



THE UHI BULLETIN

The Weekly Newsletter of United Hebrew Institute, Kingston, PA



Dear Parents,

I said to myself that I would not write a Bulletin article having to do with my children's weddings. Except to let the parents know when I will be away from the school building, I did not want to use this space for a personal communication of any sort. [By

the way, I will be out on this coming Wed. – Fri., March 4 – 6 for my son's wedding and March 22 & 23 for my daughter's wedding.] After all, this space is reserved for communicating to our parents and community about issues that affect the school or the population it serves.

However, I must tell you how that I greatly appreciate the wishes of Mazal Tov, congratulations, other blessings that have been showered upon me and my family. People have been concerned how I am faring with two weddings underway. I am touched by their concern, and I generally respond in the following manner. When my two children announced their engagements, I felt an intense, searing heat emanating from my wallet. However, I am happy that all the expense is going for a celebratory occasion. I thank G-d for His goodness in allowing my family to enjoy these events.

With the onset of the Jewish month Adar, We have entered the season of Simcha – joy. We kicked off the month with an assembly that featured a presentation about Brachot, produced by Od Yosef Chai. Considering that we just finished our own Brachot Bee, the timing could not have been better. The Brachot Bee winners received their certificates and applause from teachers and students for their outstanding performance in the competition.

In short, the message of the presentation was that just as food is a gift from G-d to all of us, so too, we must emulate the G-d's ways and be gracious and generous to others in need. This was the background to explain what Od Yosef Chai is and how it distributes food and supplies to the very neediest families in Israel. This school as well as many others around the world collects money for Od yosef Chai to distribute on Purim day as Matanot L'Evyonim (gifts for the poor).

The students will each receive a pen courtesy of Od Yosef Chai as a reminder of the upcoming holiday and the opportunity to help the disadvantaged in Israel. Od Yosef Chai never uses publicly solicited or donated funds to underwrite any of their expenses. Instead, private donors specifically direct their contributions for the maintenance of the organization.

I look forward to everyone's participation so that the holiday of Purim is festive for all.

*Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Raphael Nemetsky*

A NOTE FROM TALY

We are really excited about co-hosting the Purim Seudah dinner on March 10 at the JCC with Bais Menachem. Please call either Malka Seewald, Dror Levi or myself if you can help with the setting up and serving. **Reservations for the dinner must be made ASAP as the Chinese food is being brought in from New York by Dror Levi; thanks again, Dror!**

Volunteers are needed to deliver the beautiful Shalach Manot baskets. Please call me if you can help, I will inform you of the time and meeting place at that time. We also need volunteers for Monday, March 12, 1:00 at UHI to help with the upcoming Spring Book Rummage Sale. Please call Janice Zarad for details.

A special thank you to Barbara Bell for coordinating the Shalach Manot mailing, organizing the orders for the baskets, and for her years of continued support.

Also, thank you to Fran Edley and Jodie Stone of Sugar Plum for offering their time and creativity in wrapping the Shalach Manot baskets. I'm sure they're going to be beautiful!

Please remember to make your reservations for the Purim Seudah dinner at the JCC by March 4.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 in the UHI auditorium. Hope to see you there!

Taly Kornfeld, PTA President



CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS

- ◆ March 9, 2:15 Dismissal, Fast of Esther
- ◆ March 10, 11:00 Dismissal, Purim
- ◆ March 13, begin regular Friday Dismissal at 3:45 P.M.
- ◆ March 18, Dismissal 11:45, Parent Teacher Conference

Mazel tov to:

Lila Kanter in honor of the "Woman of Valor Award"

Get Well:

Fay Berg

Condolences to:

*Dr. Fred Frey & Family in memory of Janet Lang
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Chaskin in memory of Bertha Gelb
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schaub in memory of Joseph Schaub
Lia Schwartz & Family in memory of husband and father
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Rozensky in memory of father
Mr. Robert Granick in memory of mother, Elizabeth
Mrs. Carolee Williams in memory of father Patrick
The Thalenfeld Family in memory of Mindi*

******PASSOVER CANDY******

Due to tight scheduling and the economy, the PTA has decided that it will not hold the Passover Chocolate Fund Raiser this year. We look forward to conducting this fund raiser next year.

We apologize for any inconvenience and want to make you aware that Passover chocolate is available at the Price Chopper and the Yasheva Co-op.

Again, sorry for any inconvenience.

Taly Kornfeld, PTA President

UHI SCHOOL NEWS

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- ◆ Congratulations to the Winners of the Learning Fair questionnaires: Harrison Levi, Abby Schwartz and Janice/Natalie Zarad.
- ◆ Debbie the Club House Mom of WVIA-TV (PBS) will be at UHI on March 5 to kick off National Reading Month and will read stories to K - 2 Grade (watch for details). Thank You, Mrs. Baylor!
- ◆ K - First Grade Parents will be contacted by Mrs. Baylor next week regarding their participation in the very popular Mystery Reader program.
- ◆ A variety of UHI bean bag animal mascots (wearing UHI T-shirts) will be available for sale on Monday, March 2! They are so cute and only \$4.00. (See article and photo)
- ◆ UHI Fantastic Tour and Fabulous Pre-Passover Shopping Trip to NY starting at UHI onto Monroe, (Tour Kiryas Yoel), then to West Point and ending at with a driving tour, dinner and shopping in Muncy. Adults \$60, Children (16 and under) \$50, checks payable to UHI, reservations by March 10.
- ◆ First ever UHI Ad in Northeast PA Family, page 24, copy attached.

