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Give Your Child The Experience of a Lifetime

Give your child the experience of a life time. A Jewish summer camp conveniently located right near you in Ballantyne. With the help of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte we are off to a great start.

Our camp is part of the fastest growing network of Jewish day camps in the world. Camp Gan Israel enjoys a well earned reputation as a trend setter in Jewish camping with innovative ideas and creative programs being intro-

duced continuously. Your child will wait all year to come back to camp. Campers enjoy a wide range of exciting activities and

field trips in a warm, caring environment, cultivating pride and love for the Jewish heritage.

The mission of CGI is to instill Jewish values in children of all Jewish backgrounds and all levels of observance. Our camp program and activities are imbued with Jewish ambiance and culture. Challah baking, stories, Israeli dance, drama, Jewish and Hebrew songs, group discussions, and beautiful Jewish crafts combine to create an atmosphere of joy, fun and spirit in each child that attends. This is all part of the unique Gan Israel experience. We have brought it all here. Allow your child to experience the magic. This summer, enroll your child in Camp Gan Israel.

Two weeks of non-stop fun: July 21-August 1

Mini CGI (Preschool): Ages 2-5

Main CGI(Grades K-6th): Ages 5-12

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Building Campaign for New Sanctuary and Mikvah to be Launched by Ohr HaTorah

Ohr HaTorah is excited to announce that it is about to launch a new building campaign for a sanctuary, social hall and a mikvah, which will be constructed at its Sardis Road location in Charlotte.

The new building will allow Ohr HaTorah to accommodate its growing membership with a spacious sanctuary and an adjacent social hall with ample space for family functions and community events. The new building will include a commercial kitchen for both dairy and meat.

The added facility will feature a teen lounge and activity center that will serve the Junior congregation, the JLI teen program, and all other Ohr HaTorah teen programs. A nice library and multi media room will also be included in the addition.

The new facility will benefit the Jewish Preschool on Sardis with added space for aftercare programs and a beautiful new multipurpose room will host an array of indoor activities and give new space for school assemblies.

The building campaign got a boost with a generous donation of \$300,000 from the Kielmanowicz family in the month of December. Elise and Jaime Kosofsky added to the excitement with their \$10,000 donation to the building fund as well. This is in addition to a \$1,000,000 pledge that was made two years ago by a member of the congregation, as well as some other generous donations

from the Ohr HaTorah community.

Congregation Ohr HaTorah holds services every day of the week, both morning and evening. The larger group meets on Shabbat for morning services followed by a Kiddush luncheon every Shabbat. The synagogue also provides a full Talmud Torah Hebrew school that meets twice a week in addition to Bat Mitzvah club and JLI teens. The synagogue is buzzing with activity every day of the year.

We are also excited about a new mikvah that will be built on the Sardis Road property. The funds for the mikvah have been pledged by an anonymous donor in Charlotte and Mikvah USA which is a Foundation headquartered in New York.

The beautiful new mikvah will be exclusively for women and it will be designed to give users a refreshing, spa-like experience. The Mikvah will be a separate building with its own access, to give women a sense of privacy as they observe this special Mitzvah.

Look for more exciting information on the building and its developments in upcoming issues of the Charlotte Jewish News. If you are interested in donating to the building fund, you can call our office at 704-366-3984; mail your contribution to: Ohr HaTorah Building Fund, 6619 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270; or you can donate on-line by visiting www.chabadnc.org. ☆

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