

Hebrew High Students Show They Care

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People are often amazed to hear that I still work with teens, and that I still love it. Everybody knows that teens today are ego-centric, social media obsessed, and have raging hormones that make it difficult to reach their brains. Well, people who believe that should visit Hebrew High on any Wednesday night to see our students learning about their heritage, embracing the needy in our community, and caring about the Jewish people at home and in Israel.

One such evening, that put all of this in focus for me, was our "Operation Sandwich" night. "Operation Sandwich" is a community outreach program that helps Crisis Assistance Ministries feed lunch to the needy in Char-

lotte. We participated as part of our 8th and 9th grade core classes' Hunger and Homelessness module.

All students in 8th and 9th grade were asked to bring in the ingredients needed to make sandwiches. Our goal was to make 800 sandwiches, but honestly, we had no idea how many people would donate ingredients and how many kids would attend. The final count was (drum roll please) 900 delicious sandwiches made with love and enthusiasm by our students and parent volunteers. There was no complaining, no eye rolls, and no wasted time. Everyone put their best foot forward to help our hungry neighbors.



So thank you, to all of the parents who purchased food for this great tzedakah project. Thanks to Rabbi Judy for setting the whole thing in motion. Thanks to the teens of Hebrew High for reminding me

that I have the best job in the world (and for keeping me young).

Hebrew High is still the place to be on Wednesday nights. Don't let your student miss out on the fun and the learning.

It's not too late to enroll your 8th through 12th grade students today. Don't let them miss out on the Hebrew High experience. For more information call Roz at 704-944-6782 or email rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org. ✨



Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center



Books Needed for Freedom School Summer Students

The LSJL is excited to be partnering again with the Shalom Park Freedom School for summer 2015. For the upcoming summer, an estimated 80 scholars will be visiting the library each week to participate in the summer reading program and to build up their personal library. Each week the scholars will be given a new book to take home with them. These books will be theirs to keep. In order to make this program a success we need the help of this community so the library can provide each scholar with a book each week for six weeks. To make this happen we need to collect approximately 500 books so each child will have a complete summer library of books.

In addition to every scholar receiving six new books during their time at the Shalom Park Freedom School, each scholar's parents will be invited to participate in the parent night events that are scheduled while camp is in session. During each parent night event the library

will be providing a selection of books specifically for adults. Based on the success of last year's parent night programs we are excited to have these programs again. In order to make the events a success the library needs to collect books that are beneficial to parents including: parenting books, self-help books, work-

books that parents can use with their child, and other books for parents.

Shalom Park Freedom School scholars will be on the park in June and July, but preparations have already begun and books are already filtering into the library. Book donations can be brought to the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library located on Shalom Park. For more information about the book drive please contact Nicole Lamparello by phone at 704-944-6763 or by email at nlamparello@shalomcharlotte.org.

Thank you in advance for helping the library collect over 500 books for Shalom Park Freedom School 2015. ✨



8th grade students make sandwiches for Operation Sandwich.



Isabelle Hipp and Natalie Benson making sandwiches. In the background: Talia Brooks, Zoe Conner, Ellen Garfinkle, Jacob Gose, Austin Seidler.

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