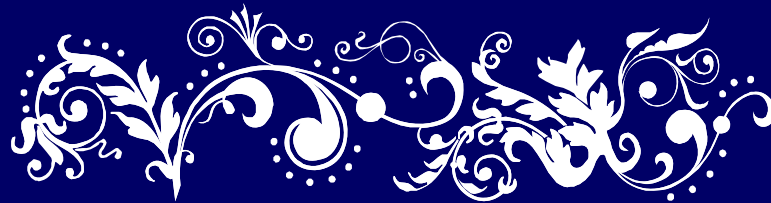




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Convocation 2011
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Program

Processional

Pianist: Josh Kerr

O Canada & Hatikvah

Opening Prayers

Joshua Donen & Benjamin Leibl

D'var Torah

Dr. Ruth Ashrafi – Director of Judaic Studies

Greetings from the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education

Anita Wortzman – Past President

Greetings from the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg

Adam Levene – Chair: Allocations Committee

Greetings from the Alumni Association

Al Benarroch

Greetings from the Head of School/CEO

Rory Paul

Valedictory Address

Sari Waldman: Hebrew Max Erenberg: English

Presentation of Diplomas & Awards

Sharon Freed & Bonnie Rafaeli – Reading of Biographies

Hart Sera & Invited Guests – Presentation of Diplomas & Awards

Closing Remarks

Hart Sera – Principal

Recessional

Pianist: Josh Kerr

Reception



בוגרי תשע"א

אשר רענן בילינקוף
בערל לייב בלאנק
יונה בראון
נחמן מאיר דונן
אילנה חווה אלבז
מרדכי יצחק ערנברג
גבריאל פורמן
שי תמיר גרבר
מיכל שרה גולדברג
אהבה רחל קופמן
בינימין איתן לייבל
בר-אל רנן לרנר
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אילנה ליבשיץ
ניקול נעמי מגד
יגאל מוסטקוב
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ולנטין רייניס
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זהבה ירדנה סילברסטיין
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אביחי סטולר
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Class of 2011

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Jonah Reed Brown
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Ilana Hava Elbaze
Max Isaac Erenberg
Gabriel Furman
Shea Thomas Garber
Mikaela Sari Goldberg
Ashley Leanders Kaufmann
Benjamin Ethan Leibl
Blake Ryan Lerner
Raffey Amit Levitt-Pinsky
Ilana Libschitz
Nicole Naomi Meged
Igal Mostkov
Sharna Alexia Levin Nelko
Viacheslav Panchenko
Daniel Petrov
Sheara Ariel Raber
Meira Dani Raber
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Sharon Gaber

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Lawrence Goldstine

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Jamie Hall

Scott Hartnell

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Andrew Hawkins

Jamie Kagan

Andrew Kaplan

Robert Knight

Lesley Knodel

Rachelle Koffman

Roz Kravetsky

Sharona Kravitz

Michal Lavy

Valerie Leibl

Carol Leszcz

Nadine Linder

Ashton Lyons

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Graduates

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Brandon Jarred Blank graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Brandon also receives Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Jonah Reed Brown graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Jonah also receives The Bernie and Leya Tapper Entrance Award, Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition, Excellence General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Joshua Noah Donen graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Joshua also receives the Philip & Gertrude Weiss Award for Holocaust Awareness, The David Merick Memorial Award, The William Kagan Grade 12 Male Athlete of the Year Award, The Michael Rosenberg Excellence in Gr. 12 Basketball Award, Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition, Excellence General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Ilana Hava Elbaze graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Ilana also receives The Morris Goldberg Scholarship, The Chown Centennial Scholarship, the Heather Stephanson – MLA Award, the Benny Rubin Award for Artistic Achievement, Excellence with Distinction General Studies and Excellence with Distinction Judaic Studies.

Max Isaac Erenberg graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Max also receives The Rachel & Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship for Holocaust Studies, the Councillor's Citizenship Award, Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Gabriel Furman graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Gabriel also receives the Councillor's Citizenship Award, Peer Mentorship Recognition, Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies

Shea Thomas Garber graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Shea also receives Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Mikaela Sari Goldberg graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Mikaela also receives the Gray Academy of Jewish Education Silver Medal, the Rudy and Paula Lowenstein Award, the David Kaufman Award, Excellence with Distinction General Studies and Excellence with Distinction Judaic Studies.

