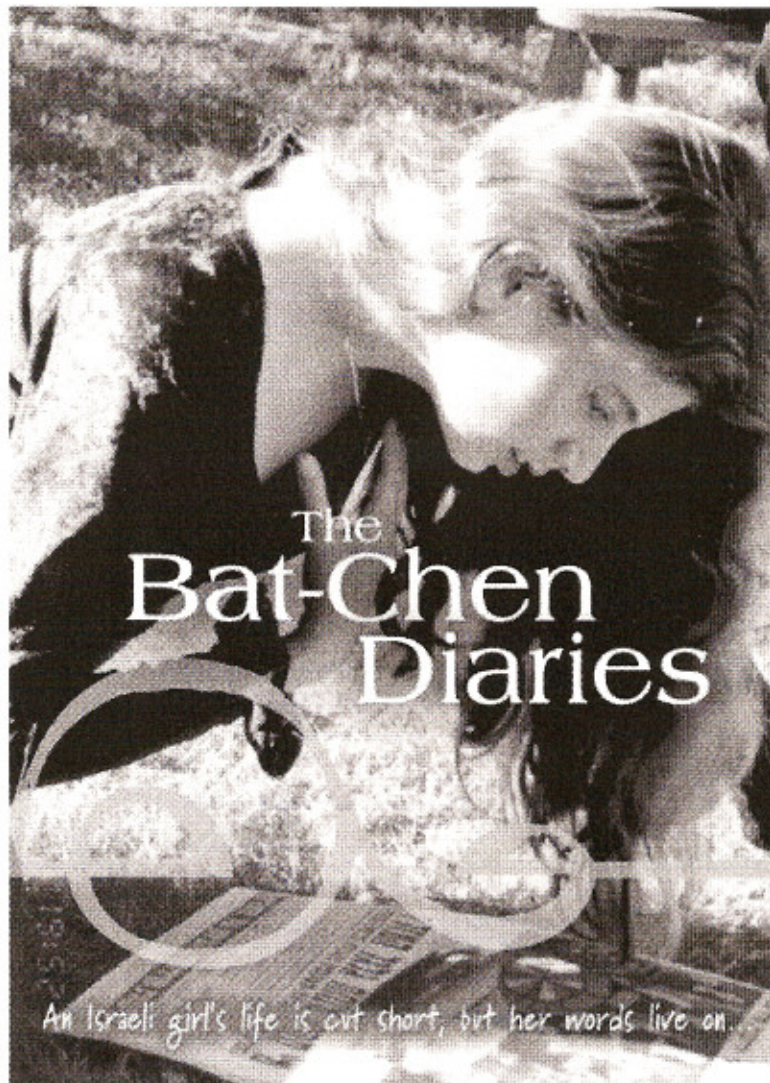


The Bat Chen Diaries

Learning Circle

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Fall, 2009



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Bat-Chen

Bat-Chen's poems show and tell us exactly what she feels in her life and her feelings are like ours. They show how she feels about her friendships, love, hatred and all the things other girls her age would feel. It is amazing how Bat-Chen can talk about her life's events through poems.

"What An Irritating Mother" is a poem written by Bat-Chen. She hates her mom for accusing her of swearing at her sister when she was actually angry at her computer. She says "Wouldn't you be irritated to if people made things up about you/And Ima's sure that she's right, that she's so smart/And she's furious with me. I think this poem can relate to me and every other girl because you would surely feel furious if people made things up about you! And everyone hates lies because lies don't tell the truth.

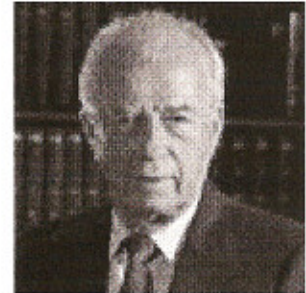
One second there's peace
The next chaos breaks out
Life has turned
But she just sits and waits
Sitting with her diary

Waiting for the war to end
Drives Bat-Chen around the bend

By: Aleksandra
Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

Tekas Itzak Rabin'

Today, 29/10/09 we had ceremony for Yitzhak Rabin in our school. Every year we remember him. Yitzhak Rabin was a very important man.



He wanted peace with the entire world.

But there were some who didn't and he was killed because of it because some people didn't want peace.

By Tomer Biran 6th Grade

Machinto

After I read the book Machinto I felt sad because the mom lost her daughter and the little girl lost her life. I believe that if we were to stop the wars there would be a lot more safe places and a lot more people would stay living. I think we can give people all over the world hope by asking people to be as peaceful as possible. The way I can peaceful is by letting more people play with me everyday and ask my friends to let more people play with them so there won't be as many people not playing with there self.

Why we should care

I think we should care for other because if you are nice to them they will be nice back to you if they can. First of all if we were nicer to others the whole world would be a better place for the people that did not have a lot of money or did not have a home. Secondly if people were better people they would want to share there stuff with the poor people so there wouldn't be as sad. Lastly I think if more people would care there would be happier people at school or at home. Finely if more people cared there wouldn't be as many people in the world that would be out on the street asking for food and there wouldn't be as many people in the world were hurt by fighting or the war. So I hope that later on in life people become nicer people and care about more people than there self. So not as many people are outside asking for food or money I hope that people really need it. My point is I hope that people are loving and caring when they are older.

My friends

I have a lot of friend like Ariel, Mackenzie, Lindsay, Kira, Rachel, Sarah, Mattaea and Vanessa. I have a lot of friends because I am nice to them so a lot of people are nice to me. I am glad that I have friends because when I get hurt everyone comes to see if I am okay. I also like having friends because it makes me happy when I have someone to play with or to talk to when I am sad about something or someone. Its really nice to have friends. At school it may get messed up because you are not in the same class but the next year you should try to make new friends. It is cool having a lot of friends.

time travel in ten years from now

If I could travel back in time I would go back to Florida and try to see every thing there and try to go to Disney world again.

I would go on all the rides, play at all the water parks, go to all of the different areas, walk around and look at all of the stuff around me, ride on my favourite ride called space mountain over and over then I would go swimming in the wave pools. On the way back, I would go visit my grandparents to have a snack and go home. The reason I would go there is because I went there 3 years ago and had a lot of fun so that is why I would go back to Disney world.

In ten years from now I will be 19 and have a driver's license and hope fully a job to. If I were to get a job I would like to be a vet because I really like pet and I have been with a lot of pet and I would do a go job at it and I would know how to do a lot of stuff. That is what I will do in ten years from now

WISHTO WALK

stop fighting

Any one any good all it does is it could just kill you so don't be bad you will just be like Hitler and he is dead. Why do you want to have the land all to there selves it is just Grete. what I can do is tell people to stop and if you don't stop you will just get killed so don't .

Machinto

I think it is important for kids around the world to know because they should also talk about it because the people who are doing bad things in the world right now should stop because it does not do anyone any good. They should also talk about it so they have peace. I would give and message to somebody who is in a place that has war. Another thing is that they shouldn't worry. They should just stay calm and think about peace. (That is what I think)

Signed,
Ryan

What makes you happy? What makes you feel happy about your self? What makes me happy is when I go up to my cottage and then go out side and then go on my knee board. That makes me feel good. When I go up to my cottage at my cottage that makes me feel good.
Signed, Ryan

I could travel back in time I would

go when the leafs won the Stanley cup. I would also go watch A leafs game in the stadium. I would see Wendell Clark because he is the best hockey player in the world. I would also like to see Felix the cat in neat. That is what I would like to do if I could travel back in time
Signed Ryan

The most important thing I own

Is my wii because if I DIDNT have my wii I would be bored .I got it for a birthday . It is also important to me so I don't always go play on the computer that gives me exercise because if I seat around on my other game it is no exercise. My life would be different with out my wii. Signed
Ryan

By: Ryan in Bradford, Ontario, Canada



What I Want From the New Year

I want my pony to heal this year. Why? Many people ask that. It aggravates me. I have to tell Chappy's whole life story since I've had him. Well I want to do horse shows with my pony, and not my riding teachers.

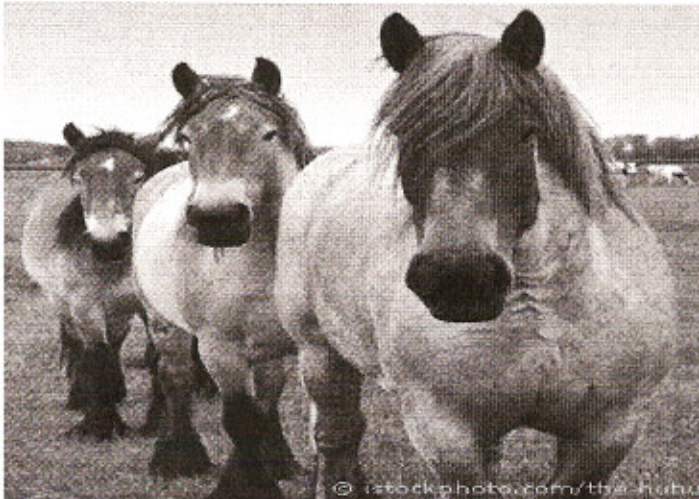
Chappy is always a spirited pony. He just loves life, just like me. He is the perfect pony but everyone says he's to crazy. That's because he loves his life and embraces it, and you know what, this pony teaches a lesson because even when he hurt his leg he was always happy. His nickname is Happy Chappy. No one says it fits him. They always say his excited, which is true, but he's the recipe of happy.



When I Grow Up

When I grow up I want to be a horse vet because I love horses and know almost every bone in their bodies. I know most of the muscles and the joints, and I know the body parts.

Stephanie Rozycki
Grade 5
Franklin Township
School
Pittstown, New Jersey
USA



ME

Hi my name is Stephanie. This is all about me☺ I am a happy, cheerful, loving, crazy, fun, athletic, caring, pretty, kind, horse loving, and weird person. That is everything thing I am like with my friends and family.

BAT-CHEN PARAGRAPHS

By: Amber-Lynn Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

If You've Open This

Bat-Chen is like anyone I know that has a diary, but that she trusts people such as friends and family will not open it. I know that because in 'If You've Open This' it says: I don't lock or hide it/ like most people do (60). So I think Bat-Chen is another teenager but is different because most people always try their diary but she doesn't.

What an Irritating Mother

Bat-Chen is just like another 13 year old girl who has younger siblings, siblings that love to get their older bother or sisters into trouble. Bat-Chen's younger sister I know loves to get her into trouble because into trouble because my little sister loves to do it to. Also I know it because it says in 'What an Irritating Mother': My little sister ran after me/ and said to Ima 'Bat-Chen cursed at me' (18). But Bat-Chen really didn't she was just mad at the computer froze. So really her little just wanted to get her mother mad at Bat-Chen like my little sister would do to me.

POEMS

Simile

Her words showed like a pretty colourful rainbow

Acrostic

Bat-Chen
A Girl
Talented
Creative
Hopeful
Encourages people to,
Never give up hope

What Makes Me Happy

My Best Friend Jenna Makes Me Happy because when I am sad she asks me to play with her and cheers me up. She makes me feel great about myself because she is my BEST friend!!!

When I am Older

When I am Older I want to own my own animal shelter because I love animals!!! I would be responsible by helping lost animals find good homes. I think it would be really fun!!!

A snowy day

Today it is snowing and it is really cold! The Teachers kept us inside because it was to wet outside. We got five centimetres outside. I really like winter when we get snow!!!

Why my friends are important to me

My friends are important to me because they help me when I am sad and hurt. Friends make me happy because without friends I wouldn't be happy.

By: Jessica R.
Bradford, Ontario,
Canada

My Favourite Christmas Tradition

The Christmas tradition I love best is making cookies for Santa, going to bed, waking up, having a big Christmas breakfast and opening my presents. I have fun opening my presents because I don't know what I get

The Holocaust

Poem

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What happened to my grandma when she was a little girl aged about 13 or 14, she was in the horrible Holocaust. At the time she was in a concentration camp. She had already lost her parents and luckily she survived until the camp was liberated by the Russians. We think of the poem as to what actually happened to the flowers it is what actually happened to us, we hope you now understand what can happen when people decide something very wrong and start to destroy something.

By Shir, Gaul & Nadav

My Wish For Peace

What makes me happy

My wish for peace would be for no fighting or wars. To stop people from hurting them or killing them. I want little kids to go to school with out getting hurt or killed I want them to read out from a book with out it getting burred or getting hit by a bomb. People should live in a safe country and live with out getting killed. I can respect the earth buy respect the soldiers and making sure my family is safe and my friends. The earth is getting damaged or hurt. I can safe the earth if I Believe in myself.

What makes me happy is my best friend summer cause she can help me get though things and she always there for me and I'll always be there for her. What always makes me happy is my family cause they are always their for me when I'm sick or getting an award and they can give me everything I want.

Machinto why kids should have peace.

I think kids around the world should have peace so it can be a peaceful world and kids can go to school without getting hit by a bomb without getting their families hurt so they could lose a friend or anything. People want to save the earth so it won't die or getting hurt by wars. If I could get a chance to talk who ever runs it I would say please stop people would rather live in a safe world then getting hurt or killed.

