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# Editorial

## LECITHIN AND BROTHERHOOD

by Don McEvoy

I was at a civic banquet recently, seated at a table of total strangers. I don't know how you break the ice in such situations, but I introduced myself around and then honed in on one friendly face across the table and asked, "And what business are you in?"

"Lecithin," came the immediate answer from the elderly gent to whom I had directed my questions. "I produce and distribute lecithin."

That didn't ring any bells with me, but I thought I'd try to bluff my way through for a few minutes in hopes that I would eventually pick up a clue. "That's very interesting. Business pretty good these days?" I responded. At least, it was something on that order. Civil but noncommittal.

I didn't fool him for a second. There was a twinkle in his eye as he said, "You don't have any idea what I'm talking about, do you? Well, don't feel bad about it."

Lecithin, he explained, is a by-product of the soy bean. It is an emulsifier which is used in a vast variety of processed foods and manufactured products. It has a quality of helping elements which would not naturally blend to stick together as they ought. It holds things together which would otherwise separate or break apart.

Check the fine print on the labels of the food in your kitchen, he suggested, "and you'll find that lecithin is an essential ingredient in almost every one."

He was right, too. I started reading the labels and lecithin is almost everywhere. I just was never aware of it before.

Then he graciously turned the

conversation my way. "All right, you know what I do for a living. Now you tell me about yourself. What business are you in?"

"As a matter of fact," I said, "I happen to be in a business very much like your own. I work for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Our product is very much like lecithin. We are in the business of educating for Brotherhood. We are trying to be emulsifier that helps elements of our society which would not naturally blend to stick together as they ought. We try to hold things together which would otherwise separate and break apart."

We are in the human lecithin business. Ours is a by-product not of the soy bean, but of the Judeo-Christian ethic. It has a variety of names: Love, Respect, Understanding, Decency, Common Sense.

"You many not be any more familiar with the National Conference of Christians and Jews than I was with lecithin," I told him, "but if you start checking the fine print in your community you, too, will find we're around a lot of places you would never have suspected to find us. Holding things together. Helping disparate elements to stick together and work together for the betterment of all."

## ANY BOOKS YOU AREN'T USING?

Many Jewish congregations have prayer books or text books which are no longer in use, but which might be used by other congregations. We suggest that any reader who is aware of such books in a library or storeroom, on bookshelves or tucked away in boxes, send notice of the titles and quantities to the American Jewish Times Outlook, so that contact may be made with any organization desirous of obtaining them.

It is also suggested that titles of books required be submitted to us, in case they might be unused in the possession of another institution. Address replies to this notice to us, PO Box 33218, Charlotte, NC 28233

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Both are now on display at the Jewish Museum in New York as part  
of the exhibit: THE HISTORY OF MATZAH: The Story of the Jews.  
The exhibit will run through January 25, 1985.  
Front Cover: THE CONGREGATION (preparatory drawing)  
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HERZL (preparatory drawing)*

# Kibbitzing-Community News

## TO ALL RABBIS:

Rabbi Leon Klenick, director of Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, is editor of a newsletter *Up Front*, whose purpose is to keep rabbis informed on interfaith matters in the U.S. and other countries.

The newsletter is for information and may be used by rabbis in addressing their congregations. Issues will be presented as fairly as possible, and the items are not intended to be propaganda.

*Up Front* may be obtained by a request to the Interreligious Affairs Dept., Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, or any ADL regional office may be contacted to request *Up Front*.

## COLUMBIA, S.C.

Pat Baker, a member of Beth Shalom Sisterhood, B'nai Brith Women, Hadassah, and Tree of Life Sisterhood, has received the Distinguished Community Service Award at the Joint Federation Center Meeting November 4. Mrs. Baker formerly received the Federation's Sh'ma and Lion of Judah Awards. She has been active in various community activities, and says she has a "long-standing love affair with our Jewish community." Her husband is Lee J. Baker, community leader and businessman. They have three married children.

The Columbia community mourns the passing of Rabbi Edward R. Kandel, who was spiritual leader of Beth Shalom Synagogue since 1979. He served also as Cantor and Teacher to the congregation, and during his tenure the community benefited from his years of experience in Europe, Israel, and South America, as well as in the United States.

Issachar Katzir, Consul General

of Israel for the Southeastern United States, was keynote speaker at the Columbia Israel Bond Dinner on September 16. Senators Isadore E. Lourie and Hyman Rubin was honored.

The Christian Jewish Congress of South Carolina met on October 9 at its annual meeting. Speaker was Dr. James Dunn, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The meeting's theme was "Prayers in the Public Schools." Rabbi Howard A. Kosovske was in charge of affairs.

The Jewish Book Fair will be held Sunday and Monday, December 2 and 3.

## TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION

The Tree of Life Sisterhood calendar for 1984-1985 has been announced. The November meeting will be held at noon on November 6, with the program "A Trip to India." December's date, a joint meeting will be announced.

Hebrew School started September 12; Religious Sunday School on September 16 at 10 a.m. Zachary Bazerman is Religious School Administrator.

A breakfast was held on September 23 in the Temple Social Hall by the Brotherhood. Speaker was Kenneth Mosely, Democratic candidate for Congress from the 2nd Congressional District, whose topic was "Position on Issues: Questions and Answers." Committee in charge consisted of Mike Kronenfeld, Al Block, and Zach Bazerman.

Ruth Bazerman is Membership Chairman to be notified of newcomers in town. Phone her at 788-5763.

"Cradle Roll Kids" is a new project of Tree of Life. The Temple will try to establish meaning for

youngsters before they reach the age to enter the Religious School. It sounds like a great idea. Contact Susan Specter at 787-4375.

In September's Bulletin, Tree of Life paid tribute to Ed and Sandy Hertz, who come to Columbia 10 years ago from Baltimore. They have been active in various avenues of Jewish life in the community. At present, Ed is First Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Tree of Life, "Vice President in charge of problems," according to him. Fund Raising is under his direction with Sandy acting as Chairman of that committee.

Hyman Rubin, III, son of Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Rubin, Jr., celebrated his Bar Mitzvah Friday, September 21, at Tree of Life Congregation. An Oneg Shabbat followed, served by the Rubins.

*We regretfully announce the death of Rabbi Edward Kandel of Columbia, S.C. at the age of 56 years. He is mourned by family, friends, and members of Beth Shalom Congregation.*

## CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Temple Israel Couples Club held its Blue Jean Weekend Friday, September 14 to Sunday, September 16, at Osceola Lake Inn in Hendersonville, N.C.

Sisterhood held its Attic Sale September 7 and 9 in the I. D. Blumenthal Hall of the Temple.

Mr. & Mrs. Avery Waldman are congratulated on the marriage of their daughter Rosalind to Harold Berman. Mr. & Mrs. Sol Baicovitz are congratulated on the marriage of their daughter Suly to Richard Chenkin.

Welcome to Gregory Scott Levy, grandson of Fred and Lenora Lewin. Parents are Susan and

Richard Levy of Houston. Congratulations to David and Judy Miller on the birth of their son, Stuart Brian Miller.

Congratulations to Herman & Anita Blumenthal on the birth of a grandson, Jacob. Samuel and Valerie Blumenthal of Salisbury are the parents of the new baby, who has two brothers, Jason and Joshua.

Men's Club held its Newcomer's Picnic on Sunday, August 26, welcoming all new and prospective members. New officers for the coming year are Dr. David Somerstein, President, Ed Bograd, Vice President, and George Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer.

## **B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN**

by Estelle Goozner

BBW held their first meeting of the season on August 29 at Temple Beth El. The Chai, Chaverim and BB Girls were our special guests for the day. We had a baby 3 weeks old and women up in their eighties in attendance.

We all enjoyed a salad bar luncheon better than most restaurants serve in Charlotte. Our entertainment was three of our women modeling costume jewelry by "Monet." Thanks to Steve Cohen and his fashion coordinator Ann Albini for the successful program.

Costume jewelry is high fashion today involving necklaces, bracelets, and earrings to be worn according to the shape of the person's face and length of hair. It is also important to blend with the outfit and the time of day it is to be worn.

We have to date 220 paid-up members in our organization.

Toby Silber announced the Jewish Community will be receiving BB calendars in time for the Holidays.

Anti-Defamation calendar books have already been distributed to the schools in Charlotte to help the teachers not to hold special

activities during the Jewish holidays.

Although we have had a long hot summer, our BBW were just as active as ever. At the Mid-Atlantic region Conference, we won awards. Congratulations to our 1983-84 desk officers Reggie Wittlin, Nancy Kornhauser, Carol Waldman, and Susan Coen who received awards for jobs well done.

First place for our program "Cults-The Tender Trap" as the best individual program.

First place for our project "Arosa House" as the best ongoing Community Volunteer project.

Tied for first place with Chermona Chapter for the best overall CVS projects for the year. Both Chapters' scrapbooks have been submitted as entries for the BB Sidney Kusworm Award for the best overall Community Volunteer Service.

Nationally, *Women Alive* BBW bulletin was chosen as the best by Washington journalists. Congratulations Helene Jankowitz and Meryle Elko.

Congratulations! We are proud of our own Meryle Elko who won the National Public Relations Award.

We had successful coffees in April and June to welcome our new members: Helga Rosenberger, Lorraine Oudin, Judy Miller, Cheryl Simons, Sharon Gold, Jody Pinion, and Ruth Melnicoff.

BBW worked at Children's miracle Network Telethon taking pledges which went to the pediatric services of Charlotte memorial Hospital and Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital. Our women are active in the Amblyopia program screening young children for eye diseases. We are also volunteers for the Special Olympics 84. These handicapped children needed assistance in their athletic events.

BBW "tape-a-tale" poems, stories, songs entertain hospitalized sick children at the Charlotte Hospitals.

On July 11, at an evening meeting, 25 women cooked and enjoyed a

French dinner at the Charlotte Russe.

On August 18th, our Chapter held their annual pool party, this time at the home of Reggie and Myron Wittlin, which was greatly enjoyed.

BBW wants to wish everyone in the Jewish Community a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

## **INTERFAITH INSTITUTE AT WILDACRES**

As announced in our July-August issue, the GCAR Interfaith Institute was held at Wildacres August 13 to 16. For its second endeavor, it was deemed successful for the presentations of speakers and dialogue among participants.

Sponsored by the Greater Carolina Association of Rabbis and funded by the Blumenthal Foundation of Charlotte and the

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NC Humanities Committee, which is a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the main topic of the Institute was "Religion Faces a Changing World."

Dr. John Pawlikowski OSM is professor of Social Ethics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, a principal speaker. From Cincinnati, Dr. Michael Cook of the Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion came as historian, specializing in the Intertestamental Period. Dr. Helen Lee Turner of Furman University's Dept. of Religion, Greenville, S.C. reflected the Baptist feminist viewpoint.

Rabbis were requested to invite Christian clergymen from their areas, and spouses were also invited to attend and participate. There were Catholics and Jews and Protestants of several denominations, including Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Moravian, Quaker, and Lutheran.

One emphasis was on the fact that the fields of science and religion were previously wide apart, but now, in view of scientific development, which makes human control questionable in some crucial areas, there is need for cooperation between the disciplines of science and religion, and they are, in fact, consulting each other today. In defense against threats, all humanity needs to recognize the necessity of working together for our common interests.

This Interfaith Institute was conceived as a step in that direction, with the hope that such efforts may be effective, if proliferated.

### **GCAR SUMMER KALLAH**

Rabbis and their families held their annual Wildacres Kallah August 16 to 22. Principal speaker was Dr. Michael Cook of Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati. He was one of

the lecturers of the Interfaith Institute which preceded the Kallah.

Dr. Cook is an excellent historian and scholar who specializes in the intertestamental period, steeped in knowledge of Bible and Jewish history. To the Rabbis he lectured "On the Deicide Issue: The Role of the Jews in the Trial of Jesus: Modern Scholarship vs Modern Theatre," "Anti-Judaism in the New Testament: Avoiding the Two Extremes," and "The Dispute Between Synagogue and Church as Seen Through Medieval Art." He complemented his talks with handouts of charts and outlines. He gave two slide presentations with talks on the Passion Play and Medieval Art and the expressions of anti-Semitism in both.

Also with the Kallah again this year was Dr. Milton Kanter, accompanied by his family, who gave several talks, including one on Halakha and Psychology, Unity of Israel and God. The Rabbis held a Sermon Seminar.

Ruth Gaynes, designer and weaver was an added treat, with her "hands-on demonstration lecture" of fibers mentioned in the Bible. She conducted workshops through the week and displayed beautiful, hand-woven textiles and other related objects.

Representatives from Israel Bond Organization visited one evening and the Rabbi Philip Spectre from Israel spoke about Israel after the elections.

The Big Show on the final evening was clever and highly entertaining, enjoyed by actors and viewers alike. Rabbi Krantzler yielded to demand for his no traditional "Carolina in the Morning."

Special appreciation was expressed to Rabbi Ron Bluming and his wife, Phyllis, who served as registrars, doing all preliminary planning of room assignments, and filling needs beyond the call of duties assigned to them, to the benefit of all concerned. Rabbi and Mrs. Bluming are residents of

Asheville, Rabbi of Congregation Beth HaTephila.

Rabbi Judah Fish of Portsmouth, Virginia, is moving to Tampa, FL. He has been vice-president of GCAR this year. Rabbi Shimon Moch of Winston-Salem, N.C., having been in Israel, returned for the final day and evening of the Kallah. He is current president of GCAR.

### **WILMINGTON N.C. B'NAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION CELEBRATES 81ST ANNIVERSARY**

A gala weekend, honoring the 81st anniversary of B'nai Israel Congregation, is being planned for Wilmington, N.C. On Friday evening November 2, during Sabbath services, Dr. Kalman Bland, of the Department of Judaic Studies at Duke University, will speak, and a festive Oneg Shabbat will be prepared by the Sisterhood. On Saturday morning, November 3, during Sabbath services, past presidents and special members of B'nai Israel will be honored and a special Kiddush will be served. On Saturday night, a dinner dance will be held at the Wilmington Hilton, and a commemorative booklet of the history of the synagogue will be distributed.

Co-chairmen for the event are Sandy Moskowitz and Wendy Block. Rabbi Robert Waxman is spiritual leader of B'nai Israel Congregation.

### **HA LAILAH CHAPTER B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN**

#### **October Meeting— Belks Fashion Show**

Ha Lailah's October meeting (the second Tuesday **only** of this month) will be a fashion, hair and make-up presentation given by Belks. This meeting will be held at the Belks auditorium at SouthPark.

The evening will begin with wine and cheese followed by fashions, hair and make-up demonstrations. Call Lynn Sheffer (364-8790) for details.

#### October Business Meeting

This month Ha Lailah's business meetings will be held on the third Tuesday, October 16th at the home of Brenda Manes, 8201 Rittenhouse Circle (High Timbers). All members are encouraged to attend this "working meeting" which will begin at 8:00 PM. The agenda for the meeting includes items such as finalizing our plans for the Child-find booth at Eastland Mall, our October Social, the JCC membership raffle, the Safety Day for children and much more. We need your input so make your plans now to attend.

#### Ha Lailah's Ho Down Treat

On Saturday evening, October 13th, we will hold our Ho Down Social at the home of Lizanne & Jeff Taylor (900 Sardis Lane). An outdoor Bar-B-Que, drinks and dancing (we'll have an authentic square dance caller) promise to make this an event you don't want to miss. Join us to help Ha Lailah celebrate the fall season! Call Barbara Kirsch for details and to RSVP (364-5299).

#### Hunter House

The newly renovated house is almost ready for occupancy and soon will be filled with young moms and their infants. Shelley Bregman is making plans now for Ha Lailah to give a baby and house-warming shower at the end of this month. Hunter House is still in need of clothes and equipment for babies as well as household items. Gather your donations and call Shelley (364-1333) if you'd like to help.

#### Membership

Ha Lailah will hold a membership tea on Tuesday, October 30th at 8:00 PM at Wendy Rosen's (9813 Red Rock Road). Join us to learn about Ha Lailah B'nai B'rith Women and our plans for the coming year. Please call Wendy

Rosen (847-3841) for more details.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Senator Marshall Rauch, Rabbi Yoseph Groner, Governor James B. Hunt.

Governor James B. Hunt recently welcomed Rabbi Yoseph Groner, Director of Lubavitch of North Carolina and Senator Marshall Rauch, Chairman of Lubavitch of N.C. at his office. The Governor praised the work of Lubavitch in this great state and said, "It is wonderful to see you reach out to the Jewish people and bring them back to the fundamentals of Judaism, especially since it is done with love." He also emphasized the common goals he shares with Lubavitch in promoting education for all people. Rabbi Groner opened the state legislative session at the Senate with a prayer.

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## ASHEVILLE, NC

This year Congregation Beth HaTephila will have a Kindergarten Class in its school. Anyone interested should contact the Temple office, phone 253-4911.

Beth HaTephila is happy to learn of Michael Wellisch's recovery.

Rabbi Ronald Bluming will conduct a class in Continuing Education at UNC-A. The course is entitled "Religions of the World: Background to Current Events." Rabbi Bluming's topic in opening the semester is "Judaism, an Historic Perspective."

Maury Faden is the new principal of the Religious School.

Maury Faden will be the instructor for two courses at UNC-A, "Learning to Read Hebrew" and "Talking Your Way Through the Holy Land."

A Pot Luck Covered Dish Dinner was held Saturday evening, September 8, at the home of Stephanie and Lloyd Cooper.

Sisterhood's first general meeting was held Sunday morning, September 16. Breakfast was served, followed by a short business meeting and an interesting program. A Rummage Sale was held on the afternoon of the same day in Unger Hall. This is the major fund raiser for the year and it was held this year on September 16-19. Proceeds support the Religious School. Chairwoman was Elissa Brown.

Sisterhood served as hostesses for the High Holidays. Chairwoman of this project was Ruth

Janowitz. Sisterhood president for this year is Gloria Goldstein.

Gerry Schwartz, Director of The Counseling Center, was guest moderator for the program of the September Bookworms meeting. "Psychology: Facts and Fallacies" was the subject. Jeanne Kay is Chairwoman.

60 people attended Brotherhood's Brunch on Sunday, August 19. Guest presentation on Historic Asheville was by Robert G. Fortune. Brotherhood sponsored a reception after Selichot Services on September 22.

Transportation is provided to any Temple function for those who have no means of coming. Call Chairman Fred Hoffman 252-0624.

Scheduled for 1985 by Brotherhood and Sisterhood jointly is the annual Greet-New-Members Picnic. About 75 members and guests attended the event August 5, 1984. One of the most successful events of the year, it is planned away in advance.

Another shared project by Brotherhood and Sisterhood is the Temple Calendar for the year 1984-1985, available to all members of the congregation.

A four-week Adult Education course, "Understanding Genesis," is being taught by Rabbi Bluming October 21, November 4, 11, and 18 at 11:00 a.m. The Shabbat Study Group resumes meeting after the holidays.

Dr. Constance Head, Professor of Bible at Western Carolina University, presented two lectures.

The first was delivered Friday, September 7, "Hosea and Gomer: A Biblical Story of Steadfast Love," and on Yom Kippur afternoon, "Repentance and Forgiveness: Some Biblical Case Histories."

President of Temple Beth HaTephila is Arnold D. Sgan.

### Leading American critic to teach at UNCA in fall

Alfred Kazin, the foremost living critic of American literature, has been named the Bremen Scholar to teach this fall at UNCA. The post is endowed by the Sara and Joseph Bremen Fund.

Currently the Distinguished Professor of English at City University's Graduate Center and Hunter College in New York, Kazin will be in residence at UNCA Oct. 1-22.

Kazin's "On Native Grounds," the 1942 landmark survey of 20th century American prose, established him as a leading authority on American literature while he was still in his 20s.

Now 69, Kazin has just published another widely acclaimed survey titled "The American Procession," which traces "the crucial century" of 1830 to 1930. The title comes from Walt Whitman's tribute to Ralph Waldo Emerson as "the actual beginner of the whole procession."

The book begins with Emerson and ends a century later with T. S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, John Dos Passos, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Kazin is currently at work on another book, the working title of which is "A Writer's America: The American Writer and His Landscape." His other books include "Starting Out in the Thirties," "A Walker in the City" and "New York Jew."

Kazin worked as a journalist in wartime London where he was introduced to T. S. Eliot. He was also friend or colleague to John

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Dos Passos, Theodore Dreiser, James T. Farrell and critic Edmund Wilson.

### John Stevens named First Feldman Professor

Dr. John G. Stevens has been named the first Ruth and Leon Feldman Professor at UNCA. The award was established in January, 1983 with a \$25,000 endowment from Mrs. Ruth Feldman, wife of the late Dr. Leon Feldman, a long-time Asheville physician.

The award is designed to honor UNCA faculty "for service to UNCA and the community and for outstanding ability and demonstrated competence in research, published writing, and teaching."

Stevens, a professor of chemistry at UNCA since 1968, received the \$2,000 award for his work in the Asheville-area community and in chemical research and scholarship, according to Dr. Leo Bares, who chaired the Feldman Professor selection committee.

### RALEIGH, N.C.

by Selma Schoen

Rabbi Abe W. Schoen has fully recovered from his recent surgery and thanks the entire Jewish community for their prayers and good wishes.

MAZEL TOV to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Seidenstein on the marriage of their daughter Sherry to Mr. Wilbur Blake on September 1st in Raleigh.

To Mr. & Mrs. Howard Cohen on the marriage of their daughter Rhea to Dr. Brian Redmond on August 26th in Raleigh.

To Dr. & Mrs. Michael Stadiem on the birth of a son, David Herschel.

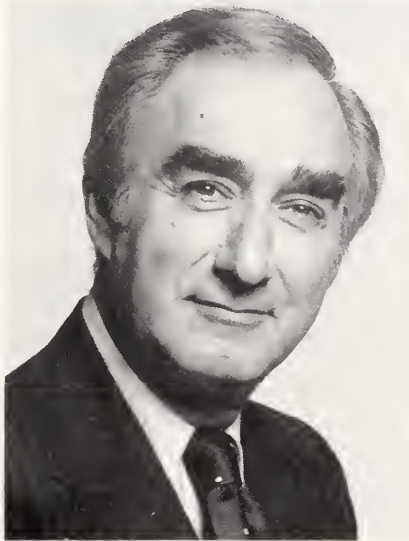
To Marilyn & Paul Rose on the birth of daughter Dara Rebecca. The proud grandparents are Esther and Leon Rose and great-grandma is Minnie Rose of North Miami Beach, Fla. We wish Minnie a speedy recovery and hope she will soon be well enough to visit little

Dara and her sister Jamie.

To Irene & Barry Silverstein on the birth of grandson Todd Aron in Los Angeles.

Best wishes to Norma and David Zendels who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

We sadly mark the passing of Pearl Emma, formerly of Raleigh, Libbie Fischman of Woodside, California, mother of Jayne Lowy, Jack Herman of Quincy, Mass., father of Chuck Herman, Jeannie Doliner, mother of Lee Doliner, and Florence Landau of Miami, mother of Ellie Neuman.



*Av Bondarin*


Temple Beth Or Brotherhood in Raleigh will hear Av Bondarin, Executive Director of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB), speak on "Brotherhood and the Search for

Excellence" at its opening Brotherhood Breakfast on September 23.

Bondarin has been with NFTB for 29 years. An Omaha native, he is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and was Program Director of Radio and Television Station KFOR in Lincoln for nine years. As a member of South Street Temple in Lincoln, Bondarin was Men's Club President, Temple Treasurer, youth group advisor, and Religious School teacher. He is now a member of Temple Beth El in Great Neck, New York, where he resides.

NFTB is comprised of 500 Temple Brotherhoods with over 70,000 members in the United States, Canada, and abroad. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Judaism.

Its educational arm, the Jewish Chautauqua Society, strives for improved interfaith relations. It endows Judaism courses at universities throughout the United States and Canada, assigns rabbinic lecturers to campuses, donates books of Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors Institutes for Christian Clergy.



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*Pesah Katzin (center) flanked by his 4 children: (L to R) Leonard Katzin, Elkie Tulman, Rochelle Rosenberg, and Elisha Katzin.*

## **KATZIN FAMILY REUNION**

by Elkie Tulman

In June of this year, a family reunion, long in the planning, came to fruition at the new Windmill Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel. It was a mini "kibbutz galuyot" (ingathering of the exiles)—a reunion which included the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Pesah and Bessie Batya (A.H.) Katzin. It was a dream come true, a heartwarming event, not without a measure of sorrow caused by the absence of Batya (Pesah's loving helpmat for 60 years) who had gone to her eternal rest on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem in November, 1982. Batya was the true "halutza" (pioneer) of the family, having gone to (then) Palestine alone with three young children in 1931. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Pesah could not join his family for two years, by which time his three American kids were speaking Hebrew fluently. (I am the eldest of those three children.) The family remained in Palestine for six years, during which time our baby sister Rochelle was born. Pesah and Batya, after several trips back and

forth, made permanent Aliya and settled in Jerusalem in 1963.

Over sixty "kissing cousins" and newly-found relatives converged on Jerusalem from as far away as Australia, South Africa, England and the U.S.A. Others came from various points in Israel (having made Aliya already). The family now boasts of several "sabras" (native-born Israelis), some born into the family and others who joined us through marriage. In the latter category, the family can now point with pride to two Sephardim in a formerly all Ashkenazi family.

During the days preceding the reunion celebration, the immediate Katzin family members (i.e. the direct lineal descendants of Pesah and Batya) were busy holding a series of dinner meetings to draw up the charter and by-laws of the family organization, which was legally registered as "Amutat Mishpahat Pesah U-Vatya Katzin." With Pesah as its President, the goals of the organization are three fold: the strengthening of family ties, promotion of Jewish education within the family and of Aliya to Israel. The following sons and sons-in-law were appointed as additional officers: Leonard Katzin of Beverly Hills, Cal., 1st V. P.;

Stanley Tulman of Charlotte, N.C. 2nd V.P.; Dr. Irving Rosenberg of West Hartford, Conn., Secretary; and Elisha Katzin of Jerusalem, Treasurer.

The highlight of the reunion was a festive evening which included a get-acquainted hour preceding a dinner and program for family members ranging in age from under a year to 86. A huge family-tree chart covered one of the walls in the hall and guests were encouraged to study it and make corrections and additions as needed. Special forms for this information were also on each table in addition to the blue printed programs for the evening's events. Speeches were made by several members of the family, but the most meaningful and touching words were those spoken "from the heart" by the patriarch of the family, Pesah Katzin.

During the dinner, four grandchildren (the children of Rochelle and Irving Rosenberg) presented a musical interlude of Hebrew songs.

Leonard Katzin and his son Dr. Shimon D. Katzin (from California) were responsible for most of preliminary planning and arrangements for this reunion, and it was the latter who did the geneological research. He prepared a slide show depicting scenes of Lomza, Poland, the area from which the family emigrated, the ship Lapland that brought Pesah Katzin to the U.S.A. in 1912 and various family portraits dating back to the turn of the century. The presentation was received with great enthusiasm and bursts of spontaneous comments and applause. Dr. Arnold Rotter, a grandson, videotaped parts of the proceedings and there were several amateur photographers busy throughout the evening. A photo album of the event is now in preparation.

The following day, family members and friends filled a touring bus which took them for a day-long tour of Shomron (Samaria). A most skillful Yemenite



Guide Hayim and Elkie Tulman at Shechem, the Tomb of Joseph



Renee & Max Werber

driver (appropriately named Shalom) maneuvered the large bus up and down steep mountain roads and hairpin curves. Our guide Hayim was a walking Encyclopedia Judaica, furnishing Biblical and historical background along the way at such places at Beth El, Shilo, Ma'ale Levona and Shechem (Nablus), etc. But most impressive of all were the numerous vibrant modern settlements perched atop formerly uninhabited barren, rocky hills. In fact, we were told that in some cases, helicopters were used to carry bulldozers to the top of unapproachable mountains to clear rocks and carve roads so that building could then start. We stopped for lunch at Emanuel, one such town, bustling with activity. Although only eight months old at the time, it had 300 families (averaging 7 members per family) and seven synagogues. With each of his visits, Hayim informed us, the numbers of babies and buildings increases in geometric proportions! In Sebastye (City of Shomron, built by King Ahab and Queen Jezebel) we saw a 2,000 year old staircase still in tact—a relic of Biblical times. At Shechem we saw newly excavated burial caves with sarcophagi and carved stone doors which still move on stone hinges. In that city we also saw the "Tomb of Joseph" with

adjacent yeshiva of "Od Yosef Hai" ("Joseph is yet alive," Genesis 45:26).

Our tour encompassed parts of the Biblical inheritance of Ephraim and Menashe, the two sons of Joseph. For us it was like a living page out of the Bible, and another chapter in our rich Jewish legacy, which we absorb with each successive visit to Israel.

For these wonderful experiences we are all indebted to Shimon Dov Katzin, father of Pesah. He was a great idealist and Zionist who originated the concept of a family organization and started a Fund for Family Aliya about 60 years ago. He was a shochet and Hebrew teacher in Wilson and in Winston-Salem, N.C. Unfortunately, he never got to see his beloved "Eretz Yisrael." He died enroute to Palestine in 1932, but was brought there and laid to rest on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem.

It is hoped that this reunion in Jerusalem will be followed by many more for the Katzin Tribe. According to the by-laws of the organization, the group must hold reunions every two to three years, preferably in Jerusalem. May this serve as an advance notice of the next reunion to all relatives (no matter how distant) of the Katzin Family. Join us in saying soon, "Next Year in Jerusalem!"

## WERBER-ROSENBERG

Kibbutz Ramat Rahel, on the outskirts of Jerusalem was the setting when Renee Lynn Rosenberg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Rosenberg of West Hartford, Conn., and Maxim George Werber, son of Mrs. Sidney Werber of Worcester, Mass. and Jerusalem were married June 28th. Officiating at the outdoor wedding was Rabbi Zalman Druk, District Rabbi of Jerusalem's Rehavia section.

The bride is the daughter of Rochelle Katzin Rosenberg (formerly of Winston-Salem, N.C.) and the granddaughter of Pesah Katzin (formerly of Winston-Salem and Jacksonville, N.C.) now residing in Jerusalem, Israel. The bride, incidentally, was born at the military hospital at Camp Lejeune, N.C. where her father, a dentist serving in the U.S. Navy, was stationed at the time.

Many members of the Katzin family who were in Israel for the family reunion, were able to remain and attend the wedding and reception which took place outdoors on the beautiful grounds of the kibbutz which offer a magnificent panoramic view of the Judean Hills.

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## COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES IN JEWISH EDUCATION

Two eminent rabbis today urged Jews to return to the basic moral values of Judaism, and to apply those values in dealing with the social problems that concern the general society today.

Among those problems, they cited the condition of the poor and the unemployed, schools, housing, nuclear proliferation, the right of privacy, capital punishment, abortion, and the definition of death.

Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, of Valley Beth Shalom, a Conservative synagogue in Encino, CA, and Rabbi Saul Berman, who next month will assume the post of Senior Rabbi at the Orthodox Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City, were the principal speakers at the first plenary session this evening of the ninth annual Conference of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE).

Rabbi Schulweis maintained that "a backlash of Holocaustal memories" had "unleashed a cynical suspicion of gentiles and a repudiation of the universalism and liberalism within the Jewish tradition."

"The pendulum has swung wildly toward a new Jewish toughness," he said, "toward a de facto disavowal of all claims on Jewish energies to struggle for others. There is a vital need to correct this swing of the pendulum toward parochial chauvinism."

"To ignore the universalistic dimension in Judaism," Rabbi Schulweis declared, "is to ignore the meaning of Jewish monotheism. God is 'melech ha olam—king of the universe and all the inhabitants thereof.' To mock Jewish universalism is to miss the meaning of God's creation of the whole universe."

Rabbi Schulweis supported his contention by extensive quotations from Biblical, Talmudic, and

post-Talmudic sources, including the Biblical injunction that there should be "one law for the home born and for the stranger that lives among you," and the Talmudic directive to "feed the hungry of the gentiles, visit the sick of the gentiles, and comfort the bereaved of the gentiles together with the Jewish poor and afflicted."

Rabbi Schulweis warned that "Jewish parochialism after the Holocaust makes a mockery of our justifiable outrage against churchmen and statesmen who would not act to protect Jews because it would compromise their narrow religious and secular self interests."

"What argument have we against such corporate selfishness," he queried, "when we defend our own behavior and attitude with the same squinting perspective?"

Jewish involvement in the social problems that confront society, Rabbi Berman declared, is "not a matter of philosophical or esthetic preference, but is a matter of religious obligation."

In addition, he said, "Jewish law attempts not only to govern the behavior of Jews among themselves, but posits the existence of minimal standards of moral behavior for all mankind. Those standards, known as the Noahide Commandments, form the fabric of divine will for the governments of all societies. They include such prohibitions as those against murder and theft, and require the establishment of courts of justice. As Jews, we bear the religious responsibility to convey those standards to all of mankind and to the society in which we live, and to aid in their implementation."

Rabbi Berman pointed out that "Jewish sages have for millenia struggled with questions such as the right of privacy, zoning for esthetic purposes, community health issues, definition of death, and treatment of the poor."

"We must draw on that Jewish wisdom," he said, "to enrich the public debate in America and to

elevate the moral standards of the country."

## CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVES IN JEWISH EDUCATION

by Rabbi Robert A. Seigel  
Education Director  
Carolina Agency for  
Jewish Education

Almost a decade ago a small group of concerned activist Jews came together to protest the level of Jewish education in America and the apparent lack of concern of the "Jewish Establishment" toward ameliorating the problem. They formed the COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES IN JEWISH EDUCATION, bringing together every conceivable segment of the Jewish community in a unified struggle for quality Jewish education. Each year the Coalition sponsors a conference that has now become the most dynamic week of Jewish educational experience to be found anywhere. The ninth annual conference was held this year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California at the end of August. More than fifteen hundred of the world's finest Jewish educators met to study and teach, to combat the sense of isolation that so many Jewish educators have, to learn new practical classroom and administrative skills, and to enrich themselves with intensive Judaic studies.

At CAJE IX (as the Stanford Conference was called) some of the original activists who had created the Coalition could occasionally be seen, but they were overshadowed by the massive presence of the "Jewish establishment" (Jewish federations, Boards of Jewish Education, Rabbinical schools of all branches of Judaism, etc.). As Pogo once said some years ago in Walt Kelly's comic strip: "We have met the enemy, and they is us!" Many of the

activist Jews of a decade ago have worked their way into the "establishment"; but more significantly, the rabbinical schools and boards and federations and publishers have been influenced by the Coalition and have held out their hands in united support. The result is that the Coalition has become the umbrella agency of all organizations and people concerned with quality Jewish education. In addition, the Coalition is one of the few (if not the *only*) forum where Orthodox, Hasidic, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist and secular Jews come together in mutual concern and—most importantly—mutual respect.

CAJE IX was my second such conference. Last year's conference in San Antonio, Texas, was so dynamic that my expectations for this year were practically Messianic. I was not disappointed. Attending the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education has become the highlight of my year, a week of spiritual refreshment, intellectual stimulation, and revitalization for the year ahead.

At Stanford University the School of Education was turned into an Israeli Pavilion with displays of literature, art and educational materials from a multitude of Israeli and Zionist sources. The Student Union become an exhibition hall for a multitude of publishers of Jewish educational texts, materials, computer programs, audio-visual aids, etc. as well as for rabbinical schools of all the movements and Jewish organizations ranging from The Jewish Braille Institute to the Committee to Save the Falashas. The School of Music became a Teacher's Resource Center, displaying the newest and most creative Jewish educational tools: hands-on computer time, creative teaching games, learning centers, school administration and classroom management tools. In addition, movies that could be

utilized in Jewish classrooms were being shown on a non-stop basis throughout the conference.

CAJE IX, attended by teachers and principals of religious schools, Hebrew schools and day schools as well as by rabbis, cantors, rabbinical school faculty, Jewish Community Center educational staff and personnel of Boards of Jewish Education, provided a once-a-year opportunity for those charged with the transmission of our heritage to the next generation.

An academic catalogue of courses offered at CAJE IX was as large as many university catalogues (272 pages) and was supplemented with a 30 page addendum. Courses were offered in over thirty fields of study, including such diverse classes as: "Teaching Spirituality to Adolescents", "Modern Midrashim", "Perspectives on Aging", "Yeminite Folklore", "Audio-Visual Teaching of the Arab-Israeli Conflict", "Using Games in the Classroom", "Problems in Teaching the Holocaust", "Hollywood Movies and Jewish Ethics", "Teaching Hebrew with Computers", and "Improving School Assemblies".

Every night Conference delegates were treated to some of the finest Jewish talent available: mimes, story tellers, folk singers, Midrash theater, Jewish Involvement theater, and an historical concert of some 20 cantors (men and women) sharing the beauty of Jewish music.

CAJE IX was an opportunity for the Jewish community of the North Carolina area. The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education brought back from CAJE IX new ideas and classroom tools to share with all the teachers and schools in our area. We are establishing a total Teacher Resource Center in Charlotte in which all forms of Jewish educational materials will be available for educators and teachers to assist in their curriculum development and course enrichment.

I plan to attend CAJE X outside

of Chicago next August. I hope that every synagogue, temple and day school in our area will send at least one delegate each to that conference as an investment in their school's educational program.

## CAGE REPORTS ITS PROGRESS

by Cyril Jacobs

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Men's latest project, **The Carolina Agency For Jewish Education**, is in the midst of its preparations for the new school year. Over the past few months since we commenced operations, we are able to look back at successful teachers' training sessions for Wilmington, Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Hickory and Durham.

This year, with Rabbi Robert A. Seigel as our Educational Director, we have already scheduled **Teachers' Institutes** at Raleigh/Durham on September 30, Greensboro late in October and Charlotte on November 11, and we are working with other communities for additional programs. Each of these sessions is open to Jewish teachers and other interested in Jewish education. If you have not yet been contacted, please call or write us. We are working toward the goal of a state-wide network of Jewish Education serving every Jewish Community no matter how small it is.

Our program is working in full cooperation with the Orthodox, Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist branches of Judaism. We are here to serve you in whatever area you feel you need assistance whether it be in access to our **Resource Center** containing the best and newest educational media—books, pamphlets, audio visual materials and computer programs. **Methodology** and **Teacher Aids** and **Assistance**. No matter what branch of Judaism you belong to, we have exciting and constructive materials. Whether

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*Executive Director Claire Krusch talks with Sadie Bird.*

### **ADULT CARE AND SHARE CENTER—THE ALTERNATIVE**

Claire Krusch obviously loves her work. She is the Executive Director of the Adult Care and Share Center located at 4305 Monroe Road in Charlotte. She has been the Executive Director since the Center opened on April 2nd, 1984.

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Senior Citizens can arrange to come to the Center from one to five days a week. The Center is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Two snacks and one hot meal a day are served. The cost is \$15.00 per day prepaid on a monthly basis. The Adult Care and Share Center has recently become a certified Center. The State will now subsidize up to five Senior Citizens who cannot afford to go to the Center.

There is an immense need for centers of this kind in the Charlotte area. While others like this one are abundant in most major metropolitan areas, there are only about 30 certified centers in North

Carolina, and only two in Charlotte. Adult Care and Share provides an alternative to premature entry into a nursing home or it may eliminate the need for a nursing home completely. In this way, the Center helps to keep families together. Adult Care and Share can handle sixteen people a day, or eighty different people a week. The Center is presently serving 15 people daily. Transportation to and from the Center is the responsibility of the family. Transportation can be arranged if necessary.

The backbone of this, or any similar operation, is volunteers.

Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. Volunteering can be just as rewarding and enjoyable as coming to the Center is for Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Krusch has hopes of starting support group for the people at the Center. During the sessions, they will thrash out problems that some may have difficulty in dealing with. She also plans to start a similar session for the families that will help to educate them in how to deal with problems their parents may have.

Our hats should go off to Mrs. Krusch and to all the volunteers who work at the Adult Care and



*George Sloan gets a visit from Brian Marchand and dog Skipper.*

Share Center. There IS a need and Mrs. Krusch and her co-workers are serving this need admirably. During the brief time that I spent with her, I found her to be a bright, eager and energetic person who feels deeply for the people at the Center, and who believes intensely in what she is doing and what the Center represents to the senior citizens. It is a home away from home that gives them a renewed or continuing interest in what is going on around them. The Center is a way to meet new friends and to discover, in some cases, a similarity in their situations. The Center also helps to free family members who wish to seek employment opportunities and it is less expensive than in-home care.

People may apply by contacting the Center at 334-8344. There will be an entrance interview, a brief application to be filled out, and a medical form must be signed by a physician.

The Adult Care and Share Center is made possible by grants from the Charlotte District and the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, The Greater Charlotte Foundation, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the IBM Fund for Community Service, and the United Way.

Rick Rierson

*If you are a man of the sword, you can't claim to be a man of the book; and if you are a man of the book, you will not be a man of the sword.*

TALMUD: 'Abodah Zarah, 17b

## THE JUBILEE YEAR AND THE BIBLE

VATICAN CITY . . . *L'Osservatore Romano*, the official newspaper of the Vatican, has published a special supplement in Italian on "The Jubilee Year and the Bible," featuring as its lead essay "Holy Year and Its Origins in the Jewish Jubilee Year" by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of the American Jewish Committee.

Rabbi Tanenbaum's scholarly essay was originally published in 1975 by the Vatican Commission for the Holy Year, and was translated into English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese. In its present Italian form in the Vatican publication, the article occupies four full pages and is illustrated with a series of medieval religious paintings.

Rabbi Tanenbaum wrote the article at the request of Vatican authorities while he served as director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee. He is now AJC director of international relations.

This is believed to be the first time that the Vatican daily has featured such a full-length Jewish historical and theological essay by a Jewish author. When published in 1975 in a Vatican book on the Holy Year, the article was distributed by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to all the American Catholic bishops and Catholic seminaries as a resource document.

In his essay, Rabbi Tanenbaum wrote: "My intention in this paper is to set forth an understanding of the Jubilee Year in Judaism and Jewish history, and to leave it to Catholic—and other Christian—authorities to draw any implications from this background study that may be appropriate for Christian observances of the Holy Year. My hope is that such reflection on the Jewish origins of the Jubilee Year might contribute to advancing understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Jews."

In his essay, Rabbi Tanenbaum traces the origins of the Jubilee Year in Biblical Judaism, and describes its practice and meaning as it was developed and experienced in about 3,000 years of Jewish history. "The Bible set forth," he writes, "four-fold obligations, all of which focus on realizing liberation in the actual life of the People of God as basic preconditions, or corollaries, to their spiritual liberation:

- a) Human—liberation of slaves;
- b) Economic—the moralization of the use of property and material goods;
- c) Ecological—liberation of the land;
- d) Educational—the creation of a spiritual democracy by devoting the Jubilee Year to intensive education of all men, women, children, and 'resident aliens' in the teachings of the Torah."

Copies of Rabbi Tanenbaum's essay are available by writing to the American Jewish Committee, 165 East 56 St., New York, NY 10022.



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## YOM KIPPUR & JONAH— REPENTANCE & OBLIGATION

by Dr. David Geffen

The Biblical book best known because of its illustrations is the Book of Jonah. Young, middle-aged or old, who doesn't have a vision of Jonah being swallowed by the whale? The story is told in art, in folk song, and in every imaginable visual form. This same story of Jonah (Yonah in Hebrew) is read near the climax of Yom Kippur. However, because of its length and frequently because of our weariness, we do not always appreciate the richness of the story and the many lessons which it teaches.

The American composer George Gershwin placed in his great folk operetta, "Porgy and Bess," a song entitled "It Ain't Necessarily So." The lyrics go: "the stories you're liable to read in the Bible—they ain't necessarily so." One of those stories is Jonah and the whale. Gershwin expressed a theme prevalent in our society in questioning Biblical stories in general and Jonah among them. This approach has trickled into very wide circles of thought, and not everybody finds the tale of Jonah, the reluctant prophet, authentic. On this Yom Kippur let us take a fresh look at the Jonah story and its significance.

The drama of Jonah opens with God commanding him to go to the city of Niniveh and to call upon the inhabitants to repent lest they be killed for their evil ways. Jonah is not prepared for a task of this magnitude and believes he can escape from God's domain by boarding a ship which will take him to the depths of the sea and to locales unknown. When a turbulent storm erupts, it is clear that it is God's doing. Jonah tries to sleep the storm out, but to no avail. The sailors call him, asking for his identification.

All Jonah can say is "I am a

Hebrew, and I fear the Lord the God of heaven who hath made the sea and dry land." This basic statement of faith is important because it indicates to God that Jonah is ready to continue his mission. For the sailors it means that Jonah is responsible for the storm, and much as they do not want to, they have to cast him into the sea.

After a brief sojourn in the belly of the 'large fish,' Jonah is spewed out safely on shore and continues to Niniveh to complete his mission. Upon entering the city, he announces publicly that in only forty days Niniveh will be destroyed. Unlike the generation of the flood, the people of Niniveh take Jonah seriously, donning sackcloth and ashes and indicate their contrition. The king himself sees his subjects' reaction, takes off his royal garments, and links himself with them through sackcloth and ashes.

A proclamation is issued to all in Niniveh urging the inhabitants to change their evil ways, concluding with these memorable lines: "Who knoweth whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?" The merciful attribute of God comes forward when it is clear how the people are trying to change their ways. Niniveh and its inhabitants are saved.

Jonah is in a dilemma. He had predicted destruction but there was none. He feels betrayed because he believed that he was carrying out God's word. The element of mercy is missing in Jonah's character. To bring this quality out in Jonah, God causes a gourd vine to grow which shelters him from the sun. Then to Jonah's dismay, God sends a worm to destroy the plant. The conclusion is evident—just as Jonah was concerned for a plan that he in no way brought into being, surely God should be concerned about human beings, the people of Niniveh, created to His own image, and want them to live.

What was really Jonah's problem in this tale? Chaim Greenberg, the

famous American Zionist thinker answered this question with unusual insight and originality. "Instead of being a prophet whose prophecy would bring warning and move the sinful to repent and to purge themselves of their sin, (Jonah) preferred being an oracle—a 'golem' through whom spoke the blind, brutal, fatal future. By this he lowered the prophetic calling; he destroyed the conditional nature of God's decrees. He confused God's hatred of evil in man with God's hatred of the evil man, as if the evil man were evil in essence and beyond hope, condemned forever to be wicked and with no road to repentance open to him".

This interpretation of the story of Jonah really speaks both about the significance of his plight and about the essence of the day of Yom Kippur. Jonah failed to see man's ability to do 'teshuva', the ability to 'turn around', so he froze the individual in the iceblock of evil forever. Yom Kippur comes to tell us that through repentance it is possible to melt the evil which has surrounded us and to emerge anew with a fresh and positive vision of life. Indeed that is the true meaning of Yom Kippur—humanity assisting in the implementation of God's words . . . "I do not desire the death of the wicked, but the return of the wicked from his ways." The message is that in the year to come each of us should try to face up to our shortcomings, overcome them and take the path which will permit us to transform ourselves, our society, our people and ultimately all of humanity.

## ON REFLECTION

### SHYLOCK: THE CONTINUING DEFAMATION

by Ira Gissen, Director North Carolina/Virginia Region Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

For many years my family and I visited Stratford, Connecticut to enjoy the Shakespearean productions presented there. The first was Morris Carnovsky's interpretation of King Lear which I saw with my late parents; the most recent, Othello, which my wife and I saw prior to its Broadway run. On the occasion of our younger daughter's bat mitzvah we traveled to England to visit Westminster synagogue, the memorial scrolls, and among other unforgettable experiences, Stratford-on-the-Avon where we enjoyed an inspired interpretation of The Taming of the Shrew.

I achieved a sense of accomplishment this summer when we visited Stratford, Ontario, the site of one of the modern world's three most famous Shakespearean festivals. Among the several plays by Shakespeare that we witnessed was Stratford, Ontario's new production of The Merchant of Venice. It was an anti-Semitic interpretation of Shakespeare's classic work.

The material for anti-Semitism in The Merchant of Venice is not exclusively in the domain of the character of Shylock. Indeed, it is important to note that Shylock appears in but five of twenty scenes and speaks only three hundred and fifty-nine of the two thousand five hundred and seventy eight lines. The other characters are provided an abundance of statements of insult and contempt. For example, Solanio, upon seeing Tubal, Shylock's co-religionist, approaching says: "Here comes another of the tribe. A third cannot be matched, unless the devil himself turn Jew." In the Stratford, Ontario production, such statements were said with a

passion and conviction I have never witnessed before.

Given the manner in which the Stratford, Ontario production inflated the anti-Semitic milieu surrounding Shylock, the portrayal of Shylock himself did not control the total impact of the play. Nevertheless, the actor John Neville further tainted the presentation by affecting a Yiddish intonation in his interpretation of Shylock. There is no basis whatsoever for that in Shakespeare's play.

Stratford, Ontario's interpretation of The Merchant of Venice falls far short of the standard enunciated by Sir Lawrence Oliver: "I find it impossible to think of Shylock as a really nice chap; he is just better quality stuff than any of the Christians in the play. They are truly vile, heartless, money-grubbing monsters and when Shylock makes his final exit, destroyed by defeat, one should sense that our Christian brothers are at last thoroughly ashamed of themselves."

The Merchant of Venice is a problem that will not go away. Nor, is it a problem that remains far away. Virginia Commonwealth University has announced that it will present The Merchant of Venice in its Performing Arts Center on April 17-21 and April 23-27.

## AJ COMMITTEE COMMENDS DEPORTATION OF BOLES LAV MAIKOVSKIS

The American Jewish Committee today issued the following statement:

"The American Jewish Committee strongly commends the Board of Immigration Appeals for ordering the deportation of the Nazi-collaborator and murderer Boleslav Maikovskis. As a chief of police under the Nazis in Latvia, Maikovskis was responsible for the persecution of gypsies in his district, for the burning of an entire village, and for the murder of thousands of Jewish and other Latvian citizens. It is bitterly ironic that, thanks to negligence and legal technicalities, so many former Nazis, guilty of unspeakably barbaric crimes, have been allowed to live out their lives in the freedom and peace they denied their victims. We are gratified that in this instance the Board of Immigration Appeals has called for justice."

The statement was issued by Theodore Ellenoff of New York, Chairman of American Jewish Committee's Board of Governors.

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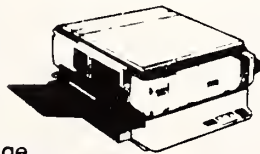
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## THE ETROG STORY

by Diane Lerner

"Muvchar," the mother of the small boy says about him as she strokes his head. He blushes, smiles shyly. Compliment of compliments. In the language of classifying Etrogim, the language in which he has grown up, "Muvchar" means "select," in fact, the very best there is. And this Bnai Brak youngster is as pleased as can be to be compared to the "fruit of beauty," as the Etrog is called in the Talmud. For cultivating Etrogim is a labor of love in which his family has been engaged for four generations.

Ever since the day, 80 years ago or more, that his great-grandfather, Rabbi Mordecai Ludmir of Safed, began growing the citron in Rosh Pina, then in Kfar Hitin and all through the central plain, the planting, nurturing and marketing of Etrogim has been a family affair. His descendants, the Ludmirs and Friedmans of Bnai Brak and Jerusalem, have grown up with the scent of Etrogim in their nostrils and an instinct for distinguishing between those ritually acceptable and those not, as well as a vocabulary for classifying them for the market.

The Etrog (citron) is part of the Four Species over which the blessing is recited during Sukkot, together with the other three, the lulav (palm branch) hadas, (myrtle) and aravah (willow).

Unique among the agricultural varieties that grow in this small country with its widely divergent climatic zones, the Etrog has the shortest season of any fruit: seven days of the Sukkot festival. Yet it provides year round livelihood for about 200 families. Furthermore, export is increasing steadily each year. The sale of Etrogim is centered in Tel Aviv around the Great Synagogue and on Ibn Gabirol Street in the square of the Municipality. It begins immediately after Yom Kippur, but weeks before that the fruit has been picked and crated at Ludmir's big warehouse

and carefully prepared for shipment to all parts of the world.

"We start praying for rain for the coming season in Cheshvan and for the winters to be mild and tender to the fruit," Ludmir observes as he shows us the way it is picked, then wrapped in soft, natural cotton imported from Bangladesh. Non-insulating, this flax-like material keeps the fruit at the same temperature and preserves its aroma for its long journey abroad and over the seven days of Sukkot.

America is number one customer and accounts for about 85% of Israel's export, with about 80,000 Etrogim being shipped there annually. Another 7,000 have European destinations, despite competition from those grown in Italy and available at a lower price. The Lulavim which grow in good supply in El Arish are equally in demand with about 100,000 being exported.

Israel-grown Etrogim face problems which do not have bearing on the fruit grown elsewhere: during Shmitta year (sabbatical year for produce) extremely orthodox Jews will not use any fruit from the land, and even in Israel the very pious will not use an Etrog that is murkay (grafted).

Nevertheless, exports are larger than official statistics indicate, as many tourists send or bring Israeli Etrogim with them for relatives. Revival of Jewish tradition among youth, the influx of Soviet Jews and efforts by the Lubavitcher Hassidim to stimulate observance of the Mitzva of the four species during Sukkot—all these have helped to draw new attention to the Etrog in recent years. Its use symbolizes appreciation of the fruits and plants of Eretz Yisrael and basic tenets of Judaism which changing times cannot alter.

How do you choose an Etrog? Ludmir will tell you the perfect one has a turret shaped top, its pittum (flowered blossom at the tip) and ikutz (the stem which is sunk in the broad base) face each other and

are intact. The fruit's furrowed surface and bumps distinguish from the ordinary lemon. But taste in its shape are as individual as the personality of the customer. Ludmir observes. For example, Orientals generally like round, fat Etrogim; Europeans the small lighter product weighing about 200 grams. Jews from Hungary show preference for oval shapes and smooth surfaces; Galicia customers like rough exteriors and Yemenites tend toward large Etrogim weighing up to 700 grams. Why? That is already a subject for psychologists and sociologists. Ludmir shrugs.

Right now Ludmir is over-occupied. Nevertheless, he is enjoying the season that will give so much employment and full religious observance of the holiday for so many observant Jews.

## DR. ISRAEL ELAD Classical Revisionist Zionism on the Redemption of the Jewish People

by Herb Keinson

A common thread woven through the writings of many early Zionists was the hope that with the creation of an independent Jewish State, Jews would at long last guide their own destiny. Since the very conception of the Zionist idea, the most favorable course for a Jewish State to chart has, however, been the source of intense and often bitter internal wrangling. A young state Israel is still in the process of self-definition. Her ultimate goals are yet to be determined; the nature of her society still to be firmly fixed. As such, the struggle over Israel's orientation in all spheres of life is being waged by various schools of political thought, each with a different vision of Israel's ideal destiny. One such vision, albeit a controversial one, is that of L

Israel Eldad, the self-proclaimed Grand Old Man" of Israel's Ideological Right.

A former leader of the "Stern Group" (Lehi), the smallest and most radical component of the pre-state Jewish underground, Dr. Eldad remains a firm believer in the Revisionist Zionist philosophy of Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Uri Zvi Greenberg and Avraham Stern. In a cogent and scholarly manner, the 44 year old academician has for over forty years been espousing a revolutionary brand of messianic, territorial Zionism. Historian and biblical scholar, columnist and university lecturer, Dr. Eldad seems almost single-handedly to put to rest the notion that Israel's "right wing" is today without any true intellectuals.

Dr. Eldad's premise is simple: Zionism is a revolution which has as its ultimate goal the physical and spiritual redemption of the Jewish people. The modern State of Israel is not an end, but rather "a tool for the accomplishment of an act of redemption". Referring to the Bible, as he is wont to do, Eldad reminds us that chronologically the Judges preceded the Prophets. The role of Deborah, Samson and Gideon, the role of Israel's Judges was to conquer the Land and physically pave the way for the spiritual renaissance heralded by the Prophets.

The analogy to modern Israel is obvious. The Jewish State, in Dr. Eldad's eyes, is a throwback to the biblical Judges. The aim of Zionism is to ingather the exiles, build up the Land, and settle her historic borders. This physical task, though arduous and difficult, is a necessary precondition to the longed for spiritual redemption of the Jewish people.

Many maintain, however, that Israel's social, economic and security problems somewhat belie the claim that we are now living in the Dawn of Redemption. Well aware of this argument, Dr. Eldad points out that the days of Judges were also less than ideal. Nevertheless," he forcefully

declares, "the Judges represented a necessary stage in history. Zionism represents a similar stage.

"History will not be written by what makes headlines tonight. History judges final achievements, and what we have accomplished so far is truly remarkable. Don't despair of Zionism because of today's immediate problems!"

It is not Eldad's messianic scenario as much as the political implications of his proposed script which generates such controversy. At the root of his unconventional political thought is the belief that Israel should summarily annex all the "liberated" territories, Judea, Samaria and the Gaza area. Opponents of such a move maintain that not only would the incorporation of over a million Arabs who came under our control after the Six-Day war in 1967 undermine the Jewish nature of the state, but that governing such a large and hostile minority would eventually call for the suspension of certain democratic procedures.

Somewhat aggravated by recurrent allusions to the demographic argument, Eldad claims that had Ben-Gurion listened to the fatalistic statisticians of his day, he would never have declared the independence of a Jewish state in 1948. "Yet," Eldad thunders, "rather than resigning itself to a political reality, Zionism has always attempted to change it. If two million diaspora Jews would immigrate to Israel today, there would be no demographic debate, the argument over Judea and Samaria would not exist. I don't have a Palestinian problem; I have a Brooklyn problem," he says referring to the relatively tiny proportions of American aliya.

Furthermore, Dr. Eldad argues, upon outright annexation Israel should make it clear to the Arabs within her expanded borders that they have one of three options: those wishing to stay must become loyal citizens; those remaining hostile must realize they are 'playing with fire'; and those

desirous of emigrating should be helped and even encouraged to do so.

To many Israelis such a problem sounds dangerously anti-democratic. Eldad counters by stressing that it is the redemption of the Jewish people, not Western democracy, which represents Zionism's ultimate goals.

In an article in the Jerusalem Post, Eldad unabashedly wrote: "At the root of my thinking is the approach that there are matters to which the standards of Western democracy cannot be applied, for we are still in a revolutionary process. In a revolution all serves the ideal, and Zionism, for me, is the ideal."

Israel must determine, Eldad contends, if the ultimate goals of Zionism are best served by Western democracy. Though conceding that theoretically democracy is the best form of government, Israel's perennial firebrand argues that it is a luxury not necessarily suited to every political condition. "At this historic and difficult stage, how much democracy can Israel truly afford?" It is the radical nature of this provocative question which, for many Israelis, renders Dr. Eldad such a formidable, problematic and controversial public figure.

#### **WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE: HOW TO BALANCE OFF RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD CHILDREN, OLDER PARENTS AND SELF**

A new Hadassah study guide declares that at no time in history have so many women had the responsibility of helping an elderly parent, parent-in-law, or even a grandparent. At the same time, the traditional roles as wife, homemaker, mother and grandmother have been augmented by jobs outside the home. Many women also have a deep

commitment to goals of various organizations, reflected in time and energy devoted to volunteer work. As a consequence, many such women have become "women in the middle."

Hadassah, the largest women's volunteer organization in the U.S., has developed a course of study to help women to examine and cope with their responsibilities.

"The issue is not one of love and caring; rather, the questions are How should love and caring be expressed? What kinds of things can and should families in general do for their aged? What kinds of things can be done satisfactorily by paid workers or workers from private or governmental agencies? Are there any clues about what will happen in the future?" Elaine M. Brody, Director of the Department of Human Services and Senior Researcher at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center gave the above summary in an introduction to the study guide.

Rabbi Walter S. Wurzbarger quoted the biblical expression, the "Splendor of the crown of a ripe old age," as he encourages the development of a more spiritual approach to the meaning of human existence, when burdens of caring for aged parents will no longer be perceived as useless. "Instead, they will be treated as a means to such values as gratitude, loyalty, and the sanctity of life, which after all is said and done, represent major ingredients of what morally speaking is a desirable quality of life."

Another essay in the study guide is written by Blu Greenberg. She concludes: "On the surface, it seems like a no-win situation for women in the middle. But if we scratch the surface ever so slightly, we see that it is a much different story. Everyone makes fine adjustments in his or her life and everyone wins: the elderly, because they feel loved, cared for, and worthwhile instead of feeling discarded in the twilight of their lives; the young, because they have

a unique sense of intergenerational links; and middle-aged children, because we feel the creative tensions in our lives. We need not relinquish any of the blessings—neither the new opportunities for women nor the ancient values of hesed, of acts of loving kindness, as we fulfill this fundamental mitzva. This is the Jewish way of having it all.

Prepared in cooperation with the Jewish Education Department, the American Affairs Department and National Leadership Development with Deborah Kaplan, Coordinator of the Education Division and Joseph Lowin, National Education Director, as editor. Hadassah felt an obligation to its members to help them in their personal lives. The Study Guide is available to its member for \$2, to non-members \$4. Write Hadassah, 50 W 58th St., New York 10019

### BAKED FISH

1 3-lb. fish, cleaned and whole. Stuff with dressing (below). Rub with salt and oil or butter. Dredge with flour. Season with paprika. Cut 3 or 4 deep gashes. Line a greased shallow pan with cheesecloth, if desired, for easy removal, so that it can be turned out onto a platter without breaking. Bake at 350° allowing 15 minutes per lb. Baste frequently with mixture of 2 parts water and 1 part melted butter or oil.

Dressing for 3 lb. fish: Combine 1½ c. bread crumbs with 2 T.

chopped onion, ½ c. celery, 2 chopped parsley, and 1 or 2 beat eggs. Season with ½ t. salt, ½ paprika and ¼ t. nutmeg. U enough milk to make a loo dressing. Fill the fish and sew sid together with coarse needle a thread.

Serve fish on platter garnish with slices of lemon and sprigs fresh parsley. This recipe car from Mrs. Robert D. Carey, wife Governor of Wyoming from 1919 1923.

### BAKED CELERY WITH ALMONDS

2 bunches celery  
1 cup blanched  
toasted slivered almonds  
1 cup thick  
rich cream sauce  
salt & pepper  
butter, bread crumbs

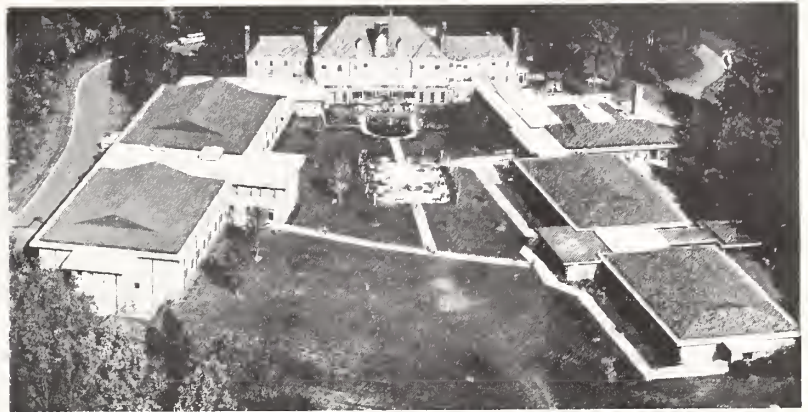
Scrape and slice the large sta of celery into ½" slices. Boil tender in salted water. Reserve 1 of liquid; thin cream sauce w this. Place celery, sauce a almonds in layers in flat butter baking dish. Season each lay with salt and pepper and doth w butter. Top with bread crumbs a additional almonds. Bake at 35 till heated through and brown Can be made in the morning a reheated. Serves 6.

*"For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return"—  
in between, can a little drink hurt?*



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## OCTOBER, 1984

### Pasternak Featured at Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 18 is the day! BJH is the place. YOU ARE INVITED!

#### Business Meeting — 10:30 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Home will convene at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Reports from member organizations and Board Committees will be followed by the election of trustees and special presentations.

#### Brunch & "Cadillac Drawing" — 11:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., the meeting will break for the annual blintz brunch in A-Wing dining room. There, while sampling the gastronomical delights prepared by the BJH dietary staff, you will want to have your raffle tickets in hand. The men of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men are once again sponsoring the "Cadillac Drawing."

Chaired by the illustrious Hugo Rosenberger of Charlotte, the Association is offering \$5000 in cash prizes to the five lucky ticket holders whose numbers are last to be called. In addition there will be a \$700 (retail value) designer watch awarded as a consolation to the one who "almost" had a \$1000 ticket. Door prizes galore will keep all ticket holders on the edge of their seats.

Raffle tickets are being mailed. If for some reason you do not receive as many as you would like to have, please contact Hugo Rosenberger, (704) 366-6616. He will see to it that you have an opportunity to participate in this worthwhile and fun fundraiser for the Home.

#### Business Meeting Resumes — 1:15 p.m.

The President and Executive Director will give brief annual reports.

#### An Afternoon With Velvel Pasternak — "Hassidic Music — A Joyous Celebration"

Immediately following the conclusion of the business meeting, **Velvel Pasternak** will entertain and enlighten us with an afternoon of Hassidic music. Velvel Pasternak's name has become synonymous with Hassidic music. His eighteen recordings and eight books have become the definitive works in their field. He has lectured extensively in synagogues, community centers, university campuses and classrooms throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel. He brings the glorious heritage of Hassidic music to enthusiastic audiences wherever he appears.

By means of tape recordings, Mr. Pasternak introduces his audiences to the finger-snapping and foot-tapping melodies which have become the hallmark of Hassidic music. In addition, he succeeds in transmitting a renewed appreciation for the Hassidim, one of the most colorful groups in Jewish life.

Mr. Pasternak presently serves as Associate Professor of Jewish music at Touro College in New York City.

"The pulse of a people is its music." We hope you will join other members of the Home for this day of celebration at the 1984 Annual Meeting.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE ACTIVATED

In May, the Board of Governors participated in a retreat at Wildacres in order to determine the future plans of the Home. They reaffirmed the six-point mission statement which includes maintaining, improving and promoting the plant and service to the existing population, expansion of the population to be served to include more independent residents, outreach programs, and educational and research programs.

It was decided that a master plan to synthesize projected campus expansion would be the primary focus for the initial phase. Mr. Pliner, president of the Board, called on Lewis Eisenstadt, Chairman of the Planning Committee, to lead his committee to bring in a report by Fall of this year.

As part of this process, Odell & Associates of Charlotte and Greenville, S.C. were engaged to pull together the first steps in the development of a master plan. On August 8, 9, and 10, the Planning Committee engaged in a "squatter's session" at the Home. There they reviewed the factors and options to be considered both in upgrading the Home and for expansion.

In addition to Odell & Associates, representatives from Laventhol & Horwath of Philadelphia, and Van Scoyoc Associates of Falls Church, Virginia were present. A special dietary consultant was engaged to review the existing dietary department regarding the future plans.

Participating with Mr. Eisenstadt on the Planning Committee are the following Board members:

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Arnold Pickholtz  
Herman Blumenthal  
Ruth Feldman  
Morris Speizman  
Ruth Julian  
Jan Samet  
Leonard Guyes  
Wade Gallant



*Wade Gallant, Ruth Feldman, Jan Samet, Arnold Pickholtz, Leonard Guyes and Herman Blumenthal listen intently to the discussion.*

### WANT ADS

Often the residents of the Home can use items contributed by our leadership. Please review the current "needs" list and consider donating either these items or money to purchase them.

Polyester/cotton material for sewing projects

Three adjustable wall-mount lamps for the craft shop

Cosmetics and perfumes

Deluxe Scrabble edition

Studio piano for the auditorium

Small electronic keyboard

Stuffing material

12 medium-sized hand mirrors

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David Citron, MD  
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Dan Horvitz  
David Zendels  
Norman Pliner

The TIMES OUTLOOK readers will have an opportunity to hear and see the results of the Planning Committee deliberations in the months ahead.

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during the month of August.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Stan Gray  
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### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Judy Bowden, Nursing Asst.,  
A Wing

Dorothy Bryant, RN, B-2

Jean Garland, Nursing Asst.,  
B-2

Dallas Hamilton, Nursing  
Asst., B-2

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Belinda Salazar,  
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Jean Shaffer, LPN, B-1

Martha Shinault, LPN, B-1

Joe Smith, Maintenance

## FOCUS ON A RESIDENT: ROSE HALPERN

By Judy Bowden, RT



Rose Halpern

One of A Wing's liveliest and most active residents, Mrs. Rose Halpern, was born in 1912 in Brooklyn, New York. She has two daughters, Gene Stanions and Elaine Fruchtman, both of Miami, Florida.

In 1956, Rose made her home in Greensboro, NC, where she resided until she moved to the Blumenthal Jewish Home almost a year ago. While living in Greensboro, Rose is very active in the Jewish community and served as secretary of the Beth David Synagogue for twenty-five years.

She has earned a reputation throughout the Home as one of our finest residents, for she can be found in the Craft Shop whenever it is open, helping residents and staff with her needle art skills. She has accomplished a number of projects,

and has recently received much attention for her "alterations department," which has become a small business in itself.

In addition to her interest in the Craft Shop, Rose enjoys walking, needlepoint and painting. Her most recent painting is entitled, "The Surfer," and was displayed in October at the Dixie Classic Fair in

Winston-Salem. Rose also donates time as an RSVP Volunteer.

Rose enjoys being at the Home, and describes her roommate situation as ideal. Her friendliness, sense of humor, and spirit of cooperation are true assets to the A Wing Community, and since coming to live at the Home she has made many positive contributions.

## HOME CO-SPONSORS WORKSHOP ON HELPING FAMILIES"

The Forsyth County Council for Older Adults and the Blumenthal Jewish Home co-sponsored a workshop for family members of older adults and professionals from multi-related services. Over 25 people attended the workshop, which was held in Winston-Salem in August.

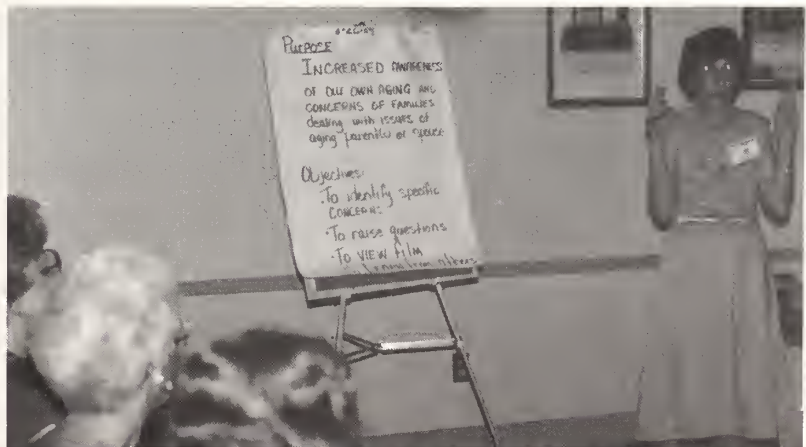
Presentations on techniques for dealing with aging parents, as well as resource-sharing, were the goals for this workshop. Participants viewed the film, "You and Your Aging Parent," and discussed the implications of each of four cases identified in the film.

The conference was coordinated by Jan Sawyer, Director of Community Programming. Edna Blevins, Director of Social Services at the Home, and Peggy Matthews, Executive Director of the Forsyth Co. Council for Older

Adults, led the workshop sessions. This experience was a first in terms of approaching family members and professionals through the same medium, and was highly successful as a network and information-sharing experience. Family members and professionals both expressed a greater sensitivity to the responsibilities carried by other participants

in the workshop.

This workshop was the first of several joint ventures with the Forsyth Co. Council for Older Adults. Other co-sponsorships include the National Perspectives on Alzheimer's Disease conference in September, and an informational meeting for the proposed Shepherd's concept in October.



Peggy Matthews emphasizes a point.

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## STATE OF THE ART BATHING SYSTEM INSTALLED AT BJH

Douglas Lanham,  
Dir. of Facility Services

We have, at the Home, three new pieces of equipment that will add greatly to the comfort and health of our residents. We have recently purchased and have installed new tubs in each of the Home's living units. These are not ordinary bathtubs by any stretch of the imagination. They were manufactured by the ARJO Equipment Co. of Sweden, and are the latest in state-of-the-art tubs. These tubs are equipped with a water hydraulic lift system that enables an attendant to raise the tub to working height, thus preventing disabling back injury. Not only will this system help prevent accidents to the staff, but it will also help prevent accidents to the residents while they are being positioned for bathing. The tubs also have self-contained water controls which monitor the temperature of the incoming water, prohibiting water over 110° from entering the



*Doug Lanham demonstrates the new bathing system to A Wing staff.*

tub, thus reducing the risk of scalds.

The tubs also feature a built-in whirlpool jet with a massage-type hand held nozzle for directing water pressure to sore muscles or perineal cleansing. The whirlpool unit has a self-contained disinfectant system which allows the attendant to disinfect both the tub and the whirlpool jet between uses, thus reducing the spread of any infection from one resident to another.

As part of the new installation, each unit comes equipped with a hydraulic chair and stretcher lifts which nursing personnel use to lift

residents from either bed or wheelchair, transport the resident to the tub, and gently lower him into the tub. These lifts greatly reduce risk of injury to residents and staff during the transfer and bathing process. They are of great value to the residents who cannot bathe themselves and must rely on others for their personal hygiene. They allow the staff to perform this task with greatest consideration for safety and dignity. The staff enjoys using this equipment which has alleviated many of the former problems we had with conventional tub baths.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*May your name be inscribed  
in the Book of Life with Health  
and Happiness:*

Edward Dwiel  
Mary Chizik  
Gertrude Eisenberg  
Molly Feldman  
Martha Paley  
Stephanie Holub  
Fannie Krusch  
Ann Lentz  
Jennie Raben  
Elsie Robertson  
Rena Rosenfeld  
Zeno Sink  
Lillian Sutton  
Badonna Gottlieb  
Milton Steinberger  
Pansy Springthorpe

### WELCOME

*May you have a long, happy  
and healthy life:*

Rose Amster, Goldsboro,  
North Carolina  
Harold Hanson, Winston-  
Salem, North Carolina  
Priscilla Lacy, Winston-Salem,  
North Carolina  
Robert Morefield, Jr., Winston-  
Salem, North Carolina  
Nathan Sutker, Charlotte,  
North Carolina  
Martha Paley, Miami Beach,  
Florida



### IN MEMORY OF:

We mourn the loss of Ros  
Kent, Betty Grobstein, Moll  
Schwartz and Sadie Ashendor  
May their cherished memories  
bring comfort to their loved  
ones.



## FOCUS ON THE STAFF

ELLEN L. WHITE

Executive Secretary

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Ellen White

involvement in Board activities and special events. These include such functions as Board retreats, the Annual Meeting, and the Annual Membership Drive.

The enthusiasm she brings to her work at the Home is mirrored in her activities away from BJH. She is the President of The Women's Network, an organization of professional and career-minded women who exchange information and encourage both personal and professional growth. She is also active in her church, and has served on regional commissions dealing with the church and society.

In her two years at BJH she has contributed organizational ability, insight and humor to the cogs of the

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

#### 1 YEAR

Sonya Black, Receptionist  
Alphonso Brown, Orderly, B-1  
Chuck Dizard, Asst. Executive Director  
Steve Gainey, Orderly, B-1

#### 2 YEARS

Libby Carter, Unit Manager, B-1

#### 3 YEARS

Amy Minton, LPN, B-2  
Brenda McClamrock, Laundry  
Karen Neeley, Laundry  
Eva Strickland, Nursing Asst., B-1

#### 5 YEARS

Lorraine Hetrick, RN, B-2

#### 6 YEARS

Margaret Reid, Nursing Asst., B-2

#### 8 YEARS

Maxine Newman, Dietary

#### 15 YEARS

Lorena Durham, LPN, A Wing

institution, and it is for these special qualities that we recognize and commend her work.

