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Celebrating Chanukah with the Carriage Club

On the third night of Chanukah a group of nine excited young girls between the ages of 9-11 visited the Carriage Club on Old Providence Road to celebrate the miracle of Chanukah together with 30 Jewish residents.

The girls had been looking forward to this evening when they would be singing songs and playing games with the residents.

The residents were warmly welcomed with a smile into the colorful dining room that had been festively decorated by the girls themselves.

celebrate with us," one of the residents emotionally remarked.

"It's a big mitzvah," added another.



The children greet the residents after their performance.

"I really had fun playing that Chanukah Jingo game. It was a good review of its history and miracle for me," said a happy resident as she hugged and kissed one of the girls.

At the end of the evening, the girls stayed to socialize and to have pictures made with the residents.

Thanks to the girls, the residents left the room with huge smiles on their faces.

"Can we come again?" the girls anxiously asked. They are already planning the agenda for the next time they visit the Carriage Club.

The girls who participated were: Ella Caplan, Sharon Eshet, Deborah Farber, Sarah Massachi, Chava Quinn, Rachel Spangenthal, Bracha Weiss, Kaitlin Laxer and Rochel Weiss. ☆



Residents of the Carriage Club enjoy Chanukah Jingo.

Everyone watched as the menorah was being lit, and then everyone joined in together singing Maoz Tzur.

The highlight of the night was when the girls, all dressed in white blouses and black skirts, sang Chanukah songs, accentuated with body and hand motions.

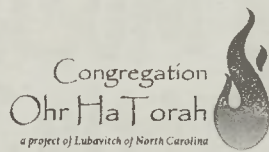
In between the songs, they stopped to assist the residents in playing a Chanukah Jingo game.

What's a Chanukah party without latkes? While everyone enjoyed the delicious hot latkes and applesauce, the girls continued to entertain the residents with their sweet voices - it didn't take long before the audience joined in singing and clapping along with the girls.

"You girls don't even realize how happy and thankful we are that you all came to perform and



Children performing Chanukah songs.



Molinari Family Gives Boost to Preschool with Generous Gift

In a move that is certain to inspire others to follow, Michael and Jody Molinari contributed \$20,000 to the annual fund at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis. The gift came at the conclusion of last year as an expression of support and gratitude to the preschool for its excellent service to the Charlotte Jewish community.

Both of the Molinari's children are graduates of the Jewish Preschool on Sardis. Jody serves on the preschool's financial advisory committee, and Michael is president of Congregation Ohr HaTorah.

The Jewish Preschool on Sardis has earned a fabulous reputation

in Charlotte as a preschool that provides unsurpassed quality education for the very young. Close to 150 students are enrolled in the preschool.

In addition to the revenue raised from tuition, parents and friends help with many fundraising efforts including the annual fund. The Jewish Preschool on Sardis is also a recipient of funds from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. ☆



Jody and Mike Molinari

Dreidels with Dads at The Jewish Preschool on Sardis

The annual "Dreidels with Dads" at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis was a big success. Every child had an adult in the classroom that morning, and the adults, had as much fun as the kids did. There were art projects and playtime activities available for everyone. Daddies and Mommies were on the floor and at the sand table, cooking and painting with their children. Chanukah centers made every classroom festive. Visitors could make latkes, dig for dreidels in the dirt, catch a latke in a pan, follow directions for lighting candles on a menorah, eat a menorah, make cookie cutter prints or do Chanukah sponge art. One father, who took off half a day from work to spend time with both his sons at preschool, said he wants to devote a whole day to the boys next year.

Another Dad wore his "play clothes" rather than a suit and tie to work because he wanted to participate fully in painting with

his daughter. Clearly this tradition is much loved by preschool families. ☆



Sam Lahn, his father, and his grandfather at Dreidels with Dad.



Sydney Newman and her Dad enjoy Dreidels with Dad.



Andrew Weiner and his Dad put the finishing touches on a menorah.



Emily Lerner and her Dad play at the class medical center.



Bailey Abramowitz and her father celebrate Chanukah during Dreidels with Dad.

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Registration for 2002-2003 at The Jewish Preschool on Sardis

As the year 2001 turned to 2002, registration began for the Jewish Preschool on Sardis. For children currently enrolled and their siblings, application and fees were due January 2-11. Parents received a registration packet in December. For children on the waiting list, materials were processed January 14-16. Registration opened to the community on January 17.

The Jewish Preschool on Sardis has classes for one-four year olds, plus a Transitional Kindergarten program.

Preschool is from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The one-year-olds' class is two days a week; the two-year-olds' class is three days a week; and the three-year-old, four-year-old, and TK classes are five days a week. New this year are two items: 1) one-year-olds must be 18 months of age by 9/1/02; and 2)

JPS is assessing parents interest in a Tuesday/Thursday program and a Monday through Friday program for two year olds.

For more information, call The Jewish Preschool on Sardis, 6619 Sardis Road, at 704-364-8394. ☆

Library Fines

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limit of \$10, will continue to use the library because they were given a second chance.

The librarian's main goal is to see the books off the shelves. We want every user to enjoy our collection and expand their horizons. You can help us by returning books by the due-date or call us to renew the book. When books are overdue we send notices. It requires time to write the address and our expenses on postage and envelopes are growing.

The money from the fines col-

lected in the past will be used to buy prizes for the students who participate in the reading incentive program. The highest fines accumulated in the Speizman Jewish Library was \$75. We began the year 2002 with a clean slate for everyone. We forgive the fines of the past and hope that you will help us make library books available to everyone.

We thank our new volunteer, Myrtle Goldstein, for her help in sending notices and recording it.

We acknowledge with gratitude the following donation to the library funds. These gifts make it possible to expand the collection and continue to serve the community at large. ☆