

PRESS RELEASE

STUDENTS CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW

May 8, 2008 – *Yom Ha'atzmaut* is Israel's national Independence Day commemorating the declaration of independence of Israel in 1948. It falls on the 5th of the Jewish lunar month Iyar, celebrating the declaration of the state of Israel by David Ben-Gurion in Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948 and the end of the British Mandate of Palestine. It is always preceded by Yom Hazikaron, the Israel fallen soldiers Remembrance Day.

Gray Academy of Jewish Education is celebrating this holiday with many festivities tomorrow including cooking, music and drama and art for Grades kindergarten to six. The highlight of the day will be a visit to a museum exhibit that the students have set up called: "*Collections for Connections*" that celebrates the cultural and historical aspects of Israel with over 400 items.

The students have also drawn pictures celebrating Israel which have been transferred to over 300 melamine plates to be displayed at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.

Please join us for a visual treat on Friday, May 9 at Gray Academy of Jewish Education.

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