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Melton School Corner

**Lech Lecha
Melton School is
Moving Forward**

Meet our new Melton Coordinator, Holly Gainsboro. Holly comes to us from just across the park as the previous Temple Beth El B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator. She brings a strong connection to the Jewish community as well as passion for Judaism and its teachings. Holly is excited to be a part of this prestigious program and looks forward to engaging with Melton students and staff, as well



Holly Gainsboro

as future students. Please join us in welcoming Holly. You may contact Holly at hgainsboro@shalomcharlotte.org and 704-944-6740.

Give the Gift of Enlightenment

Mother's Day is May 12. Are you looking for a wonderful inspiring gift for the women in your life? Your search is over. Purchase a Melton school gift certificate — the gift that keeps on giving. All gift certificates may be used towards all classes offered with no expiration date. To purchase your gift certificate, contact Holly.



Hungry?

Join us for a Taste of Melton and see what all the excitement is really about. We will not only quench your thirst for knowledge, but also provide some tasty treats. Join us on Sunday, June 2 from 10 AM-noon. Those attending the taste program who register for a class by June 17 will receive a \$50 tuition discount. Couples discounts and financial assistance available. Questions, contact Holly at 704-944-6740. ✨

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In recognition of the 65th Anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and the Charlotte Jewish community are offering special Israel programs throughout 2013.

Through speakers, educational workshops, musical and cultural performances, and unique travel opportunities, our community will learn about and be inspired by the enormous accomplishments of this small country.

ISRAEL@65 Calendar of Events

APRIL 2013

LJCC/ Partnership 2Gether Cooking Class

April 10: Yom Ha'atzmaut
10:00 am, RSVP to ariel.krusch@charlottejcc.org

Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day)

April 15:
6:00 - 7:00 pm, Sam Lerner Center

Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration (Israel Independence Day)

April 21: The Fountainheads
5:00 pm, Symphony Park at Southpark
Ticket \$5, www.jewishcharlotte.org

Sifryat Pijama

April 28: Bedtime Stories in Hebrew
4:00 pm, Levine-Sklut Judaic Library

MAY 2013

JCRC Speaker

May 8: Featuring Dr. Raiph Nurnburger
7:30 pm, Temple Israel
Topic: *Arab Spring: Implications for US and Israeli Policies*

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LJCC/ Partnership 2Gether Cooking Class

May 13: Shavout
10:00 am, RSVP to ariel.krusch@charlottejcc.org

ISRAEL@65 SPONSORS TO DATE:

<u>\$2,500</u> Publix Super Markets, Inc. Mark and Jennifer Weintraub	<u>\$1,000</u> Holly and Hal Levinson Rich Osborne Bernie Sandler
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If you would like to be an Israel@65 sponsor, please contact Rachael Levine at 704.944.6751.

If you would like more information about these programs, please contact Rachael Levine, Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs, at rachael.levine@jewishcharlotte.org or 704.944.6751.

Youth Visions Keep It Sweet at Hebrew High

By Marsha Stickler

Most of us may not think we or our friends will ever get in trouble, but you don't have to have a black eye to experience abuse.

That's how Student Council President Emily Ashkin introduced Sweetheart Day to her fellow students the evening of

prayer, noted that one in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of emotional, verbal, sexual, or even physical abuse, with violent behavior typically beginning between the ages of 12 and 18. He encouraged parents to teach their children "that abuse should never be condoned."



Student Council leaders of Sweetheart Day: front row (left to right) Emily Ashkin, Lauren Feinstein, David Czarlinsky, Aliyah Tuckman, Lee Daniels, and second row (right) Sam Cohen. Next to Sam are UNC Charlotte volunteers Melissa Siegel, Jennifer Medrano, and Loan Tran.

February 13 at Hebrew High. Fully aware that Jewish pre-teens and teens are just as vulnerable as non-Jewish kids, Hebrew High acknowledged Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month with the special event in coordination with Shalom Bayit-NC and UNC Charlotte's LoveSpeaksOut Program.

Nine students from UNC Charlotte spoke with the teens about the importance of knowing what they want and what they will and will not do before entering a relationship. "That is the best guard against an unhealthy relationship," said LoveSpeaksOut Program Coordinator Melissa Siegel, herself a Hebrew High alumna. "Abusive relationships don't just happen — they start with little things and by the time the more obvious signs of abuse begin the victim feels so trapped and confused and frightened, she or he doesn't know how to get out," she explained. "Educating ourselves, knowing what those red flags are, always demanding that we be treated with respect — these should be the goals for our young people," she concluded.

Rabbi Noam Raucher of Temple Israel, who led the opening

Director Roz Cooper said she too was concerned that most parents don't realize how many Jewish children are at risk or are already in unhealthy or abusive relationships. Highlighting this issue in a special letter in February, she identified possible indicators of an unhealthy relationship such as slipping grades; changes in mood, activities, or dress; withdrawal from friends; or making light of a boyfriend's or girlfriend's violent behavior.

"Parents know their child," said Cooper, "And if they're paying attention, they'll know if something is wrong." She encouraged parents to talk openly about abuse; remove the taboo; encourage the teen to share thoughts and experience; and respect his or her point of view. "If you suspect your teen is being abused," she cautions, "be sure she or he feels safe and supported, not accused or blamed."

Students went home with three reminders of Sweetheart Day: a handout of information designed by their Student Council; a sweet to represent the sweetness we all hope for in our relationships; and a purple wristband donated by Eric Lerner of ActionPlusIdeas. On it was written, "ABUSE ... NO EXCUSE." ✨

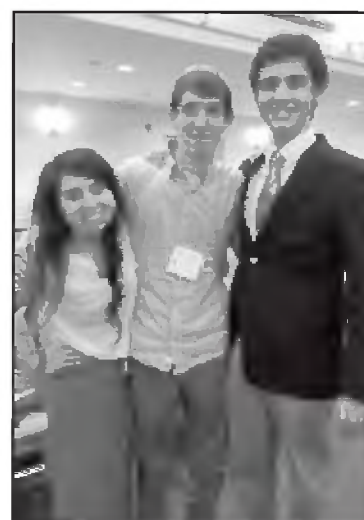
Resources for Teens and Parents

National

www.jwi.org
www.loveisrespect.org and
Hotline for Teens
1-866-331-9474
(or 8453 TTY)
Text "loveis" to 77054
Chat online with peer advocates

Greater Charlotte Area Women's Commission

704-336-3210
Jewish Family Services
704-364-6594
www.shalombayit-nc.org
for information and referral and resource listings



Temple Israel Youth News

Mazel Tov to Michael Roohvarg and the new 2013-14 Ein Gedi Sub Regional Presidency.

Pictured: Michael, the new Vice President (center), Sam Book from Charleston (right) and Leah Givartz of Atlanta (left)