

# In and Around the JCC

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## Why Jewish Children Deserve To Go to Jewish Camps

By Scott Snyder  
JCC program Director

Jewish parents have special reasons for sending their children to Jewish camps. A study conducted by JWB Camping Services revealed that parents send their children to Jewish Community Center or Jewish Federation affiliated camps for many of the same reasons that parents send children to any camp program: to have fun, provide socialization, deepen their sense of independence, enhance their maturity, develop their social and physical skills, and make new friends.

One major additional reason, however, why parents chose Jewish camps is to "strengthen their Jewish identity." Close to 90 percent of the respondents interviewed for this study added that this component was very important to their children's summer camp experience. In addition to Jewish content, camp reputation, camp program, camp staff and camp safety were the major reasons why parents chose JCC camps.

The top four camp activities include swimming, general group activities, outdoor education and camping/nature. Not surprisingly, this study revealed that parents chose Jewish culture next as a very important camp activity.

Many parents emphasized "Jewish association" as a very important consideration in the selection of a JCC or Federation sponsored camp program.

Others noted the importance of Jewish cultural programming, Jewish ambiance and kashrut laws observed during the camp program.

As you may already be aware, the basis of our Jewish Community Center Summer Day Camp programs is to provide children with an enjoyable, growth-filled and safe summer experience under the supervision of caring and knowledgeable staff. We use the outdoor and indoor setting of the Jewish Community Center in a creative way to reach the educational and recreational goals set for our children.

One overriding goal is to further our campers' understanding of their Jewish heritage and deepen their Jewish identity. Integrated into our total camp program are the customs, folklore, dances and songs of Jewish people around the world and the state of Israel. Other camp objectives are the personal, social, athletic, interpersonal and educational development of the youngsters enrolled in our program.

The Jewish Community Center has exactly what you're looking for in a summer day camp program for your children. Feel free to contact Jessica Kranz, Director of Children's Services; Cheryl Jankowitz, Director of Teen Services; or Scott Snyder, Program Director. We will be happy to help you with any of your questions regarding our summer camp programs.

## JCC High School Basketball Team Wins Division Championship

The Charlotte JCC High School Basketball team, led by coaches Scott and Steve Menaker, rebounded from a very tough first round loss to Memphis (89-80) and won the consolidation division championship. The 19th annual Marvin Blumenthal basketball tournament was held Feb. 25-28 in Savannah. The team's second game was against the Savannah JCC. Our Charlotte JCC team, led by Steve Beck and Jason Sullivan, won 94-63. The championship game pitted Charlotte against Hollywood, Fl. Balanced scoring and strong defense helped us

defeat Hollywood 78-60. A strong showing from Steve Beck (34 point average) landed him on the All-Tournament Team. His supporting teammates included: Jason Sullivan, David Asrael, David Rosen, Scott Rosenberg, Marc Gentile, Randy Hitt and Marc Elmo. Next year, the 20th annual Blumenthal tournament will be held in Houston and in the year 1990, Charlotte will host the 21st annual tournament. Congratulations for such an outstanding showing at this year's tournament goes out to all our high school players who participated!

## Swim Team Roundup



Last year our swim team completed a very successful season in the Community Swim League. Come be a part of this excitement. If you can swim one length of the pool, are willing to improve your strokes, have some fun, and

are between the ages of 5 and 17 we want YOU. Swim team roundup will be Sunday, April 17 at noon. Practice schedule, meet schedule and swimsuit fitting will be available on this day. Circle this date on your calendar!

## Summer Camp Update



### Attention Kids

### Look Who's Signed Up For Camp...

Amy Levine  
Matthew Sand  
Laila Katz  
Stephanie Katz  
Charley Lomax  
Ian Block  
Rachel Reich  
Paul Cohen  
Sarah Rose  
Joshua Goodman  
Allison Sand  
Jenny Gerber  
Brian Goldsmith  
Nicole Peskin  
Rene Peskin  
Lynn Henderson

Scott Richards  
David Segal  
Courtney Rosenberg  
Melanie Rouso  
Chase Reiss  
Christopher DiDonato  
Peter Stamatovich  
Josh Gerber  
Jesse Gerber  
Jessica Upton  
Evan Rosenbaum  
Stephanie Swerling  
Marko Stamatovich  
Michael Segal  
Jessica Marx  
Michael Segal

