

Vitner Family Establishes Scholarship at CJDS

Charlotte Jewish Day School is proud to announce the Vitner Family Scholarship to be awarded annually to one family entering the Charlotte Jewish Day School. This family would demonstrate a commitment to Jewish community and Jewish values through involvement, engagement, and leadership in the Charlotte Jewish community.

Amy and Mark Vitner established this scholarship as a reward to families who have shown an exceptional commitment to furthering Jewish life in Charlotte. Amy and Mark have three children who have been students at CJDS, the youngest now in fifth grade. As their children have grad-

uated and are experiencing success in school and positive growth as individuals, they want to make a Jewish education available to more families involved in the Jewish community. Amy, a past President of the Board of Directors at CJDS noted, "We are proud of the education and care that our children have received at CJDS and want more families to benefit from the Jewish values that are instilled in our children. We want to encourage and help active young families to experience and gain from this very special institution." Amy and Mark are very engaged members of the Charlotte Jewish community, serving on the boards of the Jewish Federation of

Greater Charlotte, The Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community, and the Hebrew Cemetery, in addition to CJDS.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to one family. The recipient will receive up to \$5000 towards CJDS tuition over a three-year period as follows:

- * Year 1-\$1000
- * Year 2-\$2000
- * Year 3-\$2000

The scholarship is a needs-blind reward for young parents who wish to give their children a quality education steeped in Jewish values, learning, and traditions and are deeply passionate about serving the Jewish community. Minimum eligibility requirement includes:

* Must be a new family applying to Charlotte Jewish Day School entering grades K-2.

* Family shall be a member in good standing at a temple in the Charlotte area.

* Minimum support of the Federation annual campaign of \$36 for the current campaign year.

* Letter of recommendation from a Jewish organization with whom you are affiliated.

* Financial need is not an eligibility factor.

For more information, and to



Left to right: Mark, Eli (in front), Saul, Amy, and Sylvia Vitner.

find the complete application, visit the CJDS website at www.cjdschool.org or call 704-366-4558.✳

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Things We Hear at JPS Carpool

By Dedee Goldsmith, director, Jewish Preschool on Sardis

One of the fun portions of the day is greeting families in the morning and sending them off smiling at the end of a full day. It occurred to me last week that I should share the warm fuzzies with everyone, as JPS is just that special not only to me, but so many others. I decided to document some of the wonderful thoughts that children and families shared during carpool time over the past week.

Mom of three, youngest child is the only child to attend JPS: "I wish my other kids had gone to

JPS." I told her I recall her touring the center prior to enrolling. "Yea, the lucky kids get to go to JPS."

Mom of two, both attend JPS: "This place is such a gem. Why can't you go through high school?"

Child in the 4s: "Good morning Ms. Dedee!" I asked, "Are you excited to start school this morning?" Child replied, "I'm so excited to come to school today. We get to play in the snow."

Parent talking to teacher: "I so appreciate the values that you teach. It's not just education; you teach kids how to be good human beings."

Parent of toddler: "This school is like an extension of our family. You've been there for each milestone and helped our baby learn so much."

Mom of crying child at drop off who then was successfully and quickly redirected and engaged in an activity: "You are all amazing, thank you for everything."

There are a lot of wonderful things that I overhear. Teachers and children engaged in meaningful and heartfelt conversations, parent to parent connections being made, teachers supporting one an-

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For questions about this event, plot purchases or preplanning, please contact Sandra Goldman, Director, at director@hebrewcemetery.org or 704-576-1859.