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A Message from Rabbi Klammer

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Deriving Inspiration from Remembering

This week we had many meaningful experiences relating to *Yom HaShoah*. Mr. Mark Blechner of Brookline, Massachusetts related the very inspirational story of his family as they fled from the Nazis and were sent to concentration camps. The presentation ended with a picture of Mr. Blechner's father sitting in the newly restored *beit k'nesset* in Munich where he grew up. He sat in the same seat he sat in on his *bar mitzva* day. Another highlight of the presentation was a family *Pesach Machzor* that was saved from the Holocaust; embedded in the pages of the section which contained the *Haggada* were *matzah* crumbs and wine stains that were over a hundred years old!

We also heard an interesting and moving presentation about the Holocaust given by some of our 8th graders under the direction of Morah Vered Wolfstein. On Thursday evening, the entire community was inspired by the beautiful songs sung by our 5th graders under the direction of Mr. Sandy Shmueli. Mrs. Herbert's 7th grade class, in conjunction with the *Museum of the Jewish Heritage*, has been working all year on a very special "Coming of Age" project connected with the Shoah. This Friday, the students gave very interesting, meaningful and personal presentations.

During the week, I shared the following *D'var Torah* and personal anecdote about the *Shoah* with the students:

In this week's *פרשה*, *קדשים*, we learn about the three *מצוות/מדות* that we are focusing upon this year: *ואהבת לרעך* ("Love your neighbor as yourself"), *לא תלך רכיל בעמריך* ("Do not say evil of your neighbor"), and *והדרת פני זקן* ("Show respect towards the elderly)."

I related these three *midot* to a remarkable man, Mr. Harold Kaufman, a Holocaust survivor who still lives in the Pelham Parkway section of the Bronx. I told the students that Mr. Kaufman has a very interesting "*minhag*": Every morning before *shul*, Mr. Kaufman enters his closet to look at his concentration camp uniform. Although it is tattered and worn, the memories associated with his prison garb are very fresh in Mr. Kaufman's mind. Each day, as he thinks about the Holocaust, he thanks the *רבנו של עולם* for saving him and for giving him so many blessings. Many survivors—quite understandably—are very bitter and depressed. Mr. Kaufman, however, has decided to look at the *ברכות* in his life and to thank Hashem. *הוימר*, each of us should thank Hashem for the tremendous *ברכה* and *שפע* in our lives!

I spoke with Mr. Kaufman before *Pesach* and then again yesterday. He was pleased that the memory and messages of the *Shoah* are being passed down to the next generation.

And—as we all know—one of the best ways to "defeat the Nazis", *י"מ"ש*, is to celebrate *יום העצמאות* with tremendous enthusiasm. **So, please join us this coming Wednesday night, May 7th, at 7:45pm, at our Long Beach campus, for a gala *Yom Ha'atzmaut* celebration!**

HALB Students Commemorate *Yom Hashoah* with Guest Speakers



In commemoration of *Yom Hashoah*, HALB students gathered in the gym to hear Mr. Blechner share the fascinating and miraculous events of his father's survival of the Holocaust. He presented a slide show of photographs and letters that survived the war, as well as actual artifacts that the students were able to examine. They were particularly



enthralled by the century-old *Pesach Machzor* that still had *Matzah* crumbs embedded between the *Haggadah* pages. The profound message of “*B’chol Dor VaDor Omdim Aleinu L’Chaloseinu, V’Hakadosh Baruch Hu Matzileinu MiYadam*” flowed through the presentation, adding a deeper dimension to the students’ understanding of *Yom HaShoah*.



Mrs. Meshenberg’s 3rd grade girls were honored by a visit from Mrs. Frima Gleiser Laub, Miriam Kazlow’s grandmother, the author of *Between Two Shadows*. This memoir details Mrs. Laub’s trying experiences as a young child during the Holocaust. The girls listened intently as she shared her amazing story, which enhanced their awareness of *Yom Hashoah*.

פיונת עברית

יום השואה בבית הספר

שמענו גם שיחה מדור שני לשואה.
היה מעניין ומחכים מאוד.
תודה לאדון

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של מורה וולפסטיין מכיתה ח', על
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באהבת ארץ ישראל, הילה ויעל.

Seventh Graders Share their Holocaust Projects

by Maita Weinman

Throughout the school year, the seventh grade girls and boys have participated in the "Coming of Age" project with The Museum of Jewish Heritage. We recently completed our own projects concerning the Holocaust. Thank you, Mrs. Herbert and Mrs.



Fischer, for a wonderful learning experience.



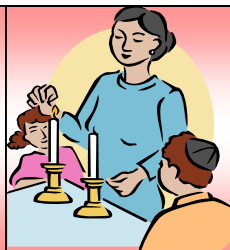
Happy Birthday to...

Nechama Schwartz, Raizy Joseph, Bracha Losice, Daniel Rosenthal, Alyssa Silvera, Bulka, Kayla Ayelet Deutsch, Natan Bauer, Willie Salamon, Zechariah Marks, Rikki Lewis, Mollie Grossman, Tess Simon, Sammy Rauch, Abigail Kaye, Talia Wasser, Josh Hirt, Alana Weisstuch, Judah Wagner, Leora Spitz, David Levi, Chana Sigman.



*Candle Lighting on
Friday, May 2, is at 7:43
PM.*

Shabbat Shalom!



Save the Date:

- Tuesday, May 6: Mothers' Day/ Fathers' Day Boutique
- Wednesday, May 7: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, 7:45 PM
- Tuesday, May 20: Uniform Measuring- Long Beach and Hewlett
- Tuesday, May 27: Lag B'Omer Outing
- Tuesday, June 3: M'dor L'dor (From Generation to Generation) Program- 4th grade girls, 6:45 PM

SKA Invites You to a Family Walk-a-thon to Benefit Sderot

Date: Sunday, May 11th, 2008

Time: Registration 9:30AM; Walk begins 10:00 AM

Starting point: HALB Lower School

Sponsorships are available.

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The Hebrew Academy of Long Beach

Cordially invites all HALB families

to join us for our

5th Annual

Yom Hazikaron Commemoration

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration



Featuring: The HALB 5th Grade Choir

Directed by Mr. Sandy Shmueli

& 8th Grade Daganut Ceremony

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

ה'אייר תשס"ח

Mincha 7:00pm sharp

followed by program

Place: Hebrew Academy of Long Beach

530 West Broadway, Long Beach

Special presentation to HALB families making aliyah

Singing and Dancing following the program & light refreshments will be served

Sponsorships are available; please contact Rabbi Klammer at sklammer@halb.org or 516-432-8285 ext. 106.

At the conclusion of the program, please continue celebrating Israel at 60 at the 5 town Community event, Frost Lane, Lawrence



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