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Dear Hebrew Academy Alumni,

We are slowly coming out of the winter deep freeze and on our way to a delightful springtime. April 18th marks the beginning of Pesach and the return of the many HA Alumni from around the world who come home to celebrate with their families. In this issue we profiled three alumni who not only graduated from HA, travelled from home, but returned and are presently working at Hebrew Academy. We hope you enjoy their stories. Chag Kasher Ve Sameach.

Marian Segal, Director of Development

A word about our Alumni

Yoni Lehrer ('99) never dreamt the he would one day be working at the Hebrew Academy doing the things he loved most; transmitting his love and passion for all extracurricular activities, and thus enhancing the lives of our students. Yoni's enthusiasm for sports is contagious. He spent many years coaching basketball to countless HA students, including leading the HA Heat to their first perfect season (14 wins, 0 losses) and ultimately the GMAA championship. Although the name of the team kept changing "Bullets", "Maccabees", and now "The HA Heat", the coach remained constant – Yoni. He has led them to many championships be it at the GMAA level, Jewish League or the many Tournaments, such as the Oren Grunbaum z"l and YU just to name two. Yoni was instrumental in the creation and evolution of the HA Alumni Tournament in memory of Barry Mishkin z"l, which takes place every year during Chol Hamoed Pessah.

After graduation, Yoni spent several years in Israel. He studied at Yeshivat Hamivtar in Efrat and later at Or Sameach in Jerusalem. To let off some steam during his free time, Yoni played Flag Football and it was during one of those games that he was discovered and recruited to play professional football for the only shomer Shabbat team in the "IFL", (Israel Football League). He played the position of 'tight end' for the Jerusalem Big Blue. He finished the season with 15 touchdowns and was named "All Star Tight End". His team won the Championship in overtime against the Haifa Underdogs. The highlight of the season for Yoni was playing in front of Robert Kraft, his wife and a few of the New England Patriots. During that game he made a diving catch on a broken play, Elliot Kramer ('86) was watching from the stands and filmed it. Check it out on: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOSq9JhZkc0>

In photo, on the right Mr. Robert Kraft owner of the New England Patriots discussing the catch with Yoni # 2, on the left.

Yoni is an all around athlete who could regularly be found in the gymnasium, the hockey arena or on the baseball field. He has won many trophies and medals including the BB MVP, Home Run Derby and the League of Home Run championship. He is happiest when he is teaching and passing on his skills and sports savvy to young receptive students. Yoni is married to Sarah and they have just celebrated their milestone 6 month anniversary.



A word about our Alumni cont'd...



Cheryl Monaker ('98) has returned to her Hebrew Academy roots after travelling the globe. Since graduating from Hebrew Academy in 1998 Cheryl studied sciences at Concordia University, graduating with a specialization in biology (B. Sc). She then continued her education by studying Education at McGill University where she specialized in ESL. After finishing her program, Cheryl interned and taught English in several Montreal schools.

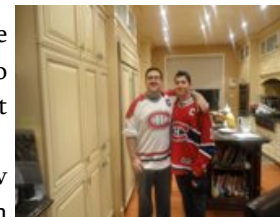
During her summer breaks from Concordia University, Cheryl volunteered in the Israeli Army with Sar El for a month at a time. She also became involved with Jewish student life while studying in Concordia and McGill universities. Cheryl happily used her summer breaks since university to expand her horizons and explore.

From 2002—2006 during her summer breaks Cheryl travelled through the Middle East. Europe came next in 2009 where Cheryl focused on art, architecture and history. She spent Shabbatot in the historic, 13th Century “Old New Synagogue” in Prague; in the Venetian Ghetto; and in the Great Synagogue of Rome. During her travels in Europe in 2009 Cheryl heard Pope Benedict XVI speak in Vatican City.

In 2010 Cheryl travelled through South America exploring history, Jewish history, and other cultures. She continued to explore geography, architecture and biodiversity over the summer of 2010 when she hiked in the Urubamba region and its various ruins in Peru. Some of the highlights of her trip to Peru were when she climbed Macchu Picchu and the Colca Canyon, hiked in the rainforest and fished (though unsuccessfully) in a tributary of the Amazon River.

Cheryl is currently planning her wedding to David Herz ('98) this summer. Her other interests also include music, theater and history, and travelling internationally. Presently Cheryl is teaching Kindergarten at Hebrew Academy. Welcome back Cheryl!

Joey Brook ('04) graduated Hebrew Academy in 2004 not really sure when he would ever return. Joey had a great time at HA, learned a lot and met people who have and continue to shape and influence his life; but at the same time, Joey thought he would never be an active member of the school again.



After graduating high school, Joey studied for a year and a half at Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh in the Old City of Jerusalem where many lessons he had originally learned in Hebrew Academy (such as love of Torah, Eretz Yisrael and of his fellow Jews) were reinforced. After Yeshiva, Joey found himself in the Big Apple or Gran Manzana as it was referred to in Washington Heights, attending Yeshiva University. At Yeshiva, he studied accounting and in the spring of 2009 graduated Cum Laude.

After graduation, Joey was torn between staying in New York and returning home. In the end, he decided that the comforts of home were too hard to resist and for the first time in 4 years, Joey went back home to live in Montreal.

