



Gray Academy  
OF JEWISH EDUCATION

*Tuesday, May 13th 7:00 p.m.*  
י"ט אייר

*Convocation 2009*  
תשס"ט



# *Program*

## **Processional**

*Pianist: Josh Kerr*

## **O Canada & Hatikvah**

*Led by Joseph Frohlinger*

## **Opening Prayers**

*Hebrew: Dalit Leitman    English: Joshua Fineblit*

## **Greetings from the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education**

*Anita Wortzman - President*

## **Greetings from the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/CJA**

*Marilyn Billinkoff – Chair Human Resource Development*

## **Greetings from the Parent Advisory Council**

*Janice Rubin – Treasurer*

## **Greetings from the Parent Graduation Committee Chairs**

*Hope Morry, Brenda Tessler-Donen & Bev Werbuck*

## **Greetings from the Alumni Association**

*Faith Kaplan - Chair*

## **Greetings from the Head of School/CEO**

*Rory Paul*

## **Valedictory Address**

*Allison Marmel: Hebrew    Skylar Kneller: English*

## **Presentation of Diplomas & Awards**

*Sharon Freed & Gregg Beddome – Reading of Biographies*

*Hart Sera & Invited Guests – Presentation*

## **Closing Remarks**

*Hart Sera – Principal*

## **Recessional**

*Pianist: Josh Kerr*

## **Reception**



# בוגרי תשס"ט

שלמה משה בייקר  
עדן יוסף בן – הראש  
מיכאל בילינקוף  
עדינה ציפורה קופרבאנד  
ליאורית דסקל  
לורה דבורה דיין  
אילנה חנה דויטשער  
מאירה חנה דונן  
נועה פריג  
יהושע פיינבליט  
ישראל פיינבליט  
מאיר צבי יוסף פרולינגר  
בוריס פורמן  
רחל גולדברג  
מורית דנילה גרין  
אווירה אילקנייב  
דן קמפנר  
לאה אילנית קר  
שרה מלכה קנעלר  
יוסף פסח לסקר  
דלית לייטמן  
עליזה בתיה לרנר  
שפיר חנן לרנר  
נתן מאז לוי  
מירים לסן  
סווטלנה לובחין  
רינה תקווה מרמל  
מתתיהו יעקב מטקף  
זאב דוד יהושע מורי  
מאיה נלקו  
טלי פליץ  
ולריה פטרוב  
יונתן אשר ריפסתין  
מרה ריקיס  
מרק סבלוב  
חווה אליענה שוורץ  
רחל פרומה סלסקי  
שרה סטרס  
דליה צירנוב  
רוני טוקר  
אליהו וסלוסקיי  
בנימין אפרים וויינשטוק  
רחל בריאה וולף



# ***Class of 2009***

***Steven Myles Baker***  
***Aden Joseph Bailey Benarroch***  
***Mitchell Adam Billinkoff***  
***Adeena Sari Cooperband***  
***Julieta Dascal***  
***Laura Deborah Dayan***  
***Ilana Chana Deutscher***  
***Jessica Annie Donen***  
***Noa Lee Farage***  
***Joshua Elliot Fineblit***  
***Samuel Elliot Fineblit***  
***Joseph Michael Adlai Frohlinger***  
***Boris Furman***  
***Rachel Faren Goldberg***  
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***Lindsay Alyssa Kerr***  
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***Benjamin Philip Winestock***  
***Rachel Bria Wolfe***



# ***Gray Academy of Jewish Education Staff***

***Rory Paul – Head of School/CEO***  
***Hart Sera – Principal***  
***Lori Binder – Vice Principal***  
***Joyce Kerr – Vice Principal***  
***Ruth Ashrafi – Director of Judaic Studies***  
***Lisa Abram – Director of Advancement***

