March 6, 2016

Dear parents,

I am organizing a baseball program for boys in grades 5 to 7. Unfortunately, it seems that options for joining some of the area's baseball leagues are limited because the games may be on shabbat and the leagues start late in the year and go into the summer when many of the kids are going to camp.

We are going to work in partnership with the JCC and use the facilities at the JCC. The program will be open to kids from CTA, CJDS and the JCC. The program will be mostly instructional and will focus on developing some basic fundamental skills that will help the kids be prepared for participating as high school students in the Columbus Baseball Invitational tournament.

Cost is \$55 for the season and will be payable to the JCC. Participants will receive a t-shirt and baseball hat. You will be expected to provide a baseball glove and cleats. Optional equipment includes baseball pants, baseball bat, batting helmet and athletic cup.

I expect that the program will start in late March and will meet twice a week (Sunday and a weekday) for practices. The academy will continue through mid-June, when many kids head off to camp. The focus of this program will be on developing some of the fundamentals of baseball and giving the kids some experience and skills before they join the high school baseball team.

I am working with Josh Goldstein of the JCC to arrange some games against local recreation league teams.

If you are interested in participating in the program or if you have any questions, please contact me at 614-226-3983 or eewee3@aol.com.

Finally, if you are interested in helping organize or coach, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Gary Liebesman (Yaki's Dad)

P.S. Please note, if your child is not intending on going to camp, he may be interested in joining one of the area recreation leagues. You may check with some of the surrounding towns like Bexley, Grandview, Canal Winchester and Pickerington to see if they have an appropriate league for your child.