

Gray Academy
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**TEACHER AT GRAY ACADEMY OF JEWISH EDUCATION
SELECTED TO MEET GOVERNOR GENERAL**

November 6, 2006 - Rory Paul, Head of School and CEO, and Hart Sera, Principal, Gray Academy of Jewish Education are proud to announce that Linda Connor will participate in the **Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy** which will take place on Parliament Hill from November 5-10.

Linda was chosen to represent Manitoba along with 40 other teachers attending a week-long session in Ottawa. The itinerary includes spending an entire day at Rideau House; one day in the House of Commons; a day in the Supreme Court; a day in the Senate; and a day with Members of Parliament. Linda hopes to have photos taken with the Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and MP Steven Fletcher, and says she is thrilled to be in Ottawa for Remembrance Day.

Peter Milliken, M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons and Noel A. Kinsella, Senator, Speaker of the Senate, are proud to be able to offer this professional development opportunity for teachers in social studies and related subjects. *The Teachers Institute* provides a first hand account for teachers to explore our national legislature in the company of parliamentary experts and dynamic educators from all regions of the country.

Linda's recent contributions to curriculum development include writing the first two chapters in the new Grade 9 Social Studies text which is about to be launched (*Canada in the Contemporary World*, Emond Montgomery Press, Toronto); she also wrote five chapters of the new Grade 7 Social Studies text (*The World Today*, Portage and Main Press, Winnipeg); and is the co-author of the Teacher's Guide for the latter text which is expected to be published this November.

Linda teaches grade 7 English Language Arts, grade 11 and 12 History, grade 9 Social Studies, and as well oversees the Yearbook Committee with grade 11 and 12 students, organizes the Ruach Running Club and is Department Head of English and Social Studies/History. She has been working for The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education since 1977.

“I am looking forward to networking with teachers from every corner of Canada!” said Linda Connor on the eve of her departure to Ottawa.

The Teachers Institute is a collaborative project coordinated by the Library of Parliament and supported by both the Senate and the House of Commons along with several federal partners.

Michael Benarroch, President of The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, congratulates Linda Connor on this exceptional professional development opportunity and for her many contributions to teaching excellence and extra-curricular activities at the school.

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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