By: Emily O.
Bradford, Ontario,
Canada

Machinto

After I read machinto I felt upset because she lost her family and her mom who tired and save her with a tomato. I aloes felt a bit happy because she turned into a peace dove to help all of kids around the world so they can live in a safe place to go to school. After we read machinto I felt bad for the mom because she lost her little girl but that little girl saved a lot of lives.

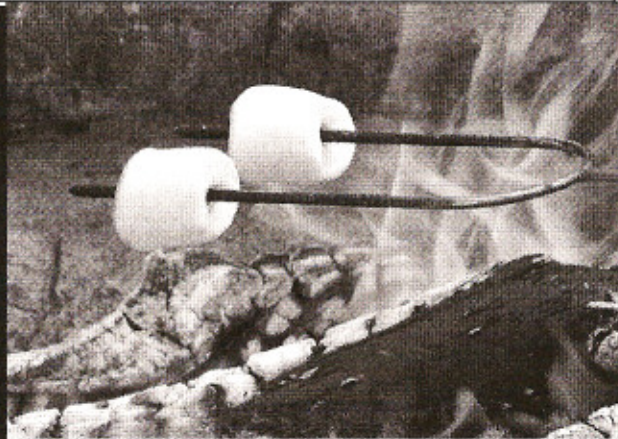
What I want to do when I grow up.....

One thing I want to do when I grow up is a fashion designer cause it is something I wanted to do when I was a little girl and I'm going to follow it. I would like to open my own store and sell my clothing and it would be a great thing to get lots of money. I would maybe sell it with my best friend summer I think she would want to be a vet but you ever know.

What I want for the New Year is for my whole family to be together and celebrate the New Year. I also hope that every won in the USA has a wonderful New Year. I want everyone who is in our armed forces to get back safely to their families. My last thing I hope for is that everyone has a great and peaceful New Year.



Lets all have a piece of pizza go by the fire roasting marshmallows having a great old time playing with our dogs hitting a ball in the back vard then will come in and play some games



I want my country to have world peace. I want this because the United States won't half to send any more troops to Iran and Irak. I would also want my country to have world peace because because there would be no wars.

**Brendan Flanigan Grade 5 Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey, USA**

Bat Chen

By: Laura. Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

To Bat Chen friendship is one of the most important things. Bat and her friend have been through a lot together and it makes it that much harder when they have to break up. This is shown in the poem 'To Chen'. Her friend says "We are ending a long period of close friendship. / It was hard in the beginning. / Without you I can't go on. Suddenly I feel empty. / I can't get through the day without saying hello to Chen." (68). This shows that to both girls their friendship is important and they will miss each other dearly.

Most 13 year olds go boy crazy over a certain boy, but for Bat Chen this certain boy has a girlfriend. Then she starts to wonder about what is better about his girlfriend than her and that is what she thinks about in the poem 'Disappointed Love' "Why did he choose her? / Is she more beautiful or smart? / Or maybe he just met her first." (50). This shows that even though she is Jewish and lives in Israel on the other side of the world in the middle of fighting, she feels and acts the same as you and me.

Goodbye Bat

By: Laura

(From the perspective of Bat Chen)

A large flash of light
My life quickly passes me
I drift off to sleep

Who is Bat Chen?

By: Laura Weedon

(Partially in the view of Bat Chen)

I am beautiful
I am smart
I am kind
She is artistic
She is mighty
She is bright
She is Bat Chen

Yarden Shmueli
6th grade

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I think that Bat-Chen wrote this poem because she felt lonely she was bored she had no friend to play with. She was very scared to put on the gas mask. When there was a war in Israel she had to put the most scary thing for her. The gas mask

By:
Kyle
Bradford,
Ontario, Canada

MACHINTO

AFTER I READ MACHINTO I FELT SAD BECAUSE WHEN THE CITY BURNED DOWN 1,000'S AND 1,000'S OF PEOPLE DIED FROM THE EXPLOSION. I ALSO FELT DEPRESSED BECAUSE MACHINTO DIED BECAUSE OF THE FIRE. I BELIEVE THAT IF I WAS A PEACE DOVE THEN I COULD HELP THE KIDS THAT LIVE IN AFGANISTAN, IRAQ AND IRAN. WE CAN HELP THEM BY TELLING THEM TO COME TO CANADA

MY BIGGEST FEAR

MY BIGGEST FEAR IS THE GRUDGE BECAUSE THE NOISE THEY MAKE IS VERY SCARY AND THEY COME OUT AT NIGHT AND THEY CRAWL. THE NOISE THEY MAKE IS (OOOOOOOO OOOOOOOOOOOOO) BUT WITH A CRACK IN THERE VOICE BUT THE WAY THEY CRAWL THERE BODY CRUMBLES UP THAT IS MY BIGGEST FEAR. BUT THE WAY I CAN OVER POWER THAT FEAR IS BY PUTTING MY BED UP ON THE WALL.

What I was really dreaming about was me being a professional guitar player because I'm really good at guitar. The songs I know are from AC/DC one of my favourite bands. The song I really want to learn is called "rock in roll train" by the same band. When I first started my guitar lesson I went from classic to rock lessons and now I'm learning to strum. My dream is to sing and play guitar on stage like my idols.

GUEST HOST ON RAW

I have always dreamed of being a guest host on raw. Raw is my favourite wrestling because of 1 of my favourite wrestlers John Cena. John Cena is my favourite wrestler because he has my favourite signature move it's called the fu and he is cool. I would love to be a guest host on raw and meet John Cena. I would love to be a guest host on raw and talk to all the wonder people when I'm famous. That's why I would like being guest host on raw. Also my best friend Nicholas.B has John Cenas autograph on his hat

WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY

PAYING GUITAR MAKES ME HAPPY BECAUSE WHEN I'M OLDER I'M OLDER I'M PLAN TO BE A PERFESSIONAL GUITAR PLAYER. ALSO CHRISTMAS MAKES ME HAPPY BECAUSE I GET TO OPEN PRESENT AND GET TOGETHER WITH MY FAMILY. WHAT ALSO MAKES ME HAPPY IS DOING GOOD DEEDS BECAUSE IF SOMEONE IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH WORK HELP THEM OUT THAT'S ALWAYS CARING ABOUT PEO

PLAYING GUITAR



By Alan In Bradford,
Ontario, Canada



If I Could Travel Back In Time

The most important thing I own is my XBOX 360. I was given half the money to buy it and the other I bought. It is important because it's something that keeps me occupied when I'm bored. It is also important because I have put a lot of money into it. Finally, it is important to me because when I have friends over we have something to do together. Without my XBOX 360 I would have nothing else to do but read or watch T.V.

Sincerely,
Alan



If I could travel back in time I would go back to when my Dad was 10 and see what he acted like because I want to know if my Dad ever got in trouble for something I got in trouble for and to see who he had as friends

Sincerely,
Alan



My friends are important to me because they always want to play with me when I am bored. They also want to help me if I have a problem. And when I am mad at someone I can tell them and that will make me feel better. If I don't know something I ask them if I don't have something I ask them. So that means if I have a problem... I ASK THEM

Sincerely,
Alan



Something That Makes Me Happy

Something that makes me happy is to have a family that cares about me and loves me. A thing that makes me feel great about myself is that I have a lot of friends like Aaron, Kyle, Cameron, Johnny, Summer, Emily O, Emily E and Cassie.

Sincerely,
Alan



My dream for peace is that nobody should fight because of their religions. That can be accomplished by trying to convince people that your religions are not something to fight about. I just find fighting about religions is Dumb!!! I mean if you believe in something someone else doesn't WHO CARES.

Sincerely,
Alan





I am a fifth grader at Franklin Township School. I like to play basketball, mini golf, and play video games. My favorite video game is MLB 2K9 for Xbox. My favorite mini golf course is one where you have to walk a lot from hole to hole. Last year I was on a school recreation basketball team and we were undefeated until the last game when we lost to Rutgers. We ended 6-1-0. I also like to play the piano. I have an older brother that is thirteen years old. He is my best friend. We play a lot of things together like Play Station 2. My dog, Zeus, who is a labradoodle weighing ninety-two pounds, is one of the friendliest dogs in the world. The only problem is that he can be a little bit too friendly, including jumping on my grandma knocking her into a chair forcing her to have stitches.

Life Is Starting Life Is Starting To Be Boring

Everything is so boring I get at 7:00 in the morning against my will, go downstairs with my dog, walk down to the bus stop, go to school, and do work. Then I come home and do home work. Oh yay, more work. Then I have some food and maybe watch some television but most of the time there aren't any shows I want to watch. After that, I go to play PS2, but big surprise, I'm tired of playing the games I have. By that time, supper's ready! I haven't had one thing to do all day. Now it's time for bed. What a fun day, not. This happens over and over again, no end. **How Boring!**



We walk around the house each day
Playing in a gentle way
We don't shove
We show love
We aren't mean
But we are silly beans
All the time we don't commit a crime
Or waist time

Owen
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey, USA

Bat-chen diaries

By: Andre

What an Irritating Mother:

I think that Bat-Chen is like ever other kid who's getting annoyed by there brother or sisters, because in the poem "What an Irritating mother" Bat-Chen had got in trouble by her little sister. It reminds me of in my house when I always get in trouble by my little brother.

Disappointed love:

Bat-Chen is like every other falling love teenager, because in the poem "Disappointed love" she was talking about what broke her heart. Every other teenager has broken up with there boy friend or has been in a ended relationship.

Poems

Acrostic

Bat-Chen is

A young girl

To right so good, she

Can write about

Her actions and what happened in her day, but

Every poem makes me think how lucky I am

Not to live by places were there is war.

Cinquain

Bat-Chen

Is very young.

Writes about her activities.

Wants war to end and wants world peace.

Young Girl

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I think Bat Chen wanted to express her feelings about the war and about all the fears of the war.

When you are running to the sealed room (a room that you run to stay away from the rockets) and when you put the gas mask it's just so scary.

But just like she wrote in the poem, after some time you get used to it.

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What I Want

One thing I want to do when I am older is to collage because if I go to collage I can get a nice job and get lot's of money and a nice home with stuff and get a nice family and go on vacations a lot.

If I Could Go Back In Time

If I could go back in time I would go to Medieval times and be a knight I would go see a king. And go to a kingdom and I would walk around to see what it is like. I would go to the country and look around.

The Most Important Thing I Own

The most important thing I own is my play station 3.this is the most important thing because it is really fun and I am on it for hours. This is the most important thing I own because with out it I would be bored most of the time.

Machinto

I think youth people around the world should talk about Machinto book because it talks about peace. Also it shows kids what could happen if people started to fight.

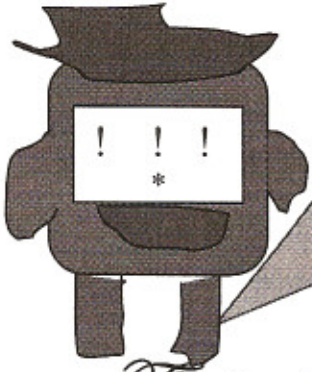
Why Friends Are Important To Me

My friends are important to me because I would be lonely and would have no nobody to play with me. They could take me out of doing something bad and they would respect me and not hurt me and if my pet dies my friends would help me cheer up.

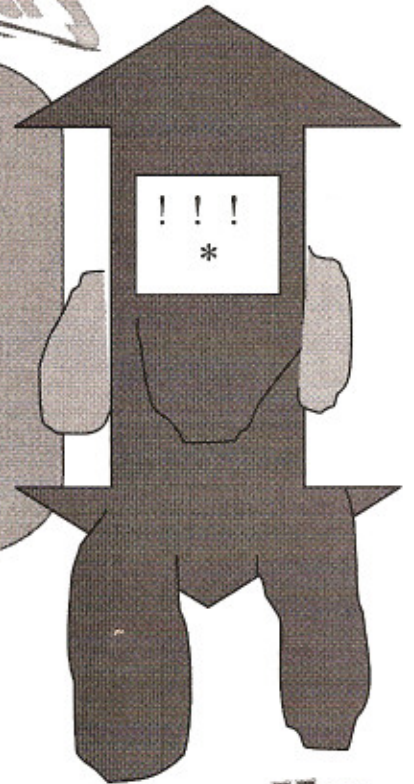
By Nicholas
Bradford, Ontario, Canada

What I Want For My Country

This is it.



*Less tax incomes
Another language
Robot armor
And to be healthier*



This is what

I want for my country is

What I Want To Be When I Grow Up

*What I want to be when I grow up
is to be a military engineer or a
soldier. And as you can see I really
like the army.*

Tyler
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey
United States

What makes me happy

By Rebecca D
Bradford, Ontario, Canada

What makes me happy is...

DANCING

Because when I'm at my dance studio I have other friends that don't know about what problems happen at my school and because when I'm dancing I am only thinking about the steps and the and what to do. Dance also makes me happy because it's fun and you meet new friends.

Dancing always takes my mind off of things I don't like that happen in the day like...

Homework ,Disapontments and things like that.



My wish My wish

My wish is for war to stop and everybody should be peaceful. I don't understand why people are fighting in war because there is really no reason.



my friends

The Most Important Thing I Own

The most important thing I own is my ipod because sometimes when I'm sad I can listen to sad or slow music on and when I'm happy I can put my fast music on. My ipod is important to me because I can bring it everywhere I go and all I have to do is slip it in my pocket. I got my ipod for Christmas from my parents because my parents think I have the responsibility to keep it safe with out losing it.

