WINNIPEG BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Gray Academy OF JEWISH EDUCATION



Annual Report

2025-2026

Our Mission, Vision and Values

Gray Academy of Jewish Education brings together over 500 students and their families to learn, grow and excel in a warm community environment rooted in Jewish values. The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (WBJE) is the trustee of the mission and vision of Gray Academy and the primary policy-making body for the school.

MISSION

Gray Academy prepares students to reach their full potential as empowered global citizens by providing educational excellence framed by Jewish identity, community and values.

VISION

To provide an education environment of academic excellence, strong Jewish values, spiritual and physical wellness, and proud global citizenship.

OUR BELIEFS AND VALUES

Respect	כבוד הדדי
Patience	סובלנות
Diversity	רבגוניות
Leadership	מנהיגות
Community	קהילה

OUR COMMITMENTS

Academic Excellence	הצטיינות אקדמית
A Community School	בית ספר קהילתי
Future Leadership	זהות יהודית
Healthy Living	חיים בריא
Israel	ישראל

A Message

From Our Chair & Head of School and CEO





Looking back at our previous school year, the progress we made toward defining, enhancing and sustaining our school, the three key goals outlined in *Future Forward*, our 2023-2028 strategic plan, stands out as a highlight. Our achievements in these areas strengthened the key pillars of Gray Academy: Community, Jewish Identity and Wellbeing.

To help us define what it means to be part of the Gray Academy community, we asked parents, students and alumni to share their thoughts in formal surveys. Giving our stakeholders a voice is very important to us. We are grateful for the high percentage of responses, which highlighted the feelings of community, safety and Jewish pride students and families experience at Gray Academy.

Our physical spaces were enhanced in exciting ways. The opening of Gan Reut (the Friendship Garden), a brand-new, state-of-the-art, accessible playground, brought joy to our students and the community. The final phase of our rink development included asphalt surfacing to create an off-season outdoor sport court, as well as construction of our new Hype Dome, a wintertime shelter for skaters and additional learning space for year-round use. Finalizing a new 20-year licence agreement with the Asper Jewish Community Campus puts us on good footing to plan for the decades to come.

In Elementary, the adoption of the Science of Reading program strengthened our approach to early literacy, while more schoolwide Kabbalat Shabbat get-togethers created space for children to experience a sense of spirituality together in community. High School programming was enriched with real-world experiences through new co-curricular internships. We also strengthened supports for students' post-secondary planning.

We grew our Grandpals program and engaged alumni and donors in new and exciting ways, including our first-ever online auction. For the second year, our Lev Campaign focused not only on fundraising but also reaffirming a core principle of our identity - that Jewish learning is the lev (the heart) of our community. These initiatives augmented the generous allocation we receive annually from the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg's Combined Jewish Appeal Campaign and valued grants from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Our efforts to sustain and grow our vibrant school community have been proving effective. Enrollment continued to rise, and retention remains high. We were especially pleased to see many Gray Academy graduates choosing our Early Years programs for their children, along with an increase in new enrollments for Grade 7.

Outside the classroom. we saw many student successes, including energetic Elementary performances of Matilda the Musical Jr. and big wins for our Senior Debating, Intermediate Reach for the Top and Junior Varsity Ultimate teams. Day to day, students got involved in leadership, clubs and impressive tzedaka and tikkun olam efforts within the school and in the larger community.

All these initiatives were championed and supported by our incredible teachers, staff and leadership team, who ensure our students are safe, cared for, challenged and inspired every day. We are also grateful to our Gray Academy Parent Association for adding so much to our year – fun events, hot lunches, special treats and more.

We are incredibly grateful to our WBJE directors and committee members for their dedication and support. Most important, we are so proud of our students, who came to school every day ready to learn, eager to participate and prouder than ever to be part of a strong school community and global Jewish family. For that, we thank our parents for their invaluable partnership and support.

Sincerely,





Jonathan Strauss
Chair
Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education

Lori Binder ('91)
Head of School, Gray Academy
CEO, Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education

Our Accreditation and Affiliations

As an independent school, Gray Academy is committed to maintaining rigorous academic standards, fostering a warm and inclusive community and pursuing continuous whole-school improvement. Our accreditation and network affiliations are vital tools that help us meet these important commitments, as we focus on the learning, growth and development of every child.

GRAY ACADEMY IS:

- a proud beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg;
- approved by the Government of Manitoba; we follow the provincial General Studies curriculum set by the Department of Education for Kindergarten through Grade 12; all Judaic studies courses are approved for high school credit towards graduation;
- accredited by Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS), a community of independent schools that meet and exceed rigorous national standards;
- a member of the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools (MFIS), the umbrella organization for funded, non-profit independent schools across the province;
- a member of Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools, a network that provides professional development, research data and resources for Jewish day schools across North America.

Our Enrollment

Over the last few years, our total enrollment numbers have remained very consistent. The most important story is our strong retention, which is well above the typical independent school standard of 90%. We have seen a consistent long-term trend of reduced student attrition (students departing Gray Academy to other schools in Winnipeg), along with growth in High School enrollment. Overall, these figures tell us that families who choose Gray Academy are committed to a long-term, significant investment in Jewish day school education for their children.

A SNAPSHOT OF ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT RETENTION

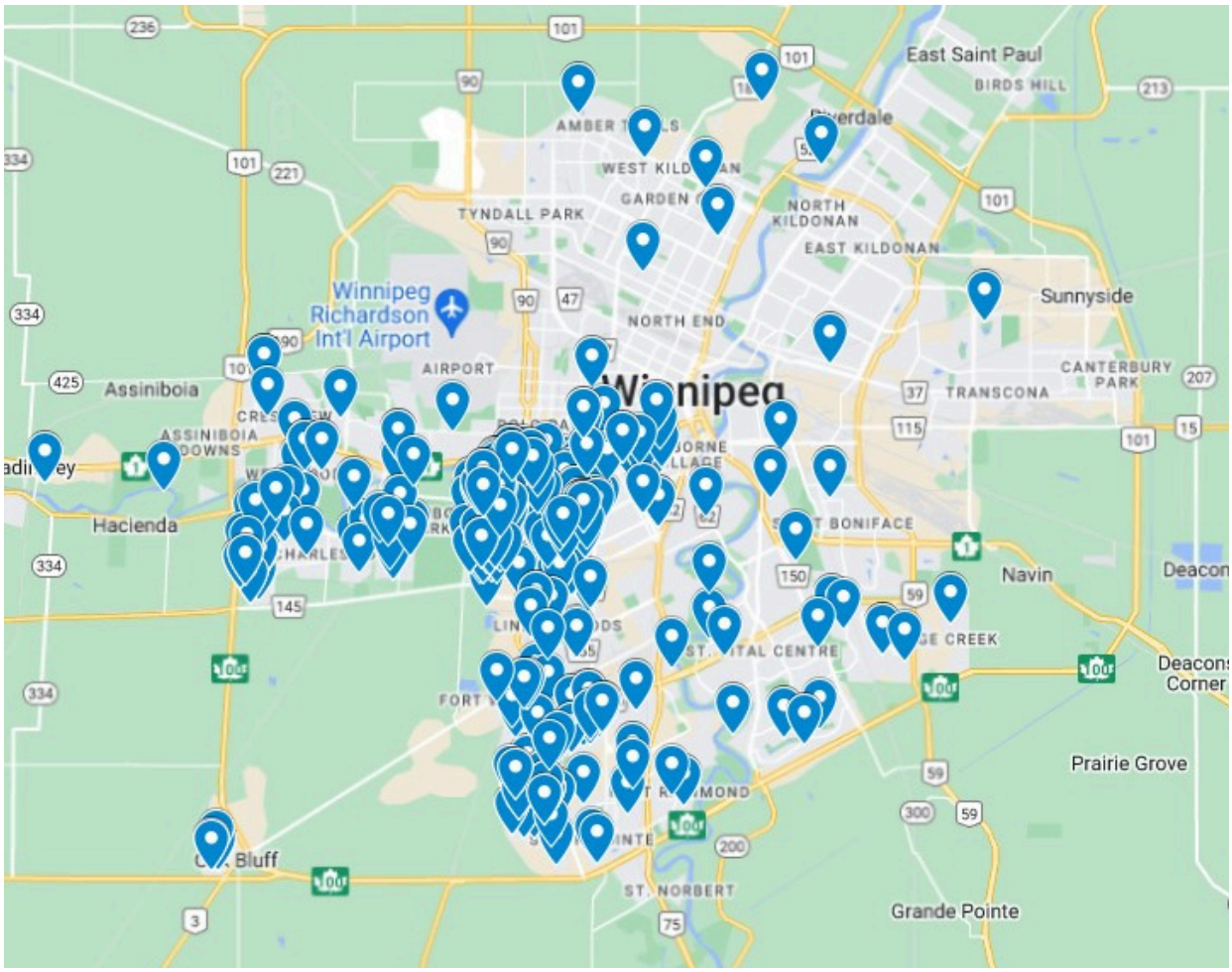
School Year	Total Students (September)	Retention	New Students
2022-2023	469	96%	68
2023-2024	473*	98%	78
2024-2025	499**	96%	125
2025-2026	517	92%	86
2026-2027	521***	94%	88