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***Jan Allen***  
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***Nicole Boch***  
***Janice Brigden***  
***Miriam Bronstein***  
***Grant Buckoski***  
***Minda Chaikin***  
***Dolly Chisick***  
***Harriet Cipilinski***  
***Jack Cipilinski***  
***Linda Connor***  
***Sheppy Coodin***  
***Anna Corne***  
***Mara Cramer***  
***Heidi Crowley***  
***Arlene Davis***  
***Deborah Davis***  
***Judy Doctoroff***  
***Chris Dondo***  
***Anat Ekhoiz***  
***Debbie Erickson***  
***Ana Esterin***  
***Sarah Fonseca***  
***Candace Foster***  
***Sharon Freed***  
***Sharon Gaber***  
***Rochelle Gamliel***  
***Christopher Garroni***  
***Nancy Gliner***  
***Lawrence Goldstine***  
***Linda Goodbrandson***  
***Kevin Hammell***  
***Scott Hartnell***  
***David Hasselfield***  
***Andrew Hawkins***  
***Shannon Hood***  
***Judith Hoogstraten***  
***Jamie Kagan***  
***Andrew Kaplan***  
***Robert Knight***

***Rachelle Koffman***  
***Roz Kravetsky***  
***Michal Lavy***  
***Valerie Leibl***  
***Carol Leszcz***  
***Sandi Malamud***  
***Ruthie Maman***  
***Nancy Margolis***  
***Linda Martin***  
***Alison Mendres***  
***Senora Migie***  
***Na'ama Miller***  
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***Debra Nachtigall***  
***Angela Northam***  
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***Diane Peters***  
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***Bonnie Rafaeli***  
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***Sandra Rosenberg***  
***Beverley Rosenstock***  
***Shelley Ross***  
***Clara Roy***  
***Peggy Rybachuk***  
***Rachela Secter***  
***Simone Shalev***  
***Toby Shapiro***  
***Nadine Short***  
***Judi Shuster***  
***Janet Simon***  
***Nata Spigelman***  
***Johanna Steinfeld***  
***Michelle Tessler***  
***Pamela Vine***  
***Barbara Winestock***  
***Sherry Wolfe-Elazar***



# *Graduates*

***Steven Myles Baker*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Steven also receives The Max Marmel Scholarship, The Harry Daien Ba'al T'filah Award, The Winnipeg Kiddish Palm Springs Scholarship, Chesed Shel Emes Recognition, The Hebrew University Award and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

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***Adeena Sari Cooperband*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Adeena also receives the Most Improved Student Award for Judaic Studies, Honour Roll in General Studies and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

***Julieta Dascal*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Julieta also receives The General Moshe Dayan Post of Winnipeg Jewish War Veterans of Canada Award, The Rachel and Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship, the Benny Rubin Award for Artistic Achievement, Excellence in General Studies and Excellence with Distinction in Judaic Studies.

***Laura Deborah Dayan*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Laura also receives Jewish Child and Family Service Volunteer Recognition, Honour Roll in General Studies and Excellence in Judaic Studies.

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***Rachel Feren Goldberg*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Rachel also receives the Ethel and William (Velvel) Kozack Scholarship, The Morris Goldberg Scholarship, the Max Marmel Scholarship, Excellence in General Studies and Excellence in Judaic Studies.

***Morgan Danielle Green*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Morgan also receives Honour Roll in General Studies and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

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***Dan Kempner*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Dan also receives Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition and the Most Improved Student Award for General Studies and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

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***Skylar Jory Olivia Kneller*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Skylar also receives the Gray Academy of Jewish Education Silver Medal, the Sheldon Oberman Writing Award, the Rabbi Kravetz Award, the Gerry Koffman Kehilla Award, the Rachel and Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship, Excellence in General Studies and Excellence with Distinction in Judaic Studies.

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**Tali Pelich** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Tali also receives the Governor General's Medal, the Harvey and Sima Kay Scholarship, the Rebecca Swartz Memorial Award, the Benny Rubin Award for Artistic Achievement, Excellence with Distinction in General Studies and Excellence with Distinction in Judaic Studies.

**Valeriya Petrov** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Valeriya also receive Honour Roll in General Studies.

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**Marissa Danielle Rykiss** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Marissa also receives Honour in General Studies and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

**Mark Savlov** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Mark also receives Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition and Honour Roll in General Studies.