*Ed. Note: We are pleased to note that Ellen's new position is that of Administrative Assistant.*

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

### OCTOBER 2

\*Sr. Citizens' Day at the Dixie Classic Fair. Leave at 10:30 am

### OCTOBER 5

Yom Kippur Eve, Services at 6:15

### OCTOBER 6

Day of Atonement. Services at 9:15 am and 3:00 pm

### OCTOBER 9

\*Out to Breakfast. Leave at 8 am

### OCTOBER 10

First meal in the Succah, 5:15 pm

Succoth services, 6:15 pm

### OCTOBER 11

Succoth services, 9:30 am

### OCTOBER 12

Succoth services, 9:30 am

### OCTOBER 18

Yiskor, services at 9:30 am

### OCTOBER 19

Simhat Torah, services at 9:30 am

### OCTOBER 21

Brenner Concert, 3 pm

### OCTOBER 23

\*Out to lunch, leave at 11:15 am

### OCTOBER 26

\*Montcastle Forum, leave at 11:15 am

### OCTOBER 31

Halloween Gong Show, 2:30 pm

Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the month of October.

\*off-campus activities

## PLEASE TELL ME

by Ruth Wharton  
Social Services Coordinator

- Q. *How is laundry cared for?*
- A. Laundry is done by the Home and is included in your per diem rate. We suggest that as many things as possible be wash and wear. Articles that require hand washing can be done by the resident or family. We will send out clothing that must be dry-cleaned, but residents must assume the charge. Be sure that every item is marked. We try to assure that each article of clothing is returned from the laundry, but this can only be done if you have marked each of the things you bring in.
- Q. *Once I come in, can I go out overnight or for the weekend to visit my family?*
- A. Yes, we encourage leaves of absence. We do need your doctor's permission. Some residents leave for a week's vacation. There are some limitations on leaves if you are under the Medicaid program. Please check with your social worker in making plans for a leave of absence.
- Q. *Who tells the residents when they should take baths? My mother never remembers to take hers.*
- A. Our nursing staff supervises and/or care for all activities of daily living. Each resident has baths scheduled on a regular basis, and each resident is given the encouragement or assistance he/she needs for bathing.
- Q. *Do I have to turn all my assets over to the Home when I come in? I really want to leave a portion of my estate to my grandchildren.*
- A. No, that policy was changed five years ago. Every resident is on a pay-as-you-go policy. You only pay for the services as long as you use them. Donations by you and other members of the community are part of what makes

our Home special. However, donations have nothing to do with your admission or the services you receive.

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### HOME'S RSVP VOLUNTEERS DO COMMUNITY SERVICE

A number of the Home's residents belong to the "Retired Senior Volunteer Corps," a national network of older adults who serve as volunteers in a multitude of different responsibilities.

Some of the resident RSVP'ers have begun work on a project to make CareBear pillows for local preschoolers in the Forsyth County area. Their task is to cut, sew, stuff and finish 100 CareBear figures for the children's naptime. A recent visit to the craftshop attested to their commitment, as six or seven different

volunteers assisted on an "assembly line" to complete the task. Other RSVP projects over the last few months have included envelope stuffing for a charity enterprise, sewing aprons for the kitchen, making "Pink Broomstick" kits for the Cancer Society; and assisting with delivery of Meals on Wheels.

We are proud of our RSVP volunteers and the services they perform for the benefit of the local community!

#### RSVP VOLUNTEERS

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Claire Bernstein  
Selma Caston  
Anni Frankl  
Alice Fruh  
Rose Halpern  
Virginia Harmon  
Rose Leibowitz  
Fay Moss  
Rose Spire



*Claire Bernstein (Greensboro) cuts the Care Bear pillows while project coordinator, Agnes David, demonstrates the finished product.*

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BE A HASSID TO ENJOY  
PASTERNAK!**

**Sunday, November 18th  
Blumenthal Jewish Home  
An Afternoon With Velvel Pasternak**

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Tommy Shaw, granddaughter of B-2's Unit Manager Nicole Shaw, entertained residents at last month's birthday party.



A Wing residents gave Sharon Roever a gift of a blanket and towels to celebrate her September marriage. Eleanor Altshuller (Chapel Hill), Anna and John Stemper (Clemmons) and Edna Blevins, MSW, look on.



Madeline Martinat (Lenoir) and 4-year-old Rhonda cross the generation barrier.



Julius Neumarkt (Charlotte) goes for a ringer in the horseshoe tournament against Meadowbrook Manor.



Living life — Ruth Menins (Gastonia), Howard Robin Rover and Sylvia Sadoff (Charlotte).



Posing for a picture: Zona Willard (Winston-Salem) and Ruby Redd.

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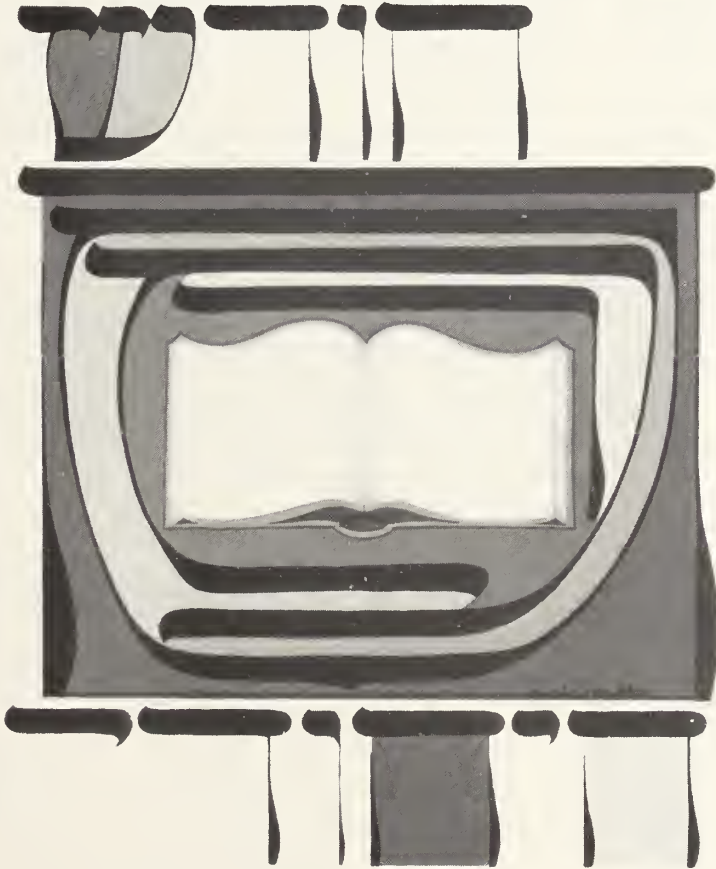
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# Editorial

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT

*The below is excerpted from H. M. Brackenridge's historic address to the Maryland House of Representatives in 1819 when the so-called "Jew Bill" was under consideration. I think it has some current relevance.*

Dear Friends:

I do nothing more than repeat what has already been so often and so much better expressed by the enlightened statesmen of our country. There is hardly a distinguished American who has not in some mode or other, given to these ideas his decided approbation. They are deeply engraven on the tablets of those political doctrines which are considered as eternal and immutable. They are among the first lessons inculcated on our youthful minds; they are interwoven in the texture of our political constitutions; and so deeply are we impressed with their truth that every American must subscribe to this proposition, as the test of the progress of his attainments—**that religion is a matter between man and his God—that the temporal arm should be interposed to direct the actions of men, and not their thoughts.**

I abhor intolerance, whether it be political or religious; and yet, I scarcely regard religious tolerance as a virtue. What! has weak and erring man a right to give permission to his fellow mortal to offer his adorations to the Supreme Being after his own manner? Did I not feel somehow restrained from pursuing this subject, I would endeavor to demonstrate that the idea of such permission, or toleration, is no better than impiety.

I content myself with calling your

attention to what has been the effect in this country of leaving religion to be taught from the pulpit. Is there, let me ask, less genuine Christianity in America than in any other Christian country?

If the interference of government be necessary to uphold it, such ought to be the natural consequence. Certainly we are not disposed to confess an inferiority in this particular. Sirs, I believe there is more!

It has been repeated that this is a **Christian Land**—that the Christian religion ought here to be at least legally avowed and acknowledged. I see no disrespect offered to any religion where the government simply declares that every man may enjoy his own, provided he discharges his social duties; and that the only support of religion should be derived from the zeal, affection and faith of those who support it.

But, we are told that this is a Christian land, and that we are Christians! I rejoice to hear it, and I hope we will prove ourselves worthy of the name by acting on this, and on every other occasion, with Christian spirit. The great author of that sublime religion promised no worldly benefits, for he emphatically declared that his kingdom was not of this world. Let us sever once and for all the unnatural union between temporal power and religious faith. Let us give unto Caesar those things that are Caesar's, and unto God those things that are God's.

Sincerely,

H. M. Brackenridge

## ANY BOOKS YOU AREN'T USING?

Many Jewish congregations have prayer books or text books which are no longer in use, which might be used by other congregations. We suggest to any reader who is aware of such books in a library or storeroom, bookshelves or tucked away in boxes, send notice of the titles and quantities to the American Jewish Times Outlook, so that contact may be made with any organization desirous of obtaining them.

It is also suggested that titles of books required be submitted to in case they might be unused in possession of another institution. Address replies to this notice to PO Box 33218, Charlotte, 28233

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# Kibbitzing-Community News

## CHARLOTTE, NC TEMPLE ISRAEL

The Rosalie Citron Ashendorf Memorial Concert this year presented An Evening of Beautiful Music, featuring Georgi Riabikoff, pianist, in a program of familiar classics on Sunday, October 14, at Temple Israel. A reception followed the concert.

Bondarama of Sisterhood announced its September winners: Lois Benjamin, Doris Fligel, Blanche Palley, and Esther Frank. There is still time for your name to be selected. Send your \$25 check made out to Temple Israel to Ilse Bergen, 7039 Burlwood Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. Drawings will be held monthly at Sisterhood meetings.

USY and Kadima attended a Leadership Training Institute at Camp Blue Star at Hendersonville, NC. Attending from Charlotte were Suzane Bograd, Adina Dressner, Julia Dressner, Lorin Horowitz, Marci Jankowitz, Audrey Jankowitz, Karen Leventhal, Lee Benjamin, Philip Coblenz, David Kirsch, Elise Labovitz, Karen Lewis, Amy Seitlin, Scott Shapiro, Scott Silverstein, and Kara Silverstein. President of Kadima Executive Board is Amy Seitlin.

Temple Israel Men's Club breakfast was held Sunday, October 28, in the I. D. Blumenthal Hall. D. G. Martin and Alex McMillian participated in a Congressional Debate.

The Yiddish Vinkl resumes classes for the year. Its first meeting was held Wednesday evening, October 3 at Temple Beth Shalom. For information contact Baila Pransky or Abraham Luski.

Sisterhood's Torah Fund Luncheon held October 10 was a luncheon meeting and featured Dr. Sanford Benjamin, who is Vice

President Elect of United Synagogue, Southeast Region, Northern Council and also Vice President of Temple Israel. He spoke of "The Changing Role of Women in Conservative Judaism."

Temple Israel's Adult Education program presented James Ross, Charlotte Community Counselor, on Friday evening, October 26. His subject was "Life On The Up-Side."

All of the friends and acquaintances of Ellie and Ron Katz and their daughter Joanne, mourn with them the loss of their beloved daughter Cheryl.

## KAPLAN TO SPEAK AT WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Rabbi Paul Kaplan of Knoxville will speak at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee on October 22 in a program sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society (JCS).

JCS, the educational arm of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB), endorses Judaism courses at universities throughout the United States and Canada, assigns rabbinic lecturers to campuses, donates books



*Dr. Alfred Gottschalk (R) President of Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion congratulates Walter Klein (C) on his Chairmanship of the Cincinnati Board of Overseers. Immediate president Donald Newman, (Tulsa, Oklahoma) looks on. Walter Klein member of Temple Beth El of Charlotte, resides with his wife Elizabeth Matthews, N.C.*

Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors institutes for Christian Clergy in its goal of improved interfaith relations.

NFTB is comprised of 500 Temple Brotherhoods with over 70,000 members in the United States, Canada, and abroad. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Judaism.

Kaplan is spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, where he has served for three years.

He is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and has been involved with numerous civic organizations.

Rabbi Kaplan was ordained in 1974 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he earned a Master of Hebrew Letters while in attendance.

Prior to his present position, Kaplan served pulpits in North Carolina and Indiana.

## **SPARTANBURG, SC**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pincus of Dallas, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Marla Joy, to Henry (Hank) Jay Steinberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Steinberg, of Spartanburg.

Miss Pincus graduated from Hillcrest High School in Dallas and received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from University of Texas in Austin. She is employed by T.D. Marshall Elementary School in Dallas.

Mr. Steinberg graduated from Spartanburg High School and received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a Group Sales Consultant for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Atlanta, Georgia.

The couple will be married June at Tiferet Israel Synagogue, Dallas, Texas.



*Lauren Bea Adler*

## **ADLER-STARK ENGAGEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adler, 805 Waverly Place, Statesville, NC announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren Bea to Philip Leslie Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stark, 2153 Starfire Drive, NE Atlanta, GA. A March wedding is planned at Temple Israel, Charlotte with Rabbi Robert Seigel officiating.

The bride-elect is a granddaughter of the late Rosa and Albert Heimann of Long Island, NY and the late Sara and Moritz Adler of New York City. She graduated from the University of Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and was a member of Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority. She is employed as a computer product consultant with the First Atlanta Corporation, Atlanta, in the Corporation's Computer Information Center.

The bridegroom-elect is a grandson of Margaret and Nathan Reisman of Atlanta, and the late Josephine and Nathan Stark of Atlanta. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and was a member of Alphi Epsilon Pi Fraternity. He is employed as an account

representative with the Atlanta Regional Office of Cella Associates.

## **BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE, GREENSBORO, NC**

On Sunday, October 28, Sisterhood and Men's Club jointly held a Bazaar and Rummage Sale. The set-up for the sale was carried out on Thursday night, October 25, and Saturday Night, the 27th. A wine and cheese party followed the work on Saturday night. Ellen Nelson was chairman.

On Friday, September 14, a special celebration took place. A traditional Shabbat Dinner was held in honor on newcomers. This was also a joint venture between the Men's Club, Sisterhood, and the Synagogue's Newcomers Committee.

The entire synagogue family participated in building a Sukkah and in its decoration.

Beth David is led by Rabbi Edward H. Feldheim. Educational Director is Eileen Pinnolis, president of the congregation is Gene Krusch. Men's Club is Howard Weinstein, Sisterhood's is Ellen Nelson.

## **MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE, FRANKLIN NC**

Mountain Synagogue, the only Jewish congregation southwest of Asheville, held services for Yom Kippur on Friday evening and Saturday, October 5 and 6. A break-the-fast followed. Members throughout the area attended the services at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church on Roller Mill Road in Franklin. Information about the congregation may be obtained from Pearl Fegarsky (Sylva-Cullowhee) 586-6991, Rose Temkin (Franklin) 369-6871, or Gloria Bass (Franklin) 369-6834. David Schulman of Sylva and Franklin is Chairman of Publicity.

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## COLUMBIA, SC TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION

A jointly sponsored program was held after services Friday evening at Tree of Life on November 2, "Everything You Wanted to Know About the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute." There was a slide presentation and discussion led by Lilyan R. Klein, R.N., Coordinator Volunteer Services, followed by a question and answer period with a panel of WSHPI staff members.

Tree of Life is sponsoring a performance of "Fiddler on the roof" at the Workshop Theatre on November 19. Call Sandy Hertz or Zach Bazerman for reservations.

Kristina Schmidt and Henrietta Block served a German dinner at the Congregation on October 27. Sisterhood held a Donor Luncheon on October 2 at the home of Mrs. Joe Klein. Guests enjoyed a musical program. Proceeds will be used to establish a leadership training fund.

Brotherhood held its October breakfast on the 14th of the month. The Jewish Committee for Nuclear Disarmament presented a program sponsored by the Carolina Peace Resource Center.

Rabbi Howard Kosovske has been serving as interim president of the Christian-Jewish Congress of South Carolina until October. Tree of Life's Rabbi Kosovske will deliver a major lecture at the annual convention of the National Association of Temple Educators in December in Clearwater, FL.

Featured in Tree of Life's October bulletin is Steve Savitz, dedicated board member and member of the Executive Committee. An attorney in labor law, he represents management in Columbia. He is a native of Columbia, son of Sam and Sylvia Savitz. Steve and his wife Jennifer have two daughters who attend the Religious School, Heather and Jenny.



*Nancy & Robert Kipnis*

### LEVIN-KIPNIS WEDDING

On August 19, 1984, at Temple Israel in Charlotte, North Carolina, Nancy Ellen Levin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Levin of Charlotte, was married to Robert Joel Kipnis, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Kipnis of Clayton, Missouri. Rabbi Richard Rocklin and Cantor Frank Birnbaum conducted the ceremony beneath a chuppah of satin ribbons, woven by Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Helfman, friends of the groom's family.

Nancy's attendants included Susan Levin, maid of honor, Linda Levin Goldsmith, matron of honor, Lynne Kipnis Rothman, Laura Kipnis, Joanne Zippel, Randi Dodick, Taryn Gottlieb, Debbie King, and Maxanne Resnick.

Bob's best man was David Kaplowitz and his groomsmen included Bruce Levin, Mark Goldsmith, Steve Rothman, David Zippel, Alan Kronovet, Barry Menick, and Dan Trellis.

The grandparents in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bazar of Palm Beach, Florida and Mr. Sidney Levin of Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Nancy, who attended Charlotte Country Day School, received her B.A. in Economics from Brown University in 1981. After two years

as an economic consultant with Price Waterhouse in Washington D.C., she enrolled in UNC/Chapel Hill School of Business. She will receive her MBA this spring.

Bob, who attended Clayton High School, received his B.A. in Biology from Brown University in 1981. He will graduate from the Duke University School of Medicine in May, 1985.

After their honeymoon in Antigua, West Indies, the newlyweds now reside in Durham, North Carolina.



*Daniel Brenner*

### DON'T JUDGE A BOY BY HIS COVER

by Daniel Brenner, 10th Grader  
Myers Park High School  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
a graduate of the North Carolina  
Hebrew Academy.

If I wrote that I was a southern white, male, 15 years of age, who lives in suburbia with his mother, father, brother, and cat, and then went on to say that I went to school usually go to the movies on weekends, and enjoy my mother home cooking, I would bore you.

The one thing which separates me and my life from others is that I have taken the road less traveled. I am Jewish. That has made all the

ifference.

I have always believed that the most important things in life can be found in the heart. My Bar Mitzvah, my Jewish education, and my Jewish home are exactly those important things.

Experiences, in life, are valuable. My Bar Mitzvah, for example, was such an experience. In Judaism, when a boy turns 13, he becomes a man. The ceremony and the celebrating parts are important, but more so are the studies, reparations, and the times I stopped to think. In *Dover Beach*, Matthew Arnold gives us a message that we should take time out from everyday life and think about our goals in life, our destinies, and our dreams. My Bar Mitzvah was like this. I thought about what being a man meant and what my future Jewish life would be. I also had a concrete experience in maturity. The Torah is supposed to be read by a reader without mistake and in tune. I was taught by my Bar Mitzvah teacher to read with these goals in mind. While achieving goals I had to discipline myself, which is one of the attributes that turns a child into an adult.

In Judaism, learning is a goal. It is said that to learn, one must have the desire to learn. My Jewish education has fostered that desire. For almost half my life (7 years) I went to the Hebrew Academy. There I learned language, the history, and the spirit of my people. In Hebrew there is a word RUACH which means "spirit of the heart." Ruach best describes my feelings.

When I grow older I will look back and, with tears of joy, remember my Jewish home. My love for studying Hebrew with my father, and most of all celebrating the Sabbath on Friday night with my family. Most people will not remember saying the prayer for wine or the prayer after meals, but I will always remember them because they are planted deep inside me.

The difference can be found in

the deepest, darkest corners of the heart. I may look like the average boy from the south, but I really am not.

*Rabbi Israel J. Gerber, Professor of Psychology at Johnson C. Smith University, has been nominated by the school for the United Negro College Fund Distinguished Scholars Program.*

### **SOUTHEAST JEWISH GROUPS MAP STRATEGY TO COUNTER "DANGEROUS TIMES" FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

"These are dangerous times, particularly for us Jews, because the current attack on the principle of church-state separation threatens a decreasing legal protection of religious freedom in America," warned Neil Cogan, Texas Regional President of the American Jewish Congress, as he keyed an all-day strategy session of Southeastern Jewish leaders held in Atlanta under the auspices of the National Jewish Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC).

Over 25 representatives from central Jewish community relations agencies in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee gathered at the headquarters of the Atlanta Jewish Federation for today's strategy session, the third in a series of eight regional "consultations" being convened during September and October by NJCRAC to address the current threats to the principle of church-state separation.

"We may be entering an era of religious legislation," Cogan declared, as he pointed to efforts to allow prayer in the public schools and other laws "motivated by particular religious views and practices."

Cogan also charged that recent

Supreme Court decisions allowing government support for religious symbols lead to "government entanglement with religion," consequent "eroding of church-state separation," and a "secularization of our beliefs." He called on the Jewish community to strongly oppose this trend.

Defense against current attempts to bring religion into the public schools, and to provide government support for the display of religious symbols such as creches, crosses and menorahs, were the two areas focused on by the community representatives at the consultation.

As schools open for the new academic year, the effect of recently passed federal legislation to allow "equal access" to public school facilities by private religious groups is an immediate concern. Continuing attempts to

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pass laws allowing some form of prayer in the schools, and the Supreme Court decision allowing government participation in displays of religious symbols, can also be expected to be of direct community concern.

Community delegates stressed the need for working with long-term coalitions in each community to counter the sustained onslaught against church-state separation. A widely held view was that the Jewish community has a special sense of the consequences of the attempt to "Christianize America."

In joining coalitions, delegates stressed, the Jewish community has to convey to its coalition partners and to decision-makers why these practices represent the imposition of a majority point of view on the Jewish community as a minority group. Otherwise, it was emphasized, the result can be the kind of insensitivity to minority concerns that were expressed by Justice Burger in his opinion in the **Lynch** Nativity-scene case.

Delegates reported that many Jewish community members misunderstood the religious symbol issue, thinking that "equal treatment" for Jewish religious symbols, such as publicly-funded menorah displays, should be the goal. Instead, the participants agreed, the vital importance of barring government participation in any religious displays, including menorahs, must be emphasized and well understood, especially in the Jewish community.

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## THE JEWISH CALENDAR

This article answers the many questions frequently asked about the Jewish Calendar. We are grateful to World Zionist Press Service in Jerusalem.

## THE SECRET OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR WAS REVEALED IN 58 C.E.

by Yitzchak Dinur

(WZPS)—Communications systems have always played a key role in all civilizations. During the period of the Second Temple the kindling of a bonfire on the Mount of Olives officially decreed that witnesses had observed the new moon in Jerusalem and that the Sanhedrin had announced the beginning of a new month. The news was transmitted throughout the land of Israel and beyond by chains of mountaintop bonfires which provided the basis for specifying the months and festival dates during and before the Jewish calendar was determined by calculation.

In later years, when bonfires were deemed to be a dangerous means of communicating, the Sanhedrin utilized messengers to announce the new moon. But this human factor introduced an element of uncertainty, and it was therefore decided that in the Diaspora, major festivals should be observed for two days: a ruling that is still adhered to today.

Unlike the Christian solar calendar, which was reformed by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, the much more ancient Jewish calendar (which harks back to elements held in common with Babylonian and Greek culture) is uni-solar: lunar months are fitted into the solar year. Dates of festivals are based upon the Bible and, according to ancient tradition, the day begins at sunset the previous evening. It is for this reason that the Jewish Sabbath starts on Friday evening.

As long as the Jewish community and the Sanhedrin in Palestine maintained some

vestiges of independence under the Romans, the monthly despatch of messengers continued. But as this era came to a close, the Head of the Sanhedrin, the Patriarch Hillel II in 358 C.E. made public the hitherto jealously guarded method of calculating the Jewish calendar. This system is still in force today, having been finally perfected in the tenth century.

The Jewish calendar runs in a cycle of nineteen years with lunar months of 29 and 30 days. Since 12 lunar months do not make a full year, in seven of these years—the third, sixth, eighth, eleventh, fourteenth, seventeenth and nineteenth years—a leap month is added to keep the calendar in step with the solar year. Regular years have 353-354 days and leap years have 383-385 days. Today, because adjustments are made for astronomical and religious reasons, the first of the month sometimes differs from the true day of the new moon by a day or two. But as a whole, the system is very accurate and will not have to be corrected for thousands of years.

The Jewish calendric era is considered to begin from the creation of the world. It is designated Anno Mundi—A.M., not to be confused with a.m. (Ante Meridiem, before noon). This was arrived at in the ninth century by computation of events in the Bible. By the twelfth century it had determined that the Era of the Creation began on October 7, 3761 B.C.E. By today's calendar that

was 5745 years ago.

The names of the months which are Babylonian in origin are: Nissan (March-April), Iyar (April-May), Sivan (May-June), Tammuz (June-July), Av (July-August), Elul (August-September), Tishre (September-October), Heshvan (October-November), Kislev (November-December), Tevet (December-January), Shevat (January-February), Adar (February-March). The leap month comes after Adar and is called Adar Beth.

The months are counted from Nissan, but New Year—Rosh Hashana—falls on the first of Tishre, six months later. This phenomenon is due to the fact that there were originally two calendric systems. The year could begin from the new moon nearest the beginning of the barley harvest in spring—Nissan just before Passover—or nearest the Ingathering of Fruits in autumn before Succot, at the beginning of Tishre. In the Mishna, four new years are mentioned: the first of Nissan is the new year for kings and seasonal festivals, while the first of Elul is for tithing cattle.

The first of Tishre—Rosh Hashana—is for reckoning years, septennial cycles and jubilees; and the new year for trees on the 15th Shevat is for determining the tithes of fruit trees, although today it is celebrated like Arbor Day.

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society we realize that in addition to the calendar year beginning in January we have a fiscal year beginning in April and an academic year which begins every September.

To find the Jewish year quickly, subtract 239 from the last three figures of the Gregorian year and add 5000: (1)984—239 = 745 + 5000 = 5745. This indicates that the New Year (Rosh Hashana) of 5745 A.M. falls in September-October 1984, and that most of 5745 A.M.

continues into 1985.

Exact dates are no problem either. The Index Volume of the Encyclopedia Judaica contains a 100-year calendar with all the corresponding Jewish and Gregorian dates from 1920 to 2020—a far cry from the bonfires on the Mount of Olives.

*Time is of short duration and flies aw swifter than the shades of evening. We are like the child who grasps a sunbea in his hand, and when he opens it find it empty, to his amazement, and all th brightness gone.*

*Jedaiah ben Bedersi*

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TO LIFE, a non-profit educational organization, is bringing internationally recognized authority on self-concept enhancement, Dr. Dov Elkins, to Charlotte to conduct a lecture and seminar on "Learning To Love Yourself: The Magic Of Self Esteem." The evening lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, and will be followed on Thursday, November 15, with a seminar from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Elkins is the author of over 100 articles and 17 books including *Teaching People To Love Themselves*. The seminar he will conduct on Thursday, November 15, is for professionals and interested individuals seeking to find ways in which to positively effect the self-esteem of others. For example, parents, teachers, health care professionals, managers, etc. The program will focus on assisting people in accepting and exploring the positive aspects of their total selves. Dr. Elkins will also work with the participants to discover ways to improve interpersonal relationships and feel better about themselves.

The cost for the evening lecture at 7:30, November 14, is \$6.00. The cost of the seminar on November 15 is \$40.00. A lunch is included in the price of the seminar. Both events will be held at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1931 Selwyn Avenue. For more information or to register, individuals should contact:

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## HERITAGE, CIVILIZATION AND THE JEWS

by Mrs. E. J. Evans

The Television Series, *Heritage, Civilization and the Jews*, will be presented by Educational Television every Monday night beginning October 1, 1984 through November. For the first time in history an educational series will be presented covering the history of the Jewish people from the beginning until now.

Eli Evans of the Revson Foundation conceived the idea and persuaded Mr. Abba Eban to be the narrator. A group of outstanding scholars planned the format and had part in writing the series. The series has taken six years to produce. Eli is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Evans.

The series went to 19 countries and 29 locations on four continents for the filming. From the shores of the Dead Sea to the Roman Forum, from the ghetto in Venice to the Great Synagogue in Amsterdam, from the Rothschilds' Paris salon to the Judah Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, *Heritage* takes the viewer to the sites where Jewish history unfolded.

The epic series premiered nationally on Monday, October 1, on the PBS network, the largest in the United States, with 300 affiliates. The second of the nine one-hour segments was seen the next night, and the remaining seven on consecutive Monday nights.

*Heritage: Civilization and the Jews* is in a class by itself. It is the only television series on the history of the Jewish people, a generally overlooked subject. As a dramatization of Eban's book, *My People*, it was broadened to show the relationship between Judaism and Western civilization.

The series is on a mammoth scale never before attempted, covering 4,000 years of Jewish history. It begins with the birth of Western civilization in the Fertile

Crescent and the emergence, within the glittering empires of Mesopotamia and Egypt, of a seminomadic people with the original idea of a God above nature. The time spent on the production of *Heritage* is unprecedented. Begun in the fall of 1978, it has taken six years to bring to the television screen.

The series is the most costly ever produced—\$11 million for production. Charles H. Revson Foundation provided the seed money and a subsequent grant of \$1 million in major funding also came from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mr. Eban said: "Jews are only a tiny segment of the human race—14 million out of 4.5 billion. Yet it is one of the mysteries why so small a group has had such a resonance in history."

"A sense of responsibility weighs heavily upon everyone involved. We know this subject won't be done again for many years. What we're doing here will stand for a long time."

### INTRODUCTION OF ABBA EBAN

By Eli H. Evans, President,  
Charles H. Revson Foundation  
at the WNET Banquet honoring  
*Civilization and the Jews*  
Lincoln Center

Wednesday, September 19, 1984

I feel very much tonight like the tugboat pulling the Queen Mary. My job is to introduce Abba Eban, but there is an old Yiddish expression that roughly translated goes: "Before I speak I would like to say a few words."

This is a proud night for WNET and I want to pay tribute to Jay Iselin and the staff at Channel 13, all of whom are to be congratulated for this achievement. I want to say a special word about the creative people. When Woodrow Wilson saw his first film, *D. W. Griffith's Birth of a Nation*, he said it was "like writing with lightning." WNET

is not Mount Olympus but the lightning-makers are here tonight—the producers, researchers, writers who have poured years of their lives and talent into the production. There is a lot of passion in these hours and shows, in so many ways. So when you see a writer or an editor around tonight, give him or her a hug. They deserve it.

This is also a proud night for public broadcasting in America. Series of this nature were always up to now, the special province of the BBC. I spent several months there in the late seventies when the dream of this idea was growing, talking to the producers and writers of the Kenneth Clark series, *Civilization*, and the Bronkowskis series, *The Ascent of Man*, which their way were models for the project we celebrate tonight. They were talent and experience, yes, but it was no mystery as to why they were able to commit themselves to such sweeping projects. The BBC had a large annual budget which allowed it to pull together staff and producers and then invite Clark and Bronkowski to spend several years learning about television. The American system is not a large centrally-funded network, but a constellation of many stations and each project has to stand on its own. Large scale productions had to be funded independently.

So it was with a great amount of courage that WNET and its trustees and staff took on the challenge of as difficult and as wide-ranging a task as this one.

The result is a milestone for public broadcasting in America, and, at last, a production we can send to Britain in appreciation of all they have done for American culture. And perhaps there is a destiny in its timing. The series arrives at a moment in history of rising religious consciousness and the lessons of tolerance and understanding that it teaches are so fundamental to our survival.

This is also proud night for the funders of this enterprise. Phil-

thropy and the non-profit institutions it supports are never more creative than when large risks and big ideas are involved.

This evening of celebration is occurring because a great many people in this room—trustees, individuals, the station itself—went out on a limb for this project, again and again, even as they thought they heard behind them the faint buzz of a saw. They contributed because of the inspiration of an idea, and many went forward without knowing what the series would be like. We were all animated and drawn forward by the fact that this project would not be done on this scale perhaps ever again, and therefore, it had to be done right.

The funders took this chance in one sense because of their faith in Abba Eban—in his intellect, his voice, his rare capacity to teach—but mostly, it was a belief in the subject, its importance to human history. They believed in the idea.

The series is special in many ways—its visual beauty, because it has been a labor of love for the creative team involved; its variety, because it has been filmed in sites all over the world; its research, which involved thousands of still photographs, film footage, museum collections, archeological locations worldwide.

It is also special because the written and teaching materials surrounding the series were not an afterthought, but an integral part of the planning and a fundamental core of the project itself. This interaction between the visual and the print material is unique in the history of television.

Thus, the series is not just a television experience, though millions will enjoy it just on that level, but for those who want to participate, it can be a total intellectual and emotional learning experience—a learning experience enhanced by television.

Thus, we are urging the American people not just to watch the series, but to participate in it;

not just to be viewers, but readers, discussants, questioners—to be learners, to see it with family and friends, to use the books and guides and the teaching materials.

And just as the Clark and Bronkowski series have been shown in 5,000 college classrooms since they were on the air, so will this series have a long and far-reaching after-broadcast life. Already, 130 colleges and universities will be offering courses this fall. October 1 is just the beginning—this series will go on for decades. It was planned that way. It was built to last.

When Abba Eban and I first talked, he was captivated with the idea that a television experience could be created that would not portray Jews as "victims" or Israel as a "problem" but would reach back in time and seek to understand the strands in the tapestry of history and then reweave them together again into the story of the Jews and of western civilization.

And who better to guide this

effort and inspire it than Abba Eban.

For all of his adult life, he has been a leading figure in the modern history of the Jewish people.

As a statesman, diplomat, scholar, and author, he has served his people—not only intellectually, but as an activist.

In 1948, he was appointed Israel's representative to the United Nations and became the modern voice of the Jewish people.

My grandfather watched the young ambassador fervently and turned to me once and said, "You must learn to speak like Abba Eban." That never happened, but if my grandfather could be here tonight, I know he would be as surprised and as proud as I am.

Let me introduce Mr. Eban tonight not as he is usually introduced—as a statesman or a diplomat—but as he once told me he really wished to be known.

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## JDC—DAY CARE FOR ELDERLY

by Chris Leppek

*Intermountain Jewish News (Denver)*

Near the center of the old Israeli city of Jaffa, under the cooling shade of the tall trees that tower above it, stands a rather ordinary set of buildings with a rather important role.

Once a military hospital, then a maternity hospital, this complex known as Zahalon came under the direction of new masters a few years ago. Under a program co-sponsored by the Israeli Ministry of Health and local agencies, the Joint Distribution Committee is helping utilize Zahalon as a prototype in a fledgling effort to vastly upgrade Israel's system of caring for its elderly citizens.

On a recent morning, a small delegation from the United Jewish Appeal/Community Campaign Opening Leadership Conference visited this facility. They were greeted in the pleasant courtyard with the strains of "Shalom Aleichem" sung by a chorus of Jaffa residents who spend their days within Zahalon's day center for the elderly. Inside, in a clean and well-furnished dining room, the delegates were treated to more music (including, in a fine touch of symbolism, "We Shall Overcome") before quickly touring the rest of the facility.

Although the buildings themselves are decades old, they are in solid shape and well-furnished. The main structure contains the facility's main function which is to provide a comfortable and accessible environment for those residents of the Jaffa-Tel Aviv area who are mobile and essentially self-sufficient. There are crafts and exercise classes, noontime meals, extra activities such as the chorus, and plenty of opportunities to avoid solitude.

Several yards away stands a building used for the handicapped elderly who are driven to the center daily and returned home after

spending several hours in a place which provides essentially the same services as the day care, but tailors to the needs of the physically handicapped.

Upstairs is a spacious facility in which medical, psychological and social workers provide care for those elderly who have a range of handicaps. This day care facility provides comfort, attention and, most importantly, a safe environment for its charges.

Three dimensions of Zahalon's services represent efforts by JDC, with ESHEL, the Association for Care and Services for the Aged, to care for Israel's elderly on a day-time basis, allowing them to return to their homes in the evening and thereby preventing, in as many cases as possible, a family decision to choose a full-time nursing home. Such a program's economic benefits are matched, JDC contends, by its therapeutic and social benefits.

Currently, Zahalon is approaching capacity in some of its facilities and the staff is eagerly awaiting the completion of a new building on the campus, a nursing center for the psychologically handicapped elderly. This new facility will provide Zahalon with an additional 30 short-term beds for such patients, as well as 70 full-time beds, greatly increasing the center's ability to serve its community needs.

The Israeli medical establishment is closely watching the progress and effectiveness of such early day care facilities as Zahalon, says Chaim Burger, a Ministry of Health psychiatric social worker. Nevertheless, needs still greatly outnumber existing services and Israel's escalating inflation rate will surely force government cutbacks in such human services as these. The support from UJA—which provides nearly all of JDC's \$46.5 million budget for overseas Jewish needs—and from other non-governmental sources, Burger indicates, is becoming steadily more crucial.

Burger is pointed in describing most existing nursing homes in Israel as "a nightmare." "In Israel you have money, the nursing homes are pretty good," he says. "But if you're poor and sick, and need of help, things aren't so good." The Zahalon project is an example of what Israel can be doing for the elderly, but at this point it's very far from adequate."

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**November**—*Fantasy and Form: the Hanukkah Lamp*

Exhibit of over 60 objects demonstrating imagination and a variety of Hanukkah lamps over two centuries, accompanied by archaeological objects. Taken from the Museum's permanent collection, which is the finest such collection in the world, its curator is Susan L. Braunstein, Assistant Curator of Judaica.

**November 8 to March 15**—*The Jewish Heritage in American Folk Art*

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Museum and the Museum of American Folk Art, this exhibit chronicles American folk art as it relates to more than two centuries of American Jewish history. Over 120 objects are on display, many never publicly exhibited before. There are examples of wood-carving, papercutting, manuscript illumination, painting, embroidery, and quilts and samplers are included.

Continuing Exhibits: *Larry Rivers' History of Matzah: The Story of the Jews* (through January 25); *Tefila—Dina Recanati Sculpture* (through February 25); *Le-Hayyim—To Life! Cups of Sanctification and Celebration*. An exhibit drawn from the Museum's superb collection of Kiddush cups dating from the Renaissance.

Permanent installations: *Israel in Antiquity, and Coins Reveal*. Phone the Museum for special programs including films and talks 360-1860.

### RABBI MARC TANENBAUM RECEIVES INTER-RELIGIOUS AWARD

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of International Relations of the American Jewish Committee, today branded as "a myth that has no basis in historical fact" the notion that America was formerly a great nation because it was a Christian nation.

His remarks were delivered to a group of business and religious leaders at a ceremony honoring him for 30 years of leadership in improving Christian-Jewish relations, held by the organization Religion in American Life (RIAL), which presented Rabbi Tanenbaum with its fifth annual Earle B. Pleasant Interreligious Award. The Rabbi is the first Jew to receive the award from the Interfaith group, composed of 51 national organizations of all major faiths. The luncheon ceremony took place at the Episcopal Church Center, 815

Second Avenue, which houses the RIAL offices.

Rabbi Tanenbaum said he considered his receiving this year's award "special value in light of the current national debate over the relation of religion to politics," explaining that "confusion and a series of mythologies" under public discussion "contradict everything that RIAL and American pluralism stand for."

He added: "The heightened efforts of Christian fundamentalists to impose their sectarian moralities on the entire American people through the manipulation of the powers of the state is based on a mythological notion that America 'in the good old days' was a great nation because it was a Christian nation, indeed, 'An Evangelical Empire.'

"That is simply a myth that has no basis in historical fact. The only time America was a 'Christian nation' was during the period of the Massachusetts Bay Colony founded in 1629, and that theocratic experiment collapsed after 60 years because its diverse population would not tolerate its imposed orthodoxy."

Rabbi Tanenbaum rebutted what he described as another prevalent myth, that the country at a previous time was more religious and moral than it is today. "In the 17th and 18th centuries, no more than 10 percent of the population was affiliated with churches and synagogues," he said. "The wild frontier was a society of moral chaos, drunkenness, violence and debauchery. America today is far more religious and moral, and that has taken place because of an atmosphere of freedom of conscience and voluntary commitment to religion."

Rabbi Tanenbaum was presented with an obelisk inscribed "for his distinguished leadership" from John Mack Carter, editor in chief of *Good Housekeeping* and RIAL national chairman.

In addition, Robert P. Keim gave the Rabbi a silver bell on behalf of

The Advertising Council, of which Mr. Keim is president. The Advertising Council conducts and coordinates a public service campaign for RIAL which has been the major vehicle for RIAL's promotion of voluntary religious practice in the United States.

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About 500 women have become Episcopal priests in the United States in the last decade, while in India an age-old barrier has fallen as 22 women have become Hindu priests.

In October 1983 the faculty of The Jewish Theological Seminary voted to admit women as candidates for ordination. This term, 19 women registered as members of the first rabbinical school class to include women. Some had been awaiting the decision. All share a commitment to observe the mitzvot from which women are traditionally exempt, a condition of their acceptance.



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# JEWISH BOOK MONTH

## JWB POSTERS HERALD 1984 JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Two colorful JWB posters—one for children, the other of general interest—herald a widely observed date on the North American calendar—the continental celebration of Jewish Book Month.

The 1984 observance, sponsored by the JWB Jewish Book Council, will be marked from November 18 to December 18, according to Blu Greenberg, council president.

"The 59th annual Jewish Book Month stirs excitement in the world of Jewish books," Mrs. Greenberg says. "It provides an impetus for all of us to enlarge our libraries and to increase our knowledge."

The history of Jewish Book Month goes back to 1925, when a Boston librarian named Fanny Goldstein set up a Judaica exhibit to mark the first Jewish Book Week. It later gained national acceptance and popularity. By 1943, when the Jewish Book Council was formally organized, the week-long event had expanded into Jewish Book Month.

Mordechai Rosenstein, one of America's foremost Hebraic artists, designed the general-interest Jewish Book Month poster that demonstrates his expertise in Hebrew calligraphy. The words, *Hodesh ha-Sefer ha-Yehudi*, in Hebrew, which translates into "Jewish Book Month," are in calligraphy and dominate the poster.

"The Jewish Book Month poster was a delight to design," Rosenstein says. "I arranged the *ha-Sefer* in the form of a modernized bull's-eye, with an open book as the centerpiece."

The children's poster, designed by Donna Ruff, shows a girl and boy reading under a tree with books among its leaves. Individual

Hebrew letters on some of the book form the words, *Aytz Hayyim Hee*, for "Tree of Life."

## NEW TRENDS AND CHALLENGES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 'BOOK'

by Erika Oyserman

(WZPS)—The Jewish people, who have long flattered themselves as being the 'People of the Book', are rapidly developing a new pastime. According to a research project by the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation in 1982 and published under the title 'Is the Book still of central value in Israeli Culture?' Israeli are also becoming the 'people of television and video home equipment.'

The role of books in the pre-state yishuv, according to the study, was central, and in 1932 the number of books published in Eretz Israel was equal to the Jewish population of the country. The popularity of books in those days can be explained by the lack of existing external stimuli, the modest standard of living in an age that preceded the age of consumerism, and the fact that no television was available. Today, for at least half of Israel's population, television has become the main source of entertainment. But for the other half, books are still of primary importance.

The Van Leer research claims that 60% of all Israelis are not involved in book reading. Of these, 35% do not read at all and 24% read very little. Nearly 50% of the population watches television for over two hours a day and in addition listens to the radio. Of these 8.1% spend some time reading.

An interesting phenomenon emerges in the comparison of the native-born Israelis of oriental (Afro-Asian) origin who read more (on the average 100 minutes per day) than their foreign-born parents (only 74 minutes per day) and native-born Israelis of Western origin who now read less than the parents.

Nevertheless, Israelis are still amount the world's most voracious readers. Israelis buy an average per capita, 4.6 books a year and the average Israeli home sports an impressive 206 books. Israel, according to a recent UNESCO survey, publishes more books per year per capita than any other country.

According to Lorna Soifer, agent for the Book Publishers Association in Israel and one of the three literary agents (all of the women) working in Israel, 43 titles were published in 1982/83 compared to only 4000 in 1979. Official printed statistics tell us that about 213 publishers are active in Israel today. "What goes best these days," she says, "are the 'how-to' books; how to cook, how to discipline your children and how to do many more things." Subjects of interest to women are good sellers. According to Book Agent Barbra Rogan, women in Israel buy twice as many books as men. This statistic is confirmed by the Van Leer survey, which adds that women spend more time per day reading than men, but on the other hand, also watch more TV in terms of minutes per day. But nothing beats cookbooks (some of which sell 25,000 and more copies per year) and biographies of famous people such as former Prime Minister Golda Meir and veteran politician and Knesset member Abba Eban. Yearly sales of su

books run into several tens of thousands.

Poetry sells better in Israel than abroad today and classics are slow but steady at 2,000 copies retailed a year. Altogether, about 800 translations are published annually in Israel. "Translations," says Rogan, "are much in demand as long as you know to pick the successful books abroad that are really suitable for Israel".

New authors, in Israel as elsewhere, may find it difficult to sell a manuscript. Even in the US only one out of some 40,000 manuscripts is published a year. If the author is unknown, it is practically impossible to find a publisher. A well known author can get an advance from a publisher without presenting either synopsis or first chapter. "And what's more," says Rogan, "the book does not even have to be good!" Famous people are luckier. Golda Meir received an advance of \$1 million from her American publisher before even beginning to write her autobiography!

But in the Land of the Bible, the best 'best-seller' is still the Bible. Commentaries and Biblical backgrounds, studies of the Talmud, and other books of a religious nature continue to sell well. Some 60 new editions of religious books, including studies of the Bible and the Talmud, are printed each month in Israel and the export figure for these texts stands at some \$10 million a year. Altogether, Judaica, archaeology and autobiographies of the famous people are keeping Israel's large publishing houses busy with their exports, proving that Israel's most natural of resources can compete with 'Dallas', 'Three's Company' and 'Are you Being Served'.

## KRAFT ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH BOOK CLUB

Gerald Kraft, president of B'nai B'rith International announced at the B'nai B'rith International Convention in Washington the formation of the B'nai B'rith Jewish Book Club. This new enterprise is a collaboration with the Jewish Book Club of New York. It will be part of the program of B'nai B'rith International's Commission on Adult Jewish Education.

The book club will offer outstanding books on subject of Jewish interest. All areas of Jewish learning and creativity will be represented among the offerings of the club. Books on Judaism, Jewish history and culture, Israel, Zionism, and the full range of Jewish contributions to civilization will fill the club's offerings. There will be fiction, poetry, and books for both children and young adults.

There will be no minimum obligation as a condition for joining the B'nai B'rith Jewish Book Club. Membership will include a free subscription to the *B'nai B'rith Jewish Book News*. It is the hope of the book club that the high quality of books and their low cost will make a minimum membership requirement unnecessary.

Enrollment forms for the book club will be available throughout the international convention.

Anyone can join the book club by writing to the Commission on Adult Jewish Education, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

**THE REST OF US** by Stephen Birmingham, Little, Brown & Co., 392 pp, \$19.95.

Stephen Birmingham, who was previously explored the fascinating lives of the German and Sephardic Jews in his best-sellers *Our Crowd* and *The Grandees* now delves into the engaging story of the Russian Jews who, between 1882 and 1915, flocked into New York Harbor to escape the savage pogroms of Eastern Europe.

Thousands arrived daily at Ellis Island with nothing beyond a chance to be lucky. Most were poor, ill-fed, often sickly, and invariably illiterate in English. They settled on the lower East Side in tenements that were bursting at the seams. An embarrassment to the established "uptown" German Jews and prominent Christians who felt them to be a social burden, the Russian Jews were determined to turn their disadvantages into advantages and become a people of distinction and influence in every walk of life. They managed to achieve their goal in an amazingly short period of time. Within the span of a single generation, America's Eastern European Jews prospered in businesses ranging from Wall Street to Hollywood, as well as in politics, education, science, and the arts.

*"The Rest of Us"* (Little, Brown and Company, September 10, 1984) is also extraordinary success stories: Shmuel Gelbfisz after two name changes became Samuel Goldwyn of Hollywood fame. Meyer Suchowljansky (Lansky), after a profitable start in the protection and bootlegging business during Prohibition, went on to be the guiding genius of Las Vegas and the king of casino gambling. Samuel Bronfman, his Canadian counterpart, was the son of Russian-Jewish immigrants; he realized the profit in supplying liquor to the United States, yet chose to stay in Canada to escape the label "bootlegger" in hopes of one day being accepted by the social establishment. David

# Book Reviews

Sarnoff was an enterprising young newsboy and assistant radio operator who, while working for the wireless telegraph company, happened to pick up a signal from a sinking ship—the **Titantic**: he would later found the Radio Corporation of America. Helena Rubinstein, a young girl from the Krakow ghetto, left Poland with a facial cream from an old family recipe that would bring her fame and fortune. Isidore Baline was a singing waiter in Chinatown who, as Irving Berlin, would write music that will live forever.

*The Rest of Us* contains many more rags-to-riches stories of people whose lives in the arts, entertainment, and in industry take on a fairy-tale quality against a vast tapestry of social history.

## VIEWS AND REVIEWS

by Joseph Cohen

### JOSEPH HELLER'S COMIC SUBLIMITY

*And our servant Joseph Heller resteth not after his **Catch-22** and his **Good As Gold** had become known unto the peoples of the land. Withdrawing from the watering places, he went once again into his dwelling and spake aloud, saying, "What story can I now devise that will sustain for me the literary honor which the works of hands has given unto me and which my soul desireth all the days of my life?" And a voice from on high answered, saying unto him, "Go figure!"*

"Go figure?"

"Go figure."

*And it came to pass that Joseph Heller, taking his own counsel, figured that time was come to speak forth in his own words of the life and fortunes of the great King David. And when he had bespoken himself and transcribed his account and looked upon it, he saw that it was good. And, behold, Alfred A. Knopf Co. called it **GOD KNOWS** and published it at \$16.95*

*a copy. And the multitudes when they came to read it, fell down, smiting themselves with mirth, and there was rejoicing throughout the land.*

Joseph Heller's clever, irreverent **tour de force** falls into a tradition as old as the Bible itself. The adaptation of biblical narratives has gone on for centuries, with every age producing its own epics, dramas and poems. With the rise of the novel in the eighteenth century, it, too, became a natural vehicle for the retelling of biblical stories. Where Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton and Browning, among many others, had refashioned portions of the Bible in verse, so writers as diverse as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Mark Twain, William Faulkner, Henry Roth, Roark Bradford and now Joseph Heller have put its materials into a variety of memorable renderings.

In *Gods Knows* Heller gives us King David on his death-bed, raging against his decline, reminiscing about his youth, reflecting upon his relationships with Saul, Jonathan, Bathsheba, Joab, Absalom, and with God, recalling his military career, his slaying of Goliath, his troubles with his many wives and children. But this David is a far cry from the one we first heard about in Sunday School.

The King David of *God Knows* is uniquely a product of Heller's comic genius. That genius manifests itself in the technique of the ironic reversal which Heller perfected in *Catch-22*. Any given cause will produce not the expected effect but its opposite. Consequently, our expectations are short-circuited everytime, and we are constantly being catapulted into a different reality from the one to which we have become comfortably accustomed. For example, we have believed without question in the exceptional quality of Solomon's wisdom. But Solomon in *God Knows* is anything but wise. He comes across in his youth as a bumbling idiot, a

nincompoop, a momma's boy, a drudge, a hack and a miser. David has to explain everything to his father over and over. Still he is confused. David utters the proverbs for which Solomon will later get the credit. Solomon can't fathom their meaning. The comic potential in the obtuse Solomon and the exasperated David is enormous, and Heller knows how to exploit it for all its worth.

The use of ironic reversal is enhanced by Heller's use of a cyclical view of history as opposed to a linear, chronological one. David is as modern as he is ancient; he makes his judgments full of the knowledge of everything that has ever happened in Western civilization. He holds all time and space in his grasp. This enables him to make comparisons which amplify the distinctions in the ironic reversals. Jerusalem is shown in David's time to be less the golden city we think it is than a forerunner of Coney Island. Moses' exodus is a story inferior to David's establishing the kingdom; Homer's, Milton's and Shakespeare's poetry can't hold a candle to David's psalms. That **ganopli** Shakespeare, along with Blake, Shelley, Keats and Auden, is singled out for having pinched some of David's best lines. The irony arises from our awareness that the accusation is ridiculous because they have not stolen David's lines, he's stolen theirs. Since she required an alabaster bathtub, Micah, Saul's daughter who married David, is more the first Jewish American Princess than an ancient tribal one. Bathsheba is no longer the **femme fatale** but is turned into a doting Jewish mother: "You'll never regret a minute you spend with Solomon," she tells David. "It's such a joy, my Solomon, a jewel. He'll make you proud."

As if all this isn't enough, there's more. Heller's cyclical history is understructured by the repetitive and, hence, cyclical language patterns of the Old Testament.

There are a lot of "and" clauses; and the same story gets repeated or referred to often. These patterns are familiar and pleasing to us. Equally pleasing is Heller's combining with the biblical patterns another familiar style, "Yinglish," to use Leo Rosten's term. Yiddish inflections abound, questions are answered by questions, the nuances are straight out of eastern Europe. There are plenty of Yiddish curses. To me, Heller has got the finest "prose ear" among contemporary American Jewish writers. For that reason he can (and does) put corny jokes into David's mouth and carry them off with aplomb, just as he can (and does) use every verbal cliché you can think of, and he gets away with that too because David is the first person who has ever uttered them. They are therefore not clichés. Heller raises the corny joke and the cliché to a new comic sublimity.

There are places in *God Knows* where I laughed until I cried. God knows, this is a funny book!

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**QUICK AND EASY** edited by Shelley Melvin, from *The Chosen Cookbook Series*, Triad Publishing Co., Inc., 248 pp paperback, \$8.95. Comb-bound paper \$11.95.

Selected from Jewish fundraising cookbooks, these "from scratch" kosher recipes can be prepared in minutes. Shelley Melvin is a cooking instructor, caterer, and consumer advisor for Cuisinarts, Inc.

Do you wish you could spend less time in the kitchen and still serve your family good, nutritious food? With today's busy lifestyle and so many couples and single parents working outside the home, few people have the time or patience at the end of every day to spend hours cooking.

But, what if you could fix delicious, wholesome food and be completely finished with the

preparation in a mere 20 minutes?

The variety of dishes in this book is impressive. Among the entrees are cinnamon curry chicken, gingered beef and broccoli, orange lamb chops and green noodles with tomatoes, cheese, and olives. For dessert, the author has included some choices that sound much too luscious to be fast—chocolate chip pecan pie, rhubarb crunch, strawberries Romanoff, French mint chocolate pie, apricot squares, and cheesecake with chocolate cinnamon crust. Some out-of-the-ordinary breakfast recipes, such as baked orange French toast and a hashed brown omelet, are excellent for weekend or holiday mornings. An elegant selection of cheese and egg recipes, such as no crust cheese and spinach pie and an egg, cheese and olive casserole can make brunch an easy way to entertain.

*Quick & Easy* is the third book in the "*The Chosen Cookbook Series*," collections of kitchen-tested recipes from Jewish fundraising cookbooks across the U.S. As with the first two Chosen books (*The Chosen—Appetizers & Desserts* and *Jewish Cooking Made Slim*) most of the recipes are for contemporary dishes that appeal to all tastes, though *Quick & Easy* does include some traditional Jewish favorites as well as a Passover section.

*Quick & Easy* is available at bookstores or from Triad Publishing Company, 1110 NW 8th Avenue, Suite C, Gainesville, FL 32601.

**LIBERAL JUDAISM** by Eugene B. Borowitz, UAHC, 838 5th Ave., New York, NY 10021, 480 pages, paperback \$7.95.

What does it mean to be a "good" Jew? How do we know God is real? Why is there evil? Is there life after death?

In addressing these and other

basic religious questions, Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz probes the varieties of Jewish thought and ritual practice from the prospective of liberal Judaism, making the complex accessible to all readers.

In each four parts—The Jewish People, The God We Affirm, The Bible and Tradition, and Living as a Jew—Dr. Borowitz enables modern Jews to reestablish both an emotional and an intellectual bond to their religious heritage.

Each chapter of this comprehensive exploration overview from the Bible and Talmud to the present; the major alternative points of view are then discussed, and where there seems to be a contemporary scholarly consensus it is given. Throughout, the author does not hesitate to take a stand on controversial issues. Whether discussing the temptations of money, sex, alcohol or why there are three branches of Judaism, Dr. Borowitz writes in a direct and engaging style.

Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz, founder and editor of *Sh'ma a Journal of Jewish Responsibility* and professor of Jewish Religious Thought at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, has taught at Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, and other leading universities. He recently served as the first Jewish president of the American Theological Society and has published ten books including *The Mask Jews Wear* which received the National Jewish Book Award.

In a recent address to UJA leaders at a national conference in Washington, DC, speaking on a "A New Theology of Israel and the Diaspora," he voiced concern "That too many Jews answer calls for tzedakah and community involvement because of their deep feelings about the Holocaust and State of Israel. What will happen when the Holocaust is distant history and the State of Israel is taken for granted? It is time for us to look to the future and to develop an ideology beyond sentiment and crisis."

## FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL: THE ORIGINS OF THE ARAB-JEWISH CONFLICT OVER PALESTINE

by Joan Peters, Harper & Row, 601 pp, \$24.95.

Throughout seven years of research, Joan Peters discovered the unfairness in the existing myth that Jewish migration to Palestine replaced Arabs living in the land. She found they had not lived there "from time immemorial," as has been claimed, but that Arabs were allowed by the British during their mandate to pour into Palestine from Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and far away Yemen. The British did not want Jews to "displace" that Arab population, and thereby contributed to loss of Jews murdered by the Nazis, Jews who might have been saved by passage to Palestine.

Joan Peters has discovered evidence proving that Jews were forced to leave Arab countries, and some of them settled in Israel. Today 60% of Israel's population is Sephardic Jews, so that Arab claims that they are paying the price for the European Holocaust is untrue. To quote from "*From Time Immemorial*," "For Every refugee—adult or child—in Syria, Lebanon or elsewhere in the Arab world who compels our sympathy, there is a Jewish refugee who fled from the Arab country of his birth. . . . a Jew was forced to flee from a community where he and his ancestors may have lived for 2,000 years. The Jews escaped to their original homeland where their roots are even older; the Arabs also arrived where they were in the majority, where they shared the same language and culture with fellow Arabs . . ."

800,000 Jews fled the Arab countries after 1948, for reasons of oppression in the Arab world for centuries. At best they had been merely tolerated. Jewish life in Moslem countries is described in detail.

One thing not always known is that Jews lived in Palestine, in lesser or greater numbers. A

century ago, when Jews began to immigrate in large numbers, they found a desolate land. They did not drive out any Arab residents. In fact, Arabs moved closer to Jews, who enjoyed a higher standard of living. Britain's government closed its eyes to illegal Arab immigration into Palestine. In 1939 Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "Arab immigration into Palestine since 1921 has vastly exceeded the total Jewish immigration during the same period." Unfortunately, while he privately opposed British policy in Palestine, he chose not to try to influence it openly. Britain decided to appease Arab extremists, refusing Jewish immigration with more determination, even as the need grew, not answering President Roosevelt's question as to "how the British government reads into the original Mandate . . . any policy that would limit Jewish immigration."

Lauded by Barbara Tuchman, Saul Bellow, and numerous reviewers, this book addresses all the world with an account of the relationship of Arabs and Jews in the Middle East "From Time Immemorial."

It is hoped that the results of Joan Peters research will serve to change the attitudes and assumptions held by people generally.

The author has specialized in the Arab-Israel conflict, formerly having written for Chicago's three newspapers and various periodicals. She has been lecturer and consultant on Arab-Israeli affairs and other political matters both in the United States and abroad.

**GERMANY WITHOUT JEWS** by Bernt Engelmann, translated by D. J. Beer, Bantam Books, 400 pp, \$4.95.

Once a major influence on German society, Jews now comprise only .06% of West Germany's total population. What Jews suffered directly and indirectly in the name of Hitler's

"final solution" is now well known. Writer/journalist Bernt Engelmann examines the social, political, artistic and scientific loss sustained by Germany itself as a result of Nazi anti-Semitism in *Germany Without Jews*, an October publication. Translated from German by D. J. Beer, the Bantam volume is the only English language edition available.

Engelmann points to the Nobel Prize in chemistry, among other examples, to demonstrate the wane of German cultural dominance after Jews fled or were exterminated. For example, of the thirty-one scientists to receive the Nobel Prize in chemistry from 1900 to 1933, fourteen—or 45 per cent—were German, and more than half of the non-German recipients worked and/or studied in Germany at some point or were part of institutions founded or run by Germans in other countries. Between 1934 and 1969 forty-seven Prizes were awarded in chemistry, and only eight—17 per cent—went to Germans. Engelmann goes on to cite similar examples throughout the arts and sciences and uses his observations in his discussion of whether Nazi anti-Semitism was therefore a direct contributor to German ultimate defeat in World War II.

Bernt Engelmann was born in Berlin in 1921. In World War II he was in the Luftwaffe, stationed in France, where he acted as a contact for the French Resistance and worked with German anti-Nazi groups. As a result, he was arrested twice by the Gestapo, sent to prison without trial, and then to Dachau concentration camp until it was liberated by the U.S. Army in April 1945. His career as a writer and journalist began in 1949 and he served as a correspondent, editor, and special correspondent for the German magazine *Der Spiegel* and then as a special correspondent for German television. In all, thirty books have nearly eight million copies in print worldwide and have been translated into

many languages. He and his wife and four children live in Rottach-Egern, West Germany.

**THE REDEMPTION OF THE UNWANTED** by Abram L. Sachar, St. Martin's Marek, NY., 334 pp, \$19.95.

The author of a *A History of the Jews* and *The Course of our Times* has written a comprehensive account of the concentration camps, the DP camps, and of the 400,000 Jews who remained alive at the end of World War II in Europe.

The book covers the story of the formation of the State of Israel and discloses a great deal of previously unknown information on the history of that shocking period. He has had access to documents which were previously restricted. The moving effect of the account Abram Sachar has given us is the transformation of the Jewish people from that of suffering and dependence to one of courage and self-reliance.

Estelle Hoffman

The New York City Employees' Retirement System trustees voted unanimously to withdraw its investments in companies doing business with South Africa because of that government's policy of apartheid, racial segregation. About \$665 million of the pension fund's assets of \$8.3 billion is currently invested in the stocks of companies that do business in or with South Africa. Three union leaders were among the 11 trustees of the largest pension fund to make such a protest against apartheid.

## CAREFUL LISTENING HELPS FIND TRUE MEANING

by Kathy Ryan Askren

Ever notice when you receive a lot of information all at once that is new and stimulates pondering, it takes a while to sift it all through and decide what it means to you and your life?

Such was the case for me after attending an Interfaith Institute, sponsored by the Greater Carolina Association of Rabbis. As I mentioned previously, the institute brought together Jews, and Christian of all demonations for the sole purpose of dialogue at Wildacres.

Dialogue is an interesting term in itself as it implies careful, mutual listening for the purpose of fostering communication and understanding. To me the tacit understanding in dialogue is acceptance of another's faith statement as meaningful to him or her, regardless how different this may be from one's own personal view. It also implies refraining from debate in order to convince a believer that his statement of faith is "right" or "wrong."

I think we all recognize the fact that constantly attempting to prove another person "wrong" and ourselves "right" places an impossible burden on any conversation. What occurs in this instance is not true conversation, anyway, but mutual defensiveness.

The older I get, the more I recognize the value of knowing people in all walks of life and dialoguing with them enough to get a feel of "what it is like to be in their skin."

To cite a specific example, the Jews I dialogued with at the conference (not that they necessarily speak for all Jews as I don't necessarily speak for all Christians) are sensitive to the term "Old Testament." To them the mere terminology implies passe, outdated, no longer of any revelance. For the portion of the Bible on which they base their faith, they prefer the term, "Hebrew Scriptures." In

addition to this, the heart of the Jewish faith is based on the Talmud, revelations of rabbis through the centuries and up to the present, as they interpret the Hebrew Scriptures.

One cannot dialogue with people of the Jewish faith very long without the subject of the Holocaust surfacing. To all of mankind, the fact that six million Jews were exterminated at the hands of the Nazi regime during World War II is a horror beyond human comprehension. Reflection on the Holocaust can cause religious people to re-examine their faith. To aid in this, let's look at two faith statements as explained by Rabbi Harold Kushner in his best-selling book, *When Bad Things Happen To Good People*.

Some people of faith feel God must have been "on vacation" when the horrors of the Holocaust occurred. Since it did happen, their faith statement is God is all-good but chooses to limit his power in the world. In the case of the Holocaust, God allowed the evil of man to run its full course, resulting not only in the death of millions of Jews, but many non-Jewish Germans as well.

The opposing side of this is to view God as all-powerful, but not always all-good, a position not compatible with the faith statements of both Jews and Christians. Both faiths agree that to prevent human evil such as the Holocaust from ever happening again, it must never be forgotten.

The heart of the dialogue once again rests with careful and concerned listening. By putting this into practice, what can each of us learn this very week that will increase our understanding of another human being?



# Tradition in the Kitchen

Americans are great for eating foods of all nations. These recipes of Sephardic Jews are reminiscent of Greek cuisine. More recipes of Jews who lived on the North African coast, Italy, Palestine, Syria, and Egypt and whose descendants still cook in their traditional fashion can be found in the cookbook entitled *Sephardic Cookery: Traditional Recipes for a Joyful Table*, by Emilie De Vidas Levy. It may be ordered from the Cookbook Committee, Women's Division, Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America, Inc., 8 W. 70th St., New York, NY 10021. Send \$8.50 with your name and address (printed), plus \$1.50 for postage and handling, a total of \$10.

## CHEESE TURNOVERS

(Borecas de Queso)

Pastry Dough:

- 1 cup cold water
- 3 to 4 cups flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 cup oil

Filling:

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 mashed potatoes
- ½ lb. farmer cheese
- ¼ lb. sharp grated cheese
- pinch of salt

Combine oil and water. In a separate bowl, mix flour and salt. Add liquid to flour, mix well to form soft dough. Cover with waxed paper; let rest for ½ hour.

Prepare filling: Mix potatoes, cheeses and salt. Reserve some of the beaten egg for brushing the Borecas, and add the rest of eggs to cheese mixture. Let stand for ½

hour.

Knead dough lightly and form into balls 1½" in diameter. Roll out and fill with about 1 tsp. filling. Seal by fluting edges. Final shape is a crescent. Brush tops with egg and sprinkle with grated cheese. Place in lightly greased baking pan and bake 25 minutes at 400° or until done. Yields 50 turnovers.

## VARIATION #1: SPINACH TURNOVERS

Filling:

- 1 lb. fresh spinach, washed, dried and finely chopped
- ¼ lb. farmer cheese
- ½ lb. sharp grated cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten (reserve some for brushing tops)
- pinch of salt

Combine all ingredients. This will fill half of dough, proceeding as above. Yields 25 turnovers.

## VARIATION #2 EGGPLANT TURNOVERS

Filling:

- 1 large eggplant
- ½ lb. farmer cheese
- 2 oz. sharp grated cheese
- 1 egg, beaten
- pinch of salt

Wash and dry eggplant. Puncture the skin and broil for 30 to 40 minutes, turning frequently. Skin should be black. Peel, remove seeds and chop. Combine with rest of ingredients. This filling is enough for half the dough and is to be prepared as above. Cheese may be omitted. Yields 25.

## WOMAN OF NOTE With Law on Her Side

by Lea Levavi

When a young childless widow's 19-year old brother-in-law says he wants to marry her, and she knows his real object is to intimidate her into giving him a share of the inheritance, what should she do?

"I told the Ministry of Defense that, of course, they should send her to us," Haviva Avigai, director of Na'amat-Pioneer Women's legal aid bureau and status of women department, said.

"What I try to do in these cases is bring both sides to a compromise. Only when I, or the other lawyers who work with me in providing legal aid, see that one side is obstinately against compromise do we come down on the side of the injured party."

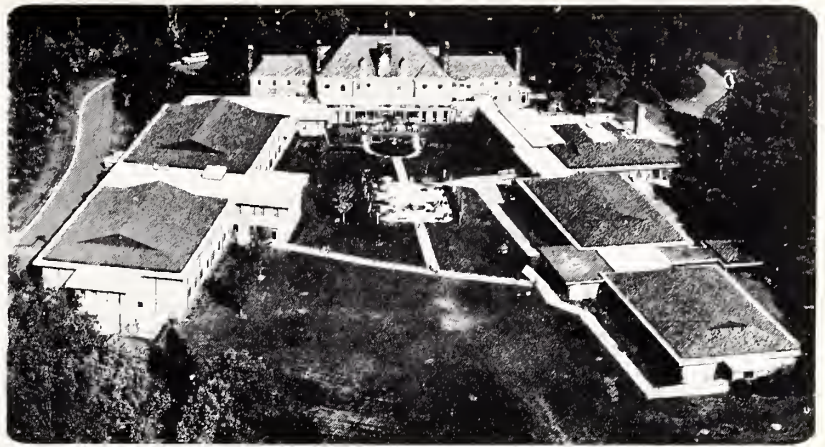
Avigai was a lawyer in a bank until the late Beba Idelson, former secretary-general of Na'amat-Pioneer Women, asked her to establish a legal aid service for widows and bereaved parents.

"We provide legal first-aid for bereaved families, help in probating the will, getting inheritance in order or solving disputes within the family over inheritance. Every time there is comparative peace, we talk about closing the legal aid service for bereaved and going onto other things, but, unfortunately, each time there is a new war before we get around to doing it."

Three years after the legal aid services for families of war casualties began in 1970, Na'amat-Pioneer Women decided to extend similar help to a broader population of women. In order to compete with private lawyers, priority is given to poor women who cannot afford to pay an attorney.

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## NOVEMBER, 1984

### Pasternak is Headliner for 1984 Annual Meeting Program

Members of the Home's Board of Directors have planned a very full and worthwhile day on Sunday, November 18. Those who have heard Velvel Pasternak present his program of Hassidic music are eagerly looking forward to an afternoon of joy, entertainment and education at the Home's Annual Meeting. Mr. Pasternak, a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, had done post graduate work in the Department of Ethnomusicology at Jewish Theological Seminary. We anticipate that his presentation, "Hassidic Music — A Joyous Celebration," will transmit a renews appreciate of this most colorful of groups in Jewish life. Plan on an afternoon of foot-tapping and finger-snapping.

Annual Meeting Day will have a new format this year. After careful deliberation, the Annual Meeting Planning Committee has developed a new time structure for the day's events. Please note these changes so you won't miss anything!

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:30 am	Business Meeting: Awards, Recognition, Election	Auditorium (lower level)
11:30 am	Buffet Brunch Cadillac Drawing	A Wing Dining Room
1:15 pm	Business Meeting, cont. Executive Reports and Program	Auditorium

**NEW GRAND BUILDERS:** Among those to be honored are those who have become Grand Builders since last October.

Those completing their pledges during the year are:

Mr. David Sandler  
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Dr. Daniel Horvitz

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A Yahrzeit plaque will be dedicated in memory of Minnie S. Tureff.

As announced on the invitation, the Nominating committee has presented a strong slate for membership approval. Following are the nominees for three year terms:

Mrs. Doris Dworsky (Raleigh)  
Mr. Lewis Eisenstadt (Greenville, SC)  
Mrs. Ruth Feldman (Asheville)  
Mr. Leonard Guyes (Winston-Salem)  
Mrs. Judith Hyman (Raleigh)

Dr. Stephen Mackler (Greensboro)  
Mrs. Audrey Madans (Salisbury)  
Mr. Norman Pliner (Raleigh)  
Mr. Hugo Rosenberger (Charlotte)  
Mr. Morris Speizman (Charlotte)

To fill an unexpired term of one year, the nominee is Mr. Arthur Kurtz of Winston-Salem.

Annual Meeting time is an occasion for reflection on the progress of the Home during the preceding year, for anticipation of the new year with its opportunities for serving the elderly of North Carolina and surrounding areas, and — every bit as important — for renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. We hope that you will attend and participate fully.

### BJH RESIDENTS TAKE 1st PLACE AT DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR!

A caravan of six cars, the limosine, van, and a truck headed toward Winston-Salem on October 3rd. Destination — the Annual Dixie Classic Fair! This year's group was the largest yet — 26 residents and 19 volunteers. So large, in fact, that BJH received a blue ribbon and a 1st Place prize of \$6.00 for having the largest group from a nursing home!

Perfect weather conditions, high spirits and lots of excitement made this one of the year's best outings. Residents and volunteers visited the many exhibits — everything from children's art to barnyard animals. They danced to the music of the Drifters, and participated in the contests provided by the Winston-Salem Recreation Department.

Congratulations are in order to Mrs. Anna Stemper (Clemmons) for being voted "Most Beautiful Lady at the Fair." Fifth place winner was Mrs. Claire Bernstein of Greensboro! And congratulations, too, to Mr. Ed Dwiel (Denver, NC), "Best Looking Man," and Mr. Sol Greenberg, (Charlotte), 1st Runner Up!

This year's entries in the Senior Citizens' Craft Exhibit included Abe Fine (Charlotte), whose oil painting of an Indian village won 5th place; Annie Frankl (Winston-Salem), who exhibited a pink crocheted ele-



Pleased as Punch — Alice Fruh (Greensboro) with her prize-winning Snoopy, Craft Shop Instructor Catherine Smith and Exec. Director Al Mendlovitz.

phant, a sleeveless sweater and a green variegated afghan; Faye Moss (North Miami Beach, Fla.), who earned a 2nd place for her oil painting of Chrysanthemums and a 3rd place for a woven quilted picnic basket; Alice Fruh (Greensboro), who earned a 5th place ribbon for a large stuffed Snoopy; Rose Spire (Roanoke Rapids), who exhibited an oil painting of a moose in the wild; Roy Ray (Winston-Salem), whose oil painting of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse won a 3rd place; Molly Feldman (Greensboro), who showed a framed embroidered wall-hanging; and Rose Block (Greensboro) who displayed an oriental print oil painting.



Ed Dwiel (Denver, NC), escorted by Tina Fain, receives his "Best Looking Man" award while 1st Runner-Up, I.B. Hudson (Winston-Salem) looks on.

# NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

## An Unprecedented Success

"National Perspectives on Alzheimer's Disease," a two-day conference planned and sponsored by the Blumenthal Jewish Home, attracted over 250 participants from across the United States. Keynote speaker Richard W. Besdine, MD, from the Harvard University School of Medicine, addressed the subject "Alzheimer's Disease: A National Epidemic," by stating that senile dementia of the Alzheimer's type victimizes over 25% of all older adults past the age of 80. It is a major cause in rest home and nursing home placements, and is one of the most significant factors in care and treatment of the geriatric sector.

Dementia of the Alzheimer's type is irreversible and progressive, and thus becomes a major problem for victims, families and caregivers alike. To respond to the needs of caregivers, several sessions throughout the conference focused on issues such as family support and caregiver training. Ethical issues associated in care of dementia victims, as well as ethical issues involved in funding of dementia care, were discussed by Terrie Lettelle, Ph.D., of the Harvard University Health Policy division. The costs entailed in care of severely impaired dementia victims are astronomical and often prohibitive, and neither private insurance companies, state or national policies are in place for this type of long-term care. Decision-making for and with severely demented adults is also a difficult ethical issue. Several case studies were discussed openly to highlight these and other areas of concern.

