## **Youth Visions**

## **Hebrew Highlights – At Hebrew High Students Develop Their Jewish Identities While Having A Great Time**

Where do Charlotte teens go to have a great time and help formulate Jewish identities? Hebrew High, of course. At Hebrew High, classes, special activities, and social programs blend together to offer our next generation of Jewish leaders, a full range of choices designed to create a lifelong commitment to Jewish culture and tradition. This is just a taste of the fun our students have every Wednesday night.

There was a Purim frenzy at Hebrew High this year. Students baked hamentashen, played games like giant twister, helped at the Purim Carnival, and made mishloach manot for their teachers. Everyone agreed that we celebrated in grand style. Thanks to the Student Council for spearheading the Purim madness.

This year's eighth and ninth grade retreats focused on community building as Hebrew High became "Camp CHS." Groups wrote songs or cheers, made banners, and chose names to reflect their Jewish selves. Fun ensued, as the teams competed in challenge after

challenge. A favorite challenge was the task of making a map of Israel out of ice cream. Obviously, this took some quick thinking since the medium at hand does not last for very long. Please visit our Facebook page to see great examples of our teams' songs.

The third session for the 5775 school year begins this week. Once again our teachers have developed amazingly innovative and interesting ways to engage young Jewish minds. A new course offering "LOL-The Culture of Jewish Humor" will explore the way in which humor has helped the Jewish people survive. Another exciting offering is the "Morality of War and Peace." Students will confront the difficult issues surrounding war, pacifism, and the current world situation, through a Jewish lens.

Hebrew High is a place for teens to gain insight into their own Jewish identities, their connection to their Jewish community and develop a lifelong love of Jewish learning. It is definitely the place to be on Wednesday nights.



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Our small class size and ability to differentiate instruction allow our students to succeed and thrive. Not only did our students outperform ERB national norms for mastery in math, reading and writing, they consistently met or exceeded other independent school students in these same content areas. We look forward to meeting your family as you explore what CJDS offers your child.