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Dear Hebrew Academy Alumni,

The 2011 September issue of HAppenings begins with a tribute to an exceptional HA Alumna Joelle Lewandowski z'l Class of '96. Joelle touched the lives of the many people who knew her. The outpouring of love and support by her classmates is recounted in the following pages. Joelle will be sadly missed.

To the Graduating Class of '11 —Yasher Koach for a great year. We look forward to hearing about your HAppenings! Shana Tova U'Metuka

Marian Segal, Director of Development

A tribute to Joelle Lewandowski z'l, Alumna '96



By Linda Lehrer, Executive Director, Hebrew Academy

I had the pleasure and privilege of watching Joelle grow from a lovely child into a beautiful young woman. I remember her fondly as being a respectful and sweet girl with a positive attitude and a kind and friendly disposition. Her laugh was infectious and she was a pleasure to be around. Well liked by her friends and teachers, Joelle set her standards high and was admired for all her achievements. We are heartbroken at losing a part of our Hebrew Academy family. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Faculty, Administration and Staff of HA, our deepest condolences to her family. May her memory be a blessing. May her soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

The class of 1996 has recently set up a fund in Joelle's name. Because Israel and Zionism were near and dear to Joelle's heart, this fund will be dedicated to supporting a student's year of study in Israel or something Zionist related. If you'd like to make a donation, please call or email Hebrew Academy and ask for your donation to be targeted to Joelle's specific fund.

By Carole Lasry ('96)

My fondest memories of Joelle go back to when we were young and she invited the girls from our class to go swimming at her pool. I had never taken swimming lessons before but Joelle confidently taught me the motions of swimming. She patiently showed me how to move my arms, legs and even convinced me to go with her to the deep end. Joelle was my first swimming instructor and she ignited a passion within me for swimming. To this day, I'm very grateful that she taught me the front crawl and breast stroke because she saved my parents a lot of money in swimming lessons.



My other memories of Joelle go back to our elementary and high school years at Hebrew Academy. Whatever Joelle tried for the first time whether it was a challenging math problem or a science project, she was always determined to find a solution and not give up easily. Joelle was a hard worker and a high achiever as well. She was part of the enrichment club in elementary and I use to admire her for her efforts and high achievements. Joelle excelled in math, sciences and French.

After Joelle graduated from Hebrew Academy she studied at Bar-Ilan University for a year. She then returned to Montreal to pursue an engineering degree at Concordia. In 2004, Joelle made a decision to do Aliyah because Israel and Zionism were important ideals to her. Joelle felt that in her own way, she was participating in building the home of the Jewish people, this time G-d willing, to last forever.

Everyone found Joelle to be beautiful. Joelle's beauty was more than exterior. Joelle was kind-hearted, generous and friendly. Although, we lost a beautiful friend and classmate, her memory and her beauty will never be forgotten. Our sincere and deepest condolences go out to her close family members, her husband Shai, her mom Jacqueline and sister H  l  ne.



By Laura Segal ('96)

The last time I saw Joelle was eleven years ago, on my wedding day. I remember her exuberant congratulations and the big hug she gave me as she told me how happy she was for me that I found my mate. Like many high school classmates, we had lost touch with each other over the years, but after spending five years together, I certainly have many fond memories of growing up with her. What stands out most clearly when I think back of Joelle was her strong, contagious laugh. Whenever Joelle would laugh, you could be sure that others could hear her, and often laugh along too. I can also recall how passionate she was about her ideals, and I remember many discussions about religion in Rabbi Sokol's Talmud class, or about feminism with some of the boys in our grade who dared to engage her in a debate about the woman's role in today's society. Although it often seemed like some were just trying to get a rise out of her by mentioning the women's place in the kitchen, astute as she was, she never could resist the bait and always ended up defending the women's cause. Joelle was strong and independent, beautiful and intelligent. I was devastated to hear that this vibrant, dynamic person that I had once known so well had been tragically taken away at such a young age, but I know that during her short time here she contributed to the world in a very meaningful way. I hope her family finds comfort in knowing what a special person she was to all of us.



Jo  lle Lewandowski par Richard Bond, Professeur

Nous avons appris avec tristesse que Jo  lle Lewandowski nous avait quitt  es et nous nous souvenons d'elle. Elle a fait partie de la famille de l'Acad  mie H  bra  ique pendant plusieurs ann  es et nous pensons    elle avec tendresse. On revoit son beau sourire et ses yeux rieurs. On n'oublie pas sa grande classe, son intelligence vive, sa curiosit   intellectuelle et son exceptionnelle ouverture sur le monde. Elle   tait une excellente   tudiante et elle   tait tr  s g  n  reuse de son temps et de son aide pour ses camarades qui en avaient besoin. Inutile de vous dire qu'elle   tait gentille et d'une grande politesse pour ses professeurs qui l'appr  ciaient. Nous pensons    sa m  re et    H  l  ne et nous leur offrons nos plus sinc  res sympathies.

