

Hebrew Highlights

Parent Open House Gives a Taste of Hebrew High

Hebrew High's School year begins, with our annual Parent/Student Open House on September 14 at 7 PM. This year the parents and students will have

a chance to preview some of our great electives and study (briefly) with some of our outstanding faculty. Below are highlights from the program:

* **Krav Maga** - Israeli self defense with attitude. Learn a bit about the history of this method and practice a few moves.

* **Israel Advocacy** - Hear about techniques that will help you in difficult conversations about Israel.

* **Text study** - See how our students investigate and unpack the treasures of our ancestors wisdom.

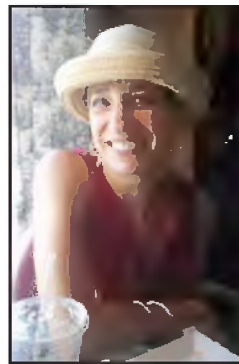
* **Jewtopia**- Plan for the Jewish future as you formulate what a Jewish planet would be like.

* **Jewish Souls/Jewish Soles**- Think about your Jewish identity, and do an art project to help express it.

* **From Psalm to Slam, Israel through Poetry** - Study a song or poem that expresses our people's love of the land of Israel.

If you have a teenage son or

daughter (8th through 12th grade), please join us for this exciting program and if they are not registered for the 5772 year at Hebrew High, it's not too late. Hebrew High is a place to learn, challenge and develop a strong Jewish identity. It's the place for Jewish teens to be on Wednesday nights! For more information, and questions call Roz At 704-944-6782 or email rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org. ✪



Mrs. Montoni will look at Israel through the lens of poetry. Photo courtesy of Joel Blady.



Rabbi Michael Shields will teach the text study.



Andrew Bernstein will be teaching about Israel advocacy.

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Schools

New Beginnings

By Dede Goldsmith, director, Jewish Preschool on Sardis

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success" - Henry Ford

September is a time of new beginnings and a time of coming together. In Judaism, Rosh Hashanah marks the new year. In education, September marks new classes, goals, and benchmarks. In terms of personal beginnings, I have The Jewish Preschool on Sardis, a new community with which to grow in the coming months and years.

In my new position as Director of the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, I wear a variety of hats and have a

variety of responsibilities. I approach these responsibilities with the head and heart of a teacher. What do I mean by that? I think that a school represents the community it serves; the children, the parents, the staff, the neighborhood. Children need a comfortable, safe environment where they can explore, create and share in a common space. Teachers cultivate that environment, adding the materials, the decor, and more importantly, the guidance and support to make each child successful. JPS is known to provide all these qualities and more. Our school is an environment where individuality and a sense of Jewish identity can flourish.

I also come to JPS as a mom. In Hebrew, the woman of the house is called "akeret habayit," the essence of the home. It is the female head of house that sets the tone and determines the character of the home. As my own children grow into their roles as members of the Charlotte Jewish community, my new position allows me to explore beyond my own home and into the community. Along with the staff, we will work together to set the tone at JPS, a place of



warmth, support, respect, and learning. It is my hope and wish to help the Jewish Preschool on Sardis and the JPS community create more opportunities for children to dream, create, and grow.

There is anticipation and excitement with each new beginning and I find that to be more true this year. Developing relationships with the children, families, staff, and the community at large will be my top priority. Through these relationships, we will create an environment that is not only developmentally appropriate, but also stimulating and nurturing. I know there is much to discover and I look forward to taking it all in and contributing to and building upon the solid foundation already in place.

As we all begin this new journey, let us come together, stay together and work together to make this year one of the best. ✪

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