* School year ended at 487.

** School year ended at 524.

*** Highest September enrollment since 2013-14.

A SNAPSHOT OF WHERE OUR FAMILIES RESIDE



Our Board

WBJE DIRECTORS 2025-2026

Executive

Jonathan Strauss, Chair
Michael Weinstein, Vice Chair
Zachary Donen ('14), Treasurer
Daniel Matzkin, Secretary

Directors

Cheryl Altman
Jen Dimerman
Josh Glow ('14)
Cindy Lazar ('87)
Stephanie Levene
Eleni Wener

Ex-Officio

Josh Weinstein ('89), Past Chair
Lori Binder ('91), Head of School and CEO

Chief Financial Officer

Carlos Benesdra, CPA, CMA



WBJE COMMITTEES 2025-2026

Audit
Zach Donen, Chair
Diane Shindleman, Jacob Smollack, Jonathan Strauss, Josh Glow, Carlos Benesdra, Lori Binder

Finance
Zach Donen, Chair
Diane Shindleman, Jacob Smollack, Josh Weinstein, Josh Glow, Carlos Benesdra, Lori Binder

Governance
Josh Weinstein, Chair
Jen Dimerman, Michael Weinstein, Cheryl Altman, Lori Binder

Negotiations
Cindy Lazar, Chair
Michael Weinstein, Lori Binder

WBJE Representative to the Asper Jewish Community Campus Board
Michael Weinstein

SERVICE TO OUR SCHOOL





Mazel Tov, Josh
In 2026, Gray Academy was thrilled to nominate our past chair, Josh Weinstein, for a Shem Tov Award, a Jewish Federation of Winnipeg award recognizing volunteers who have made a significant impact on our Jewish community. We cannot thank Josh enough for his years of leadership and invaluable commitment to Gray Academy.

Thank you, Jen
As she completes her service as a member of the WBJE, we are incredibly grateful to Jen Dimerman for her leadership and commitment to our Gray Academy Parent Association and contributions to our board. With the graduation of her second son from Gray Academy in 2026, Jen has also completed her term as a Gray Academy parent!

Our Finances

PREPARED BY ZACHARY DONEN, TREASURER



Throughout the 2025-26 school year, the Finance Committee remained focused on ensuring the school's financial stability and long-term sustainability. We are pleased to report an improvement in our financial results compared to the prior year, ending with a shortfall of $31,432, compared to $241,004 in 2024-25. This improvement reflects our continued commitment to responsible financial management, without compromising educational programming or student experiences and also maintaining accessibility for families.

We continued to work towards our financial sustainability goals, while adhering to Canadian Accredited Independent Schools' (CAIS) financial standards. We extend our appreciation to the members of the Finance and Audit Committees for their time and expertise.

Fundraising

We remain grateful for the continued generosity of our community and the ongoing support of our fundraising initiatives. Direct donations to Gray Academy totalled $237,568 in 2025-26. We extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who contributed and helped support our school's programs and initiatives.

Provincial Funding

We value the ongoing support we continue to receive from the Province of Manitoba. Provincial funding increased during the 2025-26 school year, providing additional resources to support our educational programming. We are fortunate that our government maintains its commitment to providing educational choice for Manitoba families by supporting independent schools.

Community Support

We are deeply grateful for the support we received in 2025-26 from the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg (JFW) through allocations and designated gifts. These essential funds continue to support our needs-based Bursary Assistance program, ensuring more families can access Jewish education for their children.
We also appreciate the grants received from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, which enable us to enhance programming, address physical improvements and strengthen supports for our families.

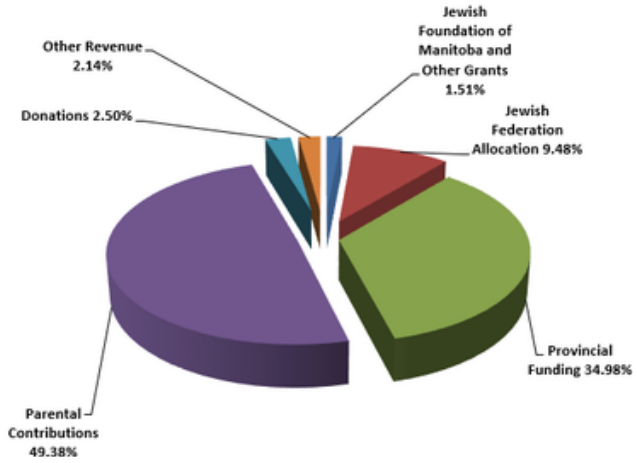
Audit
The WBJE financial statements included in this report were audited by Booke & Partners.

AJCC License Agreement
We are pleased to report that a new 20-year license agreement with the Asper Jewish Community Campus was finalized, effective May 7, 2026. This agreement provides greater long-term certainty regarding our continued operations at the Campus.

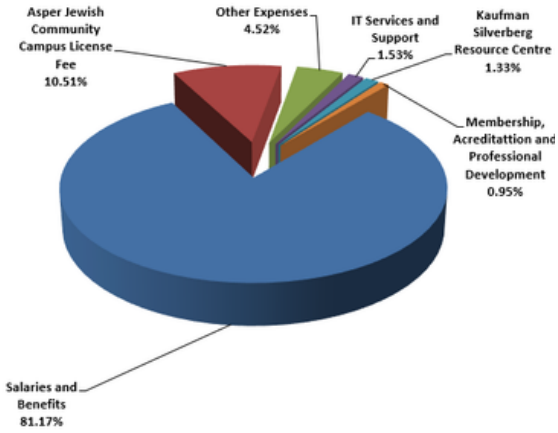
Statement of Financial Activities
The school's primary sources of revenue remain parental contributions, provincial grants, and the annual allocation from the JFW. In 2025-26, we saw continued growth across all three areas, with increased parental contributions, additional provincial funding, and increased support from the JFW. Total revenues increased to $9,490,203, compared to $9,170,355 in the prior year. This growth, together with continued expense management, contributed to a significantly reduced operating shortfall.

