

## Winter Fun Days at Chabad of Ballantyne

Transform winter break into a fun and exciting Jewish experience.

Are you looking for something fun and educational for your kids to do during winter break? For the

first time ever, Chabad of Ballantyne is offering Winter Fun Days. With activities, games, exciting Jewish themes, trips, crafts and much more your children will have a blast every single

day. In addition, staff will be arriving from out of town who are experienced camp counselors, love working with children and of course have lots of energy.

Monday through Friday, December 27- December 31, 9 AM-3 PM; Extended Day available per request

A hot, nutritious, homemade, Kosher lunch will be provided.

For children ages 5 - 11.

Pricing per child:

\$40 a day or \$175 for the week.

**\*\*\*Early Bird special ends December 1, 2010: \$35 a day or \$150 for the week\*\*\***

To register or for more information contact Leah Levin Leah@JewishBallantyne.com - 704-246-8881 or visit our website www.JewishBallantyne.com. ✪

## Sukkot Celebrations at Chabad of Ballantyne

From Sushi to Mac and Cheese everyone had something to enjoy on Sukkot. Saturday night Sushi in the Sukkah was a great time for all. Delicious food, interactive games, and meaningful discussions. Tuesday afternoon featured a family style Sukkah Party with more delicious food and a fabulous carnival for the kids. Sand art, sukkah cookies, tzedakah games, tic tac toe and prizes were some of the booths that were featured. A special thank you to Paige Rabinowitz, Shannon Applegate, Aislinn McShane, Matthew Rabinowitz, Benny McShane, and



Making sand art was part of the Sukkot fun at Chabad of Ballantyne.

Steven Applegate for all their help in running the booths. ✪

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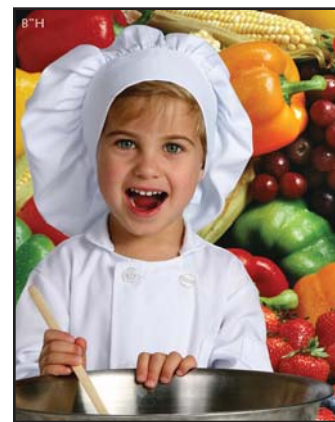
## Kids in the Kitchen: A Cooking Club for Kids!

Hey, kids! Roll up your sleeves and get busy. Experience the joys of Kosher Cooking at Chabad of Ballantyne. Kids in the kitchen will give you an opportunity to cook, bake and decorate fabulous foods, take home your own handmade creations and collect delicious recipes in your own recipe box. With hands on cooking, Jewish learning and yummy tast-

ing how can you resist?

Our first session will be six weeks on Mondays starting November 8, 6- PM for grades K - 5. \$8 per day or \$40 for entire session.

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## New Hebrew School Opening in Charlotte

By Marcy Goldstein, Ph.D.

I don't know about you, but from what I remember about Hebrew School, it wasn't the most riveting intellectual or spiritual experience. When I recall the many great "aha!" moments during my years as a student, not much comes from my time at

Hebrew School. Instead, what comes to mind is a vision of myself begrudgingly studying a boring history book and happily reciting Hebrew at my Bat Mitzvah though I did not know what most of it meant (which didn't bother me at the time, but now I wish that I had understood what I was saying).

Maybe you had a similar experience, or maybe you never went to Hebrew School. And maybe you are now a parent like me who wants to provide some kind of Jewish education for your children, and you would like it to be a great, meaningful experience. Or maybe you might like a first or second chance to go to Hebrew School so you don't end up knowing less than your curious children who will start asking questions about the holidays that you wish you could answer more thoroughly. Here in Charlotte, a new kind of Hebrew School opportunity is knocking that might meet your needs.

Started by Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim, Director of the Charlotte Torah Center, the Charlotte Torah Center Hebrew School differs from the other wonderful options in Charlotte for children's Jewish education: 1) children and their parents will be students together and 2) enrollment does not require affiliation or membership with any religious institution. The CTCHS will be partnering with P.A.T "Parents Are Teachers" run through the National Jewish Outreach Program, which introduced the idea that parents should study alongside their children so that they too learn about Shabbat and Jewish history and how to participate meaningfully in

weekly services. Parents who have participated in P.A.T. say that the experience is so empowering because it gets them up to speed in their Judaism, and their children look up to them more because of their knowledge. Watch this nine minute P.A.T. video with interviews of parents and administrators who say that incredible transformations occur in the families that learn Judaism together: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiIGrw8He8U. This creative educational format will be paired with a curriculum using teaching material from ToTal, a project of the Afkim Foundation. ToTal describes itself as a "series of educational programs steeped in the wisdom of the Torah and designed to provide cultural, historical and social enrichment to Jewish youngsters and their families."

In his conversations with people around Charlotte, Rabbi Oppenheim has spoken with many Jews who choose not to affiliate with any institution but would still like to give their children some form of Jewish education. He recently said, "Over the past year I have heard from a number of people who, even though they're not very connected 'Jewishly,' feel awful that they aren't giving their children any form of Jewish education. Therefore, we wanted to create a school that didn't require affiliation with any institution. At this new school there are no membership fees or building funds, just a onetime tuition. So it will be more affordable for many families and will give them the opportunity to 'taste' the benefits of giving their children the gift of education and pride in being Jewish."

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At Charlotte Country Day School, every voice is unique. Discover how we will develop your child's abilities and talents.

**Open House for Grades 9-12**  
November 11, 1:30 pm  
**RSVP:** charlottecountryday.org or (704) 943-4530

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