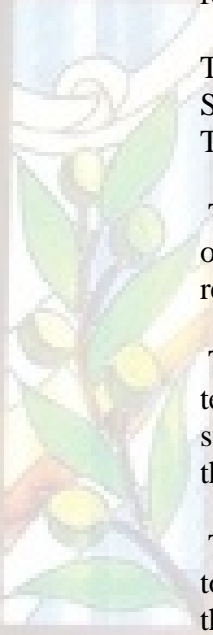


HaShira HaZot: This is our Song
The Toronto Heschel School Torah Project

For more than 3,000 years, Jews have preserved the Torah and the Torah has preserved the Jewish People. It is the story of our people and a direct connection to our ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; to Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

From generation to generation, the Torah has been the source of knowledge and strength for the Jewish People. It is a reservoir of ancient wisdom that is still relevant today.



The Torah and its teachings are at the core of the curriculum at The Toronto Heschel School. And now, in the heart of our school, we are privileged to own a very special Torah that imparts its own history and lessons to us.

The Heschel Torah survived the Shoah (Holocaust) because of the foresight and courage of a rabbi in Romania. It now sits in our beautiful Aron HaKodesh (ark) waiting to be read, studied and treasured by a new generation of Jews.

This year will be a journey of discovery for our entire school community- students, teachers, parents and grandparents - as we learn more about our Torah's miraculous survival and journey. We invite all the friends of the school to participate as we uncover the mysteries of our own Heschel Torah and delve into the depths of Torah study itself.

The very last commandment in the Torah perpetuates its holiness by requiring every Jew to write his or her own Sefer Torah. With the help of a Sofer (scribe) we will be inviting the Heschel community to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime mitzvah to restore the Torah so that it is as clear and crisp as the day it was first written.

We look forward to the day when soon our own Torah, which was hidden during the darkest times for the Jewish People, is renewed and is used with joy by our students and school community.

The Toronto Heschel School's philosophy was inspired by the wisdom of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Funds raised from the Torah project will go to continue the educational, religious and philosophical goals of the school.

There are many ways to participate in the HaShira HaZot project. Dedications are a meaningful way to commemorate significant milestones and to honour family and loved ones. For more information, please e-mail torah@torontoheschel.org or call 416-635-1876 extension 613.

