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EYE ON: Matthew Amihude ('87)

By: Al Benarroch ('82)

Matthew Amihude ('87), or "Matty" as he was more endearingly known in the halls of JWC, comes from a long tradition at Talmud Torah & JWC. All of his siblings are JWC grads - Aliza ('84), Tamar ('89), and Ronit ('93). And of course, many alumni passed through the classroom of Morah Ethel (Amihude), who taught lower grades at Talmud Torah and Shore Elementary until just a few years ago.



After graduating from JWC, Matty was originally in pre-med at the U of W. "After first year I realized that I wasn't interested in becoming a doctor so I took pre-management courses", says Amihude. Accepted into Management at U of M but electing to go into Engineering instead, Amihude was 6 credits shy of a Computer Engineering degree when he decided that it also wasn't for him. He went back to U of W to complete an Honours degree in Mathematics and Computer Science.

In 1995, Matty, along with long time friend and JWC Class of '87 alumnus Marshall Posner, started Web Wizards Inc., a service bringing internet access and training to companies and individuals that were beginners to the Internet. Web Wizards has been providing web consulting, e-commerce development, web design, web marketing, custom programming and web hosting services for over a decade. Matty is also owner of local Corydon Avenue restaurant, Liquid Lounge. Damaged by fire in February, 2009, Matty continues to work on getting things back in business.

"We owned a lawn business while we were in university and a juice business at the Forks for about 2 days", says Amihude. Web Wizards quickly evolved into a leading provider of web-based applications and e-commerce development in Winnipeg. In 1996, Amihude & Posner expanded, establishing their own web-hosting company, Ultimate Internet Corp. They hosted their own development applications and websites, as well as applications for companies around the globe. By 2001, they had a client base of over 400, in every industry imaginable, including such prominent companies as McDonald's, Great West Life, IBM, and Rogers Communications.

In 2002, they created a new division, Planned Legacy, which provides custom solutions to the non-profit sector in the

areas of architectural donor recognition, digital signage, interactive recognition and digital directories. Planned Legacy quickly grew to become the leader in interactive donor wall technology in North America. Planned Legacy has installations in some of the most prestigious university campuses and hospitals in Winnipeg and around North America including Harvard University, Indiana State University, University of Manitoba, St. Boniface Hospital Foundation, and Presbyterian Health Care.

Amihude truly values his Winnipeg roots and his years at JWC. "I really feel that the relationship building that was done at JWC played a large part in who I am today. By going to a smaller school you get to really build solid relationships with your fellow classmates, as well as with students from other grades. Marshall, who graduated 2 years after I did, is still one of my best friends and we have been business partners for over 18 years".

In the world of business ups and downs are all part of the game. While there have been lean times, Amihude and Posner are no strangers to success, having won the Consumer's Choice Award for Best Internet Company in Manitoba, 2 years in a row.

The value of a Jewish education also resonates in the work that Amihude does. "A main focus of our current

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Gray Academy
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GRAY ACADEMY GRADUATES SECOND LARGEST CLASS SINCE 1961

Reflections on Convocation 2009

By: Skye Kneller (Class of 2009)

On May 13, 2009, forty three proud graduates were welcomed to the JWC/Gray Academy of Jewish Education Alumni Association, having been the largest graduating class in ten years, or as we like to refer to ourselves as, “*large and in charge*”. In the month or so since graduation day, we have travelled, worked, prepared and partied before the rest of summer comes to an end. As these precious months of summer (and freedom) wind down and as plans for our futures begin to wind up, we find ourselves confronted with many important educational and personal decisions that need to be made. So, where do we go from here?

It is always beneficial to reflect upon how we have come this far and are now able to make such important and lasting life decisions before we actually make them, a sentiment most eloquently stated by Will Smith in his album *Willennium* which said, “*You never know where you’re going until you know where you’ve been.*” This lyric is followed by a fast-paced rap solo that I am unable to sing, let alone quote. But the prophetic Will Smith does present a valid and relevant point, I promise. In order to gauge our success and capabilities for the future, we look at our past as an indication of these promising outcomes. After that rainy night in May, Gray Academy became part of our academic past, yet an immeasurably important part of our academic and personal futures.

