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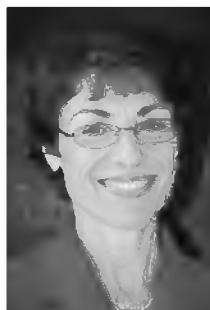
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## A Tree Grows in Charlotte

By Elka Bernstein, CJP Director  
**Correction: CJP's 2011 Silent Auction Green Garden Party**  
The Charlotte Jewish Preschool would like to thank our Silver Sponsor, Robin Husney of Keller Williams Realty for her ongoing support to our school.

When is a good time to plant a tree? The ideal time to plant trees is during the dormant season and in the fall after leaf drop. This will allow plants to establish roots in the new location before spring rains and summer heat stimulate new top growth. Each fall, the Charlotte Jewish Preschool plants a new family tree. The 2011/2012 school year is under way. In September, CJP will carefully plant family seeds of education and community. We will enjoy watching them grow and blossom over the year. Along with the approaching Jewish New Year, this year brings beautiful new faces (leaves), exciting additions to our curriculum (roots), and a wonderful new community program (branches) called Joined in Education.

### Leaves

CJP would like to warmly welcome back to our family tree our 188 families. For the 2011/12 school year, forty-six new leaves have grown on the CJP family tree. From January through August, I watched as Charlotte families enrolled their children in preschool for the first time, as well as, families migrating to Charlotte from all over the United States; Florida, California, Illinois, Maryland, New York, New Jersey to name a few. As the roots to the new school year grow strong, families will come together to create a canopy of friendship.

### Roots

Our leaves will also show healthy growth as CJP continues to develop strong educational

roots for our preschoolers and families. New pieces have been added to our curriculum for the 2011/2012 school year.

Science - Stacey Koval will be joining CJP as our science teacher. The preschooler has a wonder and fascination with the world. This natural curiosity is a stepping stone to a strong partnership with Science. Stacy will bring a science curriculum that will focus on providing our students a foundation for future learning and scientific understanding.

Fine Motor Curriculum-The Charlotte Jewish Preschool will serve as a pilot program for Pathways for Learning and Mead to introduce a Fine Motor and Early Writing Curriculum. The fundamentals of this program will help our students succeed in overall fine motor control and writing development for optimal kindergarten readiness.

Gross Motor - The students in CJP's threes and fours program have always participated in gym with Coach Dan at the Levine Jewish Community Center. Our five day ones and twos classes will have the opportunity this year to build on their gross motor development. Miss Patty, in addition to her music program, will create a gross motor program that will allow our littlest preschoolers to continue to grow physically.

Judaica - Morah Becca just returned from 2011 NewCAJE2 conference held in Greensboro. NewCAJE is the Coalition for the Advancement for Jewish Education. NewCAJE gave Morah Becca the opportunity to meet with Jewish Educators from around the country. Morah Becca explored new directions in preschool Jewish education and will bring these exciting new ideas to the classroom.

### Branches

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool



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has joined with The Charlotte Jewish Day School and The Jewish Preschool on Sardis to create Joined in Education (JIE). CJP, CJDS and JPS are three full time educational institutions servicing the Charlotte Jewish community. JIE creates synergy between the three organizations and their professionals and volunteers. Our three organizations will work cooperatively to present to the community one of the most renowned child psychologists in the U.S., Wendy Mogel. As well as being a renowned child psychologist, Wendy Mogel is a parent/teacher educator, and a New York Times bestseller author whose philosophy is grounded in Jewish values. Along with bringing this amazing Jewish educator to Charlotte, this event will eliminate the need for each institution to have its own fundraiser, and "builds bridges for the future." Two Days with Wendy Mogel will take place on January 11 and 12. Visit us at [www.joinedineducation.org](http://www.joinedineducation.org) for sponsorship and ticket opportunities. Purchase early so as not to miss this incredible event.

CJP would like to wish everyone L'shanah Tovah Tikatev V'taihatem, may you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Learn. Grow. Connect. with our staff and families at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. For further information on how to enroll your child into our wonderful world of learning, please contact Alyson Kalik at 704-944-6866 or [alik@shalomcharlotte.org](mailto:alik@shalomcharlotte.org).

## Educating A Generation: Talmud Torah Enters 5th Year

Jewish education has been proven to be the key factor in Jewish continuity. In an effort to promote Jewish awareness and education, our Talmud Torah Hebrew School offers a stimulating yet friendly environment where children embrace their Jewish roots and gain a true sense of Jewish pride, no matter their level of observance or affiliation.

Talmud Torah provides an academic and enjoyable environment where children acquire a broad knowledge of Judaism through a motivating and challenging venue. Through our Aleph Champ Karate style Hebrew reading program, Jewish history, holidays and more, the students gain an appreciation for the joys, values and traditions of our heritage as it is vividly brought to life by the dedicated and enthusiastic teachers whose creativity and dynamism make every lesson a unique learning experience.

To quote one of the Talmud Torah parents: "When I was a child, Hebrew School always

seemed like such a chore, but both my children embrace Talmud Torah and look forward to every class. They have a great connection to Judaism, it's not something they have to do, it is something they want to do."

Entering its 5th year of education Talmud Torah now offers a comprehensive curriculum for grades K-6. For more information or a personal tour of our facility, please call 704-366-3984 or visit

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**"The two most precious gifts we can give our children are Roots and Wings – to be firmly rooted in our rich Judaic Heritage, and to be inspired to reach one's fullest potential."**

– Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein