



## Jewish Family Services



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**SPEEDY RECOVERY TO**

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ple Israel and Temple Beth El Congregants, Mitzvah Munchkins

**Food Drives:** Monroe Road Advocates, Temple Beth El 6th grade class (Dalia Widis), Williamsburg Neighborhood Chanukah Party (hosted by David and Judi Lecker)

**Special Recognition:** Norman Steinberger, Temple Israel, JCC Oasis, Blue Dot Cares, Wise Transitions, 65 Senior Street, Waltonwood Cotswold and Charlotte Symphony for supporting the 13th Annual Senior Adults' Chanukah Party ☆

### JFS and Queens University Sponsor Intergenerational/Interfaith Project


Imagine a 19 year-old African American college student connecting with a 91 year-old Jewish artist from Germany who currently lives in a senior center. That is exactly what happened when the assistant chaplain of Queens University reached out to Jewish Family Services' Senior Outreach Specialist to collaborate on a project for three of their students. The project was meant to offer an intergenerational experience for both students and seniors, to give the seniors an opportunity to tell their stories, and to let the student volunteers learn about Jewish culture. The project not only realized its goal, but also created life-long bonds that nobody would have anticipated.

Three students with different backgrounds were given the creative freedom to portray their interview-

ing using any medium that moved them. Taylor Robinson interviewed Ruth Ben-Joseph, 90 years old and originally from Belgium. Ruth's father was a diamond cleaver, who had the foresight to keep a few diamonds to aid in his family's escape and provide them the ability to hide in France and survive World War II. Ben-Joseph joined the underground resistance in Nice, before moving to Israel with her family where she left university to join the Israeli army to fight for Israel's independence. She ended her army career as a Sergeant Major, and went on to become one of the first female Vice President of a major international sales company in North Carolina, Speizman Industries.


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Joshua Gerrard, Freshman  
Berklee College of Music

CJDS pointed me  
in the  
right direction!




I attended Charlotte Jewish Day School from kindergarten through the fifth grade and graduated in 2009. One of the things I remember from my earliest years at CJDS, maybe first or second grade, was when I performed a little violin piece in front of my class. It might have been my first ever performance. I remember how nervous I was, but the positive reaction from my classmates and teacher made me feel like my practice and playing was validated. It inspired me to keep playing and moving forward with music.

After CJDS I attended Northwest School of the Arts for middle and high school, and became interested in playing violin at an elevated level. For college, I explored and auditioned with the Oberlin Conservatory, Furman University, and most notably, Berklee College of Music in Boston for the jazz violin program. I also had the option to stay on at UNC School of the Arts, where my violin teacher indicated that he would like me to continue studying with him. In addition to violin, I also play mandolin and recently started teaching myself guitar.

In my last year in high school, I became very interested in jazz and folk improvisation, which is somewhat unique for a violinist. While I still love classical music and plan on continuing my traditional violin approach, it is exciting to explore other styles.

At UNCSA, I've had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world who also share my passion for the arts. Coincidentally, my roommate is originally from Israel. One of the things I learned during my years at CJDS was to know myself and be proud of my Jewish identity. For the first time, this year I was away from my family during Hanukkah. I decided to organize a group of friends (some Jewish, some not) to make latkes in our dorm kitchen. It was a really fun way to celebrate the holiday and teach some friends about Hanukkah traditions. As I look forward to the next phase of my life, I realize that CJDS played an important role in defining who I am today.



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Thursday, March 16 • 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

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