Balance Sheet
Net assets at year-end were $134,424, representing the balance in the equipment fund ($56,988), operating fund ($nil), and reserve fund ($77,436).

REVENUES



EXPENSES



Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Inc.
Summarized Financial Statements
June 30, 2026

Contents

	Page
Report of the Independent Auditors on the Summarized Financial Statements	1
Statement of Financial Activities	2
Statement of Changes in Fund Balances	3
Statement of Financial Position	4
Note to the Summarized Financial Statements	5

booke & partners

200 - 900 Lorimer Boulevard
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3P 2V4
Tel: (204) 284-7060
Fax: (204) 284-7105
www.bookeandpartners.ca

Report of the Independent Auditors on the Summarized Financial Statements

To the Directors of
Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Inc.

Opinion
The accompanying summarized financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2026, the statements of financial activities and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, and related note, are derived from the audited financial statements of Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2026.

In our opinion, the summarized financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

Summarized Financial Statements
The summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summarized financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon
We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated October 30, 2026.

Management's Responsibility for the Summarized Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation of the summarized financial statements on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditors' Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summarized financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Booke & Partners

Winnipeg, Manitoba
October 30, 2026

Chartered Professional Accountants

Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Inc.
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended June 30

	Secular	Religious	**2026 Combined**	2025 Combined
Revenues				
Parental contributions	$ -	$ 4,386,676	**$ 4,386,676**	$ 4,084,967
Junior Kindergarten program	279,895	-	**279,895**	227,200
Grants				
Province of Manitoba				
- instruction	3,138,319	-	**3,138,319**	3,077,507
- special education	120,390	-	**120,390**	126,942
- clinician services	33,188	-	**33,188**	-
- curricular materials	27,510	-	**27,510**	27,180
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg				
- regular	870,000	-	**870,000**	840,000
- resource centre	30,000	-	**30,000**	30,000
Jewish Foundation of Manitoba	143,277	-	**143,277**	192,059
Donations	237,568	-	**237,568**	287,883
International student program - net	20,057	-	**20,057**	19,026
Interest and miscellaneous	50,165	-	**50,165**	90,547
Student program fees	153,158	-	**153,158**	167,044
	5,103,527	4,386,676	**9,490,203**	9,170,355
Expenses				
Education	4,045,405	3,302,801	**7,348,206**	7,079,884
Office	1,008,225	1,012,046	**2,020,271**	2,164,431
Student programs	38,289	114,869	**153,158**	167,044
	5,091,919	4,429,716	**9,521,635**	9,411,359
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	$ 11,608	$ (43,040)	**$ (31,432)**	$ (241,004)

The complete financial statements, including notes to the financial statements and the independent auditors' report, are available upon request by contacting the organization's office.

Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Inc.
Statement of Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30

	Equipment Fund	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	**2026 Total**	2025 Total
Balance, beginning of year	$ 44,427	$ -	$ 121,429	**$ 165,856**	$ 406,860
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	(18,129)	(13,303)	-	**(31,432)**	(241,004)
Interfund transfers	30,689	13,303	(43,992)	**-**	-
Balance, end of year	$ 56,987	$ -	$ 77,437	**$ 134,424**	$ 165,856

The complete financial statements, including notes to the financial statements and the independent auditors' report, are available upon request by contacting the organization's office.

Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Inc.
Statement of Financial Position

June 30	2026	2025
Assets		
Current		
Cash	**$ 1,112,789**	$ 1,336,960
Receivables	**655,901**	610,323
Prepaids	**91,192**	61,079
	1,859,882	2,008,362
Long-term investment	**23,035**	22,522
Property and equipment	**249,714**	165,925
	$ 2,132,631	$ 2,196,809
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	**$ 1,385,640**	$ 1,317,706
Deferred revenue	**296,962**	355,550
Deferred contributions	**122,878**	146,147
	1,805,480	1,819,403
Deferred contributions for capital assets	**192,727**	211,550
	1,998,207	2,030,953
Fund Balances		
Equipment	**56,987**	44,427
Operating	**-**	-
Reserve	**77,437**	121,429
	134,424	165,856
	$ 2,132,631	$ 2,196,809

Approved by the Board

Director

Director

The complete financial statements, including notes to the financial statements and the independent auditors' report, are available upon request by contacting the organization's office.

Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Inc.
Note to the Summarized Financial Statements
June 30, 2026

1. Basis of preparation

The summarized financial statements have been prepared from the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2026 on the following basis:

a) The summarized financial statements include the major totals and subtotals from the related complete financial statements dealing with matters having a pervasive or otherwise significant effect on the summarized financial statements.

The complete financial statements, including notes to the financial statements and the independent auditors' report, are available upon request by contacting the organization's office.

Our Parent Association

Gray Academy parents are active partners in building an exceptional school community. Our Gray Academy Parent Association (GAPA) organized a broad range of programs for students and families, including lunches, our annual Fun Fair, teacher and staff appreciation initiatives, family events, fundraising and more. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who organized these valued programs for our students and families.

GAPA EXECUTIVE 2025-26

Emily Nozick, President
Goldie Yudelevich, Vice President
Viktoria Kornblit, Treasurer

GAPA PROGRAM COORDINATORS 2025-26

Cheryl Altman - Teacher/Staff Appreciation
Samantha Pollock and Erin Weinstein - Elementary Hot Lunch
Allison Strauss and Heather Silver - High School Hot Lunch
Analia Matzkin, Fundraising/Pre-Loved Uniform Sales
Sharon Cohen and Natali Halberthal - Fun Fair



Our Faculty & Staff

At Gray Academy, caring for children is at the centre of everything we do. This commitment begins with our team of dedicated teachers and educational staff. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, professionalism, dedication and passion in and out of the classroom.

LEADERSHIP 2025-2026

Lori Binder ('91), Head of School and CEO
Ronit Amihude ('93), Director of Learning and Innovation
Heather Micflikier, Elementary Principal
Tracy White, High School Principal
Julia Kroft ('15), Associate Director, Advancement and Alumni Relations
Skye Kneller ('09), Director, Advancement and Alumni Relations
Andrea Ritter, Director, Marketing and Communications

MAZEL TOV ON YOUR RETIREMENT!



Left to right: HaMoreh Marcelo , Mrs. Nata Spigelman, HaMorah Silvina

At the end of the school year, faculty and staff gathered to celebrate and bid all the best to:

- Marcelo Mohadeb, Elementary Guidance and Phys Ed
- Nata Spigelman, High School Hebrew, Law and Student Support
- Silvina Mohadeb, Kindergarten Teacher

Thank you for your many years of dedicated teaching and love for your students!