My life would be different with out my ipod because I wouldn't have music to travel with.



My friends are important to me because they are there if I need someone to talk to. Usually brothers and sisters don't listen to your important problems like if you got in a fight with your friends at school. I always need a friend to help me with thing and to cheer me up when I'm sad. I think you always need friends.

How I feel About Today

Yitzhak Rabin was a leader, he served in the army 27 years and he made peace with Jordan, he was the prime minister of Israel. On the November 4th, 1995 he was murdered by Igal Amir because of political reasons. On this memory day I feel very sad and it's hard to believe that he was so close to making peace with the Palestinians and someone killed him just because they didn't agreed with Yitzhak Rabin opinion.

by: Avia Grade 5

Yitzhak Rabin by Keren Grade 5

Yitzhak Rabin was murdered at the 4th Nov 1995.

He was killed by Igal Amir.

Today is Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Day.

I am very sad.

Yitzhak Rabin was a very important man for Israel.

Today at school we are wearing white T-shirts as mark of respect for a good man.

We are very, very sad he is not with us today.

the most important thing I own

The most important thing I own
is my laptop because I can do
what ever I want whenever I
want with no one to bother me

the most important thing I own

Sad but all slow happy because the Adam bomb
hit the city but I felt happy because the girl
turned in to a peace dove to help people like her
all over the world. I believe the dove will help
stop war.

By: Harshid
Bradford, Ontario
Canada



Me

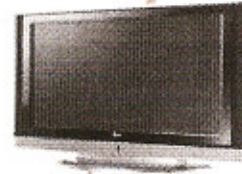
I play a lot of sports
I play them time-to-time
With catching running and everything fine
I sometimes do bad but I don't care
For I know I am just trying my best and I pray
My day will go ok



Life Is Starting To Be Boring



Life is starting to be boring, television always has the same shows on, my toys are getting too babyish, and I don't live in a neighborhood where I can play with my friends. When Christmas comes I'll restock on all of those things except for living in a neighborhood, but I don't care because life will start to get fun again.



What I Want To Be When I Grow Up

What I want to be when I grow up is an astronaut. Astronauts get to go to different planets and explore their terrain and their gravity. Although it is very dangerous I would still like to do it because I am daring and I'm up for the challenge. I can't wait to experience all of the wonders in space.



Joseph
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey
USA

Victoria

Bat Chen

Like any normal breathing 14 year old, Bat Chen has feelings and opinions on everything including love. It shows this in the poem 'I Always Wanted To Say It, But I was Embarrassed' when she says, 'Love is a wonderful thing'/. 'Love is never-ending'.(60). I think that this shows that Bat Chen has lived and loved and she knows how great the feeling of love can be.

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2)

Bat Chen a young girl
Has thoughts on everything
She's interesting

10/29/09

Memorial Service to Remember Yitzhak Rabin
Hadar Hasharon, Kfar Hess, Israel

By

Gaul Feldman Grade 5

The service begins now there is just talking..... Then I hear shooting noises!!! Now there is a kid that comes and talks about Yitzhak Rabin's story. His story is that an ultra religious Israeli murdered him 14 years ago when he was the Prime Minister of Israel.

There's no reason to murder someone just because he thinks something that you don't think is right... They sing a song I think was really nice because it explained everything. Now they are talking about his life for example when or where he was born. Now there is a dance wow with a lot of colors cool it's pretty neat all of the people who are doing the same dance and are dressed in black and all the same clothes... There now are other people that are talking about how we should be more like Yitzhak Rabin... now there is another song.

Now there talking about Bat-Hen who is a girl that at 15 was also got murdered by a suicide bomber and she wrote what the people were saying 14 years ago. Now there is like a sad song and people are walking one at a time to places like they are getting ready for a dance... Yep I was right they are doing another dance!!!! Now they are raising signs that say peace for Israel and stuff like that. They begin walking step-step forward they stopped...Now a student is talking and is asking us to stand up and sing our National Anthem.

Bat Chen- Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

In the diary entry called "What an Irritating Mother", Bat Chen acted like every other person her age. In the entry she says, "I had a tangerine in my hand so I threw it straight at Ima." She was blamed for something that she hadn't done and was punished before she could say anything. Like everyone else who would be it this situation, she got mad. In this case she threw a tangerine at Ima and was sent to her room. Bat Chen is not different than us because she speaks a different language and lives in a different country; she acts like every other teenager around the world.

Bat Chen was like any teenager that is growing up and facing new challenges. In the entry called 'Disappointed Love' she is faced with watching her true love kissing, "And the worst is seeing them kissing. - If only I could exchange places with her" (p. 50). She goes through love and deals with love like every one else her age.

Bat Chen Poems

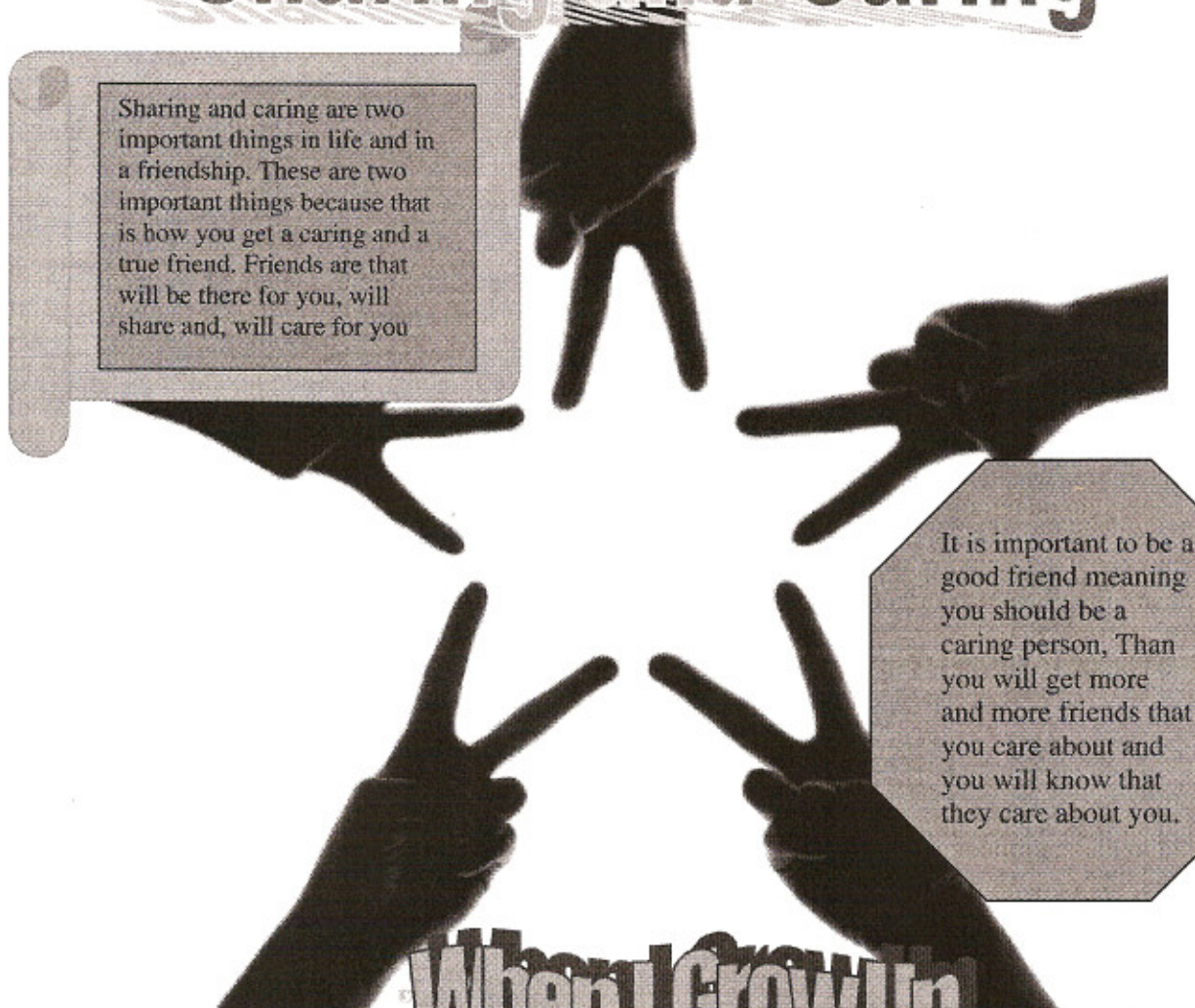
Haiku -

Bat Chen is peaceful
She is always calm and nice
Bat Chen, perfect friend

Acrostic poem

B est friend
A lways caring
T rue
-
C hange the world
H opeful
E ncouraging
N ice in every way

Sharing and Caring



Sharing and caring are two important things in life and in a friendship. These are two important things because that is how you get a caring and a true friend. Friends are that will be there for you, will share and, will care for you

It is important to be a good friend meaning you should be a caring person, Than you will get more and more friends that you care about and you will know that they care about you.

When I Grow Up

When I grow up I want to be some sort of teacher. I either want to be a gymnastic or a teacher for school!

Grace
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey
United Stats

I think being a teacher and teaching kids what they need to learn is a good think! I love helping kids! When my mom got a job she was a teacher!

By Cody
Bradford, Ontario, Canada

What makes me happy

One thing I want to do when I am older is go to college because if I go to college I can get a job and I could make money and buy a house and get stuff for the house and go to places.

The thing that makes me happy riding my bike and playing games with my brothers and my and dad.

Machinto

When I read the book Machinto I felt sad because a bomb went off in the little town and the little girl and her mom died but the happy part was when the little girl became a peace dove and she was looking for kids to help that were like her.

My wish for peace

If I had a wish it would be to have peace and with and to have people to live in a good home and that people have a good home and for people to live in a safe county and to have a family that is safe.

The most important thing i own is

The most important thing I own is my TV because with out my TV I can't watch really good shows and moves that Are so good and to watch TV when whenever I want.

Memorial Day for Yitzhak Rabin

Today at school it was a very hard day. I felt sad because 14 years ago the man, who gave peace to all of Israel and Jordan, died.

Igal Amir, a very religious Jewish man murdered Yitzhak Rabin. I still can't believe it but in three shots it was over and we still don't have peace in our beautiful country.

Agam Levy
Grade 4

Time Travel

The Most Important Thing In My Life

If I could travel back in time I would go to Medieval Times because I would love to see what really happened back in Medieval Times and to really see the knight, the kings and princess. Even watch a real joust act like the king and learn how hard life was back in Medieval Times. Some day I will invent time traveling and go back in time to Medieval Times and I Rebecca Hornick will become History!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

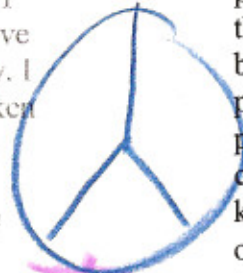
The most important thing in my life is my dog and his Hitler pants. He is the most important thing in my life because he was given to me as a gift. I play with him all the time, he is so energetic. I really wanted a dog too. I really love my dog and he loves me back.

Macchiato

After reading Macchiato I felt sad, upset, depressed that their whole town got burnt down and many, many, many people lost there lives because of a boom, and then later the poison killed the rest of the people that lived. I believe that if we turn into peace doves we can spread peace to the world and we can have the knowledge of knowing we helped about of people believe in peace.

What Makes YOU Happy???

I fell happy about my self when I talk care of animals because I love animals and it makes me happy. I now that at least an animal is taken care of. It makes me feel happy because I like to take care of animals and spend time with the animals that's what makes me happy.



Why My Friends Are Inportant To Me!!!!

My friends are inportant to me because with out them my life would be dull and I would feel lonely, I would have no one to be there when Im sad or mad or put down or to make me happy. They would make me happy or laugh and cheer me up when Im down. If I never had friends I would have no one to play with and no one to call a friend, I would have no friends I think that every one in the world should have a friend to laugh with and to call a friend. If I had no friends my life would be super boring it would feel like half my life is missing or ripped apart!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

traviling back in time

If I could travel back in time I would go to my papa's house because he passed away and I never got to see him.
By josh

machinto

After I felt machinto I felt sad and happy sad because machinto died happy because she turned into a peace dove
By josh

what makes me ha

When I play my favourite sport that is when I get happy because when I play another sport I always lose and that makes me mad

By josh

the big thing i own

The big thing I own is my dog without my dog I would be lonely and I would have no one to play with but I'm lucky I have my dog

when im older

When I'm older I want to be a pro soccer player because soccer is my favourite sport
By josh

By Joshua

Bradford, Ontario, Canada

To Mother And Father

Mother and Father

I thank you for my life.

You love me and I love you.

You feed me and give me what I need.

I thank you so much for what you do for me.

I love you.



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My name is Zoe. I go to Franklin Township School. I am in the 5th grade. I am 10 -years old. My height is 4ft. 11 in. My hair color is dirty blond. My eye color is blue. I like to ride horses. I have my own pony named Bunny. And I play the clarinet.

MY DIARY IS MY BEST FRIEND



My diary is my best friend because you can write anything in it. You can write about your day. You can write secrets in it. You can write what you think about other people. And you can write good or bad things in it. That is why my diary is my best friend.



