# **Vouth Visions**

## The Value of Staying in Hebrew High

All of the college applications sent by our Hebrew High Seniors this year will be accompanied by the following letter. It nicely summarizes the value of participating in our program and the lifelong benefits Hebrew High gives to our

Dear Admissions Officer,

As the Director of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies in Charlotte, North Carolina, a pluralistic Jewish teen education initiative, it is my pleasure to tell you about the organization that some of your applicants may reference. CHS' mission is to educate and thereby enhance the lives of Jewish teens so that they develop a strong connection with their Jewish identity and heritage, resulting in a life-long commitment to Jewish learning that will enrich the Jewish people and the world

Hebrew High provides teens with skills that do not end with high school. When they graduate and pack their things for college, also bring skills in community building and leadership, as well as their passion for changing the

world for the better. When you receive an application from a teen who is involved in CHS, it means the teen spent at five years learning in a teen-centered environment with talented teachers where s/he:

Developed the life-long skills

\* Feeling comfortable sharing personal feelings and articulately expressing thoughts with fellow students.

\* Engaging in active listening when others are sharing alternate perspectives.

\* Learning how to respond in depth to challenging debate

\* Developing respect for differ-

\* Approaching complicated historic, philosophical, and theological texts with critical analysis.

\* Creating community responsibility and awareness.

Explored his/her American-Jewish identity by:

\* Using the great ideas of Judaism to form a personal Jewish philosophy.

\* Developing an appreciation for Jewish tradition's ability to help him/her ask life questions and search for relevant answers

\* Researching the role of Jews in American society

Understanding the importance of their roles in the continuation of the Jewish people and Jewish cul-

\* Creating a personal attachment to the Land of Israel.

Please consider the significance of Hebrew High participation as you evaluate your candidates. Any applicant who has participated in our program will arrive on campus with goals and values that will reflect well on your institution. Should you have any questions about Hebrew High or about a specific applicant, please do not hesitate to contact me at rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org or 704-944-6782

Sincerely,

Roz Cooper, Director Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies, Charlotte

It's not too late for your student to get started on the road to Jewish learning, leadership, and success. Please call or email today to start a lifelong love affair with Jewish learning and the Jewish people. \$\primex\$

think Hadassah is so important

because of all the good work they do 'to make the world a better

My mom wants to thank Wendy

For more information about life

contact:

Berglass, owner of Sew Fun, and

her staff for donating their time

and facility to host our fun party



The Hebrew High teachers prepare for another great year.





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## Hadassah Life Membership, Make It a Family Tradi

By Lauren Mond, age 9

Did you know about the life membership special that Hadassah is promoting to celebrate their 100 year anniversary? My mom bought me a life membership at the Sew Fun Party, where mothers and daughters made Challah cov-



ers, enjoyed some breakfast, and learned about Hadassah. amazed at what Hadassah does. I asked some mothers at the party why they thought Hadassah was important. One mother said she how learned significant Hadassah's contributions were to the medical community. Another said that it is important for future generations to learn Hadassah and their work in Israel. I loved seeing my friends from different schools at this event. I

Samantha Baum, Stacy Baum Wendy Berglass, Staci Mond, Lauren Mond

### **Hebrew Cemetery Association**

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and your family to member discounts on cemetery services.

The Cemetery Association is a non-profit committee of Jewish volunteers who care about the sanctity and dignity of those who precede us in eternal life. We believe that the cemetery is a Beit Olim, a house of two worlds...a sacred domain where the two worlds meet with a kiss: the world going out and the future coming

For more information about the Steinberger Funeral Assistance Fund which helps to fund burials for the indigent in our community, membership benefits, graves, prepaid funeral costs, endowments, and/or including the cemetery in your estate planning, contact contact Cemetery Director, Sandra Goldman at 704-576-1859 or 704-944-6854 or director@hebrewcemetery.org. Visit the cemetery website at www.hebrewcemetery.org. or just come visit the cemetery for a personal tour.

Please join us and your favorite rabbi as our community gathers at the cemetery to memorializes loved ones, friends and strangers during the Cemetery Association's Annual Memorial Service on October 2 at 10:30 AM, rain or shine. The cemetery is a holy, serene, and dignified place. Come see for yourself what I have been writing about for the past six years.

I pray that you will all be blessed with a sweet and healthy New Year. L'Shanah Tovah.

If I have offended any of you during the year in any capacity, in the spirit of T'eshuvah, I ask for vour forgiveness. \$\P\$

