

# Day School Holds Shofar Factory

CJDS students participated in a Shofar Factory where each child was able to make their own shofar to blow on Rosh Hashana. The students were taught about how to identify which animal's horn would be deemed kosher for a shofar and which were not. For example, a cow's horn is not kosher since we would rather not remind God of the mistake the

Jewish people made when making the golden calf. But, the horn of a ram is kosher because we are reminding God of the sacrifice Abraham was willing to make when following God's request to give Isaac as a gift to God. After studying the different types of animals and their horns, the children were taught the anatomy of the horn and what it takes to make the

horn ready to be blown. Not surprisingly there were some complaints that the room was beginning to smell like a barn.

The children sanded with sand paper and an electric sanding machine, polished, stained, and buffed their new shofar, and then proudly blew the sounds they had learned so much about.

To top off their Rosh Hashana

learning, apples dipped in honey and pomegranate dissection finished off the day.

CJDS invited members of the Jewish community to share their shofar and its stories with the children. This was a wonderful way to demonstrate the chain of tradition

that continues to connect us from generation to generation. This link will take you to the video of personal shofar stories from the Charlotte Jewish community. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUMsr\\_2v-Ok](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUMsr_2v-Ok) ☆



Chaya Levin carefully staining her Shofar



Thomsas Nachshon sanding the rough spots on his Shofar



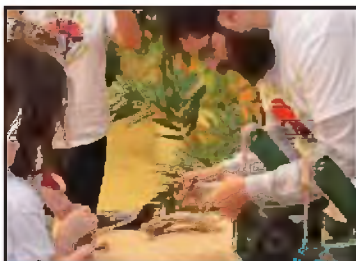
Ava Martin staining her Shofar



David Waizman sanding his Shofar



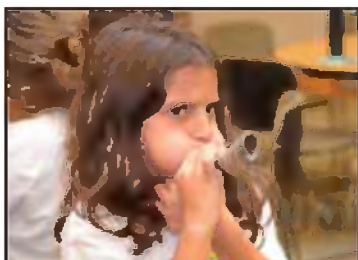
Cole Teper eagerly waiting to blow his Shofar



Using the electric sander to buff the Shofar

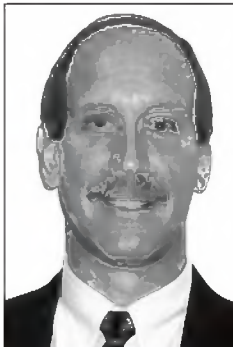


Jordan Sokolowicz and Chaya Levin counting out the pomegranate seeds



Finally, Noga Gercsak blowing the Shofar.

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# CJP Shows Gratitude Through Tzedakah

By Becca Weiner

Throughout the month of November we all focus on thankfulness and we acknowledge those to whom we feel thankful. We each have so many blessings in our lives and Thanksgiving reminds us to express gratitude for them. At The Charlotte Jewish Preschool we teach our students that we can and should express our thankfulness all year long. One way that we demonstrate our gratitude for the blessings in our lives is by doing mitzvot, specifically giving tzedakah.



Giving tzedakah at CJP.

Tzedakah is the Hebrew word for the acts that we call "charity" in English: giving aid, assistance, and money to the poor, the needy, or other worthy causes. Every Shabbat our students have the opportunity to give tzedakah. At the appointed time, children from each class come forward to put tzedakah in the *pushke* before we light our candles for Shabbat. Once a month we deposit these coins and dollar bills into our tzedakah account at the bank. Through the generosity of our CJP families, the preschool has been able to assist many organizations and individuals in tikkun olam

(making the world a better place). In the past year alone we donated tzedakah to the Shalom Park Freedom School, Thompson Child & Family Focus, Krembo Wings, A Child's Place, Classroom Central, the Levine Children's Hospital, Mitey Riders, Shalom Bayit, Room in the Inn, and the Jewish National Fund. Many of these are organizations that support the growth, protection, and development of families, and some of them do so through a Jewish lens. We also participated in various tzedakah projects including two

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