Zoe
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown ,New Jersey USA



Bat Chen Writings

By: Sydney Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

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(Cinquain) Confusing life,
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Victoria, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

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**By: Vanessa
Bradford, Ontario,
Canada**

My Dream

I dream of being a famous soccer player. If I believe, I can achieve anything I want. Right now I am on a rep team with Ellie. I'm getting better every time I go. I love playing soccer and I really want go to midfield. Ellie is left midfield and I am left defence.

When I get older

One thing that I want to do when I get older is go to collage or university and get good marks. I want to do that so I can work with animals or go to be a famous soccer player. If I cannot do that then I want to go down in the ocean and see the titanic's reek. I think it would be very cool to see.

Machinto

After I read Machinto, I felt a bit happy and a bit sad because the mother little girl died and the whole town was on fire. It didn't just kill Machinto, it killed thousands of other people.

I believe that if one school turned into peace doves it would be a much peaceful world.

Why my friends are important to me

My friends are important to me because when ever I am lonely or sad they cheer me up.

Another reason why my friends are important to me is if I had no one to play with then they would be right beside me ready to play. Even though we have fights, we always make up and we're friends again.

We should care

We should care about each other because if we did then the world would be a much happier, peaceful, and quiet place.

First, if we did no one would be made fun of, no bullies, always someone to talk to, no one would fight and no war.

Secondly, everyone would cheer each other on their friend if they were sad, friendless, or just needed cheering up.

Lastly, we should compliment our friends when they do something good or if needed give them advice.



When I Grow Up

When I grow up I want to be a nurse or a doctors assent. I always wanted to be one since I was a little girl. I wanted to be one because my grandmother was one and she always told me stories about how fun it was. She had lots of friends. When I went over to her house one time I saw a picture of one of her friends and her when she was a nurse. It looked really cool. I cant wait till I grow up and maybe become a nurse!



Me



My name is Tara Slack. I do 3 sports. Those sports are basketball, gymnastics, and horse back riding. I love all of those sports. I have 4 dogs. They are all German Shepherds. When ever I can I play ball with them. Every thing I do I have lots of fun with.

Life IS Starting Be Boring

Life is starting to get boring because when I come home from school I always do my homework right away. Then instead of watching TV or playing with my sister I have to do ride my pony witch is fun, but after I have to do the dishes. Then we have dinner. After dinner I have to clear the table. Most of the time I have to go to bed because by the time I am done clearing the table its 8:00 or 8:30.



Tara Slack
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey, USA

Bat-Chen Haiku

Bat Chen is smart
Always kind to others
Loves to write pomes

What an Irritating Mother

From what I have read in this poem Bat Chen is like any normal teenage girl she doesn't always get along with her parents. "Bat-Chen cursed me!" said her sister. Her mom not knowing that she was lying got mad and sent Bat - Chen. That happened to every one once.

The Gas Mask

In this poem I think that she is saying in the worst of situations you can all ways have fun. When the bombings are going off every one in the area has to wear a gas mask because of all the harmful gases in the streets and had to hide in the bomb shelter. Then she starts to play and talk to the gas mask. For example "I have an idea. Why don't we play checkers?" said Bat-Chen "Gladly." Said the Gas mask. I think that is cool even in the worst situation see can still write poems.

Beautiful
Artistic
Talented writer

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Calm in a
Harmful world
Everlasting happiness
Never gives up

My Dream

My dream I was a black belt in karate but I am an orange belt. The belts go like this white, yellow strip, orange, green, blue, there are 3 brown belts and then it is a black belt. I might get my green belt soon.

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what makes me happy

What make me happy is my friends and family because when I am at school my friend's will play will me. So that if I had no friend's I will not have anything to do. What makes me feel great about my safe when I play soccer and I score goals . Last year I scored 38 goals and I am happy about that .

kiki

Today we opened a package and in the package was a teddy bear. The teddy bears name is Kiki and it is a girl. People can take Kiki home.

**By: Ellie
Bradford,
Ontario, Canada**



Sean



Sean
Grade 5
Quakertown, New Jersey
USA

ME

My name is Sean. I am 5ft. 1 in. I love the outdoors and life. I play baseball, football, and basketball. I like camping and scuba diving. I love animals. I have brown hair blue eyes.

Sharing Is Caring

In football practice I was playing a position on the line. While I hit someone he looked as if a bullet shot him. I lifted him up, so I picked him up and hugged him. He said go away freak but I was just trying to help.

When I Grow Up

When I grow up, I would like to be a police officer. I would love to wake up one day and feel that I might save someone today. I also would like the world to be less polluted and not fight over countries.



Machinto

Christmas Tradition

After I read Machinto I felt sad because of all the people that die in the atomic bomb if I were a dove I would spread peace around the world. If World War 1 and 2 wasn't around none of this would happen. I Believe... Peace should happen around the world with no guns!

I Love Christmas because you can get in snowball fights and Snowman Usually What I do on Christmas is watch a movie and make popcorn. And after we leave cookies and milk for Santa then we go to bed be a cant go to sleep because I'm so excited.

By: Michael
Bradford, Ontario,
Canada

When i grow up

One thing I want to be once I grow up is work at the mall because there's millions of a store at the mall. One day I might be the mall manager. I like the mall because there are elevators and escalators!

why my friends are important to me

Why my friends are important to me because if something goes wrong they can lend a shoulder. If I get hurt I'll ask a friend to take me to the office. If I might need help with something I can get them or call them. If I'm in a tournament I can call them to watch. Then for Halloween we can scare people and invite them to sleepovers.

Traveling back in time

Where would you go? Hollywood
What would you do? Go to a concert
Who would see? Jonas Brothers

Why? Because I really want to see the Jonas brothers but there concert is in Hollywood or Toronto and far away so I really never get a chance. sincerely

Me

My name is Haley Wright and I am nine years old. I love to dance, play the piano, and to just have fun! I have a sister and a brother, three cats, and a fish. In my spare time I play the piano for my mom and dad, dance in the kitchen, play outside, or get comfy and read a good book.

To Mom and Dad

To Mom and Dad,

I am so happy to have you; you're so nice and helpful. You are always there for me. When I get hurt or feel down, you are there to cheer me up. Even when I get in a fight you help me. I just want to let you know, I love you!

Love,
Haley

What I want to be When I grow Up

I want to be so many things when I grow up. I want to help the children in Africa, be a dancer, a poet, an environmentalist, a paleontologist, and an artist.

Haley
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey, USA

Time Travel

I would travel back to when my mom got me from the children's aid because I wanted to know what I was like. And what I looked like and stuff.

what im afraid of

Im afraid of nothing why because I went on a 300 feet bunngey cord and didn't cry.

the most important thing

★ ★
By: Myles
Bradford,
Ontario,
Canada

My d s i is the most important thing I own it makes my day good I take pictures and games.

machimo

When I read the book I felt angry instant people were hurt by a bomb.

what makes me fill happy

My family makes me feel happy because they teach me right from wrong.

What I Want to Be When I Grow Up? By. Daniel, Kettleby, Ontario,
Poem By. Bat Chen

Bat Chen is, in some aspects, like every other child. She is always thinking about what she wants to be when she grows up. I know this because in the poem *'What I Want to be When I Grow Up'* she says: "Lots of kids worry about this question:/ what will they do when they're grown up?" (46). She is so right when she says this because I am usually thinking about what I'm going to do when I'm older. Am I going to be a doctor, a cop or am I going to be in the army? I guess I am just going to wait and see. It is very sad to know that Bat Chen was never able to grow up to her full potential. I bet that if she had, she would have been an amazing woman and author.

Bat Chen

He Passes Me By

By. Daniel

Unfortunately everyone has to deal with the death of a family member. Like Bat Chen it happens right after you see the person. In the poem, *'He Passes Me By'* she says "Only yesterday he stood beside me. / Only yesterday he hugged me. / Only yesterday he was laughing. / Only yesterday he kissed my cheek. / Only yesterday he wrapped me in warmth and love. / Only yesterday he encouraged me." (30). I know exactly how she feels when she is talking about this. About 5 years ago my Granddad found out he had cancer so we went to go see him. A couple days after we left, he passed away.

Bat Chen

Who was Bat Chen?

A very promising young woman

An inspiration

An amazing writer

An emotional teenager

A popular child

That is Bat Chen

Bat Chen

Bat Chen loves to write

She writes a lot of poems

Sadly she was killed



Peace



Natalie

From: Dreamteam 3 Bradford Canada

This week we honour our veterans who fought for peace and our freedom. Batchen wished for a peaceful country. My wish is that there is no war anywhere and it all stopped so that there can be peace every where around the world just like in Canada. Also I think that we can make the world peaceful by getting along with anyone no matter where there from. As well I would like to try and stop war by giving a protest.

Signed, Natalie

After I read Machinto , I felt really upset because the whole town was burned and I could not imagine if I lost one of my family members or if I lost my own life. I believe that it is not fair to anyone if they are barley surviving because of war. I also believe that if we all become peace doves we can all cure all of the little children like me who are dying and getting burned from bombs like the little girl from Machinto got hurt.

Signed,
Natalie

The most important thing I own is..... My puppy. It was given to me because it had nowhere to go and would die. My puppy was free 2 years ago. It is important to me because I can play with it, feed it, clean up after it, and watch it. I think that it gives me a chance to be more responsible and it is fun to be in charge of it. My life would be different with out my puppy because I wouldn't be as responsible as I am because I would not no how to take care of an animal.

Signed,
Natalie

Dear Dream Journal,
One thing that makes me happy is when I can make other people happy with my sense of humour because I never like to see people un happy just happy. One thing that makes me feel great is when I know that I am having a fantastic day another people are to then I definitely know that there is peace going on.

Signed, Natalie

I think it is important for youth around the world to talk about the Machinto project so that all of the youth can grow up and look back and remember doing the project and that and that it is you who can make peace and the people around you are in charge of your life. A message I would like to give to someone my age about living in a peaceful country is that when you are an adult you can make peace .I believe that I can grow up and make the world peaceful just like anyone else.

Signed, Natalie



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN

my name
is
Matthew
mason

Hatta ha!!

BIZZI

The most important thing I own is my snowmobile because in the winter I can ride it and have fun on it. I love my snowmobile because now I can ride with my mom and my step dad. I got my snowmobile on Christmas.

Hot feet
By: Matthew
Bradford, Ontario
Canada

BOOM

Matthew mason
wins \$1.000000 all to himself



Kristina, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

Bat-Chen

Bat-Chen was like almost every other girl her age. She has disagreements with her family and friends, getting frustrated and angry at them. In the poem "What an Irritating Mother", Bat-Chen gets into an argument with her mother, and upset, storms off to her room. "You can imagine how angry and insulted I was / She yelled at me and sent me to my room / Wouldn't you be irritated too if people made up things about you? / And she's furious with me." Bat-Chen shows that almost every girl fights with her parents at some point, no matter where you are from.

Bat-Chen showed emotions for her friends the way any other teenager would. When she was thirteen, she had a huge crush on a boy who didn't share the affection. In the poem "Disappointed Love", Bat-Chen explains that this boy likes her best friend. "When you love someone but you know that his heart belongs to someone else / That he's not really interested in you / And my best friend is my biggest enemy / And if she didn't exist, I could trap him." Bat-Chen was heart-broken, just like every girl can be.

Cinquain

Bat-Chen
Believes in peace
Very much hated gas masks
Feelings of disappointed love
Young girl

Haiku

Girl fighting the war
Always struggles, surviving
Diary writer

JAMES JURGENSEN



Me

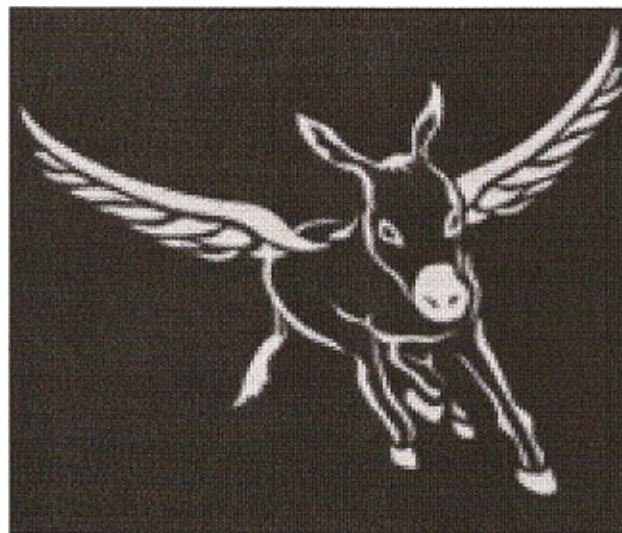
My name is James Jurgensen I live in New Jersey I have one mom, one dad, one sister, and two brothers. I do wrestling MMA and baseball. I go to Franklin Township School and I'm in 5th grade. On the Weekends I go to my cousins house I usually wrestle Play video games or go to the movies.

Life is starting to get boring

I do the same thing every day I get up and go to school then I get home do my homework eat play then go to bed. I never go to anywhere new I always go to the same places on the weekend like the park New York Life or the health food store.

