

Did you know that to “hack” originally meant to code enthusiastically? That’s where hackathons, events where people meet to program collaboratively and competitively, get their name. The programming track at Bais Yaakov (BY) High School participated in its first ever Hackathon on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Hackathon was organized by Touro’s Lander College for Women (LCW) and was a virtual event due to COVID. Teams of five were challenged to create a software program that would benefit education technology, all in the compressed 12 hour span of the event. BY fielded 3 high school teams and 2 teams of BY graduates who are now in WITS. Across the board the teams demonstrated initiative, confidence and professionalism which was noted by the judges and fellow participants. **Mazel Tov to the First Place Winners - our very own alumnae (Avigail Schuchman, Rivka Weiskopf, Chava Meth, Devorah Preiser, and Aliza Klein).** Participants were treated to breakfast sponsored by WITS and a pizza lunch sponsored by BY. Special thanks to teachers and mentors **Mrs. Ora Attar** and **Mrs. Sarena Schwartz** as well as BY alumnae and drop- in mentors **Tova Miller** and **Ahuva Chaifetz**. Kudos to **Chana Kaminsky**, event organizer, who invited us to participate and join the other college and high school students. Another special thanks to the excellent advance work by the IT staff for setting up the room with the necessary technology.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Team 1:**

Toby Meth  
Shalva Kermaier  
Esti Kramer  
Miriam Iny  
Shanit Gholian

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Team 2:**

Shira Shifteh  
Chana Leah Nissell  
Chaya Rivka Berkowitz  
Mindy Shreiber

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Team:**

Aliza Abrams  
Chana Marwick  
Miriam Stieglitz  
Rivka Benyowitz  
Serach Schubert