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Youth Visions

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

Looking to connect with other Jewish high school students in the Charlotte area? Then BBYO, the world's leading pluralistic Jewish youth movement is the place for you. Charlotte BBYO has four active chapters, two AZA (boys) and two BBG (girls) with over 160 high school students involved.

So what is BBYO about? BBYO is a place for Jewish teens to call home. They have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by leading their peers and serving their communities while exploring Judaism and building lifelong friendships. Every year, teens in BBYO chapters have many opportunities to plan, implement and participate in great activities. The following is a partial list of activities that our Charlotte teens coordinated and/or participated in over the past year: weekly chapter programs and meetings, Up All Night for Israel, J-Serve, sleepovers, conventions, dances, pool parties, volunteering at the Purim Carnival and more. We want to

welcome Amy Shapiro, an alum of Charlotte BBYO and a teacher at Lansdowne Elementary to her new position as Charlotte BBYO City Director. Amy along with our volunteer chapter advisors provides guidance and supervision to the teens in Charlotte BBYO. Amy can be reached at ashap123@aol.com.

In August, Charlotte BBYO kicked off the year with our annual Back to School Pool Party where we collected new school supplies to help Jewish Family Services. Our four chapters, Chai Chaverim BBG, Ohavim BBG, Hank Greenberg AZA and Mickey Barak Aberman AZA are ready to begin programming on Tuesday nights and are excited to welcome new members to Charlotte BBYO. It's never too late to join BBYO which is open to all Jewish teens in 9th-12th grade. For information about BBYO, please call 704-944-6834 or email eastern@bbyo.org. New



Judith Cohen, Allie Michel, and Yael Miller. You can meet your best friends at BBYO.

members will have the opportunity to attend their first BBYO convention the weekend of October 22-24 so save the date. ☆



Hebrew Highlights

It's time to check out all of the new and exciting programs at Hebrew High for 5771. Our theme for the first session is "Doing Jewish." All of our electives this session will focus on ways that people practice their Judaism. There will be great new electives, amazing special programs and outstanding retreats. Here are just a few of the elective highlights:

Objects for the Jewish Home

Students will create beautiful and useful Jewish keepsakes in this craft-oriented class. The focus will be on Shabbat ritual objects that are sure to become family treasures. As the class creates these personal works of art, students will learn the customs and rituals associated with their use and will investigate traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.

Jewish Values in Sports

Ever miss a sporting event due to a Jewish holiday? How is teamwork a Jewish value? This class will help students apply Jewish values to dilemmas that arise on the playing field, as well as learn how Jewish athletes the world over blend their passion for the game with their religious principles.

Hip Hop and Hebrew

Have you ever wondered what your life would be like if you had been born in Israel? Learn about Israel from our cool new *Shlichah* (emissary) direct from Israel. The class will spend time investigating and learning about everything from the film industry, to the arts, to TV, music, food, sports and how Israelis celebrate holidays. Students will discover how modern trends affect the Israeli teenager.

Jewtopia

What if Jews colonized outer space? What kind of world would we create? Who would we accept or want in Jewtopia? What laws would we follow? What language would we speak? How would we dress? What kind of build-

ings would we need? The students in this class will answer these and many more thought provoking questions as they create the perfect Jewish society.

Enroll your 8th through 12th grade students today. Don't let them miss out on the Hebrew High experience. For more information call Roz at 704-944-6782 or email rcoper@shalomcharlotte.org.

Hebrew High! It's the place to be on Wednesday nights! ☆



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