Lisa Gwyther, ACSW, from the Duke ADRDA Family Support Network, and Lorraine Hiatt, an environmental gerontologist from New York, were return speakers for this conference, which is the third annual educational event BJH has sponsored on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Other speakers at the conference included Naomi Feil, ACSW, from Ohio, who demonstrated methods of



Mayor of Winston-Salem, Wayne Corpening, opens the 2-day conference. Keynote speaker, Richard Besdine, MD, and Exec. Director Al. Mendlovitz listen.



Lorraine Hiatt, the country's foremost authority on wandering behavior, chats with Sandra Smith and Roberta Springthorpe, who are members of the Forsyth County Alzheimer family support group.

validation therapy for use in individual and small group functions; James Bryan, II, MD and Connie Culbreth, MSW, both from UNC-Chapel Hill, who presented a case study of a physician-family relationship during the extended care of an Alzheimer patient; and Donald Schmechel, MD, neurologist and researcher in Alzheimer's disease from Duke University. A session entitled "Special Models and Programs" presented staff members from six innovative homes for the aging who described particular systems they had developed in care of Alzheimer victims and families.

Each of the sessions of the conference was professionally audiotaped by Lion Recording Studios. These tapes are available by contacting BJH directly.

The Medical Advisory Committee

of the Home is pleased with the fact that our facility has made a very positive impact on the field of care for this special population. The direct results of having the most recent data and the most professional techniques available, with large numbers of our staff participating, are translated into maximum benefit directly to our residents.

Evaluations which were completed by the participants revealed very positive responses to virtually every session of the Conference. Perhaps the most significant comment made about "National Perspectives on Alzheimer's Disease" was the evaluation that "this was a well-planned conference, with excellent balance between theoretical and practical concepts and application."

# FOCUS ON A RESIDENT

## HORTENSE ANDRON

by Wendy Robertson,  
Recreation Therapist

Mrs. Hortense Schlang Andron was born on January 31, 1907 in New York City. She was the first of four children in her family. She was also the only girl. She had no difficulties in keeping up with her brothers, and enjoyed ice skating, roller skating, tennis, bike riding and swimming as a child. The children were involved in afternoon clubs, and had a tutor in Hebrew come to their home three days a week.

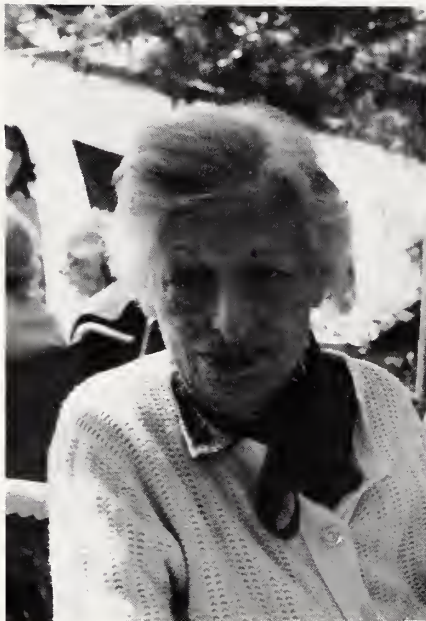
Horty, as she was called, loved school. She would often help other students with their lessons. She later taught school at the Hebrew Academy while taking classes at Columbia University. She was a busy young woman, and topped most days off with a date.

She had many marriage proposals and was persuaded to marry a man 7 years her senior. The marriage did not last, however, and after a year she returned with her five week old daughter, Greta, to her parents' home.

A sad time for the family came one spring when her father died. That summer the family went to a small hotel where she met a young lawyer, David Andron. Horty remembers this as a turning point in her life. Although she had other boyfriends at this time, David became a favorite with young Greta — and evidently a favorite with her mother as well!

Horty and David were married soon afterwards. David, a very religious man invited four rabbis to the wedding. The couple honeymooned in Havana and in Florida, where they enjoyed themselves so much they later ran hotels there during the winter months.

Horty, Greta and David were a happy family. Before long, however, four boys were added to complete the group.



*Horty Andron*

David left his law practice to run "The Mountain House" in Haines Falls, New York. The Androns ran the hotel for many years until it burned to the ground one winter when it was closed. Following this, they ran the Loon Lake Hotel in the Adirondacks. Horty could serve more than 700 people in her dining area. Every week there was a theological speaker for the guests. It is no wonder that each of the five Andron children became speakers themselves.

Horty is proud of her children, who are very accomplished in a number of fields. All children have Masters degrees, and two have their doctorates. One son is a rabbi and studied at Yeshiva University. Michael and his family live in Winston-Salem, and are frequent visitors to the Home, where they often provide special religious services. Robert lives in Raleigh; Richard lives in New York, and Sandy lives in Miami Beach, Florida. Greta, who has recently published a book, lives in Westport, Connecticut.

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- NOV. 2  
Outreach Movie, 10 am
- NOV. 4  
Variety Show by Holy Family Catholic Church  
1:30 pm
- NOV. 6  
\*Out to breakfast, leave at 8:00 am
- NOV. 7  
Exhibition by Triad Gymnastic Academy, 3:30 pm
- NOV. 11  
Susan Squires-Stewart, folk singer, 3:00 pm  
Concert donated by Mr. & Mrs. Herman Blumenthal
- NOV. 12  
Visit by Chai Group of JCC, Charlotte, 10:30 am
- NOV. 13  
\*Clemmons Senior Citizens luncheon, leave at 10:30 am  
Lecture by Rabbi Moch, Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 2:00 pm
- NOV. 17-18  
President's Reception and Annual Meeting
- NOV. 19  
Brenner Concert: Velvel Pasternak, 10:30 am
- NOV. 22  
Annual Thanksgiving Day Service, 11:00 am
- NOV. 27  
\*Out to lunch, leave at 11:15 am
- NOV. 30  
\*Montcastle Forum luncheon, leave at 11:15 am

\*off-campus activity

Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the month of November.

## PLEASE JOIN US!

### Annual Nondenominational Thanksgiving Service

11:00 am Thursday, November 22, 1984

Families and friends of residents and staff are invited to join us in this Thanksgiving worship service. Make your plans to attend and stay for a Thanksgiving feast.

Reservations for the 12:30 meal may be made by calling either the Dietary Department (919-766-0169) or the main office (919-766-6401). Please make all reservations by November 16, 1984.



A yearly treat — the Brenner Series concert by the Wachovia Little Symphony!



Enjoying the music — Ed and Louise Williamson (Winston-Salem) and Trent Brady.

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during September.

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### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Lonna Hendrix,  
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Helen Bumgardner,  
Director of Dietetics

#### 6 YEARS

Margaret Cassel, RN, B-1

#### 7 YEARS

Marie Doty, Facility Services  
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### CONGRATULATIONS

The following employees are winners in the Perfect Attendance Program:

\*\*\* Ann Day, RN, B-1  
\*\* Virginia Heffinger,  
Nursing Asst., B-2  
Judy Petty, Dietary  
Jennifer Whittaker,  
Nursing Asst., B-2

\*\*two-time winner  
\*\*\*three-time winner



*Helen Bumgardner, Director of Dietetics, visits with Charles and Lena Rosenfeld and Louis Cole in this year's beautiful Succah.*



*Rose Halpern (Greensboro) says blessings over the candles the first night of Succah. Sam Jacobsen listens.*

## Thoughts On Getting Older

(These poems are among those developed by the B-1 poetry group, led by Volunteer Jeff McMillan with assistance by Wendy Robertson.)

I never looked forward to getting old.  
 I never expected to be in a home, anyway.  
 I don't feel the way I should about getting old.  
 I had to give up my home.  
 But I can't think of the Home  
 as a dead end.

by Ida Aronowitz

Well, to be frank, I don't think about it.  
 It's a natural thing.  
 Whatever you can do with your time,  
 That's what you do!

by Helen Schwartzman

I don't think of it.  
 I don't mind it.  
 I had a grandmother who read poetry to me.  
 She knew more about getting old than I did.  
 I repeat poetry now.  
 I don't mind it.

by Elsie Robertson

Oh, that isn't good!  
 You get older and can't think right —  
 You can't hear right — you can't see right.  
 I don't think it's a good idea!

by Virginia Harmon

Well, I gotta get older!  
 I don't feel badly about it.  
 It's Aging.  
 It's going through a whole stream of aging.  
 I accept it.  
 They're fooling themselves  
 when they get young!  
 by Beth Gross

### WELCOME

*May you have a long, happy  
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 Winston-Salem,  
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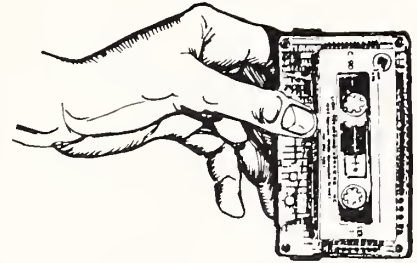
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# Joseph Had A Dream

We have a dream too. Ours is different. It was born about a year ago. Its name is CAJE, the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, a function of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men. We are neither Orthodox, Reform, Conservative or Reconstructionist—We are JEWISH.

The dream is the creation of a Jewish educational network in North Carolina, offering our help where ever needed to the organized communities and reaching every Jewish family not served by them.

Specifically, our program has set the following goals for itself. FIRST. Developing a cooperative network of our organized communities through TEACHER WORKSHOP SESSIONS operating throughout the year, where we will demonstrate educational and cultural materials and methodologies. SECOND. The creation of TEACHERS RESOURCE CENTERS containing a wide and current assortment of the best educational materials, printed, audio-visual, and computerized, for review by teachers. THIRD. Developing a full scale HOME STUDY PROGRAM for those families to whom organized communities are not available. These will be supported by adequately equipped MEDIA CENTERS scattered throughout the State so that no family is too far away to utilize them.

As soon as possible we plan to establish a JEWISH EDUCATION NEWS LETTER to keep the communities informed.

## *How Is Our Dream Working?*

A year has passed and we look back at stimulating and productive TEACHER TRAINING SESSIONS with the communities of Asheville, Hickory, Charlotte, Statesville, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh and Wilmington. For the New Year we have already scheduled sessions in Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro with more being planned. All of these sessions are open to any community or individual interested in participating in the exchange of ideas and information with some of the best people in Jewish education. Watch your mail and the *Times Outlook* for announcements.

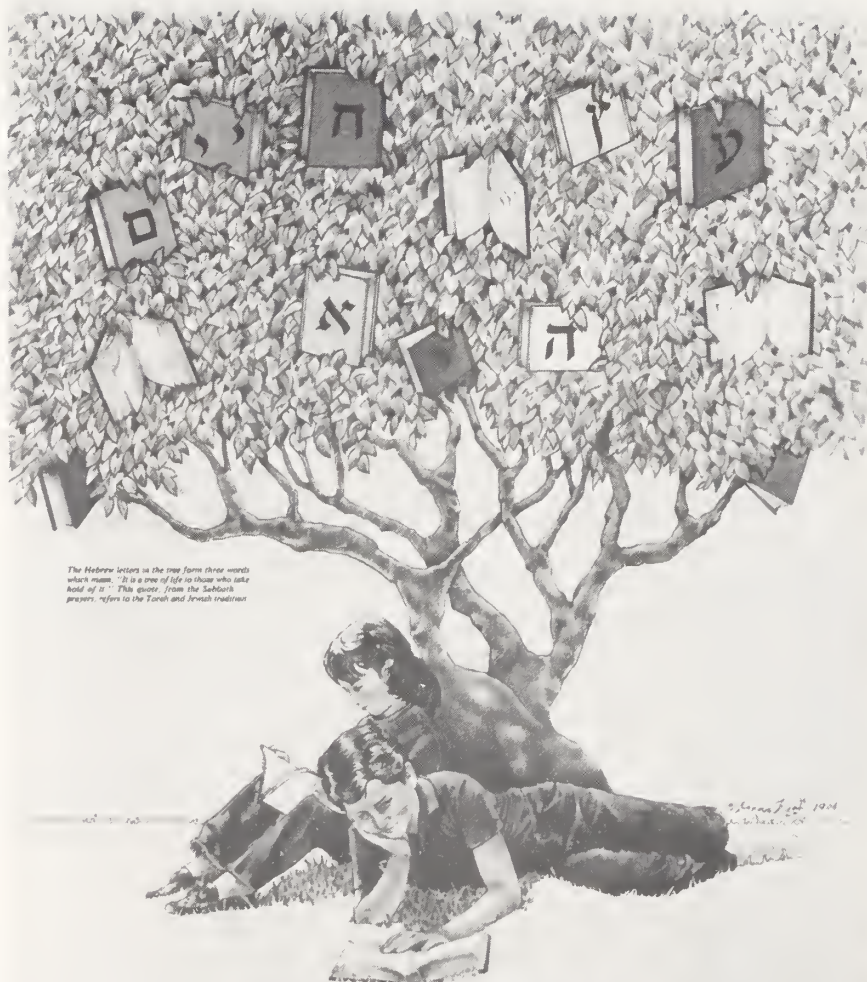
We now have Rabbi Robert A. Seigel on our staff. His knowledge and experience are available to our communities. We have also developed our first TEACHERS' RESOURCE CENTER in Charlotte with Rabbi Seigel in charge. It is available for your use.

We are now beginning to think about the next step. We need several more RESOURCE CENTERS and we need to plan and establish MEDIA CENTERS. Our tradition stresses the primacy of self knowledge and we need the help of every concerned Jew in achieving that goal. WE CAN HELP YOU AND YOU CAN HELP US.

If you have questions, requests or suggestions write to Rabbi Robert A. Seigel, 600 Fairview Road, Charlotte, NC 28226 or Cyril Jacobs, P.O. Box 10582, Greensboro, NC 27404 or call Cyril Jacobs, collect if necessary at 919/378-1622 between ten and twelve in the morning.

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# Editorial

Folk tales and children's stories in foreign lands often allow their heroes three wishes, like the case of the magical fish who promised that reward, if the fisherman who had caught him would set him free. Sometimes the wishes were wasted through selfishness, a folly which pointed to the moral of the story. No American legend comes to mind in which the granting of three wishes is offered. The thought occurs that in this land, for want of oppression, perhaps our condition is better and one wish would be sufficient. If I had the chance, I might wish that we recognize the blessings of our diversity.

This is America, where many good citizens believe that no prejudice exists against any individual or group for reasons of race, religion, or nationality. They do not believe that Jews are not welcome in some clubs or resorts, that certain kinds of people are not accepted as members in some organizations. "Not in this day and age!" Years ago, an acquaintance once assured me that since money is the deciding factor, and we all use the same kind of money, there is no difference recognizable. These opinions are credible, for they judge our conditions by our standards. Our Constitution and government give no sanction to bias, and our courts are expected to uphold our civil rights.

Still, many injuries are dealt by prejudice caused by insecurity, a need to feel superior, or attitudes learned early in life, often from nearest and dearest persons. There must be many more reasons for prejudice. Although such postures may lend comfort to those who nurture them, they are not affordable. It can be understood that an abused person cherishes a hatred for his

persecutor, but adoption of the wrongdoer's behavior benefits neither the oppressor nor the victim. Hatred surely harms the hater. It is necessary and possible to rid oneself of the burden that is prejudice, but a sincere desire to do so and great effort are required.

Although we are told that our republic is delicate, our great strength lies in our differences. Thus far in the history of the United States, no one has been able to fool all of the people all of the time. Whenever we have seemed to be approaching the brink of disaster, an outcry has been raised proclaiming the limits beyond which we will not be driven. No extremist leader has yet succeeded in gathering enough support to award him a position from which to govern in totalitarianism. There is sufficient difference between our numerous backgrounds to prevent a mass movement that might allow the triumph of fanaticism.

Never before has a nation existed with a populace so large and varied, which in spite of all its faults and failures somehow survives each crisis to try again. After the bitterness and name-calling of a political campaign, members of the losing party resign themselves peacefully to await the election that will follow two or four years later. No shoot-outs follow, no coup d'etat, no public or government support for attempted or sometimes, unfortunately, successful assassinations by disgruntled, crazed individuals.

For the blessings of our diversity, which have enabled us to learn and combine the best of all the cultures which comprise the United States of America, we owe relinquishment of any prejudice we may nurture against anyone, except against the bigot.

by Estelle Hoffman

## OFFER OF PRAYER BOOKS

Responding to our inquiry about prayer books not in use, Congregation Beth Israel of Asheville, Nc (P.O. Box 18085, 28814) wishes to contribute the following books to a congregation that could use them.

Approximately 36 copies of *Prayers of Israel* by Jacob Bosniak, 30 copies of *Philips Prayer Book*, *Day of Atonement* and *Day of Redemption*, *Hashanan*, and 30 *Adlers, Passover, Festivals, etc.* by Hebrew Publishing Co.

Congregation Beth Israel may be contacted at the above address by phoning them at 704-255-8611. Milton Lurey is Book Chairman.

We will be glad to print notices of any such offers of prayer books available for use.

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*The back cover is courtesy of The Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York.*

## The winners of the 1984 CADILLAC RAFFLE are:

Dr. Leslie Pensler, Raleigh, N.C.;  
Gevon Osterneck, Myrtle Beach, S.C.;  
Morton E. Pizer, M.D., Raleigh, N.C.;  
Gerald Singer, Greensboro, N.C.;  
Philip and Craig Coblentz, Charlotte, N.C.

Winner of the consolation prize, a designer watch  
by Raymond Weil, is Walter S. Marx of Charlotte, N.C.

## ATTENTION

There will not be January issue of the TIMES-OUTLOOK, but we will resume publication in February. We hope that you have a happy and safe New Year's.

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# Kibbitzing-Community News

## CHARLOTTE, NC

After a lifetime of devoted service in Charlotte and North Carolina, Minnie Silverstein Sutker received due tribute in an article written by Louise Lione in the *Charlotte Observer* of November 8.

The article commemorates the founding of the Charlotte chapter of Hadassah 50 years ago by Minnie Sutker and 14 other women. The article outlined the work that Hadassah has done and is still doing, noting that the Charlotte chapter has 407 members now and raised over \$36,000 this year. In spring there will be a slide-show history of the Charlotte chapter of Hadassah, according to Barbara Levin, Minnie's niece. Barbara is current president of the chapter.

An active member of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, Minnie Sutker continues to be active in community affairs. It was good to read of her story and to know that recognition has been made of her untiring efforts in behalf of all of us.

## CHARLOTTE, NC TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel Men's Club held its last Public Congressional Debate at its Sunday Morning Breakfast on October 28. D. G. Martin and Alex McMillian, candidates for the 9th Congressional District were speakers.

The State of Israel Bonds Dinner honored Hugo and Helga Rosenbarger on October 28. The dinner was held at the Marriott Hotel on Tyvola Road. Wolf Blitzer, Washington Correspondent of *The Jerusalem Post*, was guest speaker. Mary Wojnowich was in charge of reservations.

Adult Education's program following services Friday, October

26, featured James Ross, Charlotte Community Counselor, who spoke on "Life On the Up Side."

Couples Club of Temple Israel planned an exciting evening for Sunday, November 11, in the Blumenthal Social Hall. After cocktails a meeting was held in which members offered ideas and suggestions for the forthcoming year. There were games, prizes, and refreshments.

Temple Israel's Adult Jewish Education Film Program offers its first film Sunday, January 27, 1985. The film is "BUDDY, BUDDY" starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon, is a witty satire that moves at a feverish pace.

## CHARLOTTE, NC TEMPLE BETH EL

The annual interfaith Thanksgiving service was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte on November 21. Ten congregations joined in the service.

The Mid-Atlantic Council of UAHC held its Biennial Conference in Williamsburg November 16-18. Delegates from Beth El were Rabbi and Helen Krantzler, Ethel and Allen Gordon, Jane and Roland Heller, and Elizabeth and Walter Klein. The theme of the conference was "The Call to Religious Commitment: Our Responses."

On Sunday, November 18 the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) sponsored a Teachers' Workshop held at Temple Beth El, for all teachers in Jewish schools in the western half of North Carolina.

A joint Sisterhood meeting of the sisterhoods of Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, and Beth Shalom Congregation was held Wednesday, November 14, at Temple Beth

El. The award-winning film, "Wife of Hester Street" was shown.

The Yiddish Vinkl mee: Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El. For information on the Yiddish Vinkl call Baila Pransky, 366-5564.

Guest speaker for Beth El Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday, November 18, was Charlotte Police Chief Mack Vines.

Beth El Sisterhood's Giant Art Sale will be held December 2, 3, and 5th. A raffle is being held in connection with the Sale.

## KINSTON, NC

by Pearl Schechter

Our Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Services were very inspiring and we were privileged to hear four excellent sermons by Rabbi Robert Shafran. We were happy to welcome many out-towners from New Bern, Oriental and Greensboro, as well as relatives of our members.

The first meetings of our Sisterhood was held, with Mr. Stanley Pearson, President, presiding. The members voted to have a dinner to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the new Temple which will be held in January 1985.

Congratulations to Jennifer Crane, daughter of Gerald and Joan Crane of Greenville, and to Steven Kanter, son of Gerald and Sharon Kanter, who have graduated from high school. Jennifer is now attending UNC-Greensboro and Steven is attending Guilford College in Greensboro.

A Mazel Tov to Alex and Sarah Page whose daughter Nary graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and to Gerald and Joan Crane whose son, Michael, graduated

from NC State University in Raleigh.

Delighted to extend our best wishes to Hyman Brody, son of Morris and Lorraine Brody, who is engaged to be married to Miss Stacy Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland of Norfolk, Va. May they enjoy a long and happy life together.

Morris and Ida Heilig returned from Miami Beach, Fl., where they attended a special dinner honoring their son-in-law, Gerald Schwartz, for outstanding service to the Jewish community. We share in their pride.

## COLUMBIA, SC

The annual meeting was held at the Columbia Jewish Community Center on November 4 with over 100 people present. Pat Baker received the Distinguished Community Award, presented by Arnold Bernstein, last year's recipient. The program included presentation of Federation Young Leadership awards to Nancy Sonenshine and Bernard Fleischman, Jr. Officers and board members of the Center were installed, and Center President's Plaques were presented to Lilly Filler and Dr. David Kulbersh.

Chairman of the meeting was Barbara Blau.

Renovation of the Jewish Community Center is proceeding quickly and will provide improved facilities for the pre-school program and for meetings, dinners, and the numerous activities to be held in the Center. Contact Steven Brownstein at 787-2023.

John Baker is leader of the Columbia group joining the Mission to Israel March 3 to 13.

The Art Auction and Exhibition was held at the Center November 17, featuring local, international, and textile art. There was a reception and advance preview for patrons. Works of old masters were exhibited and those of many

contemporaries. This was a major event in the art world of Columbia.

Meta Miller, Federation's chairman of Nominating Committee reported the following slate be submitted to the Annual Meeting on November 4: President, Dr. Hillel B. Salomon; 1st Vice President, Samuel J. Tenenbaum; 2nd Vice President, Howard I. Weiss; Secretary, Barbara Blau; and Treasurer, Dr. Stanley Greenberg.

For the Columbia Jewish Community Center, chairman of the Nominating Committee is Nancy Sonenshine. The Committee nominated the following for its November 4 meeting: President, Bernard S. Fleischman, Jr.; Vice Presidents, Dr. Alan Kantsiper and Edward Poliakoff; Secretary, Linda Blank; and Treasurer, Stephen Shane. The Center held its 1984 Art Exhibition and Auction on Sunday, November 17, featuring local and international works. A reception was held for patrons, followed by public exhibition and the Art Auction.

Samuel J. Tenenbaum and Victoria W. Serbin are leading the 1985 United Jewish Appeal Federation Campaign in Columbia.

An informal seminar-Dutch Supper was held by Hadassah Sunday evening, November 11. Gail Lieb presented "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Hadassah."

B'Nai B'rith Women's bowling group meets Thursday mornings. Lynn Reichlyn is in charge of a Personal Giving Campaign and Brunch. BBW in Columbia is sponsoring a drive to help hospitalized children by contributions of cash, toys, or baby items. Contact Ellen Seidenberg, 116 Woodgate Dr., Columbia 29223, phone 788-3067 or Retha Lynch 736-3707.

ORT held a Bowling and Pizza Night November 10.

Columbia Jewish Singles held a Shabbat dinner on November 2 at Beth Shalom.



*Karen Tager and Dr. Marc Rivo*

## TAGER-RIVO ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Tager of Greensboro announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lynn, to Dr. Marc Lee Rivo, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Rivo of Palos Verdes Estates, California.

Miss Tager is the granddaughter of Mrs. Claire Bernstein, formerly of Greensboro and Mrs. Jean Tager, formerly of Durham, both now residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons.

Miss Tager graduated from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro with Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has been on the staff of N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill and Duke Hospital in Durham. She has also been a member of the Traveling Nurse Corps headquartered in Boston. Currently she is attending the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where she will receive a Masters of Science in Health Policy and Administration in May.

Dr. Rivo graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles and the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine. He also received a Masters in Public Health from the University

of California in Berkley. He will complete his residence in June in the Duke-Watts Family Medicine Program.

A May 1985 wedding is planned in Greensboro.

## WELDON, NC

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stephen Berlin of Bethesda, Maryland announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Aaron on October 4th at Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, Virginia. Mrs. Berlin is the former Maralyn Farber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Farber of Weldon, NC. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Berlin of Bethesda, Maryland.

## MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE FRANKLIN, NC

The Hanukkah party was held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 16th at JustJane's Restaurant, Forest Hills Country Club, Cullowhee, N.C. Ed and Jane Pomerantz provided latkas and applesauce.

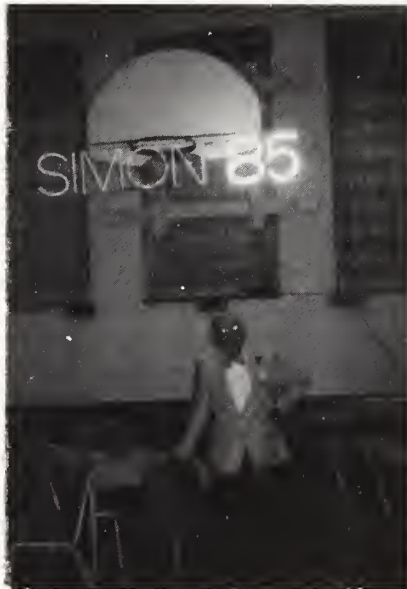
The Havurah Group which has been meeting in Sylva for Friday night pot-luck Shabbot meals would like to have an inter-county Shabbot event. Call Jody or Avram Friedman at 586-8729 or Paul or Valerie Oppenheim at 293-9816 for time and places.

Constance Head, who has been our bulletin editor, treasurer, organizer and who has breathed a unique spark of life into our midst, has been very ill and for the foreseeable future will be unable to carry out those functions. Please send all correspondence to Box 504, Franklin, N.C. 28734. We will all be thinking of Constance in our prayers.

Mrs. Paul Grob of Asheville has appointed Joann Mercer as Cancer Drive chairperson for Mountain Synagogue. She has cookbooks available to benefit the American Cancer Society; for information call Joann at (704) 524-8225.

Maethel Shinelman of the

Unitarian Universal Congregation in Franklin issued an invitation to all interested families to attend a covered dish Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 18th. The program compared Jewish and American concepts of Thanksgiving.



*Simon Meyer*

## CHARLESTON, W. VA.

"Simon Meyer Day" was observed on Sunday, November 11th, when about 200 relatives and friends from Charleston and other areas gathered to pay tribute to one of Charleston's older citizens.

Recently becoming a great-grandfather, Mr. Meyer was honored on the occasion of his 85th birthday at a reception hosted by his children, Joan and Arthur Weisberg and Lynn and Steve Meyer. The affair, complete with appropriate decorations announcing "Simon Meyer Day", was held at B'nai Jacob Synagogue of which Mr. Meyer is a past president and an "Unterstuper" in the development and building of the present synagogue in 1950.

He produced a history of Charleston Jewry. He has traveled to many countries. Of great interest has been his attendance at Wildacres nearly every year since

1949, and he has many friends in North Carolina.

We wish Simon many more happy birthdays and years of satisfying accomplishments.

## B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte BBW together with HaLailah (Evening) Chapter BBW had a Personal Giving Campaign at Temple Beth El. The program was titled "Our Legacy, Our Future." Wine, hors d'oeuvres and later Viennese type desserts were served. Our keynote guest speaker was Beverly Davison, International President of BBW.

Personal giving is a very special time for BBW. This is the time of the year we pledge our hearts and pocketbook or pledge to continue BBW philanthropies so it can grow and prosper. This is the first time our program was held in the evening. Every dollar raised goes to BBW Childrens Home in Israel, Hillel, BB youth organization, the Anti-Defamation League and other projects through the year.

We had a dynamic meeting and program titled "Identifying Risk Taking Behavior in Children and Teens." It was held at Temple Beth El. This program was presented in cooperation with the Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy (MCAP).

Our speaker was Helen Harrill of the Charlotte Drug Education Center. All children and teens take certain risks, we must know how to recognize when it becomes "too late," or better still caught in time. Teenagers "test their wings" as they attempt to make the transition from childhood to adulthood. It is a period of trial and error and a parent has to learn how to read the signals their child is putting out; whether concerning sex, drugs or alcohol.

We have gained some new members to BBW, Ruth B. Gould, Sylvia Cohen, Ilene Burstein, Jill Krasner-Rudnick, Judith Kaufman

and Sharon Littman.

On Tuesday mornings we are once again sponsoring the "Alive" Series along with the Jewish Community Center. The sessions are held at the Armstrong House. This year the Topic is "Exploring Human Relationships through Literature." Coordinators are Dr. Mary Thomas Burke, Professor at UNCC College of Education and Betty Jaffe representing Charlotte Chapter of BBW. In a series of eight informally structured classes, one can see how literature is giving a fresh perspective on oneself and various sorts of human relationships that one can get involved in during a lifetime beginning with childhood and family conflicts; men and women living alone, and together, marriage and divorce. Some writings are from some well known authors such as Ernest Hemingway, Sherwood Anderson, John Cheever, Eudora Welty, Mary McCarthy and D. H. Lawrence. The instructor is Jim McGavran, who regularly teaches courses on the Romantic Period in British literature and on British fiction.

## **GREENSBORO, NC BETH DAVID**

Men's Club and Sisterhood members worked together to accomplish the most successful Rummage Sale to date. Special appreciation goes to Meyer and Esther Leader and to Jimmi Williams, Russell Gilreath, and Kathy Howell.

The Fourth Community Supper was held on Wednesday, November 14, at Beth David Syngogue.

Mimi Levin and Janis Fields of B. Dolphin Limited presented a program on Jewish books for children and young adults after the November 30 Friday Evening Service.

Beth David Choir meets every Wednesday at the Kagan Building. A Chanukah Friday Night Service is to be held. Call Paul Gould at

288-0170 for Choir information.

Sunday, December 16, is the date of the Chanukah Party for all newcomers, new members, old members, adults and children.

Beth David's Rabbi is Edward H. Feldheim, Gene Krusch is President.

## **HIGH POINT, NC**

by Estelle Levine

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson on the birth of a grandson, Richard Alex, son of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Krumholz.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harris on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Daniel Backer, of Richmond, Va. The proud parents are Richard and Lois Backer.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zimmerman on the birth of a son, Nathan Lewis. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schwartz and aunts, Edna and Bessie Schwartz.

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Michael Broder on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elena Nicole.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samet upon the engagement of their son, Gerald to Marian Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stein of Wilmington, NC.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hekler on the birth of a grandson, Max Andrew, to Dr. and Mrs. Fred Siegel of Chesapeake, Va. Mrs. Siegel is the former Hedy Hekler.

Mrs. Mollie Mirvis Swartzberg, 82, died Friday, October 12 at her home following an extended illness. She was born August 11, 1902, in Norfolk, Va. On September 21, 1924 she married Benjamin Harris Swartzberg, who died August 15, 1963. She helped establish Swartzberg Clothing in 1937 and retired in 1962. She was a member of many organizations, such as the Community Chest, Family Service Bureau, Muscular Dystrophy Assn., Council of Jewish Women, was past president

and chairman of church committees and a member of B'nai Israel Synagogue. Funeral was Sunday at Sechrest Chapel followed by burial in Hebrew Cemetery, Rabbi Robert Sandman officiated.

Surviving are one son, Fred L. Swartzberg; two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Swartzberg of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Sol Lesser of Savannah, Ga.; one brother, Abe Mirvis of Norfolk, Va.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lillian Teitlebaum Silverstein Levine, 74, of Miami died Friday, November 9 in Miami Beach, FL. She was born in Russia April 11, 1910; was married to Irving Silverstein, who died October 11, 1969, was a resident of High Point 14 years and a member of B'nai Israel Synagogue. Funeral was Sunday at Sechrest Chapel followed by burial in Hebrew Cemetery, Rabbi Robert Sandman officiated.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Sandra S. Ferber of Miami; one son, Howard Silverstein of Greensboro; three sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Geller of Miami, Mrs. Sadie Shepitan of Long Beach, NY, and Mrs. Fay Friedman of Orange, CT; and four grandchildren.

## **FLORENCE, SC AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

by Bea Rogol

Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney Strome were honored at an Open House at Temple Israel during the summer on the occasion of his retirement, with many community leaders and congregants in attendance. Rabbi Strome and his wife, Majorie, are still residing in our community, and we are enjoying their company.

The New Year was ushered in by Rabbi Lawrence Mahrer at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services. Rabbi Mahrer comes to us from Topeka, Kansas, and we

look forward to having him and his wife, Jan, happily with us for many years.

Sukkot was celebrated in our outdoor sukkah under the stars with prayer and singing. The Model Sukkah Contest brought forth many excellent model sukkahs, and it was really very difficult to pick the winners. After long deliberation, however, prizes were awarded to the Kammer, Dattlebaum, Hesse and Schiff families. Honorable mention went to the Stuart Greenberg, Phillip Greenberg, Rick Levy and Grossman families. Canned and boxed foods, which were placed in the outdoor sukkah and the sukkah in the sanctuary, were later distributed to the needy. Simchat Torah was also a happy time, celebrated with singing and rejoicing. Parading with the Torah was especially meaningful as the Torah was passed from generation to generation.

Temple Affiliates held their fall Flea Market and Rummage Sale in early November and, as usual, it was a huge success. Coming up is a party for all Affiliate members and their friends. Temple Beth Israel does not have a brotherhood or sisterhood. Instead, the Affiliates, made up of both singles and married couples who are members of the Temple, takes the place of both of those organizations. For us, the Temple Affiliates has been highly successful.

Our community was saddened by the death of Herman Goldhammer, a long-time member of Temple Beth Israel. At the time of his death, Herman was Treasurer of Avraham-Samuel Greenberg Lodge 2828 of B'nai B'rith. Our condolences go to his wife, Sarah, and the entire family.

New members of Temple Beth Israel are Bruce Feller and Debbie and Scott Yanover. We welcome them into our Temple family and look forward to many happy years together.

Congratulations to Dr. Phillip Greenberg on his recent induction

into the American College of Surgery at the Clinical Congress in San Francisco. This is the highest professional achievement in general surgery.

The Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah had as their guest at a luncheon meeting, Mrs. Charles Housen, a National Vice President of Hadassah. Marjorie Housen comes from Boston, and Florence area Hadassah members and their husbands felt very privileged to have her include this small chapter in her southern tour of the country. She spoke on the latest developments in the Hadassah hospital as well as in other Hadassah areas.

Our community has been absent from this publication for a long time. However, we look forward to communicating with you on a more regular basis from here on out.



*Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Newman*

## ASHEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Newman were honored on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary at a recent Friday evening service at Temple Beth ha Tephila. A special

Oneg Shabbat was arranged for the couple's daughters, Mrs. Lois Miller and Mrs. Joseph Berg. In honor of the occasion a Silver Havdalah Service Set was presented to the congregation by the Newman family. Out-of-town guests included Dr. and Mrs. William Thomas of Raleigh, N.C. and Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Berg of Rochester, N.Y.

Beth Hatefutsoth, The Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora is collecting material on Jewish workers and artisans in the diaspora in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Museum is seeking photographs, drawings, sketches, documents, and pamphlets pertaining to this subject, and any other relevant material regarding Jewish Trade Unions, Guilds, Workers & Artisans Friendly Societies, Jewish Workers Lodges, etc. The Museum would appreciate any such material accompanied by dates and descriptions. Material will be returned, if requested. Address to: E. Benjamin, Beth Hatefutsoth, Tel Aviv University Campus, P.O.B. 39359, Tel Aviv 61392, Israel.

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## CHANUKAH—OUR RIGHT TO BE DIFFERENT

by Dvora Waysman

This coming holiday season, viewers in eight major American cities will have some unique fare served up with their regular prime time TV programs. Alongside the usual Christmas offerings, audiences across the nation, in cities with major Jewish populations, will have the opportunity to watch an animated half-hour holiday special about Chanukah, called 'Lights.'

'Lights' is a fantasy-adventure which retells, in allegory form, the story of Chanukah and the miracle of the Lights. With something in it for everyone, it is the first major production of Israel's promising young animation industry. It took two years to produce, and involved 80 people working in seven animation teams.

Judd Hirsch (award-winning

actor who played Dr. Berger in 'Ordinary People' and star of the TV comedy series 'Taxi') came to Israel to make the narration. "Apart from the fact that I like narrating things, I learned a lot from 'Lights'—I really did," he confided, while admitting that his own Jewish education had been minimal, stopping with his Bar-mitzvah. Leonard Nimoy (Mr. Spock of 'Star Trek') and Paul Michael Glazer (Starsky of 'Starsky and Hutch') portray two of the animation's chief characters. 'Lights' was designed by Faith Hubley whose New York studio has won four Academy Awards, Bill Littlejohn of MGM supervised the layouts and the animation was carried out in Israel at Kibbutz Ein Gedi's Animation Studio.

Designed to compete with top network holiday entertainment, 'Lights' explodes with warmth and joy. Without once using the word 'Jewish' or 'religious,' it delivers a powerful and universal message: that everyone has the right to be different. And not just the right but the **obligation** to preserve the unique traditions of one's heritage, no matter how enlightened, sophisticated and humane the prevailing culture might be. The film's theme of tolerance unfolds in a delightful, moving way and while the plot is taken from a chapter of Jewish history it can apply to any ethnic minority.

With instantly loveable cartoon characters, the film opens to show ancient Jerusalem at dawn, as Judd Hirsch begins to tell the story: "Chanukah ... the Festival of Lights ... It's all about something that happened a long, long time ago ..." Gradually we're introduced to the stars—Miriam and her little brother Yoni. They are part of a people to whom a great gift was given, sent to them from Mount Sinai. The gift is lights ... wonderful lights composed of Hebrew letters. They dance and sparkle and glow, lighting their way and their lives. We see them blaze in menorahs, leap from the

pages of Torah scripts, and prize by families. New characters are introduced ... the Scribe, a Shepherd and a Young Man. The letters dance before them, subtly teaching them how to live ... give charity to the poor ... to help the elderly ... in short, to do whatever 'mitzvot' present themselves. We are shown the Temple where the lights are treasured by the Kohen, the High Priest.

Then the drama unfolds as Alexander the Great comes over the sea with his armies. We see his battle with the Persians and his march on Jerusalem, which he finally enters peaceably. For a while the two peoples live side by side. The Greeks are clever, skilled in the arts, very attractive—and the Young Man admires them enormously. So much so, that he imitates their clothing and behavior. Flattered, the Greeks reward him by accepting him as one of them. The only problem is the Young Man's guiding light: come what may, it refuses to go away. The lights which dance around the Young Man mark him out as different. He is embarrassed and his Greek friends irritated. Finally they persuade him to get rid of his light and help them 'modernize' his people by collecting all the lights and replacing them with golden Greek letters.

When the people (never mentioned as Jews) have their lights taken away by force, an open rebellion begins—and finally even the Young Man realizes that he has been robbed of something, especially unique, something worth fighting for.

The co-authors of the film are a talented husband and wife, Jerusalemites, Dr. Yehuda and Sara Wurtzel of Geshet, an organization that works to close the gap between religious and non-religious Jews. Dr. Wurtzel is both producer and direction. He has a Ph.D. in media and education from Jew York University; his wife

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studied theater and film. They came on 'aliya' in 1979 and have four children.

The message of the film which comes across loud and strong seems to be equally meaningful to Jews and non-Jews. Chanukah represents a Jewish victory over physical annihilation, but over and above this, its real significance is the maintenance of our identity against a universal culture. In trying to impose Hellenism, awards were offered for conforming at the expense of Jewish identity, morality and values. The message to all audiences is that no culture, no matter how enlightened should demand a degree of conformism which forces people to abandon their own special heritage.

In the film, we see menorahs twinkling in the windows of modern Jerusalem homes, and the narration closes with the rich, emillifluous voice of Judd Hirsch telling us:

*"There's a Festival of Lights because people kept their light that was different and treasured it; and, in return, it gives back light for all of us."*

And that, after all, is the message of Chanukah for all of us for all time.

## HOW TO DESCRIBE CHANUKAH TO YOUR NON-JEWISH FRIENDS

The Jewish holiday of Chanukah commemorates history's first struggle for religious freedom.

The war took place 165 years before the time of Jesus, in the land of Judea. That country was part of a kingdom which came under the control of a Greco-Syrian king named Antiochus. Like Russia today, the regime permitted its conquered people to live, but banned any kind of worship except that prescribed by the monarch.

His brand of paganism called for the worship of idols; one of the

idols was of himself. Every nation under Antiochus acquiesced except the Judeans. Enraged, Antiochus sent his armies to Jerusalem and planted his images in the only temple in Jerusalem.

Against this desecration a hardy group of rebels arose. They were led by Mattathias, a Jewish priest, and his five sons, who came to be known as the Maccabeans. For three years the battles raged. The fighting Jews held off the mightiest armies then existent. At first, there were only a handful, but then the Jewish resistance army grew.

Miraculously, the Jews were victorious. They routed the enemy and returned to the temple where they conducted a ceremony of rededication. Chanukah is the Hebrew word for rededication.

Ever since, the Jewish people have celebrated the holiday for eight days. Worship services and sermons in the synagogue glorify the idea of religious freedom, the Maccabean gift to posterity.

In the home (and in the synagogue) a candelabrum (Hebrew: menorah) is the centerpiece of the celebration. On the first night, a candle is lit, amidst prayers thanking the Almighty One for inspiring spiritual heroes to make sacrifices for a noble cause. On each night thereafter, an additional light is kindled. The crescendo of light symbolizes the enlargement of forces engaged in a sacred endeavor.

Chanukah is a gift-giving holiday. But, as at all Jewish festivals, gifts are also to be given the poor. Contributions to charity are a fixture for all Jewish observances.

Sometimes called the "Jewish Christmas," because Chanukah comes in December, the Jewish holiday is unrelated to the Christian Holyday, except that both of them feature the kindling of lights, which in prehistoric times, at this season, was primitive man's way of signalling to the gods above that he was apprehensive about the dwindling of light.

In 1984 Chanukah will begin at sundown Tuesday, December 18th. The Jewish religious calendar is lunar-solar and swings within the orbit of the solar calendar which we use in the West. So, as is the case with Easter, the holiday comes at various times in our calendar.

When the Christmas season effervesces, Jews are caught up in the spirit of good will which permeates our society. Christians might have good reason to rejoice over Chanukah, too, for had not the brave Maccabeans sacrificially risked their lives to keep the flame of monotheism alive, would that little country of Judea have given birth to its daughter faith some 160 years later?

The Chanukah saga is recorded in several books of that post-Biblical literature known as the Apocrypha. The Books of the Maccabees describe in detail the way in which the weak overcame the strong. It is a story which has been duplicated other times as well. Witness the triumph of a handful of colonists under George Washington against the British. Witness the incredible way a handful of British aviators held off the Nazi hordes. Witness the victories of the modern Maccabees (also known as the Hasmoneans) has also been corroborated by archeological finds. In the tenth chapter of the Book of John in the New Testament, we read about Jesus' observance of Chanukah, which is also known as the Feast of Lights.

Christians and Jews will join, as they observe their separate holydays in prayers that the Holy Land and its environs will at long last enjoy the blessings of permanent peace.

Chanukah is not a holiday when Jewish children absent themselves from school (as they do on the High Holydays, Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles).

The first sound of the word, Chanukah, is the gargling guttural like the "ch" in the German, "ich",

or the "x" in Mexico".

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## LIBERALISM IN EXILE

by Irving Greenburg

The easiest thing would be to explain the outcome of the 1984 election as a referendum on Ronald Reagan versus Walter Mondale as a politician. Mondale's own campaign was run on the theory that the voters agreed more with Mondale on the issues but were bedazzled by Reagan's personal likeability and leadership aura. This analysis distracts from the fundamental issues which are determining voters' behavior which point to unsolved critical problems for liberalism.

The American Jewish community has been overwhelmingly liberal in its voting for decades. Jewish interests and liberalism have been closely linked since the Emancipation. It is essential that a proper diagnosis be offered, for the health of the Jewish community is directly tied to a healthy liberalism.

After about fifty years in power, liberalism has become so entrenched that it begins to become 'self-evident,' which means that its self-correcting mechanisms were weakening. Cumulative structural defects began to distort the output of liberal policies as to generate results contrary to those intended. Since many of the problems stemmed from being in power a long time, this led the voters to a decision to send liberalism into exile in the hope that it could correct itself.

When a view goes into exile, it

loses its quality of being 'self-evident' and it has to rethink its own assumptions. Thus, flaws are detected and cleared up. Exile from power means that the fair weather friends and camp followers—typically those who carry out policies uncritically and exaggeratedly—disappear. Facing the need to regain credibility, the group discovers the capacity to set limits and correct excesses hitherto deemed sacred cows beyond chastisement.

What are the issues?

After wielding power for a long time, liberals began to take the positive exercise of power for granted but to develop a bad conscience about its bad side effects. This tendency was aggravated by the tragedy of the Vietnam war. The net result was a growing unwillingness or incapacity to wield power even for good causes.

For me, the turning point came in 1976 with a trip to Russia. There I saw the stifling moral atmosphere and the lies and mean persecution of the refuseniks side by side with the economic incompetence of the system. I concluded that Russia had exploited the good will and eager nature of the United States in the search for detente, and our excessive trust in treaties. They had taken advantage of the recurrent political campaigns which led to unilateral concessions and, most of all, utilized the vacuum created by American unwillingness to mount and bring power to bear on political situations.

In 1980, the voters sent a message that they wanted a buildup of American power and an administration more willing to use it. The surface issue was the incapacity to free the hostages in Iran but the ability to wield power was the substance of the matter. The point was that America's enemies could act with impunity. If the only punishment is for the Western option, then matters will always go against us. This is what

happened in Lebanon and as in Latin America, it brings to power a group inimical to Israel, as we call 'Purism' cripples the use of Western force and power flows to those who are most fanatical and unprincipled.

The same 'guilty conscience' of wielding power shows up in the second big issue in voter's mind. After two decades of intense social experimentation, social welfare activism, and assault on poverty, the voters concluded that the buildup of negative side effects (welfare harming family structure and increasing dependence) and excesses (for example: exploitation of unemployment benefits, extreme black nationalism, counter-racism and radical feminist assaults on motherhood and family) called for consolidation and corrective action. When liberals were paralyzed by convention and 'moral guilt' from setting limits, then the palm was extended to groups on the other side who had no compunctions to act.

The weak ethic of power and incapacity to judge the demands of the dispossessed came together in the Jesse Jackson campaign which so alarmed the Jewish community. Most of Jackson's issues, calls for compassion and help for the poor are describable as legitimate and real needs but they represent liberalism unchecked by the ambiguities of foreign policy, power or the limits of government. (In this, Jackson has abandoned his own earlier efforts for black self-help.) Mondale's acceptance speech showed that he knew better but his inability to put limits on Jackson or to fully rebuke his anti-Semitic excesses (that the poor/dispossessed are judged on a double, more indulgent standard) is a classic expression of the current inner weakness of liberalism. Fear of alienating those who still cling to liberal cliché prevented Mondale from making the kind of corrections that are recognized as needed. Gene

voters' perception of this incapacity (commonly articulated as 'Mondale's captivity to special interests') constituted a tremendous weight dragging down the Mondale campaign.

The same incapacity to use power well and to accept the moral equivocations involved and the inability to critically assess demands made in the name of the dispossessed weakens support for Israel. This is why—despite the ongoing strength of Israel's support in liberal circles—pro-Israel views are increasingly looking good in a conservative setting and at a disadvantage in the left (as, for example, in the university world). The wrong conclusion is to write off liberalism. The right diagnosis is that liberalism should go into exile and self-correct.

The third major issue that brought Ronald Reagan to power was the economy. Affluence does not simply lead to selfishness. The prosperity of the '50s and '60s was vital in releasing the liberal impulse, war on poverty, and environmentalism. But the buildup of excesses, lack of competitiveness, union and management shortsightedness, placing egalitarianism ahead of productivity, the rise in the costs of control, etc., led to a stagflation and fear of even more substantial loss of economic resources. The voters asked to free up economic productivity, even to reward the rich more as long as growth would be restored. The economic productivity issue in particular has caused significant political shifts in the younger generation which 'knew not the Depression.'

Mondale had still not zeroed in enough on this priority. He still speaks with greater passion for compassion and almost belittlingly of self-interest. Therein he misses the issue that an excess of policies based on compassion threatened to make the poor dependent and restricted the economy whereas a resumption of growth could

provide greater help for everyone. To those who attack his dependence on the unions, Mondale should have responded that the unions are much chastened, capable of concessions for the sake of competitiveness, and far more involved in productivity while still constitution one of the great forces for fair sharing and justice. The voters are asking for 'repentance,' not destruction, of the unions.

Had the liberal hegemony continued unchecked, the longterm situation for Jews would have deteriorated. Whenever one view becomes totally dominant, Jews don't fit and are pushed aside. Today, unchecked radicalism is offended by Jewish particularism, Jewish self-concerns, Jewish power—as if these are not normal and legitimate phenomena in every group. The present conservative upsurge is restoring a balance of power—the healthiest situation for Jews is a

pluralist balance of power.

The key now is for Jews to build more adequate alliances within the right—both for Israel and for Jewish domestic concerns. A stronger conservative Jewish option is needed for Jews to do well in the open society. Still other Jews—using Jewish perspectives and insights to hasten the day of rebuilding—must play a leading role in renewing and self-correcting liberalism. This renewal is essential to the future. Israel dare not end up being isolated politically only with the political and religious right.

There is an important lesson from Jewish history for liberalism. The Jewish loss of sovereignty was taken as a challenge to self-analysis and improvement. New leadership and new institutions (such as the synagogue) corrected the abuses without surrendering the basic compassion and social concern of Jewry. All this led to repentance, renewal, and a higher,

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purser level of commitment. The same type of response can now lead to renewal of the liberal impulse and to a more fruitful dialogue between conservatism and liberalism. A new moral realism and greater sensitivity to the role of self-help and religion in national life will hasten the restoration. At some point, the excesses of the new conservatism will shift the voter balance. Petulance and beating up on the electorate will only extend the period of exile.

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## **JERUSALEM YESHIVA BECOMES THRIVING REHABILITATION CENTER**

by Joel Bainerman

In the past Yisrael's hands belonged to Esau. Today they are those of Yaakov. Daniel used to earn a living robbing banks. Now he is the proud father of four. Avraham was once the largest distributor of hashish in northern Israel. Today he deals only in Torah.

While 'Baalei-Teshuva Yeshivot' are blossoming everywhere in Israel, Machane Yisroel is a unique and very different kind of venture within the movement. It is a rehabilitation program for ex-convicts where classes in basic Jewish beliefs are conducted and Halacha is taught with special emphasis placed on the mitzvot (duties) between man and his fellow man. The Yeshiva has also initiated a number of highly successful programs which enable prison inmates to visit and learn about the Holy City while participating in learning sessions at the Beit Yisroel campus.

The head of the Yeshiva, Rabbi Aharon Feinhandler, boasts of a success rate with the ex-convicts exceeding 90%. The warden of the

prison claims that "our rehabilitation program is the best in the country. Once the former inmate understands how unethical and immoral his previous life was, he usually doesn't return to prison." And when asked why his project has not received official recognition he responds by challenging government policy: "The government realizes how effective we are, yet what they don't understand is that the clubs and recreation centers they build in the development towns invariably become drug-dealing centers which in turn keep the country's prisons well-stocked."

Realizing that men cannot live by religion alone, administrators have set aside afternoons for teaching trades such as metal-working and locksmithing and the work they do learning these professions pays for their room and board while studying at Yeshiva. Recent efforts to combine work and study has culminated in Kfar Gidon, an agricultural settlement north of Afula.

In spite of the fact that the secretary of the regional council of the Emek Valley is a member of Kibbutz Mizra (one of the largest producers of non-kosher meat in Israel), Kfar Gidon was recognized and invited to join the council. Says Rabbi Feinhandler, "during the meetings with the Kibbutzim we put it to them plain and simple. We said we went our students not only to study about the 'Love of Eretz Yisrael' but to actually till the soil and feel the beauty of the land. I explained to them how this was difficult to do from the center of Jerusalem. We dealt with them on a level they could understand."

Machane Yisroel's religious emphasis is Sephardic. As 90% of the students are Jews from Arabic countries, every effort is made to cultivate Sephardic customs and traditions, and as Rabbi Feinhandler put it, 'To make the students feel that Torah is as Sephardic as it is Ashkenazic,' (The majority of Torah commen-

tary has come from Ashkenazi Eastern European origins). "The majority of Sephardic Jews in Israel come from religious homes, explains the ex-Chicago rabbi "They believe in Torah. They know how beautiful the Shabbat can be. They are believing people who have difficulty bringing Torah into their daily lives. We help bring their hearts and their minds together."

Every week the deans of the Yeshiva and the students travel out of Jerusalem to a center hall in one of the poorer areas of Tel Aviv or one of the development towns. They take with them the 'Machane Yisroel band' and with Armound the ex-rock star as their singer they sing and dance to traditional Sephardic themes. There they talk of what Torah means to them; of their attitudes towards what many of them call the pleasure-seeking and emptiness of secular Israeli society; of the self-respect and dignity they receive from Judaism. Armound claims to speak for them all when he says, "We swallow the pleasures of life until they emerged from our ears. There is nothing better to invest in than the drug of life after having tasted the drug of death."

## **TOURISM—ISRAEL'S GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE**

by Simon Griver

Israel's tourist industry is enjoying its best ever year. In the first six months of 1984 there were 593,000 visitors to the country representing a 12% rise over the same period last year and the highest ever January-June figure.

Yet despite these record-breaking statistics, officials at the Ministry of Tourism feel that the country's exploitation of what is in effect Israel's greatest natural resource is only a fraction of what could be. Other Mediterranean countries like Spain attract 3 million tourists each year, which

some 10 million vacationers visit Greece. In comparison Israel's tourist industry with all its impressive achievements looks like an also-ran—and Israel certainly has no less to offer than its rivals in world tourism.

Michael Gidron, Director of Information Services at the Ministry of Tourism cites some of the problems in increasing the number of tourists to Israel. "First, Israel is farther away from northern Europe and North America than other tourist destinations," he says. "This makes a vacation in Israel more expensive in a market that is highly competitive. However, perhaps even more critical is the fact that Israel is viewed as being in a 'war zone.' There were people who cancelled trips to Israel after the Russian invasion of Afghanistan because they perceived that event as being somehow bound up with Israel's fortunes."

Perhaps more understandably, there is always a rash of cancellations following a terrorist incident in Israel. Nevertheless, it should be noted that an individual is a hundredfold safer in the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem than in Miami, for example, where murders and mugging are part of life.

But wars and the threat of wars are a disaster for Israeli tourism. In the months following Israel's entry into Lebanon in June 1982, tourism nosedived even though there was no fighting in Israel itself. As a result only 997,000 people visited Israel in 1982, 14% less than the previous year. The downward trend was reversed in 1983 with 1,170,000 visitors to Israel, just 6,000 short of the record in 1980, while this year will almost certainly see a new high.

The boost that tourism can give to Israel's economy is enormous. Ministry of Tourism figures show that the average visitor spends 12 days in the country and spends \$1,000 including airfare, hotel bills, restaurants, gift stores, tours,

entertainment and other leisure activities. Thus each million visitors to Israel spend a billion dollars. Israel's tourist industry caters to all types of tourists with numerous luxury five-star hotels and plenty of youth hostels, with limousines for rent or easy hitchhiking around the country, plus extraordinarily cheap (and very reliable) public transportation.

Israel's 300 hotels and the infrastructure that surrounds them were originally designed to cater to tourists who visit Israel for sentimental reasons: either Jews coming to their homeland, or Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land. Since the mid-seventies, when tourists almost doubled from 620,000 in 1975 to 1,071,000 in 1978, marketing emphasis has been on charter groups of sun-seeking vacationers from northern Europe. Today Israel has more than 30,000 hotel rooms and 6,000 more rooms are under construction.

For a novel and inexpensive vacation, there are 1,500 rooms around the country in kibbutz guest houses. These provide excellent facilities and at the same time enable visitors to become acquainted with the unique kibbutz way of life. In the eyes of many people abroad, Israel is still above all 'the Land of the Kibbutz' (the name of a book on the subject in French).

The largest hotel in the country is the 600 room Tel Aviv Hilton. However, Jerusalem's Regency Hyatt will surpass that when building is completed on the 700 room convention hotel. But new five star hotels are not necessary to increase tourism to Israel, bearing in mind that the country's hotels had an average 55% occupancy during 1983. Consequently with almost no additional investment, Israel could absorb an extra million visitors, which would bring an extra billion dollars into the nation's coffers. Many observers believe investment should now be

concentrated on good popularly priced hotels, which they think are lacking in the country.

Aggressive marketing and advertising campaigns in Europe and America are paying dividends. Other gimmicks, including a special Israel Bond that can be redeemed by visitors to Israel and earn their holders discounts on flights and hotels, are aimed more specifically at the Jewish market. It is a strange fact that until recently, more German gentiles came to Israel each year than American Jews.

Research by Dr. Raymond Baron, Director of Statistics at the Ministry of Tourism, shows that this balance has been redressed but that American Jews are still reluctant to visit Israel. Dr. Baron's poll amongst American Jews showed that 10% have ever been to Israel and that only 33% have the desire to visit. Some 3% of American Jews visit Israel each year. These are alarming figures not only for the tourist trade but for all concerned with Israel-Diaspora relations.

Many of those who do come complain about the high cost of an Israeli vacation. Hotels think that storekeepers and restaurateurs overcharge, while merchants complain that hotel prices deter tourism. The Ministry of Tourism exerts as much control as possible in order to improve the situation but most tourists enterprises are privately owned. If Israel is to solve its current economic crisis, then an extra billion dollars from tourism would be an invaluable contribution. In a country that lacks natural resources, every potential asset must be exploited to its full.

Yet for Israel, tourism is not only a question of financial profit, important as this is. Non-Jewish visitors who return home happy and enthusiastic about the country are the best ambassadors for Israel's cause in the broad sense of winning over friends and supporters all over the world. Jewish tourism is an expression of

that solidarity with Israel without which the Jewish State lacks so much of its authentic historical significance. Tourism is, in a sense, a measure of Israel's ability to fulfil in the eyes of the world that promise which it has held out since it won its independence in 1948. For Israel, increased tourism makes sense not only as an economic imperative but also as an indispensable part of its struggle within international public opinion.

## AN EQUAL PARTNERSHIP

The new executive head of the American Jewish Committee today called for "an equal partnership" between Israel and the American Jewish community, which he said looks upon America as its home.

"The time has come," Dr. David M. Gordis told the agency's National Executive Council, "for the American Jewish Committee to assert, without guilt, that we are part of a proud and self-confidence Jewish community that can and will survive creatively in this country, in a constructive and mutually enhancing partnership with Israel."

Dr. Gordis, who became Executive Vice President in July, spoke to the annual meeting of the AJC's top policy-making body. This was his first major address to the agency.

Dr. Gordis urged the Jewish

people, in all countries, to reevaluate the role of Israel and of Jewish nationalism "in the present reality of Jewish life" so that the Zionist fold would continue to include "all those ardent supporters of Israel who assert its centrality in Jewish life but do not plan to settle in Israel." In doing this, he urged that four elements of classical Zionist thought be reexamined:

1. That with the establishment of the State of Israel, the Diaspora (Dispersion) would wither away. "It is now clear that this will **not** happen," he pointed out, adding that mass shifts of population to Israel take place only from countries where Jews face grave danger or ongoing discrimination.

2. That Diaspora Judaism was "all best, historically irrelevant, and at worst, a destructive aberration." "There are many in Israel, and some in this country as well, who still believe this," he went on, then added that along with many Jews all over the world we would challenge this assertion.

3. That the creation of the State of Israel would bring about a "normalization" of the Jewish people. No normalization is in sight, he asserted, pointing to such "aberrations" as the fact that Jews are a universal people **and** a nationality, that they are a faith **and** an ethnic community, and that the relationship between the State of Israel and

world Jewry is an essential element of Jewish uniqueness.

4. That establishment of the State of Israel would "naturally and easily" usher in an ideal society.

"But the challenge to create in the land of Israel the ideal society of the Zionist dream is one that inspires Jews everywhere," Dr. Gordis said, explaining that this ideal society requires "the creative interaction between Israel and world Jewry—not only financial and political support from the Diaspora but a sharing of information, perceptions, analyses and judgments, and an openness to advice and constructive criticism."

Dr. Gordis's comments on a new relationship between American Jews and Israel were part of a far-ranging analysis of what he called "the Jewish reality."

"We Jews are no longer powerless, in this country or elsewhere," he said. "Our fate is no longer in the hands of others, and we are no longer mere pawns on an international chessboard. . . . In this country, Jews occupy a prominent position in American political, social and economic life. Our voices are heard in corridors of power, nationally and locally, and we are courted by both major parties."

He quickly added, though, that he was not asserting "a Jewish triumphalism," pointing out that "it would be absurd to suggest that anti-Semitism is no longer a reality or that Jews have become invincible." He recalled "the overt anti-Semitism" of the current Presidential campaign, and the Jews in the Soviet Union, in Arab lands, and elsewhere look to "our continued vigilance" for their freedom if not their lives.

In the domestic U.S. area, Dr. Gordis explained that the American Jewish Committee was building new alliances with Blacks and with Americans of Hispanic, Asian, Polish, Greek, Italian, Japanese, and other ancestries.

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adding that legitimate differences if not hostilities existed with such groups.

"But there are vast areas of common concern," he continued, listing among them decent housing, good schools, jobs at decent wages, religious and cultural pluralism, and a safer and more peaceful world. "That common agenda is too precious to be discarded because of temporary setbacks and disappointments," he asserted.

On the international scene, he said that American Jews are no longer "merely pleaders on behalf of an oppressed Jewry." AJC officials are frequently sought out by heads of state and other high officials in Europe and Latin America, he reported. We are recognized as representatives of a strong and influential community, and accorded the dignity and respect such a position entitles us to."

The American Jewish Committee is this country's pioneer human relations organization. Founded in 1906, it combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of people here and abroad, and advances the cause of improved human relations for all people everywhere.

## TRADITIONAL CHANUKAH DELIGHTS FOR EACH OF EIGHT CHANUKAH NIGHTS

The Jewish Festival of Light brightens the dark of winter with eight days of celebration among family and friends. It isn't a good idea to feast on the traditional potato latkes every night. We offer some other suggestions sent to us from Rich's, manufacturers of Coffee Rich.

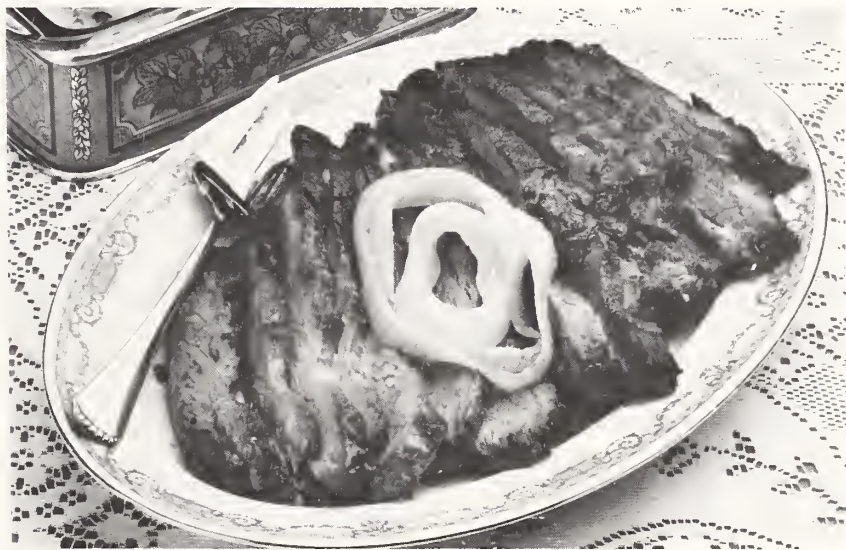
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#### Rabbinical Judiasm advises:

*"Do not fast during Chanukah,  
Nor on the day preceding  
Eat and be merry.  
Linger over your viands,*



# Tradition in the Kitchen



*Puncture your meals with jest and song,  
Relate miracles."*

It is advice to be ingested with glee, since the Jews, so long nomadic in their search for religious freedom, incorporated into their cookery the flavors of many lands, making their cuisine one of the richest and most varied known and guests at their table among the happiest of men.

While the food served for Passover, Rosh Hashanah and other Jewish holidays is governed by law and ritual, the dishes brought forth for Chanukah are derived from legend and custom. The one ruling standard: the food must be nourishing, sustaining. It is hearty food, bringing warmth to the coldest winter.

The richness in the recipe following comes, in great part, from the addition of Rich's® Coffee Rich® frozen non-dairy creamer, which is pareve, approved for Kosher cooking, and is an excellent milk or

cream substitute in any diet-conscious kitchen. (Check the side panel of each package for a convenient conversion chart.)

### BRAISED BRISKET

- 1 whole brisket of beef (4 to 5 pounds)
- 1 pound onions, peeled and cut in thick slices
- 1 cup Coffee Rich® frozen non-dairy creamer, thawed
- ½ cup red wine
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- ¼-½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon potato or corn starch
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup Coffee Rich® frozen non-dairy creamer, thawed

Place meat, fat side down, in roaster. Cover with onions. Place cover on roaster. Bake at 350°F. for 1 hour. Turn meat over. Score fat. Baste with 1 cup of the Coffee Rich non-dairy creamer and the wine. Cover and roast 1 hour longer. Mix

1 teaspoon seasoned salt with garlic powder and ¼ teaspoon pepper; sprinkle over meat. Cover and roast until tender, about 30 minutes. Remove meat from roaster and keep warm; let rest about 30 minutes before slicing.

Make gravy. Skim off fat from drippings in pan if desired. Bring drippings to a boil. Mix starch with ½ teaspoon seasoned salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper; add 1 cup Coffee Rich non-dairy creamer and stir until smooth. Add to boiling drippings. Cook and stir until thickened. Serve with the sliced brisket. Makes 10 to 14 servings.

#### RAISIN APRICOT KUGEL

8 ounces noodles  
6 cups boiling water  
¼ cups Coffee Rich® frozen non-dairy creamer, thawed  
2 eggs  
1-2 tablespoons sugar  
¾ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 (8¾ ounce) can apricot halves, drained and chopped  
½ cup raisins

Cook noodles in boiling water for 10 minutes. Drain well. Beat together the Coffee Rich non-dairy creamer with eggs and seasonings. Mix together noodles, egg mixture and fruits. Turn into greased, shallow 2-quart casserole. Cover with foil. Bake at 350°F. for 20 minutes. Remove foil. Bake about 10 minutes longer or until set. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before cutting to serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

#### MATZO KUGEL

Coarsely crumble 8 plain, unsalted matzos. Add 1½ cups water. Soak for about 30 minutes, stirring noodles in above recipe.

#### SAVING A RARE VULTURE IN THE NEGEV

At Tel Aviv University, zoologists at the Canadian Center for Ecological Zoology have been successful in breeding Egyptian and griffon vultures, white-tailed sea eagles, and crested ibis. The

aim is to produce enough of birds so that they can be established in the wild. The latest experiment is to produce the fappet-faced vulture, now nearly extinct. Once a familiar sight in Israel's Arava Valley, it is distinguished by its powerful, curved bill, sharp claws, and nine-foot wingspan. Only two or three are known to exist there today. As a result of efforts of Israel's Nature Reserves Authority, a contribution from World Wildlife Fund, and Zoo at TAU, there are now young birds including two breeding age. Vultures take nine years to reach reproductive age. The Canadian Center contains the largest collection of Middle Eastern fauna in the world and is dedicated to teaching and research. A study of the milk producing potential of the Black Bedouin Goat and the development of new antisera against the bite of Israel's venomous snakes are current projects.



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# Book Reviews

## VIEWS AND REVIEWS

by Joseph Cohen

### CHAGALL'S MANY SPLENDORED WORLDS

We are less than three years away from the one hundredth birthday of Marc Chagall, the most widely heralded Jewish artist of modern times and one of the greatest artists of this or any other age. Though his works are timeless and he has himself already become a legend, Chagall, the man, the poet, the painter, the ceramist, the genius of mosaics and of stained glass is, at age ninety-seven, still at work creating and re-creating the world as it unfolds and reveals in its multifariousness, its magnificence, and its mystery. His is a true marriage of spirit and matter, of the mystical and the real, of color and form, of the commonplace and the sublime.

All too often we think only of the Chagall of the sublime Jerusalem Windows, but he has been alive for so long and into so many differing phases of his great career that it is easy to concentrate attention on one of his masterpieces to the exclusion of others, leading us to forget how extraordinary talented and varied his art is. There is much in his work that is universal and much that has a special appeal for Jews. Readily granting the majesty of the Jerusalem Windows, Chagall's appeal to me is not indicated so much in the greatness and grandeur of this triumphant series but in his canvasses of the humble but vigorous life of his native Pestkovatik, a **shtetl** near Stebsk in Byelorussia, near the Lithuanian border, canvasses filled with the comings and goings of his parents, his grandparents, uncles and their neighbors. There, also, are the cows, the horses, the fishes, the birds, upon whom Chagall has in his life lavished so much love and tenderness, consigning to

them a better fate in the dreamy heavens of his painted surfaces than the one they knew in real life.

To think of Chagall and the affection he has for animals is to realize how vastly different he is from that other famous Russian-Jewish artist, his one-time contemporary, Chaim Soutine. Seven years younger than Chagall, Soutine came from Smilovitchi, a Lithuanian **shtetl** near Minsk. Both artists were from very large, poor, struggling families. Chagall's father was an underpaid herring packer; Soutine's father an ill-paid clothes-mender. The promise of both artists was recognized early, but Soutine was beaten by his brothers for making graven images while Chagall's family encouraged him. Both boys knew extreme poverty and bitterness as youthful art students in Eastern Europe and in Paris, where they lived in proximity at La Ruche, the famed colony for starving artists. It is no accident that both have given us paintings of solitary herrings or their remains on otherwise empty plates.

For Soutine, his experience turned him inward toward sullenness, rebellion and loathing. He was later to concentrate his immense talents along with his rage and hostility on painting the powerful carcasses of slaughtered beasts in the abattoirs he haunted. By contrast, Chagall's experience turned him outward toward an embrace with the world and a passion for seeing and recording its glories. As a child, he frequently saw animals being slaughtered by his grandfather who was the town **shochet** and butcher, but his soul was filled with compassion rather than hostility; and his paintings were subsequently to restore the spirit and the joyousness of life to the suspended animals whose blood he saw cascading from their severed arteries. Not only did he

give them back their spirits in metaphors of color and form, he went beyond them to embellish all life with a mystical illumination. Recently, he said that "the vital thing," for him, "is to represent those elements of the world which are not visible."

That approach to artistic representation has always been his **metier**. In his earlier years after his first trip to Palestine in 1981 when he embarked on his great visions of the Old Testament, he incorporated into his art that sense of the other world the Kabbalists call the real one, from which we are, according to Isaac Bashevis Singer, one world removed. Since his return to his beloved France after the Second World War, Chagall has lived close to the Mediterranean Sea and his canvases, ceramics, mosaics and stained glass have captured the sea's exquisite and mysterious blues and greens which have given to those countries whose shores it touches the principal colors of their exotic cultures. The experts claim that Chagall's blues, particularly, have never been rivaled in their profuse richness.

It is fitting that one of the first works to appear as we begin to move toward the world-wide celebrations that will mark Chagall's century of life is a new book that focuses attention on the Mediterranean elements of his **oeuvre**. *Chagall's World: Reflections From The Mediterranean* (Doubleday: \$30.00) is a happily achieved collaboration among three remarkable people: Chagall, the French poet-painter Andre' Verdet, and the Rolling Stones bass guitarist-turned-photographer, Bill Wyman. The folio-sized volume contains an introduction, three essays on Chagall's later biblical paintings, his mosaics and his illustrations of animals, plus a long adulatory poem, all by Verdet; a widely-ranging and illuminating "conversation" between Verdet and Chagall; two brief statements

on his art by the master; twenty portrait photographs of Chagall including several with his wife Vava, and one with Verdet, and fifty-seven illustrations, including a number of full-page color plates of some of Chagall's best loved works.

The book pleases most in Wyman's portraits which reveal how vigorous Chagall remains, in Verdet's elucidation in the essays of Chagall's artistic interests since 1948, emphasizing the influence of the Mediterranean's colors, in the reproduction of a number of the familiar pre-Mediterranean masterpieces, and in Chagall's brief, laconic and incisive responses to Verdet's overlong, rambling, frequently pompous, and, indeed, embarrassingly appreciative observations in the "conversation." But apart from Verdet's unrestrained hero-worship, the volume is a delight, and it should engage us all.

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**WHAT CRUCIFIED JESUS?** by Ellis Rivkin, Abingdon Press, 124 pp, paperback, \$7.50.

For centuries, Christians and Jews have wrestled with the legacy of the Gospels which traditionally have assigned to the Jews the responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus. Now noted scholar Ellis Rivkin questions this interpretation with an original and fully documented premise.

Using Josephus' writings, Dr. Rivkin reconstructs the context of life in Jesus' day and projects a portrait of a hypothetical "charismatic of charismatics" who might have lived in those times—a man of eloquence, miracles, and magnetism. Because of the threat such a figure would have posed to the Roman authorities, his execution, an inevitable fate, would have been sealed by a thoroughly political process.

When Dr. Rivkin's charismatic of

charismatics is compared with the historic Jesus of the Synoptic Gospels, the resemblance is dramatic. This bears convincing testimony that the responsibility for Jesus' death is not a question of who, but what, and that it lies with the imperial system of Rome.

This book provides an important bridge of reconciliation between Jews and Christians. It offers Jews a new, more sympathetic look at the life and teachings of Jesus and gives Christians fresh evidence of the Gospels' authenticity in their reporting of those events 2,000 years ago.

Ellis Rivkin is Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He is listed in Who's Who in America and has contributed articles and reviews to many publications including Encyclopaedia Britannica. He is the author of several books, among them "A Hidden Revolution," also published by Abingdon Press.

**BINDING TIES A Glimpse of the Jewish Experience In Georgia** by Louis Schmier, Georgia Publishing Co., 145 pp, \$39.95.

There are 279 photographs in this 8½x11 book, full of personal insights into lives of Jews who have lived in Georgia since early days of the 18th Century. Obviously, Dr. Schmier has worked long making contacts wherever he could possibly obtain information or photos from people whose ancestors settled in Georgia, or from anyone who could contribute to this substantial collection.