What I want from the new year

What I want from the new year is for everybody to end tax, I might have \$5 and I buy a sandwich that \$4.72 so I give them the money and then they say tax =32 cents so I end up not eating.



my wish for peace

This week we honour our veterans who fought for peace and our freedom. Batchen wished for a peaceful country. If I could have one wish I would wish for a peaceful world and all wars to stop. I believe that if wars stop people will not fight.



what makes me happy what makes me happy

The one thing that makes me happy is...
Too have friends that care about you and play with you. Also to have a friend that cheers you up when you are sad. One thing that makes me feel great about myself is...
Too be different than every body else. Not to try to look the same as somebody else.

when I am older after I read machinto

One thing I want to do when I am older is...

Too go to university and learn to be a chef at a fancy restaurant because I love to cook food with my parents. I also want to try parachuting out of a plane/helicopter.



After I read machinto, I felt peaceful because once the daughter died she turned into a beautiful peace dove and save people from flamey balls of fire. I believe that if everyone turned into peace doves the world would be more peace because there would be no wars and helping innocent people from dying.



traveling back in time

If I could travel back in time I would go to prehistoric times. I would meet the cavemen and cavewomen. I would teach them how to make food and help them learn better. Then I would bring a camera and take a picture of a real live dinosaur.



My Dream journal
By Kiara, Bradford, Ontario,
Canada

By: Hallie
Bradford, Ontario
Canada



I feel happy when I see my family and when my friends are there for me. I also feel happy when I see my cat shadow and my dog xena plus when it is Christmas. I feel great about my self when i give my family a present on Christmas, and when someone in my family is sick or hurt, and I give them a card, also when I am playing with friends and drawing.

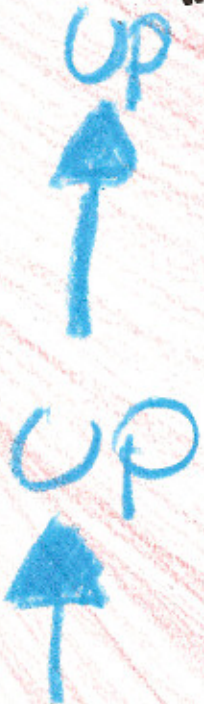
The most important thing I own is my cat. I got my cat from one of my moms friends. She is important to me because she is fun to play with and cuddly. Another resin is she important to me is because my other cat buddy got put down a little while after I got her. My life would be different without her because I would not have a cuddly cat to play with.

What I Want To Be When I Grow Up

When I am older I want to be a vet because I love animals!!!!i have wanted to be a vet ever since my cat buddy got put down, I had him sini was about three years old. I am going to go to univercity befor I do anything so I know what I am going to be doing and be working with....

Machinto

After I read Machinto, I felt happy and sad. I felt happy because the little girl turned into a peace dove and went around the world helping boys and girls that had war going on in there country. She also gave them love. I am sad because the mother lost a daughter and because almost all the people died. I believe that all the people who are having war going on in there country.



growing

If You've Opened This

By: Bat-Chen

In the poem, 'If You've Opened This,' it seems that she has foreseen her own death. In the poem it says that she wants nobody to read her diary and that she trusts people but at the end she wrote, "Maybe there will come a day/ When you read this in a newspaper. Who knows?" (60). After reading this quote, it seems that she saw her death coming because she somehow thought that the world would see her poems and usually diaries are published after death. But instead of a newspaper, her diary was published in a book.

The Gas Mask

By: Bat-Chen

In this piece of writing by Bat-Chen, she is telling her diary how she has to wear a gas mask and that she doesn't like it. The reason for her wearing the gas mask is not specifically mentioned but I figure that she has to wear it because there is tear gas or some other gas that is not good to breathe. In the writing she tells about how uncomfortable the mask is, "Not only do you make me sick. / And press on my throat. / But you won't let me sleep. / What are you thinking, you insolent thing? (14). It seems that she is pretending that the mask is actually a person and that it is intentionally hurting her. But later in the poem the Mask says it's only for her own sake. Then they play checkers and she takes her mind off the mask.

Poems

Haiku

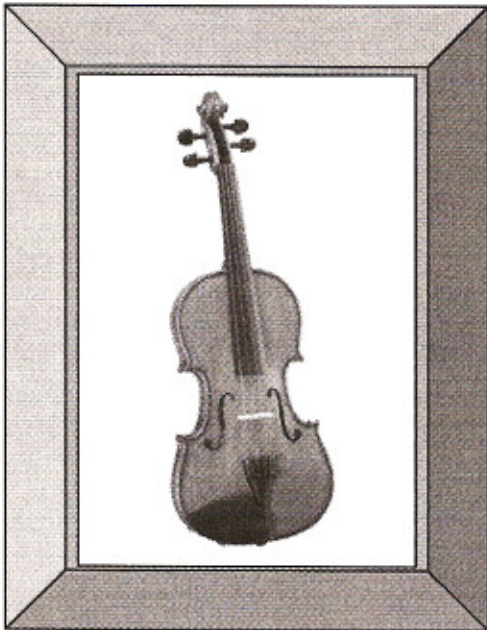
Bat-Chen can write well
She tells about her stories
She is like other kids

Couplet

Bat-Chen loves to write
Especially when the time is right

Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

Laurel Weiss
Grade 5th
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey
USA



A Poem of Peace

A life without violence,
hatred, and wars,
With no more guns daggers
and swords.
Stop and think about what
the world would be,
If everyone treated each
other like family.
Soldiers and warriors hear
me now,
Fights and wars I won't
allow.
Instead shake hands and
make a deal
Never to fight and make
that concealed.
Imagine the world, sea and
land,
where nature reigns

A poem to friends, family, and famous people

**Friends and famous people
May act in different ways,
But you should know
They may come and may go,
But family always stays.**

Imagine Peace

Imagine a world without violence, and a world without war. Imagine a world with only good news, and no bad news like you see on TV every morning. Imagine Peace!!!

What I Want to do When I'm Older

When I'm older I want to sky dive and have fun. I want to sky dive because it looks fun and scary!!!!!!

If I Could Travel Back in Time

IF I COULD GO BACK I TIME I WOULD WATCH GORGE WASHINGTON BECOME THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A!!!!!!

MACHINTEO

I was really sad when I read Machinto because the girl was killed while she was playing, but the good thing about it is that she turned in to a peace dove!!!!!!

The Most Important Thing I Own

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN IS MY T.V BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE FAMILY TOGETHER AFTER A LONG DAY, OF WORK OR PLAY!!!!!!

Bradley On the Beach

IF I COULD TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

If I could travel back in time I would go to the time when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. I would see palm trees and ride a supersaurus and a Pterodactyl. I would meet the Tyrannosaurus rex or short form T.Rex or meet him!!! Then I would run back to a cave!



After I Read Machinto

After I read Machinto I felt depressed because how would you feel if your city was burned down. I believe that if everybody spread a little peace just a bit it would be a very very peaceful world. A little peace might cause more people to be full of peace. Thats what Machinto made me think of.

By: Zeke
Bradford, Ontario, Canada



Batchen – What I Want To Be When I Grow Up

By: Jackson Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

In the poem 'What I Want to be When I Grow Up' Batchen is saying that all jobs help people live better and healthier lives.

"Professions range from teacher to policeman,
But all of them have one thing in common.
All of them, in one way or another,
Want to help people and the country
Live better and brighter lives."
Jobs are important, even small ones.

I think that Batchen was also trying to say that you don't know where your life will lead you, and that you can hope for a job and try your best to get that job.

"Everyone thinks about the future.
It's always following us, like a kind of shadow.
No one can tell exactly what's going to happen.
But we all try to predict it."

People don't know exactly what they are going to become when they are older and how they hope for a certain job. Batchen knew what she wanted to be when she grew up and even at a young age she understood how jobs affected the civilized world.

Batchen

By: Jackson

Brave
Amazing poet
Talented writer
Created a great diary
Has a wide view of the world
Every day was written in her diary
Never stopped writing

Batchen

Expressive, Kind
Playing, Laughing, Enjoying
Creating many great poems
Concentrating, Writing, Creating
Creative, Smart
Author

All About Me

My name is Mary Grace. I live in Pittstown, New Jersey. I have five people in my family. I also have a dog named Daisy, a cat named Ebony, and three fish. I have two little brothers that are five and seven. Also, I have a mom and a dad. My dog is a mix of a poodle and a schnauzer. Her name is Daisy. My cat's name is Ebony, but we didn't name our fish. I play the violin, horseback ride, play basketball, and I also play softball. That's all about me!

The New Year

In the New Year, I wish for a healthy and happy family. I would like to wish for healthiness because I don't want anything to happen to my family. They mean so much to me. I would like to wish for happiness because I like when my family is cheery. I don't like when my family is sad. It's not fun at all. Happy New Year!

When I Grow Up

When I grow up, I want to be a marine biologist. It seems so interesting to me. I love to do research on tropical fish. I love the colors on the fish. They look so pretty. I would love to learn

Mary Grace
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey, USA

The most important thing to me

The most important thing to me is my parents because if I did not have my parents I would not be in the world at all and if I was never born I would not have such a great life that is what the most important thing to me

if i could go back in time

if I could go back in time I would go back to 1999, jan, 08 that was my first day at my house I would go see what I was like when I was a baby. But even though we can not go back in time I think that I was a cute and happy baby

my wish for peace

my wish for peace is that there is no war .to make no war we have to not fight to own land we can name all of the country's the same name so we have no different country's to fight over



My friends are important to me because if I had no friends I would have no one to play with or have fun with .if I had no friend I could also go out and find people I can make friends with but always remember have granted for the friend you have.



By Cameron
Bradford,
Ontario, Canada

thankes mom and dad

Dear mom and dad

I thank you for giving me shelter to stay worm under and be able to sleep in peace .I thank you for giving me food when I am hungry. I thank you for giving me life if you never met you would not have me and me people would miss me they would wish they had a friend .

we should care

We should care about each other because if we did not care live would be sad and miserable .Firstly we would have no friends or people to talk to. Also you would no one to talk to and to comfort you.

Lastly there would be a lot of fighting .

Time travel

I would go back 20 years ago in England to see David Beckham. To watch a soccer match. I would love to see David Beckham because he is my favourite soccer player.

why my friends are important to me

MY friends are important to me because they help me when I am sad. They help me have a have fun and good memories .you also have laughs.

My friends are important to me because we have so much fun! We make new games and things to do .If I could make new friends I'd have a hard time .

When I am older

One thing I want to do when I am older is make a girl professional soccer league because I want to be famous and for all the girls with talent.

By Kieleey
Bradford,
Ontario,
Canada

what makes me feel happy

What makes me feel happy is playing for under 10 girls rep team because I help represent Bradford eagles and you feel so great when you score goals. I also love soccer because I meet new friends and people to be with. I also have a lot of friends.

Bat-Chen

In the poem "What I Want to Be When I Grow Up" Bat-Chen talks about what she wants to be when she grows up, and about her future. She talks about how people see themselves in their future jobs, "one wants to be an artist and to paint each town and village. And his work, he believes, will show people how life really is from different perspectives. They may even want to get inside the picture and stay there forever." Bat-Chen wants to be a song writer.

In the poem "Disappointed Love" Bat-Chen is talking about heart ache and love. The boy she loves likes another girl and now Bat-Chen is jealous and hates the girl he chose. She talks about how he broke her heart and how she is enraged about the whole situation. "His girlfriend is my biggest enemy, its all because if her. If she didn't exist I would capture him! Only- if only she wasn't around! Oof! The heck with her!" At the end of the poem you can tell her anger is gone and she says, "or is it cause he met her first?"

My Poems

Innocence in her eyes
Her death came as such a surprise.
Kind and caring, not so daring.
Tragedy lies in her family's eye
They will love her forever
And we will remember.

lovely girl,
strong heart,
now she is torn apart,
she breathed and lived,
and never fibbed.
Beautiful and smart.

Me

Hello I am Nicole. I have a sister named Victoria. I do dance, it is fun and I like to sing. I have a mom, dad, grandma, and Victoria. I play the violin, and I am doing well. In my family I have a mom ,dad, grandma and a sister.



When I grow up I want to become a singer, and want to play the violin until I cannot play it anymore.

What I Want From he New Year is

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For my family to be healthy, happy, and safe. What I want also from the New Year is to get good grades on tests.

Nicole
Grade5
Franklin Township
School
USA

the most important thing i own

The most important thing I own is...my puppy. Her name is Miley, she is 7 and a half months old. She is a bishon poodle. She is important to me because my mom bought her for me. Also she is important to me because is my first dog. Finally I always play tug o war with her. If I didn't have her my life would change because I couldn't play tug owar with her or sleep with her or play with her.

the one thing i want to do when i get older my peace wish

The one thing I want to do when I get older is...To go to university and study to become a eyedocter because I think it would be cool to become a eyedocter cause you get to meet new people and you get to read and learn about new things about eyes that you never knew about. I think it would be cool and educational to become a eyedocter. That is what I want to be when I grow up.

My peace wish is that for everyone would get along and respect each other so there is always peace.

what makes me happy

What makes me happy is... dancing. I take jazz, ballet, lyrical, tap and I have a tap duet. I love to dance because it makes me happy and dancing makes me feel great too because it makes me who I am and I can learn new dance steps and try new things in dance.

machinto

I think it is important for youth around the world to talk about the machinto project because... it can help make peace by giving new ideas about peace and that makes peace.

