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The Chessed Shel Emes is currently seeking qualified Jewish women and men who are interested in joining our community Chevra Kadisha.

The Chevra Kadisha (literally, Sacred Society) performs the mitzvah of Tahara - the ritual preparation of the deceased. This "chesed shel emet", or true good deed, is based on genuine kindness and respect.

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Tahara takes place at our chapel and volunteers are required at various times during the day. Complete training is provided.

Confidential inquiries should be directed to Rena Boroditsky at 582-5088.

**People**

**Chai Folk Ensemble makes first ever public appeal for funds**

*Costs up, volunteering down*

The Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble has issued a public cry for help. In a recent open letter to the community published in *The Jewish Post & News*, the 37-year-old dance troupe pointed out its need for new sources of funding and new rehearsal space.



**LORNE WEISS, Chai president: "If we don't find new sources of funding, we could be out of business in 12 months."**

**OUR LITTLE SHITEL**



By **MYRON LOVE**

"If we don't find new sources of funding, we could be out of business within 12 months," says Chai President Lorne Weiss.

Weiss suggests that Chai is, to some degree, a victim of its own success. As the performing group has grown and become more sophisticated and widely known, costs for travel, costumes and music become more and more costly. Touring, however, is important to the dancers and musicians, he notes. He compares them to athletes.

"You can practise as much as you want," he says, "but you also need to perform among your peers."

Throughout its history, Chai has been, for the most part, self-supporting. There have been no public fundraising campaigns. The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba has provided funding for special projects and the Peretz School Foundation and the Province of Manitoba's Department



**From left: Teacher Ara Morris, Grade 6 Margaret Park Hebrew Bilingual Program student Kirby Feuer with award, teacher Pat Holmes, Margaret Park Principal Pat Stefanchuk, and teacher Gina Chodirker.**

of Cultural Affairs have provided yearly grants. The bulk of operating revenue, however, has been generated by Chai's yearly concert at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall.

"While the costs associated with staging the concert are rising from year to year, our revenues from it have flattened out," Weiss says. "We are also faced with an aging, declining community. Our volunteer base has dropped off dramatically. At one time, for example, all of our costumes were sewn by volunteers. Now we have to pay for them. It costs about \$150 to outfit each performer. Yet we need those costumes for the visual presentation. We are one of the few groups that still do annual concerts in Winnipeg and sell out every time."

Rehearsal space has been similarly donated in the past. In times when the real estate

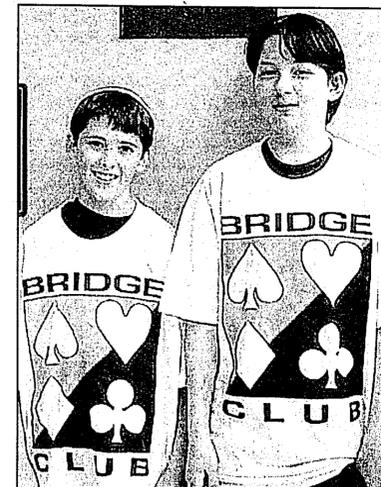
market here was soft, the group could always find someone with an empty warehouse to lend for rehearsals. In the current market, warehouse space is at a premium. Weiss notes that the B'nay Abraham Synagogue stores the costumes for the troupe and allows use of its building for rehearsals.

"We need a place where we can leave our sets up permanently," Weiss says. "We also

cas, Venezuela, because we didn't have the money to go," Weiss says. "We have an invitation from Brazil in December which we may have to decline. The success of our fundraising efforts are critical. We can't afford to stand still. We have to keep moving forward."

Students in our Jewish school systems continue to stand out in provincial, national and

**People**



**Bridge winners Michael Sturrey (at left) and Dimitriy Gomon, Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate students, finished first in North America-wide tournament.**

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At Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Grade 8 students Michael Sturrey and Dimitriy Gomon finished first in a North America-wide bridge tournament for students from Grade 6 to 12. They each won a \$500 U.S. scholarship to a college or university of their choice. Gomon took up bridge three years ago when the school started a club at lunchtimes.

"We had a choice of going outside over lunch in the winter or joining a club," he says.

Sturrey began playing two years ago. The competition, he says, involved playing 12 games locally. The scores were sent in to a

central office. Last year, the pair won a trophy for being the best in Manitoba in their age range. They are looking forward to next year's competitions.

Grade 8 JWC student Ber Cohen won a silver medal in a provincial computer science problem solving competition. He had to write five programs in three hours, print out the results and the codes and send them in. To prepare for the competition, he says, he spent time reading and brushing up on his programming.

Grade 10 JWC students Richard Winograd and Dario Schor came third in the provincial computer science contest, although they finished first in solving the bo-



**Grade 10 JWC students Richard Winograd and Dario Schor: Third in provincial science contest.**

nus question which they had a week to work on. All three are looking forward to trying again next year.

As usual, JWC students did very well at the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium.

Grade 8 students Adam Pollock and Seth Shaffer won a gold medal with a project that analyzed the characteristics of golf balls. Other gold medals went to Maxime Zentner, Grade 8, for her study of the strengths of different textiles, and Grade 8 students Lainie Shrom and Maia Schor for their comparison of hydroponics and conventional plant growing methods. Several other students won other medals at the symposium. Grade 8 students Emma Fineblit and Anita Reiss studied beer making; Grade 7 students Leanne Zimmer and Carly Shloshower did a project on oral pH; Grade 7 students Kylie Bernstein and Leah Leibl investigated alcohol's effect on reflexes;

Grade 7 student Maya Thau-Eleff demonstrated the effect of oil spills on animal fur; and Grade 7 students Greg Lipschitz and Daniel Lipson experimented with different kinds of smoke detectors.

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**Director of Youth & Young Adult Services**  
Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre  
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