

Ottawa Modern Jewish School Spring Newsletter (May 2011)

Time sure flies when you're having a good time, and we have had many good times in the last three months here at OMJS.

Here are some of the highlights of past events, and information of upcoming events at OMJS and within the Ottawa Jewish community. L'Hitraot להתראות, Janet.

Important Dates:

May 8, 7:30pm @ JCC

Yom Hazikaron

(Memorial Day to honour fallen Israeli soldiers)

<http://jewishottawa.com/index.aspx>

May 10, 5pm @ Aberdeen Pavilion

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

(Israel Independence Day)

<http://jewishottawa.com/index.aspx>

May 22 – No Classes

June 12 - Walkathon More info to follow

June 19 – Graduation and Closing Ceremonies (Details to Follow)

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

We hope you and your children will attend the celebration of Israel's independence. This year all of our students have been involved in the creation of a banner that will be presented at the event.

All of the Jewish schools have been asked to meet at Aberdeen Pavilion no later than 6:15pm on May 10. We ask for your support and to bring your child to walk and display the banner.

Purim – Pseudo-Seudah

Music, skits, hammentashen, and fun filled the social hall at OMJS's Purim celebration.

OMJS and JET Adult Jewish History Class Completed!

Another successful class was offered to OMJS parents through JET (Jewish Education through Torah). The Adult history class was interactive and highly educational leaving participants wanting more. We look forward to continuing this partnership and providing more classes next year!



Parent Meeting

On April 10, 2011 parents met for a facilitated discussion around the present school year and future planning. It was very positive and we strive to continue the quality education OMJS offers.

Annual Fundraising Campaign!

OMJS has launched its annual campaign and is asking for your support. With your support OMJS can continue to offer and expand its weekly programs and incorporate innovative events into the calendar and curriculum.

Holocaust Education

TA Megan Hollinger has prepared a power point presentation about Anne Frank. She has researched this topic and is passionate about sharing her knowledge with the students. This will be shared with the grade 6-7 class. Stories showing courage, compassion, and perseverance were shared and discussed in the grade 4-5 and 2-3 classes.

Grade 6-7 Sephardic Food Festival

This class had the special experience of tasting foods from the Sephardic Jewish communities around the world. The students also enjoyed traditional Ashkenazi foods and enjoyed music from both cultures.

Grade 4-5 Archaeology

Archaeological terms and its relevance to our history were explored through hands on activities. This culminated with learning about the Dead Sea Scrolls, its discovery and content.

Grade 2-3 Passover Seder

In preparation for Passover, the grade 2-3's experienced a mock Seder. Emphasis

was given to tasting Matzah, Marror, Karpass, and the 4 questions.

Grade K-1

Preparing for Passover included the story, singing songs, and making their own plague boxes (non-toxic, non-contagious!) Their next activity will be creating a Hebrew writing booklet.

Featured Staff:

Tobin Kaiman Administrative Assistant

Tobin is a graduate of OMJS and currently is enrolled at Carleton University studying Financial Economics. His career goals are to become an accountant or something in finance. His interests include tennis, jogging, Israel, and hanging out with friends. Tobin is not returning to OMJS next year, he has joined the IDF (Israeli Defence Forces) and is leaving this summer for a few years!

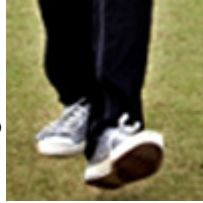
Ilona Mauskopf Hebrew Language Teacher

Morah Ilona was born in a small town on the border of Ukraine and Hungary, later moving to Israel with at age 15 with her family and no knowledge of Hebrew. But after living in Israel for 18 years (including 2 years served in the IDF, and then studying at the Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva) she can now certainly call the Hebrew language a native tongue! (Actually she speaks 4 languages: Russian, Hungarian, Hebrew and English!) In 1998 Morah Ilona immigrated to Canada with her husband and children, and in 2001 made Ottawa her home. A graduate of Algonquin College for Early Childhood Education,

Morah Ilona, is enjoying the new experience of working with the older students this year. Outside of OMJS, Ilona works as an Early Childhood Educator in a pre-school. Her daughter, Michelle, graduated from OMJS last year.

**Walkathon
(June 12, 2011)**

Rain or shine, this annual community-wide event brings people of all ages out to support their community agencies



and organizations. Whether you stroll or sprint the designated route, you'll encounter lots of people, activities and fun en-route. The 2011 Walkathon is Sunday, June 12 so mark your calendar! To register for the race use the following link:

<https://notes.htgsports.com/VRS.nsf/Reg?OpenForm&ParentUNID=87355EEE891F0C0185257869006D05FD>

OMJS now has its very own Facebook page!

Simply click the link below to find us on Facebook

Or search: 'Ottawa Modern Jewish School' to find us and "Like" us on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ottawa-Modern-Jewish-School/139136052801493>

We will be posting important dates, announcements and other information related to OMJS and the Ottawa Jewish community.



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Ottawa Modern Jewish School: Connecting children to their Jewish Roots

The Ottawa Modern Jewish School (OMJS) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the launch of the Spring 2011 OMJS Fundraising Campaign.

Your support in 2010 allowed us to continue providing quality Jewish education to our children for the 2010/2011 school year. And what a year it has been. We moved to the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, we said goodbye to our principal Miriam Lerson-Hameiri after many years of dedicated service and welcomed a new principal Janet Kaiman a former teacher from OMJS. We have invigorated the curriculum and increased enrolment by 30% in just one year. Our teachers continue to provide a high quality education with enthusiasm in our Sunday morning program.

We partnered with JET to teach two 6 week courses to parents in Hebrew language and Jewish History. We developed a "Being Jewish" program for our grade 6/7 students following the lifecycle events in the Jewish tradition. We have much more planned for next year through which we are creating an exciting, vibrant link to the Jewish community one family at a time.

We ask you to continue to support our OMJS community. L'Dor V'Dor: from Generation to Generation - we will continue to connect our children to their Jewish roots.

Your donation will allow us to continue offering a secular Jewish education that is unique in this Jewish community.

Please send your donation to OMJS at 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, ON,. K2A 1R9.

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Shelley Rivier, Alumnus and OMJS President

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