



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

Friday, March 4, 2011
28st of Adar I 5771

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Leadership and Values at Paul Penna DJDS

In my first week at the school, two sets of children came to me for permission to post their posters on the walls: a set of Grade 1 and Grade 3 students wanted to collect Canadian Tire Dollars for Jewish Family and Child, and a committee of Grade 2 and SK students wanted to publicize a clean up of Christie Pitts Park they were planning for a particular Sunday. Both campaigns got great results.

Nine children, together with three teachers and a parent, comprise the eco-team, which earned Paul Penna DJDS silver certification as an Ontario EcoSchool, and continues to maintain our status and improve our pro-environment behaviours.

Allow me to share two excerpts from this term's student council campaign:

Gavi Swayze (Grade 8), running for President:

"Being in my last session at this great school, I wish to make a mark; one that will benefit everyone, and leave a lasting legacy for many years to come. There are many people who have great ideas, and wish to share them. All of you can help make this school a better place for learning and for enjoyment."

I have been in this school since senior kindergarten, and have grown to love it. It has given me so much, and I feel like I should give some of it back. I value the education that it has given me, and its way of teaching has helped me much more than any other school could have. When I think back to those many years, I remember that I wanted to repay the school for its invaluable gift to me: learning. That is why I am running for president. To let the school earn what it has deserved for so many years. "

Maya Freeman (Grade 6) running for Class Rep:

"...But let's stop listening to my ideas, I want to hear your ideas! Because it's not ME, it's WE! Remember, a vote for ME is a vote for YOU. So, vote me. Vote you. Vote us."

At Paul Penna DJDS, students develop the precursive skills of leadership while they are learning values. Without action, values have no effect. Whether we apply the most narrow (oneself) or the broadest (society) terms, we expect our students to become leaders working toward good - *tikkun olam*, repairing the world - not just talking about it. The skills they acquire include: taking initiative; identifying opportunity; engaging others in your cause; collaboratively developing ideas; communicating clearly and inspirationally; and working effectively within a system. In addition we work continually to enhance characteristics such as self-esteem, courage, self-knowledge, and comfort with ambiguity - important leadership traits.

Shabbat shalom!

Best, Rhonda

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR 2011-2012

Re-enrollment forms are now overdue. Please return them to the office right away. If you are not planning to return and have not yet contacted me, please call me or send me an e-mail at edit@djds.ca.

**"MISHENICHNAS ADAR MARBIM B'SIMCHA"
WHEN THE MONTH OF ADAR ENTERS WE MUST REJOICE**

משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה

“Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B’simcha”
“When the month of Adar enters
we must rejoice!”

In order to celebrate the new month of Adar II,
we will be having

“Yom Malchut **ROYALTY DAY**”
Monday, March 7th 2011

***Please be sure to send your child wearing a
crown, robe or other accessory showing royalty***

Jester



King



Queen



PURIM

MATANOT LA'EVYONIM -PURIM PACKAGES FOR THE POOR

The Talmud says 'Make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

To fulfill the mitzvah (commandment) of giving to the poor, we will be assembling baskets at Purim time that will be given to needy families through Jewish Family & Child. We ask that all students contribute by bringing a non-perishable, **KOSHER/NUT FREE** food item, book or toy to school. Each class will also use a portion of their tzedakah (charity) money collected during the year to purchase items to add to the baskets. All donations should be brought to school by **Tuesday, March 15th, 2011.**

MISHLOACH MANOT- PURIM PACKAGES FOR FRIENDS

The staff and students of the Paul Penna DJDS will celebrate Purim with a parade, songs, games, talent show, Megilah reading & Mishloach Manot (parcels of food for friends).

Please send your child dressed in costume on **Friday, March 18th**. For this celebration, your child's classroom teacher will be asking you to bring in treats that will be made into Mishloach Manot to be exchanged within the class. The treats must be **KOSHER and NUT FREE** and commercially packaged. Please send treats to school by **Tuesday, March 15th**. Specific details will follow from your child's Core teacher. We look forward to a wonderful day!

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011

**Purim Carnival, Megilah Reading &
Talent Show
ROOM 318**

There will be a variety of activities throughout the day

at various times in individual classrooms.

Come dressed in costume!

(Please make sure costumes are 'happy themed' and not scary!)

FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next PA meeting will take place on **Wednesday March 9th at 7:30pm** at the home of Sherry & Trevor Dayton at **49A Helena Ave (near Bathurst and St. Clair)**. We want to encourage all of you to attend.

The meetings this year have been focused and productive; attending will give you all a good point of reference about school-wide issues.

Hope you can make it!
Jo & Mitch

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

1. Miles Nadal JCC has launched a recycling program for used cell phones and rechargeable batteries. There is a box located at the security desk for drop off. Cell phones and rechargeable batteries must be bagged before going in the box and bags are provided near the box itself. I hope this will help everyone to dispose of these items in an environmentally responsible way.
2. **Kol Hakavod to Gavriel Swayze for placing in the top 25** competitors in all of Ontario at the Canspell Regional Championship last Sunday.

