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# Confirmation Class, Dinner and Shavuot Study Session Saturday, May 26

Come join us as we celebrate Confirmation and Shavuot. Services begin at 6:15 PM followed by a dairy dinner (by reservations only). At 8:15 PM will do our Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study session. This year we will study the Book of Ruth - poetry, bible, and midrash. For more information, please contact Terri Cathcart at 704-362-2796. ☆

**Save the Date!**  
**Temple Israel Annual Meeting Sunday, May 6 at 10 AM**



# Schools

## A Letter to Our "Seniors"

*In June 2008, I began a new program for the Levine Jewish Community Center called J-Tots. This little program was for little people ages 13 months or walking. J-Tots was created to be a sister program for The Charlotte Jewish Preschool. J-Tots would provide a half day school setting for toddlers under two years of age. One year later, I, once again, joined the CJP team as director and followed my beautiful J-Totters to The Charlotte Jewish Preschool. Along with these toddlers, 41 new students entered CJP as part of our two year old program. At the end of May 2012, 72 students will have a moving on ceremony to Pre-K or Kindergarten.*

*Among the 72 preschoolers taking part at the May 30 CJP commencement service, I would like to impart the following words.*

Dear Abbey, Alana, Alison, Ariella, Asher, Ashley, Austin, Avery, Ben B., Ben F., Beni, Brendan, Brielle, Brooklynne,

Carter, Charlie K., Charlie S., Claire, Coley, Cooper, Salton, Daniel, David, Drew, Dylan, Eliana, Ellis, Emily, Emma, Evan H., Evan W., Gabrielle, Hannah, Henry, Isabella, Jack F., Jack S., Jacob E., Jacob S., Jakob, Jeremy, Jocelyn, Joshua, Josiah, Judah, Justin A., Justin S., Lael, Lauren, Lexie, Liam, Lila, Lucas, Madelyn, Max, Maya C., Maya Z., Mia, Morgan, Nikhil, N'Shama, Parker, Rachael, Rachel, Ranen, Rebecca, Robert, Shaan, Sophia D., Sophia R., Sophie B., Spencer, Sydney A., Sydney S., Talia, Tess, Tobias, Trey, Tristan, William, Zachary E., and Zachary K.,

I have been so fortunate to be a part of your lives this past four years. Some of you started and could barely walk. Most of you had only a little bit of hair. Some of you came into school like a ball of fire. Some of you moved from exotic locations like California or New York. Many of you looked at your parents and said with your

eyes, "Why are you leaving me in this strange place?"

From the moment you started, I knew who you were. Your spirit shouted out all your specialness. Many people think that CJP might not have a lot of diversity because we are a Jewish preschool. However, walking through our halls I notice how your special spirit has made us very diverse. Our diversity took the shape of social butterflies, superheroes, thinkers, artists, athletes, princesses, engineers, lawyers, meteorologists, anthropologists, etymologists, and rabbis.

Whether you started in the ones, twos, or just this year, you will always live in my heart. You gave me the opportunity to experience joy in your singing, pride in your development, and love of your personality. I hope your years at CJP has taught you to love learning, live Jewishly, use positive words and actions, always lend a hand to help anyone in need, and mostly be a good person. Sadly, you

will miss your Friday CJP Shabbat program and challah, but know that Temple Beth El and Temple Israel is waiting for you to join the religious school.

As you take your next step into Pre-K and Kindergarten, I will be walking behind your parents, checking on your development and successes. Please remember, no matter how old you get and no matter what grade you are in, CJP will be standing and cheering you on, and will always be home.

Mazel Tov,  
Morah Elka

For more information about having your child Learn, Grow, and Connect with us, please contact Alyson Kalik, CJP registrar, at 704-944-6776 or [akalik@shalom-charlotte.org](mailto:akalik@shalom-charlotte.org). Half day and full day enrollment for the 2012/2013 school year for children ages 1 to 5 is underway. ☆



## JPS Summer Camp

*By Dedee Goldsmith, director, Jewish Preschool on Sardis*

When someone utters the word "camp," does it conjure up images of outdoor activities, giggling children, and creative environments? The Jewish Preschool on Sardis is proud to roll out our second year of summer camp. Last summer, we hosted over 30 children in our weeklong camp sessions and we are excited to offer more fun this year. In the past few weeks, we've been getting questions about camp so we thought

we would offer the community all the details you will need to fill your summer calendar.

**Who:** The Jewish Preschool on Sardis Summer Camp. We offer programs for campers, ages 21 months to rising kindergarteners. We welcome campers from all over Charlotte, you do not need to be enrolled at JPS during the school year to attend camp.

**What:** JPS offers traditional camp activities with a Jewish twist. Our summer includes fun with water play, exploration out-



Cooling off with some watermelon.

doors and creative activities including visitors as well as field trips for our oldest group. Our certified teachers will lead camp groups in engaging games, crafts, and play that will have your kids asking for more. Some favorite activities from last year were dress up day, bubble fun day, challah making and of course no Friday would be complete without a Shabbat send off.

**When:** JPS will offer four weeks of camp for the 2012 summer season. Week 1 runs from June 4-8, Week 2 runs June 11-15, Week 3 runs July 30-August 3 and Week 4 runs August 6-10. You may pick and choose the weeks that work for your family summer plans. We offer discounted rates when you register for 2 or more weeks per camper.

**Where:** Camp will be hosted at our school 6619 Sardis Road. Camp will run from 9 AM-1 PM with an extended day option to stay from 1-3 PM. To find out more information about summer camp or to register, visit our website at [www.jpsonsardis.org/camp](http://www.jpsonsardis.org/camp).

**Why:** Parents tell us how excited their children were to share all the fun they had at camp each day. In fact, a popular request at the end of last summer was to add

more weeks for children to attend JPS Summer Camp. One parent states, "[camp] was above and beyond my expectations. It was my child's first experience there and it was wonderful!" Another mom adds, "As always, I love the warm, friendly feeling from the staff. My son was happy when I dropped him off and equally happy when I picked him up. What more can a mom ask for?" Our talented staff brings experience and excitement, a perfect blend for happy campers.



Fun with friends at JPS Summer Camp.

Begin the memories of summer camp here at The Jewish Preschool on Sardis. ☆



We take great pride in saluting our dedicated volunteers who bring smiles to children with special needs

Shannon Applegate  
Jessica Blackman  
Josh Brand  
Kayle Brooks  
Will DeLoach  
Adam Fishel  
Ian Goldberg  
Noah Goldman  
Emily Johnson  
Eli Kronevet  
Sammy Lerner

Sean Lerner  
Harper Moskowitz  
Paige Rabinowitz  
Garrett Rosen  
Dillon Rusgo  
Hayley Rusgo  
Mark Serna  
Katy Smith  
Evelina Trost  
Daniel Zimmerman  
Melanie Zimmerman

May they continue to be a source of pride to their parents and our community.

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