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ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

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The Gray Academy of Jewish Education (GAJE) Board of Directors was very busy this past year. After an exhaustive and thorough worldwide search, with the aid of an international recruitment agency headquartered in New York, the combined position of GAJE Director of Jewish Education with Judaic expertise was divided into two jobs: the Head of School (administrative head of GAJE), and the Director of Judaic Studies (Judaic head of GAJE).

In December, 2002, **Mr. Shaul Wachstock** was identified as the successful candidate for the Director of Judaics. A bright, visionary, 31-year-old graduate of the prestigious Mandel School in Jerusalem and a Jerusalem Fellow, Mr. Wachstock will fill a five year void at the Gray Academy.

Locally, the GAJE Board collaborated with the Harris Consulting Group in its search for a Head of School, eventually identifying **Mr. Rory Paul**, to fill this position. Mr. Paul has worked in this city's Seven Oaks School Division since 1977, enjoying a proven record as an administrator dedicated to the success of every student. For the past seven years, he has served as Principal of H.C. Avery Middle School, where he implemented the Hebrew Bilingual program. As Head of School, Mr. Paul will be responsible for all academic, administrative and community relations activities at the Gray Academy.

Another local administrator, **Mr. Hart Sera**, will complete the new administrative team. Mr. Sera will assume the position of Principal of the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, responsible for all academic and administrative activities at both Shore

Elementary School and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate. Mr. Sera has worked in Winnipeg One School Division for many years, most recently serving as principal of Gordon Bell High School.

The GAJE Board of Directors looks forward to working with this new administrative team. Together, they will plot the future course of the Gray Academy as a sustainable educational institution, striving for excellence in General and Judaic Studies.

At this point, the board would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions and tireless efforts of the current administration. Director of Education **Mrs. Miriam Maltz**, Shore Elementary School Principal **Ms. Becky Warren**, and JWC Principal **Mrs. Maureen Steinfeld**, have all enriched the tradition of excellent Jewish day school education in Winnipeg.

In other news, the GAJE Board unanimously agreed to implement the CESI Accreditation Process. CESI (Canadian Educational Standards Institute) is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting high educational standards for independent schools in Canada, and providing responsible institutional and program evaluation and accreditation.

This new accreditation process will enable the administration and board to prove that the GAJE schools teach more than the provincially mandated curriculum, which already is taught in half the classroom time.

In addition to introducing the accreditation process, CESI educational experts will help the GAJE staff and board strategically plan for the future academic and financial success of its schools.

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JWC REFLECTIONS

We are pleased to introduce a new column 'JWC REFLECTIONS' - the column will be guest written each issue by a JWC graduate. Our first guest columnist is **Bryan Borzykowski**, Class of 1998. Bryan has just completed his first year of the two year journalism program at Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto. He also is the front man for the band *Imperial Public Library*, which released its second CD, *Turn Off the Oven and Get to the Hospital*, in November, 2002.

GRADE 10 CLASS INSPIRES CAREER CHOICE

by Bryan Borzykowski



Toronto. The big city. I am just one of the many Winnipeggers to plant themselves several hundred kilometers east in Canada's largest metropolis. When I first entered Mr. Oberman's journalism class in Grade 10, it didn't occur to me that I would be sitting here, in Toronto, with one year of journalism school behind me. I remember my biggest accomplishment in Grade 10 was when **Simon Tudiver** and I eagerly took control of issue 12 of the *JWC Link*, and edited the school newspaper, which, at 10 cents a copy, sold out twice. Unbeknownst to me at the time, that was the beginning of my love affair with journalism.

Mr. Oberman was just one of the many teachers to take a profound interest in the students' work. He was always pushing us to try something different and he helped us develop our creativity. His confidence in his students never wavered, even after **Andrew Kaplan** and I staged a bizarre news story involving an egg and a Coke machine.

It's not a surprise or a secret that JW is famous for the attention the teachers provide. This attention can translate into friendships between teacher and student that can last well after high school. During the school year our class would occasionally join **Ms. Binder** for a Shabbat dinner at her home, and just last year I found myself going to the casino with **Mr. Goldstine** and **Barry**

Bender (if only Mr G. knew as much about blackjack as he does about Jewish history).

The close-knit community between student and staff has had a lasting effect on me, which can be seen in the schools I have attended since Joseph Wolinsky. Deciding whether to attend the vast campus of the University of Manitoba, or the one narrow hallway of the University of Winnipeg, was a tough choice for some, but after being in a small school all my life I couldn't see how I could bring myself to learn in a large and intimidating atmosphere.