For many of us, Gray Academy has been our second home for twelve years. Though friendships were made and memories were shared throughout the years, I feel that any graduating class would agree that their last year spent at the school brought them closer together than ever before, largely in part to the coveted grade twelve lounge. It was in the lounge where we hosted the first and subsequently best tiki-themed grade twelve lounge-warming party after not having access to the lounge during three months of flood renovations. It was in the lounge where all the grad-related planning, preparation and discussions took place right from the beginning of the year, including plans for Grad Dinner and Dance, Progressive Dinner and of course, Prank Day. The lounge was where you could always find somebody playing video games or trying to finish their homework. But when we weren’t in the lounge, we were in class, or at least we were supposed to be. I feel that it was in the classroom with our teachers where we really began preparing for promising futures.

Through projects, essays and class discussions we have acquired an appetite for knowledge and learning that will remain with us throughout our academic, professional and personal lives. It has been the passion, drive, and talent of the teachers and administrators at Gray Academy which has made us realize the remarkable caliber of both general and Judaic educations we have gratefully received.

The experience that I have had as a Gray Academy graduate has been an extremely positive one that I will encourage for my own children one day. I can only hope that they will be as lucky as I have been to find a place of comfort, warmth and family that just happens to also be my school. If you must look to where you have already been to know where you are headed in the future, I see influential and meaningful lives ahead for the forty three graduates of 2009.

Nothing seems to be black and white as we enter a new world of learning and education in the coming months. But leaving Gray after so many years spent comfortable there, I am confident that we are equipped with the tools needed to build colourful and vibrant futures.



Class of 2009 Graduation Dinner-Dance pre-festivities

Grade 12 Israel Trip - Lindsay Kerr (Class of '09)

Just 5 short days after graduation, 21 out of the 43 student graduating class left the city for a three week trip to Israel. Most of the group had been to Israel before, but for the first timers it was even more exciting.

We started our trip in the north, staying on Kibbutz Gonen for the first week. In that week we visited Tzfat, scaled down a mountain, volunteered in Kiryat Shmona, rafted down the Jordan River and went on a jeep tour of the Golan Heights.

Week 2 started with our trip south, to Jerusalem. We were lucky enough to be in Jerusalem for Shavuot and one of our programs was to walk to the Kotel at sunrise to hear the reading of the Ten Commandments. It was a once in a lifetime experience that we were very lucky to be part of. The Bedouin tent and Eilat followed Jerusalem, where we rode camels and snorkelled in the Red Sea - looking at all of the different underwater life the Red Sea has to offer.

Towards the end of the trip we had a family weekend, where students stayed with either family or friends for a relaxing break from all the touring and early mornings.

We ended our trip in Tel-Aviv, visiting Independence Hall and the Artist's Market. After three busy weeks most of the group returned home smiling and suntanned.



Local Professionals Educate Grade Nine Students on Justice System

Justice Heather Pullan, mother of Alexandra ('06) and Joey Frohlinger ('09), visited our Grade 9 Social Studies students (of which her youngest, Becky, is one) to speak about the Youth Justice System. Judge Pullan explained the rationale behind the Youth Justice Act and how the Youth Detention Centre operates. Justice Pullan kindly arranged for the students to see an afternoon session of the Youth Justice Court.



Justice Heather Pullan

Also speaking was JWC graduate and Department of Corrections Social Worker Brent Apter ('80). Brent spoke to the class on the use of restraint devices in the justice system. Brent gave a brief history and the purpose of restraint devices and showed the students how they worked. He also presented a news clip that explained how these devices have been proven to be an efficient alternative to incarceration.



Brent Apter (Class of '80)

- Linda Connor, English/History Department Head



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Go Raiders Go! Successful Seasons Come to a Close

With the end of the 2009 season, Gray Academy basketball teams completed their most successful and, certainly most memorable season in recent years. Gray Academy was represented at the MHSAA Provincial Championships by both the **JV Boys** and the **Varsity Girls**. The JV boys, coached by Gregg Beddome, qualified for the Provincial JV Championships with their victory over Linden Christian in the Zone 12 Finals. The boys met a strong St. Paul's team in their winner-moves-on game. Despite being 29 points down at halftime, the boys rallied back to lose by only 9 points.