OUR 2025-2026 FACULTY AND STAFF

Tanya Almog
Shlomo Arava
Shauna Bailey
Matthew Barnes
Rachel Bazov
Isaac Bellan
Carlos Benesdra
Michal Berenshteyn
Gil Binnun ('13)
Nicole Boch
Lisa Boroditsky
Amy Brawerman ('10)
Alexandra Broitman
Rachel Brown ('96)
Aaron Catellier
Noah Chochinov
Rachel Collins
Dhiego Costa
Anna Corne
Heidi Crowley
Dale Diamond-Burchuk
Diksha Diksha
Judy Doctoroff
Micah Doerksen
Erica Dorfman
Joyce Douglas
Joanna Ebner
Ana Esterin
Rietta Floom
Chris Garroni
Natalie Geva
Nick Goszer
Tytus Gross
Matthew Guberman
Patricia Hamelin
Kevin Hammell
Madison Hanson
Ardith Henoch ('91)
Caylie Herstein
Erika Hop
Debbie Jackson
Jamie Kagan
Ronit Kantarzhi
Andrew Kaplan ('98)
Bailey Kaye
Eldar Kravitz ('20)
Sharona Kravitz
Aleksandra Kroitor ('11)
Lindsey Leipsic
Nadine Linder ('80)
Nick Maier
Juan Martinez Vasquez
Evelin Melech
Danielle Miller ('02)
Na'ama Miller ('85)
Aliza Milo
Erin Mitchell-Katz
Lucia Mohadeb
Marcelo Mohadeb
Silvina Mohadeb
Angela Mora
Graham Neyedley
Shelley Oman ('80)
Candace Podaima
Sari Ripstein ('11)
Marina Risman
Melanie Rubin
Tara-Lee Sanderson
Naama Samphir ('94)
Simone Shalev
Avigal Shamilov
Alexa Shapiro
Sharon Smilovitz
Tatyana Smolyaninov
Nata Spigelman
Kyra Swartz
Lauren Tennenhouse ('06)
Michelle Tessler
Nic Tremblay
Amanda Turner
Sharon Tzidon
David Vamos
Idan Verkhlin
Ira Verkhlin
Gabi Winestock ('06)
Samantha Zimberg
Tracy Zimmerman



Click here to see year-end thoughts and messages to staff from our students and families.



PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Throughout the year year, Gray Academy faculty and staff took part in learning locally and in Israel. Over and above regular professional development undertaken annually at school, all staff gathered at Fort Whyte Alive to complete mandatory Treaty Education, part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. In addition, several staff members travelled to Israel to take part in a variety of international programs aimed at enhancing Jewish day school education.



















Our Strategy

As Winnipeg's only Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 Jewish day school, Gray Academy's value proposition is totally unique in our community. Future Forward, our 2025-2028 strategic plan, builds on our established strengths and outlines strategies for meeting the evolving needs of students in a rapidly changing world.



Based on our strong, established foundation of community, Jewish identity and wellbeing, our Strategic Plan provides the framework for three key goals over five years:

1. Define – define and align on what current and future-forward education at Gray Academy entails.
2. Enhance – expand and enrich student learning, experiences, choices and programming.
3. Sustain – strengthen recruitment, advancement, alumni engagement, financial stability and growth.



Click here to view a digital copy of *Future Forward.*

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025-2026

Define

- Community surveys to support data-informed decision-making.
- Implementation of Hebrew at the Center programming, defining, aligning and invigorating our approach to Hebrew language learning.
- Collaboration with Prizmah Center for Jewish Day Schools to define and align our approach to Israel education.
- Professional development in Israel through Legacy Heritage Foundation, Binat Halev and Momentum to further strengthen Israel education across grades and disciplines of study.
- Completion of provincially mandated Treaty Education with a half-day of learning for all faculty and staff at Fort Whyte Alive.
- Implementation of UFLI, a systematic program that employs science of reading to teach Elementary students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading.

Enhance

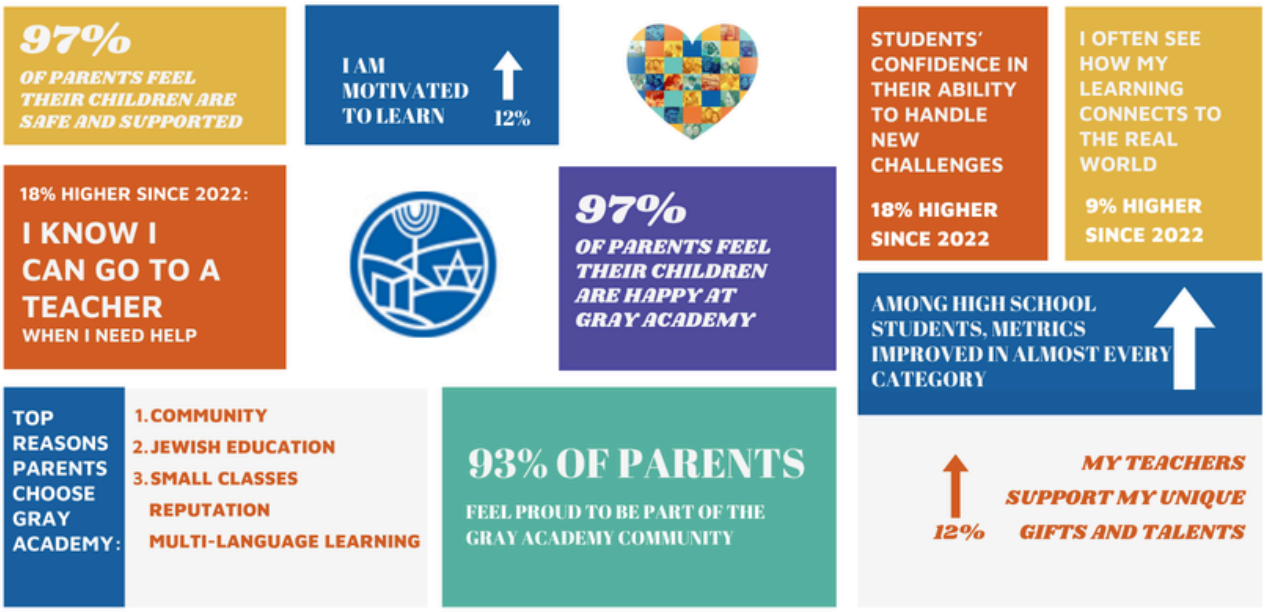
- Opening of Gan Re'ut, a new accessible playground for the school and community.
- Completion of Phase II of our Gray Academy-Tough Duck Community Ice Rink project, with the addition of a new asphalt surface and multi-use Hype Dome structure.
- Launch of a brand-new Dor L'Dor Internship program for High School students to connect with residents of the Saul and Claribel Simkin Centre.
- Second year of the Gray Academy Cardiovascular Internship at St. Boniface Hospital for Grade 11/12 students interested in life sciences and research.
- Enhancements to post-secondary guidance programming for Grade 11 and 12 students.
- Enhanced Student Support Services across the school.

Sustain

- Exceptional growth in student enrollment and ongoing high student retention.
- Significant growth of our Grandpals initiative to widen our circle of engagement.
- Our first online auction, which raised over $18,000 and fostered significant community engagement.
- Second year of The Lev Campaign, an ongoing multi-year initiative, which has raised over $103,000 to date.
- Continued leverage of Jewish Foundation of Manitoba grants to fund operational and capital needs.
- Increased alumni engagement with introduction of new 3-2-1 Alumni e-newsletter.

