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**STUDENTS AT GRAY ACADEMY OF JEWISH EDUCATION
RECOGNIZED AT AWARDS CEREMONY**

October 5, 2006 – Hart Sera, Principal, and Lori Binder, Vice-Principal, Gray Academy of Jewish Education, presented student awards for Grade 7 to Senior 3 for the 2005-06 school year. Gray Academy is proud to announce that 85% of the student body maintained an 80% average and higher.

With opening prayers in Hebrew and English from students Albert Cohen and Brayden Bernstein, greetings from Student Council President Yael Shrom, and remarks from Dr. Ruth Ashrafi, Director of Judaic Studies, numerous awards as well as certificates for the Honour Roll and Academic Excellence were handed out in front of 300 family and friends.

A number of notable presentations were made to students:

The Rebecca and Ralph Rosenberg Award – Highest Standing in Grade 8 Hebrew presented by Dr. Ruth Ashrafi: Aviva Cramer

The Miriam and Phil Maltz Award – Excellence in Language Arts presented by Bonnie Rafaeli: Daniel Meyers (grade 7) and Aviva Cramer (grade 8)

The Ethel and William (Velvel) Kozack Memorial Award – Excellence in Language Arts presented by Heidi Crowley: Haley Rabb

The Harry and Clara Benditt Prize – Excellence in Math and Science – Grade 8 presented by Kevin Hammell: Taryn Rittberg

The Harvey H. Herstein Prize for Excellence in Canadian History – Senior 3 presented by Alumni Jeremy Feuer.: Shira Lerner

Student Council Highest Mark in Senior 3 Chemistry in Memory of Tom Blair presented by Bob Knight: Cara Katz

Fern Shawna Rykiss Literary Award – Grades 7 and 8 presented by Hart Sera: Jared Ackerman – 1st place, Haley Rabb – 2nd place and Rachel Duboff – 3rd place

Raymond and Barbara Kives Debating Scholarship presented by Gregg Beddome: Shira Lerner

The Terry Sawyer Memorial Award for Menschlichkeit – Grade 7 presented by Hart Sera: Jesse Pollock

The Larry Rosenberg Menschlichkeit Award - Grade 8 presented by Merle Rosenberg – Saul Shrom

Tikkun Olam Award – In Honour of Rosalind Rosenberg Baker presented by Dr. Albert Rosenberg: Michael Schwartz

Pioneer Jewish Settlers of Winkler Essay Award presented by Harold Buchwald: David Coodin

Anita Neville, Member of Parliament Junior High Award presented by Hart Sera: Zev Faintuch

The United Way’s Student Community Service Award presented by Alan Fineblit, Chair, Community Investment Committee: Eyal Kraut

Awards were also handed out for: Most Improved Student, Menschlichkeit, Mathematics, Excellence in Public Speaking & Debating, Chesed Shel Emes Recognition, Special Contributions to School Life, Technical Contribution to the School, Senior Band, Song Festival, Bible Contest, Winnipeg Free Press Stock Market Challenge, Athletes of the Year, Coaches’ Award and Reach for the Top.

Students were presented with certificates for General and Judaic Studies for the **Academic Honour Roll** (whose academic average is 80% and 89.9%), **Academic Excellence** (whose academic average is 90% and higher) and **Student of Distinction**, of which 16 students were recognized for maintaining an academic average of 95% or over.

Michael Benarroch, President of The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, congratulates all students for their commitment to excellence and wishes them continued success.

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