

OBITUARIES and Related Notices

Steeles Memorial Chapel

Mangarten, Luba	Oct. 11/07	95 Rockford Rd
Novakhov, Rouvin	Oct. 12/07	Private
Shiff, Helen	Oct. 14/07	1 Karl Court
Greenberg, Meir	Oct. 12/07	
Kraus, Clara	Oct. 14/07	118 Burbank Dr
Landgarten, Irving	Oct. 15/07	101 Governors Rd
Goodman, Morris	Oct. 14/07	
Fineberg, Albert	Oct. 15/07	81 Wenderly Dr
Bengino, Jacob	Oct. 17/07	601 Clark Ave. W.
Steinhart, Philip	Oct. 17/07	642 Sheppard E.
Tessler, Sonia	Oct. 17/07	28 Limcombe Dr
Yuffy, Henry	Oct. 17/07	7420 Bathurst St
Sadoff, Sylvia	Oct. 19/07	Private
Kohl, Rose	Oct. 20/07	80 Antibes Dr
Jacobson, Rita	Oct. 20/07	650 Briar Hill Ave
Borodow, Yvette	Oct. 21/07	5 Hawksbury Dr
Teitelman, Doreen	Oct. 21/07	784 Centre St



Michael Rowan	Oct 15/07	191 St. George St
Sydney Snell	Oct 15/07	15 Torresdale Av
Louise Saltzman	Oct 16/07	1216 York Mills Rd
Edith Rowan	Oct 18/07	3560 Bathurst St
Elena Shafirovitch	Oct 18/07	12 Goldfinch Ct

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Carl A. Stone	Oct 13/07	561 Avenue Rd
Miriam Segal	Oct 11/07	89 Sanibel Cr
Ron Sherman	Oct 13/07	155 Kendal Av
Markus Haimov	Oct 15/07	3560 Bathurst St
Jeanne Kamarnar	Oct 13/07	1035 Eglinton Av W
Carole Riback	Oct 15/07	942 Yonge St
Stan Greben	Oct 14/07	500 Avenue Rd
Israel Gelbard	Oct 17/07	215 Searle Av
Rose Zellitt	Oct 16/07	150 Brighton Av
Andrew Miklos	Oct 17/07	333 Clark Ave W
Elizabeth Bowmile	Oct 18/07	3560 Bathurst St
Fred Eisen	Oct 19/07	20 Dewbourne Av
Elaine Ritz	Oct 19/07	106 MacPherson Av
Sam Mussman	Oct 20/07	5 Kenneth Av
Zinaida Maydanik	Oct 21/07	205 Cumber Av
Grigory Makievsky	Oct 20/07	77 Forest Run Bl
Sophie Baker	Oct 21/07	7460 Bathurst St
Irving Bain	Oct 21/07	85 Skymark Dr

The unveiling of a monument
honouring the memory of

**HELEN
NAIMAN** ה"י

will take place
Sunday, Nov. 4th,
at 11:00 a.m.

**Bathurst Lawn
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Wierzbniker Section

Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument
to the memory of the late

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LORNE
SUGAR** ה"י

will take place
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'Nobody' helps kids boost self-esteem

By ABIGAIL BIMMAN

Special to The CJN

Nobody is helping elementary and high school students boost their self-esteem while being altruistic at the same time.

"Nobody" the rag doll, that is.

Former teacher Kelly Clark developed the doll as part of a hands-on self-esteem and social responsibility program that she started in her own classroom in 2001, and it's now being used in some 300 classes across 16 school boards, she said.

The project works by having students in grades 1 through 12 choose a project that helps a living thing – a person, animal or the environment – and then use their personal interests to be kind to that thing in a tangible way. Each student takes the "Nobody" doll home with them for one week. At the end of the week, they attach something small to the doll that represents their activity. The student also presents their project to the class, along with a story and picture that they put in a communal scrapbook.

The idea is that by the end of the year, with all of the students' contributions, "Nobody" becomes "Somebody."

Clark said the project was born while she was searching for a concrete way to build self-esteem among her students.

"It's a tangible way to feed character development. It's a way for each student to realize they fit in by being different, because everyone adds [something different] to the doll," she said.

Last year, Eli Sokoloff Harris took part in the project by selling fair trade chocolate bars to help raise money for children in developing countries to go to school through the Free the Children program.

"I had heard of [Free the Children] before, and I knew it was to help children around the world go to school, and not be in slave labour," the Grade 6 student said about his project.

"With the standard way of making chocolate, children and their parents are in danger, because they have to use big knives to cut off the cocoa pods, and toxic fumes for helping them grow."

By contrast, fair trade bars are made using cocoa pods that are grown in worker-friendly conditions.

Eli, 11, added that with traditional chocolate bars, workers see about six per cent of profits, but with fair trade bars, they receive 36 per cent. Eli also simultaneously landed the title role in his school's production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, and he used the hype from the play to sell more than 120 bars.

Andrew Shinoff is also in Grade 6. He participated in the Who is Nobody program when he had Clark as a teacher in Grade 1, and he has been selling Freezies to raise money for Interplast ever since.

Interplast provides free reconstructive surgery to children in developing countries with cleft lips and palates, burns and hand injuries by teaching and partnering with local doctors.

"You can't just put [money] in an envelope and say, 'Here it is, Third World.' We had to choose something," said Andrew's father, Steve. A fellow nursing colleague of Andrew's mom suggested Interplast.

Andrew, who was profiled for his accomplishments in a 2004 *CJN* article, raised \$800 for Interplast in his first year. He sold Freezies twice a week at recess with the help of a family member or his nanny. Due to the campaign's success, Andrew chose to continue the project. Now, he sells Freezies on every warm day.

Last year, in Grade 5, the Forest Hill Public School student sold just under 2,000 Freezies and raised \$4,500 for Interplast.

In total, Steve said, Andrew has raised more than \$8,000 for Interplast.

"It's become an institution at the school," Steve said.

"I feel like I've accomplished a lot. I've helped a lot of people in developing countries and it's just a great feeling," 10-year-old Andrew said. "It makes them feel good that people care about them from another side of the world, and it's making them feel good because they don't have a cleft."

"I just want to keep on helping as much as I can," he added.

"['Who is Nobody'] gets everyone involved, and it gets everyone thinking and doing things for other people, not just themselves."

For more information, visit www.whoisnobody.com.