I hoped that my post secondary education would allow me to have some of the same comforts that I had in high school. The personal attention, small classes which allowed students to speak their minds, and close friendships, were all available to me in the close quarters of the U of W. While Ryerson is the biggest school I have ever attended (a whopping 12,000 people), no class has over 30 people in it, and it's always the same 30 of us.

I still talk about high school to my friends, something they find strange. But it is one of the most significant places in my life. If it wasn't for Mr. Oberman's journalism classes, the JWC yearbook, and our secure environment, things could have ended up very differently for me.

Opinions expressed here are those of the writer and not the editorial staff. If you are interested in writing a JWC Reflection, please contact the newsletter editor at jwcalumni@aspercampus.mb.ca

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We welcome all your comments and questions and look forward to hearing from JWC alumni wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

MR. ZOCHAR HONOURED

Yitzchak Zochar, the JWC teacher who created the annual *JWC Yom Ha'Atzmaut Song Festival (Festival Ha Zemer)* back in 1974, was honoured by the school on the occasion of the song festival's 30th anniversary, on May 6, 2003.

In addition to featuring the traditional original song competition in the Junior and Senior categories, this year's concert also featured a retrospective of previous winning songs, performed by alumni and introduced by former JWC principal **Jerry Cohen**.



Performers included Shayla Fink, Sharon Fink, Amira Posner, Susan Cohen Meged, Stephen Reich, Marlaina Reiner, Ruthy Laveman and Cal Reich. These alumni then joined the students on stage for a rousing finale of *Yerushalayim Keter HaZahav*, the festival's original winning song written by Cecil Herman, Missy Libling and Sarah Michaels.

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ALUMNI FEEDBACK

In the last issue of this newsletter we reported that the traditional Grade 12 Israel trip may be discontinued. We asked for your opinions. Should the trip continue in view of the Mideast political situation? What should the Grade 12 graduating class do in the future if the Israel trip is discontinued? What kinds of programs or projects could possible replace it?

Jeremy Shinewald (Class of 1994), MBA Class of 2003 at the University of Virginia Darden Graduate School of Business, had this to say. "It would be tragic if the Israel trip were canceled. I think that this is what keeps a large number of Grade 12 students at the school. Birthright is not a substitute because it is not as personal to students and also much shorter. While Birthright may be a good alternative now, I would hope that in the long run, when security concerns are reduced, the school would return to the traditional trip."

We still would like to hear from the rest of you. What do you think? Email us at

jwcalumni@aspercampus.mb.ca

VOS IS DOS?

Students who were enrolled in the Yiddish track of the amalgamated Talmud Torah I.L. Peretz Folk School are invited to attend the

I.L. Peretz Folk School Reunion

being held this summer in Winnipeg, August 1-4. For further information check out the website

www.peretzreunion.com

On the last page is a list of JWC Alumni who we have not been able to locate. If you know where they are, please let us know.

