



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES
EXCITING NEW COMMITTEES**

October 16, 2006 – Yael Shrom, President, Student Council at Gray Academy of Jewish Education, is pleased to announce six (6) new committees and their respective executive student members for the 2006-07 school year.

P2K Committee: Chaired by students Cara Katz (grade 12) and David Coodin (grade 11), this committee is devoted to keeping the Partnership 2000 program alive and maintaining strong ties with Israel.

Social Committee: Chaired by Ellie Tennenhouse (grade 11) and Gabi Kneller (grade 12), this committee takes care of all social action and activities in the school. They will be in charge of all charity fundraisers throughout the school, and will plan social events like dances for the school.

Fundraising Committee: Chaired by Dafna Lubocki (grade 12) and Lindsay Kerr (grade 10), their objective for the school is to sell a wide variety of snacks such as donuts and milk for the student body.

Environmental Committee: Chaired by Lexi Leibl (grade 12) and Tali Aziza (grade 11) this committee will be planning programs that promote environmental awareness.

Cultural Committee: Chaired by Rebecca Rykiss (grade 12) and Danit Hassan (grade 11), this committee plans programs that promote cultural awareness, such as "England Day", Chanukah celebrations and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.

Sports Committee: Chaired by Jesse Garber (grade 11) and Jordan Vine (grade 11), this committee will plan pep rallies, encourage the school to attend sports games, and plan the Gym Riot which is considered the most spirited program of the year. Also known as "Battle of the Classes", this event happens immediately after Purim celebrations.

Planning has started for a significant number of exciting programs for the student body such as a pep rally, a P2K Fundraiser, Looney Tooney Day, Raoul Wallenberg Day, Get a Matchmaker, Krispy Kreme Day and a BBQ, to name a few.

A number of student-led events also take a unique perspective such as “*Can in Secretaries*”, whereby students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items and to “can in” Head Secretary Sandy Peterson and Receptionist Angie Northam.

“*Matchmaker*” is a popular program where students fill out a questionnaire and receive results a couple of weeks later telling them who their most un/compatible match is in the school.

Another popular student council event called “*Challenge Your Principal*” is not what you think. This is an opportunity for students to establish a fundraising goal in order to prompt Principal Sera to do something “outrageous”, such as singing on the PA system if \$100 is raised or to jump in the pool with his clothes on if \$500 is raised!

But “*Gym Riot*” is the most hyped-up program of the year (dating back to before the dinosaurs according to student council!!), whereby homeroom classes take part in competitions like basketball, earthball, singing, cheering, and gladiators!

Kevin Hammell and Michal Lavy, teachers responsible for student council, congratulate all committee chairs on their nomination and look forward to a successful and *ruach*-filled year of student activity.

-30-

For further information, please contact:

Lisa Abram
Director of Advancement
Gray Academy of Jewish Education
(204) 477-7514
labram@aspercampus.mb.ca