

Youth Visions

Hebrew Highlights – New Beit Midrash and T’fillah Programs Debut

The opening night of the 5771 Hebrew High school year was a rousing success. Our student body (200 strong), greeted old friends, met new classmates and began a journey into our wonderful tradition. The teachers and clergy have planned an amazing year of Jewish discovery for our teen scholars.

An exciting new addition to the curriculum is a “Beit Midrash” program, designed for students who would like to learn to critically study our sacred texts. If you ever wondered what it is like to study the ancient texts of our ancestors and you want to discover where our Jewish wisdom and values come from, this is the class for you.

Taught by rabbis and experts in the field, this alternative class is for students looking for a more serious learning environment. Students may substitute the Beit Midrash for either their elective or core class (permission from the director required). Come to the Beit Midrash and join a select group of students who want to connect with the rich legacy of Jewish thought.



Rabbi Faith Cantor

Another innovation at Hebrew High this year is our T’fillah sessions. Led jointly, by rabbis from Temple Israel and Temple Beth El, these, brief, monthly prayer sessions will give our students the opportunity to express themselves spiritually and create community.

It’s not too late to enroll your



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

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

Charlotte BBYO

By Lara Schewitz

The past few months, Charlotte BBYO has been thriving. There have been over 60 new members who joined and are now a part of the organization. After the past few meetings, the new members are already starting to feel like they are at home in the chapters.

Everyone worked hard to make sure that all new members registered for a convention called MIT/AIT which was October 22-24 in Greensboro. MIT/AIT is an annual convention where all of the new members in Eastern Region (North Carolina and Southern Virginia) are invited. The new members met lots of new friends, learned about BBYO, and had lots of fun. If the new member couldn’t make it to MIT/AIT, they can still learn the essential elements of being a B’nai B’rith Girl or Aleph Zedik Aleph.

Each chapter has taken on a new education program that is



sure to explain everything about BBYO in a fun and efficient way. The girl chapters and boy chapters have been working together to have joint programs. Ohavim paired up with their brother chapter Hank Greenberg and played an exciting game of Family Feud-Battle of the Sexes. Chai Chaverim and MBA had a program where the girls and boys took turns sitting in the middle of a circle and had the opposite sex discuss questions about the other sex. This game was very educational because they got to see firsthand about what the opposite sex thinks of girls/boys.

For the coming months of BBYO, we are continuing to recruit new members and have more awesome programs

We can’t wait for the year ahead. ☆

Youth Programs at Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El recently expanded their youth programs to include 2nd-12th grades. All grade levels are off to a roaring start:

KATANTY 23 (for 2nd and 3rd graders) hosted Pizza in the Hut to celebrate Sukkot. They ate pizza and had a terrific time playing in a newly donated Bounce House which we are sure will see many more hours of active fun.

KATANTY 45 (4th and 5th graders) held The Amazing Race where they participated in an exciting scavenger hunt around the world (well, Temple Beth El, anyway.)

LIBERTY 67 (6th and 7th graders) had a terrific kickoff event where they built edible sukkahs, ate ice cream sundaes, and got to know each other with fun mixers.

LIBERTY hosted its kickoff event where teens caught up with old friends and made new friends. These 8th-12th graders were the force behind the High Holiday Food Drive. We are thrilled to report that our congregation donated 2,796 pounds of food, which will provide 1,596 individual meals. Well done Temple Beth El!

LIBERTY also sent its highest number of participants ever to NFTY-SAR* Fall Kallah in Atlanta on October 1-3. These

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