

Dear Family and Friends,



The **Dolphin Club** is a social group of sixth graders at Bais Yaakov Middle School, of which I am proud to be a member. My fellow members and I have combined our talents to perform a *chesed*, an act of kindness. We have decided to volunteer our time to raise money for a very worthy organization in our community – *Hatzalah of Baltimore*. (Please see the letter on the other side of this sheet.)

*Hatzalah* is an emergency response team of volunteers which include paramedics, EMT's and dispatchers. They respond within minutes to emergencies many of which are life threatening. Their response time often surpasses the response time of 911. We are raising funds to help cover their expenses. Some of their expenses include: ALS machines, First Aid kits, maintenance of their two ambulances, dispatch units, etc.

We have chosen a fun way to raise money by having a Chinese auction **By Kidz 4 Kidz** at our school. We have solicited over 130 great items for our auction that would appeal to students of all ages.

If you would like to **pre-order**, please fill out the attached order form. Checks should be made out to *Hatzalah of Baltimore*. Your order form plus check can be dropped off at Bais Yaakov Middle School office or mailed to Braun 3834 Menlo Drive Baltimore Md 21215. Please make sure that HATZALAH is written on the envelope.

We hope you will help us with our project and consider our cause, *Hatzalah*, among the worthy organizations you support. Your contributions will help make our campaign a success.

Hope to see you at this amazing auction!

Thank you,

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The Dolphin Club

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Hatzalah of Baltimore Inc.

To whom it may concern,

Hatzalah of Baltimore is proud to recognize the actions of the "Dolphin Club", of Bais Yaakov Middle School, on our behalf. This group of dedicated young ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Leeba Braun, has taken it upon themselves to spearhead a fundraiser for our organization. They have taken the initiative to organize a Chinese Auction amongst their peers in school and the community to help raise money for Hatzalah. They have displayed an incredible dedication to helping others by championing our cause. They worked diligently and put together packages for their auction. We strongly support their efforts and would encourage any help you can give them in their endeavor.

Thank you for your time,

Manny Topper

Hatzalah of Baltimore

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#### **Bais Yaakov Dolphin Club's Chinese Auction to Benefit Hatzalah** by Margie Pensak

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When I met the 13 members of Bais Yaakov Middle School's Dolphin Club at their weekly in-school meeting, their animated description of their forthcoming fundraiser for Hatzalah of Baltimore did not surprise me; they take their lead from their club's facilitator, local social worker Leeba Braun, who is just as passionate about it.

I have to admit that when I first heard the name of this exclusive sixth grade club, I thought it sounded a little fishy. But after gaining a better understanding of dolphins, I realized the name couldn't be more appropriate: These 11-year-olds are learning that performing *chesed* puts a dolphin-like grin on the face of both the giver and receiver.

The Dolphin Club's By Kidz for Kidz Chinese Auction will take place on Sunday, January 30 at Bais Yaakov Middle School, 6300 Smith Avenue. (Snow date: Sunday, February 6). Prizes can be viewed between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., and the drawing will take place from 4:00 to 5:00. Tickets range from 50 cents to \$5.00, and the 130 prizes include a 24-inch Trek bike, iPod Nano, cotton candy machine, Canon camera, jewelry and food gift certificates, craft kits, and more. There will be entertainment and a special appearance by a Hatzalah ambulance. The first 75 "responders" to arrive at the event will receive a free toy. A free "dispatch" giveaway raffle drawing will take place every 15 minutes, and refreshments will be sold.

The Dolphin Club, the brainchild of Moshe Berry, was started six years ago. Sponsored by the Maryland Counseling Network, its mission is to enable students to create, plan, and implement a *chesed* project of their choice. The students brainstorm, bringing together individual strengths and talents to create an entire project. In doing so, they learn the social skills necessary to assert and defend their opinions as well as to overcome differences and disagreements. They also acquire a greater sense of responsibility and learn to work and interact with students who may be outside their social circle.

Rabbi Naftoli Hexter, the girls' principal, extols the club: "We are teaching the girls the joys of effective communication, and they are seeing the results of their efforts."

Every year, a random sixth grade class at Bais Yaakov is chosen to participate in the club. The class is split in half to create two separate *chesed* projects during the school year. Past projects have included a bake sale to benefit Ahavas Yisrael and a project assembling Jewish Caring Network packages for children whose parents were seriously ill.

Some of the Dolphin Club's projects have had ramifications beyond the expected. During the carnival for children with Downs Syndrome, a simultaneous informal support group was conducted for their mothers. The project was so successful it was held a second time, and aspects of it are being implemented by the Menucha organization.

After Hurricane Katrina, in 2006, the Dolphin Club chose a project to save people from a future disaster. They educated the entire middle school about fire prevention by creating a booklet and promoting Hatzalah member Elimelech Goldstein's kid-friendly Jewish fire prevention information website, Maccabee Aish (www.jewishfireprevention.org).

