

# Hebrew Cemetery Association

By Lorrie Klemons, publicity

It is December, the Jewish month of Kislev. From the first candle lit on December 20 through December 28, Jews all over the world will rejoice in the holiday of Chanukah. During this holiday we celebrate another triumph in our history when the small band of Maccabees defeated yet another

enemy in their quest to destroy us.

We have survived so many enemies that have sought to destroy us as a people, as a religion, as a culture. When these enemies weren't out to destroy us physically, they were out to destroy us spiritually, attempting to wrench us from our history and traditions that make us the unique people

that we are. The price for the religious freedoms we enjoy has been costly. Millions upon millions of our ancestral brethren died in the name of that freedom, in the name of God.

There is a reason that Jews have survived for more than 3,300 years. We are humanity. We light the sparks for holiness and righteousness all over the world. Wherever there are Jews, there are mitzvot that make the world a holier place. Every time you light a candle on Shabbat or other Jewish festival, every time you do a righteous deed, every time you give charity, every time you pray, every time you put on tefillin, every time you do a random act of kindness, every time you feed the stranger, you are spreading God's holiness and you become a light unto the world.

During this festive holiday where we commemorate our survival and the miracle of the lights, you have a chance to become your own miracle of the "light." You have a chance to light up the world here in Charlotte by becoming a member of the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery. With the death of a loved one comes the deepest darkness, but you can light up that darkness for your fellow Jews here in Charlotte by guaranteeing their departed loved ones a consecrated and holy final resting place. If you are not yet a member of the Hebrew Cemetery Association, we invite you to purchase a tax-deductible \$72 membership for your family as part of your family Chanukah gift-giving. By doing so, you support the work of the Cemetery Association in its quest to dignify and honor those who preceded the rest of us in eternal slumber within the womb of Mother Earth. And in doing so, you also guarantee for yourself and your family your own sacred space when those end of life issues come knocking at your door.

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

# Sandra & Leon Levine JCC Maccabi Games Award Winners

The Sandra & Leon Levine JCC's Sports and Fitness Department is very pleased to announce the 2011 JCC Maccabi Games award winners, presented this year during the annual Team Charlotte's reunion party on September 18.

The entire 2011 Charlotte Delegation received the Harold Josephson Award this year for "surviving the train trip" to and from the JCC Maccabi Games in Philadelphia. The award recognized that each member of the delegation had to endure the very early morning 10-hour train ride up to Philly, and the even longer 12-hour train ride back to

Director of the JCC Maccabi Games who very sadly and very suddenly passed away in the spring of 2003 at the age of 36 and who was one of the key continental staff insuring the success of the JCC Maccabi Games for many previous years, the award is presented annually to a member or members of the Charlotte JCC

Maccabi Games delegation who displays "extra ordinary" behavior while participating at the annual JCC Maccabi Games. The winner of this award is Alex Comisar, who exhibited excellent physical skills, mental match toughness and execution and exemplary sportsmanship during all of his very competitive tennis matches. Alex is a 9th grader at

Providence Day School where he will be trying out for the varsity



Barry Schumer, award winner Alex Comisar, and his dad, Dan Comisar.

Charlotte at the conclusion of the long week. This leadership award, established in 1998 at the JCC Maccabi Games hosted in Charlotte and named in memory of an outstanding leader and gentleman from our Charlotte Jewish community, is presented annually to a member or members of the Charlotte JCC Maccabi Games delegation who demonstrates tremendous fortitude despite adversity and who displays the perseverance to achieve goals that appear unattainable. Recent previous winners of this award have included: Adam Levinson, Alex Widis, Andrew Fishkin, Matt Baron, Sammy Brown, David Plaus, Reid Worrel, Mariah Bernanke, Carly Coben, Rachel Dennenberg, Sarah Fellman, Rachel Hall, Kelsey Jervis, Sarah Klein, Lydia Safir, Talia Stier, Jenny Swerdlow, and Melanie Zimmerman.

For the ninth consecutive year, a newer award for the JCC Maccabi Games program in Charlotte was also presented. Named in memory of Amy Beth Rosenberg, former Associate

tennis team this spring. Alex has been playing tennis for six years and has a top 50 current state ranking in Boys 14u tennis. Alex moved to Charlotte when he was three months old, and is the son of Cheryl and Dan Comisar. He now joins recent previous Rosenberg award winners Brooks Corcoran, Sarah Platock, Max Wasser, Kyle Worrel, and Aaron Whetstone.

Congratulations to Alex and the entire 2011 Charlotte delegation for their accomplishments in earning these well deserved and prestigious honors. ☆



The entire 2011 Charlotte Maccabi Games Delegation.

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For a nominal fee we have gelt and dreidels available for you. We

also have a large selection of Chanukah books. Come and see for yourself. ☆

