

# Tznius4Israel Dress Competition

Moshiach is Here?

**Oh No!**

Whatever will I wear...?!

## Tznius Dress & Shirt Competition For School or Camp

### Level I

#### **Weekly Classroom Competition**

##### **A. Girl vs Girl** (Individual competition)

Weekly Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize & Most Improvement Prize

##### **B. Row Competition**

Weekly Prizes: Row Prize (something big) such as dinner out together, pizza out together, etc

(Prize is something they do together as they worked together, so they win together)

### Level II

#### **Monthly School Competition**

##### **A. Class vs Class** – All girls points total

Prize: (something really big like a trip) Trip to Six Flags or choice of 6 places to go for a class trip

##### **B. Girl vs Girl** – Raffle open to any girl that won first to third prize

Choice of prizes: (suggested) gift certificate to shop someplace Tznius, iPod, Free dinner for winning girls family to some fancy restaurant (or not so fancy!), etc

##### **C. Winning Row Raffle** – All rows that won compete in a raffle for first and second prize.

Prize: Some sort of team activity prize (trip, dinner, etc)

Ideas: Dinner with Mattisyahu (and wife!), Rafting on Delaware River, Everyone gets Matching Ambergrombe & Fitch pullover with School Emblem

### Level III

#### **Once a Semester Inter School Draw Off**

##### **A. All Schools Raffle of 2 Top Girls** – 2 Top girls of each school enter exclusive raffle Interscholar Row Raffle

##### **B. All Schools Raffle of Top Row**

##### **C. All Schools Raffle for Top Class**

### Rules:

- You can only Gain Points!
- NO Taking away of points for any reason by anyone!!
- Whoever wins trip / prize with their team, goes NO Matter what other punishments have been imposed. (School / Camp must agree to this before competition)
- Each month all girls start anew with Zero points (HaMechadesh Tamid Maaseh Brayshis)
- Points are taken by a team of older girls each day (maybe as a sem project?)
- Inspection for Points will be random throughout the day (never the same time – this way girls will not come into class with appropriate clothes, then change them after inspection)
- Girls should work as teams to gain points
- Gemach of Dresses & Shirts will be available in office for girls who forgot
- Girls have a chance before inspection to run to office and get proper clothing (if they have time & permission)
- If they miss the inspection by being in the office they will get another chance the next day
- Each girl will get one point for dress that qualifies
- Each girl will get one point for shirt that qualifies

### What Qualifies For A Point:

1. Student must be wearing dress that falls out about mid calf
2. Dirty or with small holes does not disqualify a student
3. Only the following Dress colors qualify for a point: Black, Navy Blue, Dark Blue
4. Student must be wearing skirt that is loose (not tight):

Please Read Before Doing Program

Very good talking to you today!

It is good to hear there are more tznius programs going on, as each hits a certain different part of the population.

Enclosed is a program I developed after the death of Avner Moshiach's son called: "Moshiach Dress Competition"

Theme is: "OMG! Moshiach is here, whatever will I wear...?" (Name could be changed for Beis Rivka to: "*Rebbe Dress Competition*")

This game is designed to do three things:

1. Instill positive feelings in girls for dressing positively.
2. To train teachers and hanhollah to start reacting positively to the girls who dress well.  
(and to learn how to ignore and downplay those who do not (yet!) dress up to par.)
3. To give the school money, prizes and a program in their hand for their teachers & staff.

There must be a training session for the teachers and older girls in charge of running it to explain how the game works.

As I told you on the phone, I spent a summer with Mrs. Gorkin who trained us in behavior modification. I showed her the program (and even gave her a copy) She likes it very much, but it must be overseen by someone funded outside of the school. Schools cannot even pay teachers and so how can we expect them to fund "extras"? This must come from us parents. (or perhaps as a PTA funded project)

There is a definite problem *not in the girls*, but rather in us. How we react is bringing out how they dress.

How do teachers and principals react to a girl who dresses negatively?

They harass her. They give her demerits, call her home, put her in "time out" and make her write pages of Tanya hundreds of times until she is ready to puke from hearing the word: "Tania".

What happened?

She did a behavior and got attention for it!

Forget good or bad, she got *something* from us for what she did. So Pavlov's dogs would tell us what?

She is doomed to do it again. My daughter told me stories of how girls would davka roll their skirts, open their top buttons and roll up their sleeves. Of course when they got nailed, got detention, suspension or sent home, just to get a rise out of teachers. And to their peers they were heroes. We want to change that. Make the hero the girl who does what she is supposed to! Not demand from her mesirus nefesh and give her no reward.

Today, dressing tznius means that a girl will suffer from her peers for being a "Yoylee". We want to change that and here's how:

Children are a product of us, their parents and teachers. To turn it around, we train teachers and hanhollah give prizes and attention for doing the right behavior. That's what this program does.

A class has row competitions in specific areas, stockings, dresses and shirts (and perhaps buttons). Most are easy points to gain. Other points are a little harder: Color of shoes, shoes as opposed to sneakers. Darker shoes and stockings as opposed to multi colored shoes and stockings. Shirt tucked in as opposed to out.

Prize level one is a class competition.

Next level is class against class.

Third level is between all the classes that won in a year.

There are no judges, the girls accomplish on their own merits.

At the beginning of the year, a team of older girls is assigned that go from class to class each morning giving points for each row in a class; this takes the onus for more or less points out of the teacher's hands. (who will skew the scoring anyways)

Then once a month, there is a huge interclass competition in the auditorium and one class wins and a second is "runner up". At the end of the year there is a competition of all the combined winners for a really huge monster prize.

**This makes keeping tznius a fun team sport-**

We take the coach of the negative fun team sport and switch it around to a positive team spirit that is done with the help of the school and at the same time retrains the thinking of the staff to bring out the positive from girls.

The program is not cheap.

Each class needs a respectable prize at the end of each week and you have perhaps 30 classes per school (and 3 schools!)

Each class that wins the monthly prize must get a significantly larger prize, dinner out together, trip together, gift certificates for Macy's, etc.

The end of the year prize must be something really big. A shabbaton someplace together for example.

However, isn't the result worth it?

Retrained teachers encouraging positive dress.

Girls excited and proud to be part of "team tznius".

There is no use going to a school to do this unless there is

1. A commitment of money and prizes
2. A commitment to train and oversee the girls running it
3. Follow up on the weekly, monthly and end of the year prize giving ceremony.

Best and Kabbalos HaTorah BeSimcha UbePenimius!

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