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**Welcome to the newsletter of the Alumni of
JWC and Gray Academy of Jewish Education!!!
A forum for keeping you informed and
connected to Jewish day school education in Winnipeg.**

REMEMBERING ADAM J. ANHANG ('91)



Adam Anhang z"l was a graduate of the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Class of 1991. A product of the Winnipeg Jewish day school system since preschool, Adam later attended Yeshiva University and the University of Pennsylvania's prestigious Wharton School of Business, on his way to a successful professional career in real estate development and business consultation.

To the shock of all those who knew him, Adam was tragically murdered in Puerto Rico in September of 2005. Throughout his life, Adam remained strongly connected to Winnipeg, to his faith and Jewish identity that were nurtured in his formative years. Attending Talmud Torah Elementary School, JWC and the Herzlia Adas-Yeshurun Synagogue, Adam visited Winnipeg regularly for holidays, and maintained close contact with his family and friends.

As a tribute and legacy to Adam's life, his perpetual quest for knowledge and his love of Jewish learning, the Herzlia-Adas Yeshurun Synagogue is developing a Learning Centre in Adam's name. Funds are being raised through private sponsorship and events such as the recent lecture by renowned author and lecturer, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. A portion of the funds raised at the Herzlia will be directed to the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, through the Alumni Committee, to fund a project within the school to be named in Adam's memory.

For more information about the Adam Anhang Learning Centre or to contribute to this project, please contact the Herzlia Synagogue @ (204) 489-6262 or at www.herzlia.com.

May Adam's memory serve as a blessing for all.



EYE ON:

FAITH (LINDER) KAPLAN ('79)
"KEEP THE CHAIN STRONG"

Faith Kaplan ('79) believes in community. It all started

with her years at JWC, and has continued through her community volunteerism with the Jewish Historical Society, Hadassah, CJA, Hebrew University, JNF, Na'amat, Rady JCC, Jewish Federation of Winnipeg and the presidency of the BJE. "Being involved gives a sense of family and community. Active volunteers leave the community a better place for having been there."



Faith has chosen to continue her commitment to the community in a professional way. After 19 successful years at MTS (culminating with a position as Tele-marketing Services Manager), she recently accepted the position of Executive Director at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. Her goal is to make the synagogue's role more central, more relevant and more meaningful in the lives of Winnipeg Jews.

Graduating from JWC in 1979, Faith continued her education at U of W, U of M, and Hebrew University. She is married to Hart Kaplan, and they have two children. Adam (Grade 11) is a successful participant in Reach for the Top, and Yael (Grade 9) is involved with Student Council and numerous school sports.

When asked about the role of the Alumni, Faith believes that continuing the connection to the school "helps to keep the chain strong". "The connection between the past and present ensures the future". Having a strong school and an active Alumni body allows the school to give resources to its students that will help them navigate their lives as Jews.

That is what community is all about.



REFLECTIONS ON GRAD 2007

May 8, 2007 - A Night to Remember

Michael A. Schwartz, Student Council President - Class of '08

It was a wonderful night. The graduates entered the Etz Chayim Synagogue clad in blue-and-white, while Israeli music filled the air. After the singing of O Canada and Hatikvah, and the opening addresses by Head of School and community leaders, came the students' turn to shine. Valedictorian addresses were delivered in both English (Josh Winestock) and Hebrew (Hannah Gliner), underscoring the connection to, and pride in Israel that our school endeavours to instill in its students. After the valedictorians' talks came the reading of biographies of each and every one of the members of the Gray Academy graduating class of 2007. I particularly enjoy the biographies of each student that our school provides, as I feel they add a certain personal feel to the ceremony and bring every student into focus. Along with the biographies came the presentation to students of awards in a variety of subjects: English and math, but also Hebrew and Torah reading, sports and Menschlichkeit. Once the ceremony was done and the caps and tassels had gone flying into the air, all present were invited to join GAJE's newly-minted graduates for a delicious reception of cookies and cake.

A Parent's Perspective

Jackie (Greenstone) Winestock ('75)

May 1975. I remember parts of it. Sitting in the Talmud Torah Beth Jacob Synagogue listening to people speak about the graduating class. All the events pertaining to graduation happened in one day - convocation, reception, progressive dinner, and the party..... Fast forward to May 2007. I am sitting in a different synagogue, the Etz Chayim, and there is a different graduating class, the Class of 2007.

My son is graduating! Wow! All the years have become fixed on this one moment. Now the events last 4 days and culminate in the grade 12 trip to Israel. As I write this article, my son is with 12 of his classmates in northern Israel - volunteering, hiking, visiting historical sites, and strengthening the bonds with his friends and the country even more.

