## SCHOOLS

## **See Trikes Go at The Jewish**

## Preschool on Sardis

Riders were ready and rarin' to go. It was the fourth annual Trike-A-Thon at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, and children exercised together in a fun way. The preschoolers have come to love this spring event because it is outdoors, it's about riding, and it's having parents cheering them on.

Children demonstrated their understanding of road signs and bike safety.

Thank you, Ellen Framm for organizing another winner of a Trike-A-Thon.

Thank you, parents and friends, for sponsoring our young riders, and thank you, teachers, for teaching our children all about fitness and safety. \$\times\$



Alec Framm following the trike safety rule as he zooms around the track.

the Jewish

Preschool



starting line

Jack Baron sports his official trike license during JPS's 4th annual trike-a-thon.

Children in the two-year-old class at the



## Charlotte Jewish Preschool is the Right Choice

By Julie Cassell

On May 17, 1996.1 walked into the Charlotte Jewish Preschool for the first time. I remember the exact date because it was my daughter's 2nd birthday. I had never really thought about sending a two-year-old to preschool, but with my second baby due the following fall, it seemed like a practical idea. I was secretly hoping that the director would tell me the program was full, so that I wouldn't have a choice and would have to keep my precious daughter home another year.

Fortunately for us, there was room. Since that day I've had two children graduate from CJP and my third is presently enrolled in the 3s program. I've served as copresident of the school's parentteacher organization and have been a member of the Board of Directors for six years. The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is truly a special place. We are home to over 190 children. We are the Jewish preschool Charlotte that offers a full-day program for working parents. Our talented staff has over 200 combined years of dedicated teaching at CJP. Our programs are flexible, with parents able to choose 2-, 3-4- or 5-day programs depending on their child's age. Thanks to a generous yearly contribution from the Jewish Federation, we are able to grant scholarships to families in need. With our new building scheduled to open this fall, we are looking forward to increasing our preschool family.

My oldest daughter is now a fourth grader at McKee Rd. Elementary School with a straight A average. My second daughter is a bright, successful second grader also at McKee. Both were more

than prepared for Kindergarten by the solid foundation developed at CJP. The school utilizes a developmental approach to education, meaning that the children learn through play and by using all of their senses, rather than worksheets and drills. My son is a happy three-year-old and is thrilled each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday when he wakes up and realizes it's a "school day. Between gym with Coach Dan, music with Miss Patti, Judaica with Morah Jennifer and his wonderful teachers, Miss Andrea and Miss Lois, I have never had a doubt that he is in the most nurturing, warm and wonderful environment I could find. For me, the Charlotte Jewish Preschool has been a second home. It's been a place where I have made some of the closest friendships I've ever had. I have always felt welcome there, whether it's in my child's classroom or the office of our fabulous director, Denise Abadi. I couldn't imagine a better place for my children's first school experience. Their years at CJP have set the stage for a love of learning that will hopefully last a lifetime. \$





