

Upcoming Events:

SUNDAY APRIL 29

Grade 8 to Glassman Centre

FRIDAY APRIL 30

2:00 pm 3A leads Kabbalat Shabbat
2:45 pm 5A leads Kabbalat Shabbat

SUNDAY MAY 2

6:00 pm BLITZ36

TUESDAY MAY 4

SK - Grade 5 Open House

THURSDAY MAY 6

SK - Grade 8 Leo Baeck Day at York University Track and Field Centre

FRIDAY MAY 7

2:00 pm 2A leads Kabbalat Shabbat
2:45 pm 5B leads Kabbalat Shabbat

MONDAY MAY 10

Staff Appreciation Lunch

TUESDAY MAY 11

Middle School 'A Show of Minds'

FRIDAY MAY 14

8:45 am Middle School Rosh Chodesh
2:45 pm 6B leads Kabbalat Shabbat

WEDNESDAY MAY 19 -

THURSDAY MAY 20

Shavuot - School Closed

FRIDAY MAY 21

No Classes

MONDAY MAY 24

Victoria Day - School Closed

WEDNESDAY MAY 26

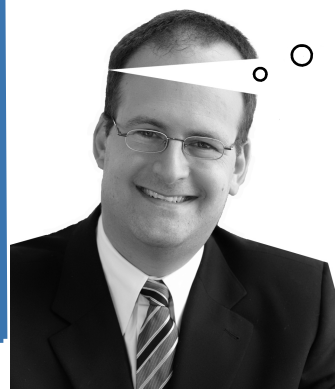
Grade 3 to Pioneer Village

Yom Ha'atzma'ut

Yom Ha'atzma'ut was an amazing day of celebrations at the South Campus. The Israeli spirit was felt across the school. In the morning, students participated in a round robin of Israeli activities. Stations include Israeli dancing, Israeli musical chairs, Army training, art projects, Israeli trivia, Maccabia games and movie time about Israel. In the afternoon, there was a school wide assembly during which the student council prepared an amazing *daglanut* (Israeli flags parade). Israeli songs were sung, the Rikkudia girls danced under Mor's direction, special candles were lit in honour of this important day and Grade 4, 5, 6 and 7 students presented about Israel's achievements in technology, military and agriculture.



THOUGHTS... from the Head of School



For many young Jews, a trip to Israel is the moment which defines their Jewish identity. In recent studies of Jewish engagement, a trip to Israel joins a Jewish summer camp experience and Jewish day school as the three most powerful factors in impacting lifelong change in Jewish identity. So until The Leo Baeck Day School sends our Grade 8s to Israel as a graduation trip (as most Reform day schools in the United States do), how do we give our students a taste of that transformative experience? For three years now The Leo Baeck Day School has sponsored the daily presence of shinshinim, young Israelis, fresh out of high school, who take an extra year prior to entering military service bringing the Israeli experience to a diaspora Jewish community. We have been very lucky in the selection of our shinshinim, who have to date been shared with Holy Blossom Temple. They are vibrant, intelligent and warm Israelis who exude enthusiasm and build real relationships with our students in a way that a penpal never can. The program has been so successful that it will be expanded next year, with the South Campus hosting two shinshinim in conjunction with Holy Blossom Temple and the North Campus sharing two shinshinim with Temple Kol Ami. These youngsters also spend the summer at Camp George, connecting with the Reform community on all three fronts. When interacting with our students, they bring a knowledge of real Israeli culture in a way that speaks to our young people. They play modern Israeli music and teach our students about current Israeli athletes and actors. Their presence at our school brings our students one step closer to experiencing the magic of the Jewish State, and for that we are thankful. If you are interested in hosting our guests for any portion of next year or finding out more about this exciting program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Eric Petersiel



Mazel Tov to the Families of our B'nei Mitzvah

May 1 Ethan Faulk

May 1 Yael Solish

May 8 Lesley Shiner

Word of the Month Risk-takers

We approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. We are brave and articulate in defending our beliefs.

Yom Hazikaron

On Yom Hazikaron the Grades 3 to 8 students participated in an exceptionally touching assembly dedicated to the Israeli soldiers who fell in battle and in action in order to defend the state of Israel and its freedom. Grade 8s prepared moving presentations containing information about the lives of different soldiers who died in defence of Israel.

Maddy Grubert sang the Israeli song "Ein Li Eretz Acheret" ("I

have no other country") and Nate Daviau accompanied her with the guitar. Mor, the Young Israeli Emissary, read the Yizkor and explained to the students the sudden change of atmosphere in between Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzma'ut – from deep sadness to great happiness.



Caledon Trip

The Grade 8s recently spent a day in Caledon learning about environmental science, hiking and doing woodworking. The woodworking was part of their legacy gift upon graduating, 22 wooden tzedakah boxes, which will be held in a glass showcase when not in use.



Yom Hashoah

In commemoration of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, 6B prepared an incredibly moving assembly for all of Middle School. 6B students read poems written by kids who lived during the Second World War, sang a few songs and expressed their hope that there will be no more wars and tragedies in the world for any nation.