This takes the reader back to Europe and other earlier homes of Jews who became Georgians by choice or by the drift of fortune. Some fought and died for American causes, some remained separate from the general community, many retained their Jewish heritage and identity. "This is their story as they it through

direct quotations, stories and vignettes, frozen and preserved for future generations through the camera lens." Their lives in Georgia are revealed candidly.

The author is a noted authority on the Southern Jewish Experience and Professor of History of Valdosta State College in Georgia. He is a lecturer and author of many published works which have brought him numerous academic and professional awards. His writing animates the subject matter into a spell-binding narrative.

A copy of this first edition may be obtained from Georgia Publishing Co., Suite 217, 1480 F Terrell Rd., Marietta, GA 30067.

**HOWL LIKE THE WOLVES Growing Up In Nazi Germany** by Max Von Der Grun, Wm. Morris & Co., 296 pp, \$9.95. (Translated from the German by Jan Heurck).

Why yet another book on the Nazi years? Because this was who grew up in the Third Reich was conscripted before he was eighteen, and ended the war in a POW camp in Louisiana, is able to offer such a clear, well-rounded view of the period. Through the skillful interpolation of numerous documents and photographs with his own recollections, he creates in depth for contemporary young people what those who really like.

The author begins with his life when he was born, and follows the course of events year by year until Hitler's Thousand Year Reich ended. Since his parents were unable to keep him and work, young Max was left with his grandparents in a village near the Czech border. His adored grandfather was fiercely critical of Hitler and from him Max learned the skepticism that gave him a unique perspective in a town where F

worship prevailed. His father's arrest and disappearance for smuggling religious newspapers set him apart still further. By the time he was drafted into the labor corps at seventeen, he had learned to follow his mother's advice to "howl like the wolves so as not to be eaten by them," but he had begun to think for himself.

The calm tone of this book reinforces the passion behind it. For the most part the horrors become apparent in the words of the Nazis themselves or those of their victims—men, women, and children of all nationalities and all religions. With its unique combination of the documentary and the personal, *Howl Like the Wolves* is quite unlike any other book on the subject.

In August, 1944, von der Grun was taken prisoner by the Americans and spent the next three years in POW camps in the United States. Von der Grun describes those three years as his university, for besides working on farms and in quarters he read widely and deeply. After his release, he returned home and worked as a clerk in a building firm.

In 1951, von der Grun went to the Ruhr district and became a coal miner. A serious accident in 1955 hospitalized him for three months and became the theme of his novel *Will-o-the-Wisp* (*Will-o-the-Wisp and Fire*). The novel, published in 1963, enraged the mining industry and resulted in von der Grun's being blacklisted. He has been a freelance writer ever since.

**STORIES** by Meir Blinkin, SUNY Press, Albany, NY 12246, 166 pp. \$10.95.

Meir Blinkin (1879-1915) was distinguished for his psychological acuity in presenting numerous facets of a Jewish experience that often faced a confrontation between a transmitted history of

piety and religious learning and the all-too-worldly pressures of materialism and urban squalor. Set in both Russia and America the stories show the force of community opinion within the culture, and, by contrast, highlight the character of those individuals who refuse to follow the dictates of opinion in their mores, business practices, or religious convictions.

Stories which are understandable today, some shocking, others related to a society no longer existing today, all are interesting.

Blinkin was educated at the Kiev Trade School. He was apprenticed as a carpenter, while he studies medicine, but he came to New York to avoid the Russian political police in 1904. He became a prominent member of a Yiddish literary movement.

**HALAKHIC MAN** by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, translated from the Hebrew by Lawrence Kaplan, Jewish Publication Society, 164 pp. \$12.95.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik is called the 20th century's preeminent orthodox Jewish theologian and Talmudic scholar and "the single most influential molder of the spirit of modern Judaism for over four decades." He has ordained more rabbis than anyone else in history; his students and followers in all branches of Judaism have shaped the character of modern Jewry.

Rabbi Soloveitchik believes in applying sophisticated and rigorous philosophic and analytic methods to an understanding of Halakhah, the body of Jewish law, as a practical way of life.

This is the first English translation of a book written in 1944 in Hebrew, and is said to be the Rabbi's most important statement.

## JEWISH BOOKS BY CATHOLIC PRESS

Paulist Press, 545 Island Rd., Ramsey, NJ 07446, published in November the following books in both cloth and paperback: *Abraham Isaac Kook: The Lights of Penitence. The Moral Principles. Lights of Holiness. Essays, Letters, and Poems*, translated and introduced by Ben Zion Bokser; *Nahman of Bratslav: The Tales*, translated and introduced by Arnold Band; *Zohar: The Book of Enlightenment*, translated and introduced by Daniel Chanon Matt; *Menahem Nahum of Chernobyl: Upright Practices. The Light of the Eyes*, translated with an introduction by Arthur Green; *Philo of Alexandria. The Contemplative Life, Giants and Selections*, translated and introduced by David Winston; and *Safed Spirituality, Rules of Mystical Piety, The Beginning of Wisdom*, translated and introduced by Lawrence Fine. Paulist Press calls these books "The Classics of Western Spirituality."

# Crossword Puzzle

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## ACROSS

- 1 Garret
- 6 Yiddishist Hyman (or striped fish)
- 10 Entreaty
- 14 Ruth's mother-in-law
- 15 Oriental nurse
- 16 Painter of "The Laughing Cavalier"
- 17 Author of "World of Our Fathers"
- 19 Uganda's Amin, et al
- 20 Not as fat
- 21 Draft org.
- 22 Queue
- 23 Pop's mate
- 25 Indian nut
- 26 Saul Bellow's home
- 30 O'Hare or JFK
- 32 Promises
- 33 Isaac Bashevis
- 35 Greek portico
- 36 Chayevsky movie
- 37 Anne Frank's father
- 41 Hebrew prophet
- 43 Condescend
- 44 Semitic language
- 47 Purim play roles
- 49 Long-limbed
- 50 Greek letter (or After pi)
- 51 Henry VIII's sixth wife
- 52 Amateur radio operator
- 55 Author of the Polansky family saga
- 60 On the briny
- 61 Author of "Night"
- 63 Certain college student
- 64 Mother of Helen of Troy
- 65 Follow in succession
- 66 Old basket handle
- 67 Golda
- 68 Author of The Cloister and the Hearth"
- 2 Weight allowance
- 3 Actress Feldshuh
- 4 "...Love With a Wonderful Guy": 1949
- 5 Movie theatres
- 6 Expression of contempt or (Pooh—of "The Mikado")
- 7 After Joel
- 8 Carpenter's tools
- 9 Ewe and mare
- 10 Author of "Letting Go"
- 11 Sephardic language
- 12 American poetess Wylie or English novelist Glyn
- 13 Express acceptance
- 18 British sailor's rum
- 24 Pentateuch law
- 25 Prefix meaning before
- 26 Dodecanese island
- 27 Fedora or beret
- 28 Japanese statesman
- 29 Author of "The Yeshiva"
- 30 Flower part
- 31 Worldwide scientific study period 1957-8
- 34 A Gershwin
- 36 Swedish actress Zetterling
- 38 Digit
- 39 Maxwell Anderson's "High. . ."
- 40 Italian harvest goddess
- 42 Utter
- 43 More pitiless
- 44 Llama's cousin
- 45 Explanation
- 46 Concur
- 48 Author of "The Young Lions"
- 52 Ship steering apparatus
- 53 On the sheltered side at sea
- 54 Long skirt style
- 56 Unit of heredity
- 57 Greek mountain
- 58 Vendetta
- 59 Run away
- 62 Hearing organ

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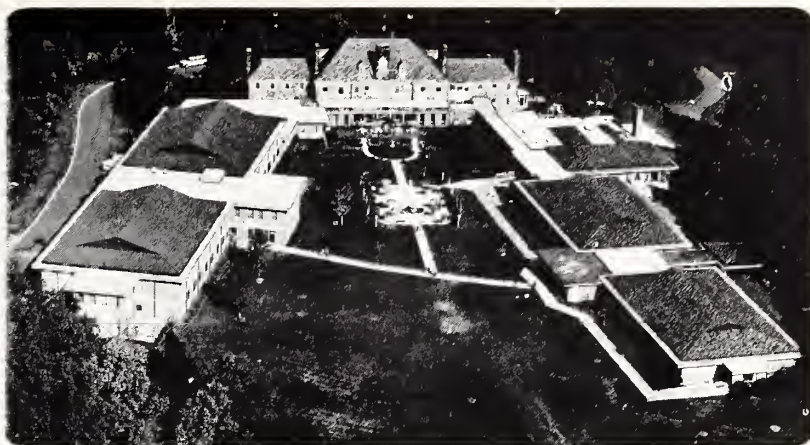
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## DECEMBER, 1984

### Mendlovitz Presents Esteemed "Hammerman Paper" at National Conference

Al. A. Mendlovitz, Executive Director of BJH, was a featured presenter at this year's annual American Association for the Aging conference, held Oct. 28-31 in San Antonio, Texas. Over 3,000 conference participants attended seminars, special interest workshops and discussions centered around the theme, "Through Service We Honor the Aging."

AAHA members are non-profit organizations dedicated to serving the elderly and enhancing their health, dignity and well-being through quality care. Housing facilities, continuing care retirement communities, nursing homes and independent living centers are among those agencies which belong to AAHA. Although each is unique, and the services offered by these organizations differ in scope and content, they share a basic commitment to care for the total person through both service and community involvement.



The Jerome Hammerman award, presented yearly at the AAHA Annual Meeting, recognizes superior contributions to the field of long-term care for the elderly. This year's Hammerman paper, "In Search of Human Excellence — The Hammerman Legacy," was co-authored by Mendlovitz and by Herbert Shore, Executive Director of Golden Acres Hebrew Home for the Aged in Dallas, Texas.

Mendlovitz identified the major goals of long-term care as providing quality of life, optimal meeting of needs, and daily life satisfaction for

the residents in long-term facilities. The issues of quality and value, particularly when they are in conflict with pre-determined reimbursement policies set by state, federal and other third-party payers, are of paramount importance in non-profit settings. He challenged participants to become models of a caregiving service that reflected Jerry Hammerman's ideals — a service that integrates "the legal, religious, financial, medical, ethical, economic, and personal considerations that surround the sanctity of life."

## WELCOME TO A NEW SERVICE: ON-SITE PHARMACY

by Marilyn Rowland, DON

The Blumenthal Jewish Home has an on-site pharmacy as of Sept. 1, 1984! This new service will provide the residents of the Home with all basic pharmaceutical necessities, including on-site dispensing of medications, supervision of controlled drugs, maintenance of regularly used drugs and supplies, and in-service education programs on drug therapy for nursing personnel. The new pharmacy will utilize a seven-day "Unit Dose" system for dispensing of medications.

The pharmacy is now open five days a week, four hours each day. It is staffed by a Registered Pharmacist and a Technician/Clerk, who are both employed by Salem Health Service, which manages the BJH pharmacy. In conjunction with this staff, a pharmacist at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem is on-call 24 hours per day.

We welcome this service to the Home, and are pleased with the improvements we have already realized in monitoring and dispensing medications for the residents.



In the new pharmacy — Vikie Ashworth (Pharmacy Technician) and Teres Jackson (Pharmacist).

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during the month of October.

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Harold Kadis

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If you can help supply us with one or more of these items, please contact: BJH, PO Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012 (919) 766-6401. Thank you!

## BJH SUPPORTS UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Congratulations to BJH residents and staff! Both groups exceeded the goals they set for themselves for the 1984 United Way Campaign. Residents determined a goal of \$100. Spearheaded by John Stemp (Clemmons, NC), and Roy F. (Winston-Salem, NC), the residents achieved a total of \$110.65 during their one-week campaign. This was the first time that BJH residents had been interested in supporting the United Way campaign, and their efforts were both enthusiastic and purposeful.

Staff had been supportive of the United Way for several years, and raised over \$1,000 this year in the fund-raising effort. Congratulations to all members of the Home's family who help make our community a better place in which to live by contributing to service agencies through the United Way.

Edna Blevins, Director of Social Services, coordinated the resident drive. Janet C. Sawyer, Director of Community Programming, Bonnie Ayers, Personnel Coordinator, were responsible for the successful campaign.

## BJH Represented at AAHA Annual Meeting

Board members Lewis Eisenstadt, Wade Gallant, Norman Pliner and their wives Rosa, Sandy and Roz, joined Al. and Sarah Mendlovitz and Janet C. Sawyer in San Antonio for the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Homes for the Aging. The 4-day conference offered a program for Trustees as well as intensive fund-raising and long-range planning courses which dovetailed neatly into the considerations projected by the Home's Long Range Planning Committee. Eisenstadt serves as Chairman of that committee, of which Gallant and Pliner are also active members.

The Home was represented in two places on this national program. Al. Mendlovitz presented a paper, "In Search of Human Excellence — The Hammerman Legacy," to the full conference body. He also chaired a session, "New Models for Caring for Alzheimer's Patients," which focused on the challenges of providing appropriate services to patients in the middle stages of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementing illnesses. Participating in that session was Janet C. Sawyer, Director of Community Programming at BJH. She described the special activity program which has served Alzheimer's residents at the Home for almost three years.

The "Energy Outlet Program," or "EOP," as it is known in-house, is a highly-structured afternoon program which responds to the particular abilities and requirements of residents in the middle to late stages of dementia. These residents have strong needs for motion and activity which are channelled into constructive and therapeutic activities during the course of the program. The "Energy Outlet Program" has become a much-copied model for a number of other long-term care facilities across the country, and is one of the reasons that BJH is nationally known as a leader in progressive and innovative care of Alzheimer patients.



*In San Antonio — Lewis Eisenstadt, Wade Gallant and Al. Mendlovitz.*

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

#### **1 YEAR**

Greg Cuthrell, Housekeeping  
La Quietta Davis, Recreation  
Lauren Jones, Social Services  
Angela Moon, LPN, B-1  
Vonda Smith, Nursing, A Wing

#### **2 YEARS**

Peggy Winfrey, RN, B-2

#### **3 YEARS**

Melvorine Holton, Nursing, B-2

#### **4 YEARS**

Joe Smith, Maintenance  
Ruth Wharton,  
Admissions Coordinator  
Susie White, Accounting

#### **5 YEARS**

Martha Shinault, LPN, B-1

#### **7 YEARS**

Bonnie Ayers, Personnel  
Jerome McCloud, Orderly, B-1

### **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Brenda McClamrock, Laundry  
Judy Petty, Dietary

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Ida Aronowitz  
Sam Cohen  
Alice Fruh  
Elizabeth Gross  
Ruth James  
Isaac Louza  
Madeline Martinat  
Ruth Menins  
Alfred Pace  
Kate Pliner  
Sylvia Sadoff  
Dora Wolf  
Usher Zimmerman

### **WELCOME**

*May you have a long, happy and healthy life:*  
Mrs. Bella Ginsburg,  
Carthage, North Carolina

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Rosa Amster and Mrs. Helen Epstein. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

## Home Hosts "Leadership Winston-Salem"

This fall a special community project has been underway in Forsyth County. Julius Corpening, program chairman for Leadership Winston-Salem, spearheaded a one-day-a-month learning experience for the "movers and shakers" of our community. This educational program was designed to improve communication between diverse areas of leadership in the community, and to educate these leaders about issues that concern the community as a whole.

Seven whole-day programs were developed around topics that included "Quality of Life," "Health and Human Services," "Government and the Political Process," "Education," "The Criminal Justice System," and "Business and Industry."

Each program day begins at 7:30 am and continues through 9:00 pm that evening. Two resident retreats are also a part of the curriculum, one scheduled at the beginning of the course and the other at the end of the series.



*Doug Lanham, Director of BJH General Services, chats with Ann Comper, Director of the Mental Health Association, and Brian Dowd, of Winston-Salem.*

The entire group of "Leadership Winston-Salem" came to the Home on Nov. 8th as a wrap-up to the day's session on "Health and Human Services." Other areas targeted during this day were Reynolds Health Center, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of Baptist Hospital, a review of the social service system and a visit to the Child Guidance Clinic. Peggy Matthews, Executive Director of the Forsyth County Council for Older Adults, addressed the group with a presentation entitled "The Year 2000 Time Bomb," which pointed out the need for

increased services to the elderly to meet the demand anticipated at the close of the century.

Al Mendlovitz, Executive Director of BJH, assisted in planning the day on "Health and Human Services." The Home is proud to have been chosen as the representative for nursing home care in Forsyth County. We are also pleased to have hosted this exciting project. We salute the participants and thank those who helped to develop this concept to further enrich the lives of those who live in this community.

## RESIDENT'S CORNER

### A MIRACLE HAPPENED TO ME

by Kate Pliner

It was June of 1904, Brooklyn, New York. I was 10½ years old and I lived on Hicks Street. My brother and I had been invited to take a steamboat ride on "The General Slocum." I was very excited, and kept rushing my brother, who was about 4 years old, to "hurry, hurry" so we wouldn't miss the streetcar which was going to take us to the river. We ran along, but alas when we got to our destination the streetcars were gone. I decided that we would rush onto Hamilton Avenue and get the steamboat there, but we were too late. The boat had already left. I was so disappointed



*Kate Pliner*

and I scolded my brother for making us late. As we were returning home, I heard sirens and lots of commotion, and I saw smoke coming from the

Hudson River. I rushed to the waterfront and I saw a terrible catastrophe. The "General Slocum" had blown up. I was so upset — I was so badly that my friends were dead and dying and that I was alive and as my brother. I was relieved too that I had not been on "The General Slocum."

I was very saddened to see all the hearses the next few days when the funerals were being held. It distressed me so much. It stayed in my mind for a long time.

As I reflect back over this, as I am now in my 90's, I realize that this was truly a miracle. My brother's sickness saved our lives. I am glad that I am alive to tell of this miracle that happened so long ago.

# FOCUS ON THE STAFF

## LAUREN JONES

A broad smile and a warm greeting are two of the trademarks of Lauren Jones, Social Worker on B-1 and B-2. Lauren is celebrating her first anniversary at the Home this month. During this relatively brief period of time she has already made a positive impact, not only on residents and their families, but on the institutional system itself.

Lauren is a graduate of UNC-G. She earned her Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University, where she concentrated her studies in community health and mental health. Prior to coming to BJH, she spent several years in the Home Health Unit of the Department of Social Services in Forsyth County, developing programs for the elderly, disabled and handicapped. Her work at the Home has received support and recognition from all levels. She was the coordinator of the 1-to-1 program (see related article), which attracted over 50 staff members and added quality and depth to staff/resident relationships throughout the Home.

She also has worked with other members of the Social Services Department on both a manual for spouses of Alzheimer victims, and a spouse support group for people



Lauren Jones

whose husbands and wives are currently residents of the Home. She is active in the Recreation Department's "Off-Campus Activities" program, and has accompanied residents to concerts, to the Dixie Classic Fair, and to other events in which they are interested. She and Wendy Robertson, of the Recreation Department, have instituted a monthly "Restaurant" for B-1 residents, ordering special menu items from area restaurants and having a festive dining occasion in the auditorium.

Away from work she is active and busy in favorite pursuits of hiking, swimming, ballet, jazz and reading. It has been a full year for Lauren, full of growth and development. Her enthusiasm, hard work and fresh ideas have made a difference in quality of life at BJH, and we take this opportunity to thank her and recognize her superior contributions to the lives of those who live and work at the Home.

# ONE-TO-ONE PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS

by Lauren Jones, MSW

The one-to-one program was reestablished last spring at the suggestion of Betty Petticord, who won \$50.00 for this great idea as a way to improve the quality of life for our residents.

Many staff members continue to be involved in the one-to-one program and find their relationship with a resident adds a special dimension to their work. Getting to know their one-to-one partner as a person, learning and sharing with them provides a new avenue for understanding and relating to residents.

"One-To-One" Volunteers and their partners have enjoyed picnicing in the courtyard, strolls outside, playing checkers, reading mail and writing letters, and just plain ole talking.

Some volunteers have gotten together with other volunteers and their partners to enjoy activities in a group. Most recently, volunteers helped turn a trip to the County Fair into an exciting adventure and a special day in the mountains came true for a few residents on A-Wing.

The program continues and new residents have gotten involved as volunteers have added partners or changed their original partners.

Listed below are One-To-One Volunteers who have been and currently are participating in the program.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Nina McBride   | Carolyn Bright |
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| Esther Peay    | Marie Doty     |
| Peggy Beckner  | Ellen White    |
| Margaret Beck  | Julie Sparks   |

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At Betty Petticord's mountain retreat: Norma Volpicelli and her mother, Rose Spire (Roanoke Rapids); Patsy Staley, RN; Betty Petticord, Transportation Coordinator; Rose Halpern (Greensboro) and Fay Moss (N. Miami Beach, Fla.).

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

### DECEMBER 3

SECCA program, 3:30 pm

### DECEMBER 4

\*Out to Breakfast, leave  
8:00 am

### DECEMBER 6

\*The Nutcracker Ballet, leave  
at 6:30 pm

### DECEMBER 7

Outreach Movie, 10:00 am

### DECEMBER 11

\*Clemmons Senior Citizens  
luncheon, leave at 9:45 am

### DECEMBER 12

\*Reynolda House Christmas  
Party, leave at 1:00 pm

### DECEMBER 16

Visit by youth group from  
Statesville, Temple Emanuel

### DECEMBER 17

SECCA art program, 3:30 pm

### DECEMBER 18-25

Chanukah. Candle lighting  
at 4:45 each evening

### DECEMBER 21

\*12:10 Forum luncheon, leave  
at 10:30 am  
Christmas party, 2:30 pm

### DECEMBER 24

Moravian Love Feast, 2:00 pm

### DECEMBER 28

\*Out to the movies, leave at  
1:15 pm

Families and friends are  
invited to join us for these  
special occasions during the  
month of December.

\*off-campus activities

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING??



Ruth Folkner (Pfafftown) greets Gov. Jim Hunt as he campaigns in Clemmons.



The sight of the Home's menorah, lit during Chanukah, is truly inspiring. Plan to join us year during the holiday season.



Sonya Black (Receptionist) assists Sylvia Maya as she goes over the Absentee Ballot with Anna White (Charlotte).

### One-to-One Volunteers continued

Paulette Clark	Ruby Rice
Helen Bumgardner	Becky Bonner
Judy Crews	Margaret Reid
Ruth Howell	Lauren Jones
Joe Beeson	Betty Petticord
Joanna Tucker	Lucille Shaw
Marlene Newell	Libby Carter
Barbara Ragan	Susie White
Denise Libes	Ruth Wharton
Steve Brooks	Joan Marie Belnap

# Halloween!



Betty Petticord  
as "Miss Piggy"



Fran Anthony (A.I.T.)  
and Pauline Bobrow  
(Elizabeth City)



Lazarus Cohen (Rock  
Hill, S.C.), and Chuck  
Dizard (Asst. Exec. Dir.)



Sandy Smith  
& Ruby Rice,  
Nursing Assistants, B-2



One of a kind —  
Ruby Hutchinson



Lauren Jones, (Soc.  
serv.), LaQuietta Davis &  
Sandy Robertson (Rec.)



Claire Bernstein (Greensboro)  
& Sol Greenberg (Charlotte)



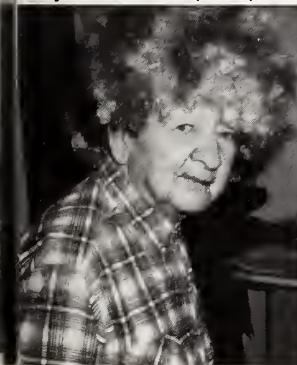
Bet Johnson &  
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The gorgeous  
Greg Cuthrell,  
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Housekeeping Supervisor  
as "Mr. T"



Penny Pierce  
and Patty Whitt,  
Nursing Assistants on A Wing



Sylvia Silbert (Charlotte) with  
Belinda Salazar (Housekeeping)  
and Anita Kirkham (Dallas, Tx.)



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### TROJAN HORSE IN OUR SCHOOLS

Recent events in our Congress may remind us of the ancient legend of the City of Troy. A strong wall separated Troy from the army that was attacking it. That wall was breached by the Trojan horse, a seemingly innocuous creation. But hidden within it were the enemy soldiers. When the people of Troy welcomed the horse into their city, they sealed their fate. Troy was sacked.

Today in the United States, the forces that attempted to breach the wall separating church and state failed in their efforts to achieve a constitutional amendment to authorize school prayer. They, too, have resorted to a "Trojan horse" and thus far they have been successful.

On August 11, 1984 the President signed into law the "Equal Access" measure which directs public schools to permit religious, as well as political and philosophical, students' clubs to meet on school premises during noninstructional time. A number of organizations have announced their intention to challenge the constitutionality of the bill; therefore, a record of abuses in the implementation of equal access could be essential. It is highly probable that the action by Congress will be misinterpreted as unconditional approval of "Equal Access."

It is important to be familiar with the provisions and limitations of the bill so that abuses of it may be identified.

Several features of it should be carefully noted:

1. It applies only to public secondary schools which have a "limited open forum." That condition exists when a school allows one or more extracurricular groups to meet during noninstructional time.

2. Student meetings must be voluntary and must be **student initiated**.

3. School staff may be at meetings but must not participate.

4. Students may not be limited in organizing such groups because of the number of students involved.

5. Outside speakers or clergy, "may not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend activities of student groups."

6. The bill precludes school "sponsorship" of any meeting. Sponsorship is defined as "promoting, leading or participating in a meeting."

7. The bill provides that no state or school official may "influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity."

In many respects, the language of the new bill raises more questions than it answers. Two key issues may be how school staff implements its responsibility as a passive "custodian" at student meetings and the presence of outsiders at such meetings.

If situations come to your attention about which you are uncertain as to the possible violation of the equal access law please contact the ADL office immediately. Abuses of the law should be reported as fully and as quickly as possible.

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# Editorial

## THE '80s: A TIME FOR NUTS AND BOLTS

by Irving Greenberg

In Jewish life, the decades of the '40s and '50s were dominated by the need to live through great historical events. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, the fundamental question was whether Jews could live on. The will to live was centrally expressed in the creation of the state of Israel. Without changing their personal plans, the overwhelming majority of Jews became supporters of Israel. In the United States, suburbanization, increased wealth, and new geographic mobility led to the creation of a large network of synagogue structures and/or Jewish centers to sustain the community's functions. The basic decision to live was being pursued. Building infrastructure of Jewish life was an end in itself.

The key aspect of the decades of the '60s and '70s was an historic decision by the world Jewish community to turn toward survivalism as the basic policy. Professor Charles Liebman has argued that in modern culture Jews have been torn between desire for maximum integration in the general culture and the will to Jewish survival. For most of modern history, both needs have co-existed in uneasy tension within the mainstream of the community, but tactically, integration had the upper hand.

In the '60s, committed Jews turned back on the integration *uber alles* policy. The experience of almost losing Israel in 1969 and 1973 drove home the urgency of putting Jewish life first. The crisis gave millions of Jews the experience of being distinct, separated—even alienated—in the midst of the general society. For many Jews, the stark, even primitive power of their Jewish

feelings overwhelmed the highly polished veneer of modernity. Confrontation with the Holocaust, which was evaded by many Jews in earlier decades, now became a central experience of Jewish life. The outcome was that most Jews concluded that since Jewish fate could not be avoided, it should be lived out constructively.

As a result, Jewish philanthropy shifted its priorities toward Jewish survival, Jewish education became the watchword and received growing ideological primacy as well as more dollars. Day schools' student populations doubled and increased yet again. Jewish studies spread rapidly on the university campuses. Jewish institutions began to look to their Jewish content. Jewish identity became a central concern.

Equally significant: Jewish communities decided to back up the need for power to defend Jewish existence by becoming politically active for Jewish interests first. In effect, diaspora Jewish communities decided to risk their standing in their host countries by becoming visibly pro-Jewish and pursuing pro-Jewish policies even in the face of governmental pressures and cultural coercion. By contrast, in the '40s and '50s, Jews feared to lose their precious acceptance and hard-won integration and stood by, in relatively invisible political impotence, unable to rescue European Jewry.

In the decade of the '80s, Jewish life will be settling down to the challenges of putting the nuts and bolts together better. Taking power is now leading to normalization. The basic decision having been made, then the focus shifts to handling the day to day challenges of power: how to build up and maintain military strength on budgets which come under financial pressure; how to exercise

power while checking the inevitable corruption which follows in its wake.

The key to Israel's power will be social and economic as well as military. While attacking structural problems such as Sephardi socio-economic disabilities and cultural deprivation or the need to shift 50-100,000 workers from the bloated and low-efficiency public sector to the manufacturing and high technology areas, the country must keep the national consensus in the face of the deep-rooted frustrations and unresolved religious and value divisions. This will test Israel's political leadership's ability to lead and Israel's democracy's capacity to defuse tensions.

In building economic power there are no permanent solutions. The key to a solution will be found in a thousand daily improvements—higher productivity in individual enterprises, increased flexibility in work rules, shifts of workers from public services to manufacturing industries, reductions in standards of living, more marketing abroad, better governmental leadership in shifting economic priorities combined with reduction in excessive governmental intervention in the business sector. The United States' pressure for belt tightening and basic economic reform as part of the price of increased aid will be healthy for Israel. In a democracy, outside pressures for performance help offset the natural fear of offending particular constituencies.

Israel's greater economic efficiency will be advanced if American Jewry works for greater involvement and accountability in its aid programs to Israel. Project Renewal has led to increased person-to-person contact between Diaspora and Israel as well as a strong grassroots involvement by the Israeli:

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affected. This is a model of the type of programs needed for the future. The inevitable result will be a new maturity of relationship between American Jewry and Israel. Maturity implies a two-way relationship in which greater support for Israel can go hand in hand with greater willingness to be critical of specific Israeli policies.

Everywhere, the Jewish community must focus on performance and delivery of services. All groups are struggling with the yet unmastered challenge of the third or fourth generation. Hitherto, the third or fourth generation in freedom was characterized by high assimilation, intermarriage, and low birth rates and it is not clear that any group has yet successfully broken that pattern on a mass basis.

The key to the future is better targeting of audiences and delivery of services. If each synagogue and other Jewish institutions can be made ten per cent more effective in impact, in outreach, in educational content, then the rate of Jewish survival will rise significantly. And the Heritage programs are an indication of how media can reach people not currently in contact with the community. Heritage is the first program on such a scale and more such targeted programs are needed. There is currently a major JWB program to maximize Jewish content in Jewish community centers. National Jewish Resource Center plans for its new CLAL (Center for Learning and Leadership) include a college student program modeled on the highly successful Brandeis-Bardin program. Each of these steps is a move toward greater efficiency and productivity. No one step, alone, will save Judaism, but cumulatively the increased performance will enable Jewry to compete in this open, magnetic society.

As the variety of Jewish needs and responses becomes more apparent, it will be increasingly difficult to offer generalizations

about Jewish life. By trying harder or responding more fully, each person, each institution, each Israeli government decision can play a role in making the total outcome of the '80s a renewal of Jewish life.

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Irving Greenberg is President of the National Jewish Resource Center.

# Kibbitzing Community News

## In Memory of Judith Blumenthal

Miss Judith Blumenthal of Savannah died December 24 at the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons. She was sister of Herman Blumenthal and Mrs. Henrietta Meltsner of Charlotte and Mrs. Hannah Brown of Atlanta.

Judith was an active member in the many Jewish organizations in Savannah. A graduate of the University of Florida, she had taught in Savannah schools. Her absence will be keenly felt by her many friends and acquaintances.

## FLORENCE, SC AND SURROUNDING AREAS

by Bea Rogol

Temple Beth Israel Affiliates held a party in November at the Heritage Restaurant in Florence, with the theme of "Jewish is Joyous", and joyous it was! The evening featured food, dancing and entertainment, and was well attended by Synagogue members and friends.

"Sunday Night with the Rabbi" is an informal gathering, meeting once a month in homes, where those in attendance bring up for discussion subjects of Jewish interest. The first session was held in early December, and subjects ranged from Chassidism to Israel to Jews in American wars. "Sunday

Night with the Rabbi" is a program of the Adult Education Committee.

The joint Religious School/Affiliates Chanukah Party was a big success with approximately 90 adults and children in attendance. Dinner, including lots of potato latkes with the trimmings, was served by the Affiliates, and delightful modern-day program was given by students of the Religious School. Rabbi Larr Mahrer was in fine voice as he led the children and adults in the singing of Chanukah songs. On display were several unusual and old Chanukiot, which were greatly admired.

Rabbi Larry Mahrer has had an article published in *Compass*, the national religious education magazine of the Reform Movement. His article explained the concept of teaching students about the needs and services of the various recipient organizations of the school's Tzedakah program. This is his second article published by the UAHC.

The Jewish Chautauqua Society recently announced that Rabbi Mahrer will be the Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies at South Andrews Presbyterian College, starting with the second semester of the current academic year in February. He will be teaching a one-hour course entitled AN OVERVIEW OF JUDAISM.

Members of the Avraham Samuel Greenberg Lodge 2828 of B'nai B'rith heard Bernie Friedman of Columbia, SC at their November

meeting. He spoke to them of the importance of being active and going up the ladder in B'nai B'rith, and the benefits that can be gained in their personal endeavors through their participation in this way.

The Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah held their Paid-Up Membership Luncheon in November, after which many members played bridge. Members of this chapter conducted a successful gift-wrap service at Magnolia Mall in Florence to help raise monies for the many projects of Hadassah.

Congratulations to Donna and Kevin Barth of Marion, SC on the birth of their first child, Branden Padgett, and to grandfather Dr. Ira Barth and great grandparents, Dr. Elliott Finger and Charlotte Finger.

Mazel-tov to Brett Ratner of Florence on his Bar-Mitzvah in Savannah, Ga. Brett is the son of Arlene and Allen Ratner.

And Mazel-tov, also, to Fanchon and Budd Levine of Florence on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jason Levine, in Worcester, Mass.

Donna Cohen of Winston-Salem, daughter of Mildred and Leonard Cohen of Florence, has been elected to the position of Vice President of the Southeast Region of the National Marketing Association.

## FROM THE NEWS HERALD OF MORGANTON, NC

On November 13, 1984, Charlene Dellinger, Staff Writer for the *News Herald* of Morganton, NC gave recognition to Rabbi Arnold Task of Greensboro and Morris Kiel of the same city for their work in perpetuating the memory of the Holocaust. The article noted that their aim is to preserve the memory of the extermination of more than 11 million people, so that such genocide may not be repeated. They take their message to young

people in schools of their area. Both Rabbi Task and Morris Kiel are members of the NC Council on the Holocaust established by Governor Jim Hunt three years ago. This is a program of education, in which a slide show is presented depicting the Holocaust. It also features interviews with residents of North Carolina who survived the persecution in Europe and with US Servicemen who remember what they saw in the extermination camps.

Rabbi Task emphasized in his message to students at Western Piedmont Community College that the operation of the Holocaust was methodically carried out by the Nazi government of Germany, with the assumption of the triumph of its plans. Identities were reduced to numbers, thus dehumanizing the victims.

"We don't want to be paranoid about things," Task told his audience, "but on the other hand, human vulnerability has really been brought home to us, and the possibility of a nuclear holocaust is greater now than it ever has been before."

Morris Kiel shares Rabbi Task's sentiments in this effort.

## EDUCATOR SPEAKS ON SEX EDUCATION

At Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, NC, Sol Gordon, Jewish educator, author and lecturer, spoke to teenagers and adults on "Preparing Today's Jewish Child for Tomorrow's Jewish Family." He asserted the trouble is not that American teenagers know too much about sex, but that they know too little. He linked teenage sex problems with the general decline of morality. He believes the best sex education is two parents who love each other; yet, single parents can do almost as well, he said.

Children should be taught five basic tenets, he claimed: sex is not a test of love; authentic intimacy shared by two loving adults is "the real turn-on;" people who marry must give that marriage priority;

religious values are important, since shared values help strengthen a family; and everyone needs a strong sense of self-esteem that is not based on exploiting other people. Rabbi Arnold Task is Temple Emanuel's spiritual leader.

## TEMPLE EMANUEL GREENSBORO NC

After Sabbath Services on Friday, November 30, Rabbi Arnold Task and Benjamin Marks, Jr. reported on the Convention of the Mid-Atlantic Council UAHC held in Williamsburg VA. Rabbi Task was re-elected to the Board of the Council at the meeting.

On December 4 the world renowned artist, Leonard Baskin, was guest speaker. A talented illustrator, he is humorous, entertaining, and informative. The occasion was sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Rabbi Task met with the Study Group on November 29. The subject was "The Jewish Way of Death, Grief and Mourning."

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro received a gift of \$10,000 from the family of Bernice Love Stadium. Scholarships will be awarded from the memorial fund to undergraduate students who are in the liberal arts program. First recipient is Lori Jan Sonoski. Mrs. Stadium was a graduate of Woman's College UNC-G. She received an M.A. from Columbia University in 1938. She taught at High Point High School and Greensboro High School. She was director of the reading clinic for UNC-G special services project and was an assistant in the reading clinic.

High Point Art Auction is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, at B'nai Israel Synagogue, with a preview at 7 PM.

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood has flower bulbs for sale. Call Judy Task at 292-7644, Ronda Hurewitz at 674-7500 or the Temple Office, 275-6316.

## CHAPEL HILL

by Minerva Levin

Sarah Cohen, a member of the Friendship Circle, is recovering nicely from a broken wrist, suffered when she fell two months ago.

The last meeting of the Circle was held November 11th at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Bryna G. Gogor. Several members from Durham and Chapel Hill attended and spent a pleasant afternoon.

Dick and Charlotte Levin entertained at a lovely cocktail-buffet at their home on Lakeshore Drive on November 22nd. This was to honor their daughter and son-in-law—Debra and Randy Nelson, who spent the Thanksgiving weekend with their family.

Rishie Baroff entertained at Hillel Saturday night, November 22nd, honoring her husband, George, on his important birthday. His daughter from California was present, also his sister, brother and family from Washington, his son Roy and wife from Chapel Hill. Roy is currently enrolled in the UNC Law School.

Steve Levin, son of Dick and Charlotte Levin, recently returned from Nepal where he was sent on an assignment by the Dallas News to climb Mt. Everest. The newspaper contacted him to proceed to India to cover the assassination of Mrs. Gandhi and the tragic events following.

Several members of the Friendship Circle attended the annual meeting and luncheon at the Blumenthal Home at

Clemmons on Sunday, November 18th. A Sabbath candelabra was dedicated in memory of Mary Berman by members of the Friendship Circle of Chapel Hill and Durham.

Claire Bernstein, a resident of the Home, visited her son and family in Chapel Hill this past weekend.

## TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION COLUMBIA SC

Rabbi Howard Kosovske and Fred Blank, president of Tree of Life, attended the UAHC biennial convention in Columbus, GA. Reform Jews from the region meet at these conventions to exchange ideas, programs, and experiences. Trends in the movement are discerned, and reports are made to the congregation. Thus, leaders and congregants are aware of the current state of Reform Judaism.

"Fiddler on the Roof" was presented at the Workshop Theatre on November 19, as a fund-raiser. Sandy Hertz and Zach Bazerman handled the tickets for this benefit for Tree of Life.

Consecration of new members was held Friday, November 16, at Sabbath Services. The event was arranged by Ruth Bazerman, Membership Chairman.

Columbia Jewish Singles is planning a dance, happy hours, Trivia Pursuit night, Chanukah party, Havdallah Services, and a spaghetti dinner. All functions will

be kosher. For information contact Stacey Moed 798-3438 at work or 799-8329 at home.

A slide presentation on India was presented by Ethel Brody and Leona Sobel for Sisterhood luncheon meeting on November 6.

On November 2 a Social Action Program was held after Services. Mrs. Lilyan R. Klein, Coordinator of Volunteer Service at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute in Columbia gave a slide program of services offered at the Institute.

Tree of Life Congregation's Rabbi Kosovske delivered lecture in November under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society at Lander College in Greenwood SC. JCS is sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and aims to prevent anti-Semitism by exposing leaders of our future American society to information about Judaism and American Jewry.

## BETH MEYER SYNAGOGUE, RALEIGH, N.C. by Selma Schoen

Hearty Mazel Tavs to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Shor upon the engagement of their son Nathan to Miss Nanette Sue Lapkin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lapkin of Richmond, VA. An October wedding is planned.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Schneider of the engagement of their daughter Lori to Mr. Rod Sarvis. The wedding will take place on June 29th.

Mazel Tov to Rhonda and Alla From on the birth of a daughter Carlye Marissa. The proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Harry From of Union, S.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Abram Moskow of Whiteville, N.C. The great-grandmas are Evelyn Small of Clemmons and Ida Moskow of Whiteville.

Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Hammer celebrated the birth of a daughter Molly Eder on December 21.

Rita and Sam Kardon on the birth of a grandson Benjamin. The proud parents are Mickey and

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Helen Rosenbloom on the birth of grandson Matthew on Nov. 30. The happy parents are Carol and Lee Rosenbloom.

Carol and Howard Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter on Nov. 6. Little Leah Ashley's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Cohen.

Mr. & Mrs. I.J. Green on the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Alison, daughter of David and Jane Green.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Lefkowitz who were married on Dec. 29th at the Beth Meyer Synagogue. The bride is the former Camille Hersh, daughter of Rosalie and Sol Hersh of Raleigh. A reception and dinner dance were held at the Marriott Hotel following the ceremony. The young couple will make their home in Charlotte.

It is with deep sorrow that we record the passing of Oscar Legum on Nov. 21st. Oscar was a past president of Beth Meyer Synagogue and was a devoted member of the Congregation for many years. He was a highly respected businessman and a fine human being, and he will be sorely missed in the Raleigh community. Our deepest sympathies to his wife, Gertrude, his daughter Rosalind Alpert and his grandchildren, Michael and Nancy.

### CONGREGATION BETH HA TEPHILA BROTHERHOOD CAPTURES TWO AWARDS

Congregation Beth Ha Tephila Brotherhood in Asheville captured two awards at the 30th National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB) Biennial Convention held on November 14-18 in Boston.

Congregation Beth Ha Tephila won awards in the Small Club Class, signifying a membership of up to 150.

The awards won are: 1. The J. Robert Arkush Plaque for Service to the Temple. 2. The Julius Lyons Plaque—NFTB Achievement

Award for excellence, regional and national activities, community relations and service projects, and adult education.

Accepting the awards for Congregation Beth Ha Tephila was Membership Chairman Dr. Arnold Sgan. Brotherhood President was Dr. Clifford Feingold and JCS Chairman was Sidney Schochet. Rabbi is Ronald Bluming.

NFTB is comprised of 500 Temple Brotherhoods with over 70,000 members in the United States, Canada, and abroad. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Judaism.

Its educational arm, the JCS, endows Judaism courses at universities throughout the United States and Canada, assigns rabbinic lecturers to campuses, donates books of Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors Institutes for Christian Clergy in its goal of improved interfaith relations.

### CHANUKAH FESTIVAL 1984

Over 250 people from the Charlotte Jewish community participated in the Chanukah festival which featured a concert by Moshe Yess, composer and singer of the Megama duo.

The festival began with the kindling of the Chanukah menorah by Arny Pickholtz who led the crowd with the proper blessings

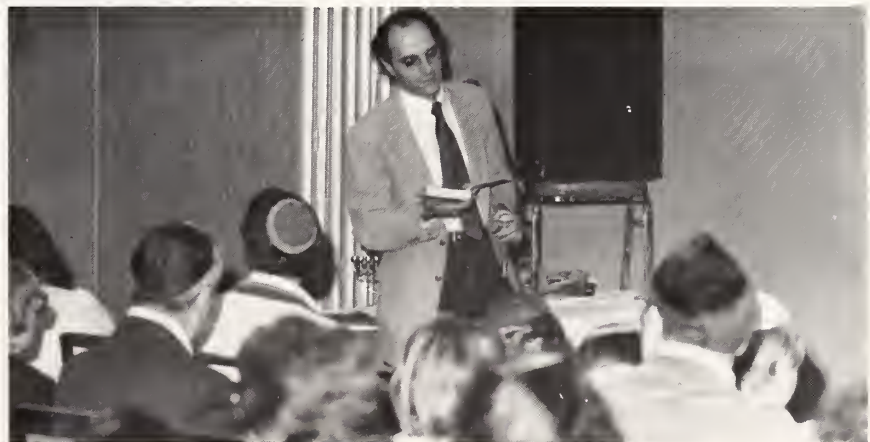


Moshe Yess

and songs. The ceremony was followed by a short talk on the significance and relevance of Chanukah given by Rabbi Yossi Groner, of LUBAVITCH of North Carolina, sponsor of the festival.

Then the fun began with Moshe Yess singing Jewish favorites spiced with his humorous remarks. Most of his songs deliver a message of returning to our roots. The audience responded with great enthusiasm, some were seen dancing in the isles.

There was plenty of good food, traditional Chanukah latkes, home baked cakes and other delicacies as well. "This was the most enjoyable evening of the year" one participant was heard saying at the end of the evening.



Arny Pickholtz leading the participants in song.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### TEMPLE BETH EL SABBATH EVE ADULT STUDY FORUMS

#### Our Theme:

#### "Moral Issues in My Work."

We have invited six outstanding speakers to share with us their moral and ethical concerns in their various fields of endeavor.

A presentation will be made during the Sabbath Eve Service, to be followed by further comments and informal discussion at the Oneg Shabbat.

#### Six Sunday Evenings at 8:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C.

#### I. January 18:

Harvey Gantt, Mayor of Charlotte  
"Moral Issues in Government"

#### II. January 25:

Morris Speizman, Industrialist  
"Moral Issues in Business"

#### III. February 8:

Mark Bernstein,  
Leading Attorney  
"Moral Issues in the Law"

#### IV. February 15:

Dr. John Lincourt,  
Medical Ethicist  
"Moral Issues in Medicine"

#### V. February 22:

Rolfe Neill, Publisher of  
*Charlotte Observer &  
Charlotte News*  
"Moral Issues in Journalism"

#### VI. March 1:

D.G. Martin, Prominent Attorney,  
Recent Candidate for Congress  
"Moral Issues in Politics"

You are cordially invited to bring your family, friends and neighbors with you to Services and the discussions.

### CHARLOTTE B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte B'Nai B'Rith Women will be wrapping Christmas and Chanukah gifts in the East Mall of Cotswold Shopping Center, Dec. 7 to 24, during Mall hours. All proceeds will go to support our

Philanthropies; BB Children's Home is Israel, the Anti-Defamation League, BB Youth organization, Hillel and Older Adult luncheons etc.

On Wednesday, November 28, BBW held their meeting at Trianon Condominium Clubhouse on Colony Road. We were busy making bows and other preparations for the yearly Gift Wrapping booth at Cotswold. A lovely Weight Watchers brunch was served that day.

BBW were active in the Amblyopia (lazy eye) screening October 24-25 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. About 60 preschool youngsters were involved. Seven preschools of about 600 children are scheduled for screening before this school year is over.

On November 24 our Chapter assisted with the special "Olympics" at Centennial Lanes keeping scores and helping with their bowling.

Our Women on November 22

served a full course Thanksgiving dinner to the Arosa House staff, the children and their entire families. Arosa House is one of our Favorite projects.

### TEMPLE ISRAEL, CHARLOTTE

Temple Israel Men's Club enjoyed a basketball game between Davidson and Notre Dame on January 5.

Sponsored by Adult Education the film, "Buddy Buddy" was shown in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall on Sunday, January 27.

Temple Israel Sisterhood holding its Art Sale February 10-11 at Queens Gallery, 1212 The Plaza with opening reception at 7 PM on Sunday the 10th. Gallery hours are 10:00 to 5:00.

Sisterhood is selling Entertainment '85 coupon books, good for dining and entertainment. Call the Temple office.

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On Friday, January 18, following services at Temple Israel, all Jewish singles aged 35 and over were invited to an Oneg Shabat at the home of Betsy Lewis. It was a "Chocolate Fantasy," each bringing a chocolate dish.

The Temple is conducting an "Italian Connection" raffle for three prizes; a ten-day trip to Italy, \$1,000 off the cost of any trip, or a 19-inch color TV. Books can be obtained at the Temple office or from Temple Israel Board Members. In celebration of Jewish Music Month, there will be a Festival of Jewish Music presented by some musicians of the Charlotte Symphony, with guest artist Cantor Louis Danto of Toronto, Canada. Cantor Birnbaum of Temple Israel is music director for the program and Al Rousso is Chairman. The drawing of names of winners of the raffle will be held the evening of the Music Festival.

## Answers to Crossword Puzzle for Jewish Book Month - 1984

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## TEMPLE ISRAEL ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION FILM PROGRAMS 1984-1985

The following films will be shown for the coming season:

### 1. SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1985—8:00 P.M.

**BUDDY BUDDY**—Not since *The Odd Couple* have Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon starred together in such an uproarious comedy; Matthau is a hit man trying to kill a star witness in a case against the mob, and Jack Lemmon is a TV censor trying to kill himself after his wife runs off with the owner of a sex clinic. *Buddy Buddy* is a witty satire that moves at an incredibly feverish pace. It is hilariously funny.

### 2. SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1985—8:00 P.M.

**EAGLES ATTACK AT DAWN**—This is an episode in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Rumors of mistreatments of Israeli prisoners in an Arab prison is being investigated by the U.N. During the confusion, Beno, an Israeli prisoner, escapes. Back in Israel Beno enlists the aid of Israeli soldiers to rescue the Israeli prisoners in a daring attack on the prison. This film is full of action and drama, and packed with suspense.

### 3. SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1985—8:00 P.M.

**SAHARA**—In this film Humphrey Bogart is a tough tank commander who, after the fall of Tobruk, roams the desert (in North Africa) fighting and harassing the Germans. Racing toward a water hole, they are forced to pit their small number against a force of Germans determined to capture the oasis.

*Sahara* is considered by many film historians to be one of the best war films about the North African campaign.

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ season tickets for the Film Series 1984-1985 at \$7.00 each.

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## REMEMBERING NATHAN SUTKER

by Estelle Hoffman

Among the first people we met in Charlotte in 1974 were Nathan and Minnie Sutker. Quickly we developed a fondness for each other and became friends. Now Nathan is gone, and we shall miss him. It is comforting that his life was a long one and that it was filled with his chosen treasures.

Nathan was born in Savannah, Georgia, one of five children. His father Wolfe had come to the United States with his family from Poland in 1870, arriving in New York. He moved to Savannah to join a brother who had settled there after the Civil war. There he met and married Rebecca, also a native of Poland, who arrived in Savannah in 1880.

When we entered World War I (the war to end all wars), Nathan was 18 years old and a member of the U.S. Government Student Army. Patriotism was in fashion then, and "slacker" was one of the dirtiest words of our youthful vocabularies. No cynic matters of concern for the Country, and no longer in the draftable age group, Nathan applied for service in the Navy in World War II, but was rejected because of poor eyesight. Not content to remain uninvolved, he turned to North Carolina's State

Guard, was accepted, and trained weekly in Charlotte throughout the war. During the worrisome summer of 1943 he trained at Ft. Bragg, in preparation for emergency action. How many now remember the worry and fright of those years, when Hitler's Nazis and his Axis partners were gaining ground every day, with each radio news broadcast and movie newsreel a horror we cannot convince our children was warranted?

Nathan was awarded a Sergeant's certificate, having completed the study of at least 20 subjects. He had always been studious, and the many fields into which his zest for learning led him resulted in widespread knowledge.

In his youth his preference had been the field of medicine, and chemistry remained his greatest lifelong interest. However, his father cherished a Zionist dream of Aliyah to Palestine, and Nathan deferred to his father's wishes. The most valuable asset for life on that long neglected soil was knowledge of the science of agriculture, which was Nathan's major subject at the University of Georgia. He later specialized in the study of citrus culture at the University of Florida, qualifying him for the most important work in Palestine. As grove inspector, he walked through the 5,000 acres of groves owned by Lakeland Highland Co-operative Association, covering 22 miles daily to determine needs for anti-pesticides and fertilizers. He became head horticulturist of the Association. Thus well prepared for life in Palestine, Nathan was ready to precede his family in Aliyah and to establish a foundation on which they could settle afterwards.

Those well laid plans were shattered by Arab riots in 1921, when Nathan's father, Wolfe, decreed that Nathan should not go alone, that all the family would emigrate together, or none. Fortunately for us, they remained in America.

Victor Sutker, the father of Anita Blumenthal, was Wolfe's brother, who worked for Anderson Clayton & Company, a firm of cotton exporters, with whom Nathan found employment preparing export papers, bills of lading, and related tasks. When in 1927, Anderson Clayton opened an office for domestic sales in Charlotte, Nathan joined in the move.

In 1930 Nathan married a native Charlottean, Minnie Silverstein, the youngest child of Benjamin and Fannie Silverstein, prominent and active members of Charlotte's growing Jewish community. In devotion and mutual respect they shared a lifetime enriched by interests and endeavors, lending their efforts with skill and modesty to the worthwhile achievements of Charlotte and its leaders.

Together they operated the Nathan Sutker Insurance Agency until they retired in 1971, when their son Stephen assumed its management. Without a trace of greed in his nature, Nathan could always afford time for helping a worthy cause. He and Minnie were active in the North Carolina Associations of Jewish Women and Jewish Men, and Nathan was the right-hand man of I.D. Blumenthal in the founding and support and work for the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged. With little acclaim but great enthusiasm, his efforts never weakened. When at last he needed the care of the Home's unsurpassed facilities, we hope it was gratifying to him to remember the investment of mental, physical, and material means contributed by him and Minnie. Minnie continues just as in the past her work in charge of the committee of Remembrance Chairman for gifts to the Home, a task that is time-consuming, though unobserved.

There was also time for Nathan to pursue his hobby of refurbishing old cars, leading him to study mechanics, air conditioning, and

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painting. He loved music, and we usually met them at concerts and operas.

For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel, and he served on the Board of the Blumenthal Home. Members of Senior Scholars at Charlotte, Nathan and Minnie attended the weekly lectures and discussions of the inspiring organization. We were newcomers and unacquainted when we attended our first B'nai Brith Institute at Wildacres, and it was Nathan and Minnie who eased our introduction into a group of mostly annual participants. It seems a long time ago when we four lodged in the old South Building there. Minnie taught me that liquid nail polish kills chiggers (which had decided to inhabit my flesh when I sat on a log), and together we drove to Asheville on a free afternoon, where we found a discount store had nothing we wanted.

Memories follow one another. One Saturday evening we drove up to their home, got out of our car and slammed the doors shut, with car keys in the ignition. Our house key was on the same key chain, I had left mine at home, and Leo's duplicate key was also at home. All the wits the Sutkers and Hoffmans possessed were put together to locate the manager of the Colony Apartments whose office was closed, so that she could let us into our apartment. Of course, it was Nathan who drove us there, smiling in amusement which relieved our embarrassment.

Most endearing was the unusual combination of the traits of Nathan's character. He could be mischievous, prompting him sometimes to tease, although one was never certain that he might not be really serious. He was gentle and sensitive to the plight of others, sometimes to his own disadvantage when unscrupulous individuals took advantage of him, a risk he never resented having taken. He could be tough, with courage to stand his ground when

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he felt strong conviction. He had a precious sense of humor and we enjoyed his company. He was a loving and loyal husband, father, and grandfather. We appreciate his ability to have chosen his priorities in a society which offers attractive temptations of questionable value. Nathan Sutker was a dear friend, and he was one of the treasures we found in Charlotte.

## THE JEWISH MUSEUM, NEW YORK

Visitors to New York will be interested in new exhibitions and programs in The Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Avenue. MARCH IS MUSIC MONTH AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM!

February 17 to summer: National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting-Television Moments 1948-1984: Abba Eban addressing the UN in 1948, Menachem Begin welcoming Anwar Sadat to Israel, Zero Mostel recounting experiences on Hester Street, Molly Picon singing, Mel Brooks, the Eichmann trial, etc., etc. February 25 to June 30: Sculpture Court: Menashe Kadishman, Israeli artist. March 15 to June 5: The Jewish Patrons of Venice: In the 15th and 16th Centuries, Venice attracted Jews from Western Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. They brought rich Jewish traditions which merged with native culture to produce masterworks of literature and art. The *Jewish Patrons of Venice*, an exhibition of over fifty works drawn mainly from the Museum's permanent collection, explores the role of Jewish patronage in Venice from the 17th through the early 19th Centuries. Ceremonial objects, textiles, books, illuminated manuscripts, prints and drawings, etc. will be on display.

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Also, there are programs from the National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting. PLEASE PHONE THE MUSEUM FOR PROGRAMS WHEN YOU ARE IN THE CITY: 212-860-1888.

## JEWISH MUSIC SEASON TO HIGHLIGHT SEPHARDIC-ORIENTAL TRADITION

"Celebrating the Sephardic-Oriental Tradition" will be the theme of Jewish Music Season, to be marked from Feb. 2 to April 26, 1985, under the national aegis of the JWB Jewish Music Council.

According to Leonard Kaplan, of Boston, chairman of the JWB Jewish Music Council, "We are holding Jewish Music Season as a way of highlighting the richness and diversity of a little-known tradition. The theme of Sephardic-Oriental music will widen the musical horizon of thousands of Jews through special events.

"It will also open the door to the tremendous diversity of Jewish music in synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and schools and will foster the bonds of *Kla Yisrael*."

The 15-by-20-inch poster heralding Jewish Music Season was created by New York artist Eugene Karlin. Of his creation, the artist says, "I based my design on the research by Dr. Richard J. Neumann, director of music education for the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (Dr. Neumann died recently.)

"While music is obviously aural, I wanted to try to capture the lyrical and cheerful qualities of Sephardic-Oriental music in visual design."

"Three Sephardim—two men and a woman—are playing music—on an *oud*, a stringed wooden instrument somewhat like a lute; a *tzilal*, a tambourine-like instrument, and a *kinnor* (David's harp.)"

# 400 JEROME KERN

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
1885 - 1985



*Jerome Kern at the piano (1932)  
(Courtesy of Culver Pictures)*

by Rick Rierson

He wrote "Ol' Man River" and "The Last Time I Saw Paris," "I Won't Dance" and "You Are Love," "Bill" and "A Fine Romance." His name was Jerome David Kern and this year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of his birth. There is to be a Commemorative postage stamp, arrangements are being made for the re-release of the film version of "Show Boat" and the composer's life story, "Till the Clouds Roll By" starring Robert Walker. Tributes for Kern may appear on the Tony and Academy Awards shows. He is known as the

"Father of the American Musical Theater." When asked by "New York Times" critic Alexander Woollcott to best describe the American Musical Theater, Irving Berlin replied, "Jerome Kern."

In his lifetime, Jerome Kern collaborated with 60 different lyricists. Among them were Oscar Hammerstein II, Ira Gershwin, P.G. Wodehouse, Johnny Mercer, Dorothy Fields, E.Y. Harburg, Otto Harbach and Leo Robin. The only song he ever wrote that was not specifically for theatrical performance was "The Last Time I Saw Paris." Kern wrote the song

shortly after Paris fell to the Germans in 1940 at the request of Oscar Hammerstein who wrote the lyrics. A year later the song was featured in the film, "Lady Be Good." It won Kern the second of his two Oscars, the first was for "The Way You Look Tonight" from "Swing Time."

Kern's songs have been performed by virtually every major singer over the past 60 years, from Helen Morgan to Barbra Streisand, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Lena Horne, Julie Andrews, Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Billie Holiday, Peggy Lee, Paul Robeson—even the Muppets!

Jerome David Kern was born on January 27, 1885 in New York City. He was the son of Harry and Fannie Kern of German-Jewish background. Kern inherited the musical ability of his mother who was an accomplished pianist. Before her marriage, she had considered a career on the concert stage. As a result, Kern was given a solid musical education, first with private tutors and then at the New York College of Music. It was an education that would pay off.

In the early years, Jerome Kern worked tirelessly as a sheet music salesman, song demonstrator, rehearsal pianist, and as a staff writer for several New York publishing firms. It was in 1911 when he won recognition for his songs featured in the Broadway production, "The Red Petticoat." In 1914, Jerome Kern was finally established as a major talent with his song "They Didn't Believe Me" from "The Girl from Utah." It had been twelve years since Kern had written his first song, "At the Casino." In 1917, Kern established a record by writing songs for seven New York productions. In the years that followed, he wrote the music for the Broadway productions of "Sally", "Sunny", "Oh, Lady, Lady", "Sitting Pretty", the 1916, 1917 and 1921 editions of Ziegfeld Follies and his greatest achievement, "Show Boat."

"Show Boat" is the landmark

BILL\*I'M OLD FASHIONED\*YESTERDAYS\*OL' MAN RIVER\*WHY WAS I BORN?\*CAN'T HELP LOVIN' THAT MAN\*  
LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING\*THE LAST TIME I SAW PARIS\*SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES\*A FINE ROMANCE\*  
WHO?\*I WON'T DANCE\*LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY\*YOU ARE LOVE\*I'VE TOLD EV'RY LITTLE STAR\*SUNNY\*

musical that produced 6 hit songs (a record matched by no other show), ran for 572 performances, was produced as a film three times, and was revived on Broadway five times. "Show Boat" was the production that would change the course of American Musical Theater.

Kern envisioned musicals that were more than just a string of sketches with songs popping up helter skelter. Kern felt that the songs should be more fully integrated into the storyline; that the songs should be part of the characters and express their emotions at a given point in the story.

Halfway through reading Edna Ferber's popular novel "Show Boat," Kern knew that he had the perfect vehicle to test his theories. He asked Oscar Hammerstein to write the lyrics and libretto. They would turn his dream into a reality. On December 27, 1927, "Show Boat" premiered at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York with Helen Morgan, Charles Winninger, and Edna May Oliver.

After "Show Boat," Kern would



*Kern with Dorothy Fields and George Gershwin  
(Courtesy of ASCAP)*

write scores for only five more Broadway shows. Among them were "Music in the Air" and "Roberta." "Very Warm for May," his last Broadway show, would produce the song "All the Things You Are" which composer Arthur Schwartz would call the greatest song ever written.

Leaving New York for Hollywood, Kern would produce 10 original scores for motion pictures. These included: "Swing Time" (1936, with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers); "High, Wide and Handsome" (1937, with Irene Dunne and Randolph Scott); "You Were Never Lovelier" and "Cove Girl" (1942 and 1944, both with Rita Hayworth); and his last score, for the film "Centennial Summer," was released in 1946 after his death.

Jerome Kern wrote a total of 100 scores over a period of 41 years. A prodigious output, much of which is still heard today, and remains just as fresh and original as when it was first written. In November of 1945, Jerome and his wife Eva Kern were in New York for a combined vacation/business trip. He was to be working on a new musical based on the life of Annie Oakley. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage during the trip. He was 60 years old.

President Harry Truman wired Evan Kern:

"I am among the grateful million who have played and listened to the music of Jerome Kern, and wish to be among those of his fellow Americans who pay him tribute today. His melodies will live in our voices and warm our hearts."



*With Paul Robeson and Oscar Hammerstein II  
in Kern's library. (1936)  
(Courtesy of Mrs. Betty Kern Miller)*

PICK YOURSELF UP\*WHY DO I LOVE YOU?\*THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT\*TILL THE CLOUDS ROLL BY\*  
DON'T EVER LEAVE ME\*MAKE BELIEVE\*ALL THE THINGS YOU ARE\*THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE ME\*HERE AM I\*  
LOVELY TO LOOK AT\*IN LOVE IN VAIN\*YOU WERE NEVER LOVELIER\*THE NIGHT WAS MADE FOR LOVE\*

for many years to come, for they are the kind of simple, honest songs that belong to no time or fashion. The man who gave them to us earned a lasting place in his nation's memory."

At one point during his long and fruitful association with Oscar Hammerstein II, they had considered a musical adaptation of Donn Byrne's "Messer Marco Polo." Hammerstein presented Kern with the problem of "... a story laid in China about an Italian and told by an Irishman." He asked Kern what kind of music he was going to write. To which Kern replied. "It'll be good Jewish music."

As we honor Jerome Kern on the 100th Anniversary of his birth, let's remember that he was the man who made us remember "Yesterdays," told us to "Look for the Silver Lining," gave us "A Fine Romance," and made us cry over "Bill" and "Ol' Man River." But, more than anything else, Jerome Kern was the man who put "Music in the Air."

### REFORM JEWS HAIL CATHOLIC BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER ON ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The leader of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada has hailed the pastoral letter by a committee of Roman Catholic bishops proposing sweeping changes to help the poor.

In a statement, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, expressed "deep gratitude" to the bishops "for their historic pastoral letter on economic justice." He added:

"We are especially moved because the broad thrust of the bishops' statement is remarkably congruent with the ethical mandate of Judaism. From the Jewish perspective, the modern world suffers a spiritual malaise not because so many people do not pray but because too many people go hungry.

"The passion for justice and the injunction to succor the poor stem from prophetic teachings that are central to our faith. Caring for the least and lowest among us is the indispensable element of the spiritual life insofar as Judaism is concerned. Indeed, it is deemed as important as—and is identified with—prayer itself.

"Finally, we welcome the bishops' statement because it

comes at a time when a broad concern for the poor, the old and the sick has been replaced by the narrow question, 'Are you better off?' The bishops have reminded us that this is the wrong question. The morally appropriate question for today was posed by prophet Micah nearly 3,000 years ago 'What does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?'

"The bishops' call is in substantial harmony with the positions taken by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations over the decades. We look forward to the opportunity of joining with the Catholic bishops and all other groups that share their deep concern, to the end that the great moral principles they have so eloquently enunciated are translated into social action."

The American Jewish Committee today issued the following statement on the recent issuance of a pastoral letter on the U.S. economy by a committee of Roman Catholic Bishops:

"The American Jewish Committee commends the American Bishops for having lifted the discussion of the economy to a moral plane. We hope that the nation as a whole will give close attention to the Bishops' expressed concern over hunger, unemployment, poverty, and racial discrimination. We urge the nation's religious community—the churches and synagogues—to especially address the issues raised in the Bishops' Pastoral Letter. While we may not agree with every detail in the Letter, we believe that the Bishops have rendered an important public service, and we at the American Jewish Committee plan to spend the next year, as will the Bishops, in exploring these issues."

Founded in 1906, the American Jewish Committee is this country's pioneer human relations organization. It combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of Jews at home and abroad and seeks improved human relations for all people everywhere.



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## ON REFLECTION

by Ira Gissen, Director  
North Carolina/Virginia Region  
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai  
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The variety of concerns about which people phone and write the ADL Regional Office is awe inspiring. Here is a recent sampling of calls and letters.

The Director of Missions for the General Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia sent us a copy of his letter to the President of the University of Richmond. It read in part, "I had on my desk correspondence between you and Ira Gissen concerning the scheduling of the Law School Alumni annual reunion on Yom Kippur. I just wanted to express my appreciation to you for the forthright action that you have taken to correct this matter."

A lady from Lumberton, North Carolina, called to tell us that she found her lawn and those of her neighbors littered with copies of a Ku Klux Klan newsletter. We advised her that anti-littering laws could be used to deal with such problems since no one had the right to dump trash on your lawn. That incident was a by-product of a Klan rally held near St. Paul's, North Carolina, which was attended by approximately 200 people. The attendance was appreciably larger than other Klan rallies held in North Carolina in recent months. The rally has been given "hype" to draw a crowd through the use of a couple of gimmicks. The Klan rally featured an "air show" which turned out to consist of two planes. Also it was held near the locale of a violent encounter between Lumbee Indians and the Klan in 1958. Some people were drawn to the location by the rumor that there might be another brawl. There wasn't.

A North Carolinian telephoned and told us that the Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (formerly the Carolina Knights of the KKK) has established a

computer information data bank. It is tied in with two other computers, one in Idaho and the other in Dallas, Texas, and provides bulletin board types of announcements which can be obtained by anyone with the appropriate equipment. In a telephone recording advertising the Klan computer, Klansman Glenn Miller proudly announced: "Join with us as we use space age technology for America's oldest patriotic organization dedicated to right to life for white people."

One of our correspondents brought to our attention a curious designation by the Department of Defense Flight Information Publications supplement for the Middle East, in which Jerusalem Airport is designated as "(Israel occupied territory)." Interestingly, no other airport city in the world is burdened with a comparable designation. We have initiated the necessary follow-up.

A friend on the faculty at the University of Virginia called with the news that the Charlottesville, VA, City Council voted to deny the use of public land for a nativity scene. Subsequently, an editorial in a Richmond newspaper proclaimed "Pray for Charlottesville." It ridiculed: "The judicial heavyweights on Charlottesville's City Council have just overruled the United States Supreme Court." A few days later the same paper published a second editorial which proclaimed "We continue to pray that one day the Charlottesville City Council will see the light."

We sent a letter to the editor of the editorializing paper, pointing out that the City Council had seen the light all along. The Supreme Court decision to which the editorial referred was discretionary: that is, it did not require local government to follow it. Furthermore, we wrote, the Supreme Court has agreed to review another case involving the nativity scene on public land in a situation very similar to that existing in Charlottesville.

## ARAFAT

An Italian judge has issued arrest warrants for Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and an aide on charges of supplying arms to the Red Brigades terrorist group.

Judge Carlo Mastelloni issued the warrants after "Repentant" Red Brigades members serving jail terms told state prosecutor Gabriele Ferrari that the left-wing group purchased weapons from the PLO in 1979.

Judicial officials Tuesday informed an Italian lawyer representing Arafat of the warrant the sources said.

The second warrant was issued for Salah Khalaf, a PLO official who worked as head of Al Fatah Security Services, according to the judicial sources, who spoke on condition that their names not be used.

The Red Brigade members who turned state's evidence included Antonio Savasta, convicted and sentenced to 16½ years in jail as leader of the band that kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier in 1981.

They said the informant claimed Italian terrorists used a sailboat to pick up arms from the PLO in the Middle East and transport them to the northern region of Veneto in September 1979.

Among these aboard the vessel the Papago, were Red Brigade leader Mario Moretti and three other people, according to the testimony.

Savasta and two other terrorists who turned state's evidence Michele Galati and Carlo Bozzo said Moretti and another Red Brigades leader, Giovanni Senzani, visited Khalaf in Paris to arrange the deal, the sources said.

Italian police later found the arms hidden in woods in the northern Italian province of Treviso.

## MAJOR EFFORT LAUNCHED

### FOR STUDY IN ISRAEL

**Intensive Advertising and Information Campaign Begins; New Israel University Center To Serve as Central Resource for American Students; and Will Provide Computer Access to "Israel's Remarkable Universities."**

In a bold and dramatic development, the new Israel University Center has announced a major program designed to capture the rising interest of American college students in study abroad in Israel, and to create a greater awareness of Israel as a superior foreign study destination.

Israel University Center Director Diane Hirsch announced today that the program's dynamic advertising campaign which began today, on October 29 with a "series of contemporary, upbeat ads specifically planned to appeal to today's American college student."

The campaign focuses attention on Israel as an ideal setting for study abroad, and highlights the excellent opportunities offered by "Israel's remarkable universities" — Bar Ilan, Ben Gurion, Haifa, Hebrew and Tel Aviv Universities. All ads will feature a return coupon to the Center, whose state-of-the-art computer system will be utilized to forward names and addresses to all five universities for follow-up. The initial campaign calls for the series to run in college newspapers, general-interest publications, and in the Anglo-Jewish press.

Direct mail, colorful posters, personal contact and a full range of collateral materials that depict Israel as an outstanding foreign study destination will support the campaign. The innovative "Visiting Scholars" program, another important aspect of this effort, will bring Israeli professors to college campuses for direct contact with their American colleagues and students. Through in-classroom lectures, the Israeli scholars will

provide Americans with specific demonstrations of the high level of academic excellence they can expect when studying at Israeli universities.

Ms. Hirsch noted that "although each of the universities is unique, all of them offer programs for overseas students. Depending upon the university, a student may study for year, a semester or a summer. All programs offer academic courses taught in English, transfer credits, moderate fees, scholarships and special touring options. Students should know that studying in Israel means a first-rate education in a land that's still exotic yet achieving marvelous breakthroughs in solving universal problems. "It is our intention," she said, "to form an intensive on-campus network to carry the message about Israel's great study abroad opportunities and to simplify the information-gathering efforts of American college students."

Calling on members of "every facet of the organized Jewish community to join with us in support of this effort," Ms. Hirsch stated that "because today's students are tomorrow's leaders, it is imperative that we encourage an understanding of Israel's dynamic progress. American students who have attended Israeli universities in the past have returned to their homes and schools with broadened understanding and increased interest in the growth of Israel. All of us who work in the American Jewish community have a professional obligation and a personal stake in the success of this program."

The Israel University Center will have permanent representatives in place at American universities and colleges from coast to coast at the start of the program; the number will expand in the near future. All representatives have access to the Center's computer system and full range of support activities and materials.

The Israel University Center is

located at 515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, telephone (212) 751-6070 ext. 224. The Center is a project of the Univer-Service Department of AZYF.

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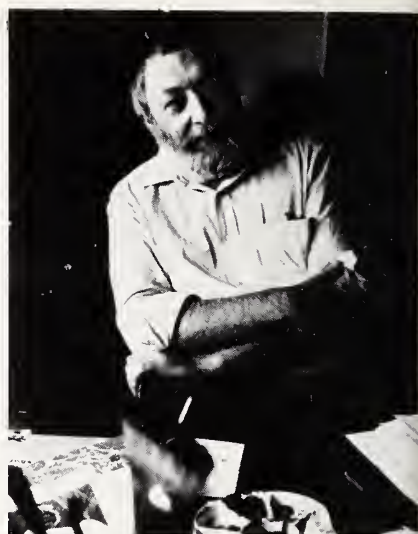
# Book Reviews

**The Five Scrolls.** Rabbi Herbert Bronstein and Rabbi Albert H. Friedlander, Editors CCAR Press (Central Conf. of American Rabbis) 21 E. 40 St., NY 10016. 383 pp Congregational edition \$12, Deluxe edition \$50, Art prints 21x30" 10 ea; 12 for \$87.50.

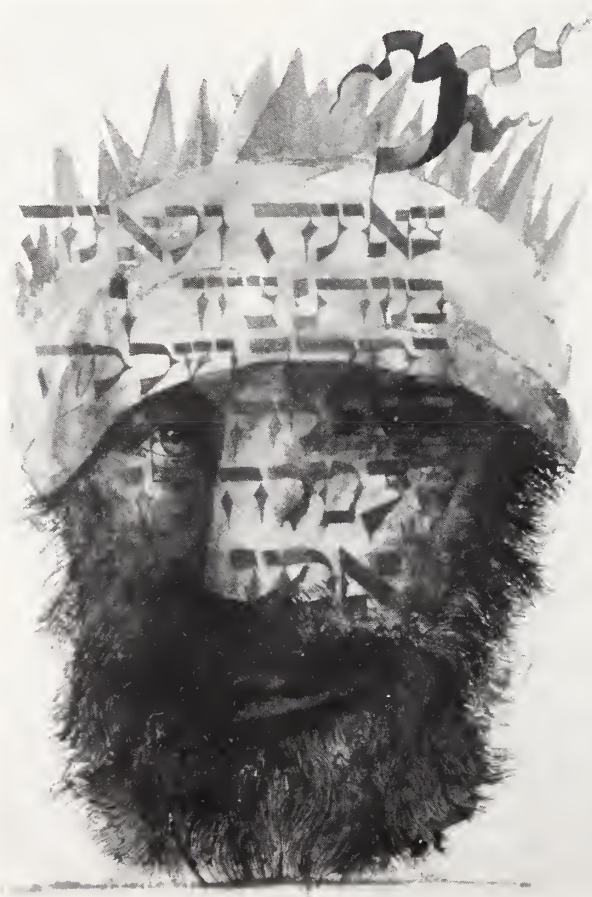
Intended for Congregations; readers interested in Bible studies Biblical translations and liturgy; lovers of fine art.

