



THE UHI BULLETIN

The Weekly Newsletter of United Hebrew Institute, Kingston, PA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

A few weeks ago I wrote an article on a research paper reported on by the New York Times regarding women and high level mathematics that was to be continued in this edition of the Bulletin. However, with the elections almost upon us, I feel compelled to reflect upon this basic tenet of democracy and how we

exercise this privilege that is denied to so many people throughout the world. I will conclude the original article in the immediate future.

We take fairness and democracy for granted that it is easy to lose sight just how precious it is. Yet, we cherish the right to choose our leaders and we would certainly want to pass this value to our children. In the classroom, we teach the history of democracy and stress its importance. Students researched the candidates and their platforms and wrote position papers to endorse their favorite candidate. We even had mock elections on Thursday to show the students how voting works. (By the way, McCain proved more popular amongst the students.)

As important and exciting as all this was, it is not enough. If we wish to instill a value in a person, it must connect with that person on an emotional level. Just knowing something is insufficient. People's normal actions are usually guided by their emotions, but changing an existing behavior or initiating a new routine is almost exclusively the domain of the emotions. I know that I have made this point before, but I raise it again because I feel that parents and teachers must use the correct approach if they wish to properly raise their children and students.

Next Tuesday will be Election Day. I suggest that parents vote at a time when they can take their children with them. This is how children really learn the valuable life lessons. Children who see their parents voting will sense that this activity is an important one and worth emulating. If children do not see their parents voting then the lessons taught in school may very well leave children with the sense that voting is not as important as everyone claims it is.

As mentioned previously, the Hebrew word for Jewish education is Chinuch, which really means apprenticeship. An

apprentice learns his trade by studying diligently and work-
ing side by side with a professional. The same is true with Judaism. For children to grow into committed Jewish adults, they must study and learn well and then reinforce those lessons with practicing that which they have learned. This lesson can be well applied to many other aspects of our lives.

*Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Raphael Nemetsky*

A NOTE FROM TALY

I am so excited with the level of participation and enthusiasm at the school! Our UHI parents have provided not only commendable physical help but also outstanding ideas and suggestions for future events and fundraisers.

A special PTA meeting to discuss the UHI Lunch Program will be held on Wednesday, November 5, at UHI beginning at 7:30. Please make plans to attend!

The PTA News section lists all of the upcoming fundraisers and items of discussion. Again, volunteers are needed.

All of these wonderful efforts will continue to benefit our children

Thank You!

Taly Kornfeld, PTA President



CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS

- ◆ November 2 - Change clocks, turn back one hour
- ◆ November 5 - Picture Day
- ◆ November 5, Special PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at UHI
- ◆ November 7 - Early Fridays begin, Dismissal @ 2:15 p.m.
- ◆ November 27 - Thanksgiving, school closed
- ◆ November 28 - Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Thanksgiving vacation, school closed

Mazel tov to:

Rabbi Roger Lerner on his installation as the new Rabbi of Temple B'nai Brith

Taly Kornfeld on her installation as new PTA President

Rick & Jean Evans on their son passing the bar exam

Kevin & Tina Greenberg on Jacob's Bar Mitzvah

Marge Karassik on her 100th Birthday!!

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Fisher on Stewart & Sherry's marriage

Get Well to:

Mrs. Lauren Martone

Haley Goldstein

Arnold Rifkin

Condolences to:

Chris Ratchford and Family in memory of father Michael

Shera Nussman on the loss of her father

Marty Kranson & Family on the loss of Helen Reidel

Robert Capin & Family on the loss of Libby

Nadine Kammer on the loss of her mother

◆ JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

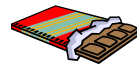
- ◆ Always accepting Kosher, non-perishable food for Sarah's Table.
- ◆ JFS is offering Operation Mattahias and will provide Chanukah gifts to children up to 16 years of age. Special circumstances will be considered. Donors and those interested in participating are to call Lisa Morgan at 823-5137 before December 12.

JCC COMMUNITY NOTES.

- ◆ Friday, October 31 through Sunday, November 2 the Jewish Community Center, Temple Israel, Temple B'nai Brith, 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.
- ◆ November Activities for Children Program at the JCC, contact Gina Malsky, Youth Director, at 824-4646 for details.
- ◆ Sunday, November 16, Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service present Ron Eliran appearing at the Jewish Community Center, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Reception to follow. For more information call the JCC at 824-4646 or JFS at 823-5137.

PTA NEWS

- ◆ **Candy money from the Gertrude Hawk PTA Fundraiser is due today, October 31st.**
- ◆ **A special PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, at UHI beginning at 7:30 p.m. Main topic of discussion will be the UHI Lunch Program. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting and bring along your great ideas.**
- ◆ **Volunteers (2) are needed to assist with the children on Picture Day on Wednesday, November 5. Disposable combs will be provided.**
- ◆ **Chanukah/Holiday Boutique co-chaired by Janice Zarad and Jenny Rizel will be held on Sunday, December 7, at UHI. Watch for details. Volunteers are needed, please call Janice at 283-9269 or Jenny at 287-7071.**
- ◆ **Pasta/Bingo "Fun" Raiser to be held on Sunday, January 11, at UHI from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed, please call co-chairpersons Zivvit Bruce at 283-1710 or Lydia Sarnevitz-Lerner at 690-1015. Adults \$6, Children \$4, and \$20 maximum for family. Janice Zarad contacted Barilla Pasta and they have donated 100 pounds of pasta to UHI. Thank you, Janice!**



UHI PTA CANDY SALE

- ◆ *Thank You for your support of the PTA Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser; it was a sweet success.*
- ◆ *The candy money is due today, October 31st. With your help and participation we will continue to do great things together for UHI and our children.*

UHI School Cancellation Policy

In general, UHI follows Wyoming Valley West for school delays, early dismissals and closures. If it is determined that a predicated storm does not materialize, UHI may elect to differ from WVV School District. Normally, however, we will follow Wyoming Valley West.



