Youth Visions

Hebrew High-lights

At Hebrew High we try to fos-ter a close relationship between our students and the state of Israel. In order to ensure that our students are well informed and comfortable discussing the current situation in Israel, all of our elective courses during the first session this year focused on Israel. One brand new class entitled "Honest Reporting" investigated the media's coverage of current events in the Middle East. Amy Krakovitz Montoni, editor of the Charlotte Jewish News, shared her expertise with the group as they tried to navigate the reports that came from the region. This is just one way that Hebrew High strives to create a strong bond between the Jewish community in Charlotte and our brothers and sisters in the State of Israel.

This is a banner year at Hebrew High. Our enrollment is higher than ever (225 and still growing), our teachers have created exciting new curricula and our PTO has a brand new president. The first trimester was filled with fun and great learning experiences. We've added new classes and new teachers so that students of all backgrounds and all interests will find something special to relate to. Hebrew High has definitely become the place to be for Jewish teens on Wednesday night.

The second session is off to a great start as well. The theme for this round of electives is "Jewish Arts and Culture."

We have a class that studies the Holocaust through film, another that teaches Hebrew through rock and roll lyrics and still another that finds Torah lessons in the vintage TV show, *The Twilight Zone*. A perennial

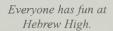
Zone. A perennial favorite, Jewish Cooking, teaches our ninth graders the laws of Kashrut, the symbolism and significance of some of our favorite delicacies and lets them actually cook delicious, traditional specialties.

It's hard to believe that the





school year is more than half over. There is still so much to learn, so many holidays to celebrate and so many great programs to participate in at Hebrew High. If you have any questions or want more info about us, call Roz at 704-944-6782 or email rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org. \$





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Leaders from BBYO – the world's leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement – gathered in Washington, DC at the High School Israel Summit, presented more than 10,000 petition signatures to White House Jewish Community Liaison Jay Zeidman. The national petition campaign, coordinated in partnership with AIPAC, urged President Bush and Congress to prevent the development of nuclear weapons in Iran. Teens organized petition-signing events in their local communities and raised awareness through one-onone engagement during the ten-month initiative. Pictured (from left to right) are BBYO representatives from Charlotte: Renee Sharon, Yaniv Barzilai and from Winston Salem, Austin Bloom.

SAT Test Dates for 2007

May 5 (register by March 1) June 2 (register by May3)

All future dates are still tentative but should be around October 6; November 3; December 1; January 26; March 1, 2008; May 3, 2008; and June 7, 2008.

Plan ahead!