Ohavim BBG

It's been a busy month for Ohavim and all the girls have definitely been keeping occupied. Ohavim started the month off right with a serious and very entertaining program about the Olympics in 1972. It was a great program that really made us think about how good we have it. After we discussed what had happened at the Olympics of 1972, we all

went outside to play kickball.

Marissa Uri planned another amazing program about sisterhood and related it to candy. We all bonded and really learned more about each other while enjoying something sweet to eat. Diana Turk also planned a program where we learned about the struggles of having disabilities, and it really made the girls think.

The Regional Stand Up! cause is well being. Ohavim has chosen their Stand Up! cause and it's women empowerment. The girls cannot wait to start working toward this cause and work on it as

Marni Ransenberg planned a Breast Cancer awareness dinner where Nicole Bills came and told us about her fight against breast cancer as we enjoyed Chinese food at Wan Fu. All of the girls brought their mothers along and it was a great time for all us.

On another note, Ohavim has been doing some fundraising. We had our first bake sale of the year

at the JCC and raised some money for our chapter. Ohavim has another upcoming back sale and a coat drive so start collecting your coats. We also had another fundraiser at Odoba. It will be another busy month to come in November and the B'nai B'rith Girls cannot wait. ❖

Hebrew Highlights: Alumni in İsrael

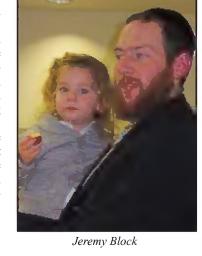
By Roz Cooper

On a recent trip to Israel, I had the opportunity to visit with several Hebrew High grads and teachers. It was wonderful to see young Jews from Charlotte who have embraced their heritage (in very different ways) and decided to spend extended time learning and exploring our ancient homeland. We had a wonderful time reminiscing about their years at Hebrew High and about how the curricular emphasis on Israel helped form their decisions to live, work and learn in Eretz Yisrael.



Rebecca Gerger with Roz

In the group, there is sofer (yes a Torah scribe form right here in Charlotte), a pre-med student who just finished her two years in the army, a recent high school graduate who is studying in Israel for six months, and a young woman who is married, working and raising a describe difficulties in ad- at the Kotel



justing to a new culture. All feel a real connection to the land and the Jewish people. I like to think that feeling was nourished in Charlotte, at Hebrew High.

My trip was filled with amazing moments. I prayed at the kotel in a tallit and kippah with over 1,000 women from all over the world. Not much could top those moments. However, the time spent with former students and colleagues (Roni Amitai, our former Shlicha sends everyone her

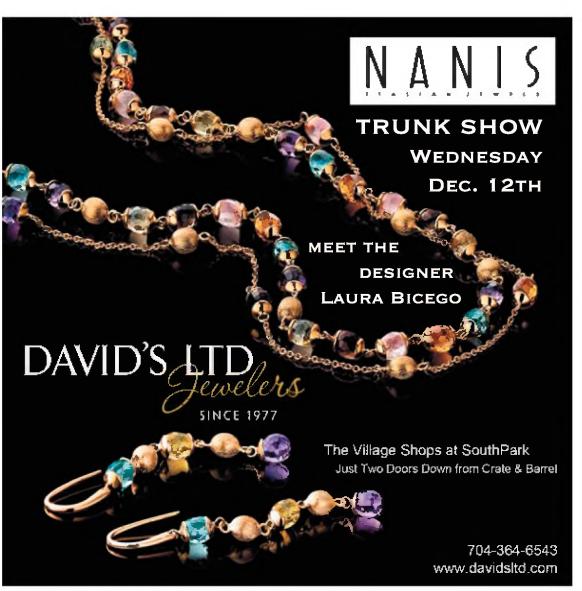


young son in Tel Aviv. All Leah Weinstein, Rabbi Judy Schindler, and Roz



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The week of November 4-8 was Speak UP week for BBYO. Speak UP is a BBYO International initiative that explores Israel education, awareness, and advocacy through formal, informal, and experiential lenses. Charlotte BBYO held an informative Israel program in honor of Speak UP week planned and led by Sarah Fellman of Chai Chaverim BBG and Dor Hollander, our community Shaliach. The program focused on the Israeli political system.





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