The Varsity girls, coached by Jamie Kagan and Jason Goldstine (asst. coach), entered their Provincial Tournament ranked 7th in the province. The girls lost to 10th ranked Windsor Park Royals. The upset dropped them to the



Consolation side, where they were eliminated from the tournament, with their second loss the next day. Our Varsity Boys were runners-up to the U of W Wesmen, in their Zone 12 Championship game.

Attention soon turned to badminton, where our high school team competed in the Zone 12 Championships.

The Track and Field season was a soggy one. The Zone 12 Meet on May 25th at the University of Manitoba was held despite wet and cool conditions. The Gray Academy team consisted of 8 hardy souls, who braved wind and rain to compete.

At the end of the day, two of our athletes emerged to qualify for the MHSAA Provincial Championships held on June 5th and 6th. Igal Mostkov placed third in the zone in high jump. J.J. Gerstein ran to a third place finish in the hurdles. Both students competed at the Provincial Meet on June 5th.



Congratulations to all of our 2008-2009 athletes!!!



In the Know...



Ethel Drinnan

passed away peacefully on March 27, 2009. Many will remember Mrs.

Drinnan as a caring teacher who graced the halls of Talmud Torah. Always positive and creative, Ethel, served as a positive influence in the lives of all her students. Clearly having been impacted by her



ETHEL HELEN ELVIRA DRINNAN
1924 - 2009

teaching career in the Jewish day school system, she wrote the book "Jelly Beans Are Not Kosher".

She is survived by her loving companion Mike Yaschuk, her three children: Dawn (Frank), Warren (Lisa) and Cathy (Jim); grandchildren: Karin (Phil), Michelle (Graham), Christine (Russel), Chris (Yu Mee), James and Robert; as well as four great grandchildren.

Ethel was born on July 11, 1924 in Nelson, BC. She lived in Victoria and Calgary, before settling in Winnipeg in 1972. She taught at the Calgary Hebrew School, as well.

Ethel's loves were varied. Her main love was her family, who will miss her greatly. She enjoyed golf, swimming, yoga, opera, theatre and reading. She was a member and supporter of the Unitarian Church, the Circle of Friends Afternoon Book Club and the St. Boniface Golf Club for many years.

A memorial service for Ethel was held on Thursday April 2, 2009 in the Unitarian Church at 603 Wellington Crescent.

On behalf of the Gray Academy/JWC Alumni Association, our deepest condolences go out to the Drinnan family.

Condolences

The Gray Academy of Jewish Education/JWC Alumni Associations sends their deepest condolences to the Lipson Family of the loss of **Dr. Alan (Ari) Lipson ('75)**, who died suddenly on Thursday June 25th, 2009.

MAZEL TOV to Ellen Ruth Wiesenthal ('78) and her husband Eyal, on the birth of their twin daughters in Vancouver, BC.

MAZEL TOV

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Rhonda Spivak ('82) New Editor of Jewish Post & News

By **Bernie Bellan**—*Jewish Post & News*

The Jewish Post & News is pleased to announce that Rhonda Spivak is the new editor of the paper. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Rhonda Spivak was the 1982 JWC Gold Medalist. She received a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in 1985 from the University of Manitoba, with a Major in English and a Minor in History. She attended the Rothberg School for Overseas students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1986. Spivak received a degree in law (L.L.B.) from the University of Manitoba in 1989, and received numerous awards, including prizes in constitutional law, criminal law, intellectual property law, wills and estates and insurance law.



After articling with Simkin Gallagher and Fillmore and Riley law firms, she practiced at the Constitutional Law Branch, at the Manitoba Department of Justice from 1991-1998. Additionally, she received her call to the Israeli Bar in 1996 and articulated at the Jerusalem office of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel.