This volume features the Hebrew texts (fully cantillated) and new English translations of the five Biblical books known collectively as the *megillot* or scrolls:

Ecclesiastes, Esther, Song of Songs, Ruth and Lamentations. Accompanying the texts are introductory essays and newly written liturgies for the five Jewish holy days on which these scrolls are traditionally read: Sukkot, Purim, Passover, Shavuot and Tisha Be-av. This is the first time the five scrolls have been published with complete accompanying liturgy in one volume, to serve as a self-contained prayerbook for these five sacred occasions. *The Five Scrolls* is illustrated with 37 specially commissioned water-



Leonard Baskin  
Illustrator of *The Five Scrolls*



"And gaze upon King Solomon." (Song of Songs 3:11)

From *The Five Scrolls*, illustrated by Leonard Baskin  
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colors by the prominent American artist Leonard Baskin; the *Special Limited Edition*, boxed and half-bound in leather, is printed on rag paper and includes a hand-pulled Baskin etching, signed and numbered by the artist. The *Deluxe Art Edition* is printed in a larger format than the congregational edition (9 1/4"x14") on acid-free archival paper. The compact *Congregational Edition*, is designed for use in home and synagogue, includes complete services for five observances.

We deem this an important book for any serious Jewish library and certainly for the Jewish home. The print is excellent, both the English and the Hebrew type which is large. The full-page illustrations are in full color, the paper quality also excellent. Called "A Treasure of Living Judaism" by the CCAFP, it is truly that.

The editors of *The Five Scrolls* hope to reintroduce the four scrolls which are now included in Reform Jewish worship. At present only the scroll of Esther is read on Purim; the others are the scrolls traditionally read on Passover (Song of Songs), on Sukkot (Ecclesiastes), on Shavuot (Ruth) and Tisha B'Av (Lamentations). "The editors of *The Five Scrolls* hope to make the books live again

in the religion life of our people.

The British translation by Dr. A. Benisch is judged "elegant and literary," rather than scholarly, and is intended for oral use in the synagogue.

The language of the prayers includes references to the matriarchs along with those of the patriarchs; "King" is replaced by "sovereign" or "ruler," "mankind" is changed to "humanity," making the text appealing to those offended by masculine-oriented forms.

## VIEWS AND REVIEWS

by Joseph Cohen

### SEEING BELVA PLAIN AND FANCY

Not only has there been a dearth of books about the Jews of the South in general, there has been, for all the topic's rich appeal, precious little written about New Orleans' ante- and post-bellum Jews. The late Bertram Korn's *The Early Jews of New Orleans* stops at 1848. There have been a couple of biographies, none recent, of Judah P. Benjamin and Judah Touro. Nothing more. The fiction is sparse, too.

At least it was until now! Belva Plain, the widely acclaimed novelist of the best-selling *Evergreen* and *Eden Burning*, has brought the tension, turbulence and tragedy of the Civil War to bear on two New Orleans Jewish families in *Crescent City* (Delacorte Press; \$16.95). Her book is well researched, impressively authentic in its treatment of the highly assimilated Sephardic-German "*Jewish Creoles*," authoritative in its use of Civil War battles, fast-paced and brimming over with human drama. The characters are powerfully drawn; they literally hit you between the eyes, particularly the heroine, the beautiful, long-suffering, courageously unselfish Miriam Raphael Mendes who, without trying, out Scarletts

Scarlett O'Hara in several departments though she is no good, as was the heroine of *Gone With the Wind*, at being a bitch.

Despite this and other similarities, *Crescent City* is hardly a Jewish *Gone With the Wind* though comparisons will repeatedly be made. Since Belva Plain tells as fancy a story as did Margaret Mitchell, people will inevitably connect the two throughout the coming months while this new saga of paradise expected, realized, mislaid, found, lost again and regained climbs to the top of the best-seller lists. The first hard-cover printing is 150,000 copies, and several leading book clubs have made it a dual selection.

I don't often read historical romances, but this one proved irresistible, both for the sheer pleasure of the narrative and for its insights into nineteenth century "Jewish-Creole" life. I soon realize that just because it falls into the *genre* of the historical romance, it should not be sold short. Given the diversity of its subject-matter—the inter-actions between Jews and Catholics, Jews and slaves, whites and blacks, including free persons of color, fathers and sons, pro-slavery factionalists and abolitionists, assimilated Jews and traditionalists, male chauvinists (there were a lot of them!) and feminists, and militants and pacifists—the accomplished handling of the characters and the ideas they harbor may make the sum of the parts of this novel greater than the whole. It has a lot of attractions.

Among these attractions is the author's profound awareness of the peculiarly bifurcated allegiances of Southern Jews and their resulting predicaments. Basic among these was the problem of the Jews, who, being Southern, openly accepted slavery, but, in being Jewish, had unalterably to oppose it. Judah P. Benjamin—his is one of many brief though charming cameo appearances or references to real Jews—is both

praised and condemned for his pro-slavery speeches in Congress. Plain is also sensitive to the unique combination of beauty and terror that has always marked the Southern heartland; she doesn't flinch from violence, of which there is plenty. But unlike so many other historical romances, this book doesn't exploit violence for its own sake. Far from it! Her chapter describing the misery and despair of prisoners-of-war on both sides is as moving and as genuine anti-war writing as any passage in Stephen Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage*. It is to Plain's credit that while she authenticates the Southern "Quality's" emphasis on grace and courtesy in speech and manner (interlarded all too often as it was with hypocrisy), she avoids the sentimentality that so often makes historical romances superficial if not nauseating.

Above reproach in these matters, the novel does have an occasional inconsistency. For example, we are told fairly early that the bayou at the heroine's country plantation is filled with alligators, one of whom kills and eats her pet dog. All are warned to keep their distance. Much later, at a week-long party at the plantation, we read, "Men and women bathed separately in the bayou." Both sexes, I should think, would have preferred to forego their ablutions if they had themselves read the first part of the story. A lovely blooper, nonetheless. Another quibble is the frequency of coincidence. More than once Plain asks us to suspend our disbelief to an uncomfortable extent. That may be all right in a bad historical romance; it shouldn't be necessary in a good one.

If there are too many chance encounters (and even one is too many) none of them occur in the love story which dominates much of the book. Miriam Mendes is trapped in a loveless marriage to a "Jewish Creole" with a quadroon mistress. Out of futility, she undertakes an affair with a gentile,

Andre Perrin, the Rhett Butler of *Crescent City*. In the end, after she discovers that behind his sex appeal there hides a callous war profiteer she gives him the "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn" routine. Not in the same words, of course. This final encounter is accompanied from its beginning by a summer storm. If Scarlett is gone with the wind, then Miriam is back with the rain. There's someone else waiting in the wings, and you guessed it, he's got a ticket Andre lacks. The end is predictable but, happily, a lot of the incidents in the story are not and it's fun reading. And it's important, too, in its resurrection of the lifestyles of the exotic "Jewish Creoles", whose likes we will never again encounter.

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**"The Outraged Conscience: Seekers of Justice For Nazi War Criminals in America"** by Rochelle G. Sidel, Suny Press, 300 Raritan Pkwy., Edison, NJ 08818, 246 pp, \$9.95 paperback, \$29.50 hardcover.

"The Outraged Conscience: Seekers of Justice for Nazi War Criminals in America" by Rochelle G. Sidel is the dynamic story of the remarkable individuals still fighting World War II's last battle—the presence of Nazi war criminals in America.

Just published by State University of New York Press, "The Outraged Conscience" documents the activities of a number of men and women who vigorously seek justice for the Nazi war criminals and collaborators living here. Not Nazi hunters in the cloak-and-dagger connotation of the term, they are mainly well-educated professionals who pursue the issue from their own vantage points.

Among the diverse justice seekers whose motivations and actions Ms. Sidel records are: Charles R. Allen, Jr., author-

journalist described as a "WASP kid who went haywire" and as the "preeminent authority" on this issue; David Horowitz, a journalist whose mystic experience in a Jerusalem cave changed his life; Jim Gray, a brilliant Christian from North Carolina who never quite found his niche in life; Paul Silton a rabbi who donned an SS uniform to prove a point; Dr. Charles Kremer, octogenarian dentist whose tactics are not always considered painless; Elizabeth Holtzman, who championed the cause in Congress; Vincent Schiano and Anthony DeVito, former friends and Immigration and Naturalization Service employees who blew the whistle on that agency.

What sparked each of these people and others in "The Outraged Conscience"? Other than their deep sense of moral outrage and their determination to right the situation, they have little in common. Their lives, stories and reasons for involvement are part of modern American history. This book puts their actions on the record.

Internationally famous Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld says in her preface to "The Outraged Conscience": "I feel a special kinship with the people in this book, and with its author." Simon Wiesenthal, world famous Nazi hunter, says: "For this book I have waited a long time."

Besides telling the stories of specific justice seekers, "The Outraged Conscience" probes more general moral questions: Can there be valid justification for the United States government's allowing Nazi war criminals to enter the country, and in some cases, employing them? Is there a satisfactory explanation for the years of inaction by government officials, major American Jewish organizations, veteran groups, and the news media?

Ms. Sidel began writing about Nazi war criminals in 1977, when the Vilis Hazners case brought the issue home to her in Albany, New

York. She has co-authored with Charles R. Allen, Jr. "Nazi War Criminals in America: Facts and Action," and has produced a series of videotapes on the subject. Her articles have appeared worldwide in newspapers serviced by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The author is Special Assistant to New York State Senate Minority Leader Manfred Ohrenstein. She is also an advisor to both the New York State and New York City Holocaust centers. A native of Glens Falls, New York, she lived in Albany for the past seventeen years, and this year moved to Manhattan's Upper West Side.

**American Jewish Landmarks: A Travel Guide and History** by Bernard Postal and Lione Koppman, Fleet Press, paperback 334 pp, \$10.95.

Just received is this paperback copy of *American Jewish Landmarks, Volume II, The South and Southwest*, published in 1979. The chapter on North Carolina is an excellent detailed history of Carolina's earliest settlers before the Revolutions. Notable names of early settlers and today's outstanding Jewish Carolinian are to be found here, with their accomplishments. Following the general history is a list of cities and towns and their Jewish organizations and buildings. There is even mention of the American Jewish Times Outlook!

We recommend this book for the library of every one of our readers. Fleet Press is located at 160 Fifth Ave, New York City 10010. It is also available in hard cover at \$20.95. Also available are volume on the Northeast (I) and the Middlewest (III).

**Voices of Jacob, Hands of Esau: Jews in American Life and Thought**, by Stephen J. Whitfield, Shoe String Press, Box 4327, Hamden, CN 06514, 322 p., glossary, index, \$25.00 cloth-bound.

Only three percent of the population, Jews exert incredible influence on American thought, culture, and—to some extent—politics. How does such a tiny minority hold such sway, especially beset as it is by the pressures and prejudices of contemporary society?

In *Voice of Jacob, Hands of Esau: Jews in American Life and Thought*, Brandeis professor Stephen J. Whitfield pinpoints the source of this energy in the paradox of modern Jewry. Poised as they are between an ancient, particularistic tradition and assimilationist American tendencies, Jews have successfully straddled the line: their creative responses in the arts, politics, popular entertainment, journalism, and as intellectuals are a result of this tension.

Hailed as "an entertaining and richly rewarding book . . . essential reading" by Charles Silberman, Director, The Study of Jewish Life, *Voices of Jacob* offers glimpses of scores of Jews in public life: from Neil Simon and Joan Rivers to Lillian Hellman, Henry Kissinger, Hannah Arendt and Lazarus Strauss, Whitfield combs through 20th-century American society providing, as *Library Journal* says, "a limitless supply of anecdotes . . . (which) can be read profitably by scholars and general readers alike."

In the words of Harvard historian Daniel Aaron, "this multifarious and far-ranging book formulates and answers fascinating questions about the ways Jews in America have adapted to and shaped the nation's life and thought. Stephen Whitfield, at once the objective historian and sympathetic insider, is the perfect chronicler for this intensely interesting story."

**America's Jews in Transition** by Chaim I Waxman, Temple University Press, 272 pp.

A definitive analysis of the history of immigration of American Jews. The results of many studies have been researched in preparation of this book. There is emphasis on the extent of integration of various groups of Jews and their family and social patterns. Consideration has been given to the various denominations and differences between them. Jewish education, leadership, and anti-Semitism are dealt with, and many statistics included. It is the most detailed and specific book of its kind in a long time, in our opinion.

The author, Chaim Waxman, is Associate Professor of Sociology and former president of the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry.

#### **Encounter with Emancipation:**

The German Jews in the United States 1830-1914 by Naomi W. Cohen, The Jewish Publication Society, 407 pp, \$25.95.

This superbly documented study, enriched by anecdotes and illustrations, portrays the first genuine encounter of Jewish society with emancipation. And the success of the "Americanization" forced the Jews of the nineteenth century America to deal with a host of new problems—subtler forms of anti-Semitism, quotas, school prayer, and suspicions of Jewish "conspiracies." These challenges inspired creative (and, at times, misguided) leadership and responses. Readers will discover that American Jewry of today has a great deal in common with the American Jewry of a century ago.

The German Jews laid the foundations for the modern American Jewish community. Their struggle to create a viable Jewish life in America set the stage

for the great wave of East European Jewish immigration in the years during and following World War I.

It is said that with this book Naomi W. Cohen has established herself as the foremost historian of American Jewry. This book may be ordered from JPS at 1930 Chestnut St., Philadelphia PA 19103.

### **LABOR ZIONIST CALL TO CONVENTION, JAN. 4-7, 1985 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN NAMED**

In a call to the 26th Triennial Convention of the Labor Zionist Alliance, Dr. Ezra Spicehandler, President of the LZA, asked Labor Zionists to engage in more projects and what he termed "pragmatic action" as Zionism redefines itself toward the end of the 20th Century.

More than 200 Labor Zionist delegates from throughout the U.S. attended the convention, Friday, January 4 through Sunday, January 6, 1985 in New York City.

Dr. Spicehandler, who is Professor of Hebrew Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, and a member of the Presidium of the World Zionist Organization, said he would call on the Labor Zionist Alliance to "re-educate the American Jewish community to understand that Israel has to be a country in which social welfare, liberal democracy, tolerance, and efforts to come to peace with the Arabs are paramount."

"Those ideas were accepted by American Jews until after the Yom Kippur War, when they were put into question by the rise of the political Right in Israel. Most American Jews would like to see a shift back to social democratic ideals in Israel," declared the President of the Labor Zionist Alliance.

Dr. Spicehandler gave the opening address at the convention.

## EILAT'S BIRDWATCHING SANCTUARY

by Yehonatan Tommer

Few places in the world can boast of as rich a variety of birds concentrated in such a small area as can Israel—with over 450 species. At the crossroads of three continents—Europe, Asia and Africa—Israel is home for representatives of all them, not to mention those indigenous species residing in the region alone. In addition, Israel lies astride one of the principal migration routes of European birds.

Each autumn, as daylight hours shrink and temperatures plunge, most European birds follow the sun to warmer climes. In the spring they return northwards to nest in their traditional breeding grounds. Along the way, Eilat is one of their favorite rest stops. Eilat's winged guests descend on the shores of the gulf and the salt ponds to the northeast of the city, where they feed hungrily on the green fields of nearby Kibbutz Eilat and gather strength before resuming their journey.

Millenia ago, biblical chroniclers observed the phenomenon of migratory birds, reported in Numbers 11:31: "The Lord caused a wind to rise which brought quail from the sea." And later, in Jeremiah 8:7, is written: "Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed time; the turtledove, swallow and crane observe the time of their coming." However, only in recent times have birdwatchers around the world rediscovered Eilat's birdwatching potential.

Some years ago, a Danish birdwatching team counted more than 750,000 birds of prey—among them the Black Kite, Levant Sparrowhawk, Booted Eagle and Egyptian Buzzard. Other species sighted included the Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Red-throated Pipit, Citrine Wagtail, Masked Shrike, Olivaceous Warbler, Buntinas and Spanish and Dead Sea Sparrows,

numerous gulls and a variety of waders—such as the Greater Sandplover, Ruff, Little Sting and the rarer Broad-billed Terek Sandpiper.

Spring migration is the heaviest and best documented, but autumn and winter also present a worthy spectacle of the migratory return southwards. Most species of birds are protected by strict wildlife laws which make Israel one of the few countries in the Middle East where gaming and egg collecting are practically unknown.

To make this phenomenon more accessible to nature lovers, the Jewish National Fund, in association with the Israel Society for the Protection of Nature and assorted government agencies, is preparing a 750-yard birdwatcher's trail in preparation for the First International Birdwatcher's Conference to be held in Eilat in April 1986. The JNG will create feeding ponds, planted with tall bullbrushes and leafy shrubs around the shorelines, along with a visitor's information center and four low-lying view shelters.

Long range plans call for the establishment of a desalination plant to convert 3,750 acres of Eilat salt plains into a wildlife bird feeding sanctuary. Another 1,500-acre park and feeding sanctuary is being fashioned at the sewage purification plant near Rishon LeZion, and a third reserve will be established at Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael's abandoned fish breeding ponds, not far from Zichron Ya'acov. Complementing the already popular Hula Nature Reserve, these areas will attract increasing numbers of migratory birds, branching out from Eilat over most of the country.

## 120 JUDEANS DEPART FOR WORK-STUDY PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

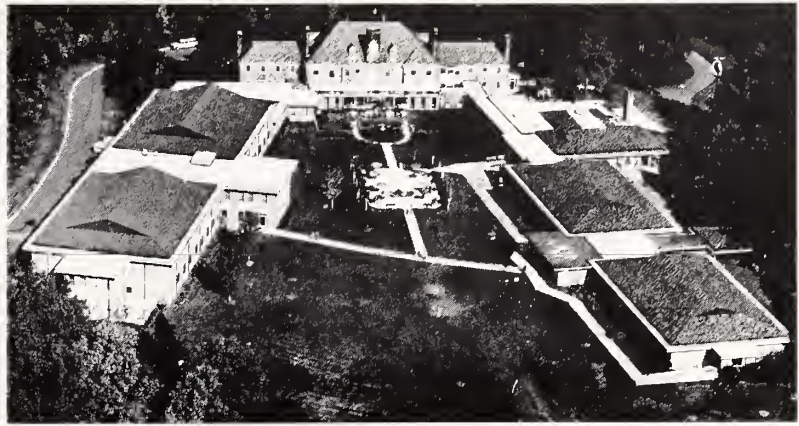
One hundred and twenty high school graduates of Young Judea, from throughout the United States, departed for Israel this past month where they will spend the year on the Hashachar-Young Judea Year Course Program sponsored by the Hadassah Zionist Youth Commission.

The year is divided so that Year Course participants are able to experience all aspects of Israel life. Time is spent working and studying on a kibbutz where the Judeans work directly with Israelis; studying on a university level at the Jerusalem Institute of Mount Scopus; living and working as part of a moshav family volunteering in community and social service projects in Development Towns; and touring the country's historical, natural and cultural sites. College credits can be earned while participating in the program.

For additional information contact Wendy Friedman, Israel Administrator, 50 West 58th Street, New York City 10019, Telephone (212) 303-8262.

# BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED, INC.

North Carolina Jewish Home  
P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, North Carolina 27012  
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## FEBRUARY 1985

### Residents, Families and Staff Involved In BJH Self-Study

The Blumenthal Jewish Home, according to peer review surveys, federal and state inspections and the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation, offers highest quality of care in attractive, pleasant surroundings. The Home's total program is designed to meet individual residents' needs. The campus is extraordinary in its beauty and spaciousness. We feel good about ourselves!

But what areas are perceived as weaknesses? Which things need improvement, which things do not really meet needs or improve quality of care? These are some of the questions residents, family members and staff will be answering in the Home's first self-study.

The study, a quality-assurance project designed by Social Services, will grade services, personnel, cleanliness of the plant, activity programs, meals and medical care. Each area of resident concern will be rated by those who know us best. One of the goals of this self-study is to improve our services and programs. Another is to offer the BJH family a chance to communicate their impressions of the Home in a structured, qualitative way. The end result will be a stronger, more sensitive response to resident needs.



*Residents evaluate service: Mary Chizik (Asheville) and Dolly Wolfe (Montreal, Canada) with Verna Howell (Housekeeping)*

As the Home looks toward its 20th anniversary it is time to both congratulate it for excellence of care and stimulate it toward even better service. Family members, staff and residents will be receiving the questionnaire during February. If you do not receive one and would like to participate in the survey, please contact us.

We solicit your impressions and evaluations. Call or write the Home for a form, or just address your comments to: Office of the Executive Director, Blumenthal Jewish Home, PO Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012 919-766-6401. We will include them in the overall evaluation.

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## BJH SERVES AS TRAINING SITE

by Susan Holmes, RN,  
Staff Development Coordinator

BJH residents and staff members are pleased and proud that the Home is again serving as a site for nursing students' clinical experiences. Instructors and students come from Forsyth Technical Institute's Associate Degree in Nursing program. These nursing students gain experience in the care of older adults by participating in many aspects of life here at BJH. During the course of their experiences, they have become a real part of the Home.



*Forsyth Tech nursing student Rosemary Cozart helps Janet Lane (Nursing Asst., B-1) as she walks with Sophie Isley (Winston-Salem)*



*Alice Fruh (Greensboro) demonstrates her craft projects to Betty Cook*

In addition to the Forsyth Tech program, graduate students in Dietetics from UNC-G, sociology students from Wake Forest University, and Administrators-in-Training from the state-developed Nursing Home Administrator program all use BJH as site for educational career learning experiences. The advantages of these relationships with colleges, universities and technical schools are many, for students, residents and staff. Through working hand-in-hand with schools to educate the future caregivers in long-term care facilities we are assuring the continuance of progressive, innovative and appropriate care for the elderly.

One of the nursing instructors, Patsy Petree, RN, explains that the students are focusing on understanding the aging process and identifying the needs of the elderly. She emphasizes to the students the Home's "superb nursing care through which the individual resident's needs are addressed and met." While working with staff members, the students learn to never lose sight of each resident's potential as a contributing human being.

The instructors and students bring to the Home a fresh perspective on life at BJH. Their insights provide a stimulating learning experience for both residents and staff. According to Ms. Petree, their hope is to be "something special to some residents." And they certainly are special — to residents and staff members!



*Beth Gross (Charlotte) chats with Jeanine Goodwin and Patsy Petree, RN, who supervises the nursing students during their rotation at BJH*

## RESIDENTS' CORNER

### FIRST LOVE

by Helen Schwartzman and Beth Gross

I had so many loves I couldn't tell you  
the first one.

My first loves were short little loves  
that didn't count — so many  
I can't think of them.

My last love was my best love.

I remember he wanted me to go  
to his home for the first time.

I told him I didn't feel like going.

I didn't realize it but he was proposing!



Come Waltz With Your Sweetheart  
at the

## ANNUAL VALENTINES BALL

7 – 9 p.m. February 14, 1985  
A Wing Dining Room

The Brenner Series Presents the  
N.C. School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble

*Join Us!*



*Helen Schwartzman (Greenville, SC) and Beth Gross (Charlotte)*

### FRIENDS

by Helen Schwartzman

You had one that was called "Best Friend."  
I had a best friend named Fanny.  
My mother knew I was best friends with Fanny.  
But she would ask "Where were you?"  
And when I would say "with Fanny" she would say  
"Always Fanny."

Father would ask me what we talked about.  
Fathers had a bigger role back then.  
I couldn't tell him, of course.

It's a different kind of friendship we have here.  
It's an understanding of each other.  
Having had previous experiences  
We can better understand each other.

### CHINESE PROFESSOR vs. AMERICAN WINDBAG

by David Merrell

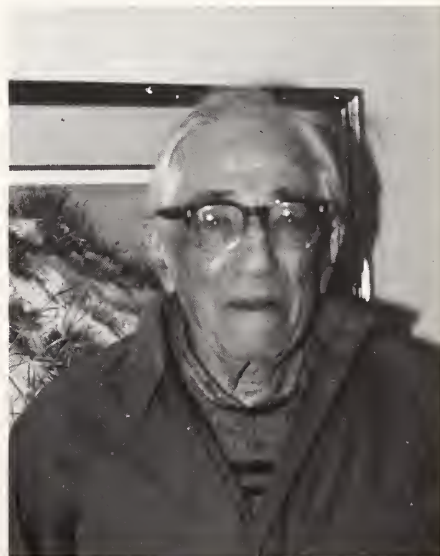
Thank God that there is only one of  
his kind here! In a nice nursing home in  
Somerset, New Jersey lives a man who  
is 94. He is a windbag, in love with the  
sound of his own voice. He will attach  
himself to anyone who will listen. And he  
can talk a long, long time, because he is  
fortified with a mental bag of motheaten  
jokes, wise-cracks, exclamations, etc.

One day a visitor from Canton, China  
— a college professor — visited the nurs-  
ing home and was invited to stay for  
lunch. He was given the only seat avail-  
able — alongside the windbag. The old

man, to be pleasant, leaned over towards  
the visitor and asked in a loud voice so  
as to be understood: "Likee Amelika?  
Likee tulkee for lunch?" The visitor  
merely smiled and nodded politely.

After lunch the college professor was  
asked to say a few words. The man got  
up, smiling, and in perfect English deliv-  
ered a few words of thanks for the lunch  
and admiration for the wonderful Ameri-  
can people. When he sat down the din-  
ers applauded him enthusiastically, and  
he turned to the windbag and asked:  
"Likee speechee?"

"Would that some power the giftie gie  
us to see ourselves as others see us!"  
Robert Burns



*David Merrell (Highland Park, NJ)*

AS A CULTURAL LEADER OF THE

## EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE AT ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Forty of the Home's employees were recognized for longevity of service at the Annual Employees' Holiday Party on Dec. 19, 1984. Special honors were given to Izora Moore (Dietary Department) for 18 years of service, Lorena Durham (LPN on A Wing) for 15 years of service, and to Linda Pinnix (LPN, A Wing) for 13 years of service. The Home's ability to attract and to keep superior staff people over along period of time is reflected in the fact that approximately 25% of the Home's employees have worked at BJH for 5 or more years. Length of service translates into continuity of care for the residents — one of the most important elements of the Home's philosophy. Congratulations to each of the employees named below for consistent, caring service on behalf of each of the Home's residents:

Bonnie Ayers, Administration  
 Al. Mendlovitz, Administration  
 Julie Sparks, Administration  
 Helen Bumgardner, Dietary  
 Ruth Howell, Dietary  
 Rosarhea Karppinen, Dietary  
 Izora Moore, Dietary  
 Maxine Newman, Dietary  
 Esther Peay, Dietary  
 Judy Petty, Dietary  
 Pearl Spellman, Dietary  
 Verna Howell, Housekeeping  
 Lena Wall, Laundry  
 Marie Doty, Maintenance  
 James Sidden, Maintenance  
 Pauline Allen, Nursing Asst., B-1  
 Carolyn Bright, Nursing Asst., B-1  
 Dorothy Bryant, RN, B-2  
 Margaret Cassel, RN, B-2  
 Cathy Chilton  
 RN, Unit Manager, A Wing  
 Teresa Crofts, Nursing Asst., B-1  
 Anna Day, RN, B-1  
 Lorena Durham, LPN, A Wing  
 Jean Garland, Nursing Asst., B-2  
 Betty Gentry, RN, B-2  
 Becky Haley, Nursing Asst., A Wing  
 Lorraine Hetrick, RN, B-2  
 Ellen Hughes, Nursing Asst., B-2  
 Bet Johnson, Nursing Asst., B-1  
 Janet Lane, Nursing Asst., B-1  
 Jerome McCloud, Nursing Asst., B-1  
 Sue Pierce, Nursing Asst., A Wing  
 Betty Petticord, Allied Health Coordinator  
 Linda Pinnix, LPN, A Wing  
 Barbara Ragan, Nursing Asst., A Wing  
 Margaret Reid, Nursing Asst., B-2  
 Mary Rice, RN, B-1  
 Lucile Shaw, RN, Unit Manager, B-2  
 Margie Sheets, LPN, A Wing  
 Sandra Smith, Nursing Asst., B-2



Lorena Durham, (LPN, A Wing, 15 years) and Izora Moore (Cook, 18 years) receive gifts from Executive Director Al. Mendlovitz



Linda Pinnix (LPN, A Wing) celebrates her 13 years at the Home



Dorothy Bryant (RN, B-2), Mary Rice (RN, B-1) and Pauline Allen (Nursing Asst., B-1) have worked at BJH for over 9 years



Eight-year employees include Pearl Spellman (Cook), Maxine Newman (Dietary), Verna Howell (Housekeeping), Lena Wall (Laundry), and Cathy Chilton (RN, Unit Manager, A Wing)

## HEALTH NOTES

by Susan Holmes, RN,  
Staff Development Coordinator

### Osteoporosis

A woman whose body is still producing estrogens has some natural protection against loss of the vital mineral calcium from her bones. Once menopause is reached, she must begin ingesting enough calcium to prevent her body from robbing the calcium it must have for functioning from its largest stored supply — the bones. This depletion of the body's stored supply is related to osteoporosis, the thinning of bones which leads to an increased risk of fractures. (Haven't you noticed that more older women than men suffer hip fractures?)

How can a woman decrease her risk of developing osteoporosis? First, she must consume enough calcium daily. Calcium is found in the greatest quantities in dairy products. The Vitamin D fortified dairy products are especially useful since Vitamin D is essential for the proper use of calcium. Green, leafy vegetables, egg yolk, legumes, nuts and whole grains also contain useful amounts of calcium. In addition to using these foods in her diet, a woman may want to check with her physician regarding the use of calcium supplements.

The second key to halting the onset of osteoporosis is exercise. The action of a muscle pulling on a bone helps to keep the bone strong. In addition, mobility is essential for preventing "setting" of all this calcium in the kidney, which could cause stone formation. A woman's physician can guide her in setting up just the right exercise program for her needs.

To summarize, Mother was right — eat correctly and exercise daily for lifelong healthy bones!

## PLEASE TELL ME

by Ruth Wharton  
Social Services Coordinator



### QUESTION

What must I do to make application for admission to the Blumenthal Jewish Home?

### ANSWER

You must either call or write to the Blumenthal Jewish Home stating your interest in applying for admission. I will mail to you an application form and a medical form. The application must be completed by the applicant or their legal representative and the medical form must be completed by the applicant's physician. Because there are so many waiting to come into the Home, it is imperative that we have these forms *before* the applicant can be placed on our waiting list. If the applicant has been hospitalized during the past two years, we require a discharge summary from that hospitalization. If currently in the hospital, we ask that a medical history and physical examination report be sent.

Also, we feel strongly that all prospective Residents and their families visit the Home, meet with our staff, and see what the Home has to offer. Not only is this beneficial to the family in making the admission decision, but also to the staff in determining the applicant's required level of care.

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- February 1  
Outreach Movie, 10:00 am  
\*RSVP luncheon, leave at 10:30 am
- February 5  
Junior League Music Makers, 6:45 pm
- February 6  
Jewish Arbor Day
- February 7  
\*Trip to Arbor Acres, leave at 11:00 am
- February 12  
\*Clemmons Sr. Citizen's lunch, leave at 9:45 am
- February 14  
Valentine's Dance. North Carolina School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble. Sponsored by the Brenner Series. 7-9 pm
- February 17  
Brenner Concert: Paul Sinal, pianist. 3:00 pm
- February 19  
\*Out to lunch. Leave at 11:00 am
- February 22  
Temple Beth El, Charlotte, visits and leads services. 4:30 pm
- February 24  
\*Winston-Salem Pops Concert. Leave at 1:45 pm
- February 26  
"The Story of Joseph," 4:00 pm.  
Clemmons Methodist Church
- February 27  
Birthday parties, 2:30 pm  
Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the month of February.  
\*off-campus activities



## BJH 20 YEARS!

1965 – 1985

### Join Our Celebration

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These staff members celebrate employment anniversaries in January and February.

### 1 YEAR

Carol Brandon, Nursing Asst., B-2  
Richard Evans, Dietary  
Carol Gaines, LPN, B-1  
Susan Holmes, RN, Staff Dev.  
Coordinator  
Jane Johnson, Dietary  
Margrette Kearns, RN, B-2  
Doug Lanham, Gen. Services  
Director

### 2 YEARS

Paulette Clark, Nursing Asst., B-2  
Jack Hardy, Dietary

### 3 YEARS

Cindy Flanner, Nursing Asst., B-2  
Dennis Haynes, Orderly, B-2  
Virginia Heffinger, Nursing  
Asst., B-2  
DeeDee Webber, Dietary

### 4 YEARS

Joan Lennon, RN, B-1  
Catherine Smith, Craft Shop

### 5 YEARS

Mary Bowen, Administration  
Karen Jarvis, Nursing Asst., B-1  
Herb Peck, Maintenance  
Jan Sawyer, Dir. of Community  
Programming  
Jean Shaffer, LPN, B-1

### 6 YEARS

Al. Mendlovitz, Executive Director  
Sue Pierce, Nursing Asst., A Wing

### 7 YEARS

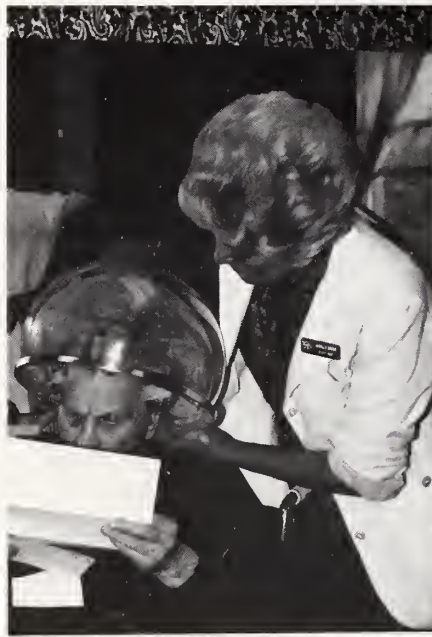
Betty Gentry, RN, B-2  
Ruth Howell, Cook

### 8 YEARS

Carolyn Bright, Nursing Asst., B-1  
Janet Lane, Nursing Asst., B-1  
Margie Sheets, LPN, A Wing

### 9 YEARS

Cathy Chilton, RN, Unit Manager,  
A Wing



*The Beauty Shop — one of the most important places in the Home! Beautiful Camilla Baker adjusts the hair dryer for Elsie Robertson (Raleigh)*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Elizabeth Barrett  
Lazarus Cohen  
Louis Cole  
Lillian Kamens  
Bessie Kaplan  
Ruth LaPan  
Ann Spear  
Rose Spire  
Anna Stemper

## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy and healthy life:

Mrs. Fannie Benson  
Shrub Oak, New York  
Mrs. Elsa Heller  
Los Angeles, California  
George Ende  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
Martha Mayer  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
Abraham Sack  
Chelsea, Massachusetts

## IN MEMORY OF

We mourn the loss of Mr. Harold Hanson, Gladys Hixon, Bella Ginsburg, Harvey Carter, Nathan Sutker, Isabelle Schultz and Judith Blumenthal. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during the months of November and December.

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**The Home will continue to solicit and receive donations of any amount. However, acknowledgements will not be sent unless a minimum of \$5.00 per person named is contributed. Only one person per \$5.00 will be notified.**

# HOLIDAY VISITORS



*Children from Temple Emanuel (Winston-Salem) and members of a local Cub Scout Troup join residents and family members in listening to the story of Chanukah*



*Jolly Old St. Nick and Ruth Menins (Gastonia)*



*Raleigh senior citizens spent a Sunday visiting and touring the Home*



*The young people from Temple Emanuel in Statesville shared the joy of the holidays with a fun-filled visit*



*Family visits make for special times. Here Jennie Samet and her daughters take part in one of the services*



*Charlotte's Chai group — energetic, enthusiastic and on the go!*

AS A CULTURAL AFFAIRS EDITOR

# Gifts

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Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Radowitz

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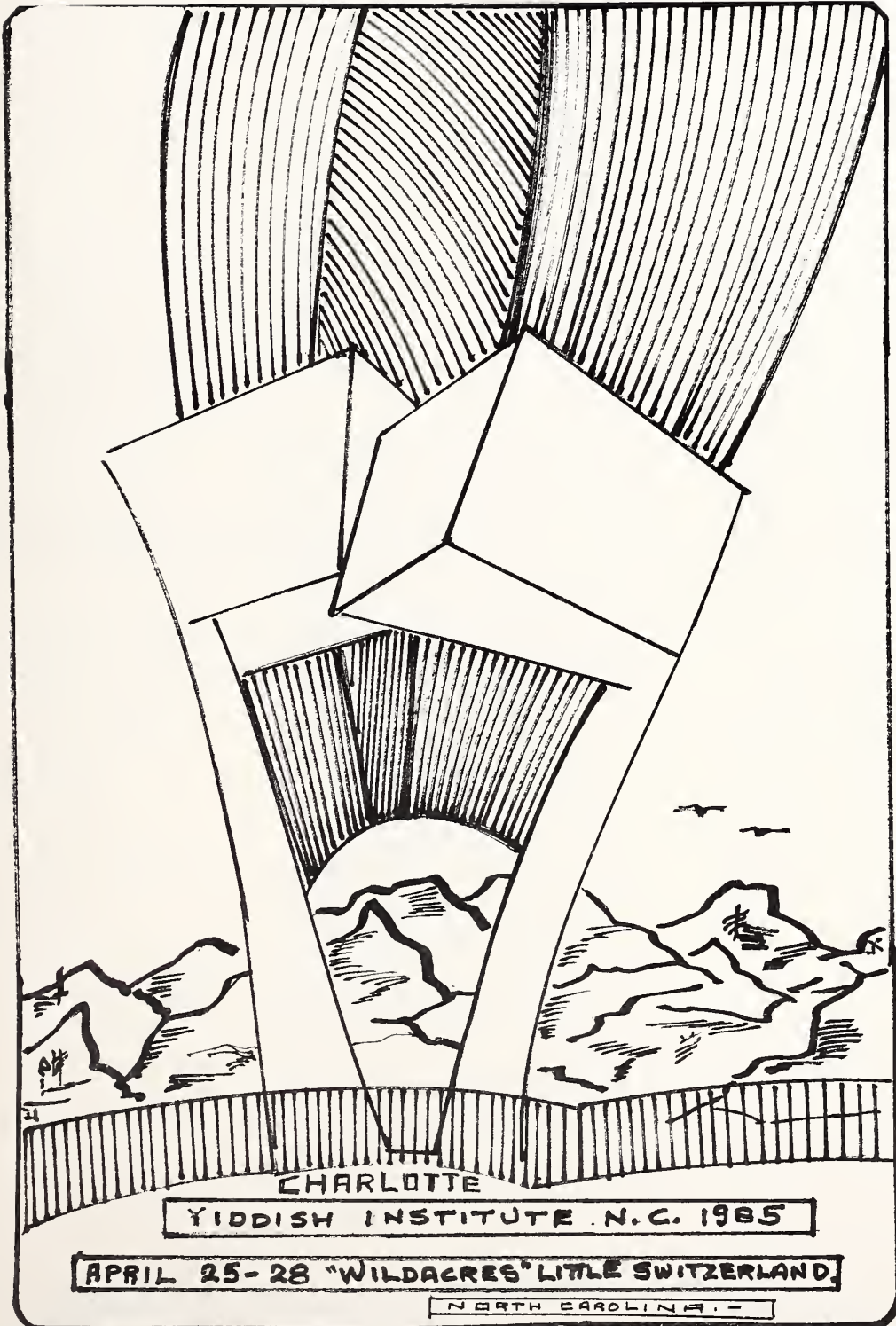


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# Editorial

## TO CORRECT A FALSE UNDERCURRENT

by Rabbi Hershel Fogelman

It is with a sense of urgency that I feel a compulsion to correct an erroneous impression falsely conveyed by those who should know better.

In recent months articles and statements have appeared accusing the orthodox Torah community, and more particularly Lubavitcher, that they view Reform and Conservative Jews as being less than Jewish, or not really Jewish. Rabbis from pulpits and leaders of movements, continue with the bombardment that the "Orthodox" think we are not Jewish. Whether this is a ploy to arouse the masses to battle is difficult to ascertain. In any case, innocent laymen, and in some cases spiritual leaders are left wondering as to this position.

It is, therefore, incumbent once and for all, to set the record straight irrespective of issues. While it is axiomatic that Jews with regard to observance and behavior are guided and bound by the G-d given Torah, Gemora, Shulchan Oruch, etc., it is however the same Shulchan Oruch that provides the Halacha as to how one views a Jew.

The Rambam—Maimonides codifier of Jewish law, in the second chapter of "Hilchos Gerushin," clearly states that even a Jew who rebels against the Halacha is considered not only a Jew, but a believer in the innermost portion of his Neshomo. It is on this basis that the Rambam draws a Halachic conclusion that even in those areas where one's wilful consent is needed, such as in certain cases of divorce, Korbonos, etc., etc., etc., and the

Beth Din forces him to comply, it is predicated on the principle that he is inherently a believer, and wants to fulfill the will of G-d.

Therefore, not only dare we not exclude any Jew from Klal Yisroayl, but further, all Jews according to Maimonides, irrespective of their religious orientation, are considered Halachically "Maameenim Bnei Maaminin"—believers, children of believers, whose deeds—mitzvos and transgressions are considered by G-d in the same context as those of "Frum" Jews.

Emunah belief is inherent in every Jew. In the words of the Rambam only his "Yetzer" forces him to act rebelliously. One can quote hundreds of passages attesting to this axiom. We must, therefore, set the record straight that we are all truly one as Jews.

I do not, at this time, wish to enter into the many complex issues that divide Jews because, to quote the famous American expression "what unites us is far greater than what divides us."

If you, therefore, hear a speaker or read an article, whether from the left or the right, creating an illusion or distortion about this subject, you should know that he or she is either ignorant or malicious. The unity and love of our people as a collective, and more so with regard to the individual, is the priority of priorities.

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# Kibbitzing-Community News



*Mrs. Ingrid Sturm*

## STURM-RAUCH WEDDING

Temple Israel was the setting for the wedding of Ingrid Helene Rauch and Lawrence Martin Sturm. Rabbi Richard Rocklin officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Senator and Mrs. Marshall Rauch of Gastonia. She is vice president and a member of the board of directors of Rauch Industries, Inc., in Gastonia.

The bridegroom is the son of Dorothy Sturm of Lake Worth, Fla., and the late Hyman Sturm. He is president of Sturm Inc., in Pompano Beach, Fla.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Stephanie Rauch of Gastonia was honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Victoria Rauch, Nancy Albright and Robin Banks, all of Gastonia, Elizabeth Sturm of Reno, Nev., and Roberta Reiss and Phyllis Fabricant, both of New York, N.Y.

Natillie Rauch of Gastonia was

flower girl and Job White of Gastonia was ring bearer.

Richard Sturm of Reno was his brother's best man. Ushers were Marc Rauch, Peter Rauch and John White, all of Gastonia, Joe Greenspan of Hallandale, Fla., Jay Greenberg of Bethpage, N.Y., and Harvey Holland of Dix Hills, N.Y.

The bride's parents hosted a reception at Gaston Country Club following the ceremony. The rehearsal party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rauch, Mr. and Mrs. John White and Marc and Stephanie Rauch Friday at Gaston Country Club.

Following a trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will live in Gastonia.



*Mrs. Nancy Bernstein*

## BADT-BERNSTEIN WEDDING

Nancy Bauer Badt of Shreveport, Louisiana and Samuel Jay Bernstein of Charlotte, N.C. were

married at 7:00 p.m., Saturday December 29, in B'nai Zik Temple, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Badt of Shreveport. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bernstein of Conway, South Carolina.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Bonnie Sue Rubenstein of Dallas, Texas. Bridesmaids were Eileen Bernstein, sister of the groom, Chapel Hill, N.C., Jane Breyer, Birmingham, Alabama, Mary Duncan Waghalter and Mrs. Joan Broadwell of Shreveport. Martin Bernstein was his son's best man. Ushers were Joe M. Badt, brother of the bride, Joe Kline and Ben Kline of Kensington, Md., and Dr. William Kenneth Morgan, Jr. of Jacksonville, N.C.

A reception was held at the University Club. After a trip to the Virgin Islands, the couple will live in Charlotte, N.C.

## JEWISH SINGLES BRUNCH

A brunch for Jewish Single and over will be held Sunday March 10th at eleven o'clock at the home of Susan Klein, 8015 Reynolds Park Lane in Charlotte. A cover dish suitable for brunch requested.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS GREENSBORO

Greensboro College in Greensboro will offer a Jewish Chautauqua Society (JCS)—sponsored course during the Spring 1985 semester under the direction of Greensboro Rabbi Arnold Task.

JCS, educational arm of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB), endows Judaism courses at universities throughout the United States and Canada, assigns rabbinic lecturers to campuses, donates books of Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors Institutes for Christian Clergy in its goal of improved interfaith relations.

Take, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, will teach "Contemporary Judaism."

Task is a Board member of the Boy Scouts of America's General Greene Council, Goodwill Industries, the Fisher Park Community Program, the Greensboro Chapters of the American Red Cross and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Greensboro Rotary Club.

He is also involved with the Greensboro Human Relations Commission and the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust.

Task has been awarded the Distinguished Merit Citation by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Distinguished Service Award from the Hampton Roads Jaycees.

Rabbi Task was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, earning a Master of Hebrew Letters degree while in attendance.

Ms. Marjorie Harris of Cherry Hill, NJ and Dr. Donald Harris of Greensboro, NC are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Faye to Philip Michael Schwartz, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schwartz of Dresher, PA.



*Evelyn Harris and Philip Schwartz*

Evelyn and Philip are graduates of Drew University in Madison, NJ. Evelyn graduated in 1982 with a B.A. in Economics and is currently working for the Irving Trust Co. in New York City. Philip graduated in 1980 with a Phi Beta Kappa in History and is now completing a masters degree in business administration from New York University. A June wedding is planned.

Evelyn is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Leder of Whiteville, NC and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harris of High Point, NC.

## COMMUNITY NEWS CHARLOTTE, NC

Temple Israel Sisterhood held its annual Art Sale February 10 to 13 at Queens Gallery, with an opening reception on Sunday. Works of local and regional artists were displayed and sold.

Cantor Frank Birnbaum is conducting a Tallit and Tefillin Club for Fathers and Sons on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM in the main sanctuary of Temple Israel.

"Women's Rights" in the Synagogue will be discussed at an open meeting on March 21. There has been increasing demand for equality, as is now permitted by the

religious law board of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Each synagogue in the Conservative Movement is authorized to make its own decision about counting women in a "Minyan" and conferring upon them ritual services traditionally assigned to men only.

Adult Education featured Harry Chernotsky of the Department of Political Science at UNCC as its guest speaker on Friday, February 15, after Shabbat Services. His topic was "Current Developments in the Middle East." The area is Dr. Chernotsky's specialty. Sidney Goozner is Chairman.

A Consecration Service was held at Friday Evening Services on February 22 for Aleph Group students, who participated in the ritual.

Temple Israel Young Couples Club enjoyed a party of February 16 at the home of Trevor and Lillian Goldberg. This was the third event of this season for this group. Presidents are Judy and David Miller, who may be called for information at 542-5921.

Temple Israel is selling raffle tickets for a 10-day Italian tour with 2nd and 3rd prizes of cash and a TV set. Drawing is to be held on March 17. On that date, Temple Israel is again providing an evening of music with its Jewish Music Festival. This year guest artist will be Cantor Louis Danto of Toronto whose fame and talent are well known. Members of the Charlotte Symphony will perform, Cheryl Ackerman of Toronto flautist; also Viva Klezmer musical group. Those who attended last year's concert attest to its excellence.

Couples Club enjoyed a Movie Party followed by coffee and cake at Adam's Mark Coffee Shop. Couples Club is led by Larry and Lee Levy.

"Shalom Y'all" is a project of the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation designed to acquaint newcomers with

Jewish community in Charlotte. For information, Florence Jaffa or Sally Schrader is to be contacted. A pamphlet has been published and circulated describing all of the Jewish organizations in the city, as well as the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

In mid-September the Jewish Community Center office expects to occupy a place in the new foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community building. New athletic facilities will be available as well as space for programming. Yiddish Vinkl is offering classes in Yiddish language and programs of Yiddish culture. For information call Baila Pransky at 366-5564.

## TEMPLE BETH EL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.

by Roland Heller

The series "Moral Issues in my World," presented during the last several weeks as part of the regular Friday evening sabbath services

Temple Beth El, struck an enthusiastic response throughout the Jewish community. Represented were the fields of law, government, journalism, medicine, business, and politics.

In the give and take of the discussions in Fellowship Hall following the services in the sanctuary, the congregants and guests posed some pointed questions back to the speakers. The complete program was conceived and planned by Rabbi Harold Krantzler, with assistance from the Temple's adult education committee.

On February 23 the Beth El Sisterhood Men's Club jointly sponsored a spaghetti supper in Fellowship Hall.

Trivial Pursuit and other games congeniality were enjoyed after that meal. It was a relaxed evening of good fellowship and camaraderie.

The last of the season's breakfast discussion series sponsored by

Temple Beth El's Men's Club was held on February 17. The featured speaker was Wendell White, Charlotte's City Manager.

This year's program included the community's most prominent figures in government and service. With wives invited, and with a delightful lox and bagel breakfast preceding the talks, the Sunday morning sessions met with an enthusiastic response, with consistently large attendance.

The Sisterhood of Beth El sponsored a luncheon in honor of the community's senior citizens on February 13. A delicious luncheon planned and prepared by Ethel Gordon and her staff was enjoyed by all. Gladys Lavitan entertained the group with eight short book reviews, presented in her inimitable style and with her usual enthusiasm.

The Saturday morning sabbath services have established themselves as a regular feature of the religious program at Temple Beth El. They commence at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, and include the weekly Torah reading.

Upon completion of the reform service in the sanctuary, the group retires to Fellowship Hall for coffee and sweets. A round table reading of the Torah lesson with discussion follows. Rabbi Harold S. Krantzler reads the service and evening discussion.

For weeks when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, starting at 11:00 a.m. it replaces the service.

## FEIGON-GOLDMAN WEDDING

Dr. Judith T. Feigon and Dr. Nathan C. Goldman were united in marriage at the Greenfield Chapel of Congregation Beth Yeshurun in Houston, Texas. Given in marriage by her father, Rabbi Louise Feigon, who also officiated at the ceremony.

Rabbi Jack Segal co-officiated

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with Rabbi Feigon at the ceremony. Attending Dr. Feigon as her matron of honor was her sister, Dvora Feigon Roth of New Haven, Connecticut; bridesmaids were Edith Zinn, Claire Goldman Putterman, Elizabeth Roth, Lisa Goldberg, and Sarah Feigon. Dr. Goldman's best man was his brother-in-law, Dr. Paul Putterman of Charlotte, North Carolina. Groomsmen were Dr. Joel Feigon, Harold Roth, Ben Bernanke, David Roth, and Joshua Feigon. Both the mother of the bride and the mother of the groom were present at the bridal canopy. A special guest was the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Berry of Dillion, South Carolina.

Nautitorium on the campus of UNC Wilmington. He won 3 first place and 5 second place medals. Not only did Jerry better most of the competitions at the meet, but his time of 10 minutes in the 500 yard freestyle was a personal record.

Mr. Morris Heilig was honored on his special birthday with a beautiful party at the Kinston Country Club. Hosts were his children and grandchildren—Mr. Alan Heilig of Baltimore, Md. and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schwartz and family of Miami Beach, Fla., Mazel too! May he enjoy many more happy and healthy birthdays with his dear wife, Ida, beside him.

Mrs. Sidney Kanter returned from Atlanta after attending a surprise 40th birthday party for her daughter, Brenda, given by her husband Stanley Daniels. It was indeed a thrill!

## COMMUNITY NEWS ASHEVILLE, NC

In memory of Rose Litchtenfels born October 12, 1896, died April 28, 1984. She was a resident of Albany, New York and employed for many years by the New York State Department of Agriculture. She came to the Blumenthal Home in May of 1981.

Survivors are her brother, Isaac Lichtenfels, of Asheville, North Carolina.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS KINSTON, NC

Temple Israel celebrated the 30th anniversary of its present building with a dinner and rededication ceremony in the Sanctuary. The ninety people present included friends from Greenville, New Bern, and Mrs. Sam Fuchs from Evanston, Ill., whose husband designed the Temple. Rabbi Robert Shafran was Master of Ceremonies and Mrs. Max Chused, President, welcomed the guests. Various members made short presentations of "Memories of the Past." Alan Goldspiel, Lenior Community College Resident Artist, played several classical selections on his guitar. Rabbi Shafran wrote a very impressive ceremony for the rededication. The memorabilia, prepared during the years by Rabbi Jerome Tolochko, were displayed and viewed by all.

Members and guests enjoyed the entire evening and left with a feeling of nostalgia.

We are proud of our own Jerry Kanter, who competed in the U.S. Masters Swim Meet at the

## COMMUNITY NEWS HIGH POINT, NC

by Estelle Levine

Mazel Tov to Dov and Rutie Sandman on the birth of their son in Jerusalem, also to Rabbi and Mrs. Robert Sandman on the birth of their first grandchild.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Max Samet on their marriage. Gerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samet.

Mrs. Belle Robinowitz Ginsburg, 97, of Carthage died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1984 at Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons. She had been in declining health since September. She was born in Russia and came to the United States in 1899 and had lived in Carthage 65 years. She was married to Eli Ginsburg who died 1967. She was a member of B'nai Israel Synagogue. Surviving are two sons, David S. Ginsburg of Carthage and Marshall E. Ginsburg of High Point; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Graveside rites were at Hebrew Cemetery by Rabbi Robert Sandman.

## COMMUNITY NEWS DURHAM, N.C.

On March 20th, a one day Awareness Workshop on the Holocaust and Human Behavior will be sponsored by Durham Academy and the Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation of Brookline, Massachusetts.

Topic: The Holocaust and Human Behavior

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Date: March 20, 1985

Place: Durham Academy Upper

School Campus

3601 Ridge Road

Durham, NC 27705

Lunch: Provided

Cost: \$35 registration fee

The workshop will provide an introduction to the Facing History and Ourselves teacher training curriculum development programs that have been effective in helping teachers and students think about and confront complex historical issues. Although the content of the program focuses on the Holocaust, the approach and methodology have broad applicability to curricula involved with difficult subject matter. Works

applicants will:

- 1) Examine readings and films that might be used to enhance their existing courses.
- 2) Become familiar with some of the complexities of this history.
- 3) Discuss the kinds of questions students and teachers are asked to think about in school, regarding important issues of prejudice and justice.
- 4) Become acquainted with some of the services and resources available through Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation in Brookline, Massachusetts.

### COMMUNITY NEWS RALEIGH

Raleigh Rabbi Martin Beifield, Jr. visited Mount Olive College in Mount Olive on January 29 under the auspices of the Jewish Chautaugua Society (JCS).

JCS, the educational arm of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB), endows Judaism courses at universities throughout the United States and Canada, assigns rabbinic lecturers to campuses, donates books of Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors institutes for Christian Clergy in its goal of improved interfaith relations.

NFTB is comprised of 500 Temple Brotherhoods with over 70,000 members in the United States, Canada, and abroad. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Judaism.

Beifield, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Or for six and a half years, will discuss "Confronting Good and Evil: Lessons from the Holocaust."

Beifield is a Board of Directors member of Planned Parenthood of Greater Raleigh; Board member of American Red Cross' Triangle Chapter, Wake County's Jewish Community Council, and the United Jewish Appeal of Raleigh.

He is an Associate Professor of Old Testament at Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh and was on the Board of the North Carolina Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.

Rabbi Beifield was ordained in 1975 at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, earning a Master of Arts degree. He is currently a Ph.D candidate in American History at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

### COMMUNITY NEWS CHARLESTON, S.C.

In January, Congregation Brith Sholom Beth Israel, in Charleston, SC, celebrated the 130th anniversary of Congregation Brith Sholom and the 30th anniversary of its merger with Congregation Beth Israel. Brith Sholom is the oldest Ashkenazic congregation in the South.

### COMMUNITY NEWS COLUMBIA, SC

The renovation campaign of the Columbia Jewish Community Center is near the close of its Phase II, in which the dining room area has been expanded, the ceiling lowered, and lighting and air conditioning improved. Remaining to be completed are improvements in the lobby area.

Following will be Phase III, involving the facility of the preschool.

The Columbia Jewish Community Center and the Columbia Philharmonic jointly sponsored a benefit concert on February 9. Guest artist was Doc Severinson of "Tonight Show" fame.

At Tree of Life Congregation, Rabbi Howard Kosovske conducted services on January 4, when the

United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign was featured, with presidents of other local congregations joining, Dr. Henry Ray Wengrow, Frederick Blank, and Dr. Hilil Salomon. Samuel Tenenbaum, General Campaign Chairman, and Victoria Serbin, Women's Division Chairman were also featured. Federation sponsored its Kick-Off Brunch on January 13, for which Ferne Kantsiper was chairman.

### TREE OF LIFE CONG., COLUMBIA, SC

Tree of Life Congregation enjoyed a "Traditional Jewish Dinner" on February 2. A Malave Malkah preceded the dinner. Sandy Hertz and Barbara Myers were in charge.

Temple Youth Group sponsored "The Lox Box" the last Sunday in January, delivering to homes. Marsha Weinbaun and Dena Hertz



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were in charge.

Adult Education Program began January 15 with a four-week review of basic reading instructed by Zach Bazerman. The course will continue with more advanced study. On January 15 Rabbi Kosovske started "An Introduction to the Talmud for Lay-people." This course is scheduled to run eight weeks. A series of four lectures began February 12 on the Prophets and Pharisees, conducted by Jerry King.

## THE SOUTHERN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Southern Jewish Historical Society has announced the selection of its 1984-1985 executive board.

Mrs. Janice R. Blumberg of Washington, D.C., has been elected President. Mrs. Blumberg, formerly of Atlanta, Georgia, is the author of numerous books and articles, the most recent being a biography of the late Rabbi Rothschild of Atlanta.

Other officers elected are Vice President, Dr. Samuel Proctor of Gainesville, Florida; Secretary, Dr. Louis Schmier of Valdosta, Georgia, and Treasurer Edwin Zelnicker of Mobile, Alabama.

Newly chosen trustees include B.H. Levy from Savannah, Georgia; Dr. Joseph Cohen, New Orleans, Louisiana; Dr. Claire Rosenbaum, Richmond, Virginia; Rabbi Howard Greenstein, Jacksonville, Florida; Thomas Sokolsky-Wixon, Passaic, Mississippi, and immediate past President Solomon Breibart, Charleston, South Carolina.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society exist to present and preserve the Southern Jewish Experience. The purposes of the Society are to encourage and engage in the collection, preservation, exhibition, publication, and popularization of materials relating to the history and life of Jews in the South, and to

promote research in and study of Jewish history and life in the region. For information on programs, contact the closest regional officer.

Membership in the Society is open to any person and organization interested in its purposes. Membership classifications begin at \$15.00 for individual memberships. Checks may be sent to the Office of the Treasurer, 151 Tuthill Lane, Mobile, Alabama 36608. Membership inquiries may also be addressed there.

## STUDENTS FROM YESHIVA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK CITY TO VISIT DUKE UNIVERSITY, HOLD PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE JEWISH IDENTITY

Students from Yeshiva University in New York City will be visiting Duke University in Durham, NC, January 22-26 to present a series of programs aimed at promoting Jewish identity among university students.

The visiting students are part of "Kiruv"—Hebrew for "bringing near"—a project sponsored by the University, the Rabbinical Council of America, and the American Zionist Youth Federation.

The Yeshiva University undergraduates who will be visiting Duke University are Joel Hirsch, Larry Kwass, Aviva Ganchrow, and Shoshana Jedwab. Daniel Lehmann, a senior at the University and coordinator of the "Kiruv" program, will also be in the group visiting Duke University.

The series of programs, offered in cooperation with the Duke University Hillel, will include classes, informal discussions, and singing and dancing, which, according to Lehmann, will make up a "Jewish experiential workshop."

Students and other interested persons who wish to attend some

of the "Kiruv" sessions contact the Duke University Hillel office for more details.

"Kiruv" was formed to combat the malaise of Jewish indifference among college students and spark a new interest in Judaism, Lehmann said. "We seek to acquaint Jewish students with the rich fabric that makes up Jewish life and to demonstrate its relevance to young people."

"What is perhaps most unique is that the program's effort to provide college students with this special brand of Jewish education comes from fellow students," Lehmann added. "These students want to teach and to listen. They want to create positive Jewish experiences and befriend fellow Jews. And most of all, they want to share with their peers the beauty of a Jewish way of life."

Jacques Schwalbe, a non-communal leader, is chairman of the board of "Kiruv." He is intimately involved with plans for the project.

Dr. Sol Roth is president of "Kiruv" and past president of the Rabbinical Council of America. He is also the Samson and Rapel Hirsch Professor of Torah and Derekh Eretz at Yeshiva University and spiritual leader of The Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach, NY.

Yeshiva University, America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices, will celebrate its Centennial in 1986.

**CORRECTION:** In the article "Remembering Nathan Sutker," in our February issue, Victor Sutker, the father of Anita Blumenthal, was Nathan's brother.

**ISRAEL EXPO '85  
INTERNATIONAL BRINGS  
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MARCH 23-31**

Atlanta will get a unique glimpse into Israeli life and culture when Israel EXPO '85 International opens its doors March 23-31. The multi-faceted event, sponsored by the Atlanta Jewish Community Center and Atlanta's leading businesses, cultural and educational institutions, includes exhibits, special events, entertainment and lectures all designed to give visitors a better understanding of Israeli life.

New to Atlanta, EXPO has enjoyed overwhelming success in communities throughout the U.S., since the first one was held in St. Louis in 1975. EXPO is a non-denominational community event which will contribute to the international flavor of Atlanta.

The focal point of the exhibition will be the Atlanta Jewish Community Center (AJCC) 1745 Peachtree Road. The building and grounds of the AJCC will undergo physical transformation to become a "mini Israel" including a specially constructed facade resembling the walls of the old city of Jerusalem. All 140,000 square feet of the facility will be utilized for the eight day event.

Indoors, visitors will be able to wander about in an Israeli "Shuk" or marketplace, sample Israeli foods and view fashions, art and religious objects. Exhibits will trace the history of the many religions rooted in Israel, recount the tragedy of the Holocaust, display Israeli coins and stamps and explore Israel's high tech industries. Other displays will explain the nature of Israel's social agencies and show the beauty of the country's landscapes and people through photographs. An Israeli film festival will focus on various aspects of Israeli life through a collection of documentary and feature length films.

Outside, AJCC grounds will become an archaeological dig, with

recreated sample finds from a typical dig site. The tools used in archeological explorations will be on display and videos explaining techniques will be shown continuously. A Kibbutz will also be built, complete with a farm, drip irrigation system, petting zoo and bomb shelter.

Every evening EXPO will come alive with special entertainment. Highlighting the entertainment will be Israeli Chanan Yovel and Israeli musical group Sharti Lach Artzi. Other entertainment includes the American Balalaika Company, featuring Yiddish and Hebrew song and dance; choral performances by Morris Brown College Choir, Northside School of Performing Arts, the Choral Guild of Atlanta and local Jewish Day School children. The talents of Centerstage, the AJCC theater group, in a production of "Two By Two," a musical comedy based on

the Biblical story of Noah's Ark, will also be featured. In addition, "The Top Ten," an original musical by Rand Hopkins about Moses and the Ten Commandments, will premiere at Israel EXPO in a performance by Stage Directions Theater.

Special lecture series, with visiting Israeli scholars, will educate participants about Biblical archaeology, fitness and stress control, sports, medicine, cancer research and the people and institutions of Israel.

Several special exhibits will take place throughout Atlanta in conjunction with Israel EXPO. The High Museum will exhibit a collection from the Haifa Maritime Museum of Archaeology and works from the Israel Museum March 24 to May 26. Another exhibit, "Digging for Biblical Roots," featuring Israeli archaeological finds, will be at

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Emory University's Schatten Gallery during the month of March. Also, The Fernbank Science Center will present a planetarium show exploring 4,000 years of Israeli history March 17-28.

Dr. Perry Brickman and Phyllis Freedman, co-chairpersons for the event, head a 20-person steering committee. Over 1,000 volunteers will be involved in the planning, construction and staffing of EXPO.

A large portion of the funding for the event has come from EXPO's four Corporate Sponsors, Bear Stearns & Company, The Atlanta Coca-Cola Bottling Company, The First National Bank of Atlanta and The Kroger Company, who have each contributed \$25,000. Other sponsors include Wolf Camera & Video, Inc., National Service Industries, Rich's, National Distributing Company and Morse Shoe Company.

EXPO will be open to visitors 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, March 24-28; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 29; and 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday March 30. On Sunday March 31, EXPO will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission will be \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children and senior citizens.

Special arrangements have been made for extra parking facilities. Shuttle buses will run between the AJCC and two parking locations—Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church at 2715 Peachtree Rd and Ahavath Achim Synagogue Lower Lot at 600 Peachtree Battle Rd—continuously from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Additional parking has been secured within walking distance to the AJCC for Sunday and evening visitors.

For additional information about Israel EXPO '85, call the EXPO office at 404-875-EXPO.

## **BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL OF ARTS HONORS ISRAEL APRIL 25-MAY 5**

The Birmingham (Alabama) Festival of Arts, the world's oldest continuing arts festival, will celebrate its 35th year by honoring the arts and culture of Israel, April 25 to May 5, 1985.

The Festival of Arts, held annually, is a two-week exhibition of the cultural, educational, historical and social accomplishments of the honored country.

A highlight of this year's Festival will be a 10-day International Fair featuring the sights, sounds and flavor of the Old City of Jerusalem. The theme of the Fair—SHALOM... A TRIP HOME—will be featured in the educational exhibits, popular Israeli foods, craft demonstrations and travel information.

Throughout the City of Birmingham, colleges, schools, museums, department stores and organizations will be sponsoring different events in honor of Israel.

For example, The Birmingham Museum of Art will showcase *Israel in Antiquity*, presenting artifacts on loan from The Jewish Museum of New York and The Israeli Museum in Jerusalem.

Dr. Ofer Bar-Yosef of Harvard University and Professor Elizer Oren of Ben Gurion University will present several programs on archeology. The American Friendship League is assisting in bringing Israeli mime artist Pablo Ariel to Birmingham for public performances throughout the community.

According to Edward Friend III, Festival Chairman: "The Festival is the cultural highlight of the American Southeast and it is one reason why Birmingham has received the 'Liveability Award' of the U.S. Conference of Mayors."

Support for the 1985 Salute to Israel has been received from El Al Airlines, the Embassy of Israel in Washington, the Consulate General of Israel in Atlanta, the Government of Israel Tourist

Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Israel.

The American-Israeli Cultural Foundation will sponsor Israeli violinist Serqui Schwartz in concert with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. Local productions will include the Southern Regional Opera's presentation of Verdi's *Nabucco*, based on the biblical character Nebuchadnezzar. Jewish Community Center Players will give performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and Birmingham's Children Dance Company will perform a musical titled *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego*, based on The Old Testament.

Birmingham-Southern College will present the modern ballet *Waves of Time*, and Samford University's "Festival Chorus" members of the Alabama Symphony will present excerpts from Handel's oratorio *Solomon* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*.

For complete details, write: DCI/Festival, Suite 2100, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Sir,

Are you a descendant of the Baal Shem Tov? I am a Jewish genealogist researching the descendants of the Baal Shem Tov for eventual publication. I have already well researched documented evidence on some 2,000 descendants of the Baal Shem Tov.

I am interested in receiving correspondence from anyone who may be descended from the Baal Shem Tov. All correspondence will be answered and greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Tedeschi  
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## TU B' SHEVAT: PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

by Zvi Volk

In an era when environmental protection movements are strong all over the world, Jewish tradition sets aside a special day for protecting the environment. The fifteenth day of the month of Shevat (which in 1985 come on March 6), is the New Year for trees.

With its basis in Jewish law, Tu B'Shevat carries with it an array of interesting customs and legends, many of which underwent changes in the Diaspora, while maintaining the emphasis on nature and safeguarding the environment.

The earliest Tu B'Shevat customs were fruit-bearing trees and the agricultural cycle. During the time of the Second Temple (5th Century BCE-1st Century CE) it was on Tu B'Shevat that people brought their agricultural tithe to the Temple. As such, the day began to take on semi-legalistic proportions, as the laws of agricultural offerings and of the sabbatical year became fixed.

Later the kabbalists (mystics) in the ancient Israeli town of Safed actually developed a special seder for Tu B'Shevat, similar to that held on Passover. However, instead of stressing the exodus from Egypt, the Tu B'Shevat seder acknowledged the great gift of nature and the agricultural produce of the season. Four cups of wine were drunk—as on Passover—and special fruits and grains were eaten, with appropriate blessings to express appreciation for God's bounty in nature.

As Jews began returning to the land of Israel after the beginning of the 20th Century, Tu B'Shevat began to take on more significance. Trees helped, and still do help, to give new life to the barren wastes of the ancient land.

The Jewish National Fund, the agency responsible for afforestation, land reclamation and site development in the land of Israel, began using trees from its

inception 82 years ago to halt erosion, drain swamps, cool the hot desert air, and beautify the landscape.

Some of the earliest woodlands which were planted in Israel have grown into mighty forests. More than 150 million trees have been planted, covering almost 150,000 acres.

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## WHILE YOU'RE IN NEW YORK

Visit New York's Jewish Museum at 1109 Fifth Ave. The National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting is showing 34 segments on a 30-minute tape. See and hear Abba Eban addressing the U.N. in 1949, Menachem Begin welcoming Anwar Sadat to Israel, Zero Mostel, Molly Picon, Mel Brooks, the

Eichmann trial, Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Gertrude Berg as Molly Goldberg, etc. This exhibit will continue into summer.

View a group of new works in Sculpture Court of the Museum, by Israeli artist Menashe Kadishman, until June. A superb collection of kiddush cups will be on exhibit through May 24, entitled "Le-Hayim—to Life! Cups of Sanctification and Celebration."

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**NEW ENDOWMENT FUND  
INSURES FUTURE STABILITY  
OF BURGEONING COLLEGE**

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia announced its receipt of \$1,000,000 challenge grant from Marjorie and Aaron Ziegelman of New York. The grant was made in memory of Reconstructionist founder and leader, Mordecai M. Kaplan. It was announced by College President, Ira Silverman, at a commemoration at the college in honor of Rabbi Kaplan who died one year ago.

The gift, when matched by other donors, will create an endowment fund which will insure the financial stability of the 16-year-old college. It will create an inviolable account which will earn annual income for the College's operating expenses.

Aaron and Marjorie Ziegelman's history is reflective of many who are attracted to the Reconstructionist approach of Judaism. The Ziegelmans came to the Reconstructionist movement after a long absence from Jewish activities. Identification with the Reconstructionist philosophy of Mordecai M. Kaplan enabled them to reconnect to the Jewish tradition. In describing the reconnection, Mr. Ziegelman says, "The Yom Kippur War aroused in me feelings of 'Why am I not helping?' I began to think about why someone with my background—educated in a Yeshiva in Poland—didn't identify with Jewish institutions. I had moved away from orthodoxy and not found anything to replace it until I discovered Reconstructionism." The discovery was a powerful one which engendered a deep

recommitment on the part of the Ziegelmans towards Jewish education and Jewish survival. Mr. Ziegelman, a New York real estate entrepreneur, is vice chairman of the College's Board of Governors.

The announcement of the gift follows several recent festivities at the College, including the inauguration of renowned scholar and teacher Arthur Green as Dean, the early retirement of the College's mortgage, and the opening of the Mordecai M. Kaplan Institute, an innovative and participatory adult learning center.

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, which trains both men and women, offers an innovative program appropriate to the growth and future of the American Jewish community. The program includes preparation for the practical rabbinate through courses in personal skills, dynamism, and an outlook concerned with the continuing renewal of American Judaism. The curriculum is based on Mordecai M. Kaplan's Reconstructionist approach to Judaism is based on Judaism as an evolving religious civilization. Many graduates of the College serve in Reconstructionist, Reform, and Conservative congregations throughout North America. Others engage in teachings, counseling, education and Jewish Communal work.

**KING'S DREAM  
COMES TRUE**

by Marvin S. Arrington

Television news revealed that the Israeli government had airlifted thousands of starving black Jews from the Sudan and Ethiopia to a new home in the holy land. I sat dumbfounded. My logical, well-educated mind would not allow me to believe it was true. My knowledge of history, my understanding of Western culture, the recognition of powerful racism that still pervades our lives, both political and social, told me that

this act of compassion and concern could not be occurring. That a nation of white men should care enough about the survival of starving blacks to literally "take them home with them," took several moments for me to grasp.

For an instant, my mind flashed to the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, and I could hear Martin Luther King, Jr. telling us about his dream. I wanted to scream, "Martin, something happened. Let me tell you what the Israelis have done."

The Israelis have demonstrated to the world that there is a brotherhood of man and that it is not bound to race. So many talk of love, but Israel has acted. It is relatively easy for the wealthy to send their money to feed the hungry of Africa for a few weeks. For Israel, that is not enough. Israel has seen through the immediate problem to its cause and has taken action to break the cycle of starvation by transporting thousands into a new land where they can build new lives and become self-sufficient. That, in itself, would have been remarkable, but Israel has done more. Israel has taken the Falashas and brought them into their homes.

As no group of people have ever done, the people of Israel have demonstrated that we are all brothers' keepers and that kindness transcends race. A tiny nation of approximately three million people has shown the world clearly that we can live by our loftiest ideal.

As we recall the contribution of Martin Luther King, Jr. on the anniversary of his birth, I am proud to say "Martin, look how well your dream works"

*Marvin S. Arrington is president of the Atlanta City Council. This article, which originally appeared in the Jan. 20 Atlanta Journal-Constitution, is reprinted with permission.*

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## THE POPES AND ZIONISM: EIGHTY YEARS AFTER

by Irving Greenberg

On January 25, 1904, Theodore Herzl had his long-sought audience with Pope Pius X. Herzl's goal, in his own words, was, "to obtain the spiritual approval of the Church of Rome."

Two days earlier, Herzl met the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Merry del Val, who gave him advance indication of the difficulties he would face. Said the Cardinal: "I do not rightly see how we can take the initiative in this. So long as the Jews deny the divinity of Christ, we certainly cannot side with them . . . How then, short of abandoning our own highest principles, can we agree to their regaining possession of the Holy Land?"

Herzl's response was: "We are asking only for the profane earth; the Holy Places are to be extraterritorialized." Del Val's answer was closer to the Jewish conception than Herzl's: "Ah, but it is virtually impossible to think of them as set apart, one from the other, in such terms." . . .

We cannot prevent the Jews from going to Jerusalem—we could never sanction it. The ground of Jerusalem, if it were not always sacred, has been sanctified by the life of Jesus Christ. As the head of the Church, I cannot answer you otherwise. The Jews have not recognized our Lord, therefore we cannot recognize the Jewish people."

The key reason for the Church's negative response to Zionism had a lot to do with the Church's attitude toward Judaism. In the words of the Pope: "The Jewish faith was the foundation of our own, but it has been superseded by the teachings of Christ, and we cannot admit that it still enjoys any validity. The Jews, who should have been the first to acknowledge Jesus Christ, have not done so to this day."

Pope Pius X spoke out of an

eighteen hundred year-old tradition. Upon separation from Judaism, Christianity claimed that the promises in Hebrew Scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus and in the new faith. In Christianity's view: by becoming present in human form and by resurrection, God has 'topped' the earlier miracles of revelation and redemption manifest in Jewish history. And now the whole world could join in the Jewish covenant through faith in Jesus. Therefore, Judaism itself had been replaced by Christianity.

