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Good news travels fast in Whirlie community



Congratulations to math teacher Roberta Rohan, who is the proud recipient of the 2009-2010 Siemens Award for the Advanced Place Teacher of the Year in North Carolina. Only one candidate wins per state. Because of her achievements, the school receives \$1000, which she and principal Anna Brady have designated to improve the school's technology resources. Joining Rohan to celebrate and display the banner she received are (from left to right) brother Mitch Simril, father Tim Rohan, mother Elieen Rohan, niece Patty Simril, and brother Tom Rohan.



Seniors Jannat Khan and Emily Neas participate in an exercise on the Destiny Bus on January 26, which was parked behind the media center. Sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the project provided an opportunity for AP/IB biology students to conduct a Gel Electrophoresis, in which they used electric charges to separate DNA strands of varying length. Staff from the Destiny Bus cut the DNA strands by certain enzymes to isolate particular regions on the complete DNA molecule. Then the students transferred the provided DNA and a particular mixture of DNA + enzymes into the well located on the negatively charged side of the gel used during electrophoresis.

Jewish teens visit Poland, Israel, witness past tragedies, future hope

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More than 10,000 Jewish high school students from over 60 countries will travel to Poland and Israel April 7 through April 22 to participate in March of the Living.

To honor Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on April 10, participants will walk the three kilometers from Auschwitz to Birkenau, World War II's largest Nazi concentration camp. There they will follow the "March of Death," the path Birkenau prisoners followed to the gas chambers. A memorial service takes place in the gas chamber involving a song of hope.

While in Poland, those individuals marching will visit the Jewish Cemetery in Warsaw, the Jewish Quarter in Cracow, and the Yeshiva in Lublin. Other historical sites they visit in those cities include Warsaw's Ghetto Memorial, Nozyck Synagogue, and Cracow's Ramah Synagogue. Concentration camps Treblinka

and Magdanek are also on the tour to honor the lives of many lost in the Holocaust.

Following the visits to concentration camps, the group will fly to Israel. On April 20, they will celebrate Israel's 62nd Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut.

According to the March of the Living website, this journey is intended to be "a study of contrasts." Exploring Israel's beauty and culture is for visitors to rejoice at being alive after honoring the dead.

"I'm looking forward to Israel the most because during that part of the trip, we celebrate life and Judaism, and it's much happier," said senior Carrie Brown, who has been to Israel once previously and will participate in the March. "We travel around and see all of the sites."

Participating teens will join with Israelis in celebrating the country's progress and resilience. They will visit Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Masada, the Golan Heights, the Galilee, and the Negev Desert. Both Temple Emanuel and the

Jewish Federation support the March and encourage their members to donate money to create scholarships for local teens.

Greensboro rabbi Eli Havivi of Beth David Synagogue and Fred Guttman of Temple Emanuel will both accompany the group.

Participants completed 500-word essays explaining why they wanted to attend the March as part of their applications.

"I want to go because the pictures of concentration camps just don't do them justice, and I want to see where a part of Jewish history took place firsthand," said Brown.

Letters of recommendation are also requirements for students to participate, as are personal interviews. Local preparations also occur before embarking on the trip.

"We attended a class on Sundays at the temple that familiarized us with aspects of the Holocaust: what the Jews went through, what the camps were like, and the uprisings that the Jews carried out like at the Warsaw ghetto," said senior

Josh Katz, who participated in the 2009 March.

March's posting on the March of the Living website reads: "The goal of the March of the Living is for these young people to learn the lessons of the Holocaust and to lead the Jewish people into the future vowing Never Again."

The goal has been successful. "Each image I saw at the concentration camps we visited really sunk in," said Katz. "This trip has helped me with establishing more of a Jewish identity and given me a sense of pride about being Jewish. It helped me in weighing the wants, needs, and 'hardships' in my own life because of what the people who experienced [the Holocaust] went through daily."

In addition to learning about themselves, teens are able to mingle with Holocaust survivors as well as other Jews from the United States and worldwide.

For more information, readers should visit www.motl.org.