

Upcoming Events

- March 1 – Grade 5 to Science Center
- March 1 – Grade 4 Ski Day
- March 3 – VIP Grade 8 Program
- March 7 – Zimriyah Concert
- March 10 – CHAT Volleyball Boys
- March 10 – Passover Food Packing 7B
- March 11 – CHAT Volleyball Girls
- March 16 – Passover Food Packing 7A
- March 16 – Rosh Chodesh
- March 17 – Boys Floor Hockey at CHAT
- March 17 – JK1 and JK2 Seders
- March 18 – UJA Walk Presentation
- March 22 – 2:30 dismissal
- March 23 – Nursery Seder
- March 24 – Girls Soccer at CHAT
- March 25 – JK1 to Bruce Mills

Kabbalat Shabbat Leaders

- March 5 – 3C and 6B
- March 12 – 2C and 8A
- March 19 – 4C and 5A

IB Words of the Month: Communicators, Open-Mindedness

LB students are communicators. We understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of ways: verbal, non-verbal, creative. We work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. Language is key to exploring personal development, cultural identity and intercultural understanding.

LB students are open-minded. We understand and appreciate our own cultural, social, ethnic and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. We develop attitudes and knowledge about our own and others, and in this way we raise intercultural awareness to build respect. We are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

SSAF U12 Co-Ed Basketball

The Leo Baeck North Coed U12 Basketball Team played in the annual SSAF Tournament on February 3, 2010 at The Hangar in Downsview. The team got off to a slow start, missing some easy shots and losing to Richmond Hill Montessori 16-11. However the team was resilient and bounced back, winning three games in a row. They defeated Unionville Montessori 18-1, Tall Pines 22-12 and Voice Academy 33-5. Leo Baeck finished second in their pool and moved on to face the undefeated Toronto Montessori in the playoffs. The team played really well, and was able to force overtime, though unfortunately were defeated 21-17. Our final ranking was a tie for 4th in a 15 team tournament.

Final scoring tallies for the team: Jordan Chesney : 4 points, Lauren Kohn: 10 points, Kyle Maresky: 30 points, Cole Nefsky: 12 points, Zachary Schenker: 6 points, Jacob Shapero: 17 points, Samantha Steiner: 6 points, Jake Stupp: 4 points, Seth Wagman: 10 points.

As well, though Andie Levine and Shaye Spector did not make the scoresheet, they did an excellent job at both ends of the floor and should be commended for their efforts too. Thanks to the coaches Mr. Greenbaum, Mr. Levy and all the parents who came out and supported the team.

Grade 3 Meets Mark Thurman

Are you ready for your closeup, Mr. Thurman? Or maybe a bird's eye-view, horizontal, foreground, mid-ground or background view? Mark Thurman, author and illustrator, prepared an exciting workshop for the Grade Three students to construct their own stories with all the necessary criteria: plot, setting and character. He incorporated a variety of elements of the writing process: sequencing through storyboarding, editing and creating a final product while developing cooperative skills and having a whole lot of fun. This productive whole-day workshop left students feeling excited, creative and collaborative. Watching them work together was amazing. Their finished products reflected their new abilities to integrate their plans, use various text styles and take pride in their good copies. It was a great experience for everyone involved.



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Noa Daniel

Grade 3 & 4 Language Arts Teacher



Many thanks to all who came out for the **Preschool Pre-Purim Party!** A fantastic time was had by all, with music from Mark Weinstock, face-painting, games and free treats for everyone. Thanks to Robyn Buchman for organizing it!



Mazal Tov!

--Mazal Tov to the family of our at Mitzvah: Carly Feldman

--Mazal Tov to the family of our Bar Mitzvah: Ryan Greenspoon

--Mazal Tov to the family of our Bar Mitzvah: Shane Karkheck

--Mazal Tov to the family of our Bat Mitzvah: Shaye Spector

Baeck 4 More

One of the highlights of the month was definitely the LBPA's Baeck 4 More, Starbaecks Cafe performance. Under the direction of Mike Levinsky, Middle School Coordinator, Leo Baeck teachers and parents performed a broad spectrum of some of the most memorable pieces produced for Musical Theatre including Les Miserables, Wicked, Rent, Hairspray and Jersey Boys to name a few. In total, more than \$20,000 was raised for Arts, Athletics and Technology Funds at Leo Baeck.



SKs Celebrated a Special Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Discovery Skiing Program

On February 8, 2010, our Grade 4 students participated in a "Discovery Skiing" program organized by the Toronto Parks and Recreation and the North York Ski Centre, supervised by ski instructors, teachers and parents. After 3 ½ hours of active fun and learning we can say: WE HAD SUCH A GREAT DAY ON THE SNOW!

Thank you to all teachers, parents and students!

Zlatko Sarcevic
Physical Education Teacher

Indoor Project Adventure

In our constant search to improve and enrich our physical education program and curriculum for our students, this January the Grade 6-7-8 students had the opportunity to participate in the indoor rock climbing program, "Project Adventure".

The indoor climbing program is a safe and challenging activity connected with all three strands of the Physical and Education Ontario Curriculum:

1. Healthy living
2. Fundamental movement skills
3. Active participation

In collaboration with English department teachers, we established an IB link with the English program and the IB Learner Profile – being a risk taker. For many of

our students this unique and fun experience was the opportunity of a life time.



Grade 2 Kabbalat Shabbat

Our Grade 2 students have reached a milestone: they have started to lead Kabbalat Shabbat services. To celebrate the occasion, their parents joined us for a family activity. We played Snakes and Ladders around the theme of Shabbat, learning new things in the process. The game was followed by a service lead by Mrs. Dor's 2A class.

Irith Rosen
Hebrew Coordinator

Grade 8 Poe Tree



In preparation for their Poetry Anthology, a 22 page poetry anthology made up of an analysis of 3 published poems, 3 illustrations depicting the theme and an in-depth analysis of the poetic stylistic devices used, the Grade 8s have attempted to answer the question, "How do words paint vivid and memorable pictures?" Each student found the answer to this question by writing 3 original poems, incorporating at least 3 different poetic stylistic devices into each. The poems are written on leaves and displayed as part of a Poe-Tree. After the unit's completion, the Grade 8 parents are invited for a coffee house where all students share their poetry while parents relax in a coffee shop atmosphere.

Mike Levinsky
Middle School Coordinator