

Schools

Graduation at The Jewish Preschool on Sardis

Tassles were swinging, voices were singing and proud parents were beaming as The Jewish Preschool on Sardis celebrated its graduation in early May.

The three- and four-year-old classes took the stage, performing beautiful music such as "I Like Me," "We're Building A Better World" and "Life Goes On." JPS

Director Fern Sanderson then presented each four-year-old with his or her diploma. A reception with brownies, cookies and juice followed, making the evening about as sweet as it gets.

The four-year-olds continued their celebration the next day at William Davie Park, where the students had an entertaining morning of soccer games, relay races, popsicles and a picnic lunch with families.

"It's a bittersweet time,"

Sanderson says. "It's the end of a chapter in these children's lives and in our everyday interaction with them. They started as toddlers, and now they're leaving as confident kindergartners. It's amazing to see how they've developed and exciting to imagine what they will accomplish. We will miss each one of them." ☆



Fern Sanderson presents graduate Sarah Freedman with her official JPS diploma.

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The Trip of a Lifetime

By Jessica Sammis

The students at the Barbara and Jerry Levin Jewish Middle School have just returned from their ten-day trip to Israel. They have been buzzing about what a wonderful time they had and have been busy sharing their experiences with

CJDS students. In addition to a lot of fun, the students also learned a lot about the places that they have always seen in pictures and read about in books. They also put together a mitzvah project and collected donation items for the needy families in Hadera,

Charlotte's sister city. Since a picture is worth 1,000 words, I thought it best to keep this article short, but to include a number of pictures from the trip. ☆

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The Levin Jewish Middle School students show off the bags full of donation items for the families of Hadera. Each student led the collection of items, with the help of the students and families of the Charlotte Jewish Day School, to create a bag suitable for a certain age child. The bags included clothing, school supplies and toys.

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It's not everyday that students Yoni Raffler and Dillon Rusgo get to travel by camel. Everyone enjoyed their trek through the desert, though, on their way to Masada and Ein Gedi.



Tali de Groot, Rachael Hall, Brianna Shporer and Basha Oudmayer take a swim in the beautiful water of Ein Gedi. After hiking through the desert and taking a dip in the Dead Sea, this water was surely refreshing.