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## It's a Boy! Meet Our New Shaliach, Dor Hollander... Arriving Sept. 9

My name is Dor Hollander, and I am the new Shaliach of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. While I'm writing those lines on my laptop here in Israel, my mind is drifting away with dreams and expectations for this year as your emissary – and honestly, I just can't wait to meet each and every one of you. But first things first, let me start by presenting myself.

I am 23 years old and I live in a small city named Giv'atayim, which borders with Tel Aviv. I lived my entire life in this great metropolis of Israel, and the urban atmosphere has always attracted me to discover new places, to meet new people, and to explore the Israeli culture from its modern origins.

My father Yaron and my mother Shira raised me as a single child for nine years. Then came my brother Omri, and a year later my sister Noa. Sure, there's a big age gap between my siblings and me, but perhaps the countless hours of playing with them was what drew me to the field of counseling (well, alongside the fact that half of my family are teachers themselves).

My family moved to Giv'atayim right before my freshman year. Since I did not know anyone in my class, I immediately joined every after-school program

available – “Young Leaders,” “Young Field Guides,” “The Municipal Youth Council,” and the scouts, too. This decision forever changed my life, and cliché as it sounds, “social involvement” became a matter of supreme value for me.

When I finished my senior year, I was eager to enlist for the most significant position that the IDF could offer me. For the “price” of an extra year of army service, I was trained as an Intelligence analyst in an elite unit. After two and a half years in my unit, I was chosen to command my unit's first training course – which was the peak of my service. When the training course was over, I was sent by IDF and the Jewish Agency for Israel delegation as a counselor in Camp B'nai B'rith of Ottawa.

This last summer abroad, among children and young adults from Canada's biggest Jewish communities, was the opening shot for my quest after my Jewish roots and the spiritual connection we all share. I am positive that I will have an amazing experience in your community, and I hope our mutual work will form strong and special connections.

I wish you all Shanah Tovah and a happy new year.

*The Shaliach program is funded by the Jewish Federation*



*New Shaliach, Dor Hollander, with his summer campers.*

*of Greater Charlotte and is a product of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). The Shaliach serves as an emissary from Israel, representing his country and educating our community on Israel and Zionism. If you are interested in asking Dor to join you for a program, please contact the Jewish Federation at 704-944-6757 or email shaliach@jewishcharlotte.org. ✡*

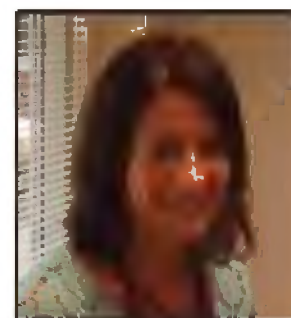


## Jewish Federation Welcomes New Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is pleased to welcome Tal Stein as the new Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs.

Originally from St. Louis, MO, Tal moved to the Chicago suburbs with her family at the age of 16. Tal attended The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, graduating with a B.A. in Political Science. After graduation, Tal moved to Chicago and began working at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago in fundraising and development. Tal later went on to receive her Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Tal's parents are both from Netanya, Israel, and most of her immediate family still lives there. Tal spent many summers in Israel, learning a love of the country and the Hebrew language.

Prior to moving to Charlotte, Tal worked in fundraising and donor development for various Jewish non-profits, including The Council for Jewish Elderly, Jewish Theological Seminary, and American Friends of the Hebrew University. Tal is deeply committed to the mission of the Jewish



*Tal Stein*

Federation and very proud of the critical impact Federation is making here at home, in Israel, and throughout the Jewish world.

Tal's responsibilities at JFGC will include managing the Jewish Community Relations Council, which includes the Annual Fall Lecture, Lunch at the Park series, as well as numerous other community initiatives. She will also be responsible for issues relating to Israel such as organizing missions, Charlotte's partnership with Hadera-Eiron, and overseeing the community Shaliach.

Tal is thrilled to call Charlotte her new home and very excited to continue building bridges between our local Jewish community and Israel. ✡

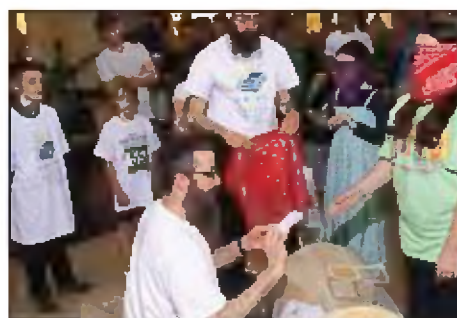
## Drive for a Better Tomorrow Raffle Winners

On June 2, the final raffle drawing was held at SouthPark Mall for the Drive for a Better Tomorrow raffle campaign. It was a spectacular and exciting event, full of energy and suspense. Five winners were picked out of the raffle ticket spinner by children from the community who were blindfolded. Afterwards, there was a toast of champagne to celebrate.

You can watch a video of the exciting drawing on Chabad of Charlotte's Facebook page. Everyone from Lubavitch of North Carolina would like to extend their congratulations to all the winners of the Drive for a Better Tomorrow Raffle. Truthfully everyone is a winner as the entire project



*Maor Waizman enjoys his new Camaro.*



*The winners are randomly selected.*

was a statement of great support and love for everything that Chabad of NC stands for, education, caring, outreach and growth. Great thanks goes to the community and beyond for their support of this project.

### **The Prize Winners:**

**2013 Camaro:** Ruth (Amy) and Maor Waizman

**Dream Trip to Israel for 2:** David and Dina Kandel of Raleigh, NC

**\$1800 Cash:** Laura Milgrim

**\$500 Cash:** Uri and Etti Krause

**\$500 Cash:** Fernando Reza ✡

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