

## Hadassah Ta Tas Event Concludes

Hadassah's "Celebrate the Ta Tas" had a fantastic conclusion to their two-part Breast Cancer event.

### Awareness and Fundraiser

The first part garnered an impressive turnout of close to 100 models, painters, photographers, doctors, and vendors who spent an inspirational day creating the Celebrate the Ta Tas artistic photographs. The second part of the Celebrate the Ta Tas event was the sale and exhibition of the Celebrate the Ta Tas artistic photo-

graphs. The evening included an attendance of hundreds of members of the greater Charlotte community, specialty drinks, door prizes, an auction, and video messages from the art models who are Breast Cancer survivors. Hadassah would like to thank the Charlotte community for coming together and helping to fight Breast Cancer. Please visit Charlotte Hadassah on their Facebook page and on their website for future events. ☆



## Warming Up with The Charlotte Jewish Preschool

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are full of warm fuzzies when they are able to give. They know how special it is when they drop coins into our tzedakah box at Shabbat, and they know they are performing a mitzvah when they bring in toys and games for our monthly tzedakah collection. It is this generous spirit within our families that helps to warm our school.

This year, our CJP Open House is on Friday, January 11. We'll be showcasing our world-class preschool to prospective families who will be looking for the perfect place for their children to build a strong foundation for their secular and Jewish education. At our open house we will demonstrate to these families that the CJP exemplifies the Jewish values we teach to our children. Among the many values we teach our students, our actions demonstrate that we give selflessly and often, however we

can, for we live by the teaching that tzedakah must be performed by everyone, including the poorest among us. We are able to achieve this goal only through the frequent support from our families. Our school has built a warm community, thanks to the warmth and love from our CJP families.

If the winter months start to get to you and you feel like you just won't ever defrost, swing by the Charlotte Jewish Preschool and thaw out in our hallways. Allow yourself to feel the warmth of the loving education that happens in our classroom, and observe the generosity that emanates from each of our students. Bask in the light from our Shabbat candles and gaze at the height of our Havdalah candle flame. While it's definitely winter outside, you would never know it inside the walls of the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. ☆

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## The Story of Israel's Most Famous Secret Agent: The Impossible Spy

Films about spies have always held a fascination in the hearts of American movie buffs as witnessed by the 50th anniversary of fictional character James Bond. On December 2, the Jewish Film Society of Charlotte will be screening a powerful spy classic that is based on true story of Israeli Elie Cohen, who had the impossible mission to serve as an undercover spy in Syria. "The Impossible Spy is as fascinating today as ever," says film curator Debby Block, "especially with what presently is going on in Syria."

Eliahu ben Shaul Cohen was recruited by Israel's intelligence agency, the Mossad. During the 1960s, Cohen provided Israel with invaluable information on Syrian military activities and their fortifications on the Golan Heights. Prior to his arrest in 1965, Cohen had infiltrated the highest ranks of Syrian leadership.

Producer Harvey Chertok says that the inspiration for this film began when he and his wife were visiting Israel in 1982. They both were shocked and dismayed at how close Jordan, Lebanon and Syria were to Israel, but were assured "You really have nothing to worry about because Israel has spies in all those places." Chertok was then encouraged to read about the best known spy named Elie Cohen and soon became obsessed with the idea of making a movie about this Israeli hero. Independent producer Harvey Chertok and a young writer, Marty Ross, based their screen play on personal interviews with key Israeli officials, newspaper reports in *The Jerusalem Report* and *New York Times* and then fact-checked



John Shea stars in "The Impossible Spy" (Eli Wallach also stars)

better than any other spy movie in recent history is present both sides of the story. Shea's performance is remarkably subtle and fine-tuned." —Austin American-Statesman

**Date:** Sunday, December 2  
**Time:** 5 PM  
**Place:** Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts, Shalom Park  
**Cost:** \$5 at door  
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everything with the help of the BBC. "Finally," Chertok recalls, "the script was read and approved by Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres, and Meir Amit, the former head of the Mossad, in charge of Elie Cohen's mission."

"A real-life spy thriller cloaked in spellbinding performances. What *The Impossible Spy* does



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