**Eliana Chava Schwartz** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Eliana also receives the Philip and Gertrude Weiss Award for Holocaust Awareness, Honour Roll in General Studies and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

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**Dalia Tchernov** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma.

**Ronald Tokar** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Ronald also receives Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition.

***Ilya Norman Vaslavskiy*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Ilya also receives Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

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***Rachel Bria Wolfe*** graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Rachel also receives Honour Roll in General Studies and Honour Roll in Judaic Studies.

## ***Acknowledgements***

*We take pride in the large number of contributors to Gray Academy of Jewish Education. The generosity of contributors makes possible not only the awards presented at Convocation, but also the undergraduate awards which are presented in September.*

*Our main sources of awards' revenue are derived from funds at:*

***Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education***

***Gray Academy Parent Advisory Committee***

***The Talmud Torah Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Scholarship Fund***

***The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba***

***The Winnipeg Foundation***

***Allocations from Universities and Organizations***

***Endowments and Allocations from Community Families and Individuals***

***The Gerry Koffman Kehilla Award is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg***

## ***Bursaries***

*The following bursaries will be given to individual students to assist with Post-Secondary education from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.*

***The Dr. I. Lerner Bursary for Post Secondary Studies in Science***

***Shinfield Family Fund Bursary***

***Sylvia Silverberg Bursary***

***The Sam Fleisher and Family Post Secondary Bursary***

***The Sydney & Pearl Morantz Bursary***

***The Irvin Goldman Memorial Post Secondary Bursary***



# ***Medals, Scholarships & Awards***

## **Medals:**

### **The Governor General's Medal – *Tali Pelich***

The Governor-General's Medal is presented to the student with the highest overall academic standing in all courses designated as Grade 11 and Grade 12.

### **The Harvey and Sima Kay Scholarship – *Tali Pelich***

The Harvey and Sima Kay Scholarship is presented to the Governor-General's Medallist from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

### **Gray Academy of Jewish Education Gold Medal – *Joshua Fineblit***

The Gold Medal is presented to the student best combining high academic achievement, participation in extra-curricular activities and overall contribution to the school.

### **Gray Academy of Jewish Education Silver Medal – *Skylar Kneller***

The Silver Medal is presented to the next student best combining high academic achievement, participation in extra-curricular activities and overall contribution to the school.

## **Scholarships & Awards:**

### **The Rebecca Swartz Memorial Award – *Tali Pelich***

The Rebecca Swartz Memorial Award is presented to the student with the highest combined standing in Grade 12 English and Grade 12 Math.

### **The Phil and Miriam Maltz Award – *Joshua Fineblit***

The Phil and Miriam Maltz Award is presented to the student with the highest standing in Grade 12 English from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

### **Ethel and William (Velvel) Kozack Scholarship – *Rachel Goldberg***

The Ethel and William (Velvel) Kozack Scholarship is presented to the student achieving the highest standing in Gr. 12 Pre-Calculus from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

### **Tom Blair Memorial Scholarship – *Samuel Fineblit***

The Tom Blair Memorial Scholarship is presented to the student with the highest standing in Grade 12 Chemistry from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

### **Sheldon Oberman Writing Award – *Skylar Kneller***

The Sheldon Oberman Writing Award is presented to a student in recognition of outstanding writing from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

### **The Victor and Hinda Hamovich Memorial Scholarship – *Samuel Fineblit***

The Victor and Hinda Hamovich Scholarship is presented to a student in recognition of high academic achievement from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

### **Evelyn and Bennie Rayman Scholarship – *Jonathan Ripstein***

The Evelyn and Bennie Rayman Scholarship is presented to a student of high academic standing who is continuing with post-secondary education from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

### **The Morris Goldberg Scholarship - *Rachel Goldberg***

The Morris Goldberg Scholarship is presented to a student in recognition of high academic achievement from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

**Morris Minuk and Lillian Minuk Scholarship – Allison Marmel**

The Morris Minuk and Lillian Minuk Scholarship is presented to a student in recognition of high academic achievement from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

**The General Moshe Dayan Post of Winnipeg Jewish War Veterans of Canada Award - In memory of Colonel Ilan Ramon – Julieta Dascal**

The General Moshe Dayan Post of Winnipeg Award is presented to a student in recognition of high academic achievement.

