



Mazel Tov & Congratulations



Suzanne Meyer Voted One of Top 200 Leading Moms in Business in StartupNation Competition

Mooresville, NC – The Welcome Committee, Inc. announced today that it has been recognized as one of the top 200 mom-owned businesses in StartupNation's 2009 Leading Moms in Business Competition (www.startupnation.com/leading-moms-2009). The competition, co-sponsored by Vertical-Response, recognizes the achievements of mothers across the country that run outstanding businesses.



Suzanne Meyer

Welcome Committee, founded by Suzanne Meyer in 1999, is a word-of-mouth marketing company that pairs up newcomers and new homebuyers with area civic, business and professional services in the four-county Lake Norman region. Meyer has three children, ages 12, 15 and 16. She is a member of Beth Shalom Congregation of Lake Norman and the Hadassah Chapter at the Lake.

honed in this year's ranking, showing that they're capable of starting and running successful businesses while managing to balance family, career, home and self," said Rich Sloan, co-founder of StartupNation. Well over 600,000 votes were cast in support of several thousand contestants. "What an incredible achieve-

ment to be named a winner, and what an inspiration for anyone looking to start their own business."

"It's challenging for anyone to start and run a successful business – particularly in this economy. These women are setting the standard for innovation and creativity," said Janine Popick, founder and CEO of Vertical-Response.

StartupNation (www.startupnation.com) launched the first annual Leading Moms in Business Competition in January with the support of Vertical-Response (www.verticalresponse.com) to recognize the achievements of mom entrepreneurs across the United States. Winners were selected and ranked according to public votes accumulated from January through March 2009. The elite 200 win bragging rights and promotional support recognizing their achievements as the Leading Moms in Business. ☆

"Moms across America were

Schools

Mitzvot, Mitzvot Everywhere at JPS

By Nancy Zolotorfe

Students at The Jewish Preschool on Sardis are often reminded of the importance of doing good deeds for others. Recently, the 3s and 4s participated in two special mitzvah projects.

The 4s took part in a food drive, collecting a tremendous number of cans and boxes of nonperishable food for Jewish Family Services (JFS). But, before the food was shipped off to stock JFS's pantry, the cans doubled for decorations at the 4s graduation. "When I was figuring out the budget for graduation, I thought, 'In these economic times, why am I buying a bunch of decorations that will just be thrown away that night?'" said graduation chair, Stacey Slomka. "I wondered if there was something else we could do that would give back to the school or community." Inspired by the food baskets that decorate



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the bima at some Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Slomka came up with the idea for JPS's graduation. On the 4s big night, balloon-topped pyramids of food made for unique

and pride-provoking displays among the caps and gowns.

Thanks to the efforts of the 3s classes, another heartwarming

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Tess Mullen and her mother Amy enjoyed Mitzvot with Mom; mother-child teams painted candleholders for Shabbat and Kiddush cups.

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May they continue to be a source of pride to their parents, and teachers

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