Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews









3-D Art

First Place **Matti Cohen**

Rosarian Academy, Grade 7

About my art:

After my first year playing hockey as a goalie, my coach decided to move me to the forward position. I had not really skated since I was in the net all year. Everyone on my team was a far better skater than I was and I really loved being a goalie. Should I stay on the team and try the new position or should I try out for a new team as a goalie?

I made the decision to stay on my team and try the forward position. At first I was awful. I couldn't keep up with any of my teammates, shoot the puck or pass the puck. My family and I decided I should take skate lessons every week. I worked very hard each time and gained balance and speed with every practice and lesson. I am a really good skater now. I have a hard wrist shot, snap shot, and slap shot. I have not been in a goal for one and a half years. My difficult decision to leave the goalie position behind has taught me how to become open minded to change and try new things in life. At first it was scary to be out on the ice with the team and not safe in my goalie net. I have incredible discipline, and strength now because of my dedication to my sport and position on the team. If I went to the other team and stayed in my goalie net I would not have grown as a person and as an athlete. I have learned an important lesson in my life.

It has affected my life in mostly good ways and a few bad ways. I still have flashbacks of me being in the goalie position. I sometimes want to be in goal. But being a forward is such a great position to play. I score goals and that helps my team win which makes me feel great! I am physically in good condition which makes my soul feel good. Overall I look forward each and every day to play my new position. I also recently achieved MVP of a game. That was the most awesome and proud moment ever.