UHI LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

Week Four of the Second Session



Tuesday, March 3 - Chicken Soup w/Matzo Balls and Noodles, Challah and Vegetables

Thursday, March 5 - Pizza w/Celery and Chumas Dip

PTA NEWS



- ◆ Next PTA meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m., at UHI**
- ◆ Contact Barbara Bell or Malka Seewald with Parnas HaYom requests
- ◆ Volunteers needed for the Shalach Manot basket delivery on March 7, contact Taly Kornfeld
- ◆ Volunteers needed for the Purim Seduah Dinner at the JCC on March 10, contact Malka Seewald, Dror Levi or Taly Kornfeld

JCC COMMUNITY NOTES.

- ◆ February thru March from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Rabbi Roger Lerner, Rabbi Larry Kaplan and Rabbi Nachman Bruce are leading an Introduction to Judaism class. This will be an 18-week class covering all topics such as history, textual Hebrew and more. Cost is \$18 plus cost of books. JCC 824-4646.
- ◆ February - April 1, JCC Institute of Learning will meet on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Center from January 14th thru April 1, contact JCC for topics, speakers and dates, 824-4646.
- ◆ March thru April (Thursdays), Eezy-Peezy Poetry Class at JCC from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., cost is \$25 per student plus cost of book. Instructor is Jim Landon, local poet and photographer. For more information call Barbara Sugarman at 824-4646.
- ◆ March 8, JCC Purim Carnival, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. There will be a costume parade, craft booths, new and fun games for all ages; entertainment will include DJ's, dancing, music, cartoons and more beginning at 12:00. Mitch Kornfeld will MC! Admission: Children 4-6 \$10, younger than 4 are free; adults \$5; family maximum in costume \$25, not in costume \$35; seniors \$3 includes congregational lunch and entertainment. All admissions include Cotton Candy. For more information contact Barbara Sugarman at the JCC 824-4646.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

- ◆ JFS taking donations to fill the shelves at Sarah's Table.
- ◆ JFS would like to buy two children new bicycles through the Samuel Nelson Bicycle Fund. Please call Lisa Morgan at 823-5137 with your request. All requests are confidential.

FIFTH & SEVENTH GRADE DINIM

Judaic Teacher: Malka Seewald

Purim is right around the corner and our UHI students are busy learning all the laws pertaining to this exciting holiday. We call them the 4 M's of Purim.

The four Mitzvahs of the day are:

- ◆ Misloach Manos - Sending gifts of food to a friend. IT must include two different types of food which are ready to eat.
- ◆ Matanos Laevyanin - Giving money to at least two poor people. If you don't know someone who is poor, you can give the money to an organization that will distribute the money on Purim.
- ◆ Mishtei - Feast to eat, sing and be merry. Talk about the miracles which Hashem has performed for us.
- ◆ Megilla - We are learning the entire Megillat Esther, perek by perek. We discard many new details about the Megilla. For example, another name for Haman. The reasons why Hashem's name is not in the Megilla and much more.

Ask us, we would love to share the information with you!

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:

\$180 Leaf, \$1800 Brick

Memorial Plaque (Auditorium):

\$300 (Annual notification of Yahrzait)

COLLECTING DATA

Teacher: Leslie Baltimore



In today's world it is necessary for students to see mathematics as a practical, useful instrument that can be applied to a variety of real-life situations. The third graders have been learning how graphs can present information in an organized way so that the data can be used more easily to compare numbers and solve problems. We have counted tallies, made pictographs, bar graphs, used an organized list and made tree diagrams. The students think that this type of math is like a puzzle. They are enthusiastic about making the graphs. March 2nd, the third graders will be asking the students in the school how many hours they watch television. Not only will we make a bar graph and post the results, but we will also take an average of how much time we spend watching television.

UHI MASCOT BEANIES



As you can see by everyone's smile, our fifth and sixth graders really enjoyed the arrival of the UHI Beanie Mascots. The UHI Beanies are available for sale starting Monday.

They are \$4 a piece and there is a huge variety including polar and teddy bears, kittens and puppies, horses, hippos, monkeys, spiders, elephants and many more.

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!!!

SIYUM

Judaic Teacher: Rabbi Yaakov Rizel

Third Grade celebrated the completion of the Torah portion of the Toledot with a pizza and fries party including a Jeopardy game on the smartboard where they reviewed everything they had learned.

A great time was had by all! Thank You, Rabbi Rizel!!