Ashley Leanders Kaufmann graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Ashley also receives the Morris Minuk and Lilian Minuk Scholarship, the Barry Bender Award, Hebrew University Award, Excellence General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Benjamin Ethan Leibl graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Benjamin also receives the Gray Academy of Jewish Education Vision of Achievement Award, Peer Mentorship Recognition, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Blake Ryan Lerner graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Blake also receives The Victor & Hinda Hamovitch Memorial Scholarship, the Ron Silver Award for Physics, Anita Neville Member of Parliament Award, Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition, Excellence General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Raffey Amit Levitt-Pinsky graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate. Raffey also receives Honour Roll General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

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Nicole Naomi Meged graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Nicole also receives Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Yigal Mostkov graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate.

Sharna Alexia Levin Nelko graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Sharna also receives the Gray Academy of Jewish Education Gold Medal, The Ron Silver Award for Physics, the Meyer and Roslyn Silver Award for Student Council Outstanding Leadership and Volunteerism in Grade 12, The Gerry Koffman Kehilla Award, The Joseph Ezra J. Cohen Ba'al Kriyah Award, Excellence with Distinction General Studies and Excellence with Distinction Judaic Studies.

Viacheslav Panchenko graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Viacheslav also receives the Shinfield Family Fund Scholarship, Excellence General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

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

Sheara Ariel Raber graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Sheara also receives The Michael Rosenberg Excellence in Grade 12 Basketball Award, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Meira Dani Raber graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Meira also receives The Michael Rosenberg Excellence in Grade 12 Basketball Award, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Melissa Fay Rabkin graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Melissa also receives The Blanuru Family Most Improved Student Award for General Studies, The Blanuru Family Most Improved Student Award for Judaic Studies, The Winnipeg Jewish Schools Teachers Association Award, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Yigal Raihman graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Yigal also receives the Rose and Louis Gunn Scholarship, Peer Mentorship Recognition, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Daniel Raihman graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Daniel also receives the Rose and Louis Gunn Scholarship and Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition.

Valentin Reinis graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Valentin Also receives the Rose and Louis Gunn Scholarship and Honour Roll General Studies.

Zev Aaron Ripstein graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Zev also receives The Governor General's Medal, The Harvey and Sima Kay Scholarship, the Ron Silver Award for Physics, The Rebecca Swartz Memorial Scholarship, The Phil and Miriam Maltz Award, the Tom Blair Memorial Scholarship, the Ethel & William (Velvel) Kozack Scholarship, The Allan A. Hoffman Scholarship, The Joseph Ezra J. Cohen Ba'al Kriyah Award, The Winnipeg Kiddish Palm Springs Scholarship, the Sheldon Oberman Writing Award, Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition, Excellence with Distinction General Studies and Excellence with Distinction Judaic Studies.

Brittany Jayde Silverstein graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Brittany also receives The General Moshe Dayan Post of Winnipeg Jewish War Veterans of Canada Award in Memory of Colonel Ilan Ramon, the Sharon Shinewald Scholarship, Excellence with Distinction General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Alexandra Smolyaninov graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Alexandra also receives the Leslie Ann Levy (Corey) Memorial Award, the Sylvia Silverberg Scholarship, Honour Roll General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Avichai Jack Stoller graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Avichai also receives Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition, Excellence General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Simone Reade Sucharov-Benarroch graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Simone also receives The Rose Sucharov Humanitarian Award, Jewish Child and Family Service Recognition, Honour Roll General Studies and Honour Roll Judaic Studies.

Amy Nicole Vine graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Amy also receives The Shelley Weiss Memorial Scholarship, the Benny Rubin Award for Artistic Achievement, Excellence with Distinction General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Sari Rebecca Waldman graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Sari also receives The Allan A. Hoffman Scholarship, the Mel Goldenberg Award for Excellence in Yiddish Language, The Rabbi Kravetz Award, The Harry Daien Ba'al T'filah Award, The Norman Satran Ba'al Midot Award, Peer Mentorship Recognition, Excellence with Distinction General Studies and Excellence with Distinction Judaic Studies.

