

Abby Kosofsky Establishes a New Fund for Alumni at CJDS

Charlotte Jewish Day School is proud to announce the establishment of the Charlotte Jewish Day School Bar and Bat Mitzvah Fund. This new fund was created by CJDS Alumni Abby Kosofsky, in honor of her Bat Mitzvah in October 2015, to benefit children in the Charlotte community who may need additional financial assistance beyond what the school may be able to award in order to



Abby Kosofsky

attend CJDS. Upon her graduation, Abby wanted to make it a reality for as many children as possible to attend CJDS, so that they too, could experience and benefit from the warm and nurturing atmosphere of Yiddishkeit.

To start the fund, Abby is donating her gifts from her Bat Mitzvah and she hopes that the fund becomes an opportunity for all CJDS graduates to continue the mitzvah of tzedakah by contributing to the fund at the time of their Bar or Bat Mitzvah or their birthday.

Abby is now in sixth grade at Charlotte Secondary Middle School in Charlotte. Abby attends Talmud Torah and is a member of the Bat Mitzvah Club at Ohr Ha Torah and is a member of the Hebrew Club for CJDS Alumni. While a student at CJDS she used her talents for self-expression through poetry. Below was a poem she wrote in Fifth Grade.

I am
I am creative and bright
I wonder day and night
I hear all of night
I see colorful light
I am creative and bright

I pretend life is easy
I feel quite queasy
I worry every day

I cry for a fight
I am creative and bright
I understand the course of the world
I say things of life
I dream of things so steep
I hope for peace
I am creative and bright

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ciative that you chose to jump in and take on the challenge this year.

Ms. Galia, thank you for your tender touch with our young kids. Your gentle tone, your Israeli heritage and your understanding of our families' needs is unmatched.

Ms. Jane, thank you for finding JPS at the perfect time. We love your experience, your playful nature and your enthusiasm you bring to each day.

Ms. Jayme, thank you sharing your passion of all things Judaica. It is a special thing to have child after child request Ms. Jayme to escort him/her into the classroom at carpool.

Ms. Jen, thank you for your dance parties, your potty dance, and your morning excitement as you greet each child that enters your room of fun.

Ms. Kate, thank you for your dry wit and your dedication to JPS. After nearly two decades, you have a following of fans that span preschool through college now.

Ms. Lisa, thank you for sticking by my side through so much growth and change over the past

few years at JPS. Our successes would not be without your support and help each and every day.

Ms. Mindy, thank you for taking a quick inquiry to a position at JPS. Your love of those youngest kids at school sets the bar for infant care in Charlotte.

Ms. Nancy, thank you for keeping our music program at JPS moving forward. We love the new tunes and the spirited music you bring each week in music time and our beloved Shabbat Send-off.

Ms. Virginia, thank you for taking the leap of faith and helping us start and grow our infant program. You are the core that started it all and we could not have chosen a better person to get it running and thriving.

Ms. Wanda, thank you for pushing through your education goals and matching that dedication with moving the field, JPS and your classroom forward. You are an inspiration to all who know you.

How lucky I am this year for all the successes and support to keep JPS at the top of the early childhood education field. Wishing each of you the same all year long. ✨

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"What good is it to turn fifty with an un wrinkled face if there's no light behind the eyes, no passion in the voice, no new ideas happening inside the head? Why hope to live a long life if we're only going to fill it with self-absorption, body maintenance, and image repair? When we die, do we want people to exclaim, "She looked ten years younger," or do we want them to say, "She lived a great life"?"

—Letty Cottin Pogrebin, Getting Over Getting Older