

Youth Visions

BBYO and LJCC Youth Group Connect at Rosh HaShanah Event

"A Jewish New Year Birthday Bash" was the theme for BBYO Connect and the Levine JCC's first middle school program of the school year. BBYO youth leaders Jacob Levinson, Jacob Meyer, Karla Jagodinski, Harper Moskowitz, Brandon Koch, Roni Rose, and Ashley Chesler led 26 middle schoolers in icebreakers, Havdallah, games with apples, a

cupcake decorating contest, and open gym time. A great time was had by all and the teens are excited for our next BBYO Connect-Levine JCC event which will be a Hanukkah Ice Skating Party, Saturday, December 8, 7-10 PM. For more information contact Ariel Krusch at ariel.krusch@charlotte-jcc.org. ☆



BBYO and LJCC Youth Group at their Rosh HaShanah "Bash."



From left to right: Sierra Kanofsky, Karli Silver, Julianna Kantor, Paula Bravver

The Values 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 students.

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, they 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 of:
 * 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 differences.

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

* Creating community responsibility and awareness.

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 culture.

* 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 rcoper@shalomcharlotte.org or 704-944-6782.

Sincerely,

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



Hebrew High graduating class of 2012

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

* Developing an appreciation

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