Once home, Joey realized that in order to work in Canada he would have to take his Canadian tax classes equivalents and therefore would have to enroll in school part time at McGill University. Joey was worried about what he would do with his spare time. Even while he was away from Montreal, Joey maintained a connection to Hebrew Academy through stories told to him by his younger sister Amanda ('09) and his younger brother David ('12). Luckily, Joey was offered the opportunity to work in the school as the Mashgiach. He accepted and soon found himself thrust right back into the school. Much to his pleasure, it was as if Joey had never left and now he is thoroughly enjoying his time as a proud member of Hebrew Academy.

In and Around Hebrew Academy:

Barry Mishkin Z'l Alumni Basketball Tournament

Schedule

DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3
Shak	Grunbaum	Feldman
Cohen	Lehrer	Kraus
Juvy 2	Gal	Juvy 1

Wed April 20th

9:30 Lehrer vs Grunbaum
10:30 Shak vs Cohen

Thursday April 21st

4:00pm Kraus vs Juvy 1
5:00pm Cohen vs Juvy 2
6:00pm Lehrer vs Gal
7:00pm Feldman vs Kraus

8:00pm Shak vs Juvy 2
9:00pm Grunbaum vs Gal
10:00pm Feldman vs Juvy 1

TOP 2 TEAMS GET BYE TO SEMI'S

Friday April 22nd

3:00pm Team 3 vs Team 6
4:00pm Team 4 vs Team 5

Sat April 23rd Semi—Finals

9:30pm Team 1 vs winner of 4 vs 5
10:30pm Team 2 vs winner of 3 vs 6

Sunday April 24th

12:30 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The Hebrew Academy Calendar

A new opportunity – make it a day to remember!!!

Advertise in the Hebrew Academy 2011-2012 Calendar (business or personal)

Business Card-Full Size \$180 Business Card—2 Squares \$150 Calendar Day—1 Square \$75

Journal

The Journal is a beautiful keepsake and resource book filled with significant information, advertising and a Kosher Guide. Our past donors include corporations, business associates, professionals, community leaders, and alumni. Join us in raising funds for a worthy cause—education for our children.

Please see attached contracts for the Calendar and Journal

The Hebrew Academy Golf Tournament in support of Education

Monday June 13, 2011 at Le Diamant Golf Club

\$295 or \$180 (35 and under)

\$1000/foursome registered and paid by May 13, 2011

Includes practice, golf, brunch, BBQ, cocktails and auction

Info/sign-up: 514.489.5321 ext 353 or marian.segal@ha-mtl.org

Please see attached registration form

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:

Jeffrey Mandel ('71) & Adria on the recent birth of their grandson **???**, son of **Eliana (Mandel) ('97)** & **?????**

Nadine (Wachsberg) ('72) & Benjamin Lieberman on the recent birth of their grandson, Oliver, son of Tova (Lieberman) ('03) & Scott Garber of New York

Esther (Shizgal) ('79) & Marcel Margolis on the birth of their granddaughter, in Israel

Benzion Shizgal ('83) & Shari on the recent birth of their daughter, Shira Tehilla

Ephram Shizgal ('83) & Julie on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Akiva

Frank Fried ('84) & Cheryl on the birth of their son, Sam Andrew

Malca (Tyberg) ('86) & Meir Crandall on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Nehama, in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel

Yosefa (Kizelnik) ('87) and Daniel Loskove on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jason

Shulamit (Drazin) ('89) & Avram Holzer of Teaneck New Jersey, on the bar mitzvah of their son **Elior Shalom**

Noah Davis ('92) & Naomi on the birth of their son, Caleb Leo

Karen (Portnoy) ('94) and David Merovitz on the birth of their daughter, Brooke Lily

Barrie Stecker ('94) & Oshrat on the birth of their son, Ariel Elisha

Jason Ludvig ('95) & Keren on the birth of their son, Isaiah Moses (Shia)

Daniel Brook ('01) & Joyce on the birth of their son, Mason (Chaim Shmuel)

Judith (Fuchs) ('02) marriage to Dr. Zvi Gutman of New York

Ariane (Knafo) ('03) & Joel Abikhzer on the birth of their daughter, Leah Perla

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

Support the Hebrew Academy Alumni

Become a class representative and play a role in HA Alumni Development. Contact Marian Segal at 514.489.5321 x353 or by email at marian.segal@ha-mtl.org or alumni@ha-montreal.org

Calendar and Upcoming Events

2011

Monday April 18 - Tuesday April 26

Pesach

Wednesday April 20 - Sunday April 24

Barry Mishkin z"l Alumni Basketball Tournament

Tuesday June 7 - Thursday June 9

Shavuot

Monday June 13, 2011

HA Golf Tournament

The Hebrew Academy Alumni Update

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS

We would like to keep you informed of Hebrew Academy events and news.

Please complete this form and e-mail it to alumni.office@ha-mtl.org, fax it to 514.489.8607 or mail to:
Alumni Office, Hebrew Academy School, 5700 Kellert Ave., Cote St. Luc, QC H4W 1T4

Date: _____ I was a member of the Hebrew Academy Class of : _____

Title (please circle one) Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Rabbi. Name: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Spouse Title and Name (if applicable): Title _____ Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell: _____ Marital Status: _____

Children's Names (if applicable):	Male/Female	Age	School Attending
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College/Major/Degree/Year: _____

Post College Study: _____

Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Tel. #: _____ Business E-mail: _____

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 H happenings (e.g. professional accomplishments, awards / honors, marriage information, birth of a child)

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