

# Youth Visions

## Harold Josephson Award Winner Announced

The JCC's Health & Recreation Department is very pleased to announce that Courtney Rosenberg is the 2001 recipient of the prestigious Harold Josephson Memorial Award.

This award, established at the 1998 JCC Maccabi Games hosted in Charlotte and named in memory of an outstanding leader and gentleman from our Charlotte Jewish community, is presented annually to a member of the Charlotte JCC Maccabi Games delegation who demonstrates tremendous fortitude despite adversity and who displays the perseverance to achieve goals that appear unattainable. Previous winners have included: Matt Manes, Mitchell Gartner and Brett Strumwasser.

Courtney, a 10th grader at Providence High School, has been a member of the Charlotte JCC Maccabi Games delegation since she was a 12-year-old rookie at the 1998 Games hosted here in Charlotte. She has participated in each following year of eligibility (Houston 1999, Boca Raton, FL 2000 and Atlanta 2001). If Courtney chooses to participate in next year's 20th anniversary set of Games in Memphis (her last year of age-eligibility), she would become the first-ever 5-year JCC Maccabi Games participant from Team Charlotte.

When asked why she so enjoys participating each summer at the JCC Maccabi Games, Courtney replied "it is a great way to meet other Jewish teens from all over the world, a chance to play my favorite sport (basketball) and an opportunity to experience a different city each summer. I can be

myself and just have fun at the JCC Maccabi Games."

Courtney is the daughter of Sandy and Alan Rosenberg, both JCC Board members and longtime active members of the Charlotte Jewish community.



Alan and Sandy Rosenberg with daughter Courtney and her coach, Alan Becker.

Congratulations Courtney! We have truly enjoyed having you participate in Maccabi the past four years and sincerely hope that you'll join us for one more "go round" next August in Memphis. ☆

## Flying Chai

By Jennie Rosenberg

What do you get when thirty Jewish girls get together in one room every Tuesday night? Chai Chaverim of course. This year is the start of a new experience. Last year because of the growing number of Jewish girls joining the Charlotte BBYO chapter, the girls and advisors organized a split of one old chapter into two new chapters. As a new start the girls

## Hebrew High Helps Needy Have a Happy Hanukkah

The student council of the Consolidated High School is off to a great start this year. The council consists of students from Temple Beth El and Temple Israel, in grades eight through twelve, who are willing to be leaders in our school and ambassadors to the general community. As a special Chanukah tzedakah project, the council is collecting toys and gift certificates for seven needy families with children at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. Please support our effort to help those in need in our own community. Bring your donations of preschool toys or gift certificates for the families to the Hebrew High office at Shalom Park

The student council recently elected officers for the 5762 school year. They are:

Joyce Dubin - President;  
Rena Chernotsky - Vice President;  
Karen Bernstein - Secretary;  
Adam Freiberg - Treasurer;  
Naomi Levine - Sunshine Spreader;  
Courtney Rosenthal - Social Chairman.



Stacy Marx and friends enjoy break at CHS.

Post Confirmation students at CHS are exploring Jewish spirituality. Led by their teachers, David Lash and Sue Littauer, these students are being introduced to the beauty and mystery of kabbalah



David Lash and Sara Hunt participate in Post Confirmation class discussion.

and other classical Jewish literature. They are encouraged to express their own feelings and to



Danny Cohen and teacher Guy Pearlman share ideas.

openly discuss those moments that are spiritual in their own lives. Both students and teachers are impressed with the richness of the materials and the deepness of the discussions.

Hebrew High is the place for Jewish teens to be on Wednesday night. It is not too late to join the fun and learning. Call Roz Cooper today at 704-944-6782. ☆

## Mickey Barak Aberman AZA

By Ryan Passe

As usual Mickey Barak Aberman AZA has had a strong start to its year. The newest members have all been introduced to AZA and are having a great time. Any new member had the opportu-



Mickey Barak Aberman AZA

nity to go to the MIT/AIT 2001 Convention, where they learned all about what BBYO is and really got to know how everything works. MBA as a chapter sent nine freshmen to this convention, and from what I hear, there have been no complaints. Our chapter set up a lot of business meetings and programs to get ready for the convention, Winter Cultural, which was held in Charlotte. At Winter Cultural all the chapters from North Carolina Council competed in chapter song, banner, t-shirt, basketball and many other contests. MBA did a car wash to raise money, played three-on-three basketball, held planning meetings for Winter Cultural and many of our members volunteered at Israeli Family Fun Day. If anyone would like to get involved in BBYO or get his or her son/daughter into BBYO, contact Ellen Goldstein at the JCC. If everyone else is as excited as I am about the upcoming year, it should be pretty fantastic. ☆

of Chai Chaverim are working hard and having fun to begin a new year of leadership.

Some may call it cheesy but every year BBYO starts the year off with an old tradition, a pool party to celebrate the start of another great year of BBYO fun. This year's pool party went great and just as planned both of the new girls chapters and the one boys chapter enjoyed a fun-filled night of pizza, friends and swimming. Other important events and programs that Chai Chaverim's excellent board and dedicated members have planned include a Halloween costume



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party, a dinner with the chapter's sophomores and freshmen, a meeting full of exhausting tae-bo and an incredible community service project where the girls will be tutoring and reading to Hispanic children at a local library.

One of the many things that Chai Chaverim's members look forward to every year is the many conventions that happen during the year. One convention has already passed. Many of Chai

Chaverim's younger members would say that the convention was



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a life changing experience. This is because it is a special getaway where first year members of BBYO get a chance to go to their first BBYO convention. They spend the weekend learning about how BBYO runs, the many traditions, cheers, and rules.

The convention that took place in the Charlotte JCC in mid-November was Winter Cultural, a convention that involves much hard work and spirit. It is based around a day of competitions that chapters from all around North Carolina and Virginia competed in.

They competed in categories such as dance, song, cheer, scrapbook, and T-shirt. The members of Chai Chaverim worked together at meetings and sleepovers to create amazing entries for all the categories. So far this year is off with a bang and Chai Chaverim's members are anticipating that with all the new changes and exciting events this year will be the best yet. ☆

## Young Judaea's Kickoff

By Allison Rusgo

Last month, the Charlotte Chapter of Young Judaea, a Zionist Youth Movement had our kickoff event at the Jewish Community Center. The chapter board including, Allison Rusgo, Daniel Block, Zack Defilipp, Mark Sussman and Jon Massachi, began the program with a brief description of the Young Judaea Movement. We are a peer-led

Youth Movement that emphasizes Zionism, Jewish Identity, and Leadership. We also talked about the fact that the Charlotte chapter is part of a larger region known as Gil Yam, or the seaboard. As always, we all enjoyed playing icebreaker games as a warm up activity. We all worked together to design a Chapter Banner which will be brought to all conventions to show off our club pride. Our

next planned event, which has been designated as Camp Day, will be December 2 from 2-4 PM at the JCC. The director of Camp Judaea in Hendersonville NC, Ari Kurtz, will be our keynote speaker.

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