

End of year Newsletter



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Thank You's

- ◆ To the families ... Bernstein Dressler (Asher and Caleb), Sabbag (Evan), Sandilands (Miriam), Mendelson (Baila and Naomi) for Kabbalat Shabbat snacks.
- ◆ \$52.45 Tzedakah raised during the month of June for Hamilton SPCA
- ◆ Rabbi Cohen for his visits to Kehila and sharing his wisdom and knowledge.
- ◆ Cantor Paula for bringing music to our Kabbalat Shabbats
- ◆ Denise Lilliman for bringing out the artist in our students
- ◆ Piotr Gawek for his musical talents and giving our students the ability to appreciate music
- ◆ We thank you all, parents, grandparents, past parents and Kehila supporters for helping with reading, computers, website, other technical skills, sponsoring class trips, special events and for all the much needed support.
- ◆ Our Board of Directors and committees who worked tirelessly keeping Kehila on track. We could not do it without you.

Reminders:

- ◆ Please make sure your tuition deposit has been received by the Kehila office
- ◆ Bursary applications with your \$100.00 deposit due now!
- ◆ School begins on Tuesday September 4th.
- ◆ In August an email will be sent with information and permission forms for the school year 2018/2019. Please make sure to complete all the forms and bring them in on the Tuesday school begins. Most information can also be found on Kehila's website.



Dear Parents,

As the school year comes to a close we would like you to know that it has been our pleasure and privilege to have taught your child this year. We have enriched our lives together and learned so many new things.

We like the way you love to share
We like the way you've grown to care
We like the way you sing and play
and know you're special in every way.

We're glad we were your teachers
We've come to love you so
We can't believe the end is here
It's sad to see you go

Good Luck for next year!
We wish you all a safe and happy summer.
Linda, Michele, Pierre and Zehava

You're off to great
places! Today is your
day! Your mountain
is waiting. So get
on your way!

- Dr. Seuss. *Oh the Places
You'll Go!*



Last Day of School

pencils – tiny
erasers – flat
glue – empty
folders – fat
crayons – broken
desk – neat
memories – forever
year – complete

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Dear Kehila families and students,

As the school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a great year! What a school! Together we've learned much and shared experiences that will remain with us. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our children primarily but for all of us makes Kehila JCDS truly a special place. I have so enjoyed returning to Kehila to help guide and support the school in its Chai Year – full of fun activities and big community changing plans.

Special thanks to all of you who have contributed in ways small, large and unimaginable! Organizing events, working at these events, showing up to support your children and your school, serving on committees, sharing your talents, picking up trash, hosting late night meetings, serving on our Board of Directors, brainstorming the “what ifs” supporting our work in countless ways and providing the resources to do what we dream and know is good for children. Thanks for getting your kids to school each day, for sending your kids with healthy lunches obviously packed with love, for making sure homework gets done... and turned in. Thank you for helping us provide rich and engaging, well-rounded experiences for your children and knowing that investing in a Jewish Education is key to raising menches and active community members. Thank you for supporting our effort to ensure that learning is about joy, wonder and fostering curiosity, along with the development of social skills so needed to succeed. For these, and a million other things, we are truly grateful.

Recently, I've been reading about play-based learning and how play contributes significantly to brain growth and development. My summer reading list includes a book entitled, *Last Child in the Woods*, by Richard Louv. This book describes what he calls Nature Deficit Disorder and the positive benefits of outdoor exploration on children's physical and emotional health. As I prepare to move to the country this summer, I encourage all of you to find some country time to unplug from technology and plug into nature. May your summer be filled with play, exploration, and lots of time spent outdoors. This is a great way to learn and we live in an amazing city and province for it, don't we?! To those of you who are leaving us for new places and adventures, we wish you all the best.

One last request before all of my efforts go to helping our Search Committee find Kehila a new principal, we need all families to help us plan our Chai Gala on September 6. June and the summer months will be key times for planning and organizing this essential fundraising event so we start the school year off as Kehila Heschel Hamilton on a solid footing. Please sign up for the committee of your choice on our parent board in the hallway.

For your calendaring pleasure, the first day of school begins on Tuesday, September 4th and our Chai Gala Event is on Thursday, September 6. Enjoy a restful and replenishing summer with your families!

Most sincerely,
Leia Ger
Acting Principal