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1961 Lasman	Tamar		1981 Kravetsky	Charles		1990 Carmel	Elana
1962 Freedman	Adele		1981 Love	Michele	(Bercovich)	1990 Fine	Paul
1962 Leichter	Rachel		1982 Buckhalter	Lisa		1990 Searles	Neil
1962 Weinberg	Judy		1982 Hurwitz	Paula		1990 Segelbaum	Reuben
1963 Lichtman	Jack		1982 Kostovetsky	Lena		1990 Shore	Lainie
1963 Robins	Donna		1982 Raisen	Jay		1990 Sigismund	Shawn
1963 Steele	Shimon		1982 Rosenberg	Avi	?Rose	1990 Silver	Norman
1964 Gorenstein	Aryeh		1982 Rosenberg	Joseph		1990 Wolch	Eden
1964 Klein	Edward		1983 Brodsky	David		1990 Zimmerman	Warren
1964 Perlman	Lieba		1983 Caplan	Steve		1991 Ben-Shachar	Gallit
1965 Caplan	Cynthia		1983 Goldstein	Brian		1991 Fine	Michelle
1965 Gorenstein	David		1983 Searles	Shawn		1991 Finkelman	Amy
1965 Himelstein	Saundra		1984 Dempster	Renata	(Bursten)	1991 Gunn	Robyn
1965 Landau	Valerie		1984 Greenblat	Cynthia		1991 Meyers	Michael
1965 Rudnik	Yaffa		1984 Gurvey	David		1991 Myers	Sarah
1966 McFliker	Bella		1984 Kuris	Dana		1991 Rosenberg	Melanie
1966 Perlman	Kusiel		1984 Moser	Susan		1992 Ariellei	Asaf
1967 Maslovsky	Joel		1984 Myers	Noel		1992 Ben-Dov	Amit
1967 Schachter	Joseph		1984 Rand	Dan		1992 Easton	Jeffrey
1967 Tishler	Gedona		1984 Steele	Karen		1992 Feuer	Janice
1968 Kravetz	Sarah		1985 Buckwold	Ruth		1992 Kahanovitch	Dalit
1968 Merkel	Stephen		1985 Cohen	Ari		1992 Riftin	Dmitry
1968 Szlachter	Susan		1985 Dragun	Katherine		1992 Segal	Lisa
1969 Babier	Leslie		1985 Dreyzin	Ilona		1992 Segal	Tamara
1969 Hirsz	Clara		1985 Ganor	Gali		1992 Shumeley	Alan
1969 Lawent	Sharon		1985 Gershman	Ricki		1992 Tennenbein	Burton
1969 Schneid	Celia	(Weizman)	1985 Glass	Marla		1993 Carmel	Naomi
1970 Ginsberg	Faigie	(Bressler)	1985 Goldstein	Linda		1993 Gitter	Ashley
1970 Kravetz	Shayna		1985 Gunn	Lisa		1993 Halperin	Noa
1971 Landau	Leslie		1985 Hurwitz	Hayley		1993 Shuckett	Cara
1972 Aronovitch	Sara		1985 Jacobson	Perry		1994 Finkle	Esther
1972 Blutstein	Morris		1985 Mizrachi	Malka		1994 Gordon	Bryson
1972 Erenberg	Yale		1985 Teller	Allan		1994 Lavrentieva	Svetlana
1972 Goldstein	Danny		1985 Worb	Karen		1994 Segelbaum	Michael
1972 Okon	Barbara	(Goldstein)	1986 Abecassis	Marshall		1994 Shore	Randal
1972 Weiss	Heather		1986 Feldman	Alena		1994 Weinberg	Sheila
1973 Brass	Jonathan		1986 Feldman	Allan		1995 Freedman	Jody
1973 Gorenstein	Sid		1986 Gozlan	Hagit		1995 Strauss	Ben
1973 Simkin	Sam		1986 Kupets	Rachel		1995 Weinberg	Tali
1974 Haddad	Lily	(Kern)	1986 Maly	Julie		1995 Wolch	Shana
1974 Luxemburg	Nikki		1986 Riceberg	Cynthia		1996 Braunstein	Sanela
1976 Belenky	Clara		1987 Jacobson	Darryl		1996 Gamer	Michael
1976 Gil	Mical		1987 Nordon	David		1996 Rosner	Lainie (Elaine)
1976 Polson	Ronald		1988 Abecassis	Maurissa		1998 Greenberg	Jodie
1976 Vitkin	Marina		1988 Dragun	Solange		1998 Lazer	Amy
1977 Hochman	Marshall		1988 Gilman	Maury		1998 Mayersdorf	Shaindi
1977 Rosenberg	David		1988 Gitter	Linda		1998 Minuk	Marlee
1977 Silden	Ken		1988 Glass	Kimberley		1998 Perlov	Daniel
1978 Bagimer	Dena	(Lyons)	1988 Kay	David		1998 Sodomsky	Lauren
1978 Frimerman	Felix		1988 Weinberg	Orly		1998 Tudiver	Simon
1978 Gelvan	Alexander		1988 Wolch	Amanda		1999 Holt	David
1978 Greenberg	Adrienne		1989 Allen	Brooke		1999 Zatser	Landon
1978 Lockshin	Arnie		1989 Dusang	Lori		2000 Braunstein	Dobrilla
1978 Pansovoy	Irine		1989 Estein	Orly		2001 Dayan	Jonathan
1978 Zlotnikov	Galina		1989 Finkle	Ian		2001 Wainburg	Ari
1979 Levy	Gerard		1989 Konheim	Hana			
1979 Wassermann	Jeffrey		1989 Shuckett	Nicole			
1980 Ioffe	Vladimir		1989 Sokolov	Milana			
1981 Igel	Leslie	(Nepom)	1990 Avital	Sagit			