

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Board

Thanks to all who attended the Cemetery Committee's Information Night. A very interesting discussion took place, one that probed into the essence of who we are and how highly we value community. There is much more to be said on this most challenging subject. If you have filled out the survey, we thank you for your valued input. And if you haven't, please do so as soon as possible, and indicate which of the two options suits your needs. Remember, at this point we are not asking for a commitment, but by responding you will be providing valuable information as we consider our next steps. Use the "comment" area to tell us how you feel. We will listen, and keep you informed.

Mark Zaret, Chair

School news

Wow, what a Purim carnival! From the puppetry Purim spiel (big puppets not your average everyday little hand puppets) to games, arts and crafts, face painting, food, giant jumping castle, and of course prizes. There was even a clown making animal balloons! To put the DJC in the right mood for the Purim carnival, Ilana Waldston kicked everything off with a Purim song (thank you, Ilana) accompanied by the students. The school was adorned with all kinds of decorations that included the students' art. Thank you to the grade fives for helping with the set up and the grade 6's for volunteering to help run some games. The DJC Purim Committee, Jackie Goldman and Karen Robbins, worked tirelessly to make the carnival the success it was. There were many other great volunteers that did such a fantastic job in making this a great success – thank you.

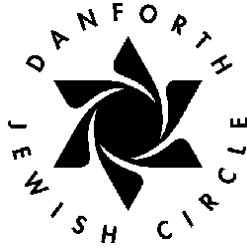
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Jason Leizer, DJC JS Principal

Next Shabbat service

...will take place on lucky Friday, May 13 at the home of Laurie Weinberg and Warren Morris, in the Broadview-Danforth area. They're at 51 Playter Blvd., one block north of the Danforth, corner of Butternut. Please RSVP at 416 465-0591. As usual, food for your fingers – ah, that is, finger foods – would be most welcome.

And because it's the *mentschy* thing to do, we take a moment to thank Diana Chastain, our tireless co-ordinator of these Friday night services. Diana's charm and good cheer are the very embodiment of the spirit of our community.



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Rabbi search committee

The search is now complete. A number of candidates were interviewed, and (ok, hold your thumb and forefinger right up next to each other for this next part) we're *that* close to having a rabbi. A leading contender has been identified; there remain details to be addressed; but the person we've got in mind would fit our community like a cruelty-free kid glove. If all goes well, and everything can be worked out (and it's looking pretty good), we'll have more news for you very shortly.

And of course, what bit of good news, in a Jewish publication, would be complete without a little guilt? If you haven't already done so, now would be a good time to make a charitable donation to the rabbi fund. Please contact info@djctoronto.com if you need more information.

In memoriam

Many members of the DJC knew her, and we all collectively mourn her passing. Debra Brick passed away at her home on April 9, 2005. Born in Winnipeg on December 22, 1959, she was the mother of Ben and Daniel Diamond, and the life partner of Mathew Diamond. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the members of her family and to her many friends. Memorial donations may be made to The Debra Brick Memorial Fund c/o The Benjamin Foundation, 3429 Bathurst St. Toronto, Ontario M6A 2C3 (416)780- 0324.

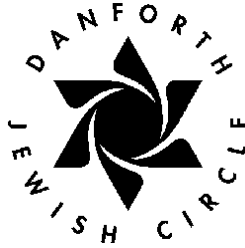
May events

Thursday, May 5, 2005 is a Special Holocaust Community Commemoration (Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah). This event marking the 60th Anniversary of Liberation and the End of World War II will take place at 7 pm sharp at Earl Bales Park, south-east corner of Bathurst and Sheppard. For information call 416-785-1333.

Then, on Sunday, May 29, 2005 is the annual UJA Walk With Israel. Check out the walk site online at www.ujawalkwithisrael.com. Meet Ar-Yeah, the lion (the walk mascot), sign up to walk and create your own personal donation page. For more information, contact Karen Goodis, Co-ordinator, Or Chadash by e-mail at goodis@rogers.com or kgoodis@ujafed.org

Sounds like a bad board game – and it's no fun

The DJC's silver tray and candlesticks seem to be missing. They are the items used on the bima for High Holidays, and available for rental for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. If you know anything about their whereabouts, please contact Kathy Miller at info@djctoronto.com.



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**What do kids need to label
for camp this summer ?
Well...just about everything!
And DJCJS is here to help!**



Once again we have joined forces with Lovable Labels to help you keep track of your kids stuff this summer and raise some much needed funds for DJCJS. **Lovable Labels is Canadian company that makes colourful vinyl sticker labels, shoe labels, iron-ons and bag tags.** Each label is personalized with a name and a fun icon. These labels are great!! They will not peel, wash or rub off! They are also dishwasher, microwave, water and UV resistant.

Perfect for life in the great outdoors!

**And the BEST THING!!! DJCJS gets 20% of all sales!
If each DJCJS family buys or sells just three packs of labels, we will raise over \$700 for our program!! It's a win/win for everyone!**

Ordering is as easy as 1, 2, and 3

Step 1. Go to www.DJCJS.lovablelabels.ca to create your very own custom labels. You will find labels to iron-on, labels to stick on and labels to hang on. You can order securely right on the website. Just choose your labels, your colour combo and an icon. Top Tip for families with more than one child: put your last name on the labels and colour code your kids (Sammy is blue, Alice is red and Jordan is orange.)

Step 2. Wait for your labels to arrive. They will be shipped to you in about 14 days. Shipping and handling in Canada is free.

Step 3. Get labeling. Label clothes, towels, pillows, sleeping bags, books, cameras, walkmans, flashlights, toiletries...the list goes on.

Our web site is open from March 31 until April 30th, so pass our link on to anyone you know who is sending a kid to camp this summer...and even those who aren't.

They will thank you, and so will we!

And remember...Label it, don't lose it!

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Passover – first seder
24 Passover – second seder	25	26	27	28	29 UJA Walk With Israel	30 Last day to buy your “Lovable Labels”
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