

# The Shalhevet Flame



## Midreshet Shalhevet

High School for Girls

מדרשת שילהבת

*Illuminating Minds. Warming Hearts.*

Week Ending, February 12, 2016

### Midreshet Shalhevet Students Learn From a Leader in Fashion!



Midreshet Shalhevet students had the amazing opportunity to work directly with a leader in the fashion industry as part of the Rosh Chodesh series showcasing professional women succeeding in their careers. Students heard from fashion blogger and professional stylist, **Betty Gulko** (Instagram @such.a.betty), about her personal journey into the world of fashion. Betty conveyed to the girls to embrace their inner style and portray who they are as a person through the way they dress; modesty is perfectly consistent with that idea. Betty's words really spoke to the girls and some of the challenges that they face integrating into modern society. "Not once do I sacrifice my beliefs of modesty, yet I am still able to implement any style

or trend into my looks," she shared. "Once you've made that decision, the rest is pretty simple! Don't be afraid to be different - because you are, but in a good way! #MODESTY." In the words of designer Vera Wang, "I want people to see the dress but focus on the woman." That is the underlying goal of modesty.

As an added bonus Midreshet Shalhevet juniors **Michal Beer**, **Hadassah Farber**, **Rivka Raizel Goldschein**, and **Haylie Liebowitz**, under Betty's professional guidance, planned, curated, and modeled trendy looks that preserved modesty in a fashion show presented for the school. The girls combined their own pieces together with some chosen by Betty from **Debbie's Closet** to create four unique looks, Menswear, Preppy, Skater, and Bohemian. With hair, makeup, and accessories to match, each look was a knockout from head to toe. The event prompted every member of the audience to reflect on modesty and fashion personally. Students were encouraged to find their own looks. The message conveyed was that one can express her unique style without having to sacrifice her beliefs as a young aspiring Jewish woman. The girls walked away inspired, with an understanding that dressing modestly doesn't have to mean dowdy and outdated; it can be chic and mainstream. At the end of the program Betty shared the following sentiments, "Thank you again for this opportunity, I'm truly the one who is inspired. The program, the school, and the girls. You are doing right with all of them!" Midreshet Shalhevet would like to thank **Betty Gulko**, **Debbie's Closet**, hair stylists **Rochel Farber & Aviva Zylber**, makeup artist **Esti Meisner**, and everyone who participated and helped put this amazing, inspirational program together.

By: Nechama Schneider (10th grade) and Mrs. Shaindy Lisker



# THE WIZARD OF OZ

Preparations for Midreshet Shalhevet's upcoming play, The Wizard of Oz, are in full swing as the performance date draws near. Students are rehearsing Tuesday and Thursday nights with our incredible director **Rina Hirsch**

and co-director **Ariana Wolfson**

, dance practices with the incomparable

**Maggie Dror**, and music with the talented **Zvi Lampert**. The search for props has also begun, and students who would like to help out can contact **Maor Noy** or **Hayley Tanzman** to find out what they can bring in. The performers are excited to showcase their talents with wonderful dances and songs on March 1 in the Queens theater. The best seats are going fast! You can purchase tickets easily at [Queens Theatre website](#).

By: Aviva Chait (11th grade)

## Pink Day 2016



On Wednesday, Midreshet Shalhevet students donned loads of pink in support of the non-profit organization, Sharsheret's annual social media awareness day. Word spread throughout the Jewish community, and beyond, educating hundreds of people about the work Sharsheret does in support of Jewish women with breast cancer. Check out our student's #pinkday picture on Instagram @MidreshetShalhevet.

By: Tamar Yastrab (12th grade)

## Flatbush Debate





Midreshet Shalhevet's debate team is in full swing as they participated at a debate at Flatbush High School. The team, seniors **Laura Ahdut** and **Becky Marks**, and sophomores **Ariella Kutoff** and **Hadassah Fertig** debated over the resolve of whether college education should be funded by the federal government or not. The team competed against Flatbush, Heschel, and Bruriah. Thank you to **Mr. Ira Schildkraut** for the time and effort he puts in to prepare the girls for the debate, and with the public speaking and confidence strides they are all gaining from being on this team.

By: Laura Ahdut (12th grade)