

# Chanukah at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis

At The Jewish Preschool on Sardis, we love a good celebration. There are things we celebrate daily: coming to a warm and loving school, the milestones children reach, or the end of a fulfilling day. And there are things we celebrate as they arise: to date we've had several Shabbat send offs, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Our latest celebration is meeting

and exceeding our Levine Foundation challenge. Many thanks to our new and increased donors, to our "closing" donor Chris Epstein and especially the Leon Levine Foundation for the tremendous support. Our next big celebration is just around the corner and we can't wait to celebrate Chanukah.

I want to ask the teachers what they think makes Chanukah special at the Jewish Preschool on

Sardis. Here are a few ways that JPS team enjoys celebrating Chanukah at school:

**Ms. Beverly:** "I like the story of Chanukah. Miracles and of course, latkes."

**Ms. Cathy:** "I like the pretend play of making and cooking latkes. One of my favorite craft activities is making latkes in a pan and adding sparkles for the sizzle."

**Ms. Chaya:** "Dreidels with Dads is such a fun day."

**Ms. Elizabeth:** "Playing dreidels is so much fun and I really like reenacting the story of Chanukah when the children are

in the cave and pretend to play dreidels instead of learning torah when the soldiers come by."

**Ms. Ellen:** "I love making and eating latkes."

**Ms. Galia:** "It's a special moment when we light candles all together as a JPS community."

**Morah Jayme:** "I like teaching the children the blessings. It makes me so happy when I hear them singing [the blessings]."

**Ms. Jennifer H.:** "I like teaching about giving."

**Ms. Jennifer O.:** "I love the festivities of it all and sharing."

**Ms. Kate:** "I enjoy the children getting excited to learn the

story and then share it with their family and friends."

**Morah Sara:** "I like Dreidels with Dads. It is great to celebrate what the children know and to show that off to their parents."

**Ms. Wanda:** "Dreidels with Dads is very special. We make decorations and sing songs, it's all so fun."

**Ms. Terri:** "I love teaching the kids how to make homemade latkes every year."

We love a good celebration and if you'd like to join us or to learn more about what and how we celebrate, please call our office at 704-364-8395 or visit us at [www.jpsonsardis.org](http://www.jpsonsardis.org). ✨



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Paul and his daughter, Julianna, enjoy Chanukah treats



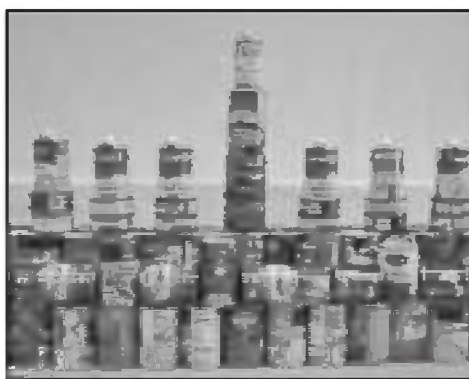
Molly and her dad, Jaime, light the Chanukah candles



Luc and his dad, Daniel, construct a menorah from blocks



The Vorsties enjoy Dreidels with Dads



Mitzvah project of collecting food for JFS



## Youth Visions

### Friendship Circle Volunteer Spearheads Fundraising Event in Her Special Friend's Name

Caley Coughlan is a volunteer with Friendship Circle. Last year, she was paired up with a special friend, Jeremy Alpern Cantor. He was wheelchair bound and did not communicate like we do. They were bowling buddies, and even though he couldn't walk, talk, or even throw his own bowling ball, together they had a blast. Caley could tell he loved it by his great smile and his sounds.

Jeremy died this past February and it broke her heart. She had started volunteering for Friend-

ship Circle so she could make a difference in her "special friends" lives, but it ended up being the opposite. Jeremy impacted her life so greatly. "I learned so much from him in a short amount of time," she says, "like you don't have to speak to be heard, and never judge someone before you know them just because they are different than you."

Caley has created Jeremy's Jump! It is a 13 hour jump-a-thon that is taking place on Sunday, November 24, from 9 AM-10 PM

at Sky High Sports at 601 N. Polk St. in Pineville. All money raised will go directly back to Friendship Circle and help the winter and summer camps become a reality for kids with special needs. Her hope is to take this nationwide to the other Friendship Circles around the country.

Please check out her website at [www.jeremysjump.com](http://www.jeremysjump.com) for more information. ✨

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