After staying at home to raise her two children, Spivak began writing as a freelance writer over two years ago. Her articles have appeared in the Jerusalem Post, Ha'aretz (English Edition), The Winnipeg Free Press, the Canadian Jewish News, the Vancouver Jewish Independent, the Vancouver Sun, the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, the Minneapolis American Jewish World, and, of course, this paper. Spivak's articles have also been distributed widely in the Jewish world by news services on the web, including Israel News, Israel Jewish News, Isra-pundit, JHeadlines, and Jewish World. Spivak's most recent article published in the Jerusalem Post last month is contained in the Chanukah Feature section of this issue of the Jewish Post and News.

In 2007, Spivak was nominated by the Vancouver Jewish Independent for an award among Jewish journalists in North America, for her coverage of the case of Sam Golubchuk and issues surrounding decisions to terminate life.

Spivak speaks Hebrew fluently, and visits Israel often, where she and her family have a second home in Netanya, Israel. Spivak is married to Dr. Stephen Corne and they have two children, Leah age 10, and Dov, age 9.

Spivak has been involved in numerous organizations in the Jewish community. She is a past president of the Jewish Students Association, a former chairperson of Jewish Students Network, and a former elected board member of the Jewish Community Council. Spivak has been involved in many Israel based organizations in the city over the years. In 2007, she was the chairperson of the State of Israel Bonds, which launched a successful campaign to raise the purchase of bonds in the city from one half a million dollars to over 3 million dollars.

Spivak is a former counsellor and member of the administration of Camp Massad. She was also a counsellor for an English Immersion summer camp for Israeli children in Gan-Yavne, as part of a Project renewal program for the C.J.A. She is a visual artist, and enjoys photography.

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Bits & Bites



Eye On: *Matty Amihude* (cont. from pg 1.)

business is Yahrzeit systems. This type of work now represents over 60% of our business. Working with non-profits has become a huge part of our success and all of this came about because our relationships with charitable organizations”.

Amihude recalls some of his most memorable moments from JWC, where teachers not only taught but also were like close friends. Recalling Rabbi Charlie Grysmen Amihude says, “he would always catch us doing something mischievous and then usually join in. It was nice to see an adult act like a kid, when it was appropriate”. Amihude also warmly recalls playing on the winning Provincial Basketball Championship team in 1987. “I actually became really close friends with one of the rival basketball players from Steinbach Bible College”.

With all of his professional accomplishments, Amihude proudly boasts that his greatest personal accomplishments were the births of his two children, Isaac (6) and Kianna (10 months). “Nothing has impacted my life in a better way than the two of them”.

Proud of his JWC roots and of Gray Academy’s excellent standing as an independent school, Amihude is definitive in saying, “I would not send my kids anywhere else for school. I think that the values that I learned there were paramount in making me a better person and those values continue to be even more of an influence in my life as my kids get older”. ❖❖

The Mystery is Revealed! School Gets New Ecosystem



The entire school has been abuzz since the Learning Centre revealed the new ecosystem in its very public hallway window. It is truly something for everyone is looking at!

The new ecosystem in room 204 has brought much excitement to Gray Academy. Children and adults of all ages are spending time observing the growth and change that takes place on a daily basis. The ecosystem started as a project within room 204 and with the generous help of the PAC, the dream has become a reality.

A great deal of time research and development went into the various life forms that can co-exist with each other in such a closed environment. There have been mishaps and losses in the process, most of which were solved when the “giant” Patriot Crab, “King Kuppa”, was expelled from the tank and relocated to the Planetarium.



From left to right: *Benji Leibl* (Gr. 10), *Judith Hoogstraten* (Educational Assistant) and *Sergei Didenko* (Gr. 11) proudly pose in front of new ecosystem.

The system works by breaking down raw fruit and vegetables, thus providing nourishment to the self sustaining system.

This will remain an educational tool for years to come as children of Gray Academy will contribute bugs, plants, tadpoles etc. from their various field trips.