Support the Hebrew Academy Alumni

We are looking for **class representatives** to play an exciting role as liaison between your Alumni class and H.A. If anyone is interested in the volunteer position of **Editor** of **HAppenings**, please email alumni.office@ha-mtl.org.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

2011		2012	
Rosh Hashana	28th-30th September	Tu B'Shvat	8th February
Yom Kippur	7th-8th October	Fast of Esther	7th March
Succot	12th-21st October	Pesach	6th-14th April
HA Annual Raffle	13th December	Yom HaAtzmaut	26th April
Chanukah	20th-28th December	Shavuot	26th-28th May

Introducing the New HA Alumni



<i>David Abittan</i>	<i>Jonathan Hazan</i>	<i>Esther Abikhzer</i>	<i>Keren Lallouz</i>
<i>Emmanuel Amzallag</i>	<i>Yosef Matthews</i>	<i>Julia Altmann</i>	<i>Erin Lieberman</i>
<i>Eliott Azeroual</i>	<i>Jordan Meisels</i>	<i>Rebecca Attias</i>	<i>Rivka Novoseller</i>
<i>Dvir Cahana</i>	<i>Jonathan Ouahnoun</i>	<i>Olivia Bensimon</i>	<i>Alexis Oiknine</i>
<i>Joseph-Gabriel Cohen</i>	<i>Steve Ouahnoun</i>	<i>Haley Bright</i>	<i>Tzipora Sacher</i>
<i>Adam Dahan</i>	<i>Martin Preisler-Banoon</i>	<i>Rachelle Cohen</i>	<i>Melanie Suissa</i>
<i>Meir Donath</i>	<i>David Rubin</i>	<i>Gabriella Hasen</i>	<i>Racheli Veres</i>
<i>Michael Edery</i>	<i>Eli Saleh</i>	<i>Rachel Ifergan</i>	<i>Jessica Yudcovitch</i>
<i>Abraham Farkas</i>	<i>Tzvi Sherrf</i>	<i>Samara Kandelshein</i>	<i>Rachelle Zipper</i>
<i>Steven Fuchs</i>	<i>Brandon Silver</i>	<i>Rachelle Kuperstok</i>	
<i>Elliot Gimple</i>	<i>Yehuda Tanny</i>		
<i>Arieh Gomolin</i>	<i>Oren Wasser</i>		
<i>Jaren Gruszczynski</i>	<i>Ivry Zagury-Orly</i>		

Where will our new Alumni be next year?

In Israel: *David A, Meir, Jared, Oren, Olivia, Racheli, Gabriella, Julia, Keren, Rivka, Samara, Rachelle K.*

In Montreal: *Emmanuel, Eliott A, Dvir, Joseph-Gabriel, Adam, Michael, Abraham, Steven, Elliot G, Arieh, Jonathan, Yosef, Jordan, Jonathan, Steve, Martin, David R, Eli, Tzvi, Brandon, Yehuda, Ivry, Esther, Rebecca, Haley, Rachelle, Rachel, Erin, Alexia, Tzipora, Melanie, Jessica and Rachelle.*

In and Around Hebrew Academy

Our future Alumni shone brightly this year. Kol Hakavod!

Shahevet Freier Physics Tournament coordinated by the Weizmann Institute Young Science Department . A great showing by the Physics team of Steve Fuchs, Elianna Sacher, Oren Wasser, Jessica Yudcovitch and Rachelle Zipper.

Junior Public Speaking—English Elianna Blanshay placed 3rd in the Intermediate Division of QAIS (Quebec Association of Independent Schools).

Junior & Senior Public Speaking—French Emilie Dahan placed 1st in the Senior Division & Melanie Suissa placed 2nd. Leah Dahan placed 1st in the Junior Division.

Chidan Hatanach—The Montreal Regional High School winners were: Noah Cohen 1st in the Grade 7-8 Division; Charlie Friedman 1st in the Grade 9-11 Division & Marcus Altmann 3rd. Charlie Friedman, one of the 4 winners in the Grade 9 –11 Division in the National Competition, will be heading to Israel to represent Canada in the International competition. Charlie was the Canadian National Champion in 2008 & 2010.

