## **Artist Manfred Bockelmann Donates Portraits of Area Holocaust Survivors' Siblings to Stockton**

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This week, Bockelmann drew an even larger portrait of Anatol Samujlowicz Vanukevich, age 13, on the gallery wall, using birch branches tipped in charcoal and a ladder to reach up more than 20 feet. Anatol is the only person Bockelmann has drawn who survived the Holocaust

The artist met with students from the Woodbine Elementary School today, and told them: "It's wonderful to see you. You are our future."

Jeremiah Camacho, an eighth grader, said, "It was a wow feeling seeing these kids, who are the same age and younger. It hurts because that could have been me, or someone I know or a loved one."

Funding for transportation of the students in grades 5-12 from Atlantic, Cape May, Ocean and Monmouth counties is being provided by the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center.

Many wrote letters to the murdered children in the portraits.

"She must have been very sad and scared. I think she was very lonely. Friedel must have been a problem child because she yearned for a parent's love. I wish I could have met her to try and become friends with her," wrote a student. Friedel