Naomi Leah Wolfe graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Naomi also receives the Steinbach Credit Union Scholarship, The Nathan Daniel Pollock Memorial Scholarship, the William Kagan Grade 12 Female Athlete of the Year Award, Excellence General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Andrew Sean Lavitt Worb graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Andrew also receives Honour Roll General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.

Lexie Sara Yurman graduates with a Manitoba Education Citizenship & Youth Provincial certificate as well as a Gray Academy of Jewish Education Judaic Studies diploma. Lexie also receives the Evelyn & Bennie Rayman Scholarship, The Rachel & Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship for Israel Education, B'nai B'rith Manitoba Community Service Essay Contest Award, Excellence General Studies and Excellence Judaic Studies.



Medals, Scholarships & Awards

Medals:

The Governor General's Medal – Zev Ripstein

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 – Zev Ripstein

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 – Sharna Nelko

The Gold Medal is presented to the student best combining high academic achievement in Grade 11 & Grade 12 courses, has made a positive contribution to the school through participation in extra-curricular activities and who has made significant contributions of time and energy towards school programs.

Gray Academy of Jewish Education Silver Medal – Mikaela Goldberg

The Silver Medal is presented to the next student best combining high academic achievement in Grade 11 & Grade 12 courses, has made a positive contribution to the school through participation in extra-curricular activities and who has made significant contributions of time and energy towards school programs.

Scholarships & Awards:

The Rebecca Swartz Memorial Award – Zev Ripstein

The Rebecca Swartz Memorial Award is presented to the student with the highest combined standing in Grade 12 English 40S and Math 40S (Pre-Calculus) from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Phil and Miriam Maltz Award – Zev Ripstein

The Phil and Miriam Maltz Award is presented to the student with the highest standing in Grade 12 English 40S from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Ethel and William (Velvel) Kozack Scholarship – Zev Ripstein

The Ethel and William (Velvel) Kozack Scholarship is presented to the student achieving the highest standing in Grade 12 Math 40S (Pre-Calculus) from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Tom Blair Memorial Scholarship – Zev Ripstein

The Tom Blair Memorial Scholarship is presented to the student with the highest standing in Grade 12 Chemistry 40S from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Ron Silver Award – Blake Lerner, Sharna Nelko & Zev Ripstein

The Ron Silver Award is awarded to a graduating student in recognition of the highest academic achievement in Grade 12 Physics 40S.

Sheldon Oberman Writing Award – Zev Ripstein

The Sheldon Oberman Writing Award is awarded from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba to a graduating student who exhibits a passion for writing and who has given beyond the requirements of classroom work to participate in literary contests, write for the school newspaper, and have works printed in literary publication.

The Victor and Hinda Hamovich Memorial Scholarship – Blake Lerner

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 – Lexie Yurman

The Evelyn and Bennie Rayman Scholarship is presented to a student for high academic achievement from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Morris Goldberg Scholarship – Ilana Elbaze

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 – Ashley Kaufmann

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 – Brittany Silverstein

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 – Asher Billinkoff

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

Steinbach Credit Union Scholarship – Naomi Wolfe

The Steinbach Credit Union Scholarship is presented to a student in recognition of high academic achievement.

Shinfield Family Fund Scholarship – Viacheslav Panchenko

The Shinfield Family Fund Scholarship is presented to a student for continued post-secondary education from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Sylvia Silverberg Scholarship – Alexandra Smolyaninov

The Sylvia Silverberg Scholarship is presented to a student for continued post-secondary education from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Rose and Louis Gunn Scholarship – Daniel Raihman, Yigal Raihman & Valentin Reinis

The Rose and Louis Gunn Scholarship is presented to a student for continued post-secondary education from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Blanaru Family Most Improved Student Award – General Studies – Melissa Rabkin

The Blanaru Family Most Improved Student Award is presented to a student taking a full course load, with the highest positive numerical difference between all Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses in General Studies from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Chown Centennial Scholarship – Ilana Elbaze