The conclusion that Judaism had been superseded gave a fatal twist to the future relationships of Judaism and Christianity. By Christian logic, Jews should have all followed the new religion and given up the old.

As Professor Yosef Yerushalmi has pointed out, the more humane tradition of the medieval Church insisted on keeping the Jews alive—but in a state of exile—to serve as witness to the world of the penalty for not accepting Jesus. The wandering Jew was a necessary proof of the Jewish recalcitrance and disfavor with God until the end of days, when the Jews would convert. That attitude led to resistance to Zionism, and a particularly galling feeling for the Church when Jews controlled the Holy Places. By its very existence, the State of Israel makes hope of conversion and disappearance of the Jews a remote possibility and undercuts the Church's claims that the Biblical promises have been transferred to Christianity. To live at ease with the State of Israel, the Church would have to give up its supercessionist theology. It was no wonder that the successors to Pius X could not bring themselves to recognize the State of Israel.

In the past two decades, however—ever since Vatican II—the Catholic church has been trying to undo this teaching of contempt. A new tolerance engendered by liberalism, shame, and shock at the Church's failures

during the Holocaust, Jewish vitality, and decades of active dialogue have led to a struggle to overcome the supercessionist tradition. Vatican II said that "the Jews remain most dear to God because of their fathers" (implying past but not present validity) and added "(God) does not repent of the gifts He makes nor of the covenants He issues . . ." (implying possible present validity). Vatican II opened the door. Further declarations were even more positive.

A number of important developments have occurred within the Catholic church which do honor to its conscience and attempt to repent for the past. In 1983, a Vatican spokesman at a conference with Jewish organizations made an unequivocal statement that Jews should not be the subject of conversion activity. Pope John Paul II, in the course of a visit to Germany, made the same unequivocal Papal statement—that the Jewish covenant remains valid. Recently, the Church again has spoken of dialogue with the Jews, with the Jews being given unique and special status which implies both their validity and their ongoing existence. The remaining question is: can the Church take the next logical step—break with the supercessionist tradition, and officially recognize the State of Israel?

Recently, the leadership of the Dutch Jewish community, through a fierce struggle over the question of meeting with the Pope during his forthcoming visit to Holland. They finally voted to meet with him on the condition that he recognize the State of Israel. Pope Paul II is thus given another opportunity to overcome years of hatred and of pushing down the Jewish people.

The possibility of change has never been seen as a long shot, at best. On the one hand, the fact that Pope Paul II has proven to be conservative in doctrine when the chips are down suggests that he will not go beyond the past

terms of recognizing Israel. Furthermore, there are political pressures, both from the Arab nations and from Christians living within Moslem' lands, against recognition of Israel. On the other side there is a continuing theological and philosophical distrust within the Church for recognizing Judaism and the Jewish people fully. John Paul II, himself, has powerfully experienced Auschwitz and the Holocaust through his years in Poland. There is some desire within him for historic status within the Church. Recognizing the State and restructuring the Catholic relationship with Judaism could be a landmark decision.

Nothing could do more to free the Church from an incubus of hatred and turn its people and its thinking toward a truly pluralist gospel of Love.

The above article has been abbreviated due to limited space.

1984, the National Jewish Resource Center.

Irving Greenberg is President of the National Jewish Resource Center.

Men like the opinions to which they have been accustomed from their youth; they defend them, and shun contrary views: and this is one of the things that prevents men from finding truth, for they cling to the opinions of habit.

**MAIMONIDES:**

*Guide for the Perplexed, 1:31*

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## ON REFLECTION

by Ira Gissen, Director  
North Carolina/Virginia Region  
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## NETWORKS OF HATE

Hatemongering has entered the computer age with right-wing extremists employing modern technology to spread racial and religious bigotry. Two networks accessed through home computers and a phone link-up (modem) are operating now.

The more widely publicized one is operated by the Aryan Nations, an Idaho-based group that disseminates anti-Semitic and racist propaganda and which seeks to establish a "nationalist racist state." Known as the "Aryan Nation Liberty Net," its computer network was established and is run by Louis Bean, a leader of Aryan Nations and a grand dragon of the Texas unit of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Some members of an Aryan Nations splinter group have been implicated in a series of armed robberies and shootouts with law enforcement officials.

The other hate network, "Info International," is operated out of West Virginia by George Dietz, a farm broker who runs Liberty Bell Publications, one of the largest outlets for neo-Nazi literature in the U.S. Dietz immigrated to this country in 1957 from Germany, where he had earlier been a member of the Hitler Youth Organization. His "Info International" is similar in content to the Aryan Nations' network and also purveys anti-Semitism, including Holocaust revisionism that questions the reality of the Nazi massacre of Jews. The hate messages on both networks include anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda.

The danger from computerized hatemongering, in ADL's judgment, lies not only in facilitating the spread of bigotry and anti-democratic propaganda but in its impact on impressionable

young people, many of whom today are computer users.

Access to the Aryan Nation Liberty is made by dialing specified phone numbers located in North Carolina, Idaho, or Texas. One of the figures involved in promoting the Aryan Nations' Liberty Net is Glenn Miller, leader of the Most active and militant Klan organization in North Carolina.

Authorized users of the system are encouraged to deposit their own hate messages. For example, a network message left by Midwest Aryan Nations' leader Robert Miles predicts that the violent tactics of the Irish Republican Army "will be seen across this land" and goes on to state that the younger members of hate groups such as his "have no time for pamphlets, for speeches, for gatherings, they know their role . . . They are the armed party."

In addition to hate propaganda, the Aryan Nations' network supplies under the heading of "enemies" a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of the Anti-Defamation League's national and regional offices. In the same category are listed what the Aryan Nations refers to as "informers" for the "Zionist Occupational Government," its name for the United States government. Another group of "enemies" is labeled "race traitors" and is accessible, the network claims, only to callers with special clearance.

Also provided are the names and addresses of so-called patriotic organizations, including a variety of neo-Nazi, Klan and armed racist groups such as the Christian Patriots Defense League and the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord. The computer supplies dates and locations of their meetings.

One of the stated purposes of the computerized network is to bypass a Canadian embargo on the importation of hate literature into Canada.

Purveyors of hate material are seeking to adapt to the computer

age. Given the objectives and ideology of those who are most prominent in this network, it is development which merits continued monitoring by your Anti-Defamation League.

## DEMOCRACIES, JEWISH COMMUNITY URGED TO COUNTERACT 'ZIONISM IS RACISM' RESOLUTION

The world's democratic nations and the Jewish community should launch an aggressive, worldwide campaign to reverse the destructive effect of the 1975 United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism, U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Singapore Ambassador to the United States Tommy T.T.B. Koh, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams and other world leaders declared.

The group addressed an International Human Rights seminar at the U.S. State Department on the effects of the resolution. The meeting was sponsored by B'nai B'rith International, the World Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organization.

Kirkpatrick said the term "Zionism equals racism" is a program aimed at delegitimizing and disposing Israel. Koh, Moynihan and Abrams declared that the resolution has become the foundation to legitimize anti-Semitism.

Noting that the Holocaust originated from words, Kirkpatrick said that "the fate of all nations sometimes depends on words." Declaring that it is the moral responsibility of democracies to call attention to how obscene and revolting some lies are, she said that lies that go unchallenged cannot be taken for truth.

In the UN, Israel can do no more

nd her foes can do no wrong, she declared and added that it is difficult to believe the horror of the assaults against Israel.

"There is an operative assumption that Israel will not receive fair play in the UN," she said. "We have double standards: one for Israel and another for everyone else."

Kirkpatrick blamed members of the UN General Assembly for the situation. "It is they who contribute to the perversion of the UN," she said and contended that the moves against Israel prevent the UN from taking positive action against terrorism.

Moynihan and Israel's Ambassador Rosenne both said that the Soviet Union was the source of the anti-Zionism resolution and insulted the West for failing to respond properly, determinedly and vigorously.

Kirkpatrick said that Americans mobilized at the grass roots level are "the only protection of our interests and principles" in the UN.

Nearly all the speakers agreed that the best way to counter the Zionism resolution—and any other lie or misstatement—is by responding quickly. Said Moynihan, who noted that the Human Rights Day seminar was the first meeting called in nine years to discuss "an epochal event" in the history of Israel and the UN, "What we must do is to tell the truth about the lie. We must tell loudly and clearly and often, and insist upon it abroad and at home."

Ambassador Koh suggested a three-way approach. We called on Israel to educate the Third World about Zionism because, he explained, most of the Third World countries who voted for the resolution "knew little or nothing about Zionism." Second, Koh said Israel and her allies should try to persuade their friends in the Third World to refrain from supporting resolutions, declarations and other documents relating to the solution. And third, he urged Israel to "scrupulously practice"

racial equality at home. "If the Arab minority within Israel were treated on terms of absolute equality with other Israeli citizens, this would be the best refutation of the charge that Zionism is racist," he said.

Following the talks, representative from B'nai B'rith, the World Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organization voted to ask the U.S. Congress to approve a resolution denouncing UN's Zionism resolution, calling on the United States to withhold support from UN agencies which base their activities on the Zionism resolution and calling on the General Assembly to repeal the resolution.

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## SEPHARDIC RECIPES

### TOMATO SOUFFLE

(Fritada de Tomat)  
4 to 5 medium tomatoes  
3 slices bread  
½ cup sharp grated cheese  
1 bunch parsley, chopped  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 Tbsp. oil  
salt to taste

Wash and peel tomatoes. Remove seeds and cut into small pieces. Soak bread in the tomatoes and mix well. Add cheese, parsley, salt and eggs. Blend well.

Heat oil in 9-inch pie dish in the oven. Pour in tomato mixture and bake in moderate oven 375 degrees for 40 minutes.

Note: Canned tomatoes may be substituted for fresh.

### STUFFED EGGPLANT LAYERS

(Meat)  
(Iman Bayeldi)  
1 large eggplant  
3 eggs

chopped celery leaves  
1 lb. chopped beef  
1 onion, chopped  
2 Tbsp. oil  
½ cup tomato sauce  
salt to taste

Wash, peel and slice the eggplant horizontally in ½ inch thick slices. Soak in cold water to remove some of the seeds. Place half the slices in oblong greased baking dish 9 x 13 x 2 inches.

To the meat, add onion and celery leaves. Beat two of the eggs and add to meat mixture. Add salt to taste. Mix well and spread over eggplant slices in the baking dish. Cover with remaining eggplant.

Beat the remaining egg and pour over mixture. Add tomato sauce and bake in moderate oven for 45 minutes. Serves 6.

### LEEK MEAT LOAF

(Prassa con Carne al Horno)  
leeks, 5 to 6 stalks  
1½ lbs. chopped meat  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 cup tomato juice  
1 Tbsp. oil  
2 cups water  
salt and pepper

Trim leeks, cut into ringlets and wash thoroughly, discarding tough parts. Boil in water until tender. Drain and mix with chopped meat. Add eggs and seasonings and blend well.

Grease a loaf pan 5 x 10 x 3 inches. Shape mixture into a loaf and bake in pan, covered with foil, for 30 minutes in 375 degree oven.

Uncover and baste with tomato juice. Bake for 15 more minutes, uncovered.

Spinach Meat Loaf can be prepared as above, substituting 2 lbs. spinach for leeks and omitting tomato juice. Serves 4.



# Tradition in the Kitchen

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# Book Reviews

## VIEWS AND REVIEWS WALTER BENJAMIN: MARTYRDOM IN PORT BOU

by Joseph Cohen

Of the incalculable losses we have all suffered in the Holocaust, not the least of those losses to twentieth century literature was the death in 1940 of Walter Benjamin, the German-Jewish literary critic, philosopher and mystic. An early friend of Gershom Scholem, Benjamin, unlike Scholem, chose in the 1920s not to go to Palestine, hoping to secure an academic post in his native Germany. It was a fatal decision.

The professorship in modern German literature at Frankfurt University to which Benjamin

aspired and for which he was eminently qualified was denied to him. Like Ludwig Lewisohn who was unable to obtain an academic post after completing his doctoral studies in America, Benjamin's only alternative was to become a freelance writer. Attracted simultaneously to Marxist dialectic and Jewish Mysticism, Benjamin produced through the tensions between these conflicting modes of thought some of the most brilliant literary criticism of our age, revealed particularly in his essays on Kafka, Proust and Baudelaire.

These critical studies and much of Benjamin's other writing is marked, as Scholem has noted, by a pervasive sadness which intensified as Benjamin was forced both as an artist and a Jew into the role of an alien in his homeland. Scholem credits him with a willingness, however melancholy, to confront the ramifications of his alienation, recognizing as did Freud and Kafka, that he was not an apostle of German culture and tradition. He thereby escaped a delusion which trapped a number of other well-known German-Jewish writers including Arthur Schnitzler, Jacob Wasserman, Franz Werfel and Stefan Zweig. Benjamin often wore his Judaism lightly, but that did not preclude his taking it very seriously.

Like so many others, he tarried too long in Germany after Hitler's rise to power, hoping for the miracle that never came. When the Second World War started, he fled first to Paris and then sought to cross the Pyrenees into Spain. At the border town of Port Bou, the customs officer, acting arbitrarily, admitting some and denying others, turned Benjamin back just two days before Spain officially granted safe passage to the refugees gathered in the mountain village. At the end of his resources, his energies flagging, Benjamin, without any

prospect of rescue, committed suicide.

For nearly two decades Benjamin's name, the circumstances of his life and death and his writings, were veiled in obscurity. Remembered by Scholem and a few other friends, his surviving works were republished, and since the 1960s Benjamin's reputation has grown steadily.

As part of his re-emergence Benjamin has become a kind of iconic figure. He is a symbol of the not too familiar Jewish emigrant intellectual, fighting against the overwhelmingly brutal totalitarianism of the twentieth century, and, in the end, heroically achieving martyrdom.

Given the drama of his flight to death and his symbolic appeal, it was inevitable that his image would be invoked in the literary reconstructions of the Holocaust. In Elaine Feinstein's new novel *The Border* (St. Martins/Marek; \$19.95) it is Benjamin's spirit that she infuses and suffuses her story of an once-Jewish Viennese intellectual couple whose path crosses Benjamin's first in Paris and then in Port Bou where tragedy awaits them.

*The Border* is, of course, far from being dependent for its impact upon the haunting specter of Benjamin, alive and dead. His presence and his fate are elements that enhance rather than dominate Feinstein's novel. By virtue of the elements the particular dimension of loss is universalized in a delicately but masterfully told story. The narrative, set from diaries and letters, concerns the plight of Hans and Inge Wendler. He is a poet, she is a physicist. Both thoroughly assimilated people of high culture, shocked into the reality of having to acknowledge their Jewish roots. Long oblivious to their Jewish ancestry, they are astonished to find themselves forced to respond for the first time in their lives in 1938 to the consequences of being Jewish in central Europe. In her astute and perceptible

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ommand of this subject, Feinstein reminds us of Aaron Appelfeld.

This is a story of an ambivalent and shifting love in a marriage between people of opposite natures. Polarized both by the external oppression of the Nazis and the internal oppression of an affair Hans has with a younger woman, the Wendlers find endless opportunities to re-examine their own and each other's realities, raising questions of fidelity versus independence, humanism versus science, subjectivity versus objectivity, male rationality versus female intuition, mysticism versus materialism and power versus powerlessness. However imposing these questions are, Feinstein manages to avoid didacticism and rosaic exposition. These questions are not marshalled before us like troops on a parade ground. This book is so sensitively written that the philosophical disputations do their parading off in the distance while the tormented lives of the characters are played out directly before us.

We share their torment as they seek an accommodation for and a resolution to not only their opposed natures but to the overriding infidelity that threatens the survival of a union in which the spouses, despite their difference, are nonetheless heavily dependent upon each other. One could almost reduce the relationship to the mathematical formulas of a magnetic field were not for the poignance and beauty of the tale, heartwarming and heart chilling and touching, told with a gracefulness that escapes the somber oppressiveness of so many Holocaust stories.

Up to now, Elaine Feinstein has been little known in America. In her native England, she has a well deserved reputation as a novelist (*The Border* is her seventh fiction), poet, a television dramatist and a translator. The daughter of Ukrainian Jewish immigrants, she was educated at Cambridge, taking a degree in English literature.

Subsequently, she read for the Bar. In a recent interview in London, where she lives, she said that Walter Benjamin had long been one of her heroes. By virtue of her attraction to him and her use of his story in *The Border* she has extended and accelerated the recovery of one of this century's most remarkable Jewish writers, at the same time, adding luster to her own name.

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**Caveat**, by Alexander M. Haig, Macmillan Publishing Co., 365 pages, \$17.95.

*Caveat* is Alexander M. Haig's revelation of an administration's operation while it is still in office, the most candid book of its kind ever written by a former Cabinet member.

Haig served as Secretary of State for one and one-half years, during which he claims to have battled "the President's men." He has revealed some of the conduct of our nation's foreign affairs in which he was involved and some meetings with foreign ministers.

It explains some of his statements which were misinterpreted by the public and the media, according to the Haig, and leaves his image much improved. Most problems which existed during this tenure of office remain, and his proposals for their solution appear valid.

Alexander M. Haig, Jr. is a

graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He has a master's degree in international relations from Georgetown University. As vice chief of staff of the U.S. Army, White House chief of staff in the Nixon Administration, supreme allied commander of NATO forces in Europe, and Secretary of State under Reagan, he speaks with the advantage of intimacy with his subject. He now lectures and serves as consultant and board member of several corporations.

This book deserves reading for acquaintance with the author's viewpoint.

**Black Days, White Nights**, by Herman Carmel, Hippocrene Books, 325 pages, Foreword by Elie Wiesel, \$17.95.

*Black Days, White Nights* is a true story, graphically portraying the pain, heartache, deprivation and fear of those unfortunate refugees, who in flight from Hitler, lived in the Soviet Union during World War II. Told by the author as he lived it, we relive the dramatic experiences of a Jewish refugee family during the war.

After the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1939, Dr. Carmel was forced to give up his position at the University of Brno. Just days before the outbreak of war on September 1, 1939, he succeeded in escaping to Latvia, in the hopes of getting to America from there. But shortly after his

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arrival, Latvia was occupied by the Soviet Union and its borders sealed.

In 1941 when the German-Russian war broke out, Dr. Carmel was hurled, together with his wife and 9-month old son to the shores of the Belaya River in the remote Ural-Siberian region where they experienced untold hunger, cold and illnesses. But there, and wherever fate took him, he was afforded the rare opportunity to study the Soviet system and society from the inside. Among his many friends were those who confided in him the tragedies they had suffered at the hands of Soviet regime.

*Black Days, White Nights* recounts those dramatic days and provides the reader with a moving inside look at Soviet life.

Dr. Herman Carmel was born and educated in Czechoslovakia and received his Ph.D. in 1939 from Masaryk University. Following World War II, Dr. Carmel came to the United States and settled in New York with his family.

He has had a long and distinguished academic career. He has taught Hebrew, German and Russian languages at the Jewish Teachers' Seminary, Queens College, Syracuse University and the State University of New York. He has published over seventy books and articles in German, Czech, Yiddish, Hebrew and English.

In 1970 he retired in order to devote himself entirely to writing and research.

**Pioneer Jews, A New Life in the Far West**, by Harriet and Fred Rochlin. Houghlin Mifflin, 243 pages, 180 black & white photos, \$17.95.

From the fires of the Inquisition in 16th Century Mexico to the final days of the American frontier, the colorful history of America's pioneer Jews unfolds in this unprecedented study. Harriet Rochlin tells how pioneer Jews in the open and unsettled West

became merchants, miners, bankers, ranchers, freighters, and farmers and how they entered public office to help establish law and order. She also describes how they organized Jewish institutions, beginning with the first public worship service held in San Francisco in 1849. We are introduced to an extraordinary cast of characters including Levi Strauss, David Belasco, Gertrude Stein, Alice Toklas, Otto Mears, Frances Jacobs, Albert A. Michelson, etc. She documents the establishment of the western Jewish dynasties: Goldwater, May, Zeckendorf, etc. Equally fascinating are stories of the brave women willing to face the hardships of the frontier to build new lives for their families and themselves.

The pioneer Jews were men and women whose lives were forged by the frontier. They helped to shape the character of the new regions and the lives of their descendants.

Harriet Rochlin was born and raised in Los Angeles. She received a BA in Hispanic Regional Studies from the University of California at Berkeley. She began to research and write about the pioneer Jews of the Far West in the late 1960s. Her articles on the subject have appeared in several periodicals. So *Far Away*, her novel about a Jewish pioneer woman was published by Jove Publishing Co. in 1981. Fred Rochlin is a widely known architect, a native of Nogales, Arizona, a town founded in 1880 by Jewish peddler Jacob Isaacson. Intrigued by that history and his personal past, Fred Rochlin has amassed a collection of historical photographs and memorabilia related to the Jewish presence in the Far West.

**A Passion for Sharing**, by Gerda Weissmann Klein, Rossel Books, 301 pages, \$18.95.

*A Passion for Sharing* is *The Story of Edith Rosenwald Stern*. This is a very interesting book, written in excellent language.

Edith Stern, who died in 1981, was a woman of immense wealth inherited from her father, Jacob Rosenwald, whose business acumen turned Sears, Roebuck & Co. into a retail empire. She spurned the life of the idle rich, using her resources, spiritual and monetary, to right social injustices and improve the quality of life in New Orleans, in the United States, in Israel, and throughout the world.

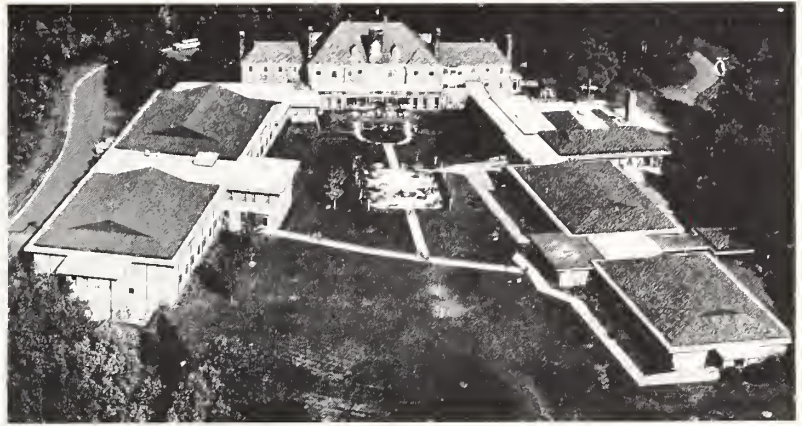
The book recounts the story of the Rosenwald family, as well as the stories of the family of Edith Stern (Edith's husband, a philanthropist in his own right) and the growth of the City of New Orleans, the movement to improve education, gain civil rights for blacks, rescue the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, and provide beauty to the masses through cultural arts.

Edith's concerns were wide-ranging. The men and women of eight decades of progress and philanthropy pass through the pages: Booker T. Washington, Jane Adams, Francis Soyka, John J. Skelly Wright, Adlai Stevenson, John F. Kennedy, Judah Max Henrietta Szold, DeLesseppe Morrison, Marion Anderson, Annabelle Bernard, Bill Moyers, Eleanor Roosevelt, Zsa Zsa Gabor, the Beatles, Clay Shaw, Vasevsky, Benny, Aaron Copland, Halevy, Lindy Boggs, Tom Hess, Edith Stern, and Chaim Herzog.

Gerda Weissmann Klein is the author of three prior best-selling books: *Promise of a New Spring: The Holocaust and Renewal*, *All But Life*, and *The Blue Rose*.

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North Carolina Jewish Home  
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## MARCH 1985

### Passover at BJH – Continuing the Heritage

Passover at the Home is one of the most beautiful, significant occasions during the calendar year. The magnitude of preparations – from readying the Home's 100 square foot kitchen and storage area to helping 134 residents clean their wardrobes and organize their wardrobes for services – takes prominent place in activities immediately prior to the Seder. Bringing the Passover meat and other dishes out of storage, cooking special foods, and serving over 150 people at the dining room become memorable events.

For us, Passover is a community time, a time of sharing with friends and relatives the experiences of our traditions and heritage. The very act of sharing the Passover Seder with family and friends, with the power and commitment of many people involved in the ritual, comes an incomparable, mystical experience. This small band of Jewish people, gathered in Clemmons, N.C., from all corners of the globe with every conceivable background, joins in celebrating ancient traditions of our faith.

Members of the BJH family – the Board of Governors and their families, volunteers, employees of the Home and residents' families – celebrate both the first and second Seders, assisting with leadership of the services and lending their own personal histories to the common experience.



Michael Andron

We encourage you to join us for the Seders and for the daily services. Please make reservations for the meals with the Home's office (919-766-6401) prior to April 1st. Holiday worship services will take place as follows:

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| Thursday, April 4   | Search for Chometz |
| Friday, April 5     | 6:00 pm Sedar I    |
| Saturday, April 6   | 9:30 am Service    |
|                     | 6:00 pm Seder II   |
| Sunday, April 7     | 9:30 am Service    |
| Wednesday, April 10 | 9:30 am Service    |
| Thursday, April 11  | 9:30 am Service    |

We hope that you will join us for this very special time in the lives of BJH residents and Jewish people throughout the world.

#### CELEBRATE PASSOVER AT THE HOME

With awareness that the special preparations required for the Passover are sometimes too difficult for the elderly or the handicapped, the Blumenthal Jewish Home is sponsoring a special Passover Holiday Program for those members of the NC Jewish Community who want to spend Passover with us.

Guests will be lodged at the Clemmons Ramada Inn through special arrangements with their management. They will have reserved places for the first two Seders, as well as opportunities to attend all the services and other Passover activities at the Home.

For those who are interested in joining us for only the first two days of Passover, cost (excluding lodging) is \$50.00 per person. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 29, 1985. Other arrangements either for all or part of the holiday may be made directly with the Home. For more details, or to register, contact: Jan Sawyer, BJH, PO Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012 (919) 766-6401.

## YOGA IS FOR EVERYONE

by Louisa Klein

The field of yoga extends from the practice of simple physical exercises to the development of advanced mental and spiritual powers. The coordination of slow intelligent movement with controlled thoughtful breathing as found in yoga creates harmony throughout the whole individual. The body's ability to adapt or to develop anew is phenomenal. Even minimal movements can stimulate muscles, joints and their functioning. The endocrine system is stimulated so that the functioning of ductless glands improve, and stimulating muscles of the spine helps bring the whole body into balance and alignment. Movement and breath working together improve circulation, and this in turn affects the nervous system. So a general state of physical and mental well-being is brought about.

My family and I moved to Winston-Salem from South Africa eight years ago, at which time I joined the International Yoga Teachers' Association and began teaching yoga for adults and children on all levels. However, some four years ago I invited Ruth Bender, well-known national yoga/physical fitness instructor and author of many books on the subject (aged 73) to conduct workshops at the local YWCA and Blumenthal Home. Her gentle approach in working particularly well with senior citizens and special disabilities inspired me to learn more about this area of yoga. By now I knew that yoga could be adapted to suit anyone in any situation.

With the help of Al. Mendlovitz and Jan Sawyer, I was able to establish a weekly class of "Chair Yoga" which began as something new and experimental and which has blossomed into a most exciting and rewarding project. Classes have been held in a number of areas with the intention of exposing as many residents and staff as possible to my teaching methods so that the exercises can be performed on a daily basis. At present, weekly sessions are held in the living room where the atmosphere is most conducive to yoga and where I am fortunate to have the assistance of two staff members, Judy Bowden and Wendy Robertson. Assistance is needed to move some residents about and to help move their limbs gently in cases where there is lit-



Louisa Klein and members of her yoga class do a stretching exercise.

tle or no movement at all. Physical contact and loving care are often sufficient to bring about remarkable improvement in the group member.

We immediately set the mood to soothing background New Age music while we gently by systematically work our way through the body from head to toes. At the outset I make a point of conveying the fact that yoga is totally non-competitive, that it helps maintain a sense of well-being, independence, self-respect, self-confidence, powers of concentration, and above all, a sense of humor. As we work on our exercises (for a full hour, taking frequent rests), I explain what is happening internally which brings a deeper self-awareness to those in the class. Several class members, through regular attendance, are able to do exercises on the floor on pillows or standing by their chairs occasionally, and those who are confined to wheelchairs are shown what can be done in bed.

Facial movements, vocalizing and anti-arthritis finger exercises are the winners in these classes. Each member carries a small hand/foot massage roller in their pocket, which has proved most therapeutic. Regular class members recognize the value of yoga exercises because they tell me it makes them feel good. They are able to take something from what they have learned and use it in their daily lives. That

is the magic of yoga – it's portable, free and can be done anywhere, anytime, at any age.

*Ed. Note: Louisa's yoga classes have been an integral part of the Home's activity program for nearly two years. The energy and commitment that she brings to each class are inspirational. We invite you to visit and participate in this special event on Tuesdays afternoons, 3:30-4:30.*

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during January, 1985.

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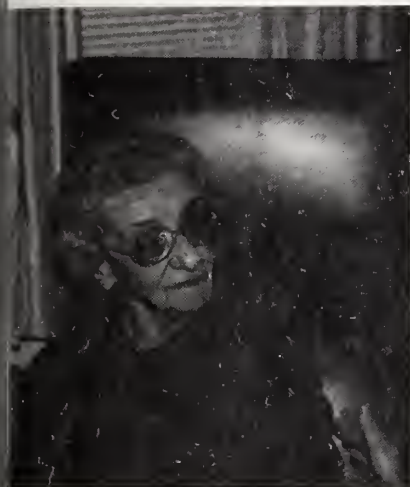
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## FOCUS ON A RESIDENT Leah Zimmerman: Her Family Stays in Touch

Edna Blevins, MSW



Leah Zimmerman

If you happen to drop by Leah Zimmerman's warm, cozy room on A Wing during these cold winter days you will be entertained with stories of the accomplishments of her family. She tells in glowing descriptions about her great granddaughter, Shana Gerson, age four, who is a model and who recently appeared in the November edition of *Atlanta* magazine. Mrs. Zimmerman has a copy of the magazine and proudly points to the smiling Shana who is obviously very attractive and photogenic. She also is very pleased with another granddaughter, Lisa Zimmerman, who was instrumental in developing and publishing *Computer Images: State of the Art*.

In listening to Mrs. Zimmerman describe her family – a son, Erwin, who is a dermatologist in Huntington, New York, and another son, Oscar, who is a real estate agent in Atlanta – it is apparent that at age 70 she truly benefits in a vicarious way from the activities of her sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. She keeps in touch with them through their phone calls, letters and photos.

On a recent Saturday, the family members from Atlanta and New York had a reunion at the Blumenthal Jewish Home when they met to visit with Mrs. Zimmerman and her husband "Zim," who also resides at the Home. Even though the visit was short, the benefits to Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman were immeasurable.

Staying in touch is sometimes difficult in our modern society when families are in various locales. But it is clear that the Zimmermans make a concerted effort to keep the communication lines open and flowing. Even though they may not be together in body, they certainly are together in mind and spirit. They serve as excellent examples of the ways in which families can share significant parts of their lives with those members who are in a nursing home.

Those of us who work at BJH realize how important continued family contact is for the residents. They tell us about things that are happening in their families with much pride and enthusiasm. If you have any doubt about it, just ask Mrs. Zimmerman. She will be delighted to tell you what her relatives' commitment to keeping the family circle unbroken has meant to her and Mr. Zimmerman.

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## RESIDENTS' CORNER Friend or Enemy?

by David Merrell

Once upon a time there was a guy named Reilly – a nice sort, but a chronic stick-in-the-mud kind.

Next door where he lived there was a dog who always had an excuse for howling – and it was no ordinary howl, but a special, mournful sort.

Reilly was much disturbed by the howling and barking. This state of affairs drove him wild. He would seize a stick and come running out, brandishing it to the accompaniment of a nasty look. The dog was not impressed and continued to howl. Reilly had a great desire to commit assault and battery on that canine.

He complained to the owner of the dog and to the police, but the barking and howling continued. And Reilly continued to run out with his stick. Without his knowing it, this sad situation, with this frequent running in and out, improved his health.

Then the fateful day came when the police, on complaints of other neighbors, made the owner of the dog get rid of him. This put a stop to Reilly's need to run out, which in turn took away Reilly's chance of getting exercise and fresh air, the absence of which eventually made him sick and this sickness finally made him die.

Moral: Sometimes an enemy can be a friend.

## TRAVEL

by B-I Poetry Group

I liked Paris.  
It's kind of gay and very nice.  
The people are friendly and  
I liked the food.  
They have wine all the time.

I never made any long trips  
but I worked in Washington for a long time.  
It's the Capital – a very good city.  
We can be proud of it. A beautiful city!

I traveled to area fairs.  
My husband had chickens that he sold at  
the fair.  
They had furs on their feet.  
We always traveled by car.

I went to London.  
The churches appealed to me.  
I never heard the sermon –  
I was too busy looking around.

The windows in the church went from top  
to bottom.  
The church bells would awaken me.  
I could ride all over town for 25 cents.  
If you haven't seen London, you have  
something  
to look forward to.

I was born in London.  
I remember the Queen.  
What can you remember about London  
but the Queen?  
The doctors would tell her when a baby  
was born  
and she would send a present.  
I got a red dress with black checks,  
I had it until I was five years old.

I went around the world.  
I remember China.  
Before I got to Peking I was put in a carrier.  
Two men were carrying me.  
Yes, it was a rickshaw.  
They took me to the Great Wall.  
Coolies pulled the rickshaw.  
They didn't know how to speak English.  
The only words they would say to whatever  
I asked  
were "Oh, Yes!"

(Beth Gross, Helen Schwartzman, Bettie Doss, Elsie Robertson and Elizabeth Barrett)

# VALENTINE'S BALL, 1985



Associate Medical Director Steven Klein, MD, dances with his grandmother Mary Zalburg (Miami, Beach, Fla.)



Staff Queen Lonna Hendrix (Nursing, B-1) waltzes with Zeno Sink (Winston-Salem)



B-2's Valentine Queen - Gertrude Levy (Charlotte)



Rec. Therapist Judy Bowden & Rose Germain (Queens, NY) show off the beautiful (and delicious!) Valentine cake



Mark Sizemore (A Wing Orderly) and Kate Pliner (Albuquerque, N.M.) swing to the music



Staff King Greg Cuthrell enjoys the party with Kris Kepley, whose mother, Lisa, is a staff member at BJH



LaQuietta Davis, Rec. Therapist, congratulates Julius Neum (Charlotte), who was voted Valentine King of B-2



*A smiling Marguerite Newbery (Wilson) and her grandson*



*Sharon Smitherman (Dietary) shares a dance with Zeno Sink*



*Sweethearts Tina and Wendall Sain*



*Rose Spire (Roanoke Rapids) holds the party's youngest guest, 4 month old Samuel. (Samuel's mother, Becky Haley, works on A Wing.)*



*Priscilla Lacy (Winston-Salem) and Abraham Sack (Chelsea, Mass.) crown's A Wing's Queen and King of Hearts*



*Roy Ray (Winston-Salem) King of Hearts on B-1*



*The NC School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble (sponsored by the Brenner Series) provided the evening's music*



*Still in love – Jean and Buddy Robinson.*

# IN-HOUSE TRANSFERS

by Ruth Wharton, Admissions Coordinator

Many times upon admission to the Blumenthal Jewish Home it does not occur to the residents or their family members that a probable transfer from one level of care to another may be necessary down the road. At some point in time, a change usually does take place, depending upon the mental and physical condition of the resident. When a transfer becomes necessary, it is done with the utmost consideration of the needs of that person.

Because of our awareness of the difficulties residents and families must deal with pertaining to in-house transfers, the application form clearly states on page II, section IV, number 2: "The Home reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to transfer the Resident as the needs of the Resident or of the Home require. It is understood that the placing of the Resident in a bed does not constitute an agreement that the Resident shall remain in the assigned bed permanently. . ."

Following is a brief summary to outline exactly what determines in-house transfers and how they are carried out.

1. The physical and mental condition of a resident has changed and it is recommended by the staff and the Home's physician that a transfer take place in order for residents to receive the most appropriate and best possible care available.
2. State guidelines determine appropriate level of care, intermediate or skilled, for those residents on Medicaid.
3. In-house transfers may also occur in response to the needs of those living in the community awaiting admission to the Home. Before actual admissions, determining the appropriate placement is imperative in the effort to enhance a positive adjustment to the Home. An inappropriate placement is usually extremely difficult on that person. Such a placement is also an ineffective use of nursing care. In the process of securing an appropriate placement for an applicant, in-house transfers will be explored. Final decision for in-house transfers are made

after extensive review of the residents' level of functioning and with their best interests in mind. All disciplines are involved in the decision for an in-house transfer.

4. Notification of necessary family members is transacted by the unit social worker. A concerted effort is made to notify those family members as far in advance as possible before the transfer is made. Unfortunately, there are times when only short notice can be given.
5. The unit social worker spends time, when applicable, with the Resident to be transferred, discussing why and when the transfer is to take place. Time is also given to family members in helping them adjust to the transfer with the realization that these changes are difficult for families, sometimes even more so for them than for the resident.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Florence Coblenz  
Yetta Kirsh  
Fay Moss  
Charles Ray  
Rose Seid  
Phoebe Emmons

## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy and healthy life:

Martha Mayer, Greensboro, North Carolina  
George Ende, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Fay Eisen, Bronx, New York  
Florence Swirsky, Westover, Connecticut

## IN MEMORY OF:

We mourn the loss of Mr. Charles Zuckerman, Virginia Harmon, Susannah Jones, Irene Blake and Anna White. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- March 1  
Outreach movie, 10:00 am
- March 5  
\*Out to breakfast, 8:00 am
- March 6  
Fast of Esther; services at 6:30 pm
- March 7  
Feast of Purim; services at 9:30 am
- March 8  
Purim play and visit by children from Charlotte, 10:30 am
- March 11  
SECCA art class, 3:00 pm
- March 12  
\*Clemmons Senior Citizens luncheon, leave BJH at 9:45 am  
"The Story of Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors" – puppet show, 4:15 pm
- March 15  
\*Men's outing, 2:00 pm
- March 17  
Brenner Concert, 3:00 pm
- March 19  
\*Out to lunch, 11:00 am
- March 22  
\*Mountcastle Forum, leave at 11:00 am
- March 24  
\*Winston-Salem Pops Concert, leave at 1:30 pm
- March 26  
\*\*"The Barber of Seville," leave for opera at 6:45 pm
- March 27  
Birthday parties, 2:00 pm  
\*off-campus activities  
Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the month of March.

## FOCUS ON THE STAFF

Janet C. Sawyer, Director of Community Programming

Ellen White, Adm. Assistant

"I want to make a difference - to help achieve more sensitive, appropriate care for older adults who become limited during the aging process." That philosophy has been the motivating force behind Jan Sawyer during her five years at the Home. A graduate of Wake Forest, Jan earned a Masters Degree in Music from Texas Christian University. She taught piano at the college level before becoming involved in nursing home work.

Initially she came to the Home as an administrator-in-training. After earning her nursing home administrator's license she was appointed Director of Recreation. Her charge was to strengthen the program, which at that time had two people in the craft shop and one recreation therapist. Since that time her responsibilities have expanded. Included in her charge is still the recreation programming. Also included are the Home's volunteers, continuing education and many public relations assignments, not the least of which is the responsibility to produce the BJH section of the monthly Times Outlook.

Making life better and broadening the opportunities for a richer life for older people is reflected in all that Jan does, from playing the piano, to arranging for quality programs for the Brenner Series, to encouraging her staff of recreation therapists to be the best caregivers they can possibly be, to increasing the potential for self-expression in the craft shop. Her involvement in planning workshop around long-term care problems carries her philosophy beyond the walls of BJH to other caregivers, with other nursing home residents ultimately benefiting.

So why does she work here? Because, she says, there is the opportunity here to experiment with new ideas, to make a difference. The difference in being here versus at "any other nursing home" is in the administrative leadership. "We are encouraged to use our talents in a meaningful way, to be a positive influence."

Experience in using those talents brought Jan the opportunity to participate on a sub-committee of the Institute of



Jan Sawyer and her horse, Brandy

Medicine Task Force last fall. Sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, the group was looking into regulations affecting nursing homes and resident care. Her recommendations will be included in those brought to Congress for nursing home reforms.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These staff members celebrate employment anniversaries in March.

#### 1 YEAR

Joan Marie Belnap, Administrative Services Director  
Keith Travis, Craft Shop Instructor  
Marilyn Williams, Dietary

#### 2 YEARS

Judy Bowden, Recreation

#### 3 YEARS

Craig Bodford, Maintenance  
Bonnie Emmons, LPN, A Wing

#### 5 YEARS

Peggy Beckner, Nursing Asst., A Wing

#### 6 YEARS

Sandra Smith, Nursing Asst., B-2

#### 7 YEARS

Julie Sparks, Administrative Secretary

#### 8 YEARS

Lucile Shaw, RN, Unit Manager, B-2

Loyal support team at her own home are her husband, Mike Brady, and year and a half old son, Trent. "Home" is a log cabin on twenty acres of farm land which they purchased last year. Adjusting to their dream house as a reality has not been easy, Jan muses. Being plagued by mosquitoes in the summer, needing a tractor to "mow" the "yard," and coping with 50° temperatures in a drafty house in winter have not taken the sparkle off the dream. "I look over the pasture, at the dogwood trees, and the birds, and know I wouldn't be anywhere else. I don't care about the problems associated with country living then!" And then she tells of seeing a purple finch and a yellow-throated vireo. . ."

Aren't we lucky that Jan is with the Home!

## HEALTH NOTES

by Susan Holmes, RN  
Staff Development Coordinator

Has this sort of situation ever happened to you? You're listening carefully to a speaker and hearing a great deal you want and/or need to remember. Then the next day you find you can barely remember a word that was said. Well, you probably don't have Alzheimer's Disease. You're probably just among the 70-80% of all people who need visualization to learn. Like so many of us, you need to see a picture to have a better shot at remembering. Twenty-four hours after receiving information is only a verbal manner, most people have only 10% recall of the information. (And if you're anything like I am, the 10% you can recall is the joke the speaker told.) So here are a few tips to help you recall more . . . maybe even 20% of what you hear!

1. Take notes; then you have something to see during the session and a reference for later.
2. Encourage the speaker to use visual tools.
3. Take an active role in the session (well, of course, in some types of "sessions" this role might be inappropriate).
4. Ask questions until your spontaneous reaction is "Oh, I see!"
5. Take advantage of any hands-on experience you're offered (will increase recall up to 80%). Happy Learning!

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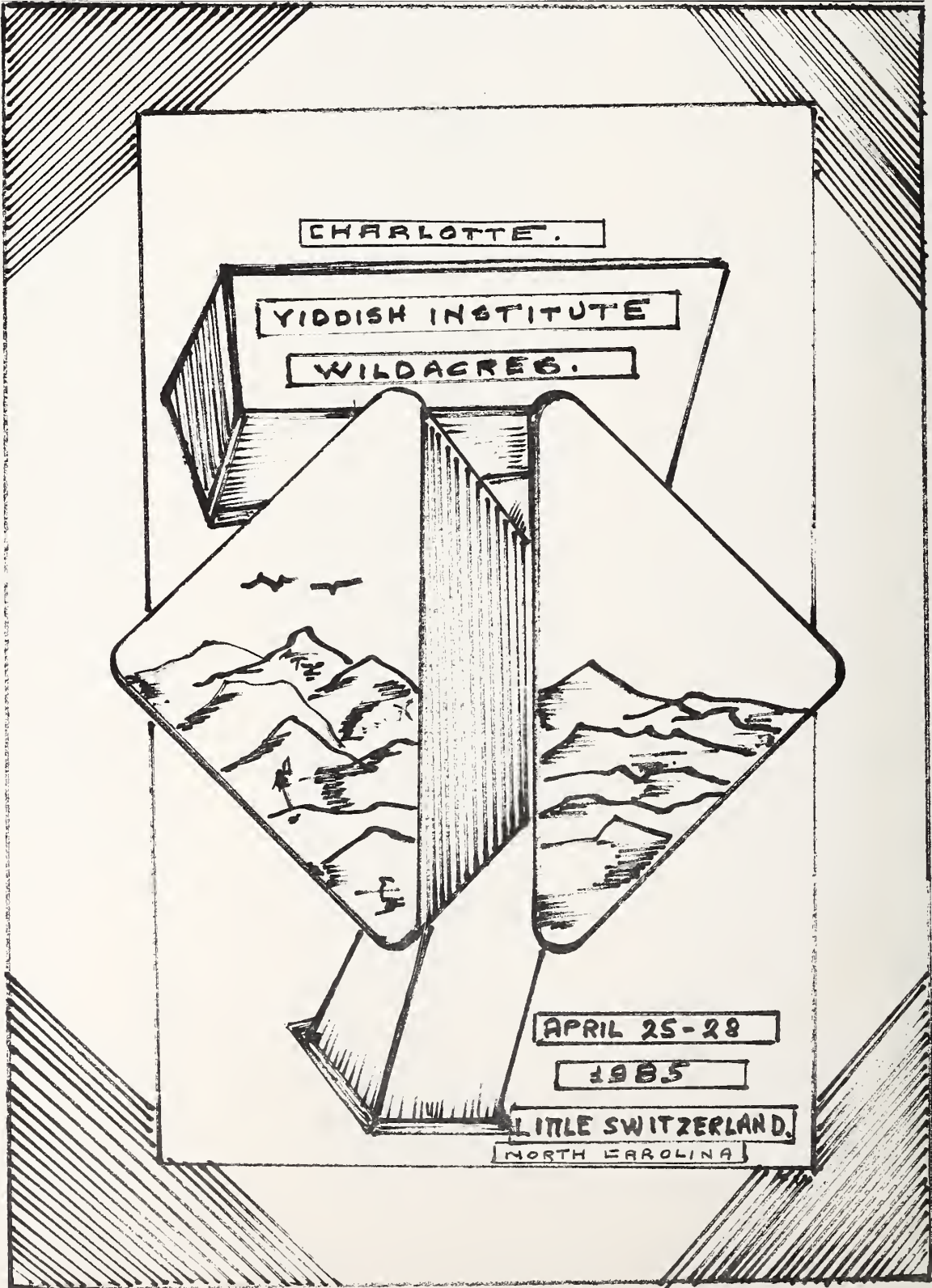
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# Editorial

## SOCIAL GYROSCOPES

by Don McEvoy

Let us consider the Gyroscope. Ever since I first observed one of these fascinating mechanisms I have tried to fathom its mystery. The encyclopedia describes it as a "rapidly spinning wheel set in a framework that permits it to tilt freely in any direction; that is, to rotate about any axis. The momentum of such a wheel causes it to retain its attitude when the framework is tilted . . . A properly mounted gyroscope on board a ship retains its original orientation while the ship rolls, and so can give an accurate measurement of the extent of the roll . . . Gyroscopes are used in such instruments as compasses and automatic pilots on board large ships and aircraft, in the steering mechanisms of torpedos, in anti-roll equipment on ships and in inertial guidance systems."

Somehow, it harmonizes the spin of the wheel with the rotation of the earth, and thus retains perfect balance. My unscientific mind, doesn't comprehend how or why, but that is what happens, or so I am told by those who do understand such things.

Anyway, I think we need some social gyroscopes these days; something that will do for us in the arena of human relationships what the gyroscope does for a ship or a plane or a rocket. That is, keep us in balance.

Consider, for example, the imbalance between the centripetal forces (driving inward) and the centrifugal forces (driving

outward) in our continuing quest for a satisfactory definition of America. We are peoples from every continent on the face of the earth. But do we seek to eliminate our differences and assimilate into one new culture, or do we maintain without compromise our own specific ethnicity? One way leads to the Melting Pot. The other to Tribalism. Neither is an end to be desired. But how do we find that delicate balance in which differences are preserved and unity achieved at the same time?

We need a gyroscope in politics, as well. In relatively equal numbers, some of us want government to contract, to exercise limits, to grant the free market a chance to operate without excessive regulation, while there are others who believe, with equal commitment, that government needs to expand and assume responsibility for guaranteeing the quality of life of the citizenry. How do we find a proper balance between these two conflicting directions?

Organized religion certainly needs a gyroscope. The basic conflict today is not between competing faith groups, but between those who view religion in terms of personal peace and inner spirituality, and those who think of religion in its prophetic sense, stressing only its social outreach and responsibilities.

In almost every aspect of our lives the centrifugal and centripetal forces seem to be in conflict. How do we keep an even keel and stay on a steady course in such a situation?

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# Kibbitzing-Community News

## ASHEVILLE, NC

The Arthur Morgan School in Burnsville, North Carolina heard Rabbi Ronald Bluming of Asheville give a "Modern Perspective on Judaism" March 27 in a Jewish Chautauqua Society sponsored program. Rabbi Bluming leads Congregation Beth ha-Tephila. He is vice-president of the Great Carolina Association of Rabbis, formerly its secretary.

## COLUMBIA, SC Tree of Life Congregation

There is a lot of excitement in Columbia over the building project of a new synagogue for Tree of Life Congregation on North Trenholm Road. Rabbi Howard Kosovske predicts the new synagogue will allow the Reform Congregation to innovate methods of Judaic religious expression.

Vanessa Brill, daughter of Susan and Alan Brill, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on February 8.

A new section of the Columbia Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery was consecrated on March 3 by Rabbi Kosovske.

David and JoAnn Baker announced the marriage of their daughter to Debbie to Cary Hardee. Sisterhood sponsored a Progressive Dinner on February 16. On February 5 Tree of Life's Sisterhood enjoyed a privately conducted tour of the Columbia Museum of Art. The annual Wrap-Rap Party was held February 10 at Pont Arcadia Club House.

Editors of this American Jewish Times Outlook would greatly appreciate receiving a monthly news column from one of the members of Tree of Life Congregation. Extracting one

from the monthly bulletin by an outsider lacks understanding and flavor. Will someone volunteer? Write your news as you see it and mail it to us at P.O. Box 33218, Charlotte, NC 28233.

## COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Dr. Abraham J. Kravtin has been elected chairman of the Adult Jewish Education Commission of B'nai B'rith International. Dr. Kravtin is a pediatrician and civic leader in Columbus, who has been active in B'nai B'rith since 1953, having served as president of his lodge and state chairman for AJE. He is a past president of the Georgia State Association and B'nai B'rith's South Atlantic District No. 5, and was district AJE chairman. For the past eight years he has been an AJE national commissioner, and now becomes a member of the board of governors. He is a past president of Shearith Israel Synagogue in Columbus and is chairman of B'nai B'rith Institute II at Wildacres.

## WILLIAMSTON, NC

Mrs. Gertrude Bloom Margolis, 86, formerly of Williamston, died Monday, February 18, in a Richmond, Virginia convalescent home. A native of New York City, she was the daughter of the late Barnett and Dora Bloom. She had lived in Williamston since her marriage in 1925 to the late Frank J. Margolis who died October 1982. A son, Dr. Richard M. Margolis of St. Louis, MO died in June 1984. She had been in

Richmond since mid-December 1984.

Mrs. Margolis had been a member of Temple Beth El, Rocky Mount, North Carolina and a charter member of the Women's Club of Williamston. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, February 19, at Pineview Cemetery, Rocky Mount, with Rabbi Robert D. Shafran of Kinston officiating.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara M. Meyers of Midlothian, Virginia, one sister, Mrs. Hilda Arenwald of Richmond, Virginia, a brother, Saul Bloom of Long Island, New York, eight grandchildren and a great-grandson.

## GREENSBORO, NC

The Sisterhoods of Temple Emanuel and Beth David both sponsor Hillel on the campus of UNC-G. On March 24 a group went with Susan Polinsky, the advisor to Jewish students at UNC-G, Guilford, and Greensboro College to the Blumenthal Home at Clemmons and presented a program for residents. Judy Isaac Braz, of the Court of Justice in Tel Aviv spoke to the group on campus on March 25.

Daniel Forman, son of Richard and Sandra Forman, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in a joint service with his father Richard on March 16.

Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel held its election of officers March 11. Guest speaker Michael Andron of Winston-Salem.

Scott Kabat, son of Mr. and Lee Kabat, celebrated his Mitzvah on Friday evening

Saturday morning, March 1st and  
nd at Beth David Synagogue.

The Brotherhood of Temple  
Emanuel served a Lox and Bagel  
breakfast in the Rypins Building,  
ree to paid up members, on  
Sunday, March 3rd, featuring Dr.  
Daniel Garfinkel, outstanding  
port medicine specialist.

## JUDEA REFORM CONGR., DURHAM—CHAPEL HILL

Judea Reform Congregation of  
Durham and Chapel Hill  
announced today that it has  
adopted" a Soviet Refusenik  
family. The purpose of the  
adoption is to help the family win  
ts right to emigrate from the  
Soviet Union to Israel.

The adopted family is the  
Bronshstein family of Leningrad.  
The family consists of the parents,  
Lev and Alena, both engineers,  
and two children, Aleksei Petrov  
(age 20) and Irina (age 12). The  
Bronshsteins first applied for exit  
visas in June of 1976. Lev is a  
prominent Jewish activist who  
assists other refuseniks with their  
emigration applications.

Members of the Congregation  
have written to the Bronshsteins  
warm personal messages of  
friendship and support. Congress-  
man Tim Valentine and Bill Cobey  
have also written to the family. The  
Congregation invites all  
concerned members of the  
community to write to the  
Bronshsteins. Their address: The  
Bronshstein Family; Bolshaya  
Zelenaya 13-24, Leningrad  
197110; RSF SR, USSR. The  
letters are undoubtedly read by  
Soviet officials, who also learn  
from them of the American  
interest in the Bronshsteins.  
Members of the Congregation  
expect soon to visit the  
Bronshsteins in Leningrad.

This action is part of an effort by  
Jewish communities in the United  
States, Canada, Israel and othe  
countries to save Soviet Jewry.  
The effort has been formally under

way for over 25 years. Since 1968,  
275,000 Jews have been able to  
leave the Soviet Union. Emigration  
surged to an annual high of 51,320  
in 1979. The Soviet Government  
then reimposed greater res-  
trictions forcing a steady decline  
so that only 896 Jews were  
allowed to leave in 1984.

According to Rabbi John  
Friedman of Judea Reform  
Congregation: "The reduction in  
emigration to a trickle, together  
with a concentrated and  
systematic attack, including  
criminal charges, against Soviet  
Jews for teaching Hebrew or for  
engaging in religious practices  
and an increase in anti-Semitic  
propaganda, has raised an alarm  
that has resulted in increased  
activism on behalf of Soviet Jews.  
We call on all of our friends to  
join in this struggle for basic  
human rights and human dignity."

There are over 1.8 million Jews  
in the USSR—the third largest  
population of Jews after the  
United States and Israel. More  
than 350,000 have begun the  
emigration process by applying to  
Israel for visas. Hundreds of those  
have completed the process and  
like the Bronshsteins, became  
"refuseniks," a status that subjects  
them to harrassment at school, at  
work and at home. Together with  
religious and community leaders  
of many denominations, Rabbi  
John Friedman and Judea Reform  
Congregation have called on the  
Soviet Government: "Let our  
people go!"

## TEMPLE BETH EL, CHARLOTTE, NC

On Wednesday, March 13 the  
Beth El Sisterhood sponsored a  
luncheon at the Temple in  
cooperation with the Afro-  
American Cultural Center. The  
featured speaker was Dr. Bertha  
Maxwell, chairperson of the Afro-  
American and African Studies  
Department at the University of  
North Carolina at Charlotte. She  
addressed the subject, "Jewish  
Women/Black Women: Exploring  
Our Differences and Commonal-  
ities."

The Joint Adult Institute has  
resumed its Thursday evening  
sessions at Temple Beth El after a  
one-week Purim break. Classes  
continue through April 25. The  
courses on Basic Judaism, Jewish  
Mysticism, and Jewish Theology  
are led by the Rabbis in the  
Charlotte area. Supplementing  
these presentations are an Israeli  
Dance Group under Lisa Vernon,  
Youth Education Director at Beth  
El, courses in Hebrew under Helen  
Krantzler of Beth El and Eleanor  
Weinglass of the Hebrew  
Academy, The Spring Holidays,  
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Elizabeth Ann Gollub

## A REPORT: THE HOLOCAUST, A PERSONAL NORTH CAROLINA PERSPECTIVE

The slide video-cassette presentation, "The Holocaust, A North Carolina Prospective," was and still is a continuing success. It is a success beyond the anticipation of the producers. In addition to winning two international Film Festival awards, it has been recognized by The Simon Wiesenthal Foundation, NCCJ, ADL, among others.

This presentation has been

shown throughout North Carolina as part of a learning experience of a wide variety of people consisting of Junior High or Middle schools, Senior High schools, colleges, civic and fraternal organizations, churches and synagogues. It has been conservatively estimated that this slide video-cassette presentation has been shown over 300 times throughout North Carolina.

Due to increasing demands for another film from many who have seen the original and want to show a sequel this year, a new project

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*The following was sent to us by Mr. Simon Meyer of Charleston, W.*

### HICKORY, NC

Announcement is made of the engagement of Elizabeth Ann Gollub of Culver City, California and Lawrence Elliott Datnoff of Hickory, North Carolina.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Heldman of Culver City and the late Irving Gollub. She is a graduate of the University of California, where she received a B.S. degree in Biology. She is pursuing a masters degree in Nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Datnoff of Hickory. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia at Athens, where he received a B.S. degree in Horticulture. He received a Masters Degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, and is now pursuing a doctorate in Plant Pathology at the University of Illinois.

A May wedding is planned in Log Angeles.

## Ida Meyer Cantorial Award

*The importance of liturgical music for Jewish services has long been recognized. The beauty of personal cantorial prayer lends warmth and emotion.*

*Because this is so, this award is being made in memory of Ida Meyer by her husband, with the hope that encouragement will be given to some young Jewish person to seriously enter this field of Jewish activities. This award will be a one time gift. The amount will*

## Five Thousand Dollars.

*Application may be made as noted to the below address. Selection will be made by Stephen Meyer and Joan Weisberg on Aug. 1, 1985. This notice is being made in synagogues and temples in the several states in the vicinity of West Virginia. To apply, write to the following:*

**Cantor  
1540 Quarrier St.  
Charleston, W.Va. 25311**

entitled, "The Holocaust—A Personal North Carolina Perspective—Part II" has been initiated.

The story of the Holocaust is told not only by survivors and liberators, but also by the children of survivors who have been entrusted with the family memories.

The raising of the funds for this important project is essential and is now in progress. There have been corporate, foundation and private gifts. For further information, contact Rabbi Arnold Gask, at 919-275-6316, Project Director or Morris Kiel at 919-355-5395, Deputy Project Director.



Lauren Adler Stark

### ADLER/STARK WEDDING

On March 23, 1985, at Temple Israel in Charlotte, North Carolina, Lauren Bea Adler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adler of Statesville, was married to Philip Leslie Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Stark of Atlanta, Georgia.

Rabbi Robert Seigel, who serves Statesville's Congregation Emanuel, officiated at the ceremony at the host synagogue

Temple Israel, Charlotte, through the courtesy of Rabbi Richard Rocklin. The beloved old synagogue in Statesville was too small to accommodate the many family members and friends of the bridal couple. Dr. Mark Katz of Charlotte, a childhood friend of the bride and her family chanted the bridal blessings.

While guests were being seated in the sanctuary, Eugene Kavadlo, first clarinetist of the Charlotte Symphony and Leo Bjorlie, guitarist—who is a bassist with the Charlotte Symphony, presented an appropriate medley of Jewish music.

Signifying the shared values of succeeding generations and the special honors accorded grandparents, the processional was led by the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Reisman of Atlanta, Georgia. Honored in place of the bride's grandparents were Mr. Willi Heimann of Interlaken, MA, a great-uncle; Mrs. Georgie Schindler of New York, a great-aunt, and Mrs. Herbert Ehrlich of New York, the matriarch of the Adler family, who is a cousin of the bride's father.

Groomsmen were Bernard Sidney Stark of Voorhees, New Jersey and Joel Milton Stark of Hickory, North Carolina, brothers of the groom; Dr. Mark Ronald Adler of Lexington, MA and Dr. Stuart Ralph Adler of St. Louis, MO, brother of the bride; and close friends of the groom: Hy Lewis Dorfman, Eric Carl Silver, and Robert Scott Kaufmann, all of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Stanley A. Stark, father of the groom served as best man. The bridal attendants were Mrs. Mark Adler, matron of honor; Mrs. Stuart Adler, Miss Nathene Stark, a sister of the groom; and Mrs. Bernard Sidney Stark.

Following the wedding ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adler hosted a reception and a dinner dance at the Marriott City Center Ball Room.

The bride was a 1977 honor graduate of Statesville Senior High School and a 1981 graduate of the University of Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and a minor degree in communications. She was an officer of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority. She is now employed by First Atlanta Corporation as a product consultant in the corporation's Computer Information Center. The groom also graduated from the University of Georgia and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He was an officer of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity and launched his business career as an account executive with the Atlanta Regional Office of Cella Associates, Inc.

After a wedding trip to Aruba in the Netherland Antilles, the couple will reside in Tucker, Georgia.

### CHARLOTTE YIDDISH VINKL

The Charlotte Yiddish Vinkl recently celebrated its first year with a large and loyal following of enthusiastic Yiddishists who meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Temple Beth El, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C.

The Yiddish Vinkl offers classes in Yiddish for beginners (onfeingers), intermediates (mittel) and advanced (gor kenners), along with cultural programs featuring Yiddish music, prose and poetry, slide shows depicting East European Jewry and Jewish life and a warm atmosphere of Yiddishkeit.

Remaining meeting dates until summer break are April 10, May 8 and June 12.

If you are interested in Yiddish entertainment and need information about the Charlotte Yiddish Vinkl, call Baila Pransky at 704-366-5564.



## PURIM BLAST 1985

On Sunday, February 24, a fantastic Purim Blast was felt in Charlotte. It was the annual Purim party sponsored by Lubavitch of North Carolina.

Over 400 children and adults packed into the Children's Theatre on E. Morehead St., to see Purim spielers from New York, and a magician from Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Before the show began the children and parents enjoyed delicious kosher hot dogs and steaming hot knishes with real sour pickles from New York. Fresh baked Hamantaschen with fruit

filling decorated the tables. While eating they were entertained by funny clowns.

The Purim spielers put on a fantastic show with lots of songs and dancing and funny prizes with lots of Purim humor.

The children were introduced to Tzivos Hashen the largest Jewish childrens organization in the world. Colorful balloons with TH emblem were flying all over the theatre.

Then came the magic show. It was a fantastic comedy presentation. Parents and children were rolling from their seats as Carl Skenes was performing amazing events in a most humorous manner. Children were often called up to the stage to participate in the show.

All the participants received a special Purim kit which contained "misloach manot" and coins for the poor with a fresh Hamamash. The Purim kits were distributed to children in both Carolinas as part of Lubavitch mizvah campaign.

*Photographs by Boruch Schoenes*



## PROFILE: WALTER J. KLEIN

From *THE CHRONICLE*, published by Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion

Walter J. Klein is a prominent filmmaker, winner of more than 100 national and international festival awards and author of articles in professional general publications. Mr. Klein is also a founding member of Board of Overseers of Cincinnati School, who recently been named chairman that Board and a member of college's Board of Governors well.

"It's a wonderful experience," Mr. Klein noted in explaining his longtime association with Hebrew Union College, "to watch the evolution of students into rabbis and educators, to see them, as rabbis going into the mountains of Virginia, if necessary, to serve the Jewish community. Once you have a taste of it," he added, "you don't let go."

Mr. Klein, who presently resides in Matthews, North Carolina, was born in Newark, New Jersey. He studied journalism at the University of North Carolina, but interrupted his studies to spend four years in the U.S. Air Force from 1942-46.

In 1948, Mr. Klein launched a distinguished film career as founder and president of Walter Klein Company, Ltd., a production and distribution house located in Charlotte. He is also founder and past president of the International Quorum of Motion Picture Producers, a trade society of owners of film production houses in 30 countries. Several years ago, Mr. Klein produced and contributed to the college a minute film, *Continuum*, which tells the story of Hebrew Union College.

Mr. Klein is also deeply involved in civic and communal affairs. He is a member of the National

Executive Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the National Board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the National Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association. He has been an active volunteer on behalf of the Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte Housing Commission, Charlotte Jewish Foundation, B'nai B'rith, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. He was a founder and past president of Temple Beth Shalom and a past president of Temple Beth El in Charlotte.

In 1945, Mr. Klein married the former Elizabeth Hofeller Goodman. They are the very proud parents of four children and grandparents of six.

In his new position as chairman of the Cincinnati Overseers, Mr. Klein has definite ideas on what he'd like to accomplish.

"We want our Overseers," he explained, "to become the catalyst between Dr. Gottschalk, the college's professional development staff and possible major contributors, as ambassadors to major gifts, so to speak. We picture ourselves," he added, "on a very special mission, and we see success."

## SIGNS

In a gift shop in Merrick, Long Island, Beryl Bergman saw this sign: REAL PLASTIC SNOW \$2.98

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Boutiques also get into the act. Elizabeth Hunter spotted a sign in the window of the Oggi Boutique in Greenwich Village:

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## CHARLOTTE, NC TEMPLE ISRAEL

A Jewish Music Festival was held at Temple Israel on Sunday, March 17. Noted guest artist was Cantor Louis Danto of Toronto, Canada. Also from Toronto came Cheryl Ackerman, flautist. Other performers were members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and "Viva Klezmer" musical group. Al Rousso was chairman and Cantor Frank Birnbaum music director. To make the evening more exciting, the drawing was held for Temple Israel's "Italian Connection," a raffle. The winner will be announced in our next issue.

*Eagles Attack at Dawn*, a movie of an episode in the Arab-Israeli conflict, was shown in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall on Sunday, March 31. This was part of the Temple Israel Adult Education Program.

The Temple recognized its teachers at a "Teachers' Recognition Sabbath" on Friday, March 15. There are 14 teachers on the faculty. Arthur Tirsun is Principal, Dr. Jay Jacoby chairman of the Education Committee.

Judge Isaac Braz of Tel Aviv, Israel, spend a weekend in March in Charlotte, speaking for Jewish groups and organizations. He gave a sermon-lecture at Temple Israel during Saturday services.

The Congregational Seder at Temple Israel is due to be held on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 5, at 7:00 PM in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall. Mrs. S.A. Gertzman is in charge of the Pressman Passover Seder held yearly.

Sisterhood featured "Memories of Growing Up Jewish" at its March 20 meeting. Ilse Bergen spoke on childhood experiences in Munich, Germany; Joseph Kodsi told of his early life in Cairo, Egypt, and Nettie Smith recalled what it was to be Jewish in Lost Town, Georgia. Sisterhood's slate

of officers for the current year includes Lois Benjamin for president, Debbie Hirsch, Merilee Kodsi, and Ginger Snitz for three V.P. positions, Helen Friedman for financial secretary, Paula Klein to be corresponding secretary. The outgoing president is Rhoda Gleiberman.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Levin announce the engagement of their son Bruce to Ilana Soggot of London, England. Karen Kronovet, daughter of Marion and David Kronovet, has become engaged to Brian Mendel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Mendel of Atlanta.

A second grandchild has been born to Sylvia and Ben Kootsher. The baby son is named Sean, whose parents are Susan Kootsher Hershman and Ben Hershman. Daniel Joseph Bernstein is the new son of Robyn and Matt Bernstein of Atlanta. Grandparents are Ada and Sol Shapiro.

Condolences to Sam, Daniel, and Ned Wallace on the passing of their beloved mother, Bessie Wallace, and to Sharon Gold on the loss of her grandmother, Fanny Berkowitz.

## B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

by Estelle Goozner

The Charlotte Chapter of BBW presented the 1985 Human Relations Award at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 20th, at the Adam's Mark Hotel. This year's recipient, Deborah Crouch McKeithan, is the founder of HOW, "Handicapped Organized Women," a nonprofit organization for disabled women. Deborah McKeithan has given of herself above and beyond her paid profession her in North Carolina. The Founding of HOW in 1979 came about because she could not find an organization that catered

to the needs of handicapped women. Ms. McKeithan believes the handicapped must recognize themselves first as people, then women. By being independent they will realize their self worth. HOW provides emotional support, and it enables every woman to reach her fullest potential, through education to foster growth and unity through sharing experiences. They learn to be independent as can be and then again dependent as need be, in order to understand the difference.

The Charlotte Chapter of BBW is the proud recipient of the Sidney C. Kusworm Award for the Year 1983-84 for outstanding community service programs. The Kusworm Award is named in memory of the first chairman of the BB Community Volunteer Service Commission. This is the third time in the past ten years that Charlotte's Chapter of BBW has received this award. We are honored for our projects Dolls for Democracy, support to the Arca House, work with Special Olympics, by presenting birthday cakes to the Alexander Children's Home, Amblyopia screening, Sick-Loan Chest, sponsoring "Alive" classes, Cult Awareness, Tape-A-Tale cassettes for young children in the hospital, program for Senior Women. At the luncheon this Award was presented by Mr. Sol Jait, President of BB District #5. He was also a former recipient of the Charlotte BBW Human Relations Award for his exceptional work with youth.

Welcome to our new members: Violet Adler, Lillian Felmer, Ursula Green, Dorothy Shapiro, Doris Waga, Jane Lippow, Phyllis Sameloff, Wendy Kaplan, and Dorothy Nordin. The BBW board members collaborated along with the new and prospective members by having an hors d'oeuvres and desserts party on January 19th at the Providence Square Clubhouse. A good time was had by all who attended.

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## GCAR WINTER KALLAH

by Estelle Hoffman

Rabbis of the Greater Carolina Association of Rabbis met in Chapel Hill February 12 and 13. Election of officers was held. President will be Rabbi Shimon Moch, Winston-Salem, Vice-president Rabbi Ron Bluming, Asheville, Secretary Rabbi Steven Sager, Durham, and Rabbi Jerome Fox of Roanoke, Virginia, Treasurer.

Speakers for the sessions were Dr. David Halpern and Dr. Jack Sasson, both of the Department of Religion, UNC, and Dr. Sidra Ezrachi, lecturer at Hebrew University's Institute for Contemporary Jewry.

Dr. Halpern's topic was "Dreams and Visions: Freud, The Book of Revelations and the Hekhalot Literature." He discussed reasons for rabbis' fears of Freud's interpretations of dreams, as enormously compressed sets of visual illusion to our webs of thoughts. Also he spoke of Midrashim and Jewish thinkers in antiquity, and to what extent these can be linked. He declared that The Book of Revelations represents Jewish thinking, with its author viewing himself and his followers as true Jews (a somewhat eccentric form of Judaism).

Rabbis Robert Waxman, Steven Sager, John Friedman, and Abe Schoen participated in a panel discussion on "Spiritual Growth in the Rabbinic Family; Problems and Possibilities," dealing with personal effects of their profession, with comments from others at the meeting.

On the second day Dr. Jack Sasson examined the Story of Jonah, "Philologic Research and the Story of Jonah." He began by stating that working with grammatical tools can open new discussion and interpretation, and proceeded to do just that. From the opening of "Jonah" he explained we should be aware that

the story is not a beginning, but that it is "plucked" from a series of stories about Jonah. Because of Dr. Sasson's superb background in language, history, and religion, he casts unusual light on details usually overlooked even by scholars. He gave fresh interpretation to the Book of Jonah as folklore, as a religious lesson, as literature, as commentary on life and human kind. I had never considered regarding Jonah as "a comic dupe," until Dr. Sasson assigned roles to every character in the scenario. He left no doubt that the story of Jonah is timeless, dealing with the problem of God's justice in all societies. The problem is dealt with repeatedly in the Bible, as in Job, the story of Cain and Abel, etc. An interesting point is that the Bible talks about internationalism rather than universalism.

"Folklore Research and the Garden of Eden" was the subject of Dr. Sasson's second lecture. Tales in folklore commonly start with an idealistic situation, then imperiled by a problem, and ending harmoniously, into which type the story of the Garden of Eden fits. Dr. Sasson referred us back through Hebrew, Accadian, and Sumerian folklore, pointing out that the word "Eden" means "steppes." Giving the obvious explanation of the Adam and Eve story, he analyzed it further, questioning the roles of each character, their significance, lessons to be learned, and always giving scholarly explanations of the importance of words and language.

On Tuesday evening the group attended a performance of Sam Shepard's "Curse of the Starving Class" at Playwrights' Theatre. On Wednesday afternoon there was an excursion to the Raleigh Art Museum to view the Jewish exhibit, escorted by Dr. Abraham Kanov, its donor and curator of that fine display.

The final session was addressed

by Dr. Sidra Ezrachi, whose subject was "Aaron Appelfeld: Exile in the Holy Land?"

The GCAR Summer Kallah will be held August 15 to 22 at Wildacres. GCAR is sponsoring its third annual Interfaith Institute at Wildacres August 12-15. The subject is to be *Bio-Ethics & Human Values Viewed by Religion*.

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## YIDDISH INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute announces a limited number of full and partial scholarships for the Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres, Little Switzerland, North Carolina, April 25-28, 1985. Available to full time students and young couples.

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## MARTINIS AND THE LORD

"Between Jerry Falwell and the Catholic Bishops," says House Majority Leader Jim Wright, "almost everyone today is trying to justify every political decision on some scriptural basis."

"The other day," the Times Democrat was quoted as saying by *The New York Times*, "my favorite bartender was lobbying me against proposed changes in the tax laws (to cut the deductibility of expense accounts for business lunches). 'If the Lord hadn't intended me to have a three-martini lunch,' the bartender said, 'why do you suppose he put all those olive trees over the Holy Land?'"

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**OPENING SCHEDULE:** Thursday, April 25, 1985  
3-5 p.m.—Arrival and Registration  
6:30 p.m.—Dinner  
7:45 p.m.—Evening Minyan  
8:15 p.m.—Evening Program

Institute will be in session until Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.

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## WHY THE HOLOCAUST? FORTY YEARS LATER . . .

### A Personal View

by Morris Kiel

Member N.C. Council  
on the Holocaust

Why so much discussion? Why so much furor on the Holocaust so many years after the fact? Many members of our community say, "Enough is enough. Let us get on with life." If we talk to the survivors and liberators in our community, they will tell us that the Holocaust is very much a part of our lives and of our history as Americans and Jews. We need to listen to them to try to understand the depth of their feelings; to try to understand how the survivors live today with the horrors they suffered indelibly stamped on their minds and bodies. We need to talk to the liberators, U.S. servicemen, many in their teens, when they aided in

liberating the death camps. Talk to these people, and you can appreciate the need for us not to forget but to remember, to immortalize the six million that were deliberately murdered.

Coming after two decades of traumatized numbness, with Jewry bearing a wound festering so deep it could not be exposed, the fever of attention to the Holocaust is a fundamental part of the reassertion of the life and health of the Jewish people.

Now forty years later, many are finding their voices for the first time. Today, the best proof we have that the Holocaust was not too excessively stressed is the world-wide surge of interest in high schools and colleges, plus the emergence of great interest by the non-Jewish communities who have become aware of the genocidal impact of the Holocaust, mainly through the efforts of the Jewish communities.

We need to study the Holocaust and teach about it. We need to prove the lie of the Revisionists again and again when they claim the Holocaust is a figment of the imagination of the Jews. Schools all over the United States and the world teach the subject as a regular part of their curriculum.

Ultimately, the real issue is that the Holocaust is one of those rare historical events that transcends the world's and Jewry's self-understanding. Properly studied, it can be a powerful lesson on man's inhumanity to man. We must come to grips with it and then try to apply the new understanding to various expressions of life. The implications of the Holocaust need to be incorporated into a host of areas: Culture, scholarship, liturgy and observance, and this will take on enormous varieties and approaches.

