



Connections Israel announces a world wide Jewish high school art competition about Jewish solidarity

Connections Israel, a nine year old, educational, non-profit organization based in Jerusalem recently began developing a multi-media exhibition which will reflect the solidarity of Jews around the world for the people of Sderot and Israel.

Participation

All Jewish high schools and college students are invited to take part in the Jewish Solidarity exhibition taking place in Israel this Chanukah (December 2008).

Children in Elementary schools are invited to write cards and letters of support and blessings to the families of Sderot. A large part of the exhibition will display all the letters from all the regions of the world.

How to participate:

All participating works of art in each high school will be directed and judged by the art teacher and the winning piece will be sent to the exhibition in Israel.

Digital photos of the rest of the projects should be e-mailed to us by and will also be presented in the exhibition.

The work can be expressed thru a painting, picture, photo, sculpture or a song.

Time table & shipping:

Digital photos of the selected work of each school must be sent to us until Oct. 7th – to be evaluated and judged.

All chosen pieces must arrive to Israel by November 7th shipped to our Jerusalem office with a short description explaining the work.

Prize:

A round trip ticket to Israel will be given to the artist who creates the best over all drawing in the exhibition judges by a panel of professional artists.

Judgment:

All works of art participating in the exhibition will be judged by a panel of judges headed by Michal Shamir - the head of the Arts department in Sapir College.

The Exhibition:

This Jewish Solidarity Exhibition will begin this December (2008) in the city of Sderot and then move to other cities in Israel and, with appropriate sponsorship, around the world. The exhibition is an outgrowth of the ongoing efforts of Connections Israel to raise the awareness and sensitivity of Jews living *outside* of Israel of their brothers and sisters *in* Israel.

Sderot, a city in the northwest corner of the Negev, bordering the former Gush Katif, has been under terrorist missile attack for over seven years. Since the disengagement from Gush Katif, the missile attacks have increased, both in intensity and frequency. These attacks have sent the members of the 10,000 families into shelters and panic. It has made life unbearable in many ways. To get a break from the stressful environment for the summer, many children were sent to summer camps miles away from the region, some traveling to Europe, the United States and Canada. The region has also taken a tremendous economic hit. With residents spending less time in town, local business has slowed to a trickle and those residents still in town find it both physically and emotionally difficult to leave their homes and shelters.

The Chief Curator of the exhibition will be Michal Shamir the head of the Arts department in Sapir College.

The exhibition will be mounted by the students of the Sapir Academic College, located in Sderot, under the supervision of Michal Shamir.

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