

# SPARKS

CHABAD OF GREENSBORO | JUNE 2024 / IYAR 5784



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**Dear Community Member,**

We are excited to announce that Camp Gan Israel is returning for its 15th season! This summer, we look forward to welcoming dozens of children to our vibrant and inclusive camp community.

Our dedicated staff has been working hard to plan an unforgettable experience, filled with exciting activities, games, and adventures. From arts and crafts to sports and team-building exercises, we have something for every interest and age.

We are committed to providing a safe, fun, and inspiring environment where our campers can grow, learn, and thrive. Join us for another amazing summer of Camp Gan Israel!

Registration is still open, and we can't wait to see you there!

**With much gratitude and appreciation,  
Rabbi Yosef & Hindy Plotkin  
Co-Directors**

## RECIPE

**A quick and light salad that is great to serve at Shabbat Dinner, as side or as a light lunch.**



### Ingredients:

- » 14 ounces Sliced Beets, drained
- » 1 teaspoon dill weed
- » 1 tablespoon Red Wine Vinegar

### Directions:

- Drain beets and add to bowl.
- Drizzle vinegar over top.
- Add dill weed and red onion.
- Sprinkle sea salt to taste

## PURIM FUN FOR ALL AGES

Even before Purim began, Chabad of Greensboro was ringing with laughter and covered in flour as people enjoyed baking hamantaschen filled with their favorite jams. According to Chabad member Lisa Shapiro, who attended the event with her son Riley, it was a great way to get into the Purim spirit and brush up on some of the holiday basics.



Then, on Purim night hamantaschen were once again being shaped, this time by Chabad Young Professionals, who had gathered for a megillah reading and celebration.

As the evening progressed, participants enjoyed a game of "Who-Knows-Your-Spouse-Best" while they munched on crepes and other Purim treats.



The fun kept on coming, as dozens of kids came for an Israel-themed Purim party and megillah reading that included activities such as sand art, a Henna artist, a Western

Wall photo booth, and more. While the adults enjoyed a wine tasting and authentic Israeli-style halva, kids had fun with fresh-squeezed orange juice and more.

## PASSOVER ROUNDUP

Coming as news of anti-Jewish sentiment was boiling over in campuses all over the country, Chabad of Greensboro's Passover programming was more welcome than ever before.



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Things did not slow down, with a full roster of prayer services, each one followed by a gourmet kosher for Passover reception.

In advance of the holiday, rabbinical student volunteers visited the homes of 1,000 Jewish families to bring them hand-baked shmurah matzah to enjoy at their Seders. In many homes, they also helped residents put on tefillin, affix mezuzahs, or otherwise flex their mitzvah muscles.

On Passover eve, many community members came together at Chabad for a lively and relevant Seder, which Chabad community member Bob Klein described as "the best Seder yet"! After munching on matzah, maror, and Rebbetzin Hindy's homemade Passover food, everyone clapped and cheered as Rabbi Plotkin sang Who Knows One? with the crowd, managing to cram in 10 stanzas in a

There was even a kids' festival featuring the Chicago Boyz Acrobatic Team, who came all the way from Chicago. In addition to oohing and aahing at their mind-blowing stunts, the audience was delighted to hear one of the performers share how he'd been helped personally by a Jewish benefactor who paid for his college education and helped him escape the cycle of poverty and crime so prevalent in certain Chicago areas.

This came to a head with a mystical and uplifting Moshiach's meal that brought the holiday's joy into focus and helped participants channel the joy into the weeks and months ahead.

## THE JEWISH GATEWAY TO THE "GATE CITY"

With its rich array of business, networking, and training opportunities, it's not for nothing that Greensboro is known as the "Gate City."

For many Jews wishing to partake of these offerings, the gate to the city is held wide open by Chabad of Greensboro, which provides them with the amenities needed for Jewish life.

Chabad's presence at the vaunted High Point Furniture Market is well known and has been covered widely in the media. But this same hospitality extends all year long with visitors being served with daily minyan services at Chabad, kosher catering for individuals and large corporate events, Shabbat hospitality, and even a state-of-the-art and discreet women's mikvah.

According to Rabbi Yosef Plotkin, Chabad's services can include providing large-scale kosher dinners for



corporations such as LT Apparel, which recently invested nearly \$60 million into a local design center and warehouse, or ZINK, which was revitalized under the management of Orthodox Jews from New York.

But it also means running out in the middle of the night to assist a family whose car broke down while passing through, or bringing supplies to the family of a patient in a local hospital.

More than 70 years after the Rebbe began dispatching emissary couples to communities around the globe, this has become the norm, and business travelers and tourists have become accustomed to a warm Chabad welcome wherever they go—and Greensboro is just one shining example among thousands.

So to all Jewish people considering visiting the area, Chabad's message is loud and clear: Come and join us!













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 <b>SHABBAT PARTY</b> JULY 19	 <b>ROLLER</b> JULY 18	 <b>GLOW IN THE DARK SOCCER</b> JULY 17	 <b>ROCK THE SPECTRUM (YOUNGER) LEVEL UP</b> JULY 16	 <b>CGI PILLOWS</b> JULY 16	 <b>BLESSINGS ON CANDY LAND</b> WEEK 4
 <b>CGI SHABBAT DINNER</b> JULY 12	 <b>CELEBRATION STATION</b> JULY 11	 <b>PREPARE FOR CGI SHABBAT DINNER!</b> JULY 10	 <b>TRAMPOLINE PARK</b> JULY 9	 <b>ICE T-SHIRT CHALLENGE</b> JULY 8	 <b>JEWISH NUMBERS</b> WEEK 3
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 <b>SHABBAT PARTY</b> JUNE 28	 <b>INFINITE DANCE STUDIO</b> JULY 27	 <b>AROUND TOWN</b> JUNE 26	 <b>GREENSBORO SCIENCE CENTER (YOUNGER) ZIPLINE</b> JUNE 25	 <b>Welcome! MEET YOUR AWESOME COUNSELOR!!</b> JULY 24	 <b>CONNECT JEW</b> WEEK 1
FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	

\*ALL TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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**T-SHIRT DAY** TUESDAY / THURSDAY

**SWIMMING GEAR** MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY

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