

Around The **Community**

Bais Yaakov of Queens Celebrates its Winners of the Grannie Annie Family History Competition

The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration is a national competition that invites students to discover and share stories from their family's history. Participation in The Grannie Annie leads young people to strengthen family bonds, encounter history in a more personal way, and hone their writing skills. The mission of The Grannie Annie is to inspire young people to discover, write, and share stories from their family's history, and to publish collections of their work.

Mrs. Evelyn Hefetz, a fourth grade teacher at Bais Yaakov, introduced the competition to the school after her own granddaughter interviewed her for it. Mrs. Hefetz said, "When my granddaughter told me about it, I thought it was a perfect proj-

ect for our girls at BYQ! Mrs. Bergman encouraged me to incorporate it into the 4th grades' writing curriculum."

"The objective of the project is a



perfect fit for our Bais Yaakov's students. It threads history, writing, creativity, and connectivity between stu-

dent and family. The girls use their learned skills and strategies to write an engaging, memorable piece that touches the heart and will be treasured forever," said Mrs. Bergman.

In the spirit of celebration, each year some of the stories submitted to The Grannie Annie are selected for publication in a paperback book and on their website. Mrs. Reisbaum, assistant principal, said, "Reading the finished pieces has me believing that all of the teachers and students, who worked long and hard on this project, are winners, and we are especially proud of those girls who represent Bais Yaakov in the upcoming publication!"

This year, five Bais Yaakov girls' entries were selected for publication.



Mrs. Miriam Bashevkin and Mrs. Zahava Rausch, co-teachers of Mrs. Hefetz at Bais Yaakov, were bubbling with excitement over their students' pieces selection for publication.

The winners include: Sarah Davis, Chava Deutscher, Nechama Feintuch, Abigail G. Harris, and Malka Neuman

Congratulations girls, we look forward to reading more of your work in the future!