**The General Moshe Dayan Post of Winnipeg Jewish War Veterans of Canada Award - In memory of Arnold Goldstein – Jessica Donen**

The General Moshe Dayan Post of Winnipeg Award is presented to a student in recognition of high academic achievement.

**Steinbach Credit Union Scholarship**

– *Joseph Frohlinger, Justin Lasker & Maia Nelko*

The Steinbach Credit Union Scholarship is presented to students for recognition of high academic achievement.

**Most Improved Student Award – General Studies – Dan Kempner**

The Most Improved Student Award (General Studies) is presented to the student who has demonstrated the greatest academic improvement from Grade 11 to Grade 12.

**The Chown Centennial Scholarship – Samuel Fineblit**

The Chown Centennial Scholarship is presented to the student best combining high academic standing and extra curricular activities who will be attending the University of Manitoba.

**The Winnipeg Jewish Schools Teachers Association Award – Lindsay Kerr**

The Winnipeg Jewish Schools Teachers Association Award is presented to a graduating student with high academic achievement entering the Faculty of Education.

**Rudy and Paula Lowenstein Award – Allison Marmel**

The Rudy and Paula Lowenstein Award is presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in Grade 12 Hebrew from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

**The Allan A. Hoffman Scholarship – Dalit Leitman**

The Allan A. Hoffman Scholarship is presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in the Grade 12 Ethics course.

**The Rabbi Kravetz Award – Skylar Kneller**

The Rabbi Kravetz Award is presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in Judaic Studies.

**The Shelley Weiss Memorial Scholarship – Allison Marmel and Jonathan Ripstein**

The Shelley Weiss Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student who demonstrates the highest level of integrity and academic achievement in both General and Judaic Studies.

**The Gerry Koffman Kehilla Award – Skylar Kneller**

The Gerry Koffman award is presented to the student who has best demonstrated volunteerism in school community, Jewish community, and the Winnipeg community and who has a love of Israel and a commitment to Tzedakah. This award is presented by the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.

**The Rachel and Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship**

– *Julieta Dascal and Skylar Kneller*

The Rachel and Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship is presented from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba to students who have demonstrated an awareness of and an interest in Israel and Holocaust education.

**The Norman Satran Ba'al Midot Award – *Jonathan Ripstein***

The Norman Satran Ba'al Midot award is presented by the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba to the student who has contributed to the enhancement of the spiritual and ethical quality of school and synagogue and who has exhibited a love of Torah and of Israel.

**The Philip and Gertrude Weiss Award for Holocaust Awareness – *Eliana Schwartz***

The Philip and Gertrude Weiss Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated ongoing involvement in Holocaust education, participation in Holocaust Awareness Programs and Holocaust Research Activities.

**The Joseph Ezra J. Cohen Ba'al Kriyah Award – *Aden Benarroch***

The Joseph Ezra J. Cohen Ba'al Kriyah Award is presented to a student in recognition of excellence in Torah reading.

**The Harry Daien Ba'al T'filah Award – *Steven Baker and Jonathan Ripstein***

The Harry Daien Ba'al T'filah Award is presented to students in recognition of excellence in davening.

**The Winnipeg Kiddish Palm Springs Scholarship – *Steven Baker and Noa Farage***

The Winnipeg Kiddish Palm Springs Scholarship is presented to students selected as outstanding participants in school Shabbat services from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

**Most Improved Student Award (Judaic Studies) – *Adeena Cooperband***

The Most Improved Student Award (Judaic Studies) is presented to the student who has demonstrated the greatest academic improvement from Grade 11 to Grade 12.

**Hebrew University Award – *Steven Baker***

The Hebrew University Award is presented to a student for one year at the Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

**The Nathan Daniel Pollock Memorial Scholarship – *Jessica Donen***

The Nathan Daniel Pollock Memorial Scholarship is presented to the student who combines academic ability, athletic ability, menschlachkeit and who is committed to continuing Jewish learning.

