

# ~ Youth Visions ~

## Eastern Region and Charlotte B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Growing Stronger Everyday

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) is a youth led, worldwide organization, which provides opportunities for Jewish youth to develop their leadership potential, a positive Jewish identity and commitment to their personal development. BBYO serves teens in grades 9-12 and over 100 Charlotte teens participate in the program. Chai Chaverim BBG and Ohavim BBG are the girl's chapters and Mickey Barak Aberman AZA is our local boy's chapter.

several times a month at Shalom Park and participate in various programs that include: sisterhood/brotherhood, creativity, sports and recreation, Judaism, community service and social action. The teens also attend Regional and Council conventions with other Jewish teens from North Carolina and Southern Virginia.

This past May, after more than 30 years, Eastern Region BBYO moved its Regional office from Richmond, Virginia to its new home in Charlotte at Shalom Park.

Ellen Goldstein, who is beginning her 6th year with BBYO, has been named Eastern Region Director. Two new staff people will be joining Ellen in the Eastern Region office, Inna Manoim, a long time advisor for BBYO, will serve as the Charlotte City Director and Patti Pickett, will complete the staff as the new Administrative Assistant.

For more information about Charlotte BBYO please call the Eastern Region office at 704-944-6734 or email [egoldstein@shalomcharlotte.org](mailto:egoldstein@shalomcharlotte.org). ☆

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## Back to School, Back to BBYO

Chai Chavim BBG, Ohavim BBG and Mickey Barak Aberman AZA are geared up and ready for another exciting year in BBYO. Our new boards have been elected, creative programs have been planned and several members have already attended the first Regional convention.

Twenty-five Charlotte teens spent the summer, in either Starlight, PA or Mukwonago, WI, participating in BBYO International leadership and

Judaic programs. We are thrilled to welcome them back to our local chapters and know that their leadership skills and Judaic knowledge will strengthen our program.

Congratulations to Charlotte BBYO members that were elected this past April to serve on the North Carolina Council State Boards:

**BBG:**  
Jackie August - *S'ganit*  
Rachel Putterman - *Aym Ha Chaverot*

Jessica Branson - *Gizborit*  
Allison Rosenberg - *Sh'lichah AZA:*

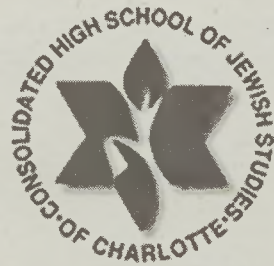
Craig Goldstein - *S'gan*  
Trevor Veitz - *Moreh*  
Kyle Rifkin - *Gizbor*  
Josh Goodman - *Me'amen*

Leading the way for our local Charlotte chapters are Courtney Rosenberg, *N'siah* of Ohavim BBG, Rachel Osborn, *N'siah* of Chai Chaverim BBG and Ryan Passe, *Gadol* of Mickey Barak Aberman AZA. Charlotte BBYO is looking forward to a successful year. ☆

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## CHS Gearing Up For Another Great Year

The Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte is preparing for another year of Jewish learning, friendship and fun. Students in grades 8-12 will once again meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 to learn from the High School's dedicated faculty and from each other. Our curriculum is designed to stimulate our students' curiosity, to enhance their love of Judaism and to nurture their identification with the Jewish people.



Social action is a major component of the program and all of our students understand the importance of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). Students have many opportunities throughout the year for putting these lessons into action. They collect food for the hungry, Chanukah gifts for needy children, help at Jewish communal events and proudly represent CHS at Teen forums in the wider community.

This year's elective choices promise to be our most exciting ever. Added to the line-up of favorites will be:

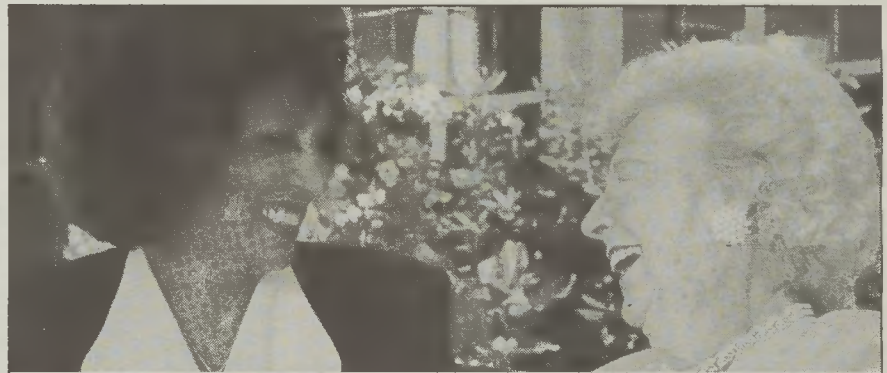
**Back To the Source** - A way to look at Contemporary issues through the eyes of classical Jewish works. Issues to be covered include: Drug and alcohol abuse, gun control and hunting, life saving and euthanasia, piercing, tattooing, cosmetic surgery and much more. Learn about all these issues from a traditional

Jewish perspective.

**How to Walk the Talk** - When things are going well with your friends and family, life is good. But a fight with your friends, a problem with a teacher, or tension with your parents can ruin a good day. This class will consider what Judaism asks of us in relationships. Students will learn concrete methods to improve communications with others.

**Jewish Holidays with a New Twist** - The class will explore their favorite holidays from an adult perspective. Students will be sampling food, creating ritual items and going beyond the ordinary to study the holidays in a whole new light.

Hebrew High is the place to be on Wednesday nights. Be sure that your high school student is registered. To get in on the excitement, call Roz Cooper at 704-944-6782 or email her at [rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org](mailto:rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org). School starts on September 4. Be there! ☆



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