

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) 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!



Upcoming Events:

FRIDAY MAY 27

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

2:00 pm 1A leads Kabbalat Shabbat
2:45 pm 7A leads Kabbalat Shabbat

MONDAY MAY 30 - THURSDAY JUNE 2

Grade 7 & 8 Trips

TUESDAY MAY 31

Grade 6 SSAF Softball

2:00 pm SK1 Graduation Ceremony

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

Middle School SSAF Track & Field Meet

Grade 1 to Kortright Centre

2:00 SK2 Graduation Ceremony

THURSDAY JUNE 2

8:45 am Grade 2 Torah Ceremony

FRIDAY JUNE 3

10:00 am Middle School Rosh Chodesh Service

2:00 pm 1B leads Kabbalat Shabbat

2:45 pm 7B leads Kabbalat Shabbat

TUESDAY JUNE 7

Grade 2 to Kortright Centre

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 - THURSDAY JUNE 9

Shavuot - School Closed

FRIDAY JUNE 10

2:00 pm Grade 4 leads Kabbalat Shabbat

Grade 4 Siddur Ceremony

2:45 pm Grade 8 leads Kabbalat Shabbat

MONDAY JUNE 13 - WEDNESDAY JUNE 15

Grade 8 Exams

MONDAY JUNE 13

JDSSL Cross Country Meet - Middle School Team

WEDNESDAY JUNE 15

7:00 pm Arts Night

FRIDAY JUNE 17

8:30 am Grade 8 Graduation Breakfast

2:30 pm School-wide Kabbalat Shabbat led by parents and teachers, Main Sanctuary

MONDAY JUNE 20

7:00 pm Grade 8 Graduation

TUESDAY JUNE 21

Last Day Grades 6 - 8, 11:30 Dismissal

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

Last Day SK - Grade 5, 11:30 Dismissal



Mathletes

On Wednesday, March 23, the Grades 4 - 7 students participated in Mathletes, a fun-filled day for students to celebrate math. While the Grade 7 students acted as coaches, the Grade 4 - 6 students worked in small teams to complete math challenges involving algebra, geometry and various number puzzles. With music playing and the coaches cheering on and supporting their teams, the students enjoyed the break from their regular routine and were reminded just how exciting math can be!

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.



Middle School Learn In

Middle School students spent an enlightening day at the Harbourfront Centre focusing on the theme of social justice. They concentrated on poverty, hunger, child labour, or animal rights and created textiles, lino prints, stencils and technology projects. Their learning translated into finished works of art in various media.



Small Hands, Big Seder

Grade 1 Seder led by Hebrew teacher Ilana Hendelman.



Organized by Grade 3 students Ben Cass, and Adam and Jacob Farber (and a little help from some teachers), students meet each Thursday over the lunch hour for "Drawing Club" to create different works of art using books and other texts for inspiration. These boys take their leadership role very seriously and have done an excellent job in rallying the troops!



Students in 2B class recently participated in an exciting measurement activity. They practiced measuring themselves in non-standard and standard units by tracing themselves and measuring their limbs and height. As a follow up activity they compared their measurements to those of Flat Stanley (the class novel they are currently reading). Learning made fun. It was greatly enjoyed by all!

Mazel Tov to the Families of our B'Nei Mitzvah

- May 28 Emily Ballon
Hannah White
- June 4 Emma Blatt
- June 10 Lilah Rosenthal
- June 11 Dana Meilach
- June 18 Ben Isenberg
Josh Marks