



THE UHI BULLETIN

The Weekly Newsletter of United Hebrew Institute, Kingston, PA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear UHI Community,

We are currently celebrating Sukkot and many of our activities in school and at home are focused on this festival, as it should be. I would like to share with you an inspiring thought based upon a sermon delivered by Rabbi Steinberg of Young Israel of the Main Line.

We normally associate Sukkot with the forty year journey the Jews took in the Sinai Desert on their way to the Land of Israel. Contrary to popular notion, Jews do not celebrate historical events for their historical value. If the remembrance of an event, as great as it might be, does not have a lesson to teach us in our lives, we do not celebrate that event. For example, we do not celebrate the day the Jewish nation entered the Land of Israel under Joshua's guidance, nor the construction of the first and second Holy Temples. The question then is what messages does the holiday of Sukkot teach us?

There are many lessons we can learn from Sukkot. By living in a Sukkah (which includes sleeping), we learn to put our faith in G-d by exchanging our secure homes for a very unsecured dwelling. Another interesting lesson that I heard this week relates to the Lulav and Etrog. By waving the four species together, we may begin to appreciate that which is temporary and fleeting.

As much as the stock market has roller coasted over the last few weeks, nothing loses value more quickly than an Etrog after Sukkot. Yet during Sukkot it has immense value. This conditions us to realize that in its proper time something very transitory may acquire significance and we must seize the moment.

We can apply this lesson to our lives. Every moment is passing and each in isolation seems relatively insignificant. Yet every moment is precious. A mitzvah that comes our way should be done with zeal and alacrity because the opportunity is temporary. Once passed by, that prospect for eternal reward is gone.

This concept may also apply to our children, particularly in early childhood. The wonderful stage from birth through age five when they enter kindergarten passes by quickly, at least in retrospect. We should focus on their accomplishments – the little things – precisely because they will be overshadowed by greater achievements later on. Every child will learn the ABC's, learn to read, and master the many subjects taught at school. However, at the very onset of his/her life each child will discover the world around him/her in a fascinatingly unique way. Let us appreciate each child for who he/she is, for that is today's joy and it passes by all too quickly.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach

A NOTE FROM TALY

The Sukkot Dinner was a tremendous success and great way to kick off the New Year. I was amazed by the turnout of parents who volunteered for the many duties necessary to bring about this wonderful family and community event. There are too many people to list but all of you know who you are! I must, however, take this time to give a special thank you to Sara Pisarz for chairing this event as her tireless efforts were key in the overwhelming success of the dinner.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful and festive decorations thanks to the efforts of Jody Stone and Janice Zarad. A special thank you to Malka Seewald for bringing joy to the children with the edible sukkot. Patti Schwartz topped off the dinner with her delicious, homemade brownies. What would we have done without Zivit Bruce who insisted on hand washing every glass, dish, pot, nook and cranny at the end of a very full and tiring evening! Also, the donations given by Beverly Berley, Malka Seewald, Patti Schwartz, and Janice Zarad in addition to their time were greatly appreciated.

As always, Geveret Pernikoff coordinated a beautiful installation of officers even though she is extremely busy during Sukkot. Geveret presented a flag to each newly installed officer equating them to a historic political figure holding that same position.

A special and heartfelt thank you was given to Beverly Berley as she was presented with a gavel pendant for her three years of valued service and tireless efforts as president of the UHI PTA.

I am extremely proud and grateful to everyone!

Taly Kornfeld, PTA President

CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS

- ◆ No UHI Bulletin Next Week!
- ◆ October 20, 11:45 a.m. Dismissal
- ◆ October 21 & 22, No Classes, School Closed
- ◆ October 24 - Field trip to the Kingston firehouse for Fire Safety Week, Grades 2 and 3, 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. UHI will provide transportation.

Mazel tov to:

- The Bruce Family on their new home*
- The Zarad Family on their new home*
- The Lerner Family on their new home*
- Timothy Showalter and Sue Gryzic on their marriage engagement*
- Happy Special Birthday to Edwin Duncan*
- Marvin & Barbara Rappaport on their daughter's wedding*
- Mrs. Rosalie Miller on her granddaughters Bas Mitzvah*
- Marilyn Rosenberg on her 75th Birthday*

Gett Well to:

- Alan Melner*
- Dr. Herman Aqua*
- Edwin Duncan*

Condolences to:

- The Geller Family in memory of Marjorie*

**UHI PTA GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY FUND RAISER
(chocolate under supervision of Star K)**



Each family has been asked to sell the entire variety pack of 48 candy bars at \$1.00 each. The proceeds will be collected on Friday, October 31 at UHI office. With your help and participation, we will continue to do great things together for UHI and our children. Contact UHI for additional candy. **Thank You for your help and support!**



PLEASE FOLLOW ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN UHI PARKING LOT AT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES!

EZER MITZION

A few weeks ago, a brochure for an Israeli charity called Ezer Mitzion was attached to the UHI Bulletin. Based in Israel, this organization runs its International Jewish Bone Marrow Registry that has saved many lives. Even though the registry has over 350,000 potential donors, there is still a critical need to enlist and test even more people, since the donor and recipient must match genetically.

At this time when we ask Hashem to grant us all our wishes for the new year, which includes our very lives, please help bring life to others in critical condition. Although not mentioned in the brief pamphlet, I am sure the dollar's devaluation has further strained this organization's resources and request that you give generously to this life-saving, life-giving endeavor.

Please submit your checks made payable to Ezer Mitzion to the UHI school office.

Thank You!

Rabbi Nemetsky



HELP OUR SCHOOL GET FREE EQUIPMENT

◆ Please remember to register your Price Chopper Advantage Card for UHI school code 17362. Our school will automatically earn credit every time you use your card. If you signed up last year, you do not need to re-register. Call UHI 287-9600 with any questions.

JCC COMMUNITY NOTES

(Temple B'nai Brith was inadvertently omitted from list of sponsors)

- ◆ Friday, October 31 through Sunday, November 2 the Jewish Community Center, Temple B'nai Brith, Temple Israel, Ohav Zedek and the Jewish Federation are sponsoring a Scholar-In-Residence Weekend featuring prominent author Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. The theme of this unique weekend is "Creating a More Caring Community. Rabbi Telushkin is named as one of the best speakers in the U.S. by Talk Magazine and is the author of "Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History." For more information and reservations, contact the JCC at 824-4646 for more information .
- ◆ Sundays-R-Fun at the JCC, October 19, 25. Contact Gina Malasky, JCC at 824-4646.
- ◆ Sunday, November 16, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Services present International Music Sensation Ron Eliran who will perform at the JCC with a reception to follow. For more information call the JCC at 824-4646 or JFS at 823-5137.

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