HELP OUR SCHOOL GET FREE EQUIPMENT

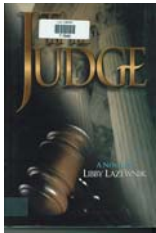
Please remember to register your Price Chopper Advantage Card for UHI school code 17362. Our school will automatically earn credit every time you use your card. If you signed up last year, you do not need to re-register. Call UHI 287-9600 with any questions.

**AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE
UHI LIBRARY**

Librarian: Jewel Jacobs

What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it feels about education. At the United Hebrew Institute, the school library has always had the support of the administration, its faculty and students, as well as the parents. This has enabled the library to thrive and increase its holdings to over 12,000 volumes.

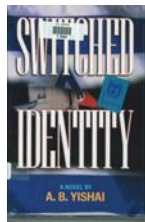
The library is used constantly by the students and faculty, but we would welcome the adult members of the UHI Family and the general community to also utilize the library. The library has many interesting adult fiction books and non-fiction books of Judaica interest. The following is a review of a few of the Judaica fiction books in the library:



◆ *The Judge* a novel by Libby Lazewnik is a remarkable book about a school teacher who learns first hand what a broken heart feels like and an Orthodox judge who when he sends a small-time criminal to prison suddenly find his life turned upside-down by tragedy. The judge's children become pawns in a terrifying game whose rules the judge cannot begin to understand. *The Judge* provides razor-sharp suspense, compelling characters and a winning plot.

◆ A sequel to *The Judge* is *The Quest*. This is a mesmerizing novel of a young woman's search for her birth mother. *The Quest* is a sequel that will not disappoint the reader.

◆ An entirely different book is the novel *Switched Identity* by A.B. Yishai. The book begins in Berlin in the 1930's where two physicians are best friends despite their different backgrounds. Meyer Schwartz, a Jew, and William Kohlmann, a German, are so similar in appearance that they can be mistaken for one another. When World War II breaks out, they find themselves on opposite sides each desperate to survive in his own way. This is a gripping tale of switched identity and vicious double cross. If you enjoy a book that is hard to put down and keeps you guessing until the final page *Switched Identity* is the book for you.



This is just a small sampling of the excellent reading material the United Hebrew Institute Library has available.

Please come visit us soon.

**THERE'S A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT
CATERPILLERS IN 3Y**

Teacher: Sarah Eneboe



Cole Kranson, Ita Brownstein, Chaya Seewald & Chloe Levi busy learning about caterpillars and they're so colorful!!



Juliana Good, Lia Stone & Molly Romanowski are admiring their caterpillars and enjoying sweet friendship! Below: The finished product, good job 3Y Friends!



The 3Y class is working on their Caterpillar Project and having fun making their very own, colorful caterpillars. The children are learning about the letter "C" both visually and by sound. Learning about the letter "C" and about "Caterpillars" is so much fun!

FRIDAY IS SHOW AND TELL DAY IN 3Y

RETURNING TO OUR STUDIES AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Judaic Teacher: Rabbi Yakov Rizel

To start off the school year we began by learning about Rosh Hashana. We learned about its meaning, its laws and customs. The students also put together packets of some traditional foods which are eaten on Rosh Hashana along with illustrated booklets explaining the reasons for eating these foods. We then began to learn about Yom Kippur, and from Yom Kippur we went straight into Sukkot.

During this time we didn't have much time to focus on our regular Chumash (Bible) studies. Now that the holidays have come to an end and in order to get back into the swing of things, we did the following:

- ◆ After reviewing a posuk (verse), the students would write short notes describing the contents of the verse and any background information.
- ◆ After reviewing several posukim (verses), the students referred to their notes and then drew pictures depicting what they had learned.

In this manner we reviewed what we learned before the holidays in a thorough and enjoyable manner.



Above (Third Grade): Samson Tillman, Eric Berley, Oriel Bruce, Zachery Kornfeld, Brooke Lieberman & Sara Seewald are very happy to show you their original drawings and what they've learned. Below (Second Grade): Jacob Kaplan, Lili Drak, Haley Rudofker and Chava Kornblatt are thrilled with their drawings too. As you can tell, learning Chumash (Bible) makes them happy!



A few more pics showing these sweet drawing and happy faces!

If you would like to see them, these drawings are on display in the hallways of UHI.



Friends Helping Friends

There are many ways to become a partner with UHI as you are remembering loved ones, extending wishes for good health, or taking note of a special occasion. Please use one of the following to make your special contribution.

Happy Event, Memorial, Good Health Donation::

\$5.00 (minimum) Regular Card, \$8.00 Scholarship Fold Over Card; and \$18.00 Chai

Library Fund:

\$10.00 per book

Donations for Continued Education:

\$100

Tree of Knowledge:

\$100 Leaf, \$1800 Brick

Memorial Plaque (Auditorium):

\$300 (Annual notification of Yahrzait)