I am a graduate of JWC. This is something I have always held valuable. I feel the

impact of those 13 years (there was no JK then) everyday as I live my life in the Winnipeg Jewish Community. The values that I believe in stem from the Jewish education I received. Now as I sit watching this year's graduating class, I am overwhelmed and excited for my son. Our experiences at JWC were different, but none the less, I can see that the same values are being taught and that he now has the tools to live Jewishly and to be proud of being Jewish.

It is an amazing experience to see the continuity of a dream - a dream started by community leaders back in the 50's to build a school offering a Jewish High School education. I participated in it and now my eldest child has participated in it, and, in two years, my younger son will as well. Putting aside all my personal feelings about my child graduating, I am proud to be a JWC grad and I know that he is too.

GRADUATION 2007: A GLIMPSE AT OUR AWARD WINNERS:

For a complete list of awards and scholarship winners from Convocation 2007 please follow the link: www.grayacademy.ca/alumni



Top and Bottom: Graduates at Convocation



Top and Bottom: Our Graduates in Israel!



CARA MICHELLE KATZ ('07) GAJE'S NEWEST GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MEDALIST



Cara Katz is not only the most recent recipient of our school's prestigious Governor General's Medal (for highest average over Grades 11 and 12) but also eleven other awards, including the Rabbi Kravetz Award and the highest mark in Senior 4 Math. Well respected by her peers, Cara has contributed to the well-

being of our school and community in many facets, participating on student council, Raiders sports teams, volunteering at the Children's Hospital, and dancing with the Chai Folk Ensemble. Mazal tov Cara, on your outstanding accomplishments!



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Going Back: Class of '77 Reunion

By Sharon Chisvin ('77)

When we marched out of the Beth Jacob Synagogue on a May day in 1977 as the newest graduating class of JWC, none of us quite knew exactly where we were heading or what lay in store for us. Although I can't recall everything that was discussed as we celebrated our convocation that evening with a house party at Lev Gonick's that is still raved about by some of our classmates decades later, I am certain that it never occurred to any of us that graduation also meant goodbye and that some of us would not see each other again for another 30 years.

Thirty years later when we stepped into the home of Terry (Chodirker) Coodin on Friday evening, May 4, 2007 for the first event of our first ever class reunion, none of us quite knew what to expect or what the weekend held in store for us. Understandably there was some anxiety that we might have nothing to talk about and that the years and distance that had separated us might feel clumsy and cumbersome and keep us from enjoying one another's company. We need not have worried. Upon seeing one another it truly felt as though the years between now and then had simply disappeared.

We were immediately comfortable with one another and thrilled to be together again. Unsurprisingly, there was little talk of our current lives but a great deal of discussion about days gone by. We reminisced about classmates and teachers, among them Mr. Zochar, Mr. Lev, Mrs. V.H. and even Mr. Butler. We relived basketball, volleyball and games of rubber stopper; and laughed about the gym ceiling, the basement science lab, and the slapped on trailers. We remembered principals, coaches, rabbis and role models and, of course, those who were no longer with us. We talked about the way time flies, and the time of our lives, about what JWC had given us, and about giving back. We talked long into the night, staying up almost as late as we did at the long ago party.

The following morning a few of us joined the current grade 12 class at their grad Shabbat at Congregation Etz Chayim and Terry, our hostess the evening before, brought greetings and wisdom from our class to theirs. In the evening we converged at the home of Joel Katz where we were joined by many of those who had journeyed with us at JWC, but left the school before grade 12. This group included some from Winnipeg and a few from out of town, many of them with old, non-digitized photos in tow. Again, most of the conversation focused on the past, remember when... and whatever happened to... The planned ice breakers were not needed, as everyone seemed at ease with one another as soon as they walked through the door.

Sunday morning brunch at the Asper Jewish Community Campus brought out a few more new faces, Winnipeggers who had been in our class for at least part of their high school education. Michael Benarroch addressed the group, speaking eloquently about the school and the weekend and lasting friendship. His remarks were echoed by Michele Feierstein who spoke about the uniqueness of our grade and the gift of our companionship. People lingered, hesitant to let go of the weekend, reluctant to say goodbye, and promising not to wait another 30 years be-

In commemoration of its 30 year reunion, the class of 1977 made the inaugural gift to the Gray Academy Endowment Fund at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. Income from this fund will be used to support tuition and other fees for students in financial need at the GAJE.

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The JWC Class of 1982 will be holding their Silver (25th) Reunion in Fall, 2007.

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