To show our support, I strongly urge your attendance at the General Community Yom Hashoa Observance, Tuesday, April 16th, 7:30 P.M., at the First Presbyterian

Church, and the Beth David and Temple Emanuel Joint Service Friday, April 19th, at 8:00 P.M., Temple Emanuel in Greensboro.

## STATUS OF JEWISH WOMEN

Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro of Newark, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, international association of Conservative rabbis, announced that the Seminary's ordained rabbis will be accepted as members in the Rabbinical Assembly. The effect of the decision is admission of the first woman to the Assembly, who will probably be Amy Eilberg, senior in the Seminary, to be ordained at commencement exercises in May. 636 votes were cast in favor of the new regulation and 267 opposed.

The reaction of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America is this statement: "The continuing breach with traditional Judaism that further obliterates the distinction between Conservative and Reform movements in this country." Union President Sidney Kwestel said, "The admission of women to the Conservative rabbinate represents a radical and definitive break with Jewish tradition, shattering claims and pretenses that Judaism . . . a further shattering of Jewish unity . . . religion by popular demand, a pandering to prescriptive groups, an abandonment of Jewish law . . ." Further condemnation cited statistics showing attendance at Sabbath services in constant decline.

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## THE SECOND EXODUS

### How The Jews Left Egypt In Our Day

by Dvora Waysman

Ada Aharoni is well-known in Israel and abroad as a poet. A professor of English Literature, she has produced five volumes of poetry in English including "From the Pyramids to Mount Carmel—Metal and Violets" and two volumes of English translations of Hebrew poets.

But now the Haifa poetess has turned to fiction and her novel "The Second Exodus" has been published in the USA. It is a historical novel embodying a love story, with its theme the tragedy of alienation and uprootedness. And Ada Aharoni is very well qualified to write it.

The first Exodus, when the Jews fled Egypt, recounted as Passover, is universally known from the Bible. Not so the Second Exodus, although it happened in the middle of our own century. Of the 100,000 Jews who lived in Egypt in 1948, less than 200 remain today. Ada was one of those forced to flee, and she recounts the trauma she experienced through the fictitious character of Inbar, a Jewish-Egyptian woman and her group of friends.

The novel details the story of Inbar's family. Her father is a respected judge in Cairo, but his position cannot protect them when the State of Israel is born and a wave of violent anti-Semitism is unleashed in Egypt. Jews are imprisoned and exiled, and the Second Exodus begins.

Inbar's story is dramatic. She fights against her plight, her lack of identity as a Jew in Egypt and the break-up of her family. Her secure, sheltered, happy world is shattered. She survives exile and separation from her lover Raoul—a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, eventually finding a home in Israel and, with it, a sense of identity and a measure of peace.

Although "The Second Exodus"

is a work of fiction, its facts are historically accurate. Ada herself was born and educated in Cairo, but forced to flee in 1949. Because of her own experiences, she is able to portray the insecurity of the status Jews held in Egypt even before 1948; the rootlessness of the community and the effect of the emerging State of Israel on anti-Semitism in Egypt. She describes it all in retrospect: the siege of Jerusalem; the birth of the State; "the night of the cinemas" rampage in Cairo; the deposition of King Farouk by Naguib; the rise of such "Free Officers" as Nasser and Sadat; the hanging of Israeli agents in Cairo.

The novel is symbolic, with the hero and the heroine representing two different aspects of the Jewish people: Inbar—the Sephardi—part of the Jews from Arab lands; and Raoul, the European Ashkenazi victim of the Holocaust. Ada's purpose was to open a window on the essence of this erstwhile community, displaying its mores and values, its rich culture and the relationship with Arab Egypt. Having been a witness, she easily recaptures the texture and charm of this vanished world, as well as its tragedy. Unfortunately, some critics have pointed out that the poetess has yet to learn that the novelist's dialogue differs from that accepted in poetry, demanding a more realistic approach. This is the flaw in Ada Aharoni's fine book.

Known in Israel as "the poet of peace," Ada has not let bitterness affect her, although she is often nostalgic for the privileged life she remembers from her childhood in Cairo. On the contrary, she works actively in Israel for "The Bridge"—an association of Arab and Jewish women formed to foster understanding between the two groups. She is especially effective because of her multi-cultural background—in Egypt she was educated in English, spoke French at home and Arabic in the streets.

Her novel, "The Second Exodus," uses the fictional form to tell the story of the Jews' expulsion from Egypt, for the first time. While the plight of Palestinian refugees makes world headlines, relatively few people know the other side of the coin—the hundreds of thousands of Jews forced to flee Arab lands. She sees her job as capturing and passing on the stories of these Sephardic Jews who have very real stories to tell. So far—nobody seems to have listened very much. Ada Aharoni's work cannot fail to attract the attention it deserves.



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## LIFE LINE

### Program For Jerusalem's Aged Helps Combat Loneliness

by Diane Greenberg

In the heart of the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem there is a collection of seemingly tumble-down buildings which on closer examination are carefully renovated. Inside are workshops linked by a small courtyard. Five days a week they buzz with activity when over two hundred old folk come to work in them.

Life Line for the Aged was founded by Myriam Mendilow 22 years ago. She was so appalled by the negative attitudes towards old people, that she gave up her teaching position in order to find some means of helping the old and at the same time educating children not to reject old people but to appreciate and love them.

The first workshop established was for book repairs and binding. It regularly wins the contract to repair the school library books of Jerusalem. Inside each book a label is inserted 'Your book has been repaired by the old people of Jerusalem' before it is returned to the schools.

This connection with the schools was the natural introduction for children to come and visit the book binding and repair shop and see a group of old people in a productive environment. The children are invited to write and draw about their visit and their perception of old people is often radically changed by their visit to the workshops.

The people who come to work at Life Line represent many different ethnic groups—Moroccan, Yemenite, Russian, Polish, European, American and British. Christians and Arabs living in Jerusalem are also part of this mixture. They come together each day to combat their worst enemy, loneliness. One of the aims of Life Line is to give old people a reason for getting up in the morning and a feeling that they are needed and

valued. Many travel to the workshops on the bus and this immediately makes them feel part of society.

Myriam Mendilow forcefully states, "Age is not a crime." At seventy five she has the energy and vitality of a five year old. She is against old age homes. If old people can be allowed to live in their own homes with their memories and friends close by, they are much better off.

The thirteen workshops cover a wide range of crafts including weaving, hooked rugs, knitting, embroidery, macrame, box making, picture framing and metal work. In the ceramics section pieces of jewelry are made, the design based on the ornaments and jewelry found at Masada. In each of the workshops there is a paid specialist who designs the patterns and teaches the skills necessary.

One of the handicraft workshops is open in the afternoon and this is specifically from the old people of the nearby Musrara neighborhood. Those who come from other parts of Jerusalem for the morning finish their day at Life Line at noon and take a bus home, satisfied and stimulated by their morning's labors.

Perhaps the pride of all the workshops is the one for the severely disabled. While the work that they can do is determined by the extent of their handicap, the designs that are produced are immensely creative. One is immediately aware of the cheery atmosphere. Everyone is productive and the smiles and animation on their faces show it.

All the items produced in the workshops are sold in the gift shop, staffed by volunteers, and the proceeds cover about half of Life Line's budget. The articles are of high quality and have won national and international awards.

Every morning at 10 o'clock there is a tea and coffee break but with a difference—the types of

cakes and biscuits reflect the different ethnic communities. The bakery which is part of Life Line's premises helps create a homely atmosphere with mouth-watering smells emanating from it.

Everyone who works at Life Line receives the same nominal wage and reimbursement for travel expenses. Most of the disabled people are brought in special vans and these are then used later in the day to distribute 150 meals throughout Jerusalem. Life Line's kitchen prepares the food and this service is a seven-day week on — on Friday two meals are delivered.

Apart from the Meals on Wheels service, Life Line also operates a training program which teaches the homebound and elderly many of the handicrafts that are being taught in the workshops. A number of services are provided for the workers such as a physical exercise class, a laundry and dental care. The people have to pay for the materials used but not the professional treatment. A general doctor runs a weekly clinic and chiropodist is provided.

Nothing in Life Line is static. Myriam Mendilow's latest project, a cafeteria, is due to open in a few weeks. This will serve a simple meal at a nominal price and will be a venue where old people who are alone can come and eat together.

The zest for life and for a productive daily life are very evident—most of the people working at Life Line are in their late seventies and eighties. They not only look really old, they feel it. For them the day is not too long. There is no feeling of time running out—they are much busier making as much use of their time while they still have it.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG OFFERED TO COLLEGE STUDENTS THIS SUMMER

College age students who visit Israel this summer as participants in the American Zionist Youth Foundation's College Age Summer Program are being offered the exciting opportunity to combine a tour of the country with participation in an important archaeological dig.

According to Victor Benel, Director of the Israel Program Center, students will be assigned for three weeks to the Tel Dor project, the annual study excavation of the Hebrew Institute of Archaeology. "Students will become physically involved in the dig, which focuses on excavations to unearth data from the Hellenistic, Persian and Iron Age periods," Benel said.

The dig is located between Caesarea and Haifa on the Mediterranean Coastline, featuring one of Israel's most beautiful beaches. The expedition camp will be housed at the Pardes Anna Agricultural School, approximately 20 miles south of the excavation site. "Students will begin work at the site before dawn (6 a.m.), and dig for approximately eight hours," Benel said.

In addition to participation in the dig, students will also travel to sites throughout Israel during the touring phase of the program. Sites to be visited include Jerusalem, Galilee, Tel Aviv and the Negev. The 40-day study/tour also includes formal lectures on several archaeological topics.

Benel noted that students will earn two college credits for their experience in the program, which is being offered for the first time this summer. "Students should consult their home university regarding the transfer of credits," Benel added.

Open to undergraduate and graduate students ages 18-22, all applicants must meet the requirements of Hebrew University. A copy of college transcripts

must be submitted by May 15, 1985. A personal interview (held in major cities throughout the country), an application form and medical certification of good health are also required for acceptance. The group will depart on June 24 returning August 2.

For an application and more information on this and other programs sponsored by the Israel Program Center, contact the Israel Program Center, 515 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. (212) 751-6070.

## ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS ARE ADJUSTING TO NEW ENVIRONMENT IN ISRAEL Girls at Givat Washington Learn New Language, New Skills in Long-Term Absorption Process

A passion for learning is proving to be an important factor in accelerating the adjustment of Ethiopian youth to their new

homes in Israel, Youth Aliyah officials say, and point to the remarkable progress of a group of 90 Ethiopian girls in the religious high school here as an example of what can be accomplished.

The Ethiopian girls have joined 179 other children at Givat Washington in an agricultural area. About one-third of the group arrived almost a year ago, but the majority of them have been in Israel for only two months. All of them have been integrated into the classes in the school on the basis of their ability to speak Hebrew, rather than age or academic ability.

"I have never seen children with such a passion to learn," say Rachel Shenfeld, the organizer of the Ethiopian project here under the aegis of Youth Aliyah, one of the educational, youth welfare and health care programs funded in Israel by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. "They are so motivated that they don't want to take breaks or

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holidays."

"They learn very quickly, and they are self-disciplined." She continued, "They have natural leaders help them make the adjustment. I think that these girls see education as a means of liberation."

Many of the girls left parents and other family members behind in Ethiopia. They arrived in Israel with only the clothes on their backs and limited or no knowledge of Hebrew. Many were afflicted with diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria that have been virtually eradicated in Israel for decades.

Others, like Miriam, 17, have problems unique to the culture from which they came. Miriam and her husband were betrothed while still children. He remained behind when she and her brothers and sisters made the six-week journey to Israel. Now he has arrived in the country and wants her to join him. So far she has refused. Marriage, she says, will interfere with her studies.

Uri Gordon, head of Youth Aliyah, a department of the Jewish Agency for Israel-World Zionist Organization, agrees, "These youngsters have limitless motivation for learning. They fear losing time. They are prepared to study day and night."

Have they thought about marriage, they are asked. No answer. Would they like to go to University? Their faces light up. "Oh, yes," they say excitedly, almost as one. "We would love that very much."

Mazal and her brothers came to Israel together, leaving their parents and seven brothers and sisters in Ethiopia. They walked for six weeks through the desert. Her brother is studying at the Hebrew University.

"At school we didn't say that we were Jews. If we had, we would have been beaten," she says. "Women stayed home, looked after the homes, did weaving. Men went to work. There was one big

synagogue. The men prayed inside; the women stayed outside, where we could hear the prayers."

"We knew about all the festivals except Tu B'Shevat. Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Succoth, Shevuoth, Hanukka—we observed them all. But we didn't tell non-Jews we were celebrating our festivals."

Givat Washington is one of several Youth Aliyah residential centers in Israel where Ethiopian youngsters are making rapid progress in their adjustment to their new home. Another important factor in the process, Youth Aliyah officials say, is the warmth and openness with which the Ethiopian youth were greeted by their Israeli brothers and sisters.

"We hadn't seen so much joy and excitement since the arrival of the 'Teheran children' at the end of World War II, "one veteran youth worker remarked, referring to the orphans who reached Israel through the Soviet Union and Teheran in the late 1940s. "There is no question in anyone's mind that as far as our Israeli students are concerned, the Ethiopian youngsters are like family. We thought we had lost them and now they are here, where they belong. And all of us thank God every day for that."

## TRADITION IN THE KITCHEN

Passover meals need imagination and innovation to avoid tiresome repetition. Sometimes the Passover diet consists of combinations of left-overs from the Seders, eggs, and the various forms of Matzo. These recipes may add a new touch to the menus.

### CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

6 eggs, separated  
5 oz semi-sweet chocolate  
cherry preserves  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar  
2 tbsp strong cold coffee  
2 tbsp wine

Melt chocolate with coffee in a double boiler. Beat egg yolks with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar at least 5 minutes until yellow and fluffy. Mix chocolate mixture with egg yolks. Set aside.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually add remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar. Slowly fold egg whites into chocolate mixture into egg whites.

Tear small pieces of sponge cake and cover bottom of springform pan. Sprinkle cake with cherries and dot with cherry preserves. Pour half of mousse mixture over cake and repeat with second half, ending with mousse on top. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before set.

### BROCCOLI RING

10 oz pkg frozen chopped broccoli  
2 tbsp minced onion  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup margarine  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  Tbsp potato starch  
bouillon cube dissolved in  
1 cup water  
3 eggs, separated  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped walnuts

Grease  $1\frac{1}{2}$  qt ring mold with softened margarine. Refrigerate



# Tradition in the Kitchen

hile preparing the filling. Cook  
broccoli according to package  
directions.

In a 1 qt saucepan saute onion  
margarine over medium heat till  
golden. Dissolve potato starch in  
a cupful of bouillon; add to the  
onions. Cook over low heat,  
stirring until thick and smooth.  
Cool slightly.

In a mixing bowl, beat the egg  
yolks until light. Stir the yolks,  
broccoli and walnuts into onion  
mixture. In a separate bowl, with  
clean beaters, beat egg whites till  
stiff. Fold them into broccoli  
mixture. Spoon mixture into  
prepared ring mold. Set mold into  
pan of hot water that reaches half-  
way up the side of the mold. Bake  
in preheated 350° oven 30  
minutes, or until firm. Let rest 5  
minutes before unmolding. Serves  
four.

**ZUCCHINI KUGEL**

1 lbs zucchini, unpeeled  
4 eggs  
1 medium onion, grated  
2 carrots, grated  
1 tsp salt  
Dash of pepper  
1 tbsp potato starch

Grate zucchini coarsely. Add all  
ingredients. Mix. Bake in grease 9-  
inch square pan at 350° for one  
hour. Serves 8.

serious literature. I am not  
thinking so much of sensationally  
tabooed subjects like incest  
which, despite timeless prohibi-  
tions, has been dealt with by  
everybody from the ancient  
redactors of the Old Testament up  
to modern writers like F. Scott  
Fitzgerald in *Tender Is The Night*  
and James Joyce in *Finnegan's  
Wake*. I have in mind more prosaic  
matters as diverse as passive  
suffering and science. Both were  
formerly thought to be intractable,



**Book  
Reviews**

**VIEWS AND REVIEWS**

by Joseph Cohen  
**PRIMO LEVI: BETTER  
WRITING THROUGH  
CHEMISTRY**

Though it seems a quaint, faint-  
hearted notion to us today, some  
subjects traditionally were  
considered inappropriate for

the first because it was incapable  
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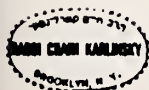
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passive suffering and science onto

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literature's center stage. The catalyst was the Holocaust. The advances in scientific technology made genocide possible, and the decimation of the Jews of Europe engendered passive suffering on a scale never before witnessed by humankind. The Holocaust, we see now, was the frightening prelude to the events if it is allowed to happen, life on this planet. Under that threat, we have all, in a sense, become passive sufferers.

How central suffering and science have become to literature is superbly demonstrated by Primo Levi's *THE PERIODIC TABLE* (translated by Raymond Rosenthal; Schocken Books, \$16.95). Autobiographical, the book is and is not exactly a memoir. Levi, himself, describes it as "in some fashion a history." Not precisely a history either, it is composed of twenty-one vignettes, each of them tied to an element from science's periodic table, hydrogen, zinc, lead, nitrogen, carbon and so on, in which a story is told and observations are made, constituting a subtle combination of narrative and exposition. All of the stories are related with great charm and literary agility. The book has been praised unstintingly by Saul Bellow, Cynthia Ozick, Umberto Eco, John Gross and Italo Calvino.

Readers will find fascinating the relevant information about the properties of the chemical agents and their impact on our lives. Beyond fascination, I was amazed at Levi's stunning capacity to transmute the base matter of these elements into brilliant artifact. This new book of his is a work of spiritual alchemy. It is a lyrical, indeed, a passionate affirmation of life, of all life in nature by a writer who has no illusions about reality and the human condition after having been trained as a chemist and having endured the cauldron of Auschwitz.

Levi has already told his story of

surviving the Holocaust in two earlier memoirs, *Survival in Auschwitz* and *The Re-Awakening*. Respected and admired for his writing in Italy, he has made his living as a commercial chemist analyzing resins and other substances used in the production of varnishes. *THE PERIODIC TABLE* is so good it will undoubtedly give him the international reputation he deserves. In his sixties now, Levi, with wisdom, humor, gratitude and the joy of consciousness, tells us much about the trials of his youth as a Jew growing up in Mussolini's Fascist state.

Not at all grim, one of the most delightful episodes is the first one entitled "Argon" in which Levi recalls his Jewish forbears living in the Piedmont. He brings them vividly to life, describing their foibles and idiosyncrasies in affectionate detail, commenting knowingly upon their strange hybrid language, a combination of Hebrew and Piedmontese, out of which emerged a colorful and unforgettable rhetoric. Silk farmers and merchants, they composed one of those isolated, culturally rich, out of the mainstream Jewish communities that were, though we are only beginning to realize it, the glory of European Jewry, now mostly gone and only occasionally recovered in oral histories, and in the stories of I.B. Singer, Aaron Appelfeld, and, now Primo Levi.

In that respect, the descriptions of the extended families with all their real, and quasi-real aunts and uncles will recall for many readers of Levi's generation the Old World relatives of their youth whose lives were such a wonder. Levi tells us of his Uncle Gabriele, a fastidious rabbi who loved to schnorr rides. Obtaining one, he climbed onto a peasant's cart only to realize a little later that it carried the corpse of a Christian woman and with it, for the pious rabbi, a double contamination. There is the story of Levi's Grandpa Leonin whose

memorable curse leveled at an enemy was "May we have an accident shaped like an umbrella." We hear of Levi's lazy Uncle Barbarico whose lifelong ambition was to find peace and quiet, and with that expectation, became the ship's doctor on the Genoa to New York run. On his return, he resigned in disgust because of America "there was too much noise."

The peccadillos of related to apart, the book is rich in the evocation of courage, generosity and perseverance in the years of Mussolini's absurdly lethal fascism, the Nazi occupation, Levi's fighting with the partisans, his capture and trial in Auschwitz. His subsequent struggle to make a living in a devastated post-war Italy, though safer, was not without its singular privations. Levi recounts it explaining how he was brought close to the elements giving us an appreciation and respect of nature through which he can understand not only the principles of matter but the importance of spirit, the consolations of which do not come solely from one source other but from both together.

Levi's illustrious literary forbear Dante is evoked on several occasions, reminding us that the protagonist in the *Divine Comedy* the poet himself, had to descend into hell before he could ascend himself to heaven. Levi has much in common with Dante his descent into the modern equivalent of that hell. But at the point on, he parts company with the great Italian poet. Dante sought a Christian redemption through purification in Purgatory and a union with the beatific vision in Heaven. Levi's redemption growing beyond his suffering turning to nature and science to find the meaning of existence in the substances of the earth. This has always been the Jewish way of life, and while Levi doesn't say so, it is one of the several reasons why this book is a memoir treasure.

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**Coat of Many Colors** by Israel Shenker, Doubleday & Co, 354 pp. Plus Bibliography and index.

This book is the main selection of the Jewish Book Club and alternate selection of Book-of-the-Month Club, understandably, for it is interesting reading, well written, and its information is intelligent and correct. It is a good book for everyone to read, and it is to be hoped that it may be widely read. Since publisher's notice describes *Coat of Many Colors* excellently, we quote from Doubleday & Company's Publicity Department:

"Jews are a singular confusion—difficult to define, awkward to describe, impossible to understand. All the virtues, all the vices, every pleasure, every pain—nothing is spared them. They do not constitute a nationality, nor are they united by a common language or culture or ideology, or by residence in a given territory. Jews have been called a peoplehood, as well as a spiritual nation, but these are evasions, not descriptions. Since Judaism admits converts to Jewish faith, Jews are hardly a race. And though religion may once have united them about a single belief, that unity has long since been shattered by the fervor of conflicting interpretations and outright rejections."

So begins Israel Shenker's thoughtful and ambitious investigation into the traditions, customs and philosophy of Jews and Judaism . . . Spanning every aspect of Judaism from the interpretations of the Talmud to the Yiddish of show business, from the tragedy of the Holocaust to the triumph of Israel, *Coat of Many Colors* ponders the joys and sorrow, the art and business of being a Jew today.

Is Judaism a religion? A culture? A philosophy? A tradition? A state of mind? A nation? A race? Israel Shenker moves from Park Avenue to the

ghetto, from kibbutzim to Broadway, searching for an answer. Shenker profiles S.J. Perelman, mediates an argument among rabbis, considers the origins of Jewish law, discusses the arts with Jonathan Miller, interviews the controversial, cantankerous philosopher and scientist Yeshayahu Liebowitz, visits Philadelphia's Museum of Jewish History and investigates the place of the Jewish woman in modern culture. What Shenker discovers makes *Coat of Many Colors* a delightful journey that informs, provokes and animates the issues that surround Judaism today.

**Your Jewish Wedding** by Helen Latner, Doubleday & Co, 190 pp, paperback, \$4.95.

Helen Latner in this book tells all one needs to know to plan a Jewish wedding. Included are suggestions about the guest list, invitations, selecting a date, announcements, costs, clothing; also Jewish tradition and innovation, music, kosher food, and the reception. The author is a specialist on Jewish etiquette and the book cannot fail to help in planning a wedding. She writes a weekly column which appears in Jewish newspapers throughout our country. There is a calendar in appendage for 12 weeks proceeding the wedding with space for notes and 5 pages of itemized listing of expenses.

**Rooms of the Soul**, by Howard Schwartz, illustrated by Tsila Schwartz, Rossel Books, 160 pages, \$12.95.

Howard Schwartz—author of *The Captive Soul of the Messiah*, editor of *Gates to the New City*, *Voices Within the Ark*, and *Elijah's Violin and other Jewish Fairy*

*Tales*—weaves a fabric of singular tales, each self-contained. At the same time, he creates a novel: the story of Reb Hayim Elya of Buczacz.

*Rooms of the Soul* is made up of 36 original tales, recalling the thirty-six righteous men of Jewish legend on whose shoulders the world rests. Reb Hayim Elya finds himself suddenly cut off from his community as he enters a room just the other side of ecstasy. Thus he begins a journey, classic in its outline, which brings him at last to the realization that he is himself one of the thirty-six righteous.

The message is clear and inspiring: all is possible when we view ourselves as travelers caught in a metaphor. Life itself is a series of parables, teachings, instructing us in holiness and purpose. Like the finest novelists, Schwartz uses a specific and time-bound setting to deal with matters eternal and universal.

The accompanying illustrations by Tsila Schwartz evoke the mystical elements of the tales, nearly "reading" as a gloss on the texts.

## GUIDE TO JEWISH EUROPE (WESTERN EUROPE EDITION)

by Asher Israelowitz

Asher Israelowitz's "Guide to Jewish Europe" has just been published. The author of "Synagogues of New York City" and "Guide to Jewish New York City," has created this practical guide for the Jewish traveller. It contains complete up-to-date information on kosher restaurants, hotels, butchers, and bakeries throughout Europe. There are lists of the synagogues, mikvehs, Jewish landmarks, and Jewish museums. There are lots of beautiful photographs and many detailed street maps of the major European cities as well as maps of

the London Underground and Paris Metro. The guide contains Sabbath candle-lighting timetables, intercity railroad schedules, American Express offices, and locations of youth hostels throughout Europe. The guide also contains a rich collection of historical annotations, making it a "must" for the Jewish traveller.

The handy pocket-sized softcover "Guide to Jewish Europe" is available by mail order only. To order, send \$10.95 (shipping and handling included) to: Asher Israelowitz, P.O. Box 228-GE, Brooklyn, New York 11229.

**Good-Bye, Glamour Girl**, by Erika Tamar, Lippincott Junior Books, 218 pages, \$12.50, for ages 9-12.

To Liesl, an immigrant Jewish girl whose parents have fled to New York City to escape the Nazis, the glamorous star Rita Hayworth symbolizes everything an all-American girl can be. Yearning to be a beautiful star like Rita Hayworth someday, Liesel spends a happy but poor childhood as her parents struggle to establish themselves. By her high school years, Liesl is enrolled in an acting class and, as she fancies, on her way to fame. But it is the tough boy next door whom she befriended years ago—a dare-devil and a rebel—who inspires a different sort of passion. He smokes and swears and gets into fights with his step-mother. He's even a member of a gang and becomes one of the high school's "Incorrigibles." With him cast as her leading man, Liesl has felt friendship grow into love, but can he be a part of her future?

While evoking the ambiance of World War II Manhattan, Erika Tamar has written a timeless, poignant, and up-lifting novel of a young girl's coming of age.

Erika Tamar's *Good-Bye, Glamour Girl* is not autobiographi-

cal although she was born in Vienna and did come to New York City as a refugee during World War II. Ms. Tamar's first book, *Blues for Silk Garcia* (Crown), received wide acclaim. Previously a production assistant and casting director for a daytime television show, the author is now devoting all her time to writing. She lives in Port Washington, New York.

**The Transformation of the Jews**, by Calvin Goldscheider and Alan S. Zuckerman, University of Chicago Press, 272 pages, Cloth, \$24.95.

In the nineteenth century, three-quarters of the world's Jews lived in Europe. By 1980 fully two-thirds were living in Israel and the United States. The intervening decades saw a radical transformation of Jewish religious observances, social organizations, and education, as well as waves of migrations and the terror of the Holocaust. The new communities that sprang up in Israel and America bore little resemblance to the small and poor shtetls that had once dotted the map of Europe.

*The Transformation of the Jews* is an engrossing, systematic, and challenging analysis of modern Jewish society and politics and their evolution during two centuries of change. The authors take a fundamentally new approach, emphasizing neither individuals nor the intellectual traditions of Judaism but rather the social, political, and economic interactions that define Jewish communities. The authors are concerned with the massive changes of industrialization and modernization that have affected all modern societies—urbanization, formation of national states, entrance into the middle classes, and so on—and with the effects of such changes on the cohesion of Jewish communities.

The book includes analyses of very different Jewish societies including the contemporary American and Israeli communities. Berlin and Vilna in the 1780s; Warsaw, Vienna, New York, and Budapest in the 1920s; village Jews of Alsace and the Jewish Settlement in the early 19th century. The authors conclude that the upheavals of modernization, bringing in their wake the Holocaust and greater cultural assimilation of Jews, did not intend to destroy Jewish cohesion but rather transformed it, creating new kinds of communal ties. This masterful synthesis will interest anyone concerned with the fate of ethnic and religious groups as well as with Jews in particular.

Calvin Goldscheider is professor of sociology and demography, chair of the Department of Demography at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is also adjunct professor of sociology and Jewish studies at Brown University. Alan S. Zuckerman is professor of political science and a faculty fellow in the Program in Jewish Studies at Brown University.

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### BJH REPRESENTED AT AAJHHA TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the North American Association of Jewish Homes and Homes for the Aged took place in Tucson, Arizona in February. Representing the Home were the President of the Board, Norman [Name], and the Home's Executive Director, Al. A. Mendlovitz.

The theme of the overall program was "Changing Times and Changing Values." The keynote address, presented by Dr. Robert Binstock, Professor of Sociology at Case Western University, pointed out that Jewish homes for the elderly are caring for a new type of client — one who is better educated, more widely travelled and American-born, rather than the less educated eastern European Jewish person who made up the client base in the preceding decades. Mr. Mendlovitz was the facilitator of a workshop which dealt

with housing for new populations. Dr. Morton Leeds, Special Assistant for the Elderly and Special Programs of the Department of HUD, discussed the role that the Jewish community might play around the development of HUD projects. During this workshop it was noted that a number of Jewish homes are recognizing the needs of the well-to-do Jewish elderly and are responding with specific programs and facilities.

Sheldon Goldberg, Executive Director of the American Association of Homes for the Aged, gave a special report to the conference. He indicated that the field is rapidly changing and that only those homes that are willing to take risks will survive. He identified the following variables in today's marketplace:

- more competition with many more alternative services for the elderly

- a more knowledgeable consumer
- purchasers of service (family members and the elderly) are much more aware of the services they need and want
- more competition between prices
- more sophisticated marketing techniques for homes and housing for elderly
- an evening of quality in all homes
- increased productivity in facilities for the elderly
- facilities are becoming larger and are becoming part of a network system
- homes will be expected to provide specialized services (i.e. Alzheimer's units, rehabilitation units, etc.)
- there will be fewer government dollars; a larger percentage of the clientele will have resources

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## PURIM: A SPECIAL TIME, A SPECIAL VISIT

The Charlotte Hebrew Academy brought homemade hamantaschen, Purim plays and songs to BJH on Friday, March 8. Directed by Eleanor Weinglass, the 30-plus students performed skits and entertained a large group of residents. The audience chuckled as Delilah snipped away at Samson's yarn hair and as little David knocked Goliath from his perch on a high chair. Enthusiasm, creativity and energy are hallmarks of these children's productions, which have become a cherished part of the year's events.



Children flock around Elsa Heller (Los Angeles, Ca.) after their performance.



Delilah entices Samson before cutting his hair



Ruth Menins (Gastonia), Rose Seid (Charlotte) and John Eros (Miami Beach, Fla.) visit with the children

The Home will continue to solicit and receive donations of any amount. However, acknowledgements will not be sent unless a minimum of \$5.00 per person named is contributed. Only one person per \$5.00 will be notified.

We inadvertently omitted the donation made by Mrs. Dottie F. Brevda for her father, J. H. Freedman, in the December issue of *Times Outlook*. We apologize for this error.

### *BJH Represented, cont.*

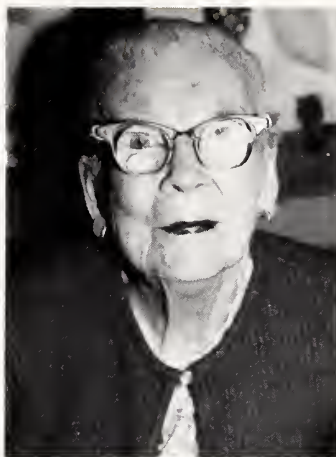
The sharing of information and an understanding of the broader scope of the entire field enables our Home to grow and flourish. The readers of the *TIMES OUTLOOK* will be interested to know that at meetings such as this NAAJHHA Mid-Year Institute, other Jewish home representatives seek us out because their perception of our home is that we are innovative in our care of the elderly.

## FOCUS ON A RESIDENT MRS. LEILA TEDFORD

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A sincere smile and greeting of "Hi honey, how are you?" are characteristic of Mrs. Leila Tedford, a resident of B-2. A native of Louisiana, Mrs. Tedford grew up near Hope, Arkansas. She attended school in Kentucky where she met and married her first husband. They returned to Arkansas where Mrs. Tedford attended and graduated from Washatau College with a business degree. She recalls this period as "the best time of her life." Mr. Tedford was a Baptist minister and Mrs. Tedford worked in association with her husband as an accountant for the church and Baptist book stores.

Mrs. Tedford has two sons she is very proud of, Harold and Thomas Tedford. Harold Tedford, Ph.D., is a professor of drama at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Thomas Tedford is a professor of



Leila Tedford

speech in Greensboro, N.C., and is also an author in that field.

Before coming to the home Mrs. Tedford resided for some years in Winston-Salem. She enjoys watching T.V., playing bingo, and attending Friendship Circle regularly. When asked if there was anything special she would like others to know about herself her answer was, "Just tell everybody I love them!" And we love her TOO!

## BJH WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Seven of ten new Board members participated in a half-day orientation session at the Home in February. Norman Pliner, President, welcomed the new members and explained the Board's role in relation to the work and purpose of the Home. Board member Wade Gallant briefed the class members on the legal commitments and responsibilities of Board membership. Executive Director Al. Mendlovitz and Helen Bumgardner, Director of Dietetics, represented the Home's staff at the orientation.

The new Board members reviewed the Home's philosophy of care, its major policies and financial requirements. They also were given an overview of each department's major responsibilities, staffing requirements and unmet needs.

Mr. Jerome Epstein (Winston-Salem), Esther (Mrs. Arthur) Frank (Charlotte), Mr. Arthur Kurtz (Winston-Salem), Mr. Moses Luski (Charlotte), Mr. Dallas L. Mackey (Winston-Salem), and Mr. Howard Schwartz (Gastonia) attended the session.

*New Board members Dallas Mackey and Arthur Kurtz take notes during President Norman Pliner's explanation of Board responsibilities*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

BJH Residents and Staff

Compete in  
CELEBRATE!

The 3rd Annual  
Long-Term Care Olympics  
May 17, 1985 10am-2:30 pm  
Sixie Classic Fairgrounds  
Winston-Salem, NC

We need family members  
and volunteers.

Help us win back 1st Place!

For more information, call  
the Recreation Department  
(919-766-6401)

# JOHN AND ANNA STEMPEL HONORED

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Mr. and Mrs. John Stempel were honored recently at a special liturgy celebrating World Marriage Day at Holy Family Catholic Church in Clemmons. Mr. and Mrs. Stempel were married on September 4, 1929, in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Married 55 years, the Stempels were honored as the longest-married couple at Holy Family Parish.

World Marriage Day was instituted in 1980 and is celebrated in Catholic dioceses throughout the United States. World Marriage Day celebrates the couple as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of the couples' fidelity, sacrifices and joys. The World Marriage Day celebration originated in Baton Rouge, La. through the efforts of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Movement.



*John and Anna Stempel (Clemmons)*

## TO THE GOOD AND THE BAD WORLD

by David Merrell

Come and see a jewel on the proud breast of North Carolina. It is the Blumenthal Nursing Home. It stands on 117.4 acres of rich woodland, horizon to horizon, with manicured carpeted lawns. A veritable Garden of Eden.

It took a lot of giving and a lot of planning, and still does, to make this happen. It's a Jewish answer to the question: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

When you come inside you take for granted its cleanliness,

but you can't fail to be touched by the genuine affection shown by nurses and aides to invalids that years have disfigured.

Talk about food? It's the best obtainable, and lots of it served.

For recreation there are plays and lectures and music and games and outings.

All to try and sweeten the last sour years of life.

If God is around, he will take notice.

Yours appreciatively  
David Merrell

## CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- April 1  
April Fool's Day!
- April 2  
Yoga, 3:15 pm
- April 3  
Jr. League Music Makers  
10:00 am
- April 4  
Movie, "The Incredible Rocky Mt. Race," 2:00 pm  
Search for Chometz
- April 5  
Outreach Movie, 10:00 am  
Good Friday Service,  
2:30 pm  
First Seder, 6:30 pm
- April 6  
Services, 9:30 am  
Second Seder, 6:30 pm
- April 7  
Services, 9:30 am
- April 9  
\*Clemmons Sr. Citizens luncheon, leave at 9:45 am
- April 11  
\*Small group outing,  
8:00 am  
Services, 9:30 am
- April 12  
Services, 9:30 am  
Services, 6:30 pm
- April 13  
Services, 9:30 am
- April 15-19  
Rock and Roll Week!
- April 25  
Movie, "Cabaret," 2:00 pm
- April 26  
Israel Independence Day  
\*12:10 luncheon, leave at  
11:00 am  
National Nursing Home Resident's Day  
\*off-campus activities  
Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the month of April.

## PLEASE TELL ME

Ruth Wharton  
Social Services Coordinator

### Can I have a private room when I go into the Home?

Yes, the Home does have private rooms. Unfortunately only those who are private pay residents can live in these accommodations. Medicaid does not pay for private rooms.

### I want to attend religious services when I get into the Home. Will this be possible?

Sabbath services and holiday services are routinely held here. We generally follow the Conservative movement's observances in all our religious services. Non-jewish residents also have services at the Home. The weekly "Friendship Circle" worship service has been held for over seven years. Protestant and Catholic observances of religious holidays are also a part of the Home's program.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

Commencement

June Weddings

Birthdays

"Thinking of You"

Bar Mitzvahs

Bas Mitzvahs

Find that special present in the Home's Gift Shop.

All proceeds go to the Home.

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during February.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Alvin Levine

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Mrs. Sol Jaffa

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## BOOK REVIEW:

*When Love Gets Tough: The Nursing Home Decision* by Doug Manning In-Sight Books, Inc., 1984. 62 pp.

"This book proved to be both the most difficult and the easiest one I have written. It was difficult because the decision was difficult. It was easy because the chance of making the decision easier to live with proved to be exciting. This book carries the hope of people discovering the normal feelings experienced while making this important decision. If it helps people feel normal and relieves guilt then the book will have fulfilled the dream of the author." So writes Mr. Manning in his Preface.

And, truly, his small paperback book accomplishes those goals for many readers. Already in its fourth printing, the book has become an important resource for family members facing the issue of nursing home care and placement.

The book is divided into three sections: "Making the Decision," "Adjusting to the Decision," and "Living with the Decision." Mr. Manning's primary philosophy is that "love is doing what people need — not what they want or what we want."

I have shared *When Love Gets Tough* six times in the past few months. Each time the family member returned it with overwhelmingly positive reactions that far exceed the book's modest size and cost. It came, they said, at the time they needed it most.

(*When Love Gets Tough* can be ordered from In-Sight Books, Inc., Drawer 2058, Hereford, Texas 79045 for \$3.50 plus postage.)

## ATTENTION FAMILY MEMBERS

Are you planning a special visit to the Home? Are you going to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other important occasion with your family member at BJH? So, let us know in advance. We'd like to focus on you in the BH news section of *Times Outlook!*

Call or write: Editor, BJH News  
PO Box 38  
Clemmons,  
NC 27012  
919-766-6401



Lillian Kamens (Charlotte) gets a visit from her daughter and son-in-law who live in New York

# RESIDENTS AND STAFF GO FOR IT IN "TRENDS OF THE '80'S PARTY"



*BJH's answer to Clara Peller: Winner in the "Where's the Beef?" contest was Lena Zimmerman (Hickory, NC)*



*Alvin Smith and his break-dancers won enthusiastic applause with their routines*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Janet Wechsler  
John Eros  
Ruth Folkner  
Anni Frankl  
Robert Geringer  
Ethel Iseman  
Ida Kadis  
Gertrude Levy  
James Robertson  
Lillian Sweitzer  
Jean Tager  
Clarice Wooters  
Zona Willard  
Elsa Heller

## DOUBLE WHAMMY

by Libby Carter, RN,  
Unit Manager, B-1

On January 28, BJH was struck twice by "Natural Disasters." First, by a severe intestinal virus, wreaking havoc among our resident population and staff members. To complicate matters that beautiful but hazardous "White Stuff" began to fall.

By Tuesday, the numbers had risen to epidemic proportions and the weather was still uncooperative.

Fortunately, we are blessed with staff members who are willing to go beyond that extra mile. Each department had staff members working extra hours, sleeping over and generally doing whatever was necessary to provide the quality care we expect for our Residents. A truly beautiful team approach was evident!

To those who survived those long hours and extra duties — WE EXTEND A VERY WARM AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These staff members celebrate employment anniversaries in April.

### 1 YEAR

Judy Hicks  
Paul Watts

### 2 YEARS

Anne Craver  
Debbie Hayes  
Cynthia Miller

### 3 YEARS

Tabitha Blankenship  
Calvin Petticord

### 4 YEARS

Becky Boyer  
Dallas Hamilton  
Judy Howell

### 5 YEARS

Celeste Felts  
Patsy Staley  
Martha Whitaker

### 14 YEARS

Linda Pinnix

### 19 YEARS

Izora Moore,

## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy and healthy life:

Janet Wechsler  
High Point, North Carolina  
Lena Zimmerman  
Hickory, North Carolina  
Marguerite Newberry  
Wilson, North Carolina  
Rose Harfenist  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

## IN MEMORY OF

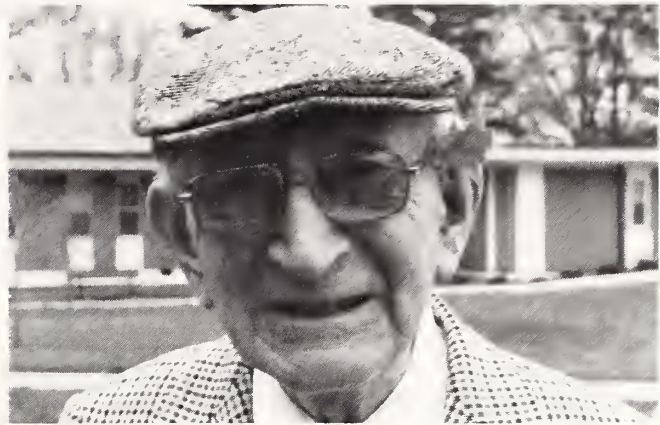
We mourn the loss of M. Walter Fleming, Elizabeth Sowers, Daniel Lynch and Leah Israel. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

We are trying to make the E.H. news section easier to read. Please let us know what you think of the layout and typesize!

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



*Martha Mayer (Greensboro) posed with snow people during the "Double Whammy" season (see related article)*



*And – at last – a portrait of Spring! Julius Neumarkt (Charlotte) has the spirit.*



*Rabbi Edward Feldheim and members of Beth David Synagogue (Greensboro) recently spent time at the Home*



*Annie Rowe Dixon (Winston-Salem) recently visited friends at Arbor Acres Methodist Home in Winston-Salem*



*Volunteers assisted Susan Parks, RSVP Executive Director, with a mailing for the Heart Association. L-R: Claire Bernstein, Susan Parks, Rose Halpern, Alice Fruh, John Stemper, Rose Spire, Elsie Robertson and Rena Zimmerman*



*Rabbi Jesse Groner (Charlotte) tells the story of Purim. Laura Lieberman (Chapel Hill) and Rose Harfenist (Chapel Hill) listen.*

# Gifts

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: Mrs. Eva Levy  
RS. ILSE HURST  
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The 800 Ethiopian children enrolled in Na'amat-Pioneer Women day care centers are learning Hebrew and becoming accustomed to Israeli life. (above) Ilana, who came to Israel from Georgia, Russia, teaches the fine art of finger painting to Rachamim, 2½, a recent immigrant from Ethiopia.

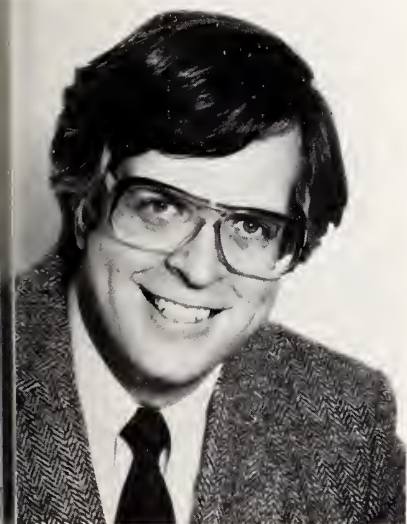
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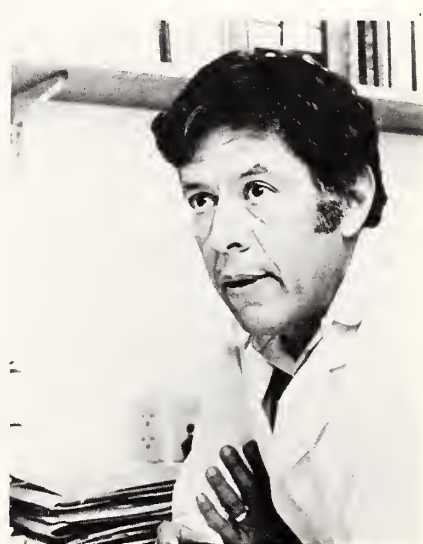
## Wildacres Institute of Judaism No. II

### BUILDING A CASE FOR JUDAISM AND WHERE IT DIFFERS

August 22-25, 1985



**DENNIS PRAGER**



**DR. DAVID W. WEISS**

Why should a rational westernized, highly educated person in the twentieth century lead a Jewish life and how does Judaism differ from Humanism, which characterizes much more of the American intellectual environment than does Christianity? Why have the Jews, and now Israel been so hated?

These are the issues that our gifted lecturer and writer will be addressing during our B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism.

In 1971 Mr. Prager was appointed a lecturer in Jewish History and Religion at Brooklyn College. His formal education includes Undergraduate work in History at Brooklyn College and The University of London, England, and Graduate work as a Fellow of the School of International Affairs and Russian and Middle East Institutes of Columbia University. An Authority on Communist Affairs, he has traveled through nine Communist countries, including six Soviet Republics, China and East Europe.

He is the Author of two books of note. One, *The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism*, co-authored with Joseph Telushkin, and the other, *The Jews? The Reason For Anti-Semitism* published in August, 1977.

Mr. Prager is also highly active in Inter-Religious affairs. He was invited by the Vatican to meet with Pope John Paul II and to speak on Catholic-Jewish Relations on Vatican Radio. At present he is the host of the extremely popular *Religion On The Line* on KABC radio in Los Angeles.

**LECTURE TOPICS**

Why I am a Jew  
The Case For Judaism  
Where Judaism Differs

Dr. Weiss is a distinguished Scientist, Philosopher and Religionist. He deals with the issues of Science and Religion, conflict or complementary?—Jewish Belief and The World of Science, to be a Jew—why bother? And the challenge of Israel to the Jewish people.

Dr. Weiss received his undergraduate education at Yeshiva University and Brooklyn College receiving a B.A., Cum Laude Degree in Biology and Chemistry, 1949. He received a Ph.D. from Rutgers University in Microbiology and Biochemistry in 1952 and a D. Phil. Medicine from Oxford University in 1957.

He has served as Assistant Professor of Bacteriology, University of California from 1957-65 and full Professor from 1965-67. He has served as Professor and Chairman, Department of Immunology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem from 1967 till the present. He has done extensive research in the field of Cancer Immunology and has received many awards for his contribution. Because of his reputation in this field he has lectured extensively to many organizations and societies.

He has been a frequent keynoter at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

He has published 200 scientific papers and books and has written 20 articles on Jewish subjects. He is a man of profound thought.

David Weiss and Dennis Prager have lectured together on many occasions and will complement each other beautifully on the general topic of why be Jewish in the latter part of the 20th century.

**LECTURE TOPICS**

1. Action and Holiness: a perspective of Judaism
2. Science and Religion: Conflict or complementary?
3. The Challenge of Israel to the Jewish People.

# Editorial

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Stating that "television has replaced the church as the central source of value orientations" and that the American home is infiltrated by "video mayhem," a well-known authority on communications has urged influential citizens to combat the "depraved values" presented on television.

That medium, Dr. George Gerbner, Professor and Dean of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, said, is perpetuating a feeling of anxiety, insecurity, and apprehension about a "mean world" increasingly identified with American society.

Speaking at an American Jewish Committee-convened conference in Philadelphia, Dr. Gerbner called on parents, educators, and religious leaders to take a firm stand in opposition to television's concentration on sex and violence.

The conference, at Temple Rodeph Shalom, was sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition on Values and The Family. Dr. Murray Friedman, Middle Atlantic States Regional Director of the American Jewish Committee, who served on the planning committee, said: "Dean Gerbner has offered broad insights into the use and abuse of media in America. The results of his research puts the problem in a wider perspective, calling for significant action from the coalition and the public."

Television, Dr. Gerbner said, has put violence on the "assembly line." Moreover, he added, "On television, humans threaten to hurt or kill, and actually do so, mostly to scare, terrorize, and impose their will upon others. Symbolic violence carries the same

message. It is a show of force and demonstration of who can get away with what against whom."

Violence, Dr. Gerbner noted, reflected the structure of power in society and tended to cultivate acceptance of that structure. "It is clear," he said, that "women, young and old people, and some minorities rank as the most vulnerable to victimization on television. We have also found that symbolic victimization on television and real world fear among women and minorities, even if contrary to the facts, are highly related."

Another leading speaker at the conference, Samuel D. Caldwell, General Secretary of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, stated that the Interfaith Coalition was committed to the idea that it is possible to remain faithful to our commitment to civil liberties and at the same time to imbue our society with a sense of morality and self restraint. We believe that American family life will benefit and many of our social problems will diminish if there is increased adherence to ethical standards which our respective traditions have taught."

Expressing reservations about the fight against censorship, Dr. Caldwell added: "I am finding myself increasingly uncomfortable with the fact that the very freedoms of speech and expression I and my civil liberties friends have labored to protect are often eroding other fundamental values we cherish."

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## Carolina Character

### MEMORIES OF GROWING UP JEWISH IN GERMANY

by Ilse Bergen (Mrs. Fred Bergen)  
Charlotte, NC

Since the topic is growing up Jewish, I will tell it the way I saw and remember it through the eyes of my childhood.

Munich, Germany, in the 1920's had a population of about one million people and has stayed about the same. It was a beautiful city with wide avenues, lots of parks, fountains by famous artists in the square, gorgeous statues and whimsical creatures spewing water. The avenues are lined with Chestnut trees that bloom like candles in the summer, church spires of all shapes and sizes, elegant shops, theaters, the opera, light opera, restaurants, nightclubs, sidewalk cafes, beerhalls, and the famous Oktoberfest.

Through the center of the city runs the green, green Isar with its swift current. The river is spanned by many bridges with the traffic and the trolley cars going across. In an hour's driving time, we were in the fairyland of the Bavarian Alps.

I was born into a family that on both sides claimed to have been German Jews for many generations. My mother was born in a smaller town, Rosenheim, population about 30,000 at the time, a picturesque little town at

the foot of the Alps. My grandparents lived there and raised their family there. My father was in business in Munich. We lived in an apartment house, had a maid, as was customary in middleclass families, and when I was born, a nun stayed with us who was a baby nurse. When I was not a baby anymore, I had a governess until I went to school. My mother always helped my father in business. We were the only Jewish tenants in the apartment house. We had a friendly relationship with the neighbors. My parents' social friends were all Jewish. If my memory serves me correctly, there were about 15,000 Jews in Munich, about one-and-a-half percent of the population. There were many synagogues in Munich; The large liberal, the large Orthodox; the Orthodox were the refugees from the Eastern European countries, and many, many small congregations with all degrees of Orthodoxy. No reform Temple.

We belonged to the large liberal Synagogue. Men and women were seated separately, men downstairs, women upstairs. The services were conducted in Hebrew. We had a famous cantor. The sermons were in German by our famous and distinguished rabbi. We had an organ, two-stories high, and on the high holidays, we had a choir furnished by the Munich Opera, and the men wore high hats for the Holiday

services.

My parents and I spent many Jewish Holiday at my grandparents' house in Rosenheim. There were seven Jewish families in Rosenheim, but with their families visiting they rented a Beetsaal, a room for prayer. My grandfather conducted a large part of the services. During one year the Oren Kodesh with its Torah scrolls was housed in my grandparents' house. My grandfather was a brilliant, headstrong man. He was a leader in the community. He was asked to be mayor of his city, but declined. He held many important jobs on the city council, and he was president of a large Textile Merchants Association that stretched over a large part of Germany.

Being Jewish was, of course, an important part of our lives, and I heard many a conversation in my house, "Are we Jews first or Germans first?" "The old ambivalence."

My father was a lover of the outdoors, so he taught me how to ski, to iceskate, and we went sledding in the powdery snow. In the summer, I went swimming with my mother, a sport that she enjoyed into her 80's. On Sunday afternoons in the summer, we took long hikes along the Isar with my parents and their friends, watching the Kaijaks racing down the river. We stopped for coffee and cake at one of the little cafes. The countryside was dotted with farms and hiked home. My father also went mountain climbing. When he was a young man, he was quite an Alpine climber, doing the highest peaks in the Bavarian and Austrian Alps and the Dolomites in Italy. Mount

climbing was not a typical "Jewish sport," so he enjoyed that with his gentile friends.

When I was six years old, my formal education began. Most kids from German-Jewish families went to the public schools. My parents decided that I ought to have a better background in Judaism, so they sent me to a Jewish Day School, which was highly accredited by the state and went from the first through the fourth grade. The Co-Principals were Ferdinand and Julius Kissinger from Furth near Nurnberg, who came from a long line of teachers and were the uncles of our famous Henry Kissinger. Most of the students were the children of the refugees who came from Poland and the other Eastern European countries, and there were a few German-Jewish kids like myself. And this is how it came about that most of my friends were the children of the refugees. They were the Jews who banded together to live in roughly one area of the city. Some of the men wore long black clothes and they spoke a language that I did not understand. They were a different culture and seemed strange, and some of the German Jews who were probably not as secure as they wanted to believe, were a little embarrassed by their brethren. (But being Jewish is a bond that can't be broken, and the proof came with the holocaust.) So we learned the Chumash, the five books of Moses, backwards and forwards in Hebrew.

When I was 10 years old, I started the Lyceum, a girl's school of higher education, a public school. Slowly, but surely, I began to be aware of anti-semitism creeping up. It was so insidious, that sometimes I didn't know, was it real or imagined. But somehow we Jewish kids drew more and more together.

In 1933, things changed. Germany had voted for Hitler, and I told my closest, dearest, best gentile girlfriend that she couldn't

come to see me anymore, that our bicycle excursions had to stop, because she would get into trouble and her father might lose his job. We cried and that's the last time that we saw each other.

Then, I lost both my grandparents in one day, thanks to the Nazis. My mother had to go to Rosenheim to dissolve their business, and I came with her. I was enrolled into the Catholic Convent School. That was the school where my mother was educated, and she still knew all the older nuns. They were a great influence on her life. They saw to it that a Jewish teacher came from Munich every week to instruct the handful of Jewish kids in Roseheim. When they didn't behave, he would tell it to the nuns, and the nuns would punish them. So the nuns took me under their wing, protecting me from anti-semitic slurs of other kids and they found a Jewish teacher from Munich to come once a week to instruct me. It was their idea; otherwise I learned the Lord's prayer in German, English and French, and I always felt very comfortable around nuns and in a Catholic church.

We came back to Munich and the unbelievable had really happened. My classmates were members of the Hitler Youth. The Nazis were marching in the streets; we had new national songs. We heard some terrible things about the concentration camp, Dachau, and knew some people in there. I still have nightmares about it. The respected German Jews, who had fought side by side with their fellow Germans in their wars, were brothers in their Universities, were partners in their businesses. They were suddenly just Jews, second-class creatures, not worthy to be citizens.

Somehow I managed to graduate the Lyceum at the age of 15, knowing that I could not get into an institution of higher

education and University, as a Jewish girl and not pursue my interest in Psychology. I went to a home for disturbed Jewish children, run by a famous Professor, to practice and to study. The professor was an avid follower of Sigmund Freud, and that was my training. I also started noticing boys and they started to notice me, including some Nazi party members, who did not think I was Jewish with my blue eyes and light hair. They tried to date me, but I always managed to get out of that situation. I was so shy and that was my luck. I guess they decided I was too young and shy. I could have lost my life that way.

I joined the Zionist Organization, "Habonim," where all our conversation revolved about getting out of Germany and immigrating to Palestine. But things didn't work out that way. In 1937, I came to America, still in my teens. My uncle who let me come over and promised me a college education, didn't or couldn't come through with this promise. I started working as a very inefficient maid until my English improved, then as a governess. I brought my parents over a year later, just in the nick of time. It was a time of hardship, hard work, heartache, hope and determination, mostly my mother's determination, that we had to build a new life.

I have become an American Jew. I have become the mother of American sons, who know little about Germany. I have not asked my sons, are they Jews first or Americans first. "The old ambivalence." I know when I hear "God Bless America," shivers run down my spine, when I hear the "Hatikvah," shivers run down my spine.

The traits that have remained in my German psyche are punctuality, dependability, and a promise is not to be broken, and above all a love of good manners. It reminds me of the old story. Refugees came to Israel and worked on the land.

Some refugees from Germany were busy building houses. One man threw the bricks to the other, who caught them, and with every brick it was "Bitteschon Herr Doctor dankeschoen, Herr Doctor."

(Ilse and Fred Bergen have lived in Charlotte for 36 years.)

# Kibbitzing-Community News

## WHITEVILLE, NC

Birth Announcement—Ellen and Jack Steinberg of Whiteville, NC are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Darci. Erin was born November 25, 1985 weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces.

Proud Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mehler of Greensboro, NC and Mrs. Bea Steinberg of Whiteville, NC.

*Our correspondent from Whiteville and its area will be Sally D. Mann of Whiteville, NC.*



*Allen and Farnaz Lurey*

## SELSELEH-LUREY WEDDING

Temple Yeshuron, Jerusalem, Israel was the setting for the December 10, 1984, wedding of Farnaz Selseleh and Allen Ira Lurey, at 7:00 P.M.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Itzach Selseleh, Jerusalem, Israel. She is employed as a computer operator at the Tel Aviv University.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lurey of Greenville, South Carolina. He holds a Master's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Southern California and is employed at the Tel Aviv University as a Programmer Analyst.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lurey attended the wedding in Jerusalem, Israel.



*Mrs. Michael Louis Kramer*

## TILLES, KRAMER MARRY

Terry Lynn Tilles of Baltimore, Md., and Michael Louis Kramer of Whiteville were married Sunday, Nov. 4, in a 6:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony at the Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore, Md.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Elaine Tilles of Baltimore. The groom is the son of Hyman and Doris Kramer of Whiteville.

Karen Grimm of Baltimore, sister of the bride, was the matron of

honor. Celia Kramer of Atlanta, Ga., sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Gary Kramer of Whiteville, brother of the groom, was best man.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride hosted a reception at the Belvedere Hotel.

The bride earned her B.S. degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. She is presently working in the family business with her husband.

The groom earned his E.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is presently working in the family business.

Following a wedding trip to Acapulco, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Whiteville.

A wedding brunch was held Nov. 4 at the Hilton Hotel in Baltimore, hosted by Gwen and Phil Datner, Esther Greene, Ben and Elaine Kramer, Vivian Kramer, Sylvia Sam Leder, Isidore and Mollie Leiken, Jeannette Turner, Elise and Marvin Zerden, and Howard Zerden, aunts and uncles of the groom.

## CONGREGATION AGUDAS ISRAEL HENDERSONVILLE, NC

by Tillie Kaplan

The congregation of Agudas Israel of Hendersonville, NC mourns the great loss of one of its beloved members Bella Cohen.

Bella passed away Tuesday, February 6th at the age of 85. She came to Hendersonville as a young bride and lived amongst us most of her life. Beryl Cohen, her husband, was the Malamud of the congregation, and taught most

the current men of our town, their Bar Mitzvah lessons.

The Cohens had no children of their own but we were all their children. Bella was our mother, words cannot express how much she will be missed. Her ready smile, pleasant manner and soft voice was ever there to comfort her brood. You never heard harsh words from her, her love encompassed us all. Yes, she will be much missed by all, and we her children will always think with love. This was so evident, as practically the entire congregation attended the services and funeral.

Morris Kaplan gave the eulogy and it was eloquent. Morris also conducted the services at the cemetery.

Bella lived alone in the house Beryl bought many years ago, but she was never alone. She was well looked after by all. Especially by Goldie Sandler, Francee Sherman and Morris and Anne Kaplan. Bella was an old friend of Minnie Williams, they spent many an hour together reminiscing with nostalgia the growth and changes of our community. Minnie will sorely miss the companionship of his lovely lady. May Bella's memory be blessed.

Our Friday night services are well attended, despite this unusual winter, are the Saturday services. Friday nights are conducted by our two Morris', Morris Kaplan and Morris Kalin. Saturday services are conducted by Martin Heilbrunn, Morris Kaplan, Lou Skolnik and Bert Sud. The Kiddushis provided by our women and are prepared in gourmet style. After the Kiddush there is usually a discussion of the portion of the day, other Biblical events, or Jewish Lifestyle. Our women are well versed in these subjects and the discussions are lively. The women too are well informed and take part in the discussions. They are interesting and informative.

The Ladies Auxiliary is planning the Annual Community Passover Seder, and the congregation and

friends are looking forward to this with enthusiasm.

Our congregants will be going to Atlanta, Ga., by bus, to the Israeli Exposition. It will be a weekend affair, with a stay over in a motel. This happens at the end of March, and many have already signed up.

### **GREENSBORO, NC RABBI TASK TO VISIT ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

Greensboro Rabbi Arnold Task visited Atlantic Christian College in Wilson on April 23 under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Task, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, will explore a "Remembrance of the Holocaust."

Task is the JCS Resident Lecturer at Greensboro and Bennett Colleges. He is on the Boards of the General Greene Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Goodwill Industries, the Fisher Park Community Program, the Greensboro Chapters of the American Red Cross and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Greensboro Rotary Club.

### **SALISBURY, NC**

Rachel Oestreicher Haspel of New York is a Salisbury native, who made her first speech about Raoul Wallenberg at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury in 1981. In March as president of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States, she helped organize a black-tie benefit which raised \$500,000 in tribute to Wallenberg. The money will be used for a Wallenberg Study Center at the New York Public Library and for scholarships.

Mrs. Irvin Oestreicher of Salisbury, Rachel O. Haspel's mother, attended the benefit and called it "the most extraordinary success." Mrs. Haspel is working with the committee to find and free

Wallenberg, if he is held by the Soviets, as many believe.

### **B'NAI ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE WILMINGTON, NC**

A joyous and spirited Purim service was held in March. The Sisterhood served hamantashen and drinks afterward.

Plans will soon be realized to repair the roof, refurbish the restrooms, and for installation of a new furnace.

A meeting of the Congregation was scheduled for late April. A Model Seder was held on March 31 for students and their parents.

A Family Service for Israel Independence Day was held Sunday, April 19. Yom Hashoa Commemoration Ceremony was held on April 21st, and the Religious School celebrated Israel's Independence Day on Sunday, the 28th.

On May 3 the topic of the Culture Club was "Holocaust and Rebirth."

### **RABBI MOCH TO VISIT BISHOP MCGUINNESS HIGH SCHOOL**

Winston-Salem Rabbi Stephen Moch will visit Bishop McGuinness High School in Winston-Salem from April 30-May 1 under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society (JCS).

JCS, educational arm of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB), endows Judaism courses at universities throughout the United States and Canada, assigns rabbinic lecturers to campuses, donates books of Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors Institutes for Christian Clergy in its goal of improved interfaith relations.

Moch, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel since 1978, will discuss "Basic Jewish Theological Concepts, Customs, and Holidays; "Palestinian—Jewish Conflicts;"

and "Jewish Social Outreach."

Moch is President of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis; Board member of the Winston-Salem Jewish Community Council, the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, the B'nai Shalom Day School, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis' Mid-Atlantic Region. He is also Chaplain for the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aging.

Within the community, he is President of the Forsyth County Minister's Fellowship, Forsyth Memorial Hospital Associate Chaplain, "Leadership Winston-Salem" Planning Board member, member of the Northwest Piedmont Advisory Council on Aging, and Rabbinic Advisor to the Temple Youth Group and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Rabbi Moch was ordained in 1978 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, earning a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters degree.

As a student, Moch served pulpits in Central America, Arkansas, and Wisconsin.

## COLUMBIA, SC

A night of incredible Jewish entertainment was enjoyed at Tree of Life Congregation on March 2, starring Rabbi Lewis C. Littman, singer, guitarist, actor, raconteur. He serves as Director of the Southeast Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Refreshments were served after the performance.

On the same night a Gar'in Dance was held at the Columbia Jewish Community Center for all 7th and 8th graders. Alan Rivkin, disk jockey, provided recorded music, and refreshments were served. Advisors of "Gar'in" for 1985-86 are to be Hilda Fields and Carolyn Hudson. The group also had a Spaghetti Luncheon on April 14.

A beautiful Passover Seder was held at Tree of Life Temple on

Saturday, April 6.

A Covered Dish Supper was held in conjunction with a White Elephant Sale sponsored by Tree of Life Sisterhood members and their spouses, on March 23 in Reyner Memorial Auditorium. On the committee were Catherine Weiner, Ida Weisberg, Sue Mandell, Belle Fields, and Ruth Bazerman.

## TEMPLE BETH EL NEWS CHARLOTTE, NC

by Roland Heller

On March 13, the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El sponsored a special program in Fellowship Hall, in cooperation with the Afro-American Cultural Center. Rinky Glanzman was in charge of arrangements. The featured speaker was Dr. Bertha Maxwell, chair of the Afro-American and African Studies Department at UNC-Charlotte. Her subject was "Jewish Women/Black Women: Exploring Our Differences and Commonalities."

Temple Beth El's Confirmation Class undertook a pilgrimage on the weekend of March 15-17 to visit the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. With Confirmands from other Reform congregations in various parts of the country, the program included Friday evening Worship Service and a tour of the campus featuring the rare book room, the art gallery, the archives and the library. There were discussions led by student rabbis. On Saturday evening there was a Havdalah Service at the famous, historic and ornate Plum Street Temple.

The Model Seder for the Temple's Religious School students was conducted on March 31.

Members and guests celebrated Pesach at a Congregational Seder at Temple Beth El on Friday, April 5. It was preceded by a brief Sabbath and Festival Service. Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler

conducted both the regular worship and Seder celebration. Don Rogers, the regular Temple organist, was at the piano.

Installation of Sisterhood officers for the 1985-86 year was held at the regular Sabbath Morning Service on Saturday, April 13. A luncheon honoring the new slate followed. New officers and board members are as follows: President, Judy Perlin; Vice-President, Membership, Laura Foley; Vice-President, Program, Madeline Joffe; Vice-President, Fundraising, Ruth Lubin; Treasurer, Pat Shapiro; Financial Secretary, Doris Edelstein; Corresponding Secretary, Jean Heller; Recording Secretary, Muriel Lintz; Education Chairpersons, Ollie Polk and Louise Bernstein; Oneg Shabbats, Victoria Neumann and Barbara Kirsch; Shabbat Dinners, Sally Schrack; Breakfast, Grace Levitt and Betty Nagle; Gift Shop, Reggie Witt; Golden Book, Jane Nelson; Aged Sale, Ruth Lubin and Estelle Rosen; Uniongrams, Deborah Rosenberger; Cradle Roll, Susan Coen; College Youth, Isidor Friedlander; Publicity, Alice Lorber; Board Members at Large: Betty Rosenbaum, Elizabeth Nabow, Susan Appelbaum, Janet Lefkowitz, Ethel Gordon, Bobbie Bernstein, Linda Rothman, Betty Silver.

During the Sisterhood luncheon Jerry Helton, the Temple's featured vocal soloist on Friday evenings and Holiday Services is a member of the music faculty at Winthrop College, presented some very special music.

## CHARLOTTE, NC

Mattye (Mrs. Marc) Silverman was elected to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Broadcasting Authority. She is also Public Service and Credit Manager for Schloss Outdoor Advertising. She co-chaired the Art Preview party for the 1985 WTVI TV Auction.

(Public Television), and has been a hardworking member of its Board.

Mattye also serves on the Public Education Board, Women's Political Caucus, and the Executive Committee of the American Cancer Society, and has served in the fundraising campaign for Johnson C. Smith University. Mattye has three children, a variety of interests, and is a genuine, warm person who is a substantial asset to the entire community.

Temple Israel's Pressman Passover Seder was held Friday, April 5, in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall.

Nominating Committee for the coming year consists of Jerome Levin, Chairman, Sam Lerner, Charlex Meltzner, Barnette Weinstock, Wilma Asrael, Harry Berzack, Joel Goldman, Julius Goldman, and Ginger Snitz.

*Eagles Attack at Dawn*, a film of an episode in the Arab-Israeli conflict, was shown in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall on Sunday, March 31st, under auspices of the Adult Education Committee.

Cantor Frank Birnbaum received the degree of Honorary Fellow of the Jewish Theological Seminary, an award for 25 years of dedicated service.

Couples Club of Temple Israel enjoyed a Game Night on May 4th with various games and refreshments.

Judge Issac Braz of Tel Aviv spoke during Saturday Services on March 23. He also spoke at meetings of other Jewish groups in Charlotte, sponsored by the Scholars-in-Residence Program.

Congratulations to Ena and Fred Stern on the engagement of their grandson, Ronald Stern to Rebecca Sobelman of New York; to Ruth and Shai Richardson on the birth of a granddaughter to Rabbi Mordechai and Maureen Richardson of Atlanta; and to Rhoda and Jerry Radowitz on the birth of a granddaughter, Shana Jay to Michael and Debbie Radowitz.

## "HOW" IN CHARLOTTE, NC

B'nai B'rith Women presented the 1985 Human Relations Award to Deborah Crouch McKeithan, the founder of HOW, Handicapped Organized Women, at a luncheon on February 20 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Charlotte.

Sol Jaffa presented the Sidney C. Kusworm Award to B'nai B'rith Women for the Year 1983-1984 to Charlotte B'nai B'rith Women for outstanding community service. Sol Jaffa is president of B'nai B'rith District #5.

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*PLEASE NOTE: Wildacres Institute of Judaism no. 11 will come FIRST this year.*

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Many Jewish congregations have prayer books or text books which are no longer in use, but which might be used by other congregations. We suggest that any reader who is aware of such books in a library or storeroom, on bookshelves or tucked away in boxes, send notice of the titles and quantities to the American Jewish Times Outlook, so that contact may be made with any organization desirous of obtaining them.

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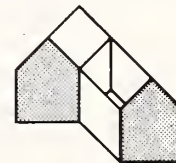
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# KEEPING WARM LIFE AT A SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS IN THE TEMPLE, ATLANTA

by Vida Goldgar  
Editor, *Southern Israelite*

It wasn't one of our bone-chilling, near-freezing nights, but the wind was stiff and penetrated my warm coat. It was not the kind of night to spend huddled in a doorway or anywhere else without heat.

That night, as every night since early November, 18 of Atlanta's homeless—nine couples—would have a hot meal and a warm bed at the night shelter in The Temple, Atlanta's largest Reform synagogue and one of the oldest members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Other homeless persons would find accommodations at Shearith Israel Synagogue (Conservative) and various other shelters in the city. Not everyone would find a place. Perhaps others would, for reasons of their own, prefer the

shelter of a viaduct.

I had volunteered for "shelter duty" months earlier. In mid-February my turn came. It was Friday evening. For the post-service Oneg Shabbat, elegant pastries were already arranged on silver trays. On the second floor, there was more substantial fare—fried chicken, slaw, a tantalizing vegetable casserole and green peas, all prepared and brought in by volunteers—for the shelter residents.

In addition to the volunteers from The Temple and other Reform congregations, Tony Goodwin, a young Temple member, serves nightly. He said that almost 4,000 meals have been served to 51 couples since November. Tony leaves for work in the morning after the "guests" have breakfasted and leave (operating under citywide regulations, they must leave by 6:30 a.m.) and every night he's back to take charge and make the volunteers' job easy.

When the "shelter" doors were opened at 7:30, the homeless were waiting. Two by two they climbed the steps, nodding greetings to us. They looked tired and mostly dispirited. One headed for the washing machine with a small bundle of clothes, others toward the shower. Several men hurried to the restroom to shave, other to their designated rooms for a few minutes' rest before dinner.

By dinner time, the mood lightened. Several of the men reported that they'd found construction work that day through the labor pool. Others had a clue to possible jobs. I had not expected them to be so young. Most seemed to be in their 20s and 30s.

One woman was concerned because a job she had been offered working the 2 to 10 p.m. shift at a convenience store north of the city would not allow her to get back to the shelter before the doors were locked for the night. "But I want the job so, I guess we'll go back to sleeping in the truck until we can

get a stake to find a place," she said. And she was worried about the cost of gasoline to make a round trip.

I was reluctant to ask them what had brought them to this sad state of affairs. Even so, a conversation with an articulate black man gave some clues. He and his wife had left their North Carolina home after hearing about the "great opportunities" in Atlanta. Foolishly, he says now, they blew their \$600 savings on \$50 a day hotel rooms because they didn't know where else to stay. Even so, they both got jobs and a place to live.

All would have been well, he said, if they both hadn't gotten sick at the same time. They lost their jobs, then the apartment. Now, he says, they're both trying to find work and the shelter gives them a place to sleep in the meantime, even when these people do find work, it takes a while to accumulate enough money for the deposit that accompanies apartment rent.

The program is built around volunteers—those who cook, those who serve and those who contribute funds. Though dozens of volunteers serve the program, there's always room for more. It's a rewarding experience. Edye Scherer must think so. When Esther Rawn, coordinator of volunteers, called her to assign a particular night, she said, "That's my birthday." Then, before Esther could offer to reschedule, she said, "And I can't think of a better way to celebrate it."

Though none of the couples appeared to be derelicts in the way we usually think of "street people," no doubt some who pass through the doors have problems with alcohol or drugs or mental disabilities. As Esther Rawn put it, "Most were born with three stars against them." Tony Goodwin says, "The idea is to help them help themselves."

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## REFLECTIONS ON 37 YEARS OF STATEHOOD

### The Three Surviving Signers of Israel's Declaration of Independence by Zev Golan and Charley J. Levine

(WZPS)—When in the course of human events a diverse group of individuals unites to sign a nation's Declaration of Independence, then assuredly each signer has his own motivations, hopes and expectations. As the reborn State of Israel celebrates its 37th birthday, the three surviving signers of her Declaration of Independence reflect on the events of almost 4 decades ago and wonder how reality has measured up to their dreams.

Dr. Zerach Warhaftig spends much of his time these days studying the Talmudic tomes that line his Jerusalem bookshelves. He authored a volume of his own, reviewing his efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust. A separate book exploring Jewish law as a basis for State Law—after all, he asks, why should a Jewish State base its laws on Turkish or British precedents, as Israel does—is to be published soon.

Warhaftig was chosen by the government-in-the-making to research constitutional law in 1948. His work was used in the preparation of some of the Knesset's Basic Laws but, he admits, "I wanted laws more influenced by Hebrew law. Warhaftig is hardly melancholy, though: "We have a functioning legal system of which we need not

be ashamed, especially for a state constantly at war. We can be proud of the rule of law."

Warhaftig is also proud of his personal achievements in this field. He fought for the independence of Rabbinical courts, for the authority of such courts in family matters, for the Law of Return. "The Law of Return grants all Jews the right to return to Israel. This is a clearly religious law and at the same time a clearly national law."