The *chesed* project that had the most surprising impact was a fundraiser to benefit Bayit L'Platos, the Girls Town orphanage. After finding out that the orphans would appreciate hair accessories and toiletries, the club members constructed a large box and publicized that they were collecting those items. They held a soup sale to purchase additional items and packaging materials. Mrs. Braun personally delivered the items to the very grateful Girls Town girls, when she visited Israel. Subsequently, a Holocaust survivor who heard about the fundraiser was inspired to donate an extremely generous sum to the orphanage, in memory of her only daughter, who had just passed away.

"When you do something for somebody else, there is *siyata dishmaya* (help) from Above, and it sometimes turns into something bigger," says Mrs. Braun. "These girls have invaluable insights that they don't even realize; kids' ideas are underestimated. They have definitely learned the value of teamwork."

Over the years, the girls have realized that they benefited from the Dolphin Club as much as their beneficiaries did. One past member says, "I appreciate being able to help people at my age, and making a change." This year, two members expressed the invaluable lesson they learned: "Working as a whole can help your soul."

Avrahom Dovid Sauer, cofounder of Hatzalah of Baltimore, is most grateful for the Dolphin Club's efforts: "When we started Hatzalah, we thought we would be answering one call a month, with an annual budget of \$20,000. We now answer about 1,000 calls a year and have an annual budget of \$250,000. It is amazing how these young girls and others in the community have stepped up to help us. People remember us when they have an emergency; we want them to remember us when there isn't one, as well."

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## FOFTY GENTS PROZES

- A01 Basket of Children's Jewelry (4 Beaded Bracelets and Necklaces)
  - A02 Jewish Old Maid Game

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- A03 Bendaroos Amazing Flexible Building Sticks (age 3+)
- A04 Bendaroos Amazing Flexible Building Sticks (age 3+)
- A05 Me Latte \$5. Gift Certificate
- A06 Professional Quality Dominoes (in tin gift box)
- A07 Mind Twist Game (age 8+)
- A08 Cuddlie (wearable blanket 50"x 60" perfect for reading and staying warm)
- A09 Blanket Buddies (incl. fleece blanket plus plush animal)
- A10 Craft Kit Make your own Creative Cards
- A11 Craft Kit Make your own Sand Art
- A12 Sports Illustrated 2011 Day at a Time Calendar with record breaking facts
- A13 Craft Kit Make it and Bake it 4 Decorative Bowls (age 8+)
- A14 Craft Kit Scratch & Color (age 6+) incl. 10 sheets, 4 stencils and 1 design tool
- A15 Craft Kit Weaving Loom and Colorful Loops (age 6+)
- A16 Solid Wood Labyrinth Game (age 6+)
- A17 Craft Kit Rock Painting
- A18 Craft Kit Mold and Make 3-D Erasers
- A19 Thomas & Friends Tic Tac Toe Game
- A20 Mighty Beanz (6 mighty beanz collect all 100)
- A21 Pickles to Penguins Party Game Link the pictures to win
- A22 Snuggie The blanket that has sleeves (Blue) includes press n open booklight
- A23 Miracle Five Game (Connect 5 pieces in a row to win) (ages 6+)
- A24 Craft Kit Paint your own Decorative Plate
- A25 Amazing Magic Book Befuddling Bamboozling Brain Twister w/3D glasses
- A26 Money Machine- Electronically Counts Coins as you Deposit Them
- A27 Purple Safe with Combination Lock
- A28 Craft Kit Origami
- A29 Hardcover "Ripley's Believe It or Not Expecting the Unexpected"
- A30 Melissa & Doug Jumbo 48 pc Fairy Tale Castle Puzzle
- A31 David Chu's Lunch Gift Certificate for one

\$0.50

\$1.00

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A32 6" Glitter Ball
A33 Undersea Jamboree Jumbo 24 pc 2'x3' Floor Puzzle
A34 Ruby Nails \$10 gift Certificate
A35 Crystal Rectangular Tray
A36 Milk and Honey Bistro Brunch for one
A37 Pern's \$10. Gift Certificate
A38 Shaindee's \$10. Gift Certificate
A39 "Selected From Above" A Memoir of the Holocaust and Liberation/ Mrs. S. Kruger
A40 Gift Basket of School Supplies
A41 Magical Mitzvah Park Game
A42 Chocolate Publishing Co. \$10 Gift Certificate
A43 Fashion Shoppe \$10 Gift Certificate
A44 Mitzvah Matchbox Cars (Hatzalah, Shomrim, Chaveirim etc.)
A45 Jigsaw 504 Piece Puzzle (snow scene)
A46 Chess set