Alumni Association Hosts Grad Lunch



On April 3, the Alumni Association hosted a pizza lunch for the graduating class to congratulate them on their upcoming convocation and to introduce them to the Alumni Association. Along with fellow Alumni Committee members David Gurvey ('84), Al Benarroch ('82), Jon Waldman ('97), and Alumni Association Chair, Faith Kaplan ('79) talked about how to get involved with the Association, and the importance of staying connected to the school.

Check out the interactive Alumni web pages at:

www.grayacademy.ca



Alumni Assn. reps (l to r): *David Gurvey* ('84), *Jon Waldman* ('97), *Faith Kaplan* ('79) and *Al Benarroch* ('82)

Where Are They Now??



Rabbi Dan Rand ('84) is married to Paula and living in Thornhill, Ont. He received his BA and MA from McGill University in Jewish Studies, and his Rabbinic smicha from Rabbi Barron of Montreal. Dan spent 5 years in Advanced Rabbinical studies in Israel at Yeshivat Darche Noam and Heichal HaTorah. Rabbi Rand is currently the Director of Aish HaTorah Toronto.

Wayne Sandler ('87) is a Social Worker, living in Winnipeg and employed at New Directions.

Lisa Selchen (nee Segal -'92) has her BA in Environmental Design from the U of M and is now a Chartered Accountant. She is currently Treasurer of the Wpg. Board of Jewish Education and is married to Michael Selchen ('90).

Ian Schnoor ('91) Upon graduating from the U of M with a B. Comm., Ian moved to Toronto and worked as an Investment Banker. He started The Marquee Group which provides Financial Modeling Training programs to banks, pension funds, large corporations and business schools throughout Canada. He is married to Amy and they have 3 children - Jessie (6), Kyra (3) and Lilly (1).

Jon Waldman ('97) received his BA from the U of W and his Bachelors of Journalism from Ryerson. Currently, Jon is the Communications Coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, and freelances for several local Winnipeg publications. He also sits on the Alumni Association Board and is married to Elana Boxer-Meyerowitz ('00).

Michael Schwartz ('08) - Michael is a student at the U of M. He is a fellow of the David Project, having attended this last August. He was also recently named a CJPAC (Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee) Fellow.

Blog Highlights Gray Grad's Humanitarian Work in Uganda

Class of 2005 alumnus, Emma Fineblit, spent the January – May 2009 semester studying at Uganda Martyrs' University in Kampala. Combining studies and humanitarian relief work, her blog can be found at: www.emmathemuzungu.blogspot.com/. Emma returned to Winnipeg for the summer at the end of June, 2009. This summer she will be working at the West Broadway Youth Outreach Centre in Winnipeg, before returning to her studies in Halifax in September. Emma truly embodies the foundations of her Jewish education, combining study, work and help to those less fortunate.

Paradise

by Emma Fineblit (Class of 2005)

An excerpt from May 10, 2009

I'm living in a tropical paradise. In this paradise, the birds always chirp happily, patiently. The flowers always dazzle with their brilliant colours. There is no end to the shades of green in the banana plantations, and even the roads are bright red and textured with potholes and stones. In this paradise, children play and sing, and seem completely at peace with the fact that their clothes are so torn that they hang off their bodies, or that their toys are nothing more than polythene bags tied up with strings to make balls, and strips of fabric tied together to make skipping ropes. In this paradise, people eat what they've grown, or what their neighbors have grown, cooked in the way their mothers learned from their mothers. In this paradise, everyone in the family shares in the workload, and neighbors passing by congratulate each other for their good work in greeting. In this paradise, houses have no doors- there is no need, only curtains to keep out the insects. In this paradise, neighbors care for each other's children, and payment is never asked. In this paradise, layers of dirt on clothes, and swollen bellies are not a sign of poverty, but of life lived humbly and without fear of judgment. In this paradise, people, sing, and dance, and smile without shame. Here, there is a peaceful awareness that life will go on, as it has for hundreds of years, despite any challenges which may have arisen. In this paradise, foreigners are welcomed and their stories and oddities marveled at, not feared or shunned or scoffed at. In this paradise, elders are respected and are served by their children, with the appreciation of the years they have given raising them. In this paradise, those who live in it don't even realize that they are in paradise, but they cannot imagine being anywhere else.

