



THE UHI BULLETIN

The Weekly Newsletter of United Hebrew Institute, Kingston, Pennsylvania, USA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Rabbi Nemetsky

As you can well imagine, these past two weeks have been incredibly busy ones. There have been many meetings between UHI, the Jewish Federation, and the JCC. The goal is to facilitate UHI's move to the JCC for the coming year. There has been much discussion and a lot has been resolved.

The JCC board of directors will vote on this issue next week and if all goes well, everyone will proceed to make this transition as smooth as possible.

As part of this process, I have contacted most of the parents to meet with them and by now only a few families have not yet met with me. I will conclude the meetings by next week. I would like to share with you a very positive aspect of all my discussions with the parents.

While change is always difficult, our parents overwhelmingly reacted positively. Although there was great nostalgia for a campus that has been UHI's home for fifty years (except right after the flood), people accepted the reality that a solution was necessary for the UHI to continue. I pretty much expected that. What was really gratifying to hear was their confidence that the school would meet this challenge and continue operating normally – that their expectation for excellence would be met.

I was particularly moved by the words of praise heaped upon the staff. Many reminisced of their previous children or even they themselves attending UHI and how much this school was a part of their lives. I would hope that these perspectives endure not only as a memory but as an inspiration to live up to the ideals that UHI has instilled in so many during the sixty years and counting of its existence.

I would also like to thank our parents for keeping a cool head and a clear perspective on priorities. When parents act in a calm, deliberate manner, their children observe and learn how to handle adversity and challenges. Had parents panicked and engaged in futile wringing of hands, children might have learned a different lesson.

We may never know what our children observe when they are with us at home. An off-hand remark, a casual statement, or even a furrowed brow is a message that we broadcast to our children. At the same time, not every piece of information has to be shared with our children just because they ask. If you acknowledge that they asked a legitimate question and then explain that you do not feel it appropriate to discuss, that is a lesson in discretion. These weeks will provide many opportunities to practice positive parenting.

Thank you for your continuing support for UHI.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Raphael J. Nemetsky

We will be packing up!
Please help us by bringing in boxes of medium size (like a liquor box or slightly larger).



SAVE THE DATE **May 18**

Shavuot Bake & Take
At JCC 1 to 3 PM

Sponsored by
UHI PTA & JCC



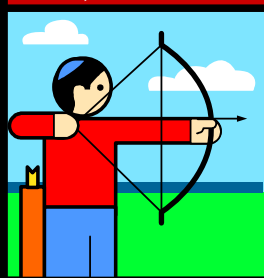
More information
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Because we did not use all the days allotted for snow days, the last day of school will be Thursday, June 10. There will be an 11:45 dismissal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/2 Lag B'Omer
- 5/9 Mothers' Day
- 5/12 Yom Yerushalayim
- 5/18 Shavuot Bake and Take at JCC 1-3 PM
- 6/2 Field Trip to Frances Slocum Park K-4

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LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 2, 2010

at NESBITT PARK

(near the Market Street Bridge)

FUN! FOOD! CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

4:00 PM Parade from JCC to Nesbitt Park

4:30—6:00 PM Bar-B-Q

Bonfire Lighting at Dusk

Call Ohav Zedek (825-6619) to make reservations. Food tickets must be purchased at the park. \$7.00 includes 2 Bar-B-Q items and all the trimmings. Rita's Ices will also be on sale.

Bring a chair and/or blanket. Tables are not available.



Thank you to Mary Lee Conway and Sandra Z. Himelstein for all their help with **PTA** projects.

Thank you to Beth Romanowski and Jodi Stone for getting the flowers and candy for these two ladies.

FLEA
MARKET



If you have anything to donate (furniture, clothes, toys, etc.) for the Flea Market or would like to rent a table, please call Eva at 606-8224.