Our Stakeholders' Voice

In fall 2025, we asked parents, students and alumni to share their thoughts and insights through our latest community consultation surveys, conducted once again by our partners at Future Design School. We were very pleased to receive a total of 577 responses from 207 families and 301 students in Grades 4–12.



Key themes in 2025

- The strong sense of community remained the Number One reason why parents choose Gray Academy.
- Jewish education jumped from third to the second highest priority for parents.
- Small class sizes, the reputation of the school and our multi-language curriculum remain high priorities.

Parent satisfaction/student well-being remain high:

- 97% of parents believe their children are happy at Gray Academy.
- 93% of parents say they feel a sense of pride in being part of our school community.
- 97% of parents believe their children feel safe and supported at Gray Academy.
- 92% of Grade 9-12 /93% of Grade 7-8 / 95% of Grades 4-6 students say they have friends at school who like and care about them.
- 96% of Grade 12 students believe Gray Academy helped them get into the university/college of their choice.

Leveraging the data

Our strategic partner, Future Design School, created an in-depth report that is helping us understand stakeholder priorities, measure progress and continue to incorporate valued feedback into our decision-making.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Candid feedback from parents, students and alumni is invaluable to our commitment to ongoing reflection and continual whole-school improvement. We are thankful to the many stakeholders who took the time to share thoughts that remind us of the importance of what we do every day.

"The teachers truly see and understand my kids and help them reach their fullest potential."
- Parent

"I feel like I have a place at Gray Academy and I feel a sense of Jewish pride."
- Grade 7 Student

"I FEEL HEARD BY ANY TEACHER I AM APPROACHING."

- GRADE 12 STUDENT



"I feel grateful knowing my child is in a safe place to learn."
- Parent

Gray Academy helped me embrace my Jewish identity with pride, which has guided me through today's rise in antisemitism.
- Alum

Our Generous Supporters

ALLOCATIONS AND DESIGNATED GIFTS

We are incredibly grateful to the organizations and individuals who supported Gray Academy during the 2025-2026 school year and throughout our 29 year history. We are excited to continue strengthening connections with our graduates, parents, grandparents, donors and supporters by creating more opportunities for community and Alumni engagement.

Beneficiary Agency of the Jewish Federation OF WINNIPEG

As one of the 12 beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg (JFW), Gray Academy has relied on funds from the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg's annual Combined Jewish Appeal campaign to keep Jewish day school education financially accessible for families. For 2025-26, we were privileged to receive **$840,000** for **Gray Academy** and **$30,000** for the **Kaufman Silverberg Library** from JFW, thanks to generous gifts to the Federation's annual Combined Jewish Appeal campaign.

At the heart of Gray Academy's long-standing relationship with JFW is a shared commitment to providing an accessible path to meaningful Jewish learning. In 2025-26, more than 60 per cent of Gray Academy families required some level of bursary assistance. One hundred per cent of the school's annual allocation from JFW goes toward our Bursary Assistance program and to ensure our Kaufman Silverberg Library remains a vibrant community asset.

Combined Jewish Appeal Designated Gifts

We are very grateful for the designated gifts received for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Gail Asper & Michael Paterson
- Active Builders Ltd.
- Roz & Marty Greenfeld
- Richard & Sheree Morantz
- Michael Nozick
- Silver Family

JEWISH FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA

GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Each year, Gray Academy receives proceeds from our endowments, along with disbursements from a broad range of funds held at the JFM and Community Impact Grants we apply for. We gratefully acknowledge the additional dollars disbursed to the school in 2025-26, which fund a variety of programs and support financial accessibility.

Gray Academy Endowment Fund

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Gray Academy Endowment Fund last year.
We are thrilled to participate in the JFM Fund Match II, which matched contributions dollar for dollar, generating even more benefit for our students. Our balance at **December 31, 2025** was **$457, 775.**

Gray Academy Debating and Public Speaking Fund

Our Debate and Public speaking program remained one of the top programs in Canada, with students competing and achieving excellence locally, nationally and internationally.
Our balance at **December 31, 2025** was **$162,100**.

Additional Disbursements through JFM

Response to Immediate Needs for Additional Bursary Assistance

Faye and Clifford Swartz Fund - **$20,000**
Grosberg Family Foundation - **$10,000** (year 1 of 2)

Response to Emergent Needs in Student Support Services

Jewish Education Trust - **$45,000** (year 1 of 2 years)

JFM Community Impact Grants - Received in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026

Enhancements for our EAL Student Program - **$12,000** (year 2 of 2 years)
Technology Hardware Upgrades - **$17,800**
Furniture Enhancements for JK Classrooms - **$18,000**
Kitchen Appliance Upgrades - $8,718
Furniture Enhancements for Grade 1 Classrooms - **$10,000**
Advancement & Alumni Planning - **$25,000**
Dor L'Dor Intergenerational Internship Transportation - **$6,000**
Kaufman Silverberg Library Hebrew Book Collection Expansion - **$8,000**
Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) - **$3,000**

For more details about the Gray Academy Endowment and Jewish Edication Trust Fund, see Pages 44-45 of the 2025 JFM Annual Report

Gan Reut - A Beautiful New Friendship Garden











Thanks to an incredibly generous lead gift from the **Rich family**, along with gifts from **Rady JCC, the Gray Academy Parent Association, The Asper Foundation** and Gray Academy families, and a substantial grant from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, we were thrilled to cut the ribbon on a brand-new, state-of-the-art, inclusive playground called "Gan Reut" (גן רעות) in the fall of 2025. Hebrew for "Friendship Garden," Gan Reut is a place where all children can play and grow together. We are so proud to share this state-of-the-art playground that everyone can enjoy and so grateful to the generous donors who contributed to this project.

We look forward to watching children create countless memories and friendships in the Gan Reut Playground for years to come.

Phase II Gray Academy-Tough Duck Community Ice Rink - The Hype is Real!



In 2021, we opened the Gray Academy-Tough Duck Community Ice Rink, thanks to generous capital gifts from **Tough Duck; Marla & Adam Levene;** and **Mira & Matthew Narvey**, facilitated through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. Since then, children and families have enjoyed hundreds of hours learning to skate, playing pick-up hockey and more wintertime fun on the ice.

Last year, we completed Phase II of this amazing, 100-per-cent donor-funded development with the addition of a brand-new asphalt surface, giving us a smoother, more stable ice surface in winter and a multipurpose outdoor court for a variety of activities. The new surface includes painted lines for pickleball, a favourite pastime for so many Rady JCC members and a new Phys Ed opportunity for Gray Academy students.

We were also thrilled to add the Hype Dome, a clear, multipurpose space located beside the rink/court. Outfitted with seating, the Hype Dome can function as an outdoor classroom, a unique programming space, a hangout spot, and a sheltered place to lace up skates in winter. These exciting upgrades offer more ways for students, families and the community to enjoy our outdoor space year-round.

These new amenities are another example of collaboration between Gray Academy and Rady JCC, enhancing opportunities for students, families, fitness enthusiasts, tots and seniors to enjoy our shared facilities.

GIFTS IN MEMORY

The Barbara and Adam Goszer (Z"L) Scholarship



In 2025, the family of the late **Barbara and Adam Goszer** chose to establish a new Gray Academy scholarship in memory of their parents. Barbara and Adam were Holocaust survivors who deeply valued the opportunity and impact of education.

