

PRESS RELEASE

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CHALLENGED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

December 19, 2006 – Gray Academy of Jewish Education Student Council President Yael Shrom and Social Committee student members Gabi Kneller and Ellie Tennenhouse are pleased to announce they raised almost \$600 in the annual **“Challenge Your Principal”** event.

As a result of fundraising dollars raised by the student body, they are now in a position to “challenge” Principal Sera to a series of activities. “Every year the social committee is in charge of raising money for a charity, and as a reward for the students, our Principal has to perform all kinds of crazy stunts. Once we reach a certain level on the money pyramid Mr. Sera has to do that stunt and as the money grows, so do the stunts. It’s great to see what a charitable school we have, they all jumped at the opportunity to help a cause and we’re glad we can make it fun for them to do,” says Gabi Kneller and Ellie Tennenhouse, Social Committee Heads for student council.

“We chose to donate our proceeds to **Make A Wish Foundation** because it’s something new. Our school always gives to CancerCare and a Jewish organization, but we wanted to try something different. Two of the stunts are actually old classics. Pie in the face and jump in the pool are *Challenge Your Principal* staples. This year we decided that we wanted to make the Principal feel exactly what we feel every year when we write exams. We raised enough money so he will get a pie in the face, jump in the pool and write four exams. Mr. Sera is also such a good sport about all of this and is more than willing to do everything without any complaints,” Gabi Kneller and Ellie Tennenhouse said enthusiastically.

Principal Hart Sera commented that he has “as much fun doing the activities as the students do trying to raise the money. Anything that can develop a stronger relationship between students and Administration is worthwhile doing. Having me write exams certainly went a far distance in having the students and I develop a strong bond.”

Last week, Mr. Sera had to write four different exams (math, science, English and history) and will have his marks posted soon. The student body eagerly awaits his results!

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.

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