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## Jake Goldman to Represent United States in Maccabiah Games

*Goldman Will Travel to Israel This Summer with the Team*

Jake Goldman, of South Charlotte Soccer Association boys U16 Gold team, will be on the USA Boys Junior soccer team at the 18th Maccabiah Games, held in Israel from July 13-23. He prevailed in a grueling national tryout in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, taking place over an entire weekend last October. Jake is coached by Philip Poole at SCSA. The USA Junior soccer team has representa-



Jake Goldman

tives from across the country, including the states of NY, NJ, CT, TX, CA, CO, GA, VA, PA, and NC, and will be coached by Preston Goldfarb of Birmingham-Southern University. Under Goldfarb's tutelage, Birmingham-Southern has won ten conference championships, seven conference tournament titles, and three NAIA regional crowns. The Maccabiah Games take place

every four years, in Olympic format, and feature more than 9,000 Jewish athletes from more than sixty countries participating in over twenty-five different sports. The Maccabiah Games are the third largest sporting event in the world. Richard Butler, SCSA Boy's Director of Coaching commented, "This is a great opportunity on a national stage to showcase Jake's talents. It should be an exciting adventure where he will see all different styles of soccer and cultures." ☆

## United Way of Central Carolinas Announces Search Committee Members

United Way of Central Carolinas is pleased to announce the members of its search committee charged with leading the efforts to identify and hire a new CEO for the organization. Among the people joining co-chairs Frank Emory, Jr. of Hunton & Williams, LLP and Susan Faulkner of Bank of America:

**Jen Algire** serves as the

Executive Director of Community Health Services in Charlotte, NC, the state's oldest privately-funded preventive health organization that helps people with low-incomes and other vulnerable populations. Prior to her current position, Jen managed charitable giving for a local public health endowment. She serves on the national advisory council for the Association for

Community Health Improvement, an initiative of the American Hospital Association. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont and is Vice Chair of United Way of Central Carolinas' Council of Agency Executives. ☆

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Dr. Tricia Rodney & Scott Menaker

A member of the Charlotte Jewish Community for 39 years, Dr. Scott Menaker has become an active volunteer and leader in our community.

- Past President- Charlotte Jewish Preschool
- Past President-Levine JCC. Current board member for over 15 years
- Board member of Federation and Foundation of Shalom Park
- National JCC Association Board member
- Proud charitable supporter of all Jewish and many community organizations
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## Schools

### Come See Us Shine

On Friday, March 13, The Charlotte Jewish Preschool hosted its first annual Grandparents' Day. It was a cold rainy morning, but a little rain didn't keep these grandparents and special loved ones away from their little ones, ages one to five. Over 120 grandparents attended classroom activities, a special Shabbat, and enjoyed a snack in the classroom. The children's excitement was palpable.



Maya Liesman, center, with her great-grandparents.

Grandparents came from near and far. Mia Lederer was thrilled to host her grandma from Texas. Ben and Kate Blau hosted visits from both their grandma from NJ and their grandparents who live in Fort Mill, SC. Some grandparents, like Barbara Kroll, played double-duty with two CJP grandsons, cousins Spencer Silverman and Logan Kroll. Jonah and Rachael Mae Rubin's grandparents came back from Florida early to attend. Other children had moms and dads pop into the classroom to share the special festivities. Susan Jacobs of Beth El Hebrew School filled in for two children's grandparents – thank you, Susan.

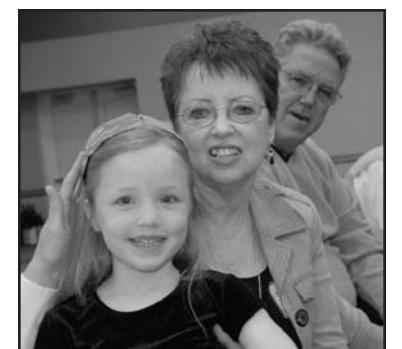
In the classroom, children enjoyed different activities. Younger children made crafts and cards to send to out-of-town grandparents. Some older children made pictures describing their favorite activities with grandparents and explained them to the class, while others, like Haley Blanchard's fours, enjoyed communal cooking – the aroma of homemade matzah ball soup wafted out of her classroom and down the hall.

The highlight of this great day was a special Shabbat for each age level held in Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts. Shoshi Streiffer led the children and their grandparents in prayer and song. Maya Leisman's great-grandparents were honored for their 58th wedding anniversary. Passing Jewish traditions from one generation to the next filled all who could attend with warmth and joy. A big thank you to teachers, staff and volunteers for making our first annual



Eme Stark (right) with her grandmother.

Grandparent's Day a success. CJP kids can't wait to do it again next year. ☆



Samantha Weaver with her grandparents.

### Grandparents or other beloved relatives made a gift to The Charlotte Jewish Preschool in honor of the following children:

Ben Blau, Kate Blau, Justin Bornstein, Nathan Brener, Adam Buckler, Amanda Buckler, Marybeth Chapman, Oz Conner, Drew Dinkin, Jayme Dinkin, Noah Fisher, Ellis Goldman, Ryan Grannan, Annabelle Holland, Benjamin Kaplan, Aliyah Kasimov, Mason Kasimov, Mason Kendrick, Mia Lederer, Max Osman, Liliana Passe, Allison Repella, Jonah Rubin, Rachel Mae Rubin, Ethan Schneiderman, Isabella Seidman, Willem Seidman, Aidan Stein, Nathan Stein, Allison Stenhouse, Shayna Weiss, Chase Withrow, Maya Wolfson, Nicholas Wolfson.