

Reflections from the Bible Contest *Participants 2009*



Yasher Koach to our Shaar Shalom Religious School students Hannah Spiro and Sonia Patrik who represented our school at the National Bible Contest. We are so proud of your efforts! Todah Rabah to their coach Rivka Witty who was a great help and inspiration to them!

Below are some of their thoughts and memories on their experiences participating in the Bible Contest that they wanted to share with the congregation:

After months of studying, the time had finally come for us to journey to Montreal for the National Bible Contest. Well prepared by our amazing Bible champion coach, Rivka Witty, and supported by our principal Hava Greenberg, we were on our way. We spent the trip with other children who share our passion about Bible. By the time we reached Montreal, we had already made many new friends. The amazing experience has begun!

At the first round we realized that our hard work was worth it. As we compared results with others we forged friendship based on Bible. There was also time for socializing, playing soccer, basketball and silly games and eating great food. I would love to do it all over again! It was the most amazing thing hearing our names to find out we were going to the semi-finals level. I felt so proud of my friend Sonia when her name was announced for championship, she came in 3rd in Canada in the English division.

Hannah Spiro

Coming in third in Canada sounds amazing but it is even better when it actually happens to you! Hearing my name being called was the most overwhelming feeling ever. Knowing that you are a champion is incredible! Both Hannah and me think that everyone should get a chance to experience being part of the Bible contest. Every person is worthy enough to feel the impact of Bible on their lives.

Sonia Patrik

I am so proud of Hannah and Sonia. Their achievements are admirable, but even more so I admire the diligence with which they have applied themselves to their studies. It has been a pleasure to teach the Book of all Books, our holy Bible, to these two excellent girls. They were winners by the time they started because they dedicated time and effort to studying the guide to life G-d has given us. I wish them and their peers continued success in their Jewish education.. Thank you for being my students.

Rivka Witty