

CHS puts tzedakah into action

By Sue Brodsky, Director

The Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies participated in two tzedakah projects in November and December. The ninth grade "Mitzvot from A to Z" teachers invited a guest speaker from A Child's Place to talk to the students on the topic of homelessness. The students were so touched by the needs of the agency that they took it upon themselves to help out and, consequently, spearheaded a school wide project to collect school supplies for A Child's Place.

You may have seen a large hannukiah taped to the window outside the CHS office in November and December. Each flame contained a slip of paper describing the needs of a particular age child. The CHS Student Council through its project "Hannukah Helpers" was able to provide gifts for sixteen needy Jewish children. The gifts were distributed through Jewish Family Services. The response to the



project from the students, parents, teachers and friends of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies was overwhelming. We could not keep the flames in the menorah "stocked" fast enough! The items requested were socks, gloves, hats, stuffed animals, age appropriate story books, school supplies, back packs, balls, and other age appropriate toys. The CHS Student Council members were so enthusiastic about the project and the response to it, that they have decided to make it an annual event. ☆



Student Council officers; (left to right): Sara Bryan, Dana Gottheim, Vivian Resnik, Abby Rosenthal, and Jessica Brandt

Family concert to feature Judy Caplan Ginsburgh on Super Bowl Sunday

Judy is coming to Shalom Park on Sunday, January 25, 1998 at 1:30 PM for a super family concert! Kids—bring your whole family with you and kick off Super Bowl Sunday with a fun, interactive hour of terrific Jewish music especially for you.

Award winning recording artist Judy Caplan Ginsburgh will be in concert at Temple Israel, sponsored by Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, and the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE).

Judy, whose home is Alexandria, Louisiana, has been performing quality children's music for more than 14 years. In 1997, she was named one of Moment Magazine's Top Ten Jewish Children's Musicians, and one of the Ten Finest Jewish Women Musicians/Female Vocalists of the Year. She has twice received the prestigious Parents' Choice Award from the National Parents' Choice Foundation (1992 & 1994), and in 1997 she was awarded the National Parenting Center Seal of Approval. She is on the Speakers Bureau for the Association for Childhood Education International, and has received numerous grants for arts-in-education projects in schools across the US. Judy founded the Jewish Entertainment Resource Center which annually publishes a nationwide directory



of Jewish performers. Judy has 9 children's recordings on the market: her production Shalom Yeladim has been called "the best Jewish children's tape of the decade" by the Parents' Choice Foundation. Along with her accompanist, David Marler, Judy's concerts bring children right into the performance through her expressive use of sign language and interactive musical style. Young children will be captivated by Judy's versatility and sensitivity.

Tickets are \$5.00/family; \$2.00/individual tickets, and will be available at the door at Temple Israel. Judy's tapes will be for sale following the concert.

Kick off your Super Bowl celebration and spend some time with your kids, great Jewish music, and Judy! This one's for you — the young and the young at heart!

Speaking about Judy Caplan Ginsburgh:

Cheri Woulfowitz, Early Childhood Director, JCC: "Jewish family concerts like this help to foster children's Jewish identity."

Debby Block, Director, Charlotte Jewish preschool: "This is music every Jewish child should grow up with!" Lenora Stein, Executive Director, CAJE: "Two thumbs up — Judy's performance will have kids, parents and even grandparents toe-tapping in time to the music."

ZIMRIYA

Youth choirs from Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, the Jewish Day School and the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies treated friends and families to a "feast" of Chanukah songs on December 7.

Over 60 students participated in what will hopefully be the first in an annual tradition.



Light, laughter and love: learning about Chanukah at Charlotte Jewish Preschool

At Chanukah, we light candles to brighten the darkest time of year. Our children glow year 'round, but they seem especially luminous during the festival of light.

Led by Laura Courter and Diane Carter of CreativeKids, our four year olds perform "Applesauce and Latkes" in creative movement class. Then Debby Block, our director, shows them how oil bums brightly, as she retells the ancient story of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Temple. It's "lots of fun," reports Jenna Bernstein, who espe-

cially enjoys pretending to be a pancake with her friends Ben Notelovitz and Eli Kronovet.

The Maccabee and Me party is popular, too. Parents join their children to play toss the latke in the pan, and pin the light on the menorah, and before settling down to nosh on frosted dreidel and magen david cookies and juice. When it comes to decorating cookies, our two year olds agree: more sprinkles are better.

Holiday crafts keep us busy, too. Three year olds took a mini-field

trip to the JCC's pottery studio to make individual clay menorahs. Their creations were fired, painted, and then brought home and put into service.

"Children learn by doing," says Debby Block. "Making a menorah lets them celebrate the holiday in their own, unique way."

Light, laughter and love make learning come alive. To learn more about the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, stop by during our open house, Jan. 12 - 15. Call 704-366-5007 for more information.



Alexa Garfinkle and Desiree Whittemore travel around London on a double decker bus during their class "trip" to England.



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