



Your Weekly "Connection" from
Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School.
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Party Buzz

I thought I'd share some buzz about the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Party, which drew over 350 members of our community together in a joyful, high energy, high decibel celebration. (Most of the buzz I experienced after trying to keep up with the kids and the Magen Boys all evening was in my thigh muscles, but I digress....) A lot of thank yous have gone around, and I'll close the cycle for now with one more to the committee, volunteers and staff members who co-envisioned this evening and brought it to fruition, the individuals and businesses that contributed the food and fun stuff, and everyone who showed up and partied with delightful, intergenerational abandon. This party was the most unique, joyful, fun and relaxed occasion in my 28 years of attending school events.

From the old folks:

"The parents complained that the music was too loud; the kids complained that the music was too soft. Sure sign of a great event."

"Jewish wild night of dancing. Water consumed by the gallons."

"Middle School negotiated in advance for a private salon off the main party area. SK students rose up and raided it that night. Both groups used the 'speak up and be heard' attitude they learn at our school."

"What other community would have parents partying all night, with teachers, students, alumni, board members, and the principal?! Magen Brothers DJ, J Glow, was pretty sure they'd never had a principal dance on stage with

them before!"

"The Magen Boys loved our event so much, they want us to become bar/bat mitzvah every year!"

"The pakoras stole the gastronomic show. All the other artisan food lovingly made and donated by parents and local businesses presented tough competition for yummiest."

"It was great to see so many of the teachers and their families here; added to us feeling like one big community."

And from the (nut-free) peanut gallery:

"The Magen Boys were really fun and friendly."

"I liked when we did Havdallah with the candles and seeing my brother do it as well."

"My favourite part was the food and doing the limbo!"

Shabbat Shalom

Best, Rhonda

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

1. Re-enrollment packages are being sent home with your children today. Please complete these forms and return them to the school by **February 13, 2011**. Thank You.
2. Proofs of the individual and sibling photos that were taken last week were sent home with your child on Tuesday. Please remember to send them back to school by **Tuesday February 8th, 2011 to order your prints**.
3. **Paul Penna DJDS Annual Family Skate** will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2010 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Harbourfront, Natrel Rink (rentals available!) **SEE YOU ON THE ICE!**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

SUSHI LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Grade 7/8 - JF&C Family Life

2:45 - 3:30pm

PASTA LUNCH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

PIZZA LUNCH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

EARLY DISMISSAL

2:30pm

CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE MNjcc WITH "GOT SHABBAT"

Do you have family or friends with children who are between Birth and 6 years old?
Have they "Got Shabbat"?

FRIDAYS at the MNjcc has two new "**Got Shabbat**" programs to celebrate Shabbat with educator Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer.

Both programs include music, stories, games and lots of laughter! They are a great way to introduce little ones to the joy of Shabbat.

Shabbat Party: a FREE weekly circle from 10-10:45am for ages birth to 4 years-old (with adults)

Shabbat Club: an activity-based program from 11:30am-1pm for ages 3 to 6 years-old (adults optional)

Registration is required for both programs. For more information please call Sarah at: 416-924-6211 x277

TAKE US OUT TO THE BALL GAME

It's Toronto Blue Jays Opening Weekend and...

we want YOU to join us!

Toronto Blue Jays vs. Minnesota Twins

When: Sunday, April 3rd at 1:00PM

Where: Rogers Centre, Field Level Outfield Seats

Price per ticket: \$28

We have reserved seats for all of us to sit together. Please order your tickets now so you

can be sure to sit in the special Paul Penna DJDS section at the stadium.

The deadline for ordering and paying for tickets is **Friday, February 25th**.

Cheques should be payable to Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School. Please drop off your ticket order form and payment in the "Blue Jays Tickets" folder in the main office. A copy of the order form will be sent home with your child today. Tickets will be sent home the week before the game.

If you have any questions please contact *Morah Tracie* at tracie@djds.ca.

Hope to see you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER ...

1. **Zimriyah 2011** is taking place on **February 27, 2011 at Adath Israel Synagogue**. Paul Penna DJDS students will **perform at 10:30 a.m.** Tickets are on sale through the CJE website at cjedoronto.com

2. Paul Penna DJDS at the **Toronto Blue Jays Home Opener vs. Minnesota Twins** - Sunday, April 3, 2011, 1:00pm at The Rogers Centre

3. On **Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2:00pm** there will be a **Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah Community Commemoration at Earl Bales Park**. The event is co-sponsored by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and by the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation. For more information, please contact Mary Siklos at the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre by phone at 416-635-2883 x5301 or by email at msiklos@ujafed.org.

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