This new scholarship, awarded for the first time to a member of the Class of 2026, will be given annually to one recipient to support their pursuit of post-secondary education.

The Ben Ben Chimol (Z"L) Simchat Chayim Fund



The Gray Academy community continues to mourn the loss of student **Ben Ben Chimol (Z"L),** who passed away in December 2022 following a courageous battle with cancer.

In March 2023, just days before what would have been Ben's 18th birthday, we proudly launched the Ben Ben Chimol (z'l) Simchat Chayim Fund within the Gray Academy Endowment at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Dollars earned annually are used for school programs that bring joy to others and celebrate life, as Ben always did. Today, the fund sits at $9,419, very near our $10,000 goal.

The Sharon Freed (Z"'L) Collection



For nearly five decades, Sharon Freed (Z"L) shared her love of literature, language, history, the British monarchy and, of course, Scrabble with her students at I.L. Peretz School, Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate and Gray Academy.

Thanks to a generous gift from **Hope & Howard Morry and family** through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, we were delighted to welcome friends, family, former colleagues and favourite students of Sharon to our Kaufman Silverberg Library for the official launch of the brand-new Sharon Freed Collection, featuring a curated selection of Sharon's favourite titles and themes.

We were pleased to have members of Sharon's family with us, along with the Morry family, who joined us via livestream, and Ben Waldman ('13), who shared special memories of learning with one his favourite teachers.





THE ASPER FOUNDATION

Debating and Public Speaking Program - Asper Cup

We thank The Asper Foundation for its continued support of Gray Academy's Debate and Public Speaking program. We are proud to celebrate this support annually by hosting the Asper Cup Debate Tournament at our school. Last year, we were especially pleased to welcome Asper Foundation President Anita Wortzman to share greetings at this prestigious tournament.



Holocaust and Human Rights Education

The The Asper Foundation is a vital supporter of Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Gray Academy, which includes classroom learning, connecting with local Holocaust survivors and educational travel. After many years of students visiting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, our Class of 2026 travelled for the first time to Ottawa and Montreal to visit key Canadian and Jewish historical and Holocaust memorial sites and to meet with Canadian and Israeli dignitaries. Following this meaningful trip, Anita Wortzman presented each student with a personalized "Memorandum of Personal Responsibility," a document confirming they will take this important learning with them into the world long after graduation.





The Lev Campaign

With the support of our amazing students, faculty and staff, we continued our annual fundraising initiative, The Lev Campaign. The word *lev* is Hebrew for heart – the very source of the love and care we put into every child, every educational program and every Jewish experience at our school.



In the fall of 2025, we were thrilled to launch the second year of our Lev Campaign with our first ever Online Auction. We began by reaching out to parents, Grandpals and friends of Gray Academy to solicit donations of cool auction items, which netted 85 lots, with a total market value of over $34,000.

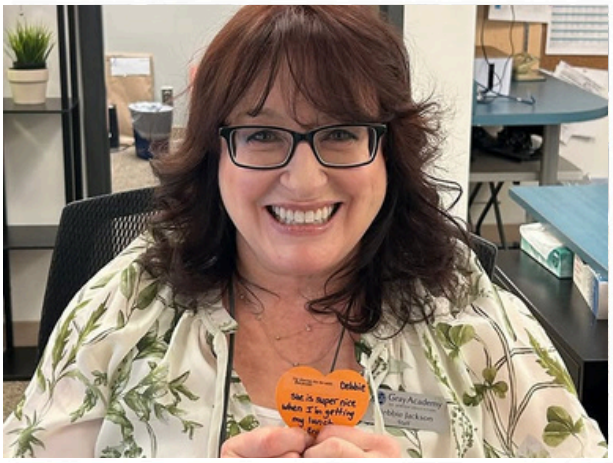
Over the course of two weeks, our school community was abuzz with excitement, as the bids flowed in for a broad range of in-demand products and services, from services to sports tickets, from auto services to artwork and so much more.

In addition to raising **over $18,000** for our Lev Campaign, the auction garnered tremendous engagement from our school and general community. We were incredibly grateful to the many indoivodiual, businesses and organizations that contributed auction items.

100 Hearts in 100 Days

With the goal of realizing 100 gifts in just over three months, we gave students and staff paper orange hearts and them asked to write special messages to the people who fill Gray Academy with Lev. In addition to raising an additional $2,350, our **100 Hearts in 100 Days** initiative generated countless heartfelt, personal messages to Lev leaders in the school and beyond!









LEV CAMPAIGN GIFTS

Thank you to the families, friends and supporters who contributed to the Lev Campaign in 2025-26. More than **$103,000** in gifts helped us keep Jewish day school education accessible to all families who want it for their children.

$25,000

Susan Holt

$10,000

Laing Family Foundation
Gennie and Oliver Plett

$5,000-$9,999

Benefits Planning Group (BPG)

$1,000-$4,999

Matzkin Family
Carly Shuler & Shane Kozlowich
Allison, Jonathan, Nathan and Noah Strauss
Top Marks Canada ULC



$250-$999

John & Terri Lee Farber
Josh Glow
Bob & Shirley Freedman
Craig Gilmour
Stephanie Levene, Mike Stamatinos, John & Jacob
Leorah Weinstein
Eleni Wener
Anonymous

$100-$249

Michel & Danita Aziza
Lori Binder
Michael Cantor
Zachary Donen
Avi Goldfarb
Daphne Ji
Sarry Klein & Scott Gilmour
Cynthia Lazar
Michael Legoff

Please excuse any errors or omissions

LEV CAMPAIGN GIFTS

$100-$249 CONT'D

Jonathon Leipsic
Rhonda Molotsky
Ian Roseman
Geoffrey & Mia Shaffer
Diane & Sandy Shindleman
Arie & Liudmila Wasserman
Tracy White
Goldie Yudelevich
Anonymous x 2

Up to $100

Tzahi Altberg
Katherine Cobor
Dan & Lital Edelman
Expert Sewer & Drain
Isaac & Sharon Gateno
Nancy Glinter
Gloria Gold, Lisa & Steven
Nick Goszer
Iakhnes Family
Jonathan & Lisa Katz
Pamela Kravetsky
Rosalie Lazar & Irwin Corobow
Avril Maister
Raya Margulets & Shay Yakobov
Adam & Samantha Pollock
Lynn & Gary Rockman
Maxa Sawyer & Dov Millstone
Elaine Swirsky
Susan Tennenhouse
Bonnie Toyber
Joshua Weinstein & Brenlee Schacter
Syva-Lee & Neil Wildenmann
Michele Zell Kanter & The Zell Family

Please excuse any errors or omissions



Click here or scan the code to learn more about Giving to Gray Academy!

ENROLLMENT GIFTS

Thank you to the families who chose to give a gift to Gray Academy at (re-)enrollment time. Total gifts of **$9,670** during 2025-26 were used to enhance programming throughout the school.

