

## Canadian Children's Book Week at Leo Baeck

This year we had wonderful authors and illustrators for our students. We couldn't wait to see our students' faces, engaged in stories and inspired by our authors. This year we chose an incredible charity to support our literacy initiatives. We Give Books ([www.wegivebooks.org](http://www.wegivebooks.org)) is the perfect way to "donate": Through reading on-line and then choosing where we would like to give, we will have truly made a difference in the lives of those who cannot afford to have a library as well stocked as our own. We encourage our families to continue supporting this wonderful organization even after our Book Week visits are over. And speaking of Book Week, I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Parents' Association for their dedication to our library program. In funding our author visits and hosting two major book fairs (proceeds from which go towards purchasing new library resources). Thank you to our students and their teachers, who inspire us daily. On behalf of myself Rochelle Chester and my partner and co-librarian, Randi Solomon, thank you Leo Baeck community!



For the last several weeks Roi and Noa been hard at work planning Yom Haatzmaut and Yom Hazikaron in school. They were worried about the Yom Hazikaron ceremony they were planning. What if the topic was too distant from their every day life? A new approach to the topc was needed. They decided a week before the ceremony to go into the Grade 6 class. We showed them a video about an American teenager who made aliyah and joined the IDF but perished in the war. It was expected that only a few kids would ask questions and for the discussion to be forced. Much to their surprise they were completely engaged and had so many questions they could barely keep up. They were asked about army life, soldiers such as Gilad Shalit, Roi Klein and were even asked about current events in Israel.

On a weekly basis, our ShinShinim make an impact on our student's lives and in the process they engage them with Israel and help them connect with the Israel of today. Thank you Roi and Noa.

## Students Giving Back

*Anne Frank, the Jewish teenager who was forced to live in hiding from the Nazis with her family for over two years and eventually died in Nazi hands, was the inspiration behind this year's annual writing/arts contest. The contest is sponsored by UJA Federation's Holocaust Centre of Toronto. The subject of this year's competition is: "What would Anne Frank tell us if she were here today?" Mazal Tov to the winners who were honoured at the Creative Writing Awards Ceremony which took place on Sunday May 15, Jonah Solomon and Samantha Heller NC students in Grade 7 and Sydney Greenberg SC in Grade 8.*

On March the 31st, the Nursery to Grade 2 classes assembled in the gym for an hour of laughter and fun as the team from the Solar Stage Children's Theatre put on their production of MARVELOUS MUNSCH. The children were charmed by the reenactment of well known stories such as Down the Drain, Class Clown, No Clean Clothes and Stephanie's Ponytail. The Solar Stage team involved some of our students in portions of the production and catered to all age groups. For the entire show, the smiles of delight on our students' faces was evidence that this was a meaningful and worthwhile learning opportunity. We look forward to more opportunities like this one.



## Le Petite Café

Before Passover break Grade 6 was told they would be hosting a French Cafe during the Show of the Minds (Middle School Open House). The kids got so excited that they began working during their break to build a paper Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe. The kids were wonderful waiters. They greeted, seated, served and bussed our makeshift cafe in the gym all in French. They also learned about various topics such as food, fashion, sports, monuments and museums of France as part of the larger unit. Each student researched a topic and summarized it in French and in English, included pictures and presented them on a powerpoint slide. They also wrote dialogues trying to imagine what they would say as greetings to the parents. *Merci Beaucoup Madame Levy - Boker!*



*Grade 1 students have been learning about their Community and were excited to welcome guest speakers who came to their classes to talk about the work they do. The students enjoyed learning from, a fitness trainer, oral surgeon, chef and Stella Saul (pictured here), parent of Noah Kosta in 1B, who did a presentation on her work as a textile purchaser. She travels all over the world exploring fabrics and selling them to companies in Canada.*

## Upcoming Events:

### FRIDAY MAY 27

8:30 am Grades 1 - 4 Junior Siddur Launch Temple Sinai

2:45 pm 7B leads Kabbalat Shabbat

### MONDAY MAY 30 - THURSDAY JUNE 2

Grade 7 & 8 Trips

### THURSDAY JUNE 2

8:30 am SK2 Graduation Ceremony

### FRIDAY JUNE 3

9:00 am SK1 Graduation Ceremony

10:00 am Middle School Rosh Chodesh Service

1:30 pm 4C leads Kabbalat Shabbat

2:45 pm Activity Kabbalat Shabbat

### TUESDAY JUNE 7

Grade 2 Torah Ceremony

B'nai Mitzvah Honours

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 - THURSDAY JUNE 9

Shavuot - School Closed

### FRIDAY JUNE 10

1:30 pm 3C leads Kabbalat Shabbat

2:45 pm Circle Kabbalat Shabbat

### TUESDAY JUNE 14

B'nai Mitzvah Honours

### FRIDAY JUNE 17

1:30 pm Grade 4 Siddur Ceremony

2:45 pm Grade 8 & parents lead Kabbalat Shabbat

### MONDAY JUNE 20

8:45 am Grade 8 Graduation Breakfast

### TUESDAY JUNE 21

Last Day Grades 6 - 8, 11:30 Dismissal

7:00 pm Grade 8 Graduation

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

Last Day Nursery - Grade 5, 11:30 Dismissal

## Mazel Tov to the Families of our B'Nei Mitzvah

May 28 Samantha Heller

May 29 Emma Rival

June 4 Jonathan Mostovoy  
Samantha Steiner

June 9 Lauren Walters

June 11 Nikki Cohen  
Lexie Lubov  
Jonah Solomon

June 18 Corey Katzman

June 25 Hannah Feldbloom



On Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> Leo Baeck North participated in the SSAF Elementary Coed Bowling Tournament. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 schools. Leo Baeck's best bowler was Seth Wagman who finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall out of 105 bowlers.