

Youth Visions

Hebrew Highlights

With the excitement of the high holidays over and the regular school year in full gear, I finally have time to think about the blessings of being in a community that values Jewish Education and supports our institutions.

I hear from colleagues all over the country, that supplementary Jewish high schools are having trouble filling their classrooms and retaining teachers. Many attribute this to the economic slow down. Others blame the demands

that we put on our teenagers and the competition for their time. Some feel that their programs lack community support.

Luckily, here in Charlotte, we are not suffering from any of these disturbing trends. Our enrollment is up, our kids are learning and connecting to the Jewish community and our families and temples support our program, even in hard economic times.

Please visit us on any Wednesday night (we are located

in the Temple Israel Religious School building), and experience the learning for yourself. You will see classes studying Jewish texts, discussing Israel, learning Hebrew and doing mitzvot. You will see dedicated teachers sharing their love of Judaism with the Jewish leaders of tomorrow. You will see young people interacting with and

forming valuable relationships with our clergy. Most importantly, you will find a place where Jewish teens can express their opinions openly, be taken seriously and learn to proud of their Jewish heritage.

At this season of Thanksgiving, I wanted to thank the Charlotte Jewish community for its contin-

ued support of our Hebrew High. If you know of a teen that has not yet registered, it's not too late. Please call Roz at 704-944-6782 or email rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org for more information.

Hebrew High is the place for Jewish teens to be on Wednesday night. ☆



Hebrew High students "clowning around" while doing a Mitzvah Project.



Students are encouraged to use their creativity while learning at Hebrew High.

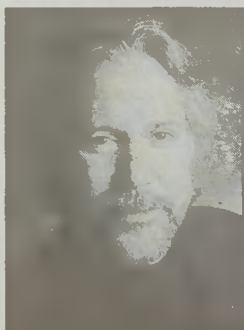


An interactive & educational environment. Hebrew High... The Place to be on Wednesday Night



Neil Lazarus taught the students of Hebrew High how to be an advocate for Israel. Left to right: Liliana Goldstein, Lauren Fine, Neil Lazarus, and Shaina Gleiberman.

SAVE THE DATE



The 2009 Main Event featuring Rabbi Irwin Kula, President of CLAL, National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership

"Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
7:30 PM
TEMPLE ISRAEL

Jonathan Howard, Event Chair



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