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Schools

Wait, Wait ... One More Turn

By Jason Stoogenke

Abby Sherman doesn't cry at drop off anymore.

The biggest issue these days is whether to take the stairs or the elevator.

The elevator has the "pretty cool" buttons, so her father, Allen, says it "tends to win out."

Then it's the long walk down the hall to her classroom, the threes, with Mr. Mario and Ms. Julia.

Instead of tears now, Abby has her routine.

It's a long one, especially for dad. But, it's well worth it, to see Abby not just happy, but excited for school.

She takes off her jacket. Then, they do the "countdown." 5 ... 4... 3... 2... 1. Sure, dad has to throw in some decimal points to make the count last longer, but, still, there are no tears. Just smiles.

They do the hug. One they demonstrated for me. Abby's arms choking dad. Her legs tucked under.

Then ... the hand off. Usually to Mr. Mario. Maybe he gets a hug. Dad gets a fist pump.

Abby hits the ground running, usually going after the "table toys," her yogurt, and her "Jammy Sammy."

Sound familiar? It should. Any parent knows drop-off. How they

used to dread it. And the fact that they don't anymore speaks volumes for CJP.

For Allen and Abby's mother, Suzy, CJP is more than just a place with "no more crying anymore."

They cherish the Judaica piece, how Abby "knows more Hebrew than I do." How she knows the prayers and wants to do Ha'motzi over the challah.

Suzy loves the interaction Abby is learning ... and cherishing. Suzy says, "She blossoms there." And Suzy doesn't say things lightly.

Like many of Abby's classmates, she walks around with confidence. Like she "owns the place."

And what a place to own. With Ms. Patti's music, Ms. Debbie's library, and Coach Dan's gym. Especially Coach Dan. Abby hears the name. Her face lights up.

And it's not just about Abby. Her parents have met friends here and enjoy the sense of community too.

They connect with other people who have children the same age.

Children who seem thrilled and enthralled when you walk in.

Children who shout "your mom's here" or "your dad's here," making a "surprise" pick-up impossible.

They're just too excited to keep a secret.

Maybe that excitement is why Abby has a hard time leaving each day.

She ropes mom or dad into pushing her on the swing on the new playground.

One push becomes two, two become three, and so on.

It's like Abby's drop-off "countdown" in reverse.

Instead of dad working in one and three-quarters, one and a half, one and a quarter, to make it last longer.

Abby does the stretching. And she does it so well ... and her classmates like CJP so much. Soon Abby's parent is pushing as many children as the swing-set holds.

"Filled to the max," Allen says.

"I've done many fair share hours at the swings during pick-up," Suzy jokes.

So the days when drop-off was the hard part seem long gone in the Sherman household. And probably many other CJP homes too. Now, getting the children to leave school is the challenge.

For more information about having your child Learn, Grow, and Connect with us, please contact Alyson Kalik, CJP registrar, at 704-944-6776 or akalik@shalom-charlotte.org. Half day enrollment for the 2012/2013 school year for children ages one to five is currently underway. ✨

Preschoolers' Wedding Teaches the Mitzvot of Jewish Weddings

By Leah Levin

A few weeks ago, the Jewish Preschool on Sardis held our annual wedding. During Judaica, the children learn about the various characters from the Torah. Two such characters are Yitzchak and Rivka (Issac and Rebecca). In the aftermath of all of our fun weddings, I thought I'd share some interesting tidbits and information on Jewish wedding customs.

Veil Covering

In connection with the above, one of the customs is for the groom to cover the bride's face with a veil. This dates back to the times of Yitzchak and Rivka. When Rivka first met Yitzchak she covered her face out of modesty.



Standing under the chuppah.

Today we see the veil as a form of renewal, and a new vision between the bride and the groom that brings a long lasting connection.

It is also at this time that the fathers and grandfathers of the bride

and groom give blessings to the bride. I know that for me this was probably the most emotional time of the wedding.

Now the funny thing is that under the chuppah, while my face was still covered (it is a Chabad custom to have a veil that is opaque), I was laughing hysterically and so glad that no one could see. We have some very funny relatives and some really interesting comments were going back and forth.

White

It is a custom for the groom to wear a white "kittel" which is a long white coat. Why? The wedding day is like a mini-Yom Kippur for the bride and groom. On this day they are forgiven for all past mistakes and are ready to start anew. This is a also a special time for the bride and groom to pray for those who are sick, childless, etc.

Chuppah

Why a chuppah? The ceremony takes place beneath an unenclosed canopy, open on all sides.

This is a demonstration of the couple's commitment to establish a home which will always be open to guests, as was the tent of Abraham and Sarah.

Breaking the Glass

This is one that we all know



Breaking the glass.

and that is shown whenever someone is depicting a Jewish wedding. This reminds everyone that even at the height of our personal joy, we must, nevertheless, remember Jerusalem, and yearn for our imminent return there.

According to another interpretation, the breaking of the glass is a metaphor for the finality of the bond that has been established. Just as a broken glass can never be reconstructed, so, too, we pray that this relationship last forever.

Did you know?

One last fun fact - did you know that is actually a mitzvah to attend a wedding to make the bride and groom happy? Next time you are at a wedding, remember that while you are having a good time you are also doing a mitzvah.

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