## Ome dollar prizes

 B01	Solid MBD CD
B02	Children's Book: Round and Round the Jewish Year Volume 3 (Adar, Nissan)
B03	The Tzaddiks Promise CD R' Fischel Schachter
B04	Craft Kit - Rose Art Deluxe Super Bounce Balls
B05	Craft Kit - Mon Bijou Friendship Bracelet
B06	Craft Kit - Premium Scrap Book
B07	Crystal Salad Bowl from Gifts by Gilda
B08	Miniature House Curio from Gifts by Gilda
B09	Sandwich Maker
B10	Children's Navy Zipper Bow Headband & Rhinestone Comb from Dazzle Your Legs
B11	Adina B. \$15 Makeup Gift Certificate
B12	3 Boxes Choc. Chip Cookies - Knish Shop
B13	Sterling Impressions Jewelry - \$15. Gift Certificate

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#### THE BAIS YAAKOV DOLPHIN CLUB CHINESE AUCTION FOR HATZALAH



- B14 Bananagrams B15 Stainless Steel Kids Play Cooking Set **B16** More Jewish Bedtime Stories by S. Blitz B17 Craft Kit - Kever Rochel Long Stich Needlepoint **B18** Purple Sequin Bow Headband by Hindy B19 Pink/Blue Leather Flower Headband by Hindy **B20** Bop it Bounce (age 8+) B21 Yeshiva Boys Choir 5 - CD B22 Shweky Libi B'Mizrach CD B23 David Gabay Eretz Yisroel CD **B24** Connect 4x4 Grid Game B25 Bop It **B26** Hats to Hose or the Candy Store \$18 Gift Certificate B27 The Tzaddiks Secret CD R' Fischel Schachter **B28** Shalsheles Vol 5 CD B29 Moishele's Tefillah Tree CD **B30** Kids Speak 5 by Chaim Walder B31 Kosher by Design Teens and 20-Something Cookbook B32 Chavrusa (Lamed Tes Melachos Game) B33 The Tzaddiks Image CD R' Fischel Schachter B34 Haircut by Miriam Addi B35 Many Flowers Silvertone Crystal Ring from Presentations **B36** Kids Necklace with Silver Rhinestone Pendant from Presentations **B37** 2 Goldtone Bangle Bracelets from Presentations **B38** Simcha Sweets Candy Platter B39 Blokus (age 5+) B40 Soveyas Incredibly Easy and Healthy Cookbook B41 Haircut by Devorah of Devorah's Salon B42 Haicut by Yehudis of Devorah's Salon
  - B43 Haircut by Ella of Devorah's Salon
  - B44 Princess Collection Porcelain Doll



B45 Princess Collection Porcelain Doll

B46 Treasury of Jewish Bedtime Stories by S. Blitz

#### two dollar prizes \$2.00 C01 Cocoaccino's or Accents \$25 Gift Certificate C02 Garment Bag Pinkw/White Polka Dots from Presentations C03 Black Safety Pin Watch from Presentations C04 7 Mile Market \$25 Gift Certificate C05 Crayola Crayon Maker - creates new color swirl crayons (age 6+) C06 Qwirkle Game (age 6+) C07 Hatzalah Go Game C08 Stories Straight from Avi's Heart C09 Touched by Their Tears by R' Spero - a kinnos companion C10 A Touch of Purity by R' Spero C11 Touched by the Seder Haggadah by R' Spero C12 Shmell and Azman Gift Certificate for 50% off purchase of \$50 or less C13 Mogo Charm Band Mogo Charm Tins from Presentations C14 The Pink Dollhouse Book from Feldheim Publishing C15 Pink Leather Jewelry Box from Presentations C16 Pentago Game C17 Vivitar Digital Video Recorder w/Camera C18 Kibud Am Wash n Set by Devorah of Devorah's Salon C19 Goldtone Larriot Necklace w/Crystals from Presentations C20 Kosher Lamp Max Woodtone C21 Kosher by Design Kids in the Kitchen cookbook C22 Painted Wooden Jewelry box (pink and green) with 2 doors and drawers C23 Pentago game MultiMedia ULPAN CdRom C24 C25 Ice Cream machine



## Three Dollar Prizes

- **D01** Rip Stick Ripster (age 8+)
- D02 2 Hours of Pool Rental at Weiss's Pool
- D03 I hour of Life Coaching by Brenda Weiss
- D04 Essentials \$50 Gift Certifcate
- D05 Cotton Candy Machine
- D06 Ann Klein Purple Ladies Watch
- D07 Long Goldtone Necklace from Presentations
- D08 Roller Duffle Bag (carry on size w/ telescopic handles) from Presentations

## \$4.00

\$3.00



- E01 American Girl Doll Rebecca Rubin
- E02 2 hours of Life Coaching by Shoshana Leibman
- E03 Casio Electronic Keyboard (with 61 full size keys)
- E04 Shwinn's 20 inch Girls Bike with Helmet
- E05 Canon Power Shot camera SD1300IS 4MB card
- E06I Ipod Nano

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Weinreb and Freidman \$200 Gift Certificate **or** 18 inch white gold necklace w/ CZ chips Trek 24" Bike with Helmet and Biking Gloves

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