By Brianna P.
Bradford,
Ontario, Canada



A Poem To Peace

When the solders fight it is quite a night
When they hear a bear they go in despair
When they shoot there is a loot
Here we come to the end
There's our poem go
In peace

ME

My name is Alexa I like to sing, do gymnastics, and I love my family. I have a dog-named Bobo and he is very loving. I also have a hamster. Her name is lilac.

When I Grow Up

When I grow up I would like to be a singer because
I think I am a good singer.
a good, good singer!!!!!!!!!!

Alexa
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown , New Jersey USA

Bat-Chen

By: Jessica, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

Poems

Rhyme

Bat-Chen was hopeful,
She wanted peace,
She wanted war to be the least.
Although her thoughts turned against her,
She will always be the one to remember,
Her writing was the best,
And she still lies where she rests.

Tanka

Sweet kind and hopeful,
Always writing her dreams,
She'll look down over us
Waiting for her dream of peace,
To come true finally!

Paragraphs

Bat-Chen's story is very sad. On her birthday, at the age of fifteen she was killed by a suicide bomber. 13 other people were killed in this bombing, including two of which were her two best friends. She lived an ordinary life, but with an extraordinary talent of writing. Although she died young, her father published some of her journal entries, and letters into a book. In the book a speech she wrote for the graduating of elementary school, really caught my eye. The speech was called "A Poem Marking The End of Elementary School" It said, "It's the final moment. Waving our report cards in farewell, / standing and crying, lost for words./ We had good times within these four walls./ It wasn't only the grades and the classes./ It was much more, and we don't want to give it up. Though it's over and done, everyone wants to go back./ Some kids bring out their albums,/ and everyone recalls the days when we were little./ Hang on, don't go./ Let's take one more photo before the big farewell./ We'll never be the same again-/ a class that helped in every way./ That's it, it's over." (24) This poem was written when she was in grade seven, but there was just as much thought into it as if she would have written in grade eight. Bat-Chen was a really great writer, and when I read this text, it really touched me. My class is graduating this year, and I really like it. That's what makes her a good writer. When the person writes with a lot of thought, it makes it really good.

"What is a beginning look like? Is it hard or easy? A beginning is when something ends and begins anew, like a flower that droops, then blooms once more."(26) Bat-Chen wrote that, from the text called, "We've Began." And I think that she is right. It is just a big cycle going over and over again. One thing ends, and another starts. If you finish, and hand in a project, another is given out, constantly!

What I will do in ten years

One thing I am going to do when I am older is

I am going to do when I am going to do when be a zookeeper I older is

because I love animals 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

another reason I want to be a zookeeper is so I can take

Care of my favourite animals birds, lizards, rabbits and other things.

By: Brayden

Bradford, Ontario, Canada



My Dream Journal
By Thea



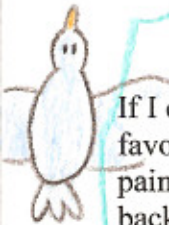
When I Get Older



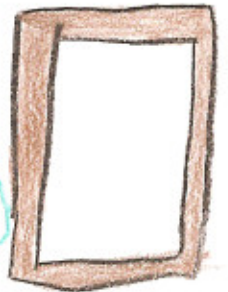
When I'm Older I would like to run a humane society. I would like to do this because my life is full of animals. I would also like to help injured animals. I chose this job because it is very sad how animals are mistreated, hurt, or abused and animals are dying because of hunting or health issues. I would like to change the way animals are treated. I really hope one day that I will be able to do this so all animals will have food, water, and a home to stay in.



If I Could Go Back In Time



If I could go back in time I would go see the famous artist Davinci and watch him paint my favourite painting The Mona Lisa. I would also like to see the Art Gallery and see all the paintings. I love art so that's why I would do this. He is my favourite artist. If I really could go back in time I would go see Davinci and get his autograph and maybe help him with his painting! It would be so much fun! I would love to see Davinci.



One Thing That Makes Me Happy

One thing that makes me happy is play with friends. My best friend is Kiara. I love playing with my friends because without them I don't know what I would do. It's my favourite thing to do. I believe that it is possible to have more than one friend because all of your friends diverse to be your best friend. If you get all your friends together and play as a group no one gets left out. What makes me feel good is my friends can play with new people. It's good to be inclusive; these are the things that make me feel good.



My Wish For Peace

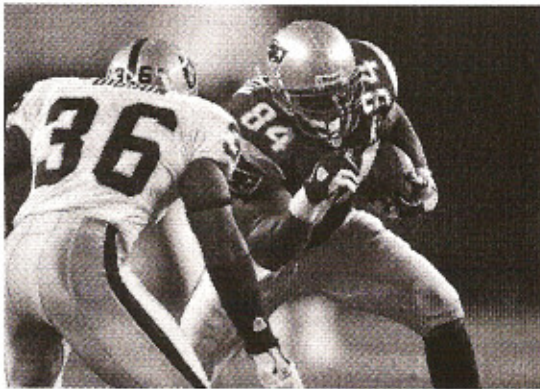


If I could have one wish I would wish for world peace and no wars to go on. I would make this wish because my papa fought in World War 2 and survived but years later he got sick and died. I was a baby when he died but now I realise people all over the world are being hurt or killed. I wish wars didn't have to happen. If they didn't so many people might still be alive. I hope one day wars will no longer have to go on in the world.



A Great Country

A life without violence,
would be the most greatest thing.
For our country,
could there just be peace.
With great freedom,
and lots of priorities,
we could live the greatest lives.



ME

I love animals and sports. I like to play soccer, baseball, football, and basketball. I like the New York Yankees, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the New York Giants, and the Pittsburgh Penguins. I have 10 animals. I have 1 dog, 2 cats, 3 frogs, 2 fish, and rabbits. Well, that's me.

What I Want To Be When I Grow Up

When I grow up I want to be a cop. I like catching criminals and I like helping people. I am also interested in cop stories. I like learning about guns, too. My dad used to go hunting and he wanted to teach me how to hunt.

Casey
Grade 5
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey, USA

By Jacob
Bradford, Ontario
Canada

When I Turn 19

When I turn 19 I would like a car and drive around Toronto and also have a job working on buildings, theme parks and rides like the ones at Canada's wonder land.

When I go skateboarding with my friends

When I go skateboarding with my friends make me happy because I love it when the wind blows on my face.

the most important thing

The most import thing I own is my cats.



When I am Older

One thing I want to do when grow up is to be the Canadian Football League or the National Hockey League and the Swat Team. If I was in the Canadian football league I could imagine me signing auto graphs and the fans cheering for me. And if I was in the national hockey league I would be the captain for the Toronto maple leafs and scoring the winning goal in overtime. If I was on the swat team I would save someone's life from dying.



**By: Cole in
Bradford,
Ontario,
Canada**

My Wish for Peace



My wish for peace is that for everyone to be friends like if everyone was friends there would be no more wars or fights if I saw a veteran I would ask him if he liked being in the war.



Why We Need Friends

It is really important to have friends because they will protect you and always be there for you. Like if someone is bullying you your friends will come and tell them to stop bullying my friend.

After Reading Machinto

After I read Machinto I felt sad because if there was a peaceful world that is not how you do it. To do it don't use weapons bombs I believe that we make it a peaceful world if there were no wars and everyone of us are friends.

Bat- Chen

Bat- Chen is like any other 13 year old girl, who expresses her emotions and life in her poems. She has different thoughts about her parents. In the poem "What an Irritating Mother" Bat-Chen gets furious after her younger sister repeatedly says "Bat-Chen cursed at me". Bat- Chen had no way to get out of this fight, so she took the blame. "What an awful child"/ "Bat-Chen cursed at me"/ "Don't leave your room". These words made Bat- Chen furious, especially when they were spoken to her angrily by her sister and mother. I think Bat- Chen had a rough life being a thirteen year old girl. In a place with no freedom.

In the poem "Gas Mask" she is furious that she has to wear a plastic, rubber item on her face. Not only that she hates the mask, but it makes her nauseas. "Not only do you make me sick"/"What are you thinking you insolent thing"/"Sorry, sorry".

I think Bat-Chen had a miserable and cheerful life. The reason why I say that she has a miserable side of her life is because about the war and. Cheerful side of her life is because she had a way to show her life in her poems. I think that made her glad to write is because it seems like this is her favourite hobby.

Poems

What is war?
A place with no peace
No freedom
A miserable life
Bombs being heard for miles
Cries from everyone
When war is around there is no warmth
No life
Just death
Then boom
A bomb goes off
And people let out cries for their loved ones
And that is war.

Bat-Chen

Bat-Chen is like the sun,
A girl full of fun,
She brings in light
So let there be no fight.

By: Adriena

MACHINTO

After I read Machinto I felt sad for the little girl because she was only 3 turning 4 and someone set of a bomb in the sky over her town. I believe that if everyone turned into a peace dove and help people around the world the world would be a better place.

I can be peaceful by going to talk to kids around the world and give them positive thoughts so that they believe they will live in peace.

Why my friends are important to me..



My friends are important to me because if I did not have any friends I would be lonely and board. One of my best friends is Ceili because she is the first person I ever met. That is why my friends are important to me.

Friends change your life because if you don't have a friend that means that you are probably are not being nice to them.



me and my dog me and my dog

my wish

My wish is for war to stop so kids all over the world can live in peace all over the world. In other words I wish for world peace. Also I wish that people with a lot of food would share with people who do not have any.

Every day after school I play tug of war with my dog and my dogs name is mocha. Mocha is 4 years old and he is a golden retriever. He loves kids and he never ever barks at people. Mocha is a smart dog and he knows who his owner is. Right away I knew he was the right dog for me and my brother.

By: Mackenzie
Bradford, Ontario

christmas day

On Christmas day I wake up and go get my brother. Then me and my brother make breakfast for my mom because her birthday is on Christmas day. After my mom eats we open presents. Me , mommy and my brother do the stockings and we even have a stocking for our dog mocha.



my wish for peace:)
!!!!!!!!!!!!

IF I HAD A WISH FOR PEACE I WOULD WISH THAT SCIENTISTS AND I WOULD FIND A CURE FOR CANCER. I WANT TO FIND A CURE FOR CANCER BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THINKING OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED FROM LOUNGE CANCER, THROAT CANCER AND OTHERS BUT MOST OF ALL I WANT TO FIND A CURE FOR CANCER BECAUSE I THOUGHT OF TERRY FOX AND HOW HE DIED OF CANCER. I CAN DO THIS BY GETTING SCIENTISTS, DOCTORS AND LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE TO HELP US BUT TOGETHER I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN

FROM
CASSIE!

When I am 10 Years Older

In ten years when I am 20 years old I want to go to cooking school because ever since I saw the people on TV cook and my family I wanted to be a pastry chef. I wanted to be a pastry chef because I love to cook is my favourite thing to do! I love baking cookies, pies, cupcakes, cakes and more but my favourite thing to do is getting to eat them after there done!

The most important thing I own is my computer. It is important to me because say if I wanted to talk to someone I could go on Msn and my favorite thing to do on the computer is palying online. I have and account on habbo, runescape and club engiun on miniclips and if I didn't have a computer I would die well I wouldn't die that way I would just die of bordom.



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN

Machinto!

if i could travle back in time!!!!

If I could travel back in time I would go to medieval times and see all the knights and tailors and I would see my aunt Fay before she passed away ;*(and all my animals that passed away and see my friends that moved away. I would love to go back in time and meet Albert Ernestine. He is a Genius!

After I read machinto I felt very sad because the U.S army tried to stop worldwar2 by dropping a bomb into china??? HOW WILL THAT SOLVE ANYTHING!!!!!! Like really! When u drop a bomb into china it will make them even angrier and they also killed thousands of people and I hope the U.S army pays for what they did!



Bat-Chen

Bat-Chen is a very talented girl and very nice, but sometimes she doesn't always get along with her parents. In the poem, "What an Irritating Mother" she says, "she yelled at me and sent me to my room when I wanted a drink/she stood on the stair case and said 'say your sorry at once' so I said to her "what are you a queen or something"/pg (18) This shows that Bat-Chen is like another teenager and doesn't always get along with her parents.

Bat-Chen

People cry for many reasons; it could be that your sad, happy, scared or maybe you lost someone close to your heart. In the poem, "Why Do We Cry When Were Sad?" Bat Chen says, "but the most horrible of all is when you loose someone close/ because then you never stop crying/' And the tears come slowly and heavily and they never end' / (60). I think this is a good example of what it feels like when you loose someone close to your heart. Even though you're not crying on the outside, you're crying on the inside. Bat-Chen wrote this about her grandfather.

Poem

Bat-Chen

Beautiful, Teenager

Hiding, writing, fantasising

Wondering about the world

Missing, Reaching, Terrifying

Crying, Searching

Teenage, Girl

Poem Anne Frank

I'm scared up here,

I can hear them near,

We have to be quiet mom says or they will hear.

I wish

if we didn't have to hide, my life would be a better ride

before I go; I shall give my mom and dad one last kiss.

Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

IF I COULD TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

If I could travel back in time I would go to prehistoric times to see dinosaurs, caveman and cavewomen. Well I Was there I would spy on a T-Rex and watch it eat other dinosaurs. I would also look at other dinosaurs and if I saw a dinosaur that was bigger than a T-Rex I would hide in a bush until the dinosaur was gone. If I were really back in time I would love it. I would also go back in time to discover fire for the cave people.

