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#### Lawrence Public Schools

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## Working Together for the Children of our Community!

If the number you are looking for is not listed please contact your  
child's school for the name and phone number of the transportation  
coordinator. A more comprehensive list is available and for further  
updates please visit Lawrence.org home page.

For emergencies please contact your school and (516) 295-7065.

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only some tens of thousands of them, and considering that Israel did build a wall at its border in order not to have a greater problem, and still even the few that were able to penetrate Israel already brought havoc to the local residents. Women are afraid to go outside without men accompanying them. Why does not USA deserve a similar border wall?

Until recently even the Democrats used to say that illegal immigrants should be deported and that our borders should be secure – there are videos of Chuck Schumer where he says exactly that – but now that they will fight Trump at every occasion and they have back on their own words.

**Michael Rosen**

**Dear Editor,**

This past Sunday I went to a farm in New Jersey with my family. Immediately upon entering the farm, the experience of Rosh Hashana was thrust upon me. There were numerous rams in an enclosed area. Seeing their horns, I was reminded of their bent shape to symbolize how we must bend and be flexible with our fellow man yet be mindful that these horns also produce a stern sound to awaken us for the final judgment.

Next, we went picking apples and vegetables. I was struck by the magical idea that the apples and vegetables would serve as reminders for us to have a sweet year and rise above our enemies.

Third and perhaps most important I saw an eclectic mix of Jewish people including Chassidim, Lubavitchers, Modern-Orthodox and the unaffiliated.

The unaffiliated Jews were so excited to converse with our eclectic mix and announce how they would have apples for the New Year and how they knew many religious Jews in Brooklyn.

Lastly, I was struck with the notion that there were sheep on the farm. This reminded me that we will all soon pass before G-d as a flock of sheep. I reasoned that if we are sheep then G-d is our shepherd. We know that a shepherd is known to be compassionate to its flock, a comforting thought, knowing that we will soon be judged by the Al-mighty. I also realized that all the Jews on the farm will be judged, not just the observant ones. That being the case it dawned upon me that we are a collective group and it was especially incumbent upon

us to pray for all the Jews that were represented on the farm as we all are that flock of sheep that needs to survive as a unified whole.

The *simanim* at the farm prepared me for the upcoming holiday and impressed upon me the collective judgment that will soon ensue.

**Steven Genack**

**Dear Editor,**

British Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn should be a bit more selective in the company he keeps. By hobnobbing with known Palestinian terrorists and killers of innocent civilians, his pathetic denials of anti-Semitism couched in more politically correct anti-Israel verbiage is hardly very convincing. Corbyn is seeking to make a *korban* of the Jewish state.

**Shmuly Kovitz**

**Forest Hills, New York**

**Dear Editor,**

This is a response to Rabbi Yaffe's article. Finally someone has had the guts to say it like it is. I have been a *limudei kodesh* teacher for over 36 years. I have taught Chumash to 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in different schools. I have watched and experienced the system where Chumash is another subject with tests, "research papers," etc. I have asked girls over all this time if they like learning Chumash and most of the answers are negative – "it's just another hard, difficult, boring subject." The requirement of the tests and the memorization of material, which is so irrelevant to their lives as Jewish girls, add to this. And then we all want to know why there is a disconnect? It all starts in the classroom!

Chumash, Gemara, Navi, they are not subjects! They are the secrets to our success as *ovdei Hashem*. They are the secrets to our souls, like Rav Kook says. They are the ebb and flow of our lives, as Rav Soloveitchik says.

I am so happy Rabbi Yaffe finally expressed this problem. If we want to see a change in this next generation we need to change the way we look at *limudei kodesh*. It cannot be viewed anymore as a subject. Hashem has to be found in each *pasuk*, in each *peirush*. But all that our students are seeing is the mark that they get.

Please, let all of us *mechanchim* who have taken upon us this holy work to give over the *mesorah* bring change into the classroom where it is needed the most!

**Mrs. Rochel Chafetz**