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THE WINCHEVSKY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating our Roots
Transforming our Present
Welcoming our Future



Calendar of Events

April

Tuesday April 1st 7:00-8:30 p.m.
2008 CSJO Conference
Teen Info Nite

Tuesday April 1st 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Yiddish Improv with
actress Gloria Valentine

Sunday April 6th 2:00-3:00 p.m.
NCJW Passover Food Drive
Community Packing Session

Sunday April 13th 7:30 p.m.
"For a Song: The Price of Truth
in Yankele Herszkowicz's
Lodz Ghetto Repertoire"
A Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
Commemoration

Sunday April 27th 4:30 p.m.
Annual Community Third Seyder
with special musical guest artists
Adrienne Cooper
David Wall & Marilyn Lerner

Regular Programs

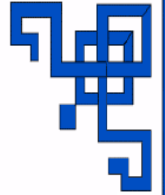
Morris Winchevsky School
Sundays 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Kinder Kapers
Sundays - twice a month
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Yiddish Improv
Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Toronto Jewish Folk Choir
Wednesdays 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Yiddish Reading Circle
Thursdays 1:00-3:30 p.m.



Celebrate Passover at Winchevsky's

ANNUAL THIRD SEYDER

featuring outstanding musical guest artists:

Adrienne Cooper

*internationally recognized as one of this generation's
most influential performers of Yiddish vocal music*

*and of the 'Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band'
& 'Both Ends of the Earth'*

David Wall

singer, lyricist and composer

&

Marilyn Lerner

internationally acclaimed piano virtuoso

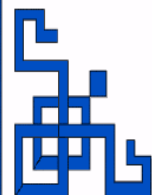


Sunday April 27, 2008

4:30 p.m.

Sala Caboto, 40 Playfair Avenue

See enclosed order form for details.



Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

featuring



*For a Song: The Price of Truth in Yankele
Herszkowicz's Lodz Ghetto Repertoire*

with **Irena Kohn and Mitch Smolkin**

&

☆ **The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir**

☆ **Candle Lighting Ceremony with the MWS graduating class**

Sunday April 13, 2008 7:30 p.m.

Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Avenue



Improve your Yiddish with Improv!



**Facilitated by Yiddish actor
& Second City alumnus
Gloria Valentine**

This 6-week program aims to develop Yiddish language skills through the use of theatre warm-ups, games and exercises. A fun and stimulating way to improve both your Yiddish and acting skills! Elementary knowledge of Yiddish required.

First Class:

**Tuesday April 1st 7:30-9:30 p.m.
The Winchevsky Centre**

Cost is \$50.00; Enrolment limited to 15.
To register or for more information, contact:
Ethel Cooper at 416-635-2883, ext. 389.

Co-sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish, Latner Centre for Jewish Knowledge & Heritage and the Winchevsky Centre.

Youth a Hit with 'Shu, Shu, Shushan'

by Hilarie Klapman, Program Committee

The Winchevsky / Oraynu Youth Theatre Ensemble ended its winter term with a stupendous roar of graggers as "Shu, Shu, Shushan" played to a full house at the Oraynu Purim Carnival on March 2nd. A full staging, complete with music, costumes and props, these teens played the Purim story to the hilt, with lots of contemporary references to keep the audience entertained. Kudos to director Lisa Roy and the whole troupe for a great season.

The Youth Theatre Ensemble is a welcome extension of the Morris Winchevsky School program. When the first call came in fall of 2006 for MWS graduates to join up with Lisa Roy for drama classes, my son Russell Staughton signed up immediately. Aside from my predictable *kvelling* as I watched him as the shy young George in a scene from "Our Town" in December, and then the ficklest, silliest King of Shushan ever, the real joy is that he chose to join the Ensemble and that he's enjoyed it so much.



Left: Winchevsky teens Russell Staughton as the King, and Jesse Rosenbloom-McKinnon as Haman.

Ed: Mazel tov to all the Winchevsky Ensemble members for their terrific work this year: Emily Chudnovsky, Sadie Epstein-Fine, Michelle Frydman, Helah and Shifrah Howard, Michael Mandarano, Jesse Rosenbloom-McKinnon, Russell Staughton and Dylan and Sasha Tate-Howarth.

Movin' & Groovin' with Brian Katz at Wacky Purim Party

by Lisa Roy, MWS Cultural Arts Coordinator

Neither snowstorm #6, nor the start of March break, nor clocks springing forward deterred eager Purim revellers from coming out in droves to our **Wacky Winchevsky Purim Party** on March 9th. Some people will brave anything for holiday fun!

Our event started off with a Shalach Mones art activity, as Shule students and parents, Kinder Kaper families and community members painted one-of-a-kind designs on soup bowls to be used at our 'Souper Sunday' fundraiser on March 30th.



We were regaled with an unusual telling of the Purim story, "*Dr. Seuss-shan*", a Dr. Seuss-inspired Purim poem performed by the MWS graduating class, staff, parents and the Winchevsky Wits. Our Junior class sang "*Purim's Here/Chag Purim/S'iz Purim Haynt*" – in all 3 languages! – and our Intermediate class sang a rousing rendition of "*Elimelach of Gilhoffen/Der Rebbe Elimeylach*".

