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The group poses at Cheraw State Park.

## **Camp Gan Israel Goes Overnight**

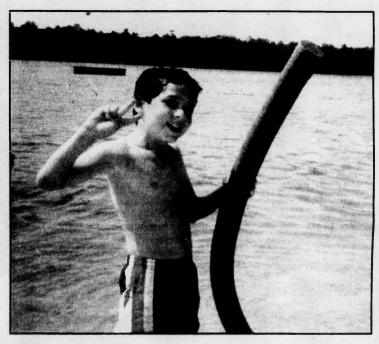
Camp Gan Israel (Gan Izzy) has always been known as a place where children are given the opportunity to explore and develop, much more than a place where children are dropped off to simply pass their time.

Camp Gan Israel has always given children the chance to make new friends and strengthen old friendships. In Gan Izzy, the campers always found a fun and challenging environment where they could unleash their energy with excitement and enthusiasm.

Well, as good as a day camp can be, an overnight camp offers even greater opportunities. When a child spends 24 hours a day in the famous Gan Izzy atmosphere the impact is increased tenfold.

"The chance to reach the children in a more encompassing way is what prompted us to offer the community an overnight camp experience," said Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, Camp Director. The hugs and tears seen on the faces of both campers and counselors as they said goodbye on the last afternoon gave eloquent testimony to the success of the camp. "The positive reaction of the parents and the campers has convinced us to offer a two-week camp next year," said Channie Weiss, Co-Director.

The camp was located at Cheraw State Park in South Carolina. The children slept in air conditioned cabins, and enjoyed daily camping activities like boating, swimming, basketball,



archery, nature walks, as well as general recreation.

The theme of the camp was "We are all connected, let's unite!" Each group in camp was given the name of a major telephone company, for example, AT&T, MCI and Sprint. Everyone was encouraged to reach out and connect with others. The motto "love your fellow as yourself" was practiced on a daily basis.

Judaism was more than a unifying theme for the camp; it was part of life. The children attended daily study sessions and prayed together. They enjoyed delicious kosher meals and learned how to include Judaism in their everyday lives.

Many parents commented that they have never seen such enthusiasm and excitement in their children's behavior, even weeks after camp was over. We were fortunate to find an excellent group of devoted counselors; they really worked hard to give the children an experience to remember for a lifetime. The counselors were Rivka Saul of Pittsburgh, Rivka Rachel Burston of New York, Luba Pinson of New York and Michal Warat of Charlotte.



Campers at an ice-cream party.

## **Enrollment Increases at Jewish Day School & Preschool on Sardis**

More than 170 children will begin the school year at the Jewish Day School of Charlotte and the Jewish Preschool on Sardis. The phenomenal growth in the schools is an indication of the satisfaction of so many parents with the quality education and child care their children receive.

The staffs at the schools are highly trained and they excel in their rapport with their students. The schools provide the best in education, with an excellent curriculum and a low child-toteacher ratio. Mariashi Groner is the Day School Director and Fern Sanderson directs the Preschool. There are 20 faculty members for both schools respectively. Strong parental involvement adds to the quality of the educational environment. The Parents-Teachers Organization is led by Karen Ransenberg and continues to provide much support to the schools.

Classes at the Day School are scheduled to begin on August 26. Preschool starts on September 4.



## **Project Talmud Offered**

Have you ever thought of attending a seminar of higher learning in Judaism? Have you ever felt the need to fill your mind with knowledge passed down from our scholars? Do you want to meet in an environment conductive to study? Fulfill those desires, and more, by attending "Project Talmud" on Sunday, August 18 at the Chabad House in Charlotte.

Project Talmud is geared for laymen and professionals who want to enrich their Jewish intellectual and religious experience with a dose of Yeshivah study. Chabad House will be converted into a Talmudic study hall. Participants will explore the development of Judaic law as it originates in the Torah and how it is analyzed in the Talmud.

Jewish law has much to say about the burning issues of today, according to Rabbi Yossi Groner, Director of Lubavitch of North Carolina. "We want people to understand the basis of Jewish law and its relevance today," he said.

"What will make it even more interesting," said Rabbi Shlomo Cohen, director of the project, "is that we will be following a topic or two from its conception in the Torah, through its development in the Talmud, and finally to its application in the Code of Jewish Law."

Project Talmud will begin with a breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and

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will include an introduction to Talmud. Study will last all day, with a luncheon discussion on the topics of the day. The fee for attending the program is \$18. If you want to attend Project Talmud or want more information, call Rabbi Shlomo Cohen at 366-3984.

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