

Charlotte Jewish Preschool Appreciation Month

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thusiastic parents and teachers. They are driven to provide social connections for our preschool community, as well as financial support. Thanks to the PTO, the teachers have continued to receive classroom supplies and materials to enhance the quality of classroom instruction. The PTO's contribution also continues to allow our school to maintain low teacher to children ratios, bring in special activities for the children, have educational materials in the classrooms as well as specialists that work with the children weekly. They also spend time creating events for our families. Among the activities planned, the PTO had a fabulous Kick-off to the School Year to the CJP 25th Anniversary Party to the End of the Year get together. Leading the PTO this year are:

Andrea Davids – President
Liz Greenhagen – Vice President
Amy Foster – Treasurer

Jessica Demeter – Secretary
Ilyssa Rubenstein – Room Parent Coordinator

When walking through our halls, you can see the PTO committees and chairpersons hard at work. Some of the faces you will see are:

Art By Me, Karen Spiegler
Book Fair, Ali Berg and Meri Seigel
Challah, Kelly Schwartz
GoPlaySave Fundraiser, Amanda Arold
Fundraising Chair, Amy Berger
Grandparents Day, Amy Jurusik and Mae Phillipot
Green Team, Candace Serbin and Amanda Zaidman
Joined in Education, Katie Berman
CJP Marketplace, Nikki Sacks
Prospective Parent Open House, Debby Weiss
Purim Carnival, Marcie Jacobs
Social Committee, Jill Pickett and Areli Keller

Sunshine Committee, Jenny Tucker and Melissa Cole
Teacher Appreciation, Katie Berman and Andy Taylor
Yearbook, Andy Tucker

The leadership represented in the above list is supported by an additional 200 families all in pursuit of the same goal: to provide students with a foundation in the

Jewish faith within a safe, nurturing, educational environment. By design, parents of The Charlotte Jewish Preschool students experience an open-door environment that revolves around a “whole child/whole family” approach to educational, personal, and family growth.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool welcomes you to join our partnership. At our school, you will discover the beauty of our

CJP family, the quality of our teachers, magnificent facilities and a secular and Jewish education that connects preschoolers to the community and prepares them for the future.

For more information about enrolling your child for the 2014-2015 school year, please contact Alyson Kalik, CJP registrar, at 704-944-6777 or akalik@shalom-charlotte.org. ✡

Temple Beth El Celebrates Teens

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B'nei Mitzvah students was our son's first exposure to teaching and it was during the tutoring process that he learned how 'teaching' is a two way street, and the amazing feeling you get when your pupil gets to the bimah and happily leads the service with confidence.”

Parent Fran Samarel adds, “Being a madrich has taught our



Teen madrichim from 2009 – Lexie Player and Maddy Frumkin.

boys (Ethan, 22, Jeremy, 20, and Brandon, 19) so much about responsibility, commitment and being part of an extended Jewish family. We are so grateful that they had this experience and truly believe that it has positively impacted them well beyond those impressionable pre-teen/teenage years.”

Caren Gale knows first-hand how powerful the connection can be between the madrichim and our special needs students. “Our son has autism, but he wanted to

be a Bar Mitzvah. Without the dedication of the madrichim and the Tikvah Charlotte staff, our son's Bar Mitzvah would not have been possible. So much that mattered and was felt – both in preparation for the day and on that day – would have been lost to us. We would not have seen his diligence, the courage it took to work at something difficult, every day, unprompted. We would not have witnessed the pride our son felt when called to the bimah. We would not have seen how stirring the chants were for our son or how deeply he felt the music. My husband and I would have been robbed of discovering parts of our son not previously known, because of autism's barricades. And finally, we would not have witnessed the madrichim, beaming as they sat in the sanctuary, mouthing every word of Torah along with our son, Jonathan.”

Our teen madrichim acquire are important skills they take to their college experience and beyond. They become active leaders in Hillel and seek out teaching positions at synagogues near their university campuses. As we are teaching our children, we create teachers for our future. In sharing our pride in the accomplishment of the hundreds of Jewish teens who have participated in this program, come join us and see how bright our future looks.

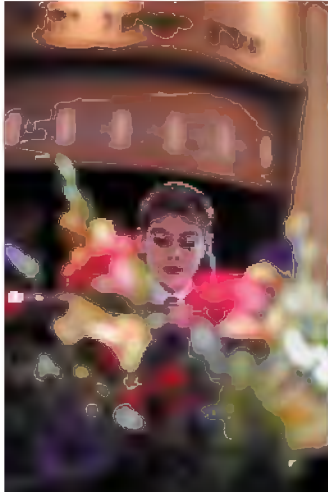
Celebrating Our Teens: Past, Present and Future

Friday, May 16 at 7 PM in the Blumenthal Sanctuary at Temple Beth El

Community service followed by a festive oneg. ✡


“Parents can only give good advice or put them in the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.”

— Anne Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*, July 15, 1944.



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