



THE UHI BULLETIN

The Weekly Newsletter of United Hebrew Institute, Kingston, PA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

This week I began reading a book which I have probably read five times already. As I found myself completely engrossed I pondered why it was that I was reading this book yet again. It certainly was not for the literary style or flowing vocabulary. Rather, it was a desire to

for the book to affect me on both an emotional and intellectual level.

The book is titled *Perfidy*, by Ben Hecht. It recounts the trial of Malchiel Greenwald, a small time journalist, who was sued for slandering Rudolf Kastner, a high ranking member of Israel's Labor party. As the trial unfolded, it became clear that beyond Kastner himself, many others who could have saved Jews during the Holocaust did not do so, and in some ways assisted the Nazis in their extermination of the Jews of Hungary.

The first time I read the book as a young teenager, I did so at the behest of my mother (A"mH), and ardent Zionist who, for example, received a hand-delivered invitation to attend a welcoming event for Golda Meir, then prime minister of Israel. The book was published illegally but she obtained a copy. She later informed me that her cousin was found guilty as an accomplice in Kastner's murder.

Over the years, I reread it a few more times. Most recently, my urge to read it yet again was rekindled by my son writing a reaction paper to the book, and my receiving a copy of the book from a dear friend. As the expression goes, I knew how the story ended. I was familiar with the characters and the setting in which the episode took place. The question remained, what motivated me to read it once again?

The answer that struck me, I believe, has application to what and how we teach at UHI. We often emphasize that we want the students to have a life-long love of learning. We inculcate that value by making learning enjoyable, thereby conditioning the children to always want to explore and learn further.

However, there is another component to learning beyond intellectual curiosity and that is intellectual honesty. We want the students to evaluate the factual information they ingest for its validity, accuracy, and veracity. The basis of

modern society, restarted during the Renaissance, is rooted in critical questioning and not merely passively accepting that which we are told.

When I drop by the classes to hear their discussions, I find that the teachers are simply seeking correct answers. The Talmud teaches us that there is value in an incorrect answer as well. Through the give and take between teacher and student, each gains insight into his own and the other's line of reasoning. Although the school as a whole takes no stand in the upcoming election, the students are directed to gather and present information for both candidates so that even at this young age they can weigh and prioritize issues, separate fact from fiction, and ultimately come to their own conclusions.

When we are successful in instilling all the values of true learning, we will produce students who are not just avid readers, not just probing researchers, but true lifetime learners in every sense of the term.

PTA CANDY SALE

The PTA will sell chocolate bars as one of its fundraisers this year and everyone is urged to participate in its Gertrude Hawk Chocolate sale. The PTA funds many student activities and enhances the quality of education (and more) for these students, teachers, and parents of UHI. Please support this PTA fundraiser so that the PTA can continue doing its best for all of us. Please watch for details.



3rd Grade Classmates Lili Drak, Haley Rudofker and Chava Kornblatt are enjoying friendship and learning about Rosh Hashanah and the Six Days of Creation.

CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS

- ◆ September 29, 11:45 Dismissal, Rosh Hashanah
- ◆ September 30 & October 1, Rosh Hashanah, School Closed

Mazel tov to:

Bernice Resnick on the marriage of granddaughter Emily Geveret Pernikoff on the marriage of daughter Aliza Joseph & Sari Biondo on the birth of a daughter Bella Mae Margie & Murray Ufberg on the birth of a granddaughter

Get Well to:

Lila Kanter

Condolences to:

Mr. Louis Abrams in memory of mother Pearl Abrams
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Ashton and Family in memory of Esther Donlon

JCC COMMUNITY NOTES

- ◆ JCC Shofar Blowing Class in conjunction with the Larry Roth Memorial Shofar Blowing for Shut-ins on Monday, September 15, at 4:00 p.m. at the JCC. Class is open to children in the 2nd thru 7th Grades. Rabbi Zvi Pearlmans will instruct class - there is no charge. The classes are funded by the Larry Roth Memorial Shofar Fund. Call JCC at 824-4646 to register.
- ◆ The JCC, JFS & Osterhout Free Library invite you to a Klezmer Concert Celebrating Israel's 60th Year at the JCC on Sunday, September 14, at 11:30 a.m. in Weiss Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public light refreshment will be served. Call JCC at 824-4646 to register for concert.
- ◆ Sundays-R-Fun at the JCC. October 5, 12, 19, 25. 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Dance, Gymnastics, Drama, Swim, Science, Art, Karate, Lacrosse, Bowling. Age Groups 3 & 4, 5 - 7, 8 - 10 year olds. \$20 day/\$75 per month. Call Gina Malsky, Youth Director, 824-4646, to register.

UHI NOTES & REMINDERS

- ◆ Please use Price Chopper scrip regularly. They are available at the UHI office and the JCC in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20.
- ◆ We are now using traffic cones to keep cars away from the curb to ensure safety of children and easy access to cars. Otherwise, all procedures are same as last year. Once dismissal begins, please stay in your car and move forward when possible. Please do not call your child to come to your car. If feasible, we will walk students to cars even if you are in back of line. Please park in the center section should you have to leave your car.
- ◆ Until further notice, we will not provide lunch for the children. Please send them to school with a nourishing lunch and drink. We will provide them with necessary cutlery.

**ROSH HASHANA
HAPPY 5769 BIRTHDAY, WORLD!!
Judaic Teacher: Malka Seewald**

To celebrate and learn about Rosh Hashana and the six days of creation, our second and third grade students decorated rice cakes depicting each of the days.



2nd Graders Eric Berley, Zach Kornfeld, Brooke Lieberman and Sara Seewald are proud of their creations!

Rice cakes were given to all of the students which they covered in marshmallow fluff and then were divided into six triangles with thin twizzlers. On Day 1,

Hashem created darkness and light so we used chocolate chips to symbolize the dark and with marshmallow fluff, the light. On Day 2, heaven was created using mini-marsh-



3rd Grade Class is all smiles making their worldly and tasty creations, sure looks like fun!

mellows for the clouds; and on Day 3, green sour sticks for the grass and flower cookies were used to symbolize the earth. The sun (yellow jelly beans), moon (white jelly beans) and stars (star sprinkles) were created on Day 4. Fish shaped mandels symbolized Day 5 and animal crackers for Day 6. Of course, Hashem created the whole world for each and every one of us to cherish and enjoy; and our students got to really enjoy their yummy creations!

One may ask if Hashem created the whole world just for his people, why were we created last? This question is answered with a parable. When one invites a guest to his home, he ensures that everything is in order before his visitor arrives. He does not start shopping, preparing, cooking, or cleaning after the guest's arrival, this would make the guest feel awkward and uncomfortable, so too with the creation of the world. Hashem created us last because we were the purpose of creation. G-d wanted us to come into a fully created world, a place where we would be comfortable and be able to accomplish our mission.

With each good deed one does, we make the world an even better place for all of mankind!