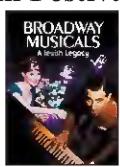
## Films from Festival at CPCC's Sensoria

Charlotte Jewish Film Festival was a rousing success, smashing attendance records and bringing smiles, laughs and a few tears to our film-goers. Guests were not only entertained by the fantastic movies but also by our guest speakers, a klezmer band, stu-

dents from the Charlotte Youth Symphony, and stimulating discussions. Our first ever early childhood film was a hit with the kids and parents alike, and our friends at the Lake expanded to three screenings this year. Many thanks to the legions of volunteers who worked tirelessly to once again bring the best in Jewish cinema to the Queen City. Another round of gratitude must also go out to our generous community, corporate and individual sponsors who supported our efforts and allowed us to bring these awardwinning films to you. And of course, we must say a big Todah Rabah to you, our faithful audience who has come back year after year and helped the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival to grow and continue our tradition of excellence! We look forward to seeing you again next year at the 10th Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival.

The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is pleased to continue our collaboration with the CPCC Sensoria: A Celebration of the Arts, and will be sponsoring two films



at the April event. On April 14, check out Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy, 7 PM at Tate Hall on CPCC Campus. Then you can see Nicky's Family, the incredible film that was screened at last year's Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, on April 16, 2 PM,

Tate Hall. You can read more about the films at www.charlottejewishfilm.com. Both movies are



free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first serve

Planning for the 10th Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival will soon be under way. If you would like to get involved, please contact us at info@charlottejewishfilm.com.

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## "Special Day for Special Kids" Fund Raiser at Yours Truly Needlepoint and Knitting

Local Charlotteans Create Events and Participate in Bike Ride to Support Camp Ramah's Tikvah Program

When schools were first trying to figure out how to properly integrate students with special needs into their curriculum, Barbara and Herb Greenberg had a vision to enable Jewish kids to have the incredible summer experience and thus was born Camp Ramah's Tikvah program. It has become the crown jewel of each and every Camp Ramah.

Here in the south, at Camp Ramah Darom, the Tikvah program is known as Camp Yofi.

It is with his devotion and love for Camp Ramah Darom, that Charlottean and Camp Ramah Darom board member Alan Sussman rode two years ago for 400 miles through the Galil and Golan Heights in Israel to raise money for Camp Yofi and other Tikvah programs in the Ramah system. This year he plans another 400 mile ride through the Judean Hills and Negev to Eilat this month.

But this time Alan will not be the only Charlottean on the trek. When Brad Rabinowitz heard about this fund raiser, it was clear to him immediately that he had to join Alan on the ride. "It was truly spontaneous," he says, "but my family and I know it's the right decision."

The Tikvah program at Camp Ramah has benefitted local families as well. Temple Israel's Cantor Roochvarg's older son attended the inaugural year of Camp Yofi and spent three wonderful summers there. "Camp Yofi is for special needs and their parents and siblings as well. ... The environment at Camp Yofi is warm and welcoming. ... The staff were incredibly caring. ... I pray that they will be able to reach more and more families," Roochvarg says.

Donations can be made through one of these websites: www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/alan-sussman/ramah-bike-ride-2013 www.ramahbikeride.org.

Also, Lynn Edelstein of Yours Truly Needlepoint and Knitting has created a special fundraising day for this program. Her "Special Day for Special Kids" will be April 11, 9 AM-6 PM at 3802 Columbine Circle, Charlotte, 28211. You can purchase any of the wonderful yarns, needles, needlepoint kits, and other items you have come to expect from Yours Truly, and know

that all proceeds will benefit Camp Ramah's Tikvah program. For more information, you can call Lynn at 704-366-6765.

Since its inception, the Tikvah program at Camp Ramah has welcomed nearly 2,000 children, teens, and young adults who are developmentally, physically, and/or intellectually challenged and given them the magic of a summer camp experience no one ever thought that they would be able to have.

Lynn will spend a whole day showing her support for Camp Ramah's Tikvah program while Brad and Alan will spend five days showing their support. You can show your support by attending the "Special Day for Special Kids" event or by donating at either of the 

