

LETTERS

Johnny's Last Wish Please Help

Dear Friends in Las Vegas:

Johnny Hysom, Jr. is eight years old. Johnny has recently suffered his second relapse of Leukemia (ALL-CNS) and he was first diagnosed when he was three years old back on April 9, 1982.

The tragic situation is, that I have been told that it is time to ask Johnny what he would wish for, if he had only one wish to make. His first wish was not to be sick and get rid of all this Doctor Stuff, and of course I agreed, but his real wish is to ride on a SUBMARINE and be able to pop-up and look at the beach and be able to see all kinds of colors of fish while under the sea. I just knew he was referring to the Hawaiian Beaches, as he is very familiar with underwater pictures of the tropical fish and the clear waters of the islands, in general.

These days we are visiting the doctor's offices at least once a week for treatment and checkups for the past two months. The Doc keeps asking me, each time, "if final arrangements have been made for the SUBMARINE ride and when are you going? How is your quality time. Was the last two months all for nothing."

We have a lot of financial problems right now, with me being away with Johnny in California, for the past two months and our income has disappeared. My other two children have had to make do without a mom. Even now, I devote almost all my time to taking care of Johnny and working or trying to get help with a vacation plan.....I cannot give up!!!! Johnny and I talk, all of the time,

about walking on the beach and swimming over there. HE NEEDS to go on that trip. Even the doctors are pushing me. The time is of the essence and I don't know how much time we have.

Before I go any further, I must be honest in telling you that we received one wish, while in the hospital in Los Angeles for 66 days, from the Make A Wish Foundation of Los Angeles. If you will bear with me and let me explain the situation and why I'm requesting another chance of a LAST WISH.

While I was at the hospital with Johnny, in California, the Make A Wish Foundation of Los Angeles sent a representative to offer a chance to do something for Johnny while he was in the hospital. The representative and I talked it over and decided that a computer with easy games to play would be the best choice. Since Johnny was so very sick and weak and had almost no chance of ever making it home again, I accepted this offer.

I realize, now that we are home in Las Vegas, that I had made a terrible mistake in judgement and that I may have deprived Johnny the privilege of making HIS OWN LAST WISH, by accepting the gift too early.

I applied to the Las Vegas Make A Wish Foundation for another chance for Johnny to have his SUBMARINE RIDE and they turned us down. Now, I see that I should have kept the faith that we would make it home together again and Johnny would be well enough to make HIS OWN WISH.

Thank you so much for your time and Johnny and I send you our deepest hopes for the Happiest Holiday Season ever, for you and your friends and families.

Love from Johnny and Kimberly Hysom
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Jewish Federation's Super Sunday Phonathon Needs Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 11, 1987 is designated as the Jewish Federation's Super Sunday Phonathon and community-wide convention. This event should attract over 400 volunteers who will contact all Jewish households to ask for their support for the humanitarian programs of the Federation and the United Jewish Appeal.

Starting at 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. the Convention area of the Riviera Hotel will be teeming with people manning telephones and greeting people who have come to meet representatives of the Jewish organizations. Co-chairmen Marty Loeb, Andy Katz, Harvey Eisner and Wendy Wiener invite everyone to participate in this exciting event. Volunteers are still needed, and anyone interested is urged to call the Jewish Federation office, 732-0556, for more information.

Elie Weisel Meets With Grand Rabbi Menashe Klein



Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Elie Weisel, is pictured above seeking advice on religious issues from Ungvar Grand Rabbi Menashe Klein in Brooklyn in preparation for his trip to Oslo, Norway, to receive the coveted Prize. The Rabbi has been bringing Weisel closer to observant yiddishkeit for several years to the point where the noted author and Holocaust survivor considers himself a fully observant Jew, according to sources close to Rabbi Klein.

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