Aleksandar Stamatovich  
Daniel Hantman  
Rachel Mazur  
Tracy Goldsmith  
Amy Mann  
Kristina Tursi  
Erica Tursi  
Allison Rosenberg  
Samantha Hantman  
Jennifer Schnidman  
Dana Rosenbaum  
Michelle Berzack  
Alaina McManus  
Andrew Klein  
Danny Gromet  
Lindsey Comen  
Alexander Block  
Jonathan Massachi  
Tommy Mann  
John Jordan  
Joshua Klemons  
Jordan Klemons

There are still spaces available for Summer Camps 1988

- CAMP KATAN (Ages 2-5)
- CAMP MACCABEE (Grade K-6)
- SPORTS CAMP (Grades 4-6)
- CAMP CREATIVE (Grades 4-6)
- CHAVERIM COMPUTER CAMP (Grades 4-6)
- TEEN TRAVEL CAMP
- TEEN COMPUTER CAMP
- LIT Program (Age 15 and up)

For further information Call Jessica Kranz or Cheryl Jankowitz, Camp Directors 366-5007.

#### CAMP DATES

Session 1 June 13-July 1  
Session 2 July 5-July 22  
Session 3 July 25-August 12

SUMMER CAMP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT  
APRIL 14 7:30 p.m.

## Chaverim Computer Camp



GRADES 4-6

Learn to program a computer while having fun. Individual hands-on computer time with a qualified instructor to individually assist campers with programs and games on the computer. Plus swimming, sports and all around camp fun..

Fees: \$225 M / \$295 NM

For more information call Jessica Kranz, 366-5007.

## JCC Sports Camp

CAMP RUACH Grades 4-6

"RUACH" means spirit and that's what sports camp is all about! Young athletes of all abilities will learn and improve their skills and strategy through teamwork and cooperation in a variety of areas. Each session is designated to a special sports area: Session 1—Soccer; Session 2—Basketball; Session 3—Softball. Along with these specialty areas, campers will participate in tennis and Red Cross Swimming Instruction, including water safety and diving skills.

Fee: \$200 M / \$265 NM

For more information call Jessica Kranz, 366-5007.



## New Program Director Hired

The Board of Trustees of the Jewish Community Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Snyder as the new Program Director of the JCC.

Scott comes to the Charlotte community after spending five years at the Toledo Jewish Community Center. Prior to his tenure in Toledo, Scott was employed at the Ft. Lauderdale and Allentown JCCs. Scott's work has encompassed many different programming facets of JCC operations, ranging from Early Childhood to Older Adult programs.

Scott received a B.S. in Recreation and Leisure with a minor in Psychology from Temple University, Philadelphia in 1979. Following his undergraduate work, Scott received a Master's degree in Human Services from Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale in 1984.

Scott and his wife Jenny and their two children, Kyle and Adam, are very happy to be in Charlotte and look forward to being part of the "JCC family."

## Financial Seminar

A unique seminar is being presented that gives you answers, ideas and solutions to the questions today's investors are asking. You should receive a complete understanding in the five major areas of personal finance, insurance, investments, taxes, retirement, and estate planning. These seminars will be conducted by Robert V. Sytz, Jr., CPA, CFP, an executive vice-president for Carroll Financial Planning Associates, a diversified financial services firm based in Charlotte. Larry W. Carrol, president, was named one of the best financial planners in the United States by Money magazine in their anniversary issue published in October 1987. The hundreds of Charlotte residents who have enjoyed these workshops agree that 6 hours of time is a small investment when compared with the potential rewards. The course was such a success that it is being offered again on April 19, April 26 and May 3, 7-9 p.m. There is a \$29 charge for members; \$41 for non-members. This includes the workbook.

## "Mother's Morning Out" Registration

The purpose of this program is to provide your toddler with a high quality first experience away from home. The program's format is designed to enhance the comprehensive development of the child by building self-esteem, encouraging social interactions, and presenting many opportunities to learn through doing. We are now registering for the Fall 1988-89 program. Please contact Julie Hawkens at the JCC for more information.