



Umhlanga Jewish Day School

by Gilad Friedman

The UJDS has had an action packed month. As we prepare for Rosh Hashana at school with an Elul Campaign, blowing the shofar each day and preparing for the school play.

The play group – Grade one held their annual Rosh Hashana ring. The boys and girls created a lot of *nachus* for all of the parents and grandparents who attended.

This month a school challah bake was also held. UJDS learners together with parents each made their own chalot which were baked in the UJC kitchen.

In Sports we wish a mazel tov to Aaron Berchowitz who represented Maccabi South Africa in Germany, kol hakavod Aaron.

The UJDS held a Chesed drive – to collect a bear donated to the Domino Foundation, as well as for project DOG, collecting dog food for donations.



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The City of Durban is a special place and taking the time to reflect on the past year reveals growth and coming together of the Jewish community.

Tracey and I arrived in Durban towards the end of last year and have been overwhelmed by the warmth and hospitality of the community. Each month, I am blown away by the various organisations, that together form the cohesive Jewish community that is Durban.

Reflecting on growth points at the Umhlanga Jewish Centre is endearing. The UJC is much more than a shul. It is a community centre, a place where people can gather together within a Jewish communal setting, be it for learning, sports or a social get together for a meal.

The UJC Shul has seen major growth this year with services taking place on a regular basis throughout the week and on Shabbat. We have also opened two kosher self-catering units within the eruv of the shul. The UJDS is the gem of the campus and continues to inspire and educate our youth. To have a Jewish School right here in Durban is an incredible privilege.

5775 saw new events come to the UJC. Interfaith events, community movie nights in the auditorium and Chanukah and burger bar evenings. We also welcomed two new Sifrei Torah to the UJC.

May you all be written and sealed in the book of life. Wishing you a happy, healthy, successful and sweet new year.

