

## Tu B'Shevat at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool

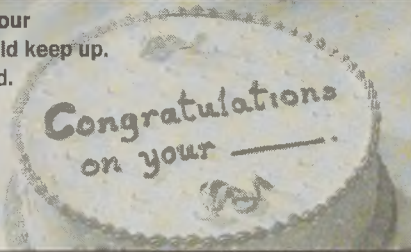
Our days have been so full of fun at CJP. In January we celebrated Tu B'Shevat in our individual classes and with our school. Each class did projects related to the holiday: making paper trees, planting seeds, and learning about the environment. We participated in the Environmental Maccabi to earn leaves for the bulletin board on Main Street at the LJCC. Some

of the activities we participated in are: Home Water Use Check up, Keep Water Sources Clean, Support Water Conservation in Israel and play acting the story of Noah's Ark. We listened to stories about sea creatures, and different animals in water environments. We enjoyed learning about ways to care for our natural environment, and the customs and tradi-

tions of Israel during Tu B'Shevat. We continued our Shabbat tradition of collecting Tzedakah for water conservation programs in Israel and we honor the importance of taking care of each other and our world (Tikkun Olam). ☆



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## Join JPS for a Toast to Fern Sanderson and Its Silent Auction

Pull out your '70s best, catch some disco fever and help The Jewish Preschool on Sardis all at the same time on Thursday, March 13. The school's annual silent auction - JPS' largest fundraiser - will be held in The Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at the JCC. This year's event promises to be its biggest yet and is extra special, as the preschool honors its longtime director Fern Sanderson, who retired in mid-February.

Beginning at 7:30 PM, enjoy some hors d'oeuvres while you bid on a variety of items, from trips to San Francisco, Barbados and Walt Disney World to tickets to Charlotte's premier sporting events, including NASCAR's Sprint All-Star Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Purchase raffle tickets and earn chances to win \$400 toward airline tickets to any destination. Then try your luck in the "diamond drop," with a one-

carat diamond from Diamonds Direct as the prize.

"We hope everyone will support Jewish education in our community and join us in thanking Fern for being such an integral part of it," says Liat Berger, auction chair. "The money that we raise helps ensure that our preschool will continue to provide the best early educational opportunities for our children."

Tickets to the event are \$36 a couple or \$25 per individual. Raffle tickets start at \$10. To purchase, call JPS at 704-364-8395.

Special thanks to this year's auction sponsors: Laxer, Long and Savage Pediatric Dentistry; Arboretum Pediatrics Carolinas HealthCare System; Steve Lepow RE/MAX Executive Realty; Hendrick Honda; Vargi and Vargi Salon and Spa; Ditesheim Cosmetic Surgery; Dr. Scott Menaker, DDS and Associates; Charlotte Pediatric Clinic; Diamonds Direct Southpark; Mann Travels; Zobotv.com; Scope Architectural Consulting, PLLC; Rogers and Gala Creative Partners, Inc.; Action Plus; Mecklenburg Foot & Ankle Associates; Family Dollar; OrthoCarolina; and Volvo/Saab of Charlotte. ☆



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## JPS Registration Underway

The five-star preschool is enrolling students now for the 2008-2009 school year, with classes for children ages one to five. The two-year-old and three-year-old programs offer three-day and five-day options to choose from.

With over 10,000 square feet of space for children to learn and play, teacher-to-child ratios lower than state requirements and a staff that collectively has more than 300 years of teaching experience, JPS provides a wonderful place for children to learn, play and develop. "The first five years of a child's life are a time of incredible growth," says Director Jen Lahn. "When deciding on a preschool, we encourage parents to visit us during school hours and talk to family and friends about their experiences here. It's an incredible decision that lays the foundation for your child's future."

For more information on JPS, call 704-364-8395 or visit the school's website at www.jpson-sardis.org. ☆