The Chown Centennial Scholarship is presented to a student who best combines high academic standing, and extensive involvement in extra-curricular activities, and who will be attending University of Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Jewish Schools Teachers Association Award – Melissa Rabkin

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

David Kaufman Award – Mikaela Goldberg

The David Kaufman Award is presented to the student with the highest overall average in Grade 12 Judaic Studies from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Rudy and Paula Lowenstein Award – Mikaela Goldberg

The Rudy and Paula Lowenstein Award is presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in Grade 12 Hebrew 40S (highest book in the NETA program) from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Allan A. Hoffman Scholarship – Sari Waldman & Zev Ripstein

The Allan A. Hoffman Scholarship is presented to the students with the highest academic achievement in the Grade 12 Israel Advocacy course from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Mel Goldenberg Award for Excellence in Yiddish Language – Sari Waldman

The Mel Goldenberg Award is presented to a graduating student with the highest academic achievement in the Yiddish course from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Rabbi Kravetz Award – *Sari Waldman*

The Rabbi Kravetz Award is presented to a student taking a full course load for high academic achievement in Judaic Studies.

The Shelley Weiss Memorial Scholarship – *Amy Vine*

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

The Sharon Shinewald Scholarship – *Brittany Silverstein*

The Sharon Shinewald Scholarship is presented to a student who demonstrates a love for, participation in and study of Social Humanities in the areas of Language acquisition and Fine Arts.

Gray Academy Vision of Achievement Award – *Benjamin Leibl*

The Gray Academy Vision of Achievement Award is presented to a graduating student who has embraced his/her challenges and has successfully completed Grade 12 with achievement in academics and extra-curricular programming.

The Gerry Koffman Kehilla Award – *Sharna Nelko*

The Gerry Koffman Kehilla 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 for Israel Education

– *Lexie Yurman*

The Rachel and Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student who has demonstrated an active involvement in Israel education from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Rachel and Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship for Holocaust Education

– *Max Erenberg*

The Rachel and Dov Eisenstadt Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student who has demonstrated an active involvement in Holocaust education from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Barry Bender Award – *Ashley Kaufmann*

The Barry Bender award is presented to a student that furthers their Jewish education and experience by continuing their study and experiences at a serious institution or program of Jewish Learning.

The Norman Satran Ba'al Midot Award – *Sari Waldman*

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 who has exhibited a love of Torah and of Israel.

The Philip and Gertrude Weiss Award for Holocaust Awareness – *Joshua Donen*

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 – *Sharna Nelko & Zev Ripstein*

The Joseph Ezra J. Cohen Ba'al Kriyah Award is presented to a student for excellence in Torah reading at Gray Academy Shabbat services and programs.

The Harry Daien Ba'al T'filah Award – *Sari Waldman*

The Harry Daien Ba'al T'filah Award is presented to a student for excellence in davening at Gray Academy Shabbat services and programs.

The Winnipeg Kiddish Palm Springs Scholarship – *Zev Ripstein*

The Winnipeg Kiddish Palm Springs Scholarship is presented to a student for outstanding participation in Gray Academy Shabbat services and programs from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The Blanaru Family Most Improved Student Award - Judaic Studies

– Melissa Rabkin

The Blanaru Family Most Improved Student Award is presented to a student taking a full course load, with the highest positive numerical difference between all Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses in Judaic Studies from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Hebrew University Award – Ashley Kaufmann

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

The David Merrick Memorial Award

- Joshua Donen

The David Merrick Memorial Award is awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the school athletic program, achieved a high standard of performance in a variety of sports and who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship on and off the court.

The Nathan Daniel Pollock Memorial Scholarship – Naomi Wolfe

The Nathan Daniel Pollock Memorial Scholarship is presented to the student who combines academic ability, athletic ability, and demonstrates sportsmanship/menschlichkeit on and off the court and a commitment to Jewish learning.

Bernie and Leya Tapper Entrance Award – Jonah Brown

The Bernie and Leya Tapper Entrance Award is presented to a student attending the University of Manitoba, who has a minimum 80% average in his/her final year, is currently involved in student government, and is currently on an athletic varsity sports team.