Winners of the University of Waterloo Mathematics Competition—CECM Senior Winners were: **Grade 9 PASCAL** Competition: 3rd Place tie: Tali Lonn & Elka Schwartz; 2nd Place Michael Wolman; 1st Place Adam Edery with a near perfect score (top 5% in Canada). **Grade 10 CAYLEY** competition: 3rd Place Gabriel Rouimi, 2nd Place Hillel Steinmetz & 1st Place Jonathan Shaul. Grade 11 **FERMAT** competition: 3rd Place tie: Elliot & Adam Dahan; 2nd Place Rivka Novoseller; 1st Place Arieh Gomolin with a near perfect score (top 5% of Canada).

Winners at the Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair- Over 300 students (Sec I—CEGEP) from 40 schools including CEGEPs from Montreal, Laval & Montérégie, Lanaudière & Laurentians were represented. Winners of the Bronze Medal were Leah Dahan and Danielle Rohr (Sec. II) **Go Green as you Clean!** and Noah Cohen and Joshua Wolman **The Mummification Process.**

The Hoop Scoop—Jewish Interscholastic Association (J.I.S.A.) Juvenile Girls won the **Gold Medal**, **Alexia Oiknine** was chosen **MVP**, **Midget Boys** won the title in their division, **Juvenile Boys, Division 1** won the **Gold Medal** in all 3 categories led by their Captain **Eliott Azeroual**. *More to follow next issue.....*

The Hebrew Academy Alumni Fund

Thank you to the **Alumni** who donated to this fund and wish to remain anonymous.

If you would like to celebrate a life-cycle event by making a donation to the Alumni Fund, please email alumni.office@ha-mtl.org. An acknowledgment card will be sent out on your behalf.

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$18 and over.

Mazel Tov to

Barbara (Schwartz) & David Zukor (both of '71) on the birth of a granddaughter, Ayala Emuna, daughter of **Leechen (Farkas) & Michael Zukor (both of '97)**

Mercedes (Ohayon) ('77) & Moshe Benoliel of Israel on the birth of their grandson, Moshe Ziv Benoliel

Nancy (Rouimi) ('88) & Reuven Singer of Israel on the engagement of their daughter, Atara, to Mordy Charnowitz of Baltimore

Zev Wainberg ('90) & Cara on the birth of their daughter in Los Angeles

Leah (Spinner) ('91) & Daniel Ehrenreich on the birth of their son, Ariel Menashe

Avi Miller ('92) & Yael on the birth of their son, Zev Israel

Cheryl (Monaker) & David Herz (both of '98) on their marriage

Jacob Bratin ('97) & Sherri on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Zeeva

Avidan Freedman ('97) & Devorah on the birth of their son, Elyashiv Nes Yosef Chen, of Jerusalem

David Igel ('97) & Gitty Zafir of New York on their engagement

Jeremy Telio ('99) on his engagement to Alison Shoshana Pollock

Eliana Shaul ('07) & Kenneth Berman of New York on their marriage

Yael Abikhzer ('01) & Michael Benarroch on their marriage

Izzie Steckler ('01) & Tali Stadtmauer of West Orange, N.J on their marriage

David Rosenshein ('02) & Carrie Kravitz on their marriage

Merav Cohen ('03) & Elli Bloom of Fairlawn, NJ on their marriage

Avigyle Grunbaum ('03) & Seth Abbey on their engagement

Daniel Gal ('04) on his engagement to Perlyne Kugler

Jonathan Kandelshein ('03) & Dahlia on their marriage

Laura Kandelshein & Avi Guttman (both of '05) on their marriage

Daniel Lieberman ('05) & Dina Weistreich on their marriage

Josh Moss ('06) & Gal Tsaboari of Jerusalem on their engagement

Talia Wasser ('07) & Aharon Blatman of Jerusalem on their engagement

HA Annual Raffle

Hebrew Academy Raffle - December 13, 2011

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Would you be willing to participate on our Alumni Committee: _____

Where is the best tel. # or email to reach you? _____

Please let us know what you would like printed about yourself in upcoming alumni updates of HApennings (e.g. professional accomplishments, awards / honors, marriage information, birth of a child)

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Hebrew Academy Raffle

Tirage de l'Académie Hébraïque

Tuesday December 13, 2011 / Mardi le 13 décembre 2011
7:30 pm / 19:30h



1st Prize 10,000 / 1er prix 10000\$

2nd Prize \$1,800 / 2ieme prix 1800\$

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