

Candle Lighting Time:

Fri. Mar. 5, 5:56 pm

Torah Reading:

Parshat Ki Tisa

Shabbat Concludes:

Sat. Mar. 6, 6:57 pm

Important Dates:

Tues. Mar. 9- Hot Dog Lunch

Thurs. Mar. 11- Deli Lunch

Fri Mar. 12 – Matza Factory,
Report Cards, 2:10 Dismissal

School Calendar**Amendment:**

Please note the following amendment to this year's calendar.

There will be no school on Friday, May 21st.

Carnival:

We had a very successful Purim carnival on Monday. Our students did an outstanding job preparing and running their Purim booths. The gym was magically transformed into a wonderland filled with cotton candy, a bouncing obstacle course, and so many exciting booths. The prize rooms across from the gym added to the festive flavour. The greatly anticipated raffle at the end of the carnival was greeted with much approval and then surprise. Rabbi Eisenstein in his very special way called out the winning numbers to the roars of the students and delight of the winners. And then it happened.

What a surprise for everyone in the room as Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker appeared. An "epic struggle ensued" and the surprise revealed- Macabia! We thank our teachers for all their hard work in preparing and overseeing the running of the booths. We also thank our parent volunteers for joining us and ensuring that we all had a great time. Thank you to Mrs. Dina Aranovich, Mrs. Darlene Cohen, Mrs. Jill Gaffe, Mrs. Cindy Kam, Mrs. Karen Herstig Bailey, Mrs. Evelyne Ohayon, Talya Ohayon and Mrs. Sarit Zalter, for all your help!

A special thank you to Rabbi Amar and Rabbi Morel for the Macabia breakout and to Hadas and Kyla for preparing that amazing sign that delighted and surprised the whole student body.

The Morris Black Public Speaking:

The Morris Black Public Speaking Contest will be held this Sunday afternoon, March 7th, at 3pm at the JCC. The contest is open to students in grades 3-9 in the Hamilton and surrounding area. Students in grades 4-8 have written speeches as part of our book report curriculum. Good luck to all the participants!

Macabia:

What a week it has been! We were all expecting a mystery raffle prize and were pretty surprised when Rabbi Amar and Rabbi Morel revealed the sign announcing Macabia! The four

teams were Mishloach Manot, Matanot L'evyonim, Megilah and Seudah- all on a Purim theme. We have had a week of outstanding leadership and cooperative skill building as all our students across the grades worked together to achieve their team goals. Our grade eight captains and their classmates did an outstanding job leading their teams. Congratulations to all the grade 8 students for their efforts. A special thank you to our HJMS grade seven students for all the work they did to make this macabia so special as well as to the grade six students for their contributions. Students in grades 4-8 participated in a daily minyan guided by Rabbi Eisenstein. Students in all the grades participated in a host of activities and competitions in the gym organized by Mr. O'Hanian. Points were allotted for placement as well as sportsmanship. At lunch our teams sat together in the lunchroom, had the opportunity to present team cheers, and do the bircat hamazon together. Our teams were asked by Rabbi Eisenstein to solve riddles and everyone participated in Mrs. Shaffir's story about the Hasid that travelled to Miami. On Thursday each team had a member deliver a Dvar Torah relating to the name of the team and the theme of our macabia. These were very well done this year and were presented by Emanuel F., Spencer J., Moshe Tzvi S, and Rivky Z. Points were

awarded for the content and delivery of the Dvar Torah. There was a Purim Yeda quiz- with questions on Purim (of course!) The students in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4, 5, and 6 learned many important details about Purim in order to participate in the quiz. Thank you to Mrs. Itkin for organizing this event. On Friday, the traditional bean hunt took place outside. It was quite the sight to watch our students as they collected the beans on the playground in the brisk, crisp weather. Team cheers, songs and skits were presented today - as part of the culminating activities. Points were awarded for spirit, participation, content and originality. Our teachers sang a special song of appreciation to our students and our captains sang their song of appreciation as well. All in all it was a great experience for our students who will remember Macabia for many years to come. At the time of the printing of this bulletin the Macabia was in full swing but we are sure the children have all come home and shared the results with you.

Montessori:

Our Winter Olympics were a huge success. We started off leading the opening ceremonies with our torches. Friendly competitions resulted in seven countries receiving a gold medals. In addition, Batsheva G. won gold, Aaron G. won silver and Zackary K. won bronze for amazing sportsmanship. Way to go!

Spring Sale:

It's true spring is really coming. To welcome it grades 1,2, and 3 are having their annual spring

sale on Friday, March 19th. We hope to see you there. If anyone has any treasures for our rummage table please take them to the grade 1 classroom.

Pizza Lunch:

Our pizza lunch was met with much pleasure!. We are especially thankful to our parent volunteers Mrs. J Gaffe, Mrs. A Molot Mrs. D. Cohen and Mrs. C. Kam.

Lost:

Anyone who has found two lost hockey cards is asked to please return them to the school office as soon as possible! Thank you.

Hebrew Birthdays:

Mazel tov to the following student who will be celebrating her Hebrew birthday in the upcoming week:
Bar R., gr. 4, Adar 25

Shabbat Shalom!