But the highlight of the morning was musician **Brian Katz's** wacky & wonderful Purim workshop "*YidRhythmics*". Brian led us in an interactive and energizing exploration of the relationship between movement and music through fun musical games.



And of course, a Winchevsky Purim party wouldn't be complete without a costume parade, carnival games and our homemade homentashn.

*"The moral of the story, Yeladim, you now know
Is to honour all people wherever you go.
To stand up for what's right in each and every way.
And to you Chag Sameach, Gut Yontef and good day!"*

KINDER KAPERS!!

*a Sunday morning program
for toddlers 18 months-4 years
& parents/grandparents...
with a Jewish flair!*

Upcoming dates:
Sunday April 13
Sunday April 27

Drop-in rate:
\$10 members
\$12 non-members

RSVP:
416-789-5502

PASSOVER Food Drive

Every year, the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) holds a Passover Food Drive, which provides food to over 3,000 families in Toronto.

**You are invited to join our
community food packing session on:**

Sunday April 6, 2008

2:00-3:00 p.m.

NCJW Building, 4700 Bathurst Street

There will also be a Passover food drop box outside the Winchevsky office until **April 10th**. All donations must be marked "Kosher for Passover", and boxes of matzah stamped '2008'.



**To volunteer for the Winchevsky packing session,
please call us at 416-789-5502.**

CSJO – Sounds like a Cool Place to Be

by Sadie Epstein-Fine
Morris Winchevsky School graduate

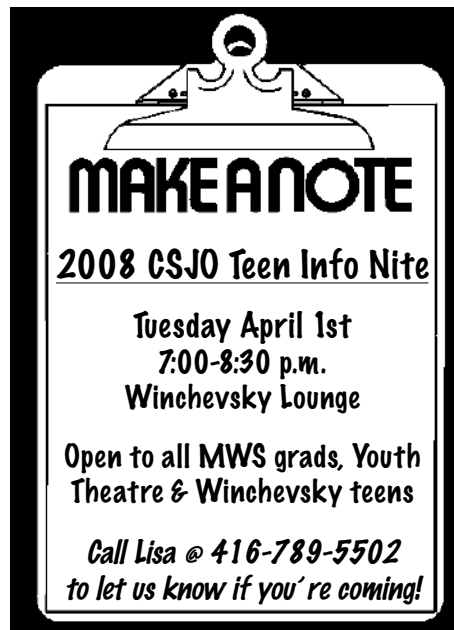
“Oh my gosh, CSJO is so much fun, it’s the best place ever!!” said Louisa Worrell, a fellow Shule grad, at around this same time last spring. She had been asked by Lisa to come to our Youth Theatre class and talk about the wonders of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations’ annual conference. After Louisa’s talk, my friends [Helah Cooper and Dylan Tate-Howarth] and I thought, “Why not check it out – it sounds like a cool place to be”.

CSJO was described to us as a “chill” conference that included a bunch of really interesting, thought-provoking and humorous workshops – all about being a secular Jew, and identifying as a secular Jew. I also heard that at night time, teens stay up all night talking and having fun (and a little Ultimate Frisbee even gets thrown into the mix). I went to the conference last year expecting everything described, and that is what I got... and so much more.

It’s hard to describe the feeling of walking into a packed room, filled with teens and adults, and

knowing that every one of them is a secular Jew. You have to experience that mind-blowing moment for yourself. CSJO is a place where you know there are others who believe in the same things you believe. And that belief means the world.

Ed: You could hear a pin drop at last year’s CSJO talent show, when Sadie presented her Youth Theatre monologue from “The Diary of Anne Frank”. All 200 audience members were in awe, and we were, of course, kvelling.



MAKE A NOTE

2008 CSJO Teen Info Nite

Tuesday April 1st
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Winchevsky Lounge

Open to all MWS grads, Youth Theatre & Winchevsky teens

Call Lisa @ 416-789-5502
to let us know if you're coming!

Winchevsky Community News

Many thanks to...

All of our wonderful volunteers who helped with our community Homentash Bake on March 2nd. They looked very professional, and tasted delicious. *A hartzikn dank!*

We send get well wishes to...

Rae Orlan
Gary Lubin



Join us in welcoming new member...

Ronnee Jaeger

We extend heartfelt condolences to...

The Kronis family on the passing of long-time UJPO member **Murray Kronis**.

The Binder/Klugerman family on the passing of UJPO member **Israel Binder**.

Save the Date!



Annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (CSJO) Conference

The Whole Mishpokhe* - Diversity Rocks!**

For the first time ever,
CSJO and Workmen’s Circle/Arbeter Ring
are working together on a conference!

May 23 - 26, 2008

Circle Lodge (Workmen’s Circle/Arbeter Ring Facility)
335 Sylvan Lake Road Hopewell Junction, NY

For more information, go to www.csjo.org.

* family ** is good



Your donations are critical in sustaining the important cultural and educational work of the Winchevsky Centre. Tax deductible receipts are issued for donations to: the “Morris Winchevsky School” and the “Toronto Jewish Folk Choir”.