$500-$1,000

Margolin Family
Anonymous x 2

$250-$499

Asmir & Moshe Abraham
Reannah Hocken & Matthew Lander
Heather & Jordan Farber
Pam Katz & Gary Finkleman
David, Lindsay, Miriam & Aryeh Peretz
Anonymous

$100-$249

Michael & Ronit Cantor
Melanie & Bryan Hack
Huang Family
Daphne Ji
Lamai Family
Stephanie Levene & Mike Stamatinos
Xi Li
Yilia Liu's Family
Mah Family
In memory of Eliyezer Chaim Naon
In honour of Great Grandpa Ozzie Nasberg
In memory of Sheppy Nerman
Nozick Family
Leah, Michael, Evan & Sadie Remis
Heather & Norman Silver and family
Vrublevsky Family
Jian Wang & Ting Zhang
Maayan Yihia
Anonymous x 9

Up to $100

Hudobin Family
Plotnik Family
Felix Zeng
Anonymous x 9

Please excuse any errors or omissions

DIRECT GIFTS & AWARDS

Elementary Musical Sponsors

Todah rabah to all those who supported our amazing Elementary performers. Sponsorships totalling **$11,070** went a long way toward mounting a spectacular production and experience for our students. We are especially grateful to our Presenting Sponsor, The Michael Nozick Family Foundation, and Keith Levit for the amazing photos.





Tribute Cards

Thank you to everyone who recognized joyous milestones and offered heartfelt condolences through the Kaufman Silverberg Resource Centre and Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education Tribute Card programs. Click here to access Gray Academy Tribute Cards.

Wish of the Week

In its third year, our Wish of the Week offered the Gray Academy community more opportunities to support our programs. Members of the Gray Academy family donated needed items, along with more than **$7,365**.



- Financial gifts for Shabbat challah and Chanukah sufganiyot
- Pre-Loved uniforms for families to purchase
- “Tins for the Bin” for the JCFS Food Pantry
- Toys and board games for our Extended Hours program and the Kaufman Silverberg Library
- And more!

Awards and Scholarships

Our graduating and undergraduate students received many scholarships and awards through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, families and community organizations, along with the following funded by direct donations to the school:



- Gray Academy Kehilla Award
- Gray Academy Valedictorian Award
- Gray Academy Vision of Achievement Award
- Lifetouch Scholarship
- Yom Ha’atzmaut Song Festival Award
- Lori Shenkarow Scholarship
- Top Marks Canada Scholarships - School Pride, Citizenship, Continued Learning

GIFTS TO OUR KAUFMAN SILVERBERG LIBRARY

An Important Resource for our Students and Community

In 2025-26, direct donations and Tribute Cards purchased through our Library brought in **$1,372** in funds. Thanks to a generous Community Impact Grant from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, we were also able to expand our collection of Hebrew books substantially, ensuring we have resources for the many Israeli families who have joined our community in recent years.











The Gift of Reading

In addition, our Sefer Shelanu Birthday Book Club raised **$756 from 39 participants**, a 24% increase from the previous year. To date, Sefer Shelanu has raised **$2,750** toward the purchase of new books for all children to enjoy in our Library.



Click here to learn more about our Kaufman Silverberg Library.

CELEBRATING MILESTONES, MAKING MEMORIES

Thank you to our families who enriched our students' experiences and celebrations by supporting our milestone programs.

JK Year-end Celebration of Learning

Kabbalat Shabbat Sponsor
- David, Lindsay, Miriam & Aryeh Peretz

Garden Sponsor
- Anonymous
- Millo/Rubin Family

Circle Time Sponsor
- Anonymous
- Cheryl & Brad Bokhaut
- Rafael Bokhaut's Family
- Farber Family
- Desiree & Matthew Katz
- Fay-Lynn Katz & Martin Krawitz



Kindergarten Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat Shalom Sponsor
- Anonymous
- Millo Rubin Family

Challah Sponsor
- Anonymous
- Bryan Klein & Maureen Pollock
- Nona, Ashley & Benji Leibl

Shabbat Shalom Sponsor
- Berman Family
- Gail & Kerry Bloomfield
- Barbara & David Goldenberg
- Jonathan Katz & Lisa Lipschitz
- Leibl/Vickar Family
- Weinstein Family
- Nessa Werier

Grade 1 Chaggigat Ha Siddur

Siddur Sponsor

- Anonymous
- Daniel, Baillie & Chisick Family
- Matzkin Family

Tefillah Sponsor

- Baba Maxa & Zaida Cliff Chisick
- Melanie, Bryan, Noah & Ellie Hack and Debby & Norm Yusim
- Bryan Klein & Maureen Pollock
- Adam, Sam, Benny & Goldie Pollock

Bracha Sponsor

- Anonymous
- Fay Lynn Katz & Martin Krawitz
- Sora Ludwig & Brent Schacter
- Sonny Minuk
- Maja Nerman
- Lynn Rockman
- Tennenhouse/Marantz Family



Grade 2 Chaggigat HaTorah

Torah Sponsor

- Millo Rubin Family

Sefer Sponsor

- Farber Family
- Goldschlager Family
- Cody and Scarlett Nozick

Parsha Sponsor

- Don & Bev Aronovitch
- Jonathan Katz & Lisa Lipschitz Celebration Sponsor
- Emerson's Family
- Barbara and David Goldenberg
- Korenblit Family
- Mica Uchytel & Family

Simcha Sponsor

- Kantarzhi-Goldenberg Family
- The Matzkin Family
- Dar Uchytel
- Weinstein Family



Grade 3 Virtual Voyage to Israel

- Anonymous



Grade 6 Celebration

Celebration Sponsor
- Leibl/Vickar Family
- Barbara & David Goldenberg
- Korenblit Family
- Mica Uchytel & Family

Simcha Sponsor
- Kantarzhi-Goldenberg Family
- Matzkin Family



Grade 12 Graduation

Distinction Sponsors
- Astroid Management
- Skilnik Wilk Family

Honour Roll Sponsors
- Ilana Abrams & Steven Hyman
- Jen, Ian & Sam Dimerman
- David and Aaron Greaves
- Marla, Adam & Ethan Levene

Tassel Turner
- Ruth & Chuck Narvey
- Sharon & David Putter

Cap & Gown Club
- Brenda & Phil Yakir

Support a Student
- Dorann & Tom Gottlieb



Our Grandpals

After a very successful launch the previous year, we were delighted to grow and expand our Grandpals program – an important mechanism to engage the grandparents and other special seniors who care deeply about our students and our school. Participants got involved by visiting the school, volunteering, baking for holidays and giving to the school.



In the fall, we hosted our second annual Grandpals Homecoming. We welcomed dozens of Grandpal guests, including four former Gray Academy educators, one great baba and one therapy dog who visits and reads with our students! Grandpals toured Gray Academy during a busy school day, learn about our programs and visit with their special students. Several Grandpals came back during the year to volunteer with baking, challah making, sewing club and moer!

Click here to learn more about our Gray Academy Grandpals program.

Our Commitment to Israel

On joyful days and in the most challenging times, Gray Academy stands wholeheartedly with Israel - one of our key commitments, as a Jewish community day school. hroughout the school year, our connections to Israel remained at the forefront of daily life at Gray Academy.





Connecting to Israel with Our ShinShinim

Sponsored by Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Ron and Yam were our first-ever ShinShinim - Israeli high school graduates completing a year of meaningful service in the Diaspora. These two bright young ambassadors brought loads of Israeli spirit and enthusiasm to Gray Academy throughout the school year, taking part in classes and school programs and giving our students of all ages opportunities to learn about life in Israel from a teen perspective.

