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STUDENTS IN THE Bar and Bat Mitzvah class at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life attended a special presentation from Berta Weinstein, the daughter of a holocaust survivor from Merrick. Afterward, students wrote letters to the victims, decorated them and preserved them inside shadow boxes..

Remembering through stories and letters



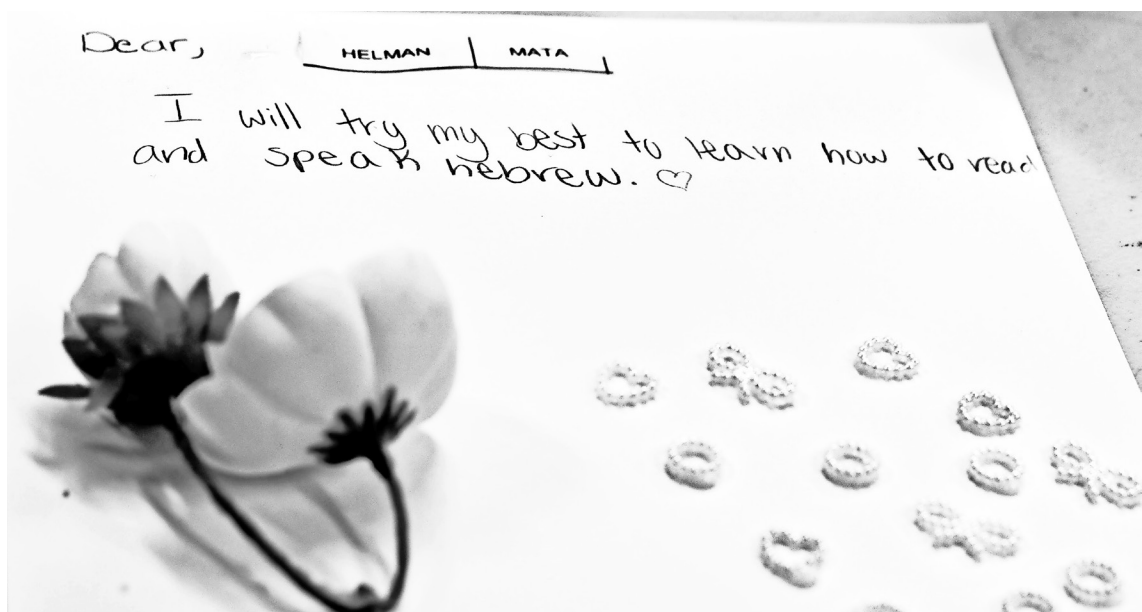
(CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE)
BERTA WEINSTEIN, AFTER telling students about her father, a survivor who will turn 101 this year, helped Rebecca Aber attach flowers to her letter, written to Mata Helman.



Students in the Bar and Mat Mitzvah class at the Chabad of Bellmore, Merrick and Wantagh memorialized the victims and survivors of the holocaust on Jan. 27, International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The class was visited by Berta Weinstein, whose father, Walter Schacherl, of Merrick, is a survivor of the holocaust. Schacherl will turn 101 this year. Students were able to ask Weinstein questions about her parents' journey, and afterward, they were given a photo of someone who went through the holocaust.

The people were all of the students' ages, and the students wrote personal letters to the victims promising to do something special in their lives to honor their memories. They then decorated the letters and preserved them inside shadow boxes.



AFTER WRITING HIS letter to Benzion Helman, Ethan Bagdasarov, 11, glued flowers onto it.

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