

# Celebrate!

March is full of fun activities for both our parents and students at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. CJP is starting March off by celebrating our 25th Anniversary of our school. Families, past and current, will celebrate this milestone anniversary at Temple Israel on March 1.

It was with great vision that Temple Israel and Temple Beth El

formed The Charlotte Jewish Preschool in 1988. This vision has laid the foundation for many Jewish families raising children in Charlotte. Families enroll at CJP when their children are as young as one year of age. They have enrolled for many reasons. These include providing an excellent start to a secular education, as well as a desire to experience a lifelong passion for Judaism and ensuring a warm and nurturing environ-

ment for children to grow while parents are at work. Whatever the reason, our families find so much more. CJP is much more than a school of excellence, but a place where families become connected to the larger Jewish community and develop friendships that last a lifetime. Since Charlotte has had incredible growth over the last 25 years, families have had to create new friend families as they have moved far from their original

home. We see our families gather outside school to celebrate Shabbat, share the Passover Seder, share Bar Mitzvah experiences, have girl weekends together, and watch each other's children graduate high school together.

The CJP experience lasts far beyond our PreK program. The 25th Anniversary party is a wonderful start to our month, however March is chock full of activities for our students and families. As the parents rest after the Saturday evening event, our staff and students are gearing up for one of favorite days of the year – Pajama Day. We take Pajama Day very seriously at CJP. Our staff and students will come to school in their cutest pajamas and funniest slippers and participate in everything from eating pancakes to learning beautiful Jewish bedtime rituals. We will round out the first week in March with a special visit to our CJP Shabbat Program with Mama Doni (on March 7). Mama Doni is a mom, music teacher, songwriter, and lead singer in The Mama Doni Band, honored with a 2011 Parents Choice® Award for their CD, Shabbat Shaboom, and winner of the Simcha Award for “Inspiring Joy Through Music.” We are thankful that CJP’s partners are sharing Mama Doni with our students prior to her evening performance at Shalom Park.

One would think that this would be enough excitement for one month, but the celebration continues with Purim. Our students will learn all about Queen Esther and Cousin Mordechai, dress up in costumes for our Purim Parade through Shalom Park and make and deliver Sha-



lach Manot bags. Their families will be able to continue the fun at the community wide Purim Celebration on March 16. But there is no time to relax, because when Purim comes to a close our students will begin preparing for the April holiday of Passover.

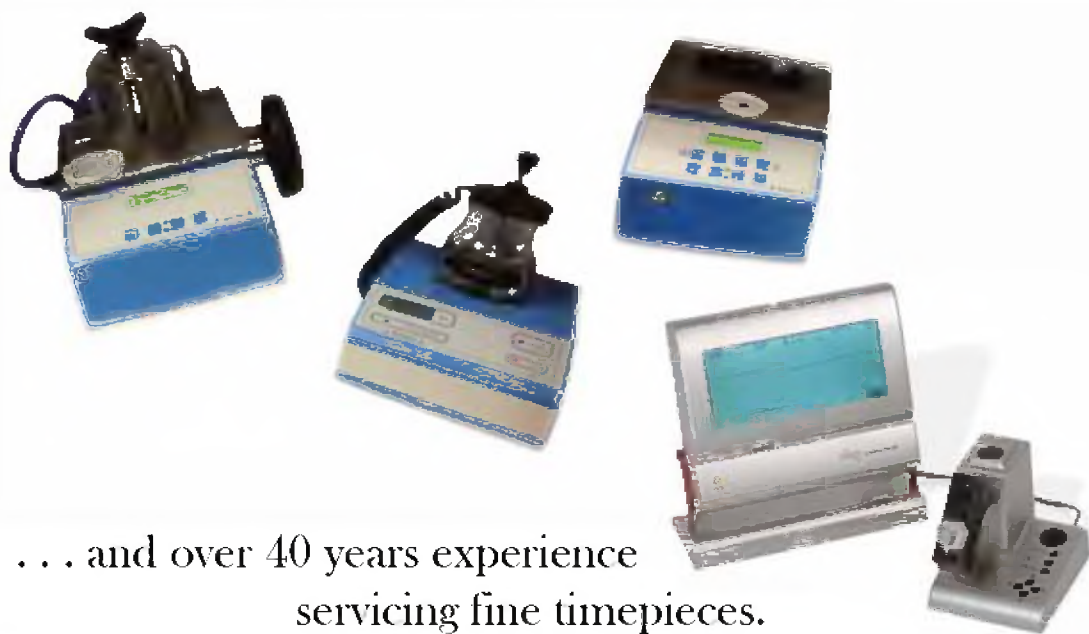
We will round out the month with wonderful opportunities for parents and students. Our CJP-PTO will sponsor the PTO Marketplace is an opportunity to showcase our families that operate their own business. For our students, we will have a visit and performance from the Tarradiddle Players.

There are so many joyous experiences at The Charlotte Jewish Preschool. CJP would like to thank Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, and The Levine Jewish Community Center for your partnership, leadership and support for the last quarter of a century.

Be part of the learning, and join our school family. CJP is now enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year. We are happy to give you a tour at your convenience. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Alyson Kalik at [akalik@shalomcharlotte.org](mailto:akalik@shalomcharlotte.org) or 704-944-6776. We look forward to meeting you. ✨

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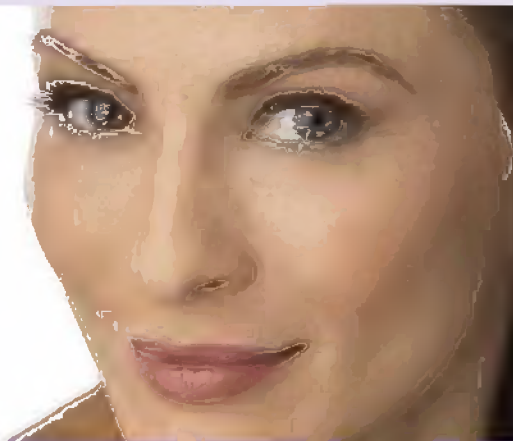
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## Charlotte Jewish Film Festival

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**Celebration** (sponsored by Levine JCC)

Sunday, March 9, 7PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Theater

A feel-good musical comedy in which a group of friends learn important lessons about love, life and friendship.

Dessert reception, sponsored by NCBT, follows the film.

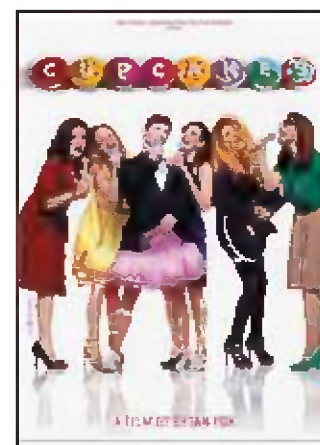
There are also a number of CJFF Extras remaining, including:

**Mondays at the Lake** (presented in collaboration with the Lake Norman Jewish Council)

**Bethlehem**  
Monday, March 3, 7 PM  
Regal Birkdale

**The Third Half**  
Monday, March 10, 7 PM  
Regal Birkdale

**Remembrance**  
Wednesday, March 12, 5 PM,  
UNC Charlotte Student Union



Theater (Main Campus)  
Presented in collaboration with UNC Charlotte's International Film Series

**Welcome to Kutsher's**  
Sunday, April 6, 7 PM, Tate Hall – CPCC Central Campus  
Presented in collaboration with CPCC Sensoria ✨

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-- Nachman of Bratslav