

Summer Camp at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis

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The weather is warming up and we all have summer fun on our brains. The fun and learning doesn't have to stop with the end of school. The Jewish Preschool on Sardis keeps minds and bodies engaged with our 3rd year of summer camp. While I can tell you all the things we love about camp, the proof is in the words of our families.

"My son enjoyed the camp especially going outside for water

play."

"Nothing better than dropping your child off with a smile and picking up with an even bigger one"

"We were there last year and we're so excited to do it again!"

"My daughter had a blast!"

"All the staff are really caring and work well with the kids."

"I love that JPS offered varied activities that engaged my child"

"I loved how you brought in outside activities: Noah's art, llamas"



The end of a fun day at camp.

"We love the activities, the teachers and the fact that we know she is safe, well taken care of and has a nice balance of indoor and outdoor play time. Terrific camp!"

We are so excited to begin camp for the 2013 year. We bring in outside specialists to enhance the kids day. Last year, the children loved having gymnastics, art, and even visiting llamas. With our hot Charlotte summers, water play is a must for camp as well. The kids splash around in the kiddie pools, run through the sprinklers

and help water the plants in our garden. And taking care of the garden provides fresh fruits and veggies for the children to tend to, harvest and sample.

Camp at The Jewish Preschool on Sardis is for children ages one to rising Kindergarten. Choose one week at a time, or multiple weeks at a discount price and more choices with our part day or extended day options. With four weeks to choose from this summer, we hope to see you there.

- Week 1: June 3-7
- Week 2: June 10-14
- Week 3: July 29-August 2
- Week 4: August 5-9

For more information about our camp or preschool, please visit www.jpsonsardis.org or call our office at 704-364-8395. ☆



Noa and Tyler splashing around.



Ariel climbing the wall of success.

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Community News

Wunderkinder Wins Audience Award at CJFF, Festival Wins BOB Award

Another chapter of the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is in the books, and as over 3,400 attendees can attest, it was the best ever. There were an unprecedented five sellouts this year. Music, food, and speakers were added bonuses to these fantastic films that left the audiences at times laughing and crying, but always thinking. All the films were excellent, but only one could be given the distinction of Audience Favorite. The Audience Award winner for the 9th Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival was *Wunderkinder*, the moving story of three child prodigies whose innocent worlds are turned upside down by World War II. This is another feather in the cap for this wonderful movie that has also garnered praise from the Atlanta, Los Angeles, and San Diego Jewish Film Festivals.

Once again, the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival has been recognized as the Best of the Best by the readers of Charlotte Magazine. For the second year in a row, the CJFF took home the BOB Award for Film Festival/series. This prestigious honor is a reflection of the great esteem in which the CJFF is held by the Charlotte arts community. We look forward to bringing award-winning international films to Charlotte for many years to come. Let's go for the "threepeat" in 2014.

As we prepare for the 10th Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, Festival Director Jeff Turk, who has done an amazing job leading the Festival the last two years, will pass the baton to Rick Willenzik. Rick has been the Festival curator for the last two years, working hard to cull through hundreds of films to select the best slate for the CJFF. Rick is sure to continue the tradition of excellence that Jeff and previous Festival Director Jodi Werner-

Greenwald have established. Many thanks and kudos to Jeff, and best of luck to Rick.

Bringing a high quality event like the Film Festival to the Charlotte community is a monumental task that requires a lot of hard work by a lot of wonderful volunteers. Thanks again to the legions of people who help to bring the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival to fruition year after year. If you would like to volunteer for the upcoming Festival, please contact us at info@charlottejewishfilm.com.

The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is brought to you by the Levine JCC and the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, and is made possible, in part, with funding by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is looking for volunteers with interest and experience in the following areas: Grant writing, sponsorship sales, graphic design, social media community management.

Interested in learning more, email: info@charlottejewishfilm.com. ☆

