tours of Poland; Ms. Miriam Wielgus, Chair of Jewish History; and Dr. Joel B. Wolowelsky, Dean of Faculty and a member of a number of international professional educational advisory boards. They found the deliberations to be rich and enriching, sharing perspectives and creating new ties between our school and the Museum.

**YOF Eighth Grader Wins New York State Mathematics League!**

YOF congratulates Akiva Weinberger, an eighth grader, on his first place win in the New York State Mathematics League contest. YOF came in 10th place in this statewide competition out of 76 other schools!
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Within Our Family as of August 29, 2013

Mazal Tov and Mabruk To

BIRTHS
Shani and Elad Munitz, on the birth of a baby boy.

Elkie and Zvi Peretz, on the birth of grandson, Yosef Baruch, born to their children, Brochi and Binyomin Radner.

Rachel and Kenny Dreifus on the birth of a granddaughter, Ariela Perel, born to their children Ethan and Nomi Dreifus.

Rachel and Kenny Dreifus on the birth of a granddaughter, Penina, born to their children Uri and Devora Dreifus.

Sari and Ari Bacon on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Ayelet and Yoram Schwell.

Naomi and Rabbi Hanoch Gez on the birth of a granddaughter, Michal, born to their children Bat Chen and Rabbi Avi Grossma.

Judy and Barry Mittelmann on the birth of a granddaughter, Avigayil Elisheva, born to their children Baila and Ari Mittelmann.

Hadassah and Elan (ES 1991, HS 1995) Penn, on the birth of a daughter; and to grandparents Joan (Mochan, ES 1966) and Michael Penn.

ENGAGEMENTS
Hananel Yehuda Gez and Tzeela Abayov; and to parents Naomi and Rabbi Hanoch Gez.

Nathan Sidoui and Alisa Sutton; and to parents Sandra and Rami Sidoui and Terri and Isaac Sutton.

WEDDINGS
Brain Gelfand and Ann Tappert.

Rebecca Antebay and Michael Eliau; and to parents Susan and Rabbi Max Antebay, and Sara and Elan Eliau (HS 1984).

Robin Levitt (HS 1989) and Steven Nicoll; and to Robin's parents Bebe (Karp, ES 1960, HS 1964)
and Lenny (HS 1963) Levitt.

Dovid Besser and Yehudis Mendlowitz, and to parents Safreda and Rabbi Naftali Besser.

Adir Greenfeld (ES 1997, HS 2001) and Esther Laniado; and to parents Dvora and Rabbi Yeshayahu Greenfeld and Nadine and Elliot Laniado.

CONDOLENCES
Nechama Zango, on the loss of her beloved mother, A"H.

Steven Shamah, Mickey Shamah, Linda Khezrie and Barbara Sasson, on the loss of their beloved mother, Sarah Shamah, A"H.

Gary Levy, Susan (Levy, HS 1984) Franco and Margaret BenHamu on the loss of their beloved father, Morris Levy.

Jan Kiderman (HS 1978) and Nadia Kiderman (HS 1978) on the loss of their beloved father, Boris Kiderman, A"H.

Thea Wieseltier (ES 1968, HS 1972) and Leon Wieseltier (ES 1966, HS 1970) on the loss of their beloved mother, Stella Wieseltier, A"H.

V'shinantam L'Vanecha
And you shall teach your children

The Yeshivah of Flatbush invites you to participate in a special program, sponsoring the learning of over 2,000 precious YOF children. A week of learning may be dedicated in honor of, or, in memory of, a loved one.

With your contribution, the name of the sponsor and the dedication will be prominently displayed on LCD signage in the Elementary School and Joel Braverman High School lobbies, be announced by the principals to students and faculty and be recognized in other meaningful ways.

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