



I Penna Downtown Jewish Day School

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Celebrate!

Roots Walk

Where Sinai Meets Spadina

Celebrations

things in the life of our Jewish school. (Apparently, in Toronto reaching May does *not* mean that scarves and hats be
Israeli holidays - sometimes fondly known as "The Yoms": *Yom haShoah v'haGevurah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day
Independence Day).

Lag b'Omer, which is the thirty-third day of the Omer, a count-down between Pesach and Shavuot of both the Ancient Near E
up until the day they (we) received Torah at Mt Sinai. *Lag b'Omer* is a Rabbinic-era demarcation of either the end of
y were behaving awfully toward each other OR the end of the same number of deaths brought about by Roman aggr
day of celebration, freedom, and outdoor fun.

user to home and to our own times, is the school's Community Roots Walk, part of our Bar and Bat Mitzvah Year cele
ent aspects and periods of Toronto's downtown Jewish Community. Today, we're sending home via Friday Folders a
May 25th and instructions to add your family's hopes and aspirations for the school's and the community's future to th

three more big May events this year.

celebration of local Jewish Roots (May 25th), our choir will sing in the Jewish Music Festival's concert of Israeli and Ch...
next day, Grades 4-8 will be treated to a noon-time concert of Yiddish Music in the Al Green Theatre, courtesy of the J

Jewish community to march in the UJA Walk with Israel, Sunday, May 29th.

l enjoy the ride, and for those among you with influence in the upper realms, please make the weather warms up a b



3th. This is the final date to submit your forms.

orm, please contact me as soon as possible at 416-928-3537 x138 or by email at edit@djds.ca.



at The Paul Penna DJDS Choir has been invited to perform at Halleluyah! This is an exciting and interactive conce...
c Week. The concert will take place at Beth Tzedec (Bathurst St. south of Eglinton Ave.) on May 25th at 7:30pm. F

& Josh Kerbel (parents of Azriel in

of next year's shinshinim into their home. We still need one or two Paul Penna DJDS families to host our shinshinim...
please contact Morah Debbie at debbie@djds.ca.

CELEBRATE!



Join us for a
Simcha'Atzmaut
Celebration

ON
Monday, May 10, 2011
9:00am – 10:00am



and their class for
dancing, and a special
celebration in the MNjcc Gym.



The Beading Booth

Tuesday, May 17th, 2011

8am-9am and 2:30pm-4pm

Lobby of the MNJCC

Grades 5 and 6 students from Paul Penna DJDS

and bracelets. All proceeds will be donated to **Free the Children**, an organization that empowers children in North America and overseas.

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FINAL PA Meeting for 2010-2011 School Year

ing of the year will be held at the home of

parents of Malcolm in Grade 5) on

The address is **203 Melrose Avenue**.

Please Volunteer to Help with Staff Appreciation

on Day at Paul Penna DJDS. We serve coffee and bagels in the morning as well as a catered staff appreciation luncheon. We need parent volunteers to supervise the children during lunch and recess (noon to 1:00). We also need people to help with the lunch. If you are available for all or a portion of the time between 11:30 and 1:30 on Tuesday, May 17, and would like to sign up. (Feel free to sign up even if you are only able to help for part of this time.)

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- ROOTS WALK

Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School Community Roots Walk

**A walk through Kensington Market
Discovering the Roots
of the Downtown Jewish Community
And Celebrating Its Revival**

Please join us and your children

**for this exciting and educational program
running in conjunction with the Toronto Jewish Archives**

**Wednesday, May 25th
Departing at 12:30pm
Returning at 3:30pm**

**We encourage families to take the time and join us
for this very special opportunity
to make a deeper connection for our children
between Jewish downtown Toronto
and the importance of our school growing in this community.**

**Parent volunteers able to help us
with chaperoning the children
on the walk are encouraged
to let their parent reps know as soon as possible.
We need many of you and appreciate your assistance.**

Grade 4 students are looking for "surrogate grandparents" who grew up in Downtown Jewish Toronto to interview. Many of our students are having trouble finding someone to interview for this exciting project. **If you have relatives that you know of our Grade 4 students, please e-mail Morah Debbie (debbie@djds.ca) with your contact information.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO LOOK FOR LOTS OF "FRIDAY FOLDER"
GOODIES IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK TODAY.**

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Spadina Meets Sinai

JEWISH LEARNING FESTIVAL TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT FRIDAY JUNE 7th, 9 PM - 6 AM

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mnjcc.org/tikkun
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Toronto's Reconstructionist Synagogue

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JEWISH FOOD MOVEMENT

relationships between food,
and contemporary life in
Jewish community.

forum, as we bring together community members
to celebrate the history and successes of the
in the GTA, while mapping out the next steps
connected and sustainable community.

MAY 16, 2011

congregation, 1700 Bathurst Street

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TOGETHER, STRENGTHENING OUR JEWISH ROOTS.



Narayever in celebrating Lag B'Omer at Dufferin Grove Park on Sunday May 22nd from 2 to 5 PM. We'll be building

s, roasting potatoes and marshmallows, making s'mores and singing! Bring a picnic, your musical instruments and

mouth of the Dufferin Station on the Bloor-Danforth Subway line and across from the Dufferin Mall.

this program please contact Reut and Yuval at yuval@narayever.ca reut@narayever.ca or on Facebook at "Narayever

WALK WITH ISRAEL CHALLENGE

An exciting and unique opportunity created for families just like yours: the [UJA Walk with Israel Family Challenge](#).

Easy as four simple steps:

1. Form a family team and *get ready to fundraise!*

2. Visit www.walkwithisrael.com, register your family team and start collecting your donations online!

3. Your family will get to choose a [great reward!](#)

4. Show your love and support for Israel and **Walk with Israel**. Kick off party begins at 9:00am at Coronation Park.

Want your family get started with the [Walk with Israel Family Challenge](#)!

Include everyone (siblings, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, friends, etc)

1. Visit www.walkwithisrael.com and register your family team

2. Personalize your fundraising page

(add a photo or a video!)

3. Share your online account to send emails to your friends and family OR send the link to your fundraising page to your family

4. To maximize fundraising potential, ask you friends to forward your request to people they know.

5. Finally, download a donation form from www.walkwithisrael.com and submit the completed form with the payment.

For more information on the Walk with Israel Family Challenge, please contact [Anita Robins](mailto:Anita.Robins@jccny.org) | 416.631.5708 or visit www.walkwithisrael.com.

Want to be a Family for this year's Walk With Israel? Simply [click here](#) and enter "___" for the username and "___" for the password.

Sandra for taking the time over the Passover break to knit and crochet some more bears for MOTHER BEAR PROJECT. She finished them on the Friday before Mother's Day.

One of a child in Zambia who, upon receiving a 'Mother Bear' said: *This bear is my only friend. I said to myself, I will knit you a bear to help of my community.*

Thank you to all the knit and crochet artists in our community at Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School for helping Amy at The Mother Bear Project.

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