

B'Kius בקיאות

Innovative B'kuis Program

- Covering 24 books of Tanach in four years
- B'kuis overview notebook

Part of our vision for a student who graduates from Temima is knowledge of the twenty-four books of the Torah, including the Five Books of the Chumash, Early and Later Prophets, and Writings (such as the Book of Daniel, the Book of Job, etc.). Students take a comprehensive exam on Tanach at the end of their senior year. *A complete overview of the Torah will be the foundation for a life of thoughtful choice and commitment.* It also offers the student a framework for storing, adding, and sorting new information as the years go on.

The study of B'kuis opens a window on the entire Torah and gives a sense of ownership and belonging to the student. A connection to Hashem, Torah, and Torah personalities begins to evolve. Girls are encouraged to keep their notebooks from year to year. These notebooks will be a source of knowledge and review throughout their adult lives. The sense of accomplishment engendered through this program is magnificent.

The Study of B'kuis will introduce the student to many new skills, and enhance those already acquired.

1. Note-taking

The B'kuis notebook is a resource to be treasured in years to come. It is important for students to learn to distill information as they hear it into coherent, written form. This skill becomes easier with experience and is useful in all of life's arenas.

2. Memorization

The student will find that the more she memorizes, the easier it becomes. The human mind is capable of storing immense amounts of information. Most critical of all, the information thus stored affects the personality. When dealing with Torah information, the effect is powerful and unlimited.

3. Critical Thinking

Once the window on the Torah has been opened, the student begins to see patterns of word, thought, and approach. Bringing proofs from other sources to the topic at hand becomes a common exercise.

4. Time Management

Much can be accomplished in small units of time, and students are asked to make use of those small units to review, memorize, and reinforce material.

5. Perseverance

Working toward any goal requires persistence and perseverance; working toward a goal of such great spiritual and intellectual dimensions as learning the entire Tanach will challenge students' character in a new way.