William Kagan Grade 12 Female Athlete of the Year – Naomi Wolfe

William Kagan Grade 12 Male Athlete of the Year – Joshua Donen

The William Kagan Grade 12 Athlete of the Year Award is presented to a graduating student who demonstrates a commitment to the school's athletic program, performs with the highest level of skill in a minimum of two major sports, and has demonstrated the qualities of leadership on and off the court.

The Michael Rosenberg Excellence in Varsity Grade 12 Basketball Award

Female– Sheara Raber and Meara Raber

Male - Joshua Donen

The Michael Rosenberg Memorial Award is awarded to graduating students who are the most outstanding basketball players.

Anita Neville Member of Parliament Award – Blake Lerner

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 demonstrated an understanding of the Canadian parliamentary system and Canadian current events.

The Rose Sucharov Humanitarian Award – Simone Sucharov-Benarroch

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

Meyer and Roslyn Silver Award for Student Council Outstanding Leadership and Volunteerism in Grade 12 – Sharna Nelko

The Meyer and Roslyn Silver Award is presented to a Grade 12 student involved in student council who demonstrates outstanding leadership and volunteerism from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Heather Stephanson - MLA Award – Ilana Elbaze

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

Paula Havixbeck Councillor's Citizenship Award – Max Erenberg & Gabriel Furman

The Councillor's Citizenship Award is presented to a Grade 12 student living in the Tuxedo-Charleswood ward who demonstrates the qualities of leadership, respect and commitment to academics and athletics.

Leslie Ann Levy (Corey) Memorial Award– Aleksandra Smolyaninov

The Leslie Ann Levy (Corey) Memorial Award is presented to a Grade 12 student in recognition of the highest standard of Achievement in Music/Drama/Musical Theatre from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Benny Rubin Award for Artistic Achievement – Ilana Elbaze & Amy Vine

The Benny Rubin Award is presented to a student who demonstrates a passion and extraordinary talent for creating art. The student sets high standards for himself/herself and consistently performs beyond expectations.

B'nai B'rith Manitoba Community Service Essay Writing Contest – Lexie Yurman

The B'nai B'rith Manitoba Essay Contest Award is presented to the Grade 12 student whose essay was chosen as the winning entry on the theme of the value and significance of community service and volunteerism.

Technical Contribution to Gray Academy Recognition – Asher Billinkoff

The Technical Contribution to Gray Academy Recognition is presented to a Grade 12 student for outstanding technical contribution to Gray Academy curricular and extra-curricular programming.

Peer Mentorship Recognition – Asher Billinkoff, Gabriel Furman, Benjamin Leibl, Yigal Raihman, Sari Waldman

Peer Mentorship recognition is presented to Grade 12 students who volunteered their time to serve as peer mentors at Gray Academy.

Chesed Shel Emes Volunteer Recognition – Asher Billinkoff, Jonah, Brown, Joshua Donen, Max Erenberg, Gabriel Furman, Blake Lerner, Daniel Raihman, Zev Ripstein, Avichai Stoller

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

- Asher Billinkoff & Simone Sucharov-Benarroch

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

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.

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

The Hebrew University Award is sponsored by the Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Friend of Hebrew University

Bursaries

The Christie Office Continued Learning Bursary

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

The Sam Fleisher and Family Post Secondary Bursary

The Sydney & Pearl Morantz Bursary

The Irvin Goldman Memorial Post Secondary Bursary

Awards of Excellence and Honour Roll

Awards of Excellence with Distinction

Presented to students whose academic average is 95% or higher.

General Studies

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Mikaela Goldberg
Sharna Nelko
Zev Ripstein
Brittany Silverstein
Amy Vine
Sari Waldman

Judaic Studies

Ilana Elbaze
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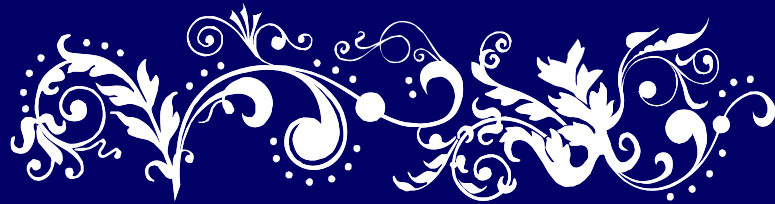
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