Our Mitzvot

At Gray Academy, students learn and live the vital Jewish values of kindness, *tzedaka* and t*ikkun olam* by leading and participating in a broad range of activities throughout the year. In 2025-26, students contributed funds, needed items, creative ideas and collaborative efforts to help those in need locally and in Israel.



Some of Our 2025-26 Tzedaka and Tikkun Olam Initiatives:

- Yom Kippur "Tin for the Bin" and Purim Pasta Food Drives for Jewish Child and Family Service
- Monthly Casual Day for a Cause for a variety of charities, including Terry Fox Foundation, Combined Jewish Appeal, Friends of JNF Canada, CancerCare and more
- Conecting with Holocaust survivors at Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre
- Mitzvah Day making and delivering beautifully decorated bagged lunches for Main Street Project
- Pesach "Matza Mountain" *ma'ot chitim* drive for Jewish Family and Child Service
- Burial of holy objects with Chesed Shel Emes
- Gathering for Minyanim, Kabbalat Shabbat, Havdallah and memorial services
- Youth Philanthropy Initiative donation to Alpha House, a residential program is for families fleeing domestic violence.

Our Chagim

One of the important ways Gray Academy students discover and strengthen their Jewish identity is through joyous celebrations at school. From dipping our apples and hearing the shofar to visiting the Sukkah; from Chanukah lights and dreidls to a parade of Purim costumes and the Pesach table; our students found joy in celebrating together as a community throughout the school year.











Our Milestones

Every Gray Academy school year is woven through with meaningful milestone programs that celebrate student growth, enrich Jewish learning, and build memories that last a lifetime. Throughout 2025-26, we were thrilled to welcome families and friends to celebrate with us.



JK Family Kabbalat Shabbat



Kindergarten Family Family Shabbat



Grade 1 Chaggigat HaSiddur



Grade 2 Chaggigat HaTorah



Grade 3 Virtual Voyage to Israel



Grade 4 Torah Siyyum



Grade 5 Overnight at Camp Massad



Grade 6 Shabbaton



Grade 7 Outdoor Ed at BB Camp Kenora



Grade 8/9 Spirit Weekends



Grade 10-12 Jewish Experience Retreat



Class of 2026 Formal Day

Our Class of 2026

Our 29 graduates, their parents and Gray Academy staff were aglow with pride, as the Class of 2026 completed the final steps in their Gray Academy learning journey with Ethical Wills, Grad Shabbat, Grad-Staff Luncheon, Time Capsule, Progressive Dinner, Convocation and a beautiful Safe Grad-Dinner Dance.







Click here to view the full program for our Class of 2026 Convocation

Our Learning Outside the Classroom

Gray Academy students have many opportunities to explore activities, discover their talents, develop skills, bond with peers and connect with the larger community. Throughout the 2025-26 school year, intramurals, arts, field trips, lunchtime clubs, Reach for the Top, guest speakers and more keep students engaged and learning in and out of the classroom.



Learning about Truth and Reconciliation



In September, we observed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students wore orange and spent the day engaged in special learning and programming, including:

- An Elementary assembly
- Speakers and workshops led by Student Council
- Classroom activities
- Bannock baking
- An interactive hoop dancing demo
- Lots of orange shirts, in memory of children and families who suffered as a result of residential schools



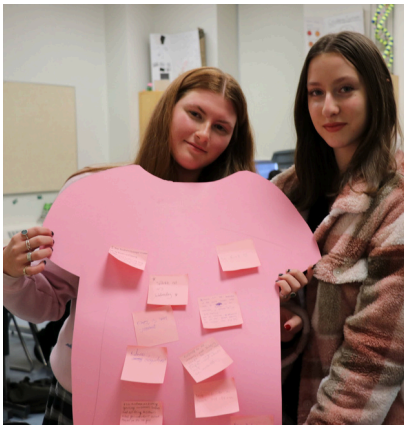


Celebrating Kindness on Pink Shirt Day

Every February, students all across Canada put on their pink t-shirts, sweaters and hoodies to raise awareness about bullying prevention. At Gray Academy, we celebrated Pink Shirt Day by focusing on our Jewish values of community, empathy, acceptance and letting kindness grow.







Gray Academy Cardiovascular Research Internship

We were thrilled to run our second cohort of the Gray Academy Cardiovascular Research Internship for Grade 11 and 12 students with an interest in biology and health sciences research. This co-curricular opportunity provided an incredible introduction to working in a professional lab environment. Participants gained unparalleled hands-on experience in cardiovascular research, under the guidance of Dr. Lorrie Kirshenbaum and Dr. Inna Rabinovich-Nikitin, two world-class investigators at St-Boniface Hospital's Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences.

Gray Academy Dor L'Dor Internship Pilot

Last year, we were thrilled to pilot a brand-new internship program, together with the Saul and Claribel Simkin Centre, designed to facilitate valuable social connections and learning between Gray Academy High School students and seniors in our community.

While visiting with Simkin Centre residents, students engaged in social activities - playing board games, sharing stories and simply chatting. These connections presented amazing opportunities for mutual learning, respect, empathy and understanding, while also providing students with valuable insights into the lives and experiences of an older generation.

In addition to social time with residents, students participated in informative workshops led by Simkin Centre professional staff. These workshops enhanced students' understanding of topics relevant to aging and care, such as communication with seniors, understanding dementia and the importance of community.

Following this successful pilot, we are continuing the program with a second cohort, facilitated by a grant from the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba for student transportation to and from the Simkin Centre.







Our Artistic Side

Arts and creativity are an integral part of integrated learning and expression at Gray Academy. Last year, our students enjoyed visual arts and music education, along with optional opportunities to participate in band and drum line, our Elementary musical and art exhibitions.























Our talented Grade 4, 5 and 6 students spent many months working tirelessly to bring the magic of Matilda the Musical Jr. to life on stage. And what a spectacular job they did! We were incredibly proud of our performers who wowed the crowd with four successful shows - including two SOLD-OUT performances.

We were so grateful to everyone who helped make Matilda the Musical Jr. a smashing success, including our directors, Miss Grace and Miss Alenna, and our many volunteers. We are especially grateful to our Presenting Sponsor, The Michael Nozick Family Foundation.

Click here to access a pdf of our show program, including the full cast, sponsors and more.





Students in Grades 5 to 12 expressed in song their love for Israel and Jewish life at our 49th Yom Ha'atzmaut Song Festival. Winning entries were performed for all students during our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at school.



Click here to access a pdf of our Song Festival program, including performance listings, song lyrics and more.

Our Sporting Life

On the court and on the field, students stayed active, learned new skills, had fun and forged new friendships playing, Ultimate Frisbee, basketball, volleyball, soccer and more. We were especially proud of our Raiders Junior Varsity Ultimate team on a big win at the Manitoba Organization of Disc Sports provincial championship in the spring. And, of course, everyone's favourite bear, Rocky the Raider, was there to cheer on our teams!



YOM HULEDET SAME'ACH, ROCKY!

In 2026, we celebrated the second birthday of everyone's favourite bear-about-town, Rocky the Raider! We marked the occasion with an all-school Pep Rally and our annual Raiders vs. Team Teach basketball match-up. Throughout the year, Rocky brought joy and *ruach* to students, staff and families, at school and on the road!











Gray Academy
OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Abe and Fan Simkin Circle
A202-123 Doncaster St Winnipeg, MB R3N 2B4
204.477.7425
www.grayacademy.ca