

Around the LOCAL NEWS Community

JCCRP's Rabbi Michael Scholar Memorial Fund Helps 121 Children Attend Camp This Summer

With the first half of the summer behind us and the second half kicking into gear, local children (and their parents) are enjoying the many benefits of summer camp. Between the interactive games, promising night activities, social skill building, and continuation of Torah learning, summer camp can play a strong, positive role in the formative years of a child's life.

Unfortunately, not all families are financially capable to make this a reality for their children.

This year, Hurricane Sandy wiped out homes, cars, as well as a number of people's sources of income. Many parents have been struggling to make ends meet, to repair the damage, and to get back on their feet. Due to the unexpected losses, summer camp seems like a luxury that many families simply cannot afford.

The need for financial assistance has been high, and thanks to the UJA-Federation, the Rabbi Michael Scholar Camp



Chairman of the Board of the JCCRP Richard Altabe handing a check to Rabbi Brafman of Camp Mah Tov

Scholarship Fund has been able to assist 121 children in going to camp this summer.

The Rabbi Michael Scholar Memorial Fund was started to help those parents who cannot afford to send their



Richard Altabe, Chairman of the Board of the JCCRP, and Shalom Becker, Treasurer of the Board of the JCCRP, handing the scholarship fund check to representatives of Camp Atara

children to day camp. The fund, named after a former president of the JCCRP, provides scholarships to make it possible for Jewish children from needy families to attend Jewish summer day camps. The fund sponsors Jewish children from needy backgrounds; those who attend yeshivas and those who attend public schools; those who are American-born, and those who are Russian immigrants. The purpose of the fund is to make sure that these children spend the summer in an environment that will enhance what they learned in school and strengthen—or even create—their love for *Yiddishkeit*. The fund ensures that these children are involved in activities that draw them close to an enriched Judaism to hopefully foster Jewish pride, and passion for serving G-d during the summer and year-round.

Due to the outstanding support of the UJA-Federation of NY, the Rabbi Michael Scholar Memorial Fund has had the privilege of sending its scholarship recipients to 34 camps this summer.

In appreciation to all those who so generously donated to the fund, the JCCRP wishes everyone a safe and enjoy-

able rest of the summer.

It is our hope that those who were helped by the fund will greatly benefit from the impacting experience that is summer camp.



Shalom Becker, Treasurer of the JCCRP, and Richard Altabe, Chairman of the JCCRP, with Rabbi Shimon Dachs of Simcha Day Camp

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