On the other hand.....We went to the village again today, to visit the same family, who by now I consider my close friends. For those of you who have asked about Salim- thank you, and he's doing better than ever. Standing often, even without holding onto something, and more active-moving and talking, and most of all, smiling more. I'm taking him back to the hospital in Masaka tomorrow and I hope they'll be able to give him something this time to help him walk.

On the other hand, last week when I went, they told me that Salim's baby brother- Gadafi was in the hospital with Malaria, and had almost died two nights earlier: "He nearly kicked the bucket, Emma- do you know what that means? It means death." And, of course, a 4-night stay in the private hospital here- about the equivalent of \$13 Cdn is out of reach for a single mother of four from the village, who washes students' clothes at the university for a bit of money- her husband- the twins' older brother, left the family around a year ago to live with another woman in Kampala. The twins tell me he's a drunk, one of his children in Kampala has already died, and when the twins called him to tell him his son was in the hospital, he said he couldn't do anything; he has no money and refuses to come back. So the twins were planning to go to the Trading Centre the next day to try to sell all their tomatoes to make enough money to pay the hospital fees.

Thankfully, Gadafi made a full recovery and I came to the hospital with the twins in time to pay the hospital fees and see Gadafi be released. Then today, we learned that Salim's mother is now sick. She has had Malaria for two days now, and, not being about to afford the \$2 Cdn for Malaria drugs, she bought pain killers and Quinine (don't ask me why) from someone who sells pills in the Trading Centre. Still sick, she was at the university today washing clothes to try to make a few coins. And Gadafi is crying because she cannot breastfeed him while she is sick. I told the twins she should come with me to the hospital in Masaka tomorrow when I take Salim to get treated.

The other kids were also at the house today- the neighbor's kids that we found in the rain on that day 3 months ago, who helped us make our first connection with these families in the village. John (about 8), Flora (about 6), Jonah (about 3- incidentally adorable, refuses to wear clothes and runs around with his huge swollen belly laughing any time I see him), and Owen (probably less than 1), were abandoned recently by their mother. Their father had already left them for another wife, and now the mother has found another husband near Masaka and abandoned the 4 kids with their grandmother. The grandmother, living alone with a small garden, now leaves the kids alone all day going to the Trading Centre to try to find work. Owen, who was still breastfeeding, now eats millet and wheat porridge. I'll go to the grandmother tomorrow to better see what her situation is.



Emma Fineblit ('05) working with Ugandan children in work-study program

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Fineblit (Cont. from pg. 6)

Waswa, Kato, and Gloria are their other cousins who hang around the house. As far as I can tell, Gloria is technically Waswa and Kato's niece, but all three kids are around 7. The twins told me that Gloria's mother (Waswa and Kato's sister) left when Gloria was still a baby, so now she lives with her cousins. All of these situations happen in a clump of 4 households, all children who play together and are cared for during the day by the same family who I visit. Even in this little clump, the problems seem never ending- sure, I can pay the hospital fees this time while I'm here, buy some baby formula for Owen, maybe some seeds for the grandmother. But what about 2 months from now when I'm gone? They won't stop being sick or hungry or abandoned. And these are just the most serious problems. There are still issues like most of the Secondary School aged children not being able to afford school fees, drinking unsafe water because a jerry can of safe water costs about 7 cents Canadian...

And this family is by no means the worst off. They have about 5 cows and 6 goats and several chickens and motorcycle... by many standards rich. (That's the twins' family, not the others). And Uganda is doing relatively well compared to other Sub-Saharan African countries, and is looked at as a relative success story within the region. It's fruitful climate-elevated and on the equator, with many lakes make it ideal for growing food, so Ugandans don't have to worry as much about famine as other countries. Nevertheless, the problems here seem never-ending and even when I pour all my money into them, I'll only be able to provide temporary solutions.

