

Oh, The Places You Will Go!: Summer Reading Incentive Program

Book a trip now. Read your way around the world.

To keep your children reading all summer long, the Levine – Sklut Judaic Library is once again hosting a Summer Reading Incentive Program. Children, ages 2 to twelve years old, who read books (or are read to) will “travel” around the world. This amazing race will begin in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the destination will

depend on how many books are read. Come to the library to get started and receive a world map game board. After completing five books, your child may choose a prize from our treasure chest. By completing twelve books, the race around the world will be complete and an extra special prize will be awarded. Although the summer reading books do not have to be Jewish, we encourage you and

your family to check out the great selection of books that the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library provides.

Summer reading programs advance literacy and knowledge. The benefits include:

* Children who read four or more books over the summer can avoid the “summer slide” which typically occurs.

* Children who read books over the summer may learn at

least 1,000 new words.

* Reading promotes love of books and learning.

Summer Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 AM–6 PM; Wednesday 9 AM– 9 PM; Friday and Sunday 9 AM-1 PM.

Summer Preschool Story Time: Thursday mornings at 10:45 AM from June 20 – July __. Open to all. No registration necessary. ☆



Youth Visions

Hebrew Highlights

In the immortal words of Alice Cooper “School’s out for summer!” At Hebrew High, we’ve had a great ending to this great school year. Our thanks, as always, go to our faculty and staff, who give untiringly of themselves to educate and motivate the future leaders of our community. Without them, Wednesday would just be another night in Charlotte.

On May 5, we said a fond farewell to our graduating seniors. The seniors and their families joined us for a delicious dinner catered by Jered Mond. Rabbi Raucher, Andrew Bernstein, and Roz Cooper all addressed the graduates and wished them well as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. All of the speakers encouraged the students to visit often and to rely on their Jewish heritage for the strength needed to make good decisions in the years ahead. The most moving words of the evening came from the seniors themselves. All present shared their Hebrew High experiences and taught the adults present that we learn more from our students than they do from us.

Below is an example of one graduate’s thoughts:

“Hello everyone. Thank you for coming to Post Confirmation Graduation. ... I would like to start by saying thank you to Andrew, Tair, and Roni for being amazing teachers who instilled

Jewish values, while always listening to what I had to say. I have learned so much from all of you.

“Last year’s David Project taught me about Israeli Advocacy. I learned how important it is to stay informed about what is happening in the world. It taught me to respect other’s opinions because if I don’t, I cannot expect them to respect mine. Above all, I learned that although I may not change another’s views, I can at least inform them and quite possibly make them think about the repercussions of their actions.

“This year I learned about my Jewish identity. I learned what being Jewish really means to me. I was taught many things from Judaism’s viewpoints on life, to the spirit of the IDF, which I will always keep with me in case there is ever a need to inform someone on the true morals of the IDF versus the propaganda we frequently see on TV and in the news.

“I would like to extend a very special thank you to Roz. You have been such a supportive principal. You have permitted me to be a part of the Hebrew High family, and for that I am very grateful. Next year I will truly miss our routine pre-Hebrew High conversation in your office. I am going to



college, and like my sister Rachel (who is very involved in the Jewish community on campus), I will join and greatly participate in Hillel. I hope to apply what I have learned to the real world, as I am sure I will experience many situations where I will have the opportunity to educate people on Israel and Judaism.

“Aside from what I have learned, I would like to thank Temple Israel and Rabbi Raucher. If it wasn’t for you I would not have been able to participate nearly as much as I did with USY the past few years where I have made lifelong friends. Lastly I would like to thank the entire Shalom Park Community. I live in a predominantly Christian area with a minimal [number] of Jews. My family discovered Shalom Park, and I instantly felt at home being a part of the Jewish Community. I hope to visit a lot next year when I am in college. Thank you and I will miss you all very much.”

The rest of the school celebrated a job well done on May 8 with a pizza dinner before class and an ice cream social after class. These parties were funded by our PTO. Please remember to check the PTO line and send in your check when registering for Hebrew High. The student council thanked the teachers with a special

tribute during the ice cream social. Special thanks to the members of our student council for all of their work for our closing program and throughout the year.

Have a great summer. Applica-

tions are now being taken for the 2013-2014 school year. We’ll see all of our 8th-12th graders next fall. Remember Hebrew High is the place to be on Wednesday nights. ☆

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