

The Barbara and Jerry Levin Jewish Middle School Presents Its Future Nobel Science Award Winners

Having Fun and Learning Science

By Matt Laxer

This year, we have a wonderful science curriculum. It is completely hands-on. We are learning how the body works by doing very fun things. One of the things we did was to take a very long plastic cylinder, which was a model of the small intestine (the longest intestine in the human body). We placed an oily tennis ball in one



Kaitlin Laxer and Debby Farber examine the results after the heating procedure.



Matt Laxer testing for sugar and starch.

end and squeezed it through the plastic; this represented food being digested. Another fun thing we did was put egg whites in a tube that contained artificial stomach acids and watched how the egg whites changed overnight. Not only are we having fun, but we are also learning a lot. Did you know that the gastric juice in our stomach, which digests our food, would also start digesting us from the inside, if not for a kind of

mucus that protects our stomach? Thank you, Mrs. deGroot, for making science fun.



Bracha Weiss, Rachel Spangenthal, and Rebecca Raffler complete the experiment

Awaiting Experiment Results is Exciting

By Sharon Eshet

During Science this year, we have done a ton of experiments. We have tested for starch and sugar. We have even seen food

digest. Morah Donna made it clear that science is important in many ways. That's why we use "hands-

on" experiments that keep us on the edge of our seats for the results. Thanks, Morah Donna. ☆

Charlotte Jewish Day School is investigating the possibility of providing a self-contained special needs classroom, with some mainstreaming.

If you have a child who might benefit from this program, please contact Mariashi Groner at 704-366-4558.

Charlotte Jewish Day School
www.cjdschool.org

Jewish Preschool on Sardis Receives Grant

Five years ago, the Duke Endowment's Model Child Care Initiative partnered with the Thompson Early Childhood Outreach Program. Together, their goal was to help address the need for higher quality early childhood education in North Carolina.

This initiative has recently received support from Mecklenburg County Smart Start, allowing more children to benefit from their services. The Jewish Preschool on Sardis is pleased to have been chosen as one of the recipients of this wonderful program. As a recipient, JPOS is committed to two years of support from the organization; and it could not be more enthusiastic about participating in the program.

With the help of this organiza-

tion, JPOS is afforded a great many opportunities to grow as a school and to continue to educate their teachers. Throughout the next two years, informal visits will be scheduled so Smart Start can become acquainted with the programs at JPOS. Upon determining the level of service needed per program, plans of action are put into place to enrich curriculum, introduce mentor opportunities and provide the ability for JPOS teachers to self-assess strengths and weaknesses within their classrooms.

This is another opportunity of JPOS constantly striving to achieve excellence in early childhood education — of going beyond the ordinary to the extraordinary. ☆

The Jewish Preschool on Sardis is registering now for 2004-2005 classes for ages one through transitional kindergarten.

The Jewish Preschool on Sardis ... where each child's unique style of living, learning, and developing is valued and nurtured.



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So Sweet

The 2004 Charlotte Jewish Preschool Annual Silent Auction will be so sweet this year, literally, because it's all desserts. The auction, to be held February 28 at the Westin Hotel uptown, will be a dessert extravaganza featuring dessert stations, luscious cakes, specialty coffees, and much more.

Right now we are busy collecting donations for the event. We have already gotten a variety of fantastic items from restaurants, shops, professionals, artists, cooks and many other generous supporters. We'd like to say thanks to the businesses and individuals who have already sent in donations.

If you haven't yet made a donation, we'd like to remind you that this is a great way to advertise your business or services while supporting one of the top preschools in town. We keep hearing stories of how people have gone back again and again to places they were introduced to at last year's auction. All donations are tax deductible and help spread the word.

If you have something you'd



like to donate, but don't know how, call Meryl Hunte at 704-364-4134 or Janie Kimball at 704-844-9152. You can also pickup a donation form on the bulletin board outside the preschool office at the Jewish Community Center.

If you are looking for a fantastic preschool and/or daycare experience for your child, come visit the Charlotte Jewish Preschool at our annual Open House, January 9. It's a great school featuring excellent teachers, 2-, 3-, 4- or 5-day programs, before care, after care and easy transfer to after-school activities at the Jewish Community Center. For more info contact Director Denise Abadi at 704-944-6777. ☆



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