

Upcoming Events

June 1st: SSAF - Softball U-14 Co-ed Tournament

SK1 Special Relatives Day

June 2nd: Grade 2 Torah Ceremony

June 3rd: JK1 trip to Kavannah Gardens

SK2 Special Relatives Day

Grades 5 & 6 Bait Holochem visit

June 4th: SK3 Special Relatives Day

June 9th: Grade 6 Ancient Greek Fair 12:30 to 3:30

June 10th: Carnival 10:00AM-2:30PM

June 14th and 15th: Grade 8 Exams

June 15th: JK2 trip to Kavannah Gardens

June 22nd: Last Day of School 6-8

Grade 8 Graduation

June 23rd: Last Day of School, N-Gr.5

Word of the Month: PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. We take responsibility for our own actions and the consequences that accompany them.



Last month we released the results of our parent survey, to which almost 80% of unique families in our school responded. The next few months will be spent trying to focus on areas of improvement for us a school, which we feel we are better able to focus on with all of this

feedback. I will do my best to address some of these issues in upcoming writings. My thought for today relates to graduation, for which 69 eager Leo Baeck students and their families are now preparing. As a school, we have been preparing for this day for 9 or 10 years, from the moment these students entered our school. Each teacher takes seriously his responsibility to assist a student in his own development, to be more skilled, self-aware and proficient than when the two first met. 21 students who are graduating from high school this year have been reflecting on their time at Leo Baeck, as they were the first graduating class of the South Campus 4 years ago. It has been very impressive to hear about their successes to date, their achievements in high school and the choices they have made about university and life. Jack Lipson for one brought Leo Baeck to the fore on his interview for undergraduate Architecture at the University of Waterloo. Given that he had been granted one of only 580 interviews from over 1600 applicants, Jack pulled out all the stops. His presentation included his Grade 8 popsicle stick bridge, created to demonstrate the strength of structures in Ted Liss' Science class. Jack's interest in design and engineering was evident in the toothpick dowels he used to reinforce the joints of the bridge, and his love for the subject will now be nurtured as one of only 72 participants in this prestigious program. We wish Jack and all of our graduates the best for a lifetime of success.

MITZVAH DAY!



Students work in an assembly line to stuff pencil cases & knapsacks with supplies and their own special messages for distribution.



GRADE SIX STUDENT DAVID VOLFSOON NAMED INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMP



Grade 6 student, David Volfson is off to a great start to his tennis season. After taking home top honours in the singles division on April 9th at the U14 Rogers Junior Indoor National Championships held at the Saville Sports Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, Volfson went on to win the boys doubles title alongside fellow Ontarian Alejandro Tabilo.

Just last week, on May 22nd, he won both the Single and Double Division of the U14 International Tennis Tournament in Macedonia. Congratulations to David for his well deserved honours!



MITZVAH DAY

As part of the LBPA sponsored "Mitzvah Day," students prepared backpacks and pencil cases for students at Driftwood Public School and welcome boxes for children living in shelters through the JWIC (Jewish Women International of Canada). The welcome boxes will be distributed by JWIC to other local shelters.

FOUR LEO BAECK STUDENTS WIN THE CJE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Congratulations to Gillian Shoychet (grade 6) Daniel Jacobson and David Volfson (grade 7) and Adam Marr (grade 8) who were named winners of the CJE (Center for Jewish Education) Annual Hebrew Creative Writing Contest in their appropriate grade categories. This year, there were more than 180 submissions. The contest is an opportunity for students in Jewish Day Schools and supplementary schools to demonstrate creative written expression in a variety of topics. The Award Ceremony will take place on June 13 at the Lipa Green Centre for winners of the contest and their families, teachers and school principals.