By: Jessica F.
Bradford, Ontario
Canada

THE most important THING I OWN...
THE most important THING I OWN...

The most important thing I own is guinea pig. Her name is shy and she is a girl she was three months when I got her. She is the most important thing I own if I didn't have her I would be lonely and bored. It shows how responsible I am I am lucky to have a guinea pig!!!!!!!!!!!!

My wish for peace

My wish for peace is for every one to get along with each other. I wish people would get along with each other.

**By: Emily E
Bradford, Ontario,
Canada**

WHEN I GROW UP

When I am older I want to be a cakeboss and make cakes for people. I want to make people happy because I can make people cakes for weddings, birthdays, parties. I can make different types of cakes and make people happy.

Machinto

I think kids should know about Machinto because a lot of kids don't get the freedom that we get. Cause some kids are where war is going on and they are dying because of the war. My message would be for no more war and for kids to have freedom

what makes me happy

What makes me happy is my friends and family because they help me and they are always by my side. Like here are some of my friend's names, Emily.o, Alan Brianna, Cameron, Aaron and Taylor. that's what makes me happy :p

Bat Chen Diaries- Kettleby, Ontario Canada

Fighting with your mother is just another annoying and frustrating part of life that every teenage girl has to deal with. Bat Chen is the same as every other teenager, having arguments with her parents. In the poem 'What an Irritating Mother' Bat Chen says, "What are you- a queen or something?" (18) I can see what she means and why she was so angry. When your mother orders you around for something that wasn't your fault its totally normal to be angry. This was the line that made me realize how normal she really was.

The world is a cruel and misunderstanding place. Bat Chen saw right through the carefully placed mask that covers most people. She realized the way people really are and how the way that they treat eachother is shallow and cruel. Bat Chen noticed the bad that people do to each other for things that are mostly skin deep, but she also noticed the good that is in some people. "Its true that society has some thoughtful people. But they are in a dilemma. They can either go along with those who inflict harm on those who are different, or they can buck the crowd." (44) This quote is from the poem 'Nobody's Perfect!' Society really does cause harm and it really does condemn. From the way this poem was written it sounds like Bat Chen was personally affected by society's cruelty. Everybody has been affected by Society in one way or another.

Poems

Israel

(Cinquain)

Bat Chen
Had a hard life
Lived in fear in Israel
She was courageous and friendly
Female

Heart

(Haiku)

She had a good heart
A horrible tragedy
Happened in her life

Bat-Chen

By: Taylor, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

What An Irritating Mother

Bat-Chen was like every other child who gets mad, irritated, upset and annoyed at her parents. In the poem, ``What an Irritating Mother! `` she says, 'She yelled at me and sent me to my room when I wanted a drink / she stood on the staircase and said. Say you're sorry at once! / So I said to her: / What are you a queen or something'' (18) I really don't like it when my parents get mad at me for something I didn't do just like Bat-Chen.

Sometimes

Bat-Chen and I are alike because we share the same kind of emotions and feelings, such as being sad for no reason, and feeling like you're alone. In the poem "Sometimes" Bat-Chen wrote 'Sometimes we're sad for no reason/ It's hard to explain/ It's like a virus that comes and goes/ Sometimes they don't seem to love you/ They don't pay attention/ They're not the people you know/ Suddenly there strangers/ And sometimes you think you're alone/ Every ones left you/ And sometimes you think why?' (94-95). I feel the exact same way as Bat-Chen feels sometimes.

Bat-Chen

Cinquain Poem

Bat-Chen
Intelligent writer
writing, fighting, exciting
like every other child
Bat-Chen

Acrostic Poem

Beautiful
Amazing writer
Truthful
Caring
Hurt
Exciting
Normal girl



B *ea*utiful and loving

A *normal teenager*

T *houghtful*

C *ouldn't see her future*

H *as died by suicide bomber*

E *verywhere she goes there are soldiers*

N *ever past age 15*

Each and everyday
I see the sky is gray
We wear gas mask
We do it all the time it's like a
task

Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

My Could Go Back in Time

Mid evil times I would see war .I would eat different food. The people seem deferent and would be poor. I would see a big war arena. There would be no electricity. There baths would be all muddy water.

By: Jack
Bradford, Ontario
Canada



By: Taylor C
Bradford, Ontario,
Canada

MACHINTO



After I read Machinto I felt very sorry for the mom because she lost everything like her daughter and her friends, family, house and land everything you can think of and she is the only one alive that was there. I believe that if everybody gets along the world would stop killing people and stop hurting everybody.



The Most Important Thing I Own.

family

The most important thing I own are my family, rabbit and my camera. These things are very important because if I didn't have a family I wouldn't be here and my camera was for my birthday and it's like a diary because you take a picture and it's from maybe a good memory or a special time and you don't want to forget it and my rabbit is important to me because it's a responsibility for me because I have to feed him, give him water, clean his litter box and take him outside or take him out in the basement that is why these things are very important to me.



MY WISH FOR PEACE

I feel very sorry for every family that lost someone that was in their family or someone that they now and lost them in the war. My wish is to stop war or anybody that is hurting people so we can have peace all over the world and it would make everything make better. The way I can help is if I see someone that is trying to hurt someone I can get some help.

What makes me happy

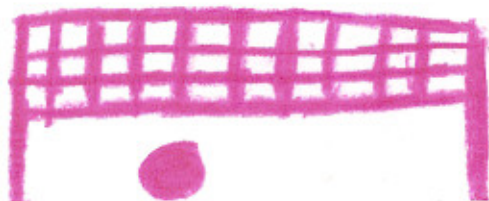
What makes me happy

What makes me happy is that I'm good at sports like volleyball, basketball, and reselling it makes me happy because I'm good at these sports so I can do more stuff instead of not doing anything and I'm also good at trying new things like new food, new sports and new things.



TRAVELING BACK IN TIME

If I could travel back in time I would see the queens, kings, knights, peasants, to the medieval times I would go help the peasants, the knights, queens and the kings if they need help.



Bat-Chen

By: Cole, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

Bat-Chen is like every other teenager. She doesn't always agree with her parents. I know this because in the poem 'What an Irritating Mother' she says, "And my little sister ran after me/And said to Ima, 'Bat Chen cursed at me!'/Then without thinking/ Ima started scolding me/ 'What an awful child!'/And of course it wasn't true/ You can imagine how angry and insulted I was." (18). I can see how angry and insulted Bat-Chen must have been because she really didn't curse at her sister. She didn't curse at all. Her sister was just being a pest. Bat-Chen didn't do anything to deserve the punishment that she got.

Bat-Chen has an imagination like all kids on earth. I know this because in the poem 'The Gas Mask' she says, "The gas mask let out a sigh/ 'You hurt me!'/And started to cry/'You should know that I'm only protecting you'/'Keeping you from harm!" I can see how the gas mask must have been extremely uncomfortable but Bat-Chen made some fun out of her problem. When I am in a tough situation, I usually try to make something about it fun. Of course, the Gas Mask wasn't living, but Bat-Chen used her imagination and had fun. That is all that matters in the end. Having fun.

Clerihew

Bat-Chen

A great friend

If she was around

Guarantied you will not frown

Haiku

Bat-Chen wrote good poems

She wrote about her problems

She is amazing

Time travel

If I could back in time I would go to Rome. What I would go see is the soldiers fight to the death. I would cheer and yell!!!!!! Why I would be their because to learn about what people do in those days!!!!!! Who I would meet is the soldiers that didn't get dragged to the pits to met there DOOM!!!! And I would meet the queen and the king and I would say "how do you do?"

My Christmas Tradition

Tonight I am seeing new moon, it's going to be awesome. I heard Edward leaves Bella because he knew that Bella knows too much about vampires and he leaves just to keep her safe!!! And because Carlile is starting to look ten years younger then he really is!!

By Emily L.

Bradford,
Ontario
Canada

Our Christmas tradition makes m happy because we open 1 gift each! Then we would try to guess what all the other gifts are that are under the tree. Then on Christmas day we would open presents and we would have a big play with all of our toys that we got and then we would call our grandparents and thank them for the gifts that they sent us!

FOR BOON

on my birthday

what i fear the most!

What I fear most is night people because they come out of your closet and they touch your forehead is creepy. If you don't close your closet THEY WILL GET YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

On my next birthday me and my mom are going to the spa, we will have manicures and beauty masks and the best two things are massage and a mud bath it's so cool! Then after we are all done we will go out for lunch!

Bat- Chen Diaries

(My Thoughts and Opinions)

By: Eti, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

My thoughts on the poem “Disappointed Love”

Does he love me, does he care, does he see me, should I dare; are all the things that a typical teenage girl would think of when she has a crush on a boy. Bat-Chen was a girl with these feelings. Her poem called “Disappointed Love” demonstrates the questions that girls have when they have a crush. In the poem it says, “Disappointed love is so painful- / When you love someone,/ But know that his heart belongs to someone else,/ That he’s not really interested in you,/ And you’re wasting your time.”(Page 50) Like any girl, she had her biggest crush and heart was broken but that’s what life is filled with. I can relate to Bat-Chen and her poem because once I had the biggest crush on a boy in my class. In grade 6 and I will never forget how my heart was broken. Love is everywhere and everyone falls in love. “Disappointed Love” shows how Bat-Chen was like the rest of us, especially teenage girls.

Who was Bat-Chen?

(Definition Poetry)

An Israeli girl
Had big dreams
Life was shortened by a suicide bomb at the age of 15
A caring and loving person
An inspiration
On of a kind
Was a phenomenal writer
A sister, daughter, granddaughter and a great friend

That’s who Bat-Chen was!

My thoughts on the poem “To Grandpa!”

Nobody can live forever. Everyone has their time and the family and friends have to suffer from this terrible tragedy. Bat-Chen went through this in her short life when her Saba, her grandpa, past away. When things like this happen in anyone’s life, everything changes dramatically because a person that means so much to you can be gone the next day. In the poem, “To Grandpa!” it describes how much Bat-Chen’s grandpa meant to her and how her life changed. It says “The tears keep falling, loving and concerned./ They want to penetrate the cold stone./ If only they could warm your body a little./ They just cant believe./ ‘It makes no sense.’/ Only yesterday he hugged me,/ Only yesterday he stood here at my side. / They promise to remember you. / And to keep you in our hearts.” (96) Everyone usually goes through a loved one’s death and it really shakes your world. I personally understand how she felt because my Grandma died not to long ago and I could defiantly say what Bat- Chen did. This poem shows that no matter who you are and where you are, we are all the same in some way.

ME!

My friends and family make me happy because I always have someone to talk to or play with. Also since I have such a big family I always have someone to talk to and play with. One thing that makes me feel good about myself is no one else is like me and that I am funny and good to play with!!

**Abbi from Bradford,
Ontario, Canada**

TRADITION

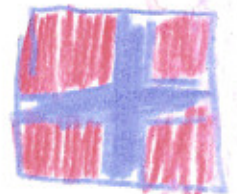


MY WISH

My wish that all the wars will stop seeing how Bachen and a lot of others have gotten killed because of the silliest things going on in the world.

We can stop the fighting if more sojourns go over to stop wars.

The Christmas tradition I love best is every Christmas eve my dad takes us all shopping for my mom. When he buys jewellery my brothers Lane and Mac to go and get him a chocolate bar. After we get home me and my sister Madi have a sleepover then wake up early and open Santa's presents. Then our grandparents come over and open our other presents!!!



**TIME
TRAVEL**

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN

IF I COULD TIME TRAVEL I WOULD GO BACK TO SEE MY MOM. I WOULD SEE HER BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE WHAT MY MOM WAS LIKE AS A KID. I WOULD BECOME HER FRIEND SEE HER HOUSE AND SCHOOL. I WOULD SEE WHAT HER FRIENDS WERE LIKE AND SEE IF SHE STILL NEW ANY OF THEM.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN IS MY CAMERA. IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE I GOT IT FOR MY TENTH BIRTHDAY AND MY MOM DID NOT THINK I WAS READY FOR MY OWN CAMERA BUT SHE GOT ME ONE AND THAT MADE ME FEEL GOOD TO KNOW SHE TRUST ME. NOW THAT I HAVE MY OWN CAMERA ME AND MY SISTER ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO ON A RAINY BAD DAY WE CAN MAKE VIDEOS OR TAKE FUNNY PICTURES.



The most important thing I own

The most important thing I own is my laptop it was given to me last year as a Christmas present the past winter. It is important to me because I could talk to my family and friends from school. I can now go on the internet because I would ask to go to my cousins because they have a computer but some times there would be someone all ready on. I'm very happy to own my very own laptop because it gives me responsibility and trust. Another reason is the it's important for school because I could find something that can tech me my more about what subject I'm learning .I'm very proud of my laptop because it's easy to use my laptop is helpful.☺☺☺

What Makes Me Happy

What makes me feel happy is my family there all ways there for me and there funny. My friends because they play with me and they care for me when my family's not there .My laptop because I can go on they internet and I can go on windows live messenger to talk to my family and friends from school what's really cool about my laptop is that it has a web cam to see my family and friends and a mic to speak with them. Holiday make me very happy becau se I see my family for a very long time and on Christmas Halloween because it's my moms favirourte holiday. My dog because he's strong and friendly.

