

Thank You to the Supporters of Shalom Park Freedom School

This summer the Shalom Park Freedom School hosted 80 scholars at its six-week literacy-based camp. None of this could have been possible without the numerous volunteers and organizations that support SPFS. Every afternoon, scholars enjoyed a wide range of afternoon enrichment activities. Thank you to the following individuals and companies for supporting SPFS and ensuring our scholars had a summer experience they won't forget.

Harris Teeter – \$200+ gift certificates for food-related activities
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Rachael Weiss – yoga
Chris Callaghan/Ken Chu – chess
Marcia Stern – T-shirt book bags, cooking
Drumstrong – drum circle
Dr. Michael Rotberg – all about the eye
Dr. Barry Robinson – maps and history
Lyn Addy – Zumba
The Nature Lady, Sandi McGarrah – amphibians and the rain forest
Brenda Terrell – Savory Stories
Betsy Rosen – fast hats
Lynn Jacobsen and Lee Blumenthal – beading



A scholar learns to bead.



An art lesson.



A science lesson.

Michelle Levi – crayon resist
Atomz Lab – science
Susan Gundersheim – drama
David Block – martial arts
E Corps – GIS (geographic information systems)
Lisa and Ellen Garfinkle – movie making, alphabet soup games
Tyler Schroth and Temple Beth El Religious School – computers
Leah Porter – art project based on Romare Bearden
Jonathan Thull – cooking
KidzArt – drawing
Debby Block – puppet making
Shirley Frank – tolerance presentation

Tim and Tanya Chartier – Mime-matics (mime and math)
Florence Jaffa – linocuts
Amanda Eisel – running
Don Herbstman – rocketry
Taproot Ensemble – movement and emotions
Donna Emerson – making gloop, picture frames
Nadine Baccellieri – dream catchers
Sarah and Sam Fligel, Jason Garfinkle – minute-to-win-it games
Eileen, Rachael, and Samantha Davis – ping pong ball painting, fusible beads ☆

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CJDS in Israel

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from the Dead Sea to Masada. One thing that stood out to me was when we were in the central region at the Dig for a Day archeological site. We entered the cave. All it looked like was bunch of dirt in a musty underground cave. As we sat down, the tour guide told us about the cave. It was actually 2,000 years old and from the Hanukkah times. The woman had the pots and glassware stored in that very spot thousands of years ago. So we broke up into groups



At the kotel.

although I was dirty, it helped me see into Israel's past.

Sasha Levine shared with us that the Kotel left the strongest influence on her:

My favorite part of our trip to Israel was putting notes into the Kotel. All of my class made notes for me to put in the Kotel walls. I put my note in the wall, but there were a lot more notes put in the wall than I expected. The wall was overflowing with every single crack. I felt like this was our home and this is where we belong. I felt that it was where all of the Jews were meant to be, but they're all around the world. I also noticed something weird about the Kotel. I looked at the women's side and it's a lot smaller than the men's side. It's also a lot different. Everybody's singing and dancing on the mens side. On the women's side, everybody is praying silently. But Israel is my home. ☆

and started digging. At first some people were wary, but after a few minutes, everyone was down and dirty. People found pottery, clothespins, and even a whole handle. Petrified wood was also in the mix. When we walked out, I thought everyone was proud to have touched something that was so important to one person over 2,000 years ago. When we were in the cave, it felt like being transported back in time. But as we stepped back into reality, I felt that

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CJDS Receives Grant for Scholarship Funding

Charlotte Jewish Day School is a proud recipient of a grant of scholarship funding from the Legacy Heritage Emergency Fund for Jewish Education established to ease the financial burden of parents and schools in providing a Jewish education to children living in small and medium sized American Jewish communities. Mariashi Groner, Head of School, is particularly gratified as "this represents recognition of the importance of Jewish education in communities of all sizes. Funds of this nature have previously been restricted to larger Jewish communities with multiple schools. It is nice to know that no matter the

size, Jewish foundations and funders recognize the importance of Jewish education. Thank you to the Legacy Heritage Emergency Fund." While the grant is only for one year, its impact will enable CJDS to continue delivering exemplary Jewish education to the students. ☆



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