**The David Merrick Memorial Award – *Aden Benarroch***

The David Merrick Memorial Award is presented to the student in recognition of athletic involvement and academic achievement.

**Bernie and Leya Tapper Entrance Award – *Mitchell Billinkoff***

The Bernie and Leya Tapper Entrance Award is presented to a student attending University of Manitoba, and who is involved in student government, is on an athletic varsity sports team and has high academic achievement.

**William Kagan Grade 12 Student Athletic Award – *Lauren Slusky***

The William Kagan Grade 12 Student Athletic Award is presented to a student in recognition of high academic standing and demonstrated athletic participation and ability.

**Max Marmel Scholarship - *Steven Baker and Rachel Goldberg***

The Max Marmel Scholarship is presented in recognition of both athletic involvement and academic achievement.

**The Michael Rosenberg Excellence in Varsity Grade 12 Basketball Award**

**- *Aden Benarroch and Lauren Slusky***

The Michael Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship is presented to outstanding Grade 12 Basketball players.

**Anita Neville Member of Parliament Award – *Joshua Morry***

The Anita Neville Member of Parliament Award is presented to the student who has attained a high standing in history, and has displayed involvement in student government and the community, a concern for the improvement of the human condition and has an understanding of the Canadian parliamentary system and Canadian current events.

**The Rose Sucharov Humanitarian Award – *Aliza Lerner***

The Rose Sucharov Humanitarian Award is presented to a student for *menschlichkeit* and humanitarian services.

**Heather Stephanson - MLA Award – *Joshua Fineblit***

The Heather Stephanson – MLA Award is presented to a student for outstanding involvement in extra-curricular activities and community involvement.

**Benny Rubin Award for Artistic Achievement – *Julieta Dascal and Tali Pelich***

The Benny Rubin Award is presented to students in recognition of outstanding achievement in Fine Arts.

**Music Leadership Award for Band – *Shea Lerner***

The Music Leadership Award for Band is presented to a student for outstanding leadership and participation in Band.

**Recognition for Excellence in Competitive Debating and Public Speaking**

**- *Joshua Fineblit, Samuel Fineblit, Joshua Morry and Jonathan Ripstein***

The recognition for excellence in Competitive Debating and Public Speaking is presented to students for their ongoing contribution in representing Gray Academy at various local, national and international competitions.

**Reach for the Top Team Recognition - *Aden Benarroch, Mitchell Billinkoff, Samuel***

***Fineblit, Joseph Frohlinger, and Joshua Morry***

The Grade 12 Reach for the Top Team Recognition is presented to students for their ongoing participation in representing Gray Academy on the Reach for the Top Team.

**Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition – *Steven Baker, Aden Benarroch, Joshua***

***Fineblit, Boris Furman, Dan Kempner, Shea Lerner, Jonathan Ripstein, Mark Savlov, Ronald Tokar, Ilya Vaslavskiy and Benjamin Winestock***

The Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition is presented to students who have volunteered as pallbearers fulfilling a true “Chesed Shel Emet” (Act of Kindness).

**Jewish Child and Family Service Volunteer Recognition**

**- *Aden Benarroch and Laura Dayan***

The Jewish Child and Family Volunteer Recognition is presented to students who have volunteered with Jewish Child and Family Service.

**Technical Contribution Award – *Joseph Frohlinger and Shea Lerner***

The Technical Contribution Award is presented to students for outstanding technical contribution to Gray Academy curricular and extra-curricular programming.

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## ***Graduation Student Committee***

*Thank you to all grade 12 students who acted as chairs of committees and/or served on a specific committee for Graduation.*

**Overall Grad Coordinators – *Matthew Metcalf and Benjamin Winestock***  
**Dinner Dance Chairs – *Jessica Donen, Dalit Leitman and Maia Nelko***  
**Fundraising Chairs – *Samuel Fineblit, Skylar Kneller and Allison Marmel***  
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## ***Graduation Parent Committee***

*Thank you to all grade 12 parents who were involved in all aspects of the graduation celebrations.*

**Overall Chairs/Dinner Dance – *Hope Morry, Brenda Tessler-Donen, Bev Werbuck***  
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