When I Grow Up

When I grow up I will go to university get a summer job and get a dog also get my drivers licence so no one will drive me to school finally. I hope I get my own car because his car is too big and I might get parking tickets and my dad might get really mad. I would love to live beside my university because when your older you need responsibility to be on time .I will need lot's of text book to work. I would love to have all these things because they guide you in life. Thanks for reading!!!

By Brianna D.
Bradford,
Ontario
Canada

The Most Thing I Own

By Zalak
Bradford, Ontario,
Canada

The most thing I own is my jewellery because they make you look rich. My live would be different because I would be the only one with out jewellery.



WHEN I AM OLDER



One thing I want to do when I am older is to be a doctor because it is my dream and my whole family want me to be a doctor. We need more because of the swine flue and helpful.

Things That Make Me Happy

Thing that make me happy when I got what I wanted and when I go to wonder land and when I get a good mark no my report card.

IF I Could Go Back In TIME

If I could I go I would go to Medieval Times because I could meet the king and make new friends.

my wish for peace

I wish that we have a peaceful place for us to live no more wars because people can get hurt.



What an Irritating Mother

Chris, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

Bat Chen is like any other teenager. She doesn't always get along with her parents. In the poem, "What an Irritating Mother" she says/"say you're sorry at once"/ "what do you think you are you- a queen or something?" /"don't dare leave your room" (pg.18). This poem shows that she is like any other teenager that has younger siblings that blames things on them.

Beautiful
Active
Thoughtful
Chen
Heartfelt
Excellent writer
Nice

Bat-Chen is like any other teenager She also falls in love with other people. In the poem Disappointed Love it talks about how her heart gets broken because the boy who she loves is going out with another girl. She says/when you love someone/But know that his heart belongs to someone else/That he is not interested in you/(pg.50) That shows that when you are in love you don't always get him or her.

Bat-Chen is
Artistic and
Thoughtful and
Cheerful and
Happy and an
Exciting writer and a very
Nice girl

ME

Me, Clara, am 10-years old and I have an older brother and a younger brother. I live in Quakertown, New Jersey and go to Franklin Township School. My favorite subject is Math and my favorite special is art. I play basketball, field hockey, I do Ski Club, and for an instrument I play the Electric Bass Guitar. My favorite colors are blue and green. I have a dog named Spot, a cat named Suttie, and a bird named Simon. My favorite animal is the platypus and Yorkshire Terriers. I like to read. I'm reading the forth Harry Potter Harry Potter and the Goblin of Fire.



Simon



Suttie



Spot

Life is Starting to be Boring

Life is starting to be boring! Every day I get up eat a boring breakfasts and get on the same boring bus. When I get to school I unpack my boring backpack. In the morning I do boring DOL, boring Daily Word Problem, and extra boring English. After boring recess/lunch there is boring Science, boring Social Studies, and on Mondays and Thursdays there is SUPER boring gym.

After school life still starting boring!! I get off the boring bus walk down our long lane to our house. We have a boring snack and do SUPER boring homework. Then around 6:30 we have boring dinner and go to bed. The bad part about going to bed is when you get up the whole process starts all over again!

Nobody is Perfect

Nobody is perfect, the one thing that I want to change about myself is to do better in math and know all my multiplication and division facts better and faster. I would like to bring my B+ to an A on my report card, so I get High Honor Roll. If I get High Honor roll my parents will be very proud of me and I will be proud of myself.

Clara
Grade Five
Franklin Township School
Quakertown, New Jersey

time travel
time travel

If I could travel back in time I would go to pree astorik times to see all the dinosares and ride a trex and hunte with a sear. I woulde go when ever I want.

what makes me happy

What makes me happy is video games because I am good. Soccer makes me feel good because it is exercising fun and active and go out and win.

By: Chris
Bradford, Ontario, Canada

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After I read Machinto I felt depressed because people lost lives.

The Most Important Thing I Own

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN

The most important thing I own is mycat. It is a boy and his name is Jake. Jake is important to me because he is friend when I am lonley. He has been in the family for 6 or 7 years. Hes's like a brother to me and I like that because I've never had a brother before . My life would be different without him because I would not have anyone when I am lonley or when I am sad.That is why he is important to me.

My wish for peace
My wish for peace is that the war will end in every country so kids can go outside to play and go to school. We can even start off with the country's that didn't go to war as much as other country's. Then work our way up to the country's that went to war a lot like Afghanistan. Another thing I wish for is for every one in the world to be friends. That is how I would like to start peace and for it to be a peaceful world.

THE ONE THING I WANT TO DO WHEN I AM OLDER

The one thing I want to do when I am older is I want to travel the world because when I get a job I want to be a teacher,but I also want to travel the world. I want to see all the animals and more. Then only when I have seen the hole world I will go home. I will try and try again to become a teacher.then I will teach kids how to read and write and lots more.finley I will grow old and retire.

Machinto

By: Taylor W.
Bradford,
Ontario,
Canada

Machinto

AFTER READING MACHINTO AND HOW I FELT

After reading machinto I felt extremley sad because the mother lost everything even her 3 year old dagther in the fire. I felt better because she turned into a peace dove. I belive that everyone sould have somewhere to go and be safe.

If I could go to a place were there was no peace and there was war going on I would tell them that it was ok and it will all be over soon. I think that the Machinto project is important because you will get the message that peace will be coming when war stops. I would give someone in a peaceful country a message that I am very sad about the kids who live in a non peaceful country and that I would like to help stop war from happening and just like on international day of peace for them . I would like to make that every day just like here in Canada. I want them to have peace like us and it will happen.



Bat-chen

Bat-Chen is like most teenage girls she sometimes quarrels with her parents. In the poem "What an Irritating Mother" she says "Wouldn't you be irritated too/ if people made up things about you?/ And I'm sure that she's so right, that she's so smart./ And she's furious with me./ "pg 18 This helped me see how normal she was and I can see why she would be angry doing nothing wrong and being blamed for it because of her sister.

Peace-a haiku

Peace is everything
Peace is unattainable
Peace is beautiful

Bat-chen is like all other people. At one point in life she has to say goodbye a friend In the poem "To chen!" in which she says "We were good friends/ and today we're breaking up./ It's rather hard to use the past tense/ but there's nothing I can do. It's over./" pg 68. This also helped me realize that Bat-Chen isn't just someone from a book. She's a real person who, just like the rest of us, also has to say goodbye.

Hate-a haiku

Hate is like most things
Hate comes and goes over night
But sometimes hate stays

By: Liam
Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

By: Sarah
Bradford, Ontario, Canada

Yesterday I stepped on glass

Yesterday I stepped on glass because I wore my crocs. so silly of me. I walked over to the power line. there is a fence around the power line. And at the corner of the power line were two types of beer bottle. and one I might of stepped on. and I was running over the rocks to get to Jenna and her friends to tell them about the glass. and suddenly I felt a sharp pain in the sole of my foot. And I thought please say it's not glass. I hopped over to the wall on one foot I was yelling Jenna! Jenna! The third time I called she came I think from there she saw I was in pain and she came to see what happened and she saw it and came over so I told her and Ashley what happened and soon people started crowding around me like I passed out or something then Ashley and areal went to tell the teacher what happened and the glass went through my shoe through my sock into my foot and punctured it my foot so they let me put my arms around their shoulders and we had to go around to the front of the school and go in the front doors and we went to the nearest bathroom and washed it out and then we went to the office to get a bandaid and ice and then the pain stopped and I was okay

The end

it's Christmas!!!

time travel

if I could go back in time I would go back to caveman times I would draw on walls I would see cavemen and dinosaurs and why because cavemen are interesting



I am so thankful!

I am so thankful for all the people that went and fought for my freedom. My wish for peace is that I hope that all the wars stop soon and that every body can live in peace. I won't every body to live in peace because in some country's they are teaching 10 year old kids how to use a machine gun and how to kill. We can make it a peaceful place by writing letters and telling people to try and stop wars. If you try it might happen.

What makes me Happy!

What makes me happy is Dance. Dance is something I love and have been doing for 3 years. The Dances at my dance studio are Hip Hop Jazz Tap Lyrical Ballet Acro Musical Theatre Belly Dancing and more. My favourite dances are Hip Hop and Lyrical. I love to Dance! Dance is fun for me but might not be for you. Dance makes me feel good about my self.

After I Read Machinto!!

My Friends are So Important to me.

My friends are important to me because they are people that I can trust and rely on. When I tell my friends secrets I have to trust that they won't tell any one and when they tell me secrets they have to trust that I won't tell any one. No one can replace your friends like your brothers sisters and cousins.

By: Emilie from
Bradford,
Ontario, Canada

AFTER I READ MACHINTO I FELT SAD BECAUSE THE LITTLE GIRL LOST HER LIFE AND THE MOM LOST HER MOST PRICED PESION HER LITTLE GIRL. I BELIVE THAT IF YOU TELL CHILDREN THAT LIVE IN WAR ZONE THAT IT MIGHT BE OVER SOON. I THINK THAT IF YOU GET A CHANCE TO TALK OR MEET SOMEONE IN A WAR YOU SHOULD TAKE IT BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE THE ONLY CHANCE AND BEST CHANCE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET.

When I am older I won't to be a Paediatrician. I won't to go to university to learn and study about Paediatrician. I want to be a Paediatrician because I love babies. I have wont to be a Paediatrician since I was about 5 or 6. If I went to collage for that I would be in collage for 3 or 4 years. It would cost a lot of money to go to collage for that but its something that I won't to do so I would pay for it. That is my dream and I am going to stick to it.

Bat Chen Adrienne, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada

Bat Chen was in many ways, like every other kid in the world, including me. One of the reasons why she is like us is she fights with her parents. In the poem, "What an Irritating Mother" she wrote, "She stood on the staircase and said, /"Say you're sorry at once!" /So I said to her: /"What do you think you are-the queen or something?" /Then she said, "Don't you dare leave your room." /I went back to my room and hung a sign on the door: /"No entry to idiots" (18) I don't like it either when my parents just assume I did something because my sibling said I did something that I didn't do.

Another way that Bat Chen is like us, and not just teenagers, is she has people close to her die, and she doesn't want to follow in their path of death. An example of this is the poem 'He Passes Me By' when she wrote "Every day another person's life ends. /But He passes me by. /I hope that He won't also take me. /It's unknown. It's unforeseen." (30) I agree very much with Bat Chen, I have had people close to me die, and I don't want to anytime soon. But, with Bat Chen, it didn't come true, she was very unlucky.

Poems

What is Peace?
No war or fights
Quietness
Everyone safe
A Dream world
Friends with everyone
Living in harmony
That is what I think of peace!

Diamante

Bat Chen
Average, Normal
Writing, Playing, Fighting
No reason to die
Talking, Learning, Thinking
Annoyed, Sad
Girl

Quatrain

Bat Chen
A young girl in the middle of war
Still like the rest of us in many ways
Many peoples' hearts still sore

The most important thing I own is

My grandpa's guitar. It was given to me by my grandpa. He gave it to me because my dad bought it for my grandpa's birthday present 1 year ago. He can not play it because he has arthritis in his hand. I can not play it but when I am done learning drums I am going to learn electric guitar. When I get older I am going to write a song about my grandpa giving me my guitar. I think he will be happy. My dad when he gets a little older my dad wants to learn electric guitar to. My grandpa play acoustic. Instead of getting taught by some one else I want to be taught by my grandpa Instead.

By: Kieran
Bradford, Ontario, Canada

My Wish For Peace

Peace!

My wish is for everyone to have peace and stop the war because you are killing a lot of innocent people like Batchen. She was a very thoughtful girl and got killed because they dropped a bomb and it killed a lot of innocent people and soldiers are dying in the war and doing the fight thing I just wish people would stop fighting because it is causing lots of damage

By:
Summer
Bradford,
Ontario,
Canada

WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY

Some thing that makes me happy are....that I know that my parents trust me because they bought me my own puppy her name is Leyla and I know that my parents trust me because they gave that responsibility to me
Sincerely Summer

MACHINTO

AFTER I READ MACHINTO I FELT SAD BECAUSE THE MOTHER LOST HER DOGHTER AND I ALSO FELT HAPPY BECAUSE THE DAGHTER TUREND INTO A PEACE BIRD AND I REALLY HOPE PEOPLE WILL STOP HAVING WAR BECAUSE YOUR ARE KILLING A LOT OF INNOCENT PEOPLE.

SINCERELY SUMMER

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I OWN IS MY PUPPY BECAUSE IT IS A GIRL AND HER NAME IS LEYLA BUT WE SPELL HER NAME DIFFERT AND SHE IS A SHITZUE SHE IS BLACK AND WHITE SHE IS IMPORTANT TO ME I GOT HER ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL SHE IS 5 MONTHS OLD MY LIFE WOULD BE DIFFERENT WITH OUT HER BECAUSE I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY ONE TO PLAY WITH AND SHE IS REALLY FUN TO PLAY WITH I HOPE YOU ENJOED MY LETTER

SINCERELY

SUMMER

The Bat Chen Diaries

Learning Circle

Diary Entries from Students in Canada, United
States and Israel
Fall, 2009