WE MADE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER

Paul Penna DJDJDJS Choir participated in Zimriyah last Sunday. A melodic performance of Morah Alona's Hebrew "Sim Shalom" lyrics to "There is so Much Magnificence/Hallelujah" was appreciated for its sweet, bell-like quality, while our Jerusalem medley got everyone in the packed audience clapping and singing along. Thanks to Morah Alona, our performers, and parent volunteers for making it a great morning.



WEEKLY CALENDAR
PAUL PENNA DJDS CELEBRATES PURIM

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011

Rosh Chodesh - Adar II
Service in the Chapel
9:00-10:30am

"Royalty Day" - Yom Malchut

Come to school dressed like your favourite member of
the Royal Court

Day 1 - Purim Talent Show Try-Outs
12:30pm-1:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

Day 2 - Purim Talent Show Try-Outs
12:30pm-1:00pm

SUSHI LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

Grade 2 & 3 - Famous People Players
"She Did What?"
9:00am-12:00pm

Grade 7/8 - JF&C Family Life

2:45 - 3:30pm

Parent's Association Meeting

49A Helena Ave (home of Sherry & Trevor Dayton)

7:30pm

PASTA LUNCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

PIZZA LUNCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

Grade 1 Family Education Program

Room 318

9:15-10:15pm

COME JOIN PAUL PENNA DJDS AT THE BLUEJAYS HOME OPENER

Last chance to get your tickets ...

deadline extended to March 11th

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 has been extended to **Friday, March 11th!**

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. Tickets are usually sent home the week before the game.

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

MNjcc PURIM CARNIVAL

New this year:

Magician Mike D'Urzo will be performing and teaching some of his tricks.

Yes, you can come and learn how to turn Haman into Mordechai.

Put on your costume and come check out

Paul Penna DJDS student council's booth!

There will also be live music, carnival games, face painting, crafts and prizes!

Sunday March 6th 11:00 am-1:30pm \$10/family in the Gym

Put on your favourite costume
and come to our

PURIM CARNIVAL

With Special Guest Magician Mike D'Urzo!

Magic Workshops and Performance, Music, Carnival Booths,
Dance Class, Costume Parade, Face Painting and More.

\$10/family

SUNDAY MARCH 6 11:00am - 1:30pm



**YUMMY
LUNCH
FOR SALE!**

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DATES TO REMEMBER ...

1. Paul Penna DJDS at the **Toronto Blue Jays Home Opener vs. Minnesota**

Twins - Sunday, April 3, 2011, 1:00pm at The Rogers Centre.

2. The 40th Annual Rikudiyah will take place on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the TanenbaumChat Wallenberg Campus at 200 Wilmington Avenue. **Paul Penna DJDS will be performing at 11:00am.** Tickets will be on available at \$10 each through the CJE website at cjetoronto.com. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the Prosserman JCC reception (4588 Bathurst Street). Tickets will not be available for sale at the door on the day of Rikudyiah.

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.

A NIGHT WITHOUT A MOON at MNjcc

**A Night without a Moon
Jewish Women's Cabaret
Saturday, March 5 | 8PM - MIDNIGHT
Miles Nadal JCC**

Tickets: 416-924-6211 x 0 Cost: \$10 (assistance available upon request)

More info: sharonis@mnjcc.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or 416-924-6211 x 154

Join us on the night before the new moon of Adar II, when the secrets of Rosh Hodesh, a women's holy day celebrating the new moon, will be illuminated and sung together. Guided by the music of Marcia Beck, Annie Gilbert, The Marni Levitt Trio and Rabbi Miriam Margles, we will draw on women's courage and the moon herself to celebrate International Women's Day and the abundant joy of Adar.

Rejoice with us as we light candles, name ourselves, welcome our ancestors, call for healing for those in need and make space for letting go and for welcoming in. Women are invited to bring material inspired by the moon. The sign-up list for open mic spots will be available at 8:00PM.

Men and women are welcome to attend and share in the music and blessings of this special Rosh Hodesh inspired event.

To volunteer for set-up/take down or onsite ticket sales, please email nightwithoutamoon@gmail.com This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

Co-presented by Toronto Downtown Women's Rosh Hodesh Circle and the MNjcc.
Promotional sponsor: Makom

AN EVENING TO TELL GILAD SHALIT HE'S NOT ALONE!

On June 25th, 2006, IDF soldier Gilad Shalit was kidnapped when his unit was ambushed by Hamas terrorists. Today, nearly 5 years later, Gilad remains in captivity.

On Monday, March 7, we urge you to join our community for

An Evening to Tell Gilad He's Not Alone!

Monday March 7 at 7:00pm

Sephardic Kehila Community Centre (7026 Bathurst Street, Thornhill)

Featuring:

- Karnit Goldwasser, widow of IDF soldier Ehud Goldwasser
- The Honourable Irwin Cotler, International Human Rights Expert and former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
- Amir Gissin, Consul General of Israel, Toronto

Please visit the [GILAD SHALIT COMMUNITY WIDE GATHERING](#) Facebook page for more information.

To RSVP contact Shelly Rotman: srotman@ujafed.org, 416.635.2883 x 5137

Stand in unity with Gilad Shalit and his family by joining a web broadcast with Gilad's father, Noam Shalit, live from the Shalit family tent by visiting magbitcanada.org.il on

March 7 at 1:00pm EST

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