

Gray Academy
OF JEWISH EDUCATION



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**GRAY ACADEMY OF JEWISH EDUCATION
ANNOUNCES NEW TEACHING STAFF**

September 13, 2006 – Rory Paul, Head of School and Hart Sera, Principal for Gray Academy of Jewish Education and the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education are pleased to announce the appointment of three new teachers: Andrew Kaplan, Heidi Crowley and Nicole Kohut for the 2006-07 school year.

Andrew Kaplan is a graduate from Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate and attended University of Winnipeg where he received Business Administration and English degrees. Andrew received his teaching degree from the University of Manitoba, and is a member of MAME (Manitoba Association for Multicultural Education). This year at Gray Academy he is teaching Debating for grades 7-Grade 12 and Grade 6 Judaic Studies. Andrew says “it's only my fourth day, but I love teaching at Gray Academy because of the strong sense of community and a devotion to a progressive and nurturing educational environment.”

Heidi Crowley has a Bachelors degree in both the Faculties of Arts and Education (with Distinction) from the University of Manitoba where she majored in History and Geography. Last year Heidi was a teacher candidate at Gray Academy, and currently she is teaching a wide array of subjects ranging from Social Studies, Geography, History and Language Arts. Heidi is “very pleased to a part of the staff at Gray Academy this year after being so impressed last year by this school's commitment to the highest academic standards, balanced with a vibrant and dynamic school culture.”

Nicole Kohut attended University of Manitoba where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree with Distinction, with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Physics. She then continued on and received a Bachelor of Education with a specialization in the Senior Years Stream. Her previous work experience at Gray Academy included a student

teaching practicum last year (2005-06), and this school year Nicole is teaching Math, Science, Pre-Calculus and Physics. Nicole says “the students make teaching here a very enjoyable experience. They have a great sense of fun and humor, but at the same time know when to focus. This school is a great place to foster learning, and I am very fortunate to be able to teach students that have such an outstanding work ethic.” Michael Benarroch, President of The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, congratulates Andrew, Heidi and Nicole on their respective appointments, and welcomes them to Gray Academy of Jewish Education.

Students at Gray Academy receive enriched program opportunities and are introduced to a variety of teaching methodologies and learning environments; at the core of its uniqueness is the combined General and Judaic Studies curriculum. Gray Academy also offers Hebrew, English as an Additional Language and Special Education, with a Guidance Program that focuses on study skills, relationships and healthy lifestyles.

Gray Academy of Jewish Education is a JK-Grade 12 university preparatory school that places equal value on Jewish and General academic programs, and provides opportunities to nurture the emotional well-being and spiritual development of all students.

Recently accredited by the Canadian Educational Standards Institute (CESI), Gray Academy is one of three schools in the Winnipeg area to receive this distinctive honour.

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