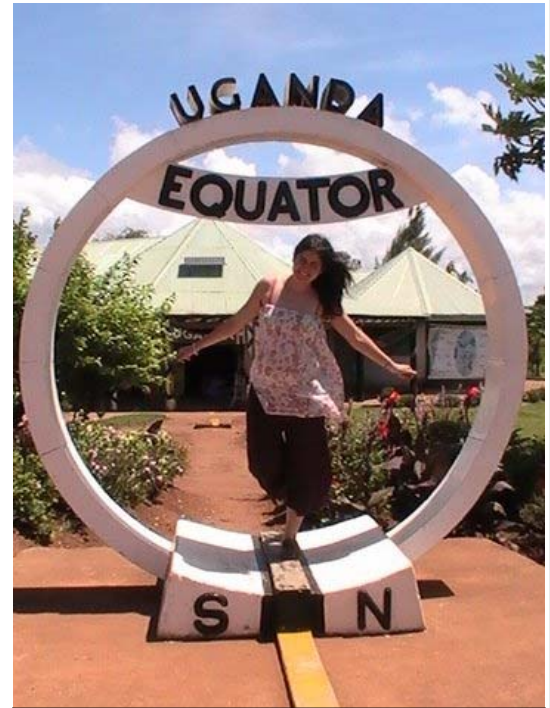
The only way I can describe this place is through this contrast- beauty and peace and happiness on one hand, but overwhelming, crippling poverty and disease on the other. The positive thing about that is that a little bit of money can go a long way. As long as they aren't starving or dying from disease, or left alone without caregivers, these people somehow find a way to be happy- playing clapping games, running around the compound with their cousins, or just sitting and watching people pass by.

That's why I don't think I can leave here with any money in my pocket and still have a clear conscience. I'll come back to Canada and return to my old lifestyle- \$6 Martinis and \$10 taxi rides, and maybe it will rarely cross my mind that that drink could have been two mosquito nets and that ride could have been primary school fees for one term. But at least I can give away everything I have while I'm still here.

Marit and I had lofty dreams of building a Health Resource Centre in the community. We wanted a place where a doctor would visit once a week, where condoms and Malaria medication would always be on hand, and where students or community members could give public workshops on sanitation, nutrition, disease prevention, family planning, etc. But, after a few meetings with the Hospital, the Director of Health Services at the University, etc, combined with the element of time, we've realized that's not realistic, at least for now. But, the hospital gave us some literature that gave us stats among their patients. The highest killer by far in the community is malaria. So, our aim now is mosquito nets, and to try to distribute information on Malaria prevention. We've been told mosquito nets cost about \$3 Cdn but I'll try to find them cheaper.

xoxo

Emma



Fineblit leaves her mark of caring and compassion, half-way around the globe, in Uganda.



JW Grad Cycles for Habitat

David Rubinfeld ('08), has been fortunate enough to have many opportunities to become involved in the community. "One of the most important values that Gray Academy instilled in me was Tikkun Olam", says Rubinfeld. In his desire to give back, Rubinfeld, son of class of 1974 alumnus Perry Rubinfeld, will be participating in the 16th Annual Cycle of Hope from July 4th-18th, 2009. The 1,000 mile (approx. 1,600 Km) bike ride from North Dakota, through South Dakota and finally back to Winnipeg is in efforts to raise a minimum of \$2,500 by each rider for Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg. As a collective group, the cyclists hope to raise enough money to construct a new home for a low-income working family in Winnipeg.



By mobilizing volunteers and community partners, Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg works with people from all walks of life to build safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income working families. Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity International has built over 300,000 homes in 100 countries.

"I had the honour of meeting the family that is receiving the Habitat home, and I want nothing more than to help them make a better life for themselves", says Rubinfeld.

Way to go David!!!

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CLASS of 2009

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Aden Benarroch
Mitchell Billinkoff
Adeena Cooperband
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Laura Dayan
Ilana Deutscher
Jessica Donen
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Maia Nelko
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Dalia Tchernov
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Ilya Vaslavskiy
Benjamin Winestock
Rachel Wolfe

The Board of the Gray Academy of Jewish Education/JWC Alumni Association wishes the Class of 2009 graduates and all their families a mazel tov.

We look forward to great things!!!

מזל טוב!!!