As he put his signature to the Declaration of Independence in 1948, Warhaftig felt, "It is beginning; the dawn of Redemption." He had arrived in the land of Israel after travelling through the refugee camps of Europe and seeing the wretched conditions of half a million survivors. Warhaftig saw the establishment of a State as "the greatest salvation possible."

Meir Vilner does not share much with Zerach Warhaftig. Vilner does not believe in God nor, he says, does he believe in Zionism. Vilner believes in communism. "But I do believe in something, and there are very few of us in the Knesset who believe passionately in anything." Vilner has been a communist Member of Knesset since the establishment of Israel's Parliament 37 years ago. "I think we represent the true interests of the Jewish people," he says. "We show the way to peace. We were the only ones to vote against the war in Lebanon."

When he signed the Declaration of Independence, Vilner recalls, he

thought Israel would be an independent state. "In fact, I suggested adding the adjective 'Independent' but they refused. I did not want to switch one boss for another, the British for the Americans."

Vilner denies that he is suggesting an alliance with the Soviet Union in place of Israel's current strategic alliance with the United States. "Israel should worry about herself and nothing more. Now, he warns, "we are a target, an American base," if a superpower war should break out. Vilner has, of course, been fighting as a political outsider for most of his years. "The Palestinian people will get their independence, it is only a question of time, it is unavoidable. If we do not change our political stance, the wars and bloodshed will be prolonged."

Vilner says that if it were in his power to act, he would make peace, then develop economic ties with Israel's neighbors and with the world's socialist countries. Most of Israel's expenditures, he explains, are for weaponry. "Israel has the economic and scientific potential, there is no objective reason for an economic crisis or unemployment here."

The Israeli phenomena that please Vilner include agricultural development, political stirrings in underprivileged neighborhoods and a communist party "with strong roots and ties of friendship between democratic Jewish forces and Arabs." But Vilner is still struggling to realize the hopes he had when he added his name to the Declaration. "We supported the establishment of Israel as part of the solution for two nations. The only question was whether there would be two states or a Federation."

"That makes sense, from Vilner's point of view," comments Dr. Haim Rosenblum, another signer and today editor of the daily Hebrew newspaper Yediot Aharonot. "For me—I was not thinking of an Arab state. We barely managed

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Dr. Rosenblum believes that he has been a Zionist from his first moment of consciousness. He supported himself at the 1923 Zionist Congress by taking tickets at the door. By 1925 he was an official delegate. Rosenblum headed the Lithuanian Revisionist Party in the 1920's and worked for many years with Vladimir Jabotinsky. He signed the Declaration as one of the 3 Revisionist representatives.

Rosenblum had to resolve an internal Revisionist debate over whether to join in the signing. "We were against the Partition State, we wanted the whole country, we did not believe a small Partitioned State could survive." Rosenblum argued in favor of signing, declaring that "those who for years were against the establishment of a state were all signing. It would have been an absurdity for us—the only ones who had fought for a State—to withhold our signatures."

Rosenblum says he saw the establishment of the State as a basis for expansion. "The miniature state would have collapsed. But then we were invaded by 7 Arab armies, we won, and we expanded before we ever had to address the issue."

At the moment of signing, the prevalent emotion was a positive one. "We felt we were at an historical event, one that would be remembered in another thousand years."

He realized, though, that this was not a "one time administrative act but an historical process. I was optimistic then and I am optimistic now." Despite the many troubles, "Nothing matters. Things will develop" Rosenblum cites the "big argument" between Jabotinsky and Chaim Weizmann about a Jewish majority in Eretz Israel. Weizman was willing to settle for a Jewish population of 40% while Jabotinsky insisted that 51% was necessary. "Now we have 65%—two thirds, more than Jabotinsky dreamed of. And still the Jews

tremble with fear . . ."

The hands that signed the paper that created a country belonged to men with great vision, specific goals. Warhaftig, Vilner and Rosenblum agree that the many wars Israel has fought have been the greatest obstacle to her development. They also agree that it is inconceivable that Israel's next 37 years will entail much more fighting. With peace, Israel will turn to other goals and the pursuit of other dreams. As for Israel after the first 37 years, Zerach Warhaftig probably speaks for many veteran Zionists in Israel when he says that: "It is less than we expected but more than we hoped."

## JERUSALEM— A REMARKABLE CITY

by Simon Griver

(WZPS)—Throughout the centuries many of the world's great scribes, poets, writers and artists have included images of Jerusalem in their works. At the same time leaders, politicians and other eminent figures have referred to Jerusalem in their speeches. Thus Jerusalem is quite literally a remarkable city, insofar as so many people have felt compelled to remark about it.

A comprehensive collection of such comments about Jerusalem would fill several fat volumes. The following brief selection reflects not only the Holy City's colorful and chequered history but also the romantic esteem, religious ecstasy and Jewish faithfulness that have always been associated with Jerusalem.

Perhaps the most famous praise of Jerusalem was penned back in biblical times in these immortal words from Psalms 137: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cleave

to my mouth if I remember thee not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys."

Of course Jerusalem was also to become sacred to both Christianity and Islam. For the Christians the City was always to have an atmosphere of awe which could not be separated from the crucifixion of Jesus which supposedly had taken place within Jerusalem's walls, as this verse from the New Testament book of Matthew reveals: "O Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent to thee."

As the Jewish people endured centuries of exile, the image of Jerusalem and its centrality within Judaism was faithfully and assiduously adhered to. Much was written in the Talmud about Jerusalem of which this line in the Qiddushin is amongst the most

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famous. "Ten measures of beauty were given the world, nine were taken by Jerusalem and one by all the rest."

While Christian Europe adopted Judaism's ardor for Jerusalem, Christianity did not pine for an exiled return to the Holy City but envisaged Jerusalem as a metaphor for Paradise and strove to rebuild Jerusalem, thus recapturing a past glory in another place and another time. William Blake, the 18th century English poet, captures this fervent dream in the following stanza:

I will not cease from mental flight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep  
in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem,  
In England's green and pleasant  
land.

Islam, too, came to revere Jerusalem and after the Prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven from the Temple Mount the city became known in Arabic as Al Kuds—the holy place. In the words of Mohammed himself, "the dew which descends upon Jerusalem is a remedy for every sickness because it is from the gardens of paradise."

However, while Jerusalem was theoretically sacred to Islam, in practice the city was allowed to decay by its Moslem masters. In particular, during four centuries of Turkish rule commencing in 1516, Jerusalem declined into a crumbling Levantine hilltop village. Visiting Western pilgrims were disappointed when confronted by the sordid reality of a city that once was synonymous with paradise. As Mark Twain wrote in 'Innocents Abroad', "Jerusalem is mournful, dreary and lifeless." A fellow 19th century novelist, Gustave Flaubert was even more derogatory: "Everything in it is rotting," he wrote, "the dead dogs in the streets, the religions in the churches."

But if Jerusalem disappointed itinerant Christians it remained a source of inspiration for Jews despite its squalor. The city had

always retained a Jewish majority and with the birth of modern political Zionism the founding fathers of the planned Jewish State were enchanted by their future capital. In 1917 Judah Leib Magnes stood on Mount Scopus shortly after the British had conquered the city and he recorded the following sentiments: "As you stood on the ridge (of Mount Scopus)," he said, "you seemed to be on the very edge of civilization and realized that the Land of Israel is a meeting place of faith and culture." It was on that very spot that Magnes was to initiate the construction of the Hebrew University.

David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, was characteristically succinct when asserting that Jerusalem must be the capital of the modern Jewish State. "If a land has a soul," he said, "then Jerusalem is the soul of the Land of Israel."

Contemporary Israeli writers like Yehuda Amichai, who has made his home in Jerusalem, have captured in words the historical meaning of the return to Zion:

All the previous generations  
contributed to me  
Piece by piece that I might be built  
here in Jerusalem,  
All at once, like a synagogue or  
poor house,  
It obligates one. My name is the  
name of my donors,  
It obligates one.

Diaspora Jewish writers have been overwhelmed by Jerusalem's atmosphere and aura. As the Canadian born Jewish-American Nobel prize winning novelist Saul Bellow notes in his book 'To Jerusalem and Back': "The air, the very air is thought-nourishing in Jerusalem, the Sages themselves said so. The delicacy of the light also affects me—something intelligible, something metaphysical is communicated by these colors."

Christian authors, too, like the English Catholic Graham Greene are also inspired by Jerusalem. "What is most impressive about

Jerusalem," claimed Greene on a recent visit, "is that the new buildings blend in with the old. The stone underlines the city's continuity."

The fact that all the city's buildings are made of stone can be laid at the door of Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's mayor who introduced a by-law restricting construction from other materials. Indeed the last remark must belong to Kollek who has ruled the city for 20 years, and more than any other person has shaped a flourishing modern capital city that has added a new dimension to the age-old Jewish chant—"Next year in Jerusalem."

For Kollek the foremost task has been to reunite a city that was divided from 1948 to 1967. He has trodden a delicate balance in developing a city that is the capital of the modern Jewish state and home for a Jewish majority and a large Arab minority. Jerusalem is both a symbol of international inspiration and an everyday town for Jew, Christian and Moslem, secular and religious, Eastern and Westerner. "Jerusalem" says Kollek, "represents the fight against racism and the moralities of tolerance. Here in Jerusalem, the heart of Zion itself we practice tolerance and Jew and Arab live in peace together."

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The tragic death of two CBS-TV crew members in Lebanon, like the death of innocents anywhere, is a sad and regrettable event. Yet it must be remembered that they entered an area of armed conflict in which other correspondents have been killed. In so doing, they assumed grave risks that were abundantly clear to them.

One should remember too the context in which these sad events took place. The Israeli troops are withdrawing, ending their occupation of Lebanon, without preconditions and without a reciprocal withdrawal by Syria. yet they are not allowed to leave in peace. In the preceding 24 hours, Israeli forces were the target of 11 different attacks. In the preceding 21 days, 20 Israeli soldiers had been killed and 50 wounded. Contrast this with the 1982 withdrawal from Lebanon of the PLO, which had a multinational force to protect their retreat, a peaceful departure in which Israel scrupulously refrained from taking military action.

Those who choose to enter the midst of armed and fighting men take a fearsome risk. Yet that fact cannot ease the spirit. The words of Golda Meir once again strike a responsive chord within us. "Some day we may be able to forgive the Arabs for killing our sons," Mrs. Meir said. "We will not be able to forgive them for making our sons kill others."

# Tradition in the Kitchen

**With Springtime here at last, some recipes that may be used as desserts or accompaniments to meat courses may be welcome.**

## PEACH SLUSH

2 cups water  
4 green-tea bags

Bring water to boil and brew tea bags for 5 minutes, then add 6 cups water, 1½ cups sugar, 12 oz. can frozen orange juice, 13 oz. can frozen lemonade, and a "fifth" of peach brandy. Freeze 24 hours. To serve: Put a scoop of Slush into a cup, then add 7-Up. (Other flavor of brandy may be substituted.)

## STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

2 pts. fresh strawberries sugared  
1 pt. strawberries pureed  
sliced berries  
3 tbsp. sweet red wine  
¾ cup sugar  
2 egg whites  
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice

dash of salt

Beat egg whites and sugar like a meringue. Toss in sliced berries. Add lemon juice and salt. Start at low speed of mixer and gradually increase speed, mixing for 15 minutes, and add pureed berries, ending at high speed. Mousse will be stiff. Spoon into serving dish and freeze until serving time. Do not thaw. Leftover can be refrozen. Serves 8 to 10.

## BLACK CHERRY MOLD

Dissolve 2 3 oz. pkgs. black cherry jello in 1½ cups hot water. Drain 1 can dark, sweet, pitted cherries, saving juice. Add 1 cup cherry juice to jello. When it begins to jel, add 1 pint sour cream and beat with eggbeater to dissolve particles. Add 1½ cups chopped pecans. Stir in drained cherries. Pour into mold which has been lightly greased and refrigerate.

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Norman S. Pliner exemplifies this brand of estimable leadership. He has demonstrated, in manifest and meritorious ways an unswerving allegiance to the survival of the State of Israel and of parallel concern for the creative continuity of Jewish life in his community. It is timely and appropriate, therefore, during the celebration of Israel's 37th Anniversary year that special recognition be accorded this outstanding individual.

A long-time member of Temple Beth Or, he has served as President for 3 years; Vice-President-Chairman Building Committee, Temple Beth El, Charlotte; and currently serves as President of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, in Clemmons, N.C. where his mother,

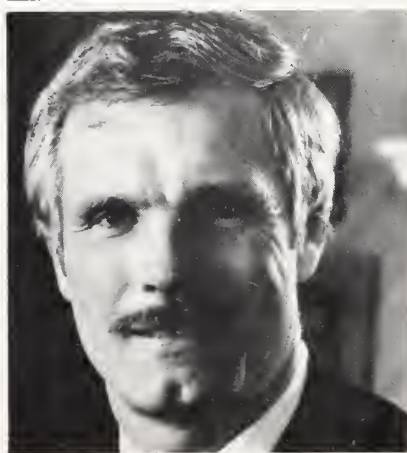
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In all his endeavors, Mr. Pliner enjoys the assistance and encouragement of his devoted wife Rosalyn. The couple takes special pride in their children. Patricia, Judith and Janice and their 2 grandchildren.

When asked why he was helping Israel, he replied, "I have always felt that it was the responsibility of Jewish persons in the U.S., who have any means at all, to provide some portion of their material or mental wealth to the support of Israel."

He has visited Israel and has seen first-hand how an infusion of Israel Bond investment funds have strengthened industry, agriculture and the commerce of the struggling Jewish nation.

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# Book Reviews

## VIEWS AND REVIEWS HERMAN WOUK: OLD GAG-MEN NEVER DIE

by Joseph Cohen

Thirty years ago, on September 5, 1955, Herman Wouk's picture appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine*. His *Marjorie Morningstar* was a unanimous choice for the Book of the Month Club, and his publishers had printed a first run of one hundred thousand copies. *Marjorie Morningstar* soon became a runaway best-seller, following hard on the heels of *The Caine Mutiny* (1951) which had won a Pulitzer Prize and was still grossing millions as a book, a play and a movie. Herman Wouk was sitting on top of the world.

Now, five novels later, including the enormously successful *Winds of War* and *War and Remembrance*, Herman Wouk is still sitting on top of the world. His new novel *Inside, Outside* (Little Brown and Co., \$19.95) is again a Book of the Month Club selection with a gigantic printing and the certainty of grossing more millions.

Since *Inside, Outside* is a memoir of sorts, it is a good time to reflect on this book's relationship to his whole career. In fact, it might be thought of as a case-study in the craftsmanship of Herman Wouk. Among his greatest strengths has been his sense of timing. He always seemed to make the right move at the right moment. Though it was Saul Bellow's *Dangling Man* published in 1944 that heralded the true beginning of the American Jewish literary renaissance, it was *Marjorie Morningstar* that got the credit for that auspicious start. It also crystallized the emerging character and symbol of the Jewish American Princess. *Marjorie Morningstar* was no great shakes as a literary achievement, but because of its timing it had tremendous sociological and

critical significance and so it is well remembered today whereas *Dangling Man* is practically an academic museum piece. Nonetheless it is Saul Bellow who is required reading in the universities where Wouk is hardly ever given a nod.

Wouk is now seventy years old, an age when eminent people write their memoirs. Not content to do an autobiography, Wouk has taken whole globs of his life and cast it into fiction, albeit thinly veneered, and added some inventions which make for some entertaining reading, full of rewarding insights into what Wouk's priorities in subject-matter are, but which leave the reader wondering where the facts end and the fiction begins. Still, the bottom line is that there is a lot of hilarity here coupled with bittersweet nostalgia and a surprisingly bitchy attack on several prominent American Jewish novelists whose characteristics are combined to form a composite of a thoroughly reprehensible writer.

The reprehensible writer is named Peter Quat. ("What's in a name?" the immortal bard asked. Plenty, Wouk intimates, For if you substitute a T for the Q in Quat and put the first name together with the last name what you've got are two colloquial-vulgar terms juxtaposed for male and female genitalia.)—What kind of books does Quat write? Their titles make it pretty clear: *Deflowering Sarah*, *The Smelly Melamed*, and *Onan's Way*. Wouk's protagonist, I. David Goodkind, a topnotch tax attorney, has to spend a lot of time in court defending Quat. Who are the likeliest candidates for the composite? My guess in Norman Mailer, Philip Roth and Joseph Heller, not necessarily in that order. Why the vendetta? Ah, that's for Wouk to answer. My plausible conjecture is that a nagging envy

may underlie the characterization: they're regarded as significant writers, he's merely a popular one. Maybe so, maybe not.

In any case, I would suggest that the best way of approaching *Inside, Outside* is to recognize that it is neither fiction nor autobiography but an elaborate indulgence, a kind of homecoming Wouk is allowing himself, an award for years of faithful if mixed service, giving us a glimpse of a medium-sized Ulysses resting on his laurels, regaling his listeners with tales, jokes, and gibes, reminding us that the foundations of his literary edifice were laid on his early successes as a collegiate musical revue writer and as a radio gag-man for Fred Allen and other famous comedians: After some sobering experiences at war and some maturing, and with a willingness to do some proper research, Wouk found that he could spin an absorbing and compelling multi-peopled tale with the best of them. The proof of this accomplishment is in his war books where he allows himself only minor distractions.

In the other novels, the gag-man has always taken over and dominated the action. Distractions run rampant in *Inside, Outside* with "witty devil-may-care whimsey and shocking looseness all over the place" to pinch a line from *Marjorie Morningstar*. Here the distractions compromise reality morning, noon and night. But it doesn't matter, because the old man is loaded, the party's on him, and, pray God, we should all have a good time, remembering that old gag-men never die, they simply become their most memorable joke.

If you read *Inside, Outside* as a serious novel, you're in for big trouble. Wouk has overwritten all his life and admits to it. He has never imposed any editorial discipline on himself and because of his successes his editors apparently have allowed him his exercise. In using continuous

autobiography, mildly varnished, as straight fiction Wouk precludes the possibility of his novel's having any aesthetic distance, which is to say that, lacking objectivity, it wallows in subjectivity. This accounts for an endless amount of equivocating, advance announcements of what's about to happen, asides to the reader and a lot of folksy schmaltz we could do without.

Then there is that questionable, though hilarious, characterization of Peter Quat and another characterization of the gag-man's boss, a wildy reckless, foul-mouthed wheeler and dealer named Goldhandler whose profanities and obscenities are legion. Though Goodkind says he is "writing for the family trade" and Wouk once solemnly vowed there would be no smut in his books, *Inside*, *Outside* get dirtier and dirtier. Wouk's guilt keeps popping out. At this point it seems at best a little hypocritical and at worst a little boring. Wouk has never known whether he wanted to fish or cut bait so he does both.

My advice is to read his charmingly overwritten book and enjoy it. Just don't take the lovable old gag-man too seriously. After all, how many of us can entertain millions and make millions by indulging ourselves, never even having to decide between fishing and cutting bait?

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**From My Grandmother's Kitchen,** A Sephardic Cookbook by Viviane Alchech Miner, with Linda Krinn, Triad Publishing Co., Inc. 184 pp, paperback, \$8.95.

When Viviane Miner was growing up in Switzerland, she asked her grandmother why the fritadas, bulemas, borekas, and other dishes her family ate were so different from what their neighbors served. She learned that the food

reflected all the places that her ancestors had lived, a lesson that stimulated a growing fascination with her culinary heritage—the infinitely rich and diverse cuisine known as Sephardic.

*From My Grandmother's Kitchen—A Sephardic Cookbook*, by Viviane Alchech with Linda Krinn is a collection of recipes that were developed over centuries as Viviane Miner's family migrated throughout the Balkan peninsula.

Mrs. Miner is a descendant of a long line of Sephardim, Jews of Spanish and Portuguese origin whose ancestors emigrated from Spain in the fifteenth century. Over time, branches of the author's family settled in Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Yugoslavia, and finally, in Geneva, Switzerland, where her maternal grandmother, Oro Sultani, and grandfather, Isaac Benaroya, married and became influential members of a small Sephardic community.

As the author's ancestors moved to each new country, they adapted the indigenous ingredients and dishes in keeping with the Sephardic culinary traditions and dietary laws. The result is a distinctive blend of cuisines with an underlying Spanish influence. Handed down through generations as part of the family's oral history, the Sultani-Benaroya family recipes are collected in writing for the first time in this book.

*Grandmother's Kitchen* includes many recipes that will be new to the American palate. All can be made in a kosher kitchen. There is a distinguishing emphasis on stuffed vegetables, multilayered pastries, and filled breads: reyenados (eggplants, zucchinis, tomatoes and bell peppers stuffed with ground lamb or ground beef), stuffed cabbage, stuffed grape leaves in tomato sauce, borekitas espinaca (spinich turnovers), pastel berenjena (eggplant pie), bulemas (cheese filled coils), nut rolls, Bulgarian filled bread, and borekas (pastries with spinach, eggplant or cheese fillings).

The author, who moved to America at the age of nine, journeyed back to Geneva in 1983 to work on her book. There, with the surviving members of her grandmother's family, she relived the gay and lively approach to cooking that she remembered as a child. Explains Miner, "Everyone always took part, from the youngest to the oldest, and cooking was a privilege rather than a chore. There was never a cookbook in sight. The knowledge was in the fingertips. Had I waited much longer before writing this book, the legacy would surely have been lost."

Along with recipes, *Grandmother's Kitchen* includes the author's recollections of an idyllic childhood amidst her large and gregarious family in Geneva, interesting references to Sephardic domestic traditions, and photographs that conjure up images of a bygone era—of tradition, ceremony and close family ties.

*From My Grandmother's Kitchen* is available from bookstores and from Triad Publishing Company, 1110 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

**The Israel-Arab Reader: A Documentary History of the Middle East Conflict, Fourth Edition**, edited by Walter Laqueur and Barry Rubin, published by Facts on File Inc, 460 Park Ave. S., New York 10016, 399 pp, \$21.95.

The struggle between the Arab states and Israel is a drama of such complexity that most of us can barely keep track of its leading players, let alone understand it from any kind of full perspective.

From the earliest Zionist manifestos of the 1880s to the Lebanon-Israel Truce Agreement of 1983, the book chronologically documents each phase of the conflict in the words of various

heads of state and through official state documents, unofficial letters, and articles by experts in the field of Middle Eastern studies.

Here are the words of every major figure in Middle Eastern politics, brought together into a unified, impartially drawn mosaic. Covering all viewpoints—Israeli, Arab, Palestinian, Egyptian, British, American and Soviet—the book gives readers a fascinating perspective on diverse outlooks such as:

Thoroughly revised, this new edition has been expanded with 38 key documents and statements covering the period from the Camp David accords to the war in Lebanon, by such leaders as Begin, Sadat, Carter, Sharon, Arafat, Reagan, Schultz and Hussein. In addition, the editors provide a selective bibliography, several maps of the region and concise introductions to each of the book's seven sections.

A remarkable collection of documents, statements and commentary, *The Israel-Arab Reader* has been widely hailed by critics for its objective, detailed coverage of Arab/Israeli struggles. Now in its fourth edition, it remains the definitive sourcebook on the conflict in this volatile region.

Walter Laqueur is director of the Institute of Contemporary History and the Wiener Library in London. He is co-editor of the *Journal of Contemporary History* and author of a number of widely acclaimed books, including *Struggle for the Middle East*, *Europe Reborn* and *Confrontation: The Middle East and World Politics*.

Barry Rubin is a senior fellow in Middle East studies at Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies and a professional lecturer at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. He is author of *Paved with Good Intentions: The American Experience and Iran*, *The Arab States and The Palestine Conflict* and *Secrets of State: The State Department in U.S. Foreign Policy*.

**A Book of Hebrew Letters**, by Mark Podwal, Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, 62 pp. \$5.95.

This charming book is an excellent item for a gift. It begins with Mark Podwal's thoughts on the Hebrew alphabet and recalls various legends about the 22 letters.

It continues with a page devoted to each letter, a significant word beginning with that letter, and each has a facing page with a drawing that is sentimental and painstakingly executed. At the end are notes on all of the words selected by the author, containing explanations and interesting references. The artist is the author, who, we are told on a final page, was born in Brooklyn in 1945, and whose drawings have been exhibited in the Louvre and other noted museums. Since political drawings of Mark Podwal occur in the *New York Times* and in numerous publications, it is small wonder that his style seems familiar.

The Ashkenazi square script is easy to recognize. His illustrations embellish *Let My People Go: A Haggadha*, *The Book of Lamentations*, and Freud's *DaVinci*. This quotation from the religion editor of the *New York Times*, Kenneth A. Briggs, says it all: "Mingling symbol, historical reminder, and flashes of social commentary, Mark Podwal has evoked the 'soul' of Judaism. The drawings of his unique *Book of Hebrew Letters* invite the viewer to recall the past and to enter the flow of a living tradition."

**Soloveitchik on Repentance: The Thought and Oral Discourses** by Joseph B. Soloveitchik, edited by Pinchas Peli, Paulist Press/Imprint paper, 320 pp, \$11.95.

"... one of the few works by Soloveitchik that have appeared in print... recommended to libraries

with an interest in religion."

Library Journal

Within a remarkably short span of time, Rabbi Soloveitchik's *On Repentance* has been acclaimed as a major classic of religious literature. The enthusiastic reception of this treatise, which was brilliantly written and edited by Professor Pinchas Peli, attests to the extraordinary impact of Rabbi Soloveitchik's seminal contributions to contemporary Jewish Thought.

What renders Rabbi Soloveitchik's approach so unique as well as so authentically Jewish, is the utilization of Halakhah (Jewish Law) as the matrix for the formation of a religious philosophy. To be sure, traditional Jewish thinkers always emphasized that Judaism revolves around obedience to Halakhah. After all, there is a wide consensus that the Law constitutes the very core of Judaism. Some Jewish as well as non-Jewish thinkers went even further and, following in the footsteps of Spinoza and Moses Mendelssohn, asserted that Judaism was not a religion at all but only revealed Law.

Although the acceptance of the primacy of Halakhah as the supreme normative authority was axiomatic for traditional Jewish philosophies, this did not necessarily lead to the development of systems of thought which reflected the spirit of the Halakhah. As a general rule, philosophy merely co-existed with Halakhah. The paramount goal of Jewish philosophers was the creation of systems which managed to avoid outright conflict with the norms and the beliefs mandated by the Halakhah.

Most Jewish philosophical positions either mirrored the basic outlook of schools of philosophy in vogue (with whatever minor revisions were necessary to make them conform to the dictates of the Halakhah) or were based largely upon the non-legal sources of

Biblical and Rabbinic Judaism.

But it is one thing to construct the philosophy which can be reconciled with Halakhah, and another to produce a philosophy which actually reflects the data, methods and pre-suppositions of the Halakhah itself.

As a renowned authority on Jewish Law—and as an eminent philosopher, *The Rav*—as Rabbi Soloveitchik is referred to by devotees all over the world—is superbly suited for the task of plumbing the depth of Halakhah in order to extract from it a Jewish axiology and metaphysics.

## A WORD ABOUT H.A. WOLFSON

Harry Austryn Wolfson was at Harvard almost his entire life, arriving as a freshman in 1908. Born in Austryn, a village in Lithuania under czarist Russia, he attended Jewish schools, finally at the Slobodke yeshiva, deemed a great place of learning. His father, who was a teacher of Hebrew and Russian, brought his son to New York in 1903. Wolfson entered high school at eighteen. He taught Hebrew to support himself and won a scholarship to Harvard, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1915. He became Nathan Littauer Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy in 1925 and was named Prof. Emeritus in 1958.

Wolfson was a serious student of philosophy, covering philosophies and theologies through Greek and Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Moslem, Christian and the Western philosophers. Some judged him the greatest scholar of the humanities of his time.

He wrote prolifically, striving for perfection, painfully rewriting and always thinking, thinking. During a recuperation from cataract surgery, when he could not do anything, he complained to Abraham Joshua Heschel that all he could do was think. "When you

have nothing to do but think, you always think of the mistakes you've made in your life—all the things you should have done that you didn't do, the things you did that you shouldn't have done . . . I wish I had been sick thirty years ago. I would have been a better man."

He thought of himself as an unobservant Orthodox Jew. Half of his students thought of him as Orthodox, the other half as agnostic. Having jumped from late medieval Jewish culture into the culture of Harvard, he lived alone, surrounded by manuscripts, spending long days in Harvard's Widener Library. Immersed in theories of philosophers, he was lonely even in crowds, although he was in the daily company of colleagues.

Wolfson's life is one of the most important and unusual among those of European born American Jews.

## JEWISH-CATHOLIC DIALOGUE

A second meeting of Rabbis and Roman Catholic Priests of North Carolina was held on April 15 at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Gastonia.

Initiated by an anonymous grant, a first meeting was held in Charlotte on February 4 at Rheinhaus Restaurant, when it was decided to continue the dialogue. On this April 15 occasion, special presentations were given by Rabbi Israel Gerber, Ph.D., of Gastonia, whose talk was on "A Jew's Understanding of Catholicism" and Father Frank Cancro, S.T.B., M.A., of Winston-Salem, who spoke of "A Catholic's Understanding of Judaism." both discussions were frank and delivered from the profound backgrounds of both speakers with

earnest desire for improved understanding and cooperation. Msgr. John Fr. Donaghue, Bishop of the Charlotte Diocese, was a member of the distinguished group. Father Raymond Geyr, O.S.B., Pastor at Saint Michael's, hosted the meeting, providing a meeting room and a hearty luncheon. There was ample opportunity for comment on questions, and dialogue among the participants, all of whom reached beyond this group into the congregations of the Priests and Rabbis. Enlightenment of laymen as to the current position of the Church in its relationship to Jews and education of an increasing number of the public is important in achieving the goal of ending prejudices and misunderstandings on both sides.

Unfortunately, too few people are aware of positive measures that have been taken in the past 50 years in an effort to right wrongs, and the continuing efforts being made at the present time. The good will and improvements made merit encouragement and inevitably contribute to the benefit of Catholics and Jews alike, as well as to the society in which we live.

Everyone present felt that something had been learned and that the experience had been earnest and cordial, and the dialogue is worthwhile and will continue with similar gatherings in the future.

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## MAY 1985

## GOLDBERG SELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF BJH 20th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

President of the Board, Norman Pliner, has appointed Mr. Milton Goldberg of Winston-Salem, NC to be the Chairman of the BJH 20th Anniversary Committee. Goldberg, who is organizing the local events that will take place on Friday and Saturday prior to the Annual Meeting, is assisted in this project by his wife, Vera, and by Miriam Sosnik, Gertrude Brenne, Angela Munitz, Ellis and Ellen Berlin.

Plans are well underway for the gala occasion. In a recent interview, Mr. Goldberg described some of the activities that would lead into the Home's 20th anniversary meeting. On Friday night, October 11, a special Sabbath service will be held at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. Robi Bifeld from Raleigh will lead the service. The Blumenthal Jewish Home will sponsor the Oneg afterwards.

**HOLD THE DATES**  
OCT. 11-12-13, 1985

Saturday's opportunities range from Sabbath services and study groups to golf at the country club. Guests may choose to play bridge, tour Old Salem and the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, visit the Home or relax comfortably at nearby Bermuda Run Country Club.

On Saturday evening, guests will enjoy a cocktail party at Bermuda Run, followed by dinner and dancing. The featured guest for the Annual Meeting will also give a presentation during Saturday night's program.

Mr. Goldberg requested that the name of the keynote speaker for the Annual meeting not yet be released. "It will be," he said, "a real surprise!" He did mention that this famous personality is a

nationally known television and movie star who has "a dynamic and active interest in aging Americans." Readers of *Times Outlook* will just have to remain in suspense for another month or two as we whet your interest in this extravaganza!

Plans for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 13, include the annual business session, brunch at the Home, awards and presentations and the keynote address. The "Cadillac Raffle," sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, will also take place at this time.

Founders and members of the Home during its 20-plus years of history have many things of which to be proud. The quality of life enjoyed by residents of the Home, the beauty of the Home's setting and the attractiveness of its physical plant, the esteem in which the Blumenthal Jewish Home is held nationally — all of

## CELEBRATE! PRACTICE: BEANBAG TOSS

by David Merrell

Aaah! A true North Carolina morning! Feels good to be alive! What have we here outside the Beautiful Blumenthal Home? A group of smiling old ladies sitting pretty in wheelchairs, in fresh dresses and suits, waiting to begin the game of "toss in the beanbag."

The neat, sweet young leader cries out: "All right. The bag is hungry and waiting, the bean is willing, let's begin! Rose, you're first in deference to your age!" Rose throws carelessly and the beanbag lands neatly in the box. "Good throw!" everybody exclaims, except for one lady. "It's not fair. She threw without looking." Rose admits this. "I can't see with these glasses," she says.

"OK." The leader hands the beanbag to the next contestant. She throws and it's wide of the



*Claire Bernstein (Greensboro), Sol Greenberg (Charlotte) and Martha Paley (Miami Beach, Fla.) practice for CELEBRATE!*

target. "It was a good throw, though. Next time aim a little higher." The lady answers, "If I aim a little higher I might go along with the beanbag!" "No, you won't" from the chorus.

The game continues: "Almost in." "Good throw." "Aim it higher." "You aimed too high, try again." The ladies are beginning

to tire and the neat, sweet leader thinks they should be getting ready for lunch.

Ed. note: Mr. Merrell is our "reporter on the scene" as residents practice their skills for CELEBRATE! Come with us to the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds on May 16 to cheer our residents on to victory and the CELEBRATE trophy!

## BJH HELPS PLAN ALZHEIMER RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

Members of the BJH staff have been instrumental in helping to develop a new program for helping families who care for Alzheimer victims at home. The program, a volunteer respite caregiver plan, will train volunteers who will then be placed in Alzheimer homes to provide temporary relief for primary caregivers.

The stress of caring for a person who has memory loss of the Alzheimer type has been likened to "a 36-hour day." Families seldom are able to get out to visit friends, shop, or enjoy recreational activities. They become

isolated, and usually display many more symptoms of stress than the public in general.

The volunteer respite program will begin in May, with 12 hours of training offered in 4 weekly sessions. Jan Sawyer, Director of Community Programming, will be assisting in this training process.

The Respite Care Program has been a community effort based on the support of 4 other groups: the Forsyth County Council for Older Adults, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Catholic Social Services, the Forsyth County Health Department, and the Forsyth County Alzheimer Support Group.

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HELP US WITH CELEBRATE!  
LONG-TERM CARE  
OLYMPICS MAY 16, 1985!  
Please call the Recreation  
Department (919-766-6400  
for more details.**

*Goldberg Selected, cont.*

these things and more are now a legacy to be passed on to new members and sponsors.

We encourage you to join with us in the celebration of twenty exciting years! Readers will be receiving invitations to the 20th Anniversary Celebration. Cost for the entire weekend (including lodging) is \$60.00 per person. Watch your mail and coming issues of the *American Jewish Times Outlook* for more information.

## PLEASE TELL ME

Ruth Wharton  
Missions Coordinator



### When I become a Resident of the Home, may I leave for a visit for a few days?

Yes, we encourage leave of absences. We ask that you have a doctor's permission, and for those Residents on Medicaid it is advisable to check on any special regulations.

### What is the policy regarding a Resident's liability when a Resident is admitted to the hospital?

In order to hold a bed for a Resident, we require payment to continue. For those on Medicaid, we ask the families to make financial arrangements with the Home.

### Are there telephones in the rooms?

Residents may have phones if they wish. The phone company will install and maintain a phone just as in your home. The arrangement is strictly between the Resident/Family and the phone company. Jacks were recently installed in all rooms.

### May Residents have TV's?

Residents may have their own TV's in their room. There are also TV's belonging to the Jewish Home in various lounges and solariums throughout the Home.



Ruth LaPan (King) and her grandson, Will

## CLEMMONS METHODIST CHURCH CHILDREN PERFORM "THE STORY OF JOSEPH"

Grade school children from Clemmons Methodist Church, under the direction of Gail Rose, brought an elaborate set and beautiful hand-made puppets to the Home when performing "The Story of Joseph." The children had made the puppets out of papier mache, and costumed them in authentic-looking garb for the tale of Joseph's coat of many colors.

Residents enjoyed the play, and particularly liked visiting with the children and seeing their puppets after the performance. Will and Christopher, grandsons of Ruth Lapan, were among the puppeteers.

## IN MEMORY OF:

We mourn the loss of Alfred Pace and Zlata Wasserman. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Ben Eldridge  
Emilie Froehlich  
Rose Harfenist  
Priscilla Lacy  
Rose Leibowitz  
Gertrude Ornstein  
Anna Passman  
Mayer Schulman  
Sylvia Silbert  
Douglas Vaughn  
Mary Zalburg

## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy and healthy life:

Blanche Zimmerman  
Lexington, NC  
Anna Spendiff  
Clemmons, NC  
Ione Mann  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Mary Barbieri  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Lucille Handler  
Durham, NC  
Helen Fisher  
Winston-Salem, NC

## FOCUS ON A RESIDENT: JOHN STEMPER

by Judy Bowden, RT

A familiar name and face to A Wing residents and staff is John Stemper. John was born in Lugos, Hungary on June 29, 1905. He came to the United States with his parents, three brothers and one sister in 1912, when they settled in Philadelphia. When he was 14 years old, John started working. He attended night school, taking courses in bookkeeping and typing, in order to receive his high school diploma.

In 1924 John met his future wife, Anna McCauley, at a country club in Pennsylvania. Anna worked for Bell Telephone of PA. John had worked for the same company before taking a job with the Philadelphia Electric Company. During their conversation, John and Anna realized they had talked to each other over the phone while working for the telephone company. Anna and John were married on Sept. 3, 1929.



*John Stemper*

John worked with the Philadelphia Electric Company from 1925 to 1971, when he retired. He says that he has always been interested in electricity. By reading, studying and teaching himself about this subject he was able to make it his career.

John and Anna have one son, John Stemper III, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and is employed by Douglas Battery in Winston-Salem. His wife, Gail, graduated from William and Mary, and is employed by Clemmons Elementary School.

John and Anna have five grandchildren, and are proud to announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Andrea, in March of this year.

John's past hobbies included woodwork and remodeling his home. He takes pride in being able to speak four languages – English, German, Hungarian, and Romanian. Here at the Home he spends most of his time in the Craft Shop, painting and working in pottery. He is active in volunteer work through RSVP, and enjoys being involved and busy.

John has added a whole new spirit to A Wing, with his ideas, opinions and solutions. John Stemper, BJH salutes you!

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during March, 1985.

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## CALENDAR FOR MAY

- May 1  
Ring in the bells for Older Americans Month
- May 3  
Outreach Movie, 10:00 am
- May 7  
\*Out to breakfast, 7:45 am
- May 12  
Brenner Concert:  
Double bass and Piano,  
3:00 pm
- May 13  
SECCA Art Program,  
3:30 pm
- May 14  
\*Clemmons Senior Citizens' lunch, leave BJH at 9:45 am  
3:00 Fiddler on the Roof — excerpts W-S Little Theatre
- May 16  
CELEBRATE! Leave BJH at 9:30 am
- May 17  
\*Outing, 2:00 pm
- May 19  
Young Salem Symphony,  
3:30 pm
- May 21  
\*Out to lunch, leave at 11:00 am
- May 26  
Shabuoth Services,  
9:30 am
- May 27  
Shabuoth – Yiskor;  
Memorial Day
- May 29  
Birthday Parties, 2:00 pm  
\*off-campus activities
- Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the month of May.

## EJH SPONSORS WORKSHOP

Suzanne Perket, OTR, from Elina, Minnesota, was the Home's guest consultant at a recent workshop entitled "Back to the Table." Ms. Perket, a specialist in positioning and adaptive equipment, presented a formal lecture as well as on-site demonstrations. Over 45 participants from other nursing homes across the state attended the workshop in March.

Mealtimes present particular problems for residents in long-term care settings. If the resident is in a wheelchair, difficulties with table height, accessibility of utensils and food, and physical comfort are all issues which must be addressed. The more physical and mental impairments a resident has, the more difficult it is to make dining an enjoyable and self-sufficient process.

Ms. Perket offered a number of suggestions concerning chair design, methods of seating and types of utensils that might be



*Sue Perket, OTR, assists Lisa Rosenfeld (Charlotte)*

helpful to residents with different types of physical needs. She stressed the point that true "dining programs" take up to three years to successfully implement in the home.

Staff members and visitors who attended the workshop were enthusiastic about her presentation and have begun methods for improving their facilities' mealtime program.

## RESPIRE CARE: AN ONGOING PROGRAM

The word "respite" means an interval of temporary relief or rest, as from work or duty: a reprieve. Although community support systems are being designed to help older people live in the community, thus delaying or preventing institutionalization, the Blumenthal Jewish Home recognizes that much of the primary support for these individuals still resides in the family. Often the family needs help in providing the care needed to keep the older person in the community.

Since this is so often the case, the Home has designed a ser-

vice to address the needs of the community-based older person and his or her family. This Respite Service is meant to provide the older adult and his primary care-provider a break from each other. The older adult lives at the Home for a specified period of time (for example, a week or more), while the person who usually provides the primary care has a respite from caretaking responsibilities for pleasure or business.

While at the Home, the Respite resident is able to take advantage of the same services available to regular residents.

Such services include twenty-four hour nursing service, house-keeping and laundry services, physical therapy, recreational therapy, social services, beauty/barber shop, and others. The Respite resident is encouraged to become a part of the mainstream of the Home, participating in Home activities as much as he or she would like. The Respite resident and his care-provider may request some evaluations, such as physical therapy, while at the Home. The results of such evaluations are made available to the residents and family at the time of discharge.

## FOCUS ON THE STAFF —

Sharon Smitherman

Congratulations are in store for Sharon Smitherman of the Dietary Department. Last month she received word that she'd been accepted into the pre-med program at East Carolina University. It has not been easy to balance a load of difficult academic courses and rigorous work at the Home, but Sharon has been able to manage both to her credit! A typical day for her begins around 5:00 am, and ends around midnight or 1:00 am the next morning. "I'm learning to do with about 4 hours of sleep a night," she said with a grin.

A senior at West Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem, Sharon has worked at the Home for almost two years. She says, "You name it, I've done it!" when asked what her major responsibilities were. "The most enjoyable thing, I think, is the celebration of the holidays. It's hard work, but we can give something to these people that they'd normally have at home."

Helen Bumgardner, Director of Dietetics and Sharon's supervisor, has been an important influence during her years at the Home. "It's people like 'Mrs. B' and Mr. Mendlovitz and so many others who give so much of their time — they're willing to go the extra mile for the people who live here. You can feel how involved they are — it's in the atmosphere — and that's why the Jewish Home is such a great place," Sharon remarked.

Although she knew she wanted to go into medicine, it was only after working at the Home that Sharon decided geriatric medicine would be her career goal.



Sharon Smitherman

"I've really enjoyed working here," she said when asked what she'd like to tell readers of *Times Outlook*. "These people are the most fascinating people I've ever met — each special and unique."

Sharon herself is special and unique, and the Home has been fortunate to have her as a part of the family!

(Ed. note: Sharon and her parents George and Hilda Smitherman, live in Pfafftown, NC).

### *Respite Care, cont.*

The Blumenthal Jewish Home's Respite service is designed to provide a safe environment for the Respite resident while addressing his individualized needs. It is meant to provide the care-provider with an opportunity to have time off from care-taking responsibilities, feeling comfortable that the needs of the older person are being properly addressed.

Any older person, Jewish or non-Jewish, who feels a need for this Respite service is eligible to apply. For more information concerning the BJH Respite Service, its costs, and other details, please contact Ruth Wharton (919) 766-6401.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These staff members celebrate employment anniversaries in May.

### 1 YEAR

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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



At the Seder: Faye Moss (N. Miami Beach) with her son Mark Lowell and daughter-in-law Jane.



Michael Andron, who led the Seders, with Lillian, Benjamin and Hortie.



Students from West Forsyth High School shared their Variety Show with residents.



Kendra Martin, RN, spoke for the Diabetes Association during Rock & Roll Week. Here she visits with Rose Waggar (High Point).



George Ende (Greensboro) and Edna Blevins, Director of Social Services, listen to a presentation during Newcomers Club.



Ed Dwiel (Denver, NC) visits with children and puppets from Clemmons Methodist Church.

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Dr. Robert Chazan, a graduate of Columbia College in 1958, recipient of his M.H.L. and S'micha as Rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1962, his M.A. in 1963 from Columbia University and also his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1967. Pursuing an extensive study course in the history of the Jewish people, Dr. Chazan held the positions as Instructor, Ass't Professor and Melton Professor of Jewish History at Ohio State University. Professor of Jewish History, Tel-Aviv University 1980-81, and since 1981, Professor of History, Queens College. He also serves as Director, Center For Jewish Studies, Queens College.

His many academic honors have consisted of fellowships from the Woodrow Wilson and Danforth fellowships, Herbert Lehman Fellowship from the Jewish Theological Seminary (1959) and grants from the Ohio State University Faculty, and American Council of Learned Studies Grant (1970). Also Fellow of Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University (1977-78). As authority on Medieval Jewish History, he has authored *Medieval Jewry in Northern France*, *Medieval Jewish Life; Church, State and Jew in the Middle Ages*, and *Modern Jewish History: A Source Reader*. Also editor of the *AJS review* . . .

#### LECTURE TOPICS:

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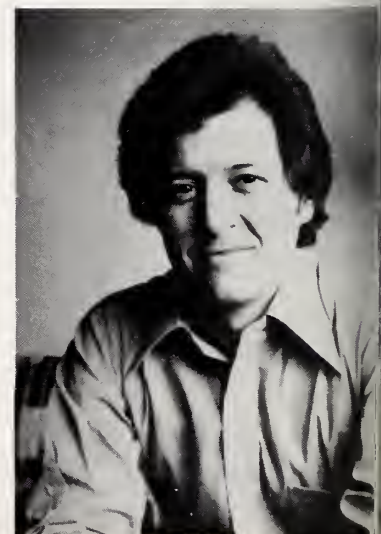
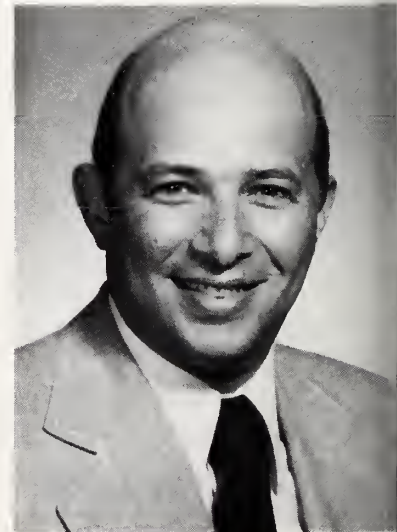
#### EGON MAYER

Egon Mayer is Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College and President of the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry. Dr. Mayer is author of numerous articles and research reports, and serves as consultant to several national and local Jewish organizations. He is also the author of a book on the Orthodox and Hasidic communities of Boro Park, called *From Suburb to Shtetl*, published by Temple University Press in 1979. Dr. Mayer has written and lectured extensively throughout the American Jewish community on various aspects of Jewish social life, the FAMILY, the changing nature of Jewish identity, and the challenges of communal organization.

Born in Switzerland and raised in Budapest, Hungary, Egon Mayer emigrated with his family to the United States during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, and settled in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn, where he was educated in yeshiva elementary and high school. He received his B.A. from Brooklyn College in 1967, his M.A. degree from the New School for Social Research in 1970, and his Ph.D. degree in Sociology from Rutgers University in 1975.

#### LECTURE TOPICS:

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## HERE IS THE PROBLEM

For at least a generation we have been aware of a serious concern for the future of OUR PEOPLE! As the Jewish world of our grandparents sinks further into the past, Judaism becomes less and less a part of the present. We are the bearers of an ancient and marvelous culture . . . the oldest surviving culture, a culture that has held high the eternal banners of moral and ethical ideals through centuries of prosperity and persecution. Today, in an era of unequalled freedom and opportunity, we have become increasingly unaware of the vital importance of these values to our very survival as heirs of our ancient/modern civilization.

Recently I reread an essay, parts of which I would like to share with you. It was written by Dr. Hyman Chanover for the National Council of Jewish Women.

“Jewish education is unanimously identified as the key to the cultural and spiritual preservation of the American Jewish community. It does not take extensive knowledge of the American Jewish scene to recognize that the problems of Jewish life have begun to assume crisis dimensions. An alarmingly increasing rate of intermarriage, large scale alienation of college youth from traditional Jewish values and institutions, and gradual breakdown of Jewish family life, the startlingly large proportion of graduates of the Jewish educational system who harbor strong negative feelings toward the programs they have been exposed to—these are all causes for grave concern . . . given present circumstances, much of the hope for a vibrant self-aware Jewish community and a reinvigorated Jewish life must have its basis in the school . . . There has to be greater receptivity to **new and challenging educational ideas** . . . (we must) provide the teacher with back-up services-visual aids, electronic equipment, materials specialists—that are becoming commonplace in general education.”

This is just a small sample of many, many articles and books concerned with this critical problem.

## HELP CAJE SOLVE THE PROBLEM

We have an opportunity in North Carolina. Fortunately we have people who are concerned. Through the commitment of Mr. Herman Blumenthal and the Blumenthal Foundation, the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men created CAJE, The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, whose purpose it is to encourage and support the development of a Jewish educational network offering assistance, to whatever degree desired, to

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every Jewish Community, from the largest to the tiniest, in a meaningful program of Jewish Education.

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We have established our first RESOURCE CENTER in Charlotte with future plans for other cities. The Center contains the best in materials, printed, audio visual and computer software. This, together with our equipment and the expertise of Rabbi Robert A. Seigel and Lisa Vernon, staff consultant, is available to every Jewish community in the State. Just call 704-366-5560 for help.

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## A SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR HERMAN BLUMENTHAL



by Estelle Hoffman

Amidst a light rainfall, Charlotte was beautiful with flowering magnolias and clematis blooms as we drove to the Adams Mark Hotel on May 9 to attend the Awards Banquet of the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS. We came down from Wildacres to join approximately 400 people who gathered for this celebration of outstanding citizens. Honored with the NCCJ Silver Medallion award this year are Kitty Huffman, former Executive Director of Charlotte's NCCJ, and Herman Blumenthal. Also honored, posthumously, were Margaret McMillan, Kelly Alexander Sr., and William Barnhart. Herman Blumenthal is publisher of the American Jewish Times Outlook, and he is a great deal more.

We write little of Herman Blumenthal in this publication, but this most recent award calls for our recognition, especially for readers who may be new in our area. In speaking of him at the Banquet, John Belk described him as "a quiet giant." We might have chosen, "a gentle force."

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Herman Blumenthal came to

Charlotte at the end of World War II, having been discharged from the U.S. Army with rank of Captain. He joined his brother I.D. Blumenthal in the operation of Radiator Specialty Company, and in the many good works they were to continue to perform. Herman became an industrialist who sets high standards of ethics in business. He practices what he preaches, not only contributing seed grants for hire-the-handicapped program, but indeed in hiring many handicapped persons.

As a philanthropist, the Blumenthal name appears on almost any list of patrons or benefactors in our area, either as an individual or through the Blumenthal Foundation. Deserving projects too numerous to name are thus endowed. They include institutions cultural and educational, civic and ecumenical, and a vast miscellany ranging from improvement of health services to being a special friend to the North Carolina Zoological Society. He is the leading spirit of the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, NC and of Wildacres Retreat at Little Switzerland.

He was exceptionally acclaimed as Life President of Temple Beth El in Charlotte. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Cuthbert E. Allen Ecumenical Award. He has been a visionary leader in the Jewish Community of Charlotte and the State of North Carolina, and served as first President of the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community which is currently being constructed.

More unusual than the contributions and endowments are the ideas, which in the tradition of the Blumenthal family, have not only aided, but have created many extraordinary facilities and advantages for our society. Herman Blumenthal is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather

in a family with mutual interests and goals. Anita and their sons Alan, Philip, and Samuel furnish strong support, as do also countless friends and admirers, and other members of the Blumenthal family.

He is always approachable and finds time for everyone and everything. John Belk stated appropriately, "He believes in people's reasoning together to solve common problems." Dennis Rash, co-chairman of the NCCJ Banquet with his wife Betty Chafin Rash, said, "Day to day frustrations make us wonder if one person can make a difference. We believe one can." Obviously, such a man is Herman Blumenthal.

"We tend to become like the people we associate with," according to Speaker Jeff Mullins at the Banquet. All we can do is try.

**A MAN DESERVES THE  
HIGHEST HONORS WHO  
DOES NOT ASK FOR  
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WORTHY DEEDS.**

# Kibbitzing-Community News



*Beth Linderman, new president, Meryle Elko and Linda Binnick.*

## **CHARLOTTE, NC B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN**

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte BBW held their Installation of officers at Jonathans in the Spirit Square area uptown on April 3, 1985 at 11:30 a.m.

Our steering committee president, Meryle Elko welcomed everyone present. Our opening ceremony was led by Vicki Hopkins lighting the BBW seven branch menorah.

Lorrie Barman gave the invocation and said the Motsey. We then took partook and enjoyed a lovely gourmet vegetable luncheon.

Our steering committee Beth Linderman and Meryle Elko gave their outgoing officers' address mentioning all that was accomplished this past year. We gained 31 new member, we had social and educational programs at our meetings and tried to involve all BBW members, the wonderful work done on the community calendar, gift wrap, personal giving campaign, Community Volunteer

Services, Special Olympics, Amblyopia screening, Arosa House picnic and Thanksgiving dinner, Children's Miracle Telethon, Pumpkins for Pediatrics at Halloween to the hospitals, Birthday cakes to the Alexander Home for orphaned children, Anti-Defamation League books to the schools to alert teachers when the



*Some of the new officers present. Toby Silber, Mickey Waldman, Shirley Tytleon, Susan Coen, Lisa Hibshman and Beth Linderman.*

Jewish Holidays are held and r to hold exams, and athletic gam on these days, eyeglasses needy people, sick loan che Coalition for choice, help on Isra Independence Day, Dolls Democracy, etc. etc.

Linda Binnick, our pat president, installed the n officers for 1985-86. Meryle Elko, President; Vice Presidents: Judy Miller, Community Volunteer Service, Cheryl Simons, Fund Raising, Lisa Hibshman, Membership, Susan Coen, Communications, Beth Linderman, Programming, Shirley Tytelson, Treasurer, Mickey Waldman, Financial Secretary, Toby Silber, Correspondence Secretary, Jody Pini, Recording Secretary, Linda Binnick, Counselor.

Betty Jaffe honored us with e benediction. It was indeed a lovely Installation that day enjoyed by all the members and guests who attended.

## CHARLOTTE, NC

Charlotte's Mayor Harvey B. Gantt is one of the mayors of 13 American cities, one of 27 cities in North America, South America, and Europe to participate in the sixth annual Jerusalem Conference of Mayors April 19 to May 4. The meeting in Jerusalem is jointly sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies.

The theme of the Conference is "Today's Needs and Tomorrow's Vision: Continuity and Change in the Life of the City." Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem will be host. Jerusalem is the permanent site of the Mayors' Conference, because it is a culturally pluralistic city with a diverse and heterogeneous population. "It shares with many other cities common problems in dealing with the needs of different population groups," and Barry Yaker, vice president of A J Congress and chairman of the Committee on the Jerusalem Conference of Mayors.

Besides sessions on population issues, growth, planning, preservation of historical sites, and innovations in transportation, the mayors will have some field trips. Other matters of common interest will be discussed as the sessions continue. Israeli President Chaim Herzog will host a reception for the delegation, who will visit the Knesset and Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to those murdered in the Holocaust.

Other receptions by Israeli government officials will be held.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., of Charleston, S.C. will lead the American delegation. We hope to have a report from Mayor Harvey Gantt on his experience.

In celebration of Israel Independence Day, the Jewish Community Center Federation, and B'nai B'rith Men presented "Galgalim" featuring Brynie and Moshe Zorman at Temple Beth El on Wednesday, April 24, at 8 PM.

Galgalim blends both music and theatre in a musical trip of Israel. The multi-media presentation uses life size puppets and film clips of Israel to enhance the visual richness of the show. It was perfect for the entire family.

The Jewish Community Center of Charlotte held an Open House at the Idlewild Olympic Club Pool on Sunday, April 21. The Idlewild Olympic Club will be the Home for all JCC swimmers and sunbathers this summer.

"Imagination Tour" of the new Jewish Community Center has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 2. The JCC Annual Meeting and Installation took place on May 13.

Lubavitch of North Carolina in Charlotte has a children's Day Camp for June. The camp provides itself on the lively atmosphere provided for its campers, in which safety and responsibility are top priorities. The camp offers a dynamic program of dramatics, and more. Door to door transportation is available. Camp dates are June 10 to 21, Monday to Friday; ages 3-5 and 6-12. For information on Gan Israel Day Camp, call 366-3984.

## TEMPLE BETH EL

by Roland Heller

Temple Beth El acted as hosts for the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth's Spring Conclave on April 26-28. Between 175-200 youths attended from three states and the District of Columbia. Lodging was provided by 45 Temple Beth El member families. Maureen Liss and Nancy Polk were the co-chairpeople, guided by Lisa Vernon, educational director. Maureen is also the BETY (Beth El Temple Youth) president. The guests were addressed by Rabbi Sara Perman of Baltimore at the regular Friday evening worship service.

Temple Beth El was a co-sponsor of a special Holocaust

Memorial Service held at the Unitarian Church of Charlotte. Rabbi Krantzler, who organized the interfaith service in commemoration of Holocaust victims, read a prayer and led responses in the moving program, in which several denominations participated. Don Rogers, Temple organist, furnished the accompaniment for the stirring musical portions of the program.

On May 18, Rachel Tova Diaz was named at the Sabbath Morning Worship Service. She is the daughter of Tomas and Myra Diaz and the granddaughter of Clarice and Harold Breitman. Earlier, in April, the Saturday Worship Service was the setting for the installation of the new Sisterhood Board.

The annual congregational meeting of the Temple was held on Sunday, May 19. The following members of the Temple Board of Directors were elected and installed:

Sally Schrader, President; Bennett Lyons, Vice-President, Finance; Ethel Gordon, Vice-President, Membership; Richard Klein, Vice-President, Education and Religion; Howard Neumann, Vice-President, Building; Betty Rosenbaum, Financial Secretary; Iris Friedlander, Recording Secretary; Joel Cohen, Treasurer; Allen Gordon, Mark Perlin, Bob Conn, Herman Blumenthal, Judy Edlein, Mark Katz, Jane Heller, Roland Heller, Michael Yaffe, Kay Yaffe, William Grifenhagen, James Montag, Vicki Neumann, Bob Zipp. Lee Diamond, Vicki Hopkins, Bob Salvin, Sam Zimmern, Alan Blumenthal, Floyd Patten, Mark Barkan, Stephen Coen, Joe Freiberg, Erick Sandor, Philip Joffe.

Congratulations and Mazel Tov on the recent Bar/Bat Mitzvahs of Jillian Marcus, Lorin Silverman and Peter Freedman.

## TEMPLE BETH EL HOSTS REGIONAL YOUTH CONCLAVE

For the weekend of April 26-28, Temple Beth El was taken over by 200 MAFTYites and their advisors. What is a MAFTYitie? a member of the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth, a Reform Jewish youth organization that encompasses Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia.

Temple Beth El's youth group, BETY (Beth El Temple Youth) hosted this annual spring event under the outstanding leadership of Maureen Liss of Tega Cay, SC and Nancy Polk of Charlotte. The weekend encompassed election of officers for 1985-86, meetings, religious services, dinners and social events. New friendships were formed and old ones renewed.

The weekend was a success not only for the young people but also for the 50-plus volunteers who housed these enthusiastic teenagers. "The kids were wonderful," one volunteer offered. "It was a pleasure having such polite, enthusiastic young people in our home." Temple custodian Thelma Thacker, who oversaw meal preparation and cleanup at the Temple added, "I give them an A-plus-plus."

The high point of MAFTY conclave was the election of officers to represent MAFTY's more than 500 members in the Mid-Atlantic states. Among the nine officers selected was Temple Beth El's Nancy Polk, chosen as Southern Region Vice-President.

## TEMPLE ISRAEL

On Israel Independence Day, May 5, a breakfast was held commemorating Israel's 37th anniversary at Temple Israel.

Holocaust Memorial services were held Sunday, April 21, at Holocaust Square. At 12:15 PM the keynote speaker was Dr. Stephen Fishman of UNCC, a member of Temple Israel. At 7:30 PM an Interfaith Service was held at the Unitarian Church of Charlotte. The speaker was Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz. Seven congregations of Charlotte participated.

Couples Club of Temple Israel enjoyed a social evening with games and refreshments in the ID Blumenthal Hall on May 4.

A special service and oneg shabbat will be held on June 28 to honor Rabbi Rocklin after 16 years of dedicated service. Co-chairmen are Marvin Barman and Al Rousso.

Temple Israel Sisterhood is installing its new officers on May 8 at its luncheon meeting.

Stephen Schneider, son of Lois and George Schneider celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on April 19 and 20. He is the grandson of Fred and Lee Lewin of Hendersonville. Andy Fligel, son of Stuart and Ellen Fligel, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah April 26 and 27.

Hazzan Frank Birnbaum from Temple Israel was among the 11 Cantors to be installed as honorary fellows of the Cantors Institute at a special convocation of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The exercises which were held at Grossinger's New York was in conjunction with the annual convention there of the Cantors Assembly, a professional association of Cantors of hazzanim serving Conservative congregations.

The Cantors Institute has installed honorary fellows on several occasions during its 33 years. The distinction is reserved for men who have been serving congregations as Cantors for 25

years or more, and who have made significant contributions to the field of Jewish music.

The proposed slate of officers selected by the nominating committee of Temple Israel for the coming fiscal year is: President, William Ashendorf; 1st Vice President, Dr. Sanford Benjamin; 2nd Vice President, Judi Strause; Secretary, Barnett Weinstock; Treasurer-Administration, Fred Bergen; Treasurer-Finance, Jerry Segal. Election will be held at the annual meeting of the Congregation June 2.

Confirmation Services were held Friday evening, May 24. The graduate class included David Asrael, Suzanne Bograd, David Brenner, Laurie Goldman, Joseph Labovitz, Julie Lerner, Karl Leventhal, Dalya Massachi, David Posnanski, Daniel Shmikler, Joel Strause, Alison Tepper, and Jonathan Levine.

Temple Israel Young Couples Club had a May Fest Family Outing on Sunday, May 19, at Pineville Lakeside Park. A party for new members will be held on June 21. "Sun at the Dunns," a Lee and Norman party.

Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Darholt on the engagement of their son Mark to Rhonda Halleman of San Antonio, Texas.

New members of the National Honor Society are Jay Ashendorf, son of William and Linda; Alyce Bernhardt, daughter of Bob and Barbara; Becky Cohen, daughter of Jerry and Lynn; Aleisa Fishman, daughter of Dr. Stephen and Bryna Fishman; Matthew Kodsi, son of Joe and Marilee; and Mark Lewis, son of Betsy Lewis and Howard Lewis.

## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

by Marcia Lampert

Members of Temple Beth Shalom held their biggest fundraising event to date the Springfest '85 in uptown Charlotte. The Temple flew in bagles, lox, creamcheese, cheesecake and pickles from New York City. Members of the congregation volunteered to work in the booth. It was quite an experience introducing these items to the Charlotte community. A good time was had by all!

June 1985 Calendar

June 2nd, at 7:00 P.M.

Adult Education

June 7th, at 8:15 P.M.

Shabbat Service

June 9th, at 2:00 P.M.

Congregational Meeting

## COLUMBIA, SC TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION

by Ruth Bazerman

On Saturday night, April 6, 1985, over 150 guests joined at the annual Seder held by the Tree of Life Congregation. Rabbi Howard Kosovske led the reading of the Haggadah. Jeffrey Blank and Adam Schwartzman asked the "four questions" and Zachary Bazerman sang "Echad Mi Yadeyach" and the guests joined in with special rendition of the song led by Rabbi Kosovske. The annual Seder and dinner was chaired by Ruth Bazerman.

A joint Special Memorial Service for the Victims of the Nazi Holocaust chaired by Henry Goldberg was held on Thursday evening, April 18th at Beth Shalom Synagogue. Henry Ray Wengrow, The Synagogue president welcomed all.

An opening prayer was given by Rabbi Kosovske of the Tree of Life Congregation. Eleanor Niestat, Community Relations Council Chairman then read "The Last Will and Testament of Yosel Rakover."

An original monologue was given by Jolie Kosovske.

His Excellency Richard W. Riley read a Proclamation, and a most moving response was given by Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Whitehead of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

"I Am A Jew" was read by all attending and was followed by a solemn candlelighting ceremony by the grandchildren of the holocaust victims. They were: Henry Goldberg, Karl Goldberg, Henry Miller, Norman Goldberg, Billy Stern, Rose Shames, and Esther Greenberg.

Ben Stern chanted "El Moley Rachamim" followed by Rabbi Kosovske leading the Memorial Kaddish. The program concluded with a rendition of "Ani Ma'Amin" which was sung by Dorothy Eisenstadt and the Benediction given by Rabbi Kosovske.

On Sunday, April 21st the Jewish Community Center held a joint "Walk for Israel" for the Jewish community of Columbia and their friends. Rabbi Howard Kosovske gave the opening prayer and Hillel Salomon, President of the Jewish Federation of Columbia gave a welcoming address.

At the sound of the shofars blown by Rabbi Kosovske, Kevin Rast, Scott Rast and Daniel Weinbaum, hundreds of blue and white balloons were released and the walk started, led by the children of Tree of Life Congregation and Beth Shalom Synagogue Religious Schools.

The Program was concluded with a luncheon and show. The chairmen of the day were Mackie and Ronnie Firetag.

June Rubin, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Hyman Rubin Sr. was married at Tree of Life Congregation on Sunday, April 28th to Steven Nathan of Aiken, South Carolina.

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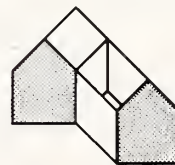
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## WILMINGTON, NC

by Rebecca R. Winter

A number of young people from the Wilmington Jewish community are graduating from high school this June, as follows: Kim Heinberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Heinberg; Rachel Levy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Levy; Mark Lipman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lipman; Marcia Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartz; and Sami Winter, daughter of Mr. Walter Winter.

Rachel is a National Merit Finalist. Sami won John M. Morehead Foundation Scholarship Award at UNC-Chapel Hill, a General Electric Foundation Star Award and she was named a Cornell University National Scholar.

We wish all these students much success in their chosen fields of study.

B'nai Israel Congregation held its general congregation meeting on Sunday, April 28.

Camp B'nai Israel Day Camp will operate from June 17 to 21.

Israeli Dancing with Doris Levy celebrated Israel's Independence Day on April 28. On May 3, the Culture Club discussed the topic of Holocaust and the Rebirth of the State of Israel. A Mother's Day Bagel and Lox Sale was offered. At the Friday Service on May 17 there was a Celebration of Torah.

An audience of Chinese, Koreans, Africans, Germans, and Americans heard a selection titled "Song of the Concentration Camp" at the World Bank auditorium in Wilmington. The concert was given by Manuel Zymelman, a cantor from Argentina.

## HIGH POINT

by Estelle Levine

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Allan Ginsburg upon the birth of their granddaughter and to the proud grand-parents, Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Ginsburg.

Mrs. Ethylene Gollome Friedman

of 1130 Tabor St. died on Wednesday, February 13, 1985 at High Point Memorial Hospital. She had been in declining health five months and critically ill one week. She was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi, a daughter of Harry and Jennie Garry Gollome, and attended college in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a permanent civil service employee in Washington, D.C. and received a Meritorious Civilian Service Award. On January 12, 1958, she married Stanley Friedman and was secretary-treasurer of Friedman's Fashions before it closed. She was a member of B'nai Israel Synagogue.

Surviving in addition to her husband, of the home, are one daughter, Mrs. Janice Friedman Fischer of Russellville, Arkansas; one son, Mark Harry Friedman of Warner Robins, Georgia; and one brother, Edward H. Gollome of Arlington, Virginia. A graveside service was held Friday at Hebrew Cemetery by Rabbi Robert Sandman.

Dr. and Mrs. Irving Dunsky of Germantown announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Jean, to Jeffrey Elliot Friedman, son of Robert Friedman and Carol Friedman, both of High Point, NC in a May 12 wedding in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Kintzing of Rt. 4, Lenior City, Tennessee, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deborah Deane, to Marc Samuel Samet of San Francisco, California. Mr. Samet is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samet of 1308 Longcreek Dr., High Point, NC. The couple are planning a June 16 wedding at B'nai Israel Synagogue.

Mrs. Gertrude Guyes Tobias Leipman of 531 N. Hamilton St. died at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at High Point Memorial Hospital. She had been in declining health two months. Mrs. Leipman was born in Baltimore, a daughter of Leonard and Rosha Bloom Guyes. She attended

Goucher College in Baltimore and Duke University. She had been a resident of High Point since 1910 and was founder and chairwoman of the board of Tobias Industries, formerly the Betty Lou Shop. She was founder of the High Point section of National Council of Jewish Women where she served as president for three terms and was a member of the Mid-Atlantic Board, the Honor Corp National Conference of secretary of the American Assn. of University Women and was past divisional state chairwoman of United Jewish Appeal. She served on the board of United Way, Community Council Assn. and city planning. She was member of B'nai Israel Synagogue. She was twice married, first on June 22, 1925, to Sam Tobias, who died November 11, 1948. On September 22, 1953, she married Edward Leipman, who died June 14, 1970.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Herbert (Peggy) Wainer of 121 Kensington Dr., and five grandchildren.

Funeral was on Monday at Sechrest Chapel by Rabbi Robert Sandman. Burial was at Greensboro Hebrew Cemetery.

## KINSTON, NC

by Mrs. Sol Schechter

Mazel tov to Jo Ellyn Fleishman and Dr. Andrew William Levins who were married at Temple Israel by Rabbi Robert Shafran.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. Jake Brody and the late Nathaniel Fleishman, was given in marriage by her stepfather, Jake Brody. Susan Karesh Codden of Atlanta, Georgia, and Tokyo, Japan, was Matron of Honor. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Levinson of Sarasota, Florida. Keith Gordon of Mount Vernon, New York, was Best Man. The couple will temporarily live in New York City while Dr. Levins

completes his term as the R. Townley Paton Fellow in Ophthalmic Pathology and Ocular Oncology at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. On July 1, 1985, Dr. Levinson will join the faculty of the University of Maryland College of Medicine at Baltimore as an Assistant Professor.

Our Rabbi Shafran wrote the following very well deserved comments about outgoing Temple President, Mrs. Max Chused "HAIL TO THE CHIEF! A word of praise and of thanks is in order for our outgoing President, Harriet Chused. Much was accomplished under her leadership, all of it with smooth efficiency. The congregation is indebted to her for the many hours of service she so graciously dedicated to enhancing the well-being of our community. On a more personal level, I can say, with utter sincerity and without exaggeration, that her informed and active leadership enhanced my effectiveness, as well as the pleasure I derive from serving this congregation. Thank you, Madam President, for a job well done!"

Our Annual Temple meeting will be held shortly at which time new officers will be elected.

Mr. Arnold Schechter, son of Sol and Pearl Schechter was the speaker at the Kinston High School Academic Awards Banquet. Mr. Mark Sandbank of Greensboro introduced him. In his speech Arnold gave pertinent suggestions to consider when choosing a career.

From Simon Meyer of Charleston, West Virginia, comes this memorable quotation of Daniel H. Burnham in 1907. He was Architect for the City of Chicago.

Simon Meyer has promised to send us some "Reflections" on experiences in his long and interesting life in West Virginia. Watch for them in the *Times Outlook*.

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### **FACTS TO REMEMBER MIDST CURRENT CONTROVERSY**

Howard I Friedman, President of the American Jewish Committee has stated that the controversy over President Reagan's itinerary in Germany should not militate against the "fundamental truth that the emergence of a free society in West Germany was one of the truly inspiring events of modern times for all people devoted to Western values."

He added that "The continued and persistent Soviet oppression of Soviet Jewry and the continuing refusal of Arab states and most of the Soviet Block to recognize the legitimacy of Israel's existence as a nation-state highlight and

continued threat in the modern world to the survival of Jewish life," and he emphasized that after the euphoria of our wartime alliance with the Soviet Union ended, we realized it was an expansionist state and represented a society in which freedom could not flourish. Anti-Semitism in the USSR is state-sponsored. Neo-Nazi groups in Germany at present are closely watched by German government, and it is important that alliances between the United States and other free countries be maintained firm and strong, because "only a posture of shared commitment among free societies, coupled with strength of resolve and capacity, can provide the basis for reaching a modus vivendi with the Soviet Union."

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For my husband it is going on 4 years; for me 2 years. Until a year ago, we didn't know where to turn. Now we are getting help from professional people who are into bringing kids back. But we don't want you to suffer as much as we have and become empty shells like we are. We want to talk to you, support you and guide you if we can. The more people fighting together and supporting each other, perhaps the more aware other people will be, and perhaps when we fight in numbers we can stop this horrible nightmare. Maybe, G-d willing, one day I will wake up and my son will have returned as a total and committed Jew, the way he was raised. Please, we want to help you and us too. Bleeding from your heart every second of your life is not easy, but it would be easier if we were all together, fighting these horrible "cults." We know you are out there. We know you are hurting and even embarrassed by this situation, but we are here to try to get you through the hurting and shame, and we are here to support you and help you.

We would like to hear from you. Our address is: Joan and Harvey Tilles, 1412 Wales Drive, High Point, NC 27260.



(L to R) Seymour Rexsite, Miriam Kressyn and Jacob Blank at the Yiddish Institute at Wildacres, April 1985.

## YIDDISH ON A MOUNTAIN TOP

by Elkie Tulman

It was another pleasurable and emotion-filled reunion that took place on April 25th through 28th at Wildacres, N.C. Aside from "opening the season" at Wildacres, the Yiddish Institute has grown annually in program and participants and has now become "an event" eagerly looked forward to by many and written about in the Yiddish weekly *The Forwards*. This year, almost one hundred Yiddish lovers gathered together from points as diverse as Atlanta, Ga., Brooklyn, N.Y., St. Petersburg, Fla., Brookline, Mass., and various points in North and South Carolina. One participant calls Tel Aviv, Israel, home. It was the seventh annual Yiddish Institute, and many of those present had attended all of the previous annual retreats.

Through the efforts of our enthusiastic and charming coordinator, Baila Pransky, and her energetic committee, the Institute has been blessed with knowledgeable and talented scholars-in-residence. The daily schedule this year, as usual, was filled to overflow with interesting lectures, graded levels of classes in Yiddish, workshops, daily Minyans

and Shabbos worship, wholesome meals in a very social atmosphere, late night refreshments followed by spontaneous singing and dancing for those who had the "koyach" (energy).

This year's guest lecturers were **Miriam Kressyn**, actress, singer of musical comedy and opera, veteran of stage, TV, radio and films. She writes her own material and has translated works of other authors. Her successful tours in the U.S. and abroad have earned her the title of "First Lady of the Yiddish Theatre." She still teaches drama at Queens College in New York.

**Seymour Rexsite**, star of Yiddish stage, screen, radio and TV, who toured as a child with the great Cantor Yosele Rosenblatt. Together with his wife Miriam Kressyn, he has recorded extensively and both have been instrumental in establishing the Yiddish National Theatre. For over forty years this talented couple has appeared together on radio station WEVD, and they are still co-hosting a daily program.

**Jacob Blank**, renowned educator and lecturer. He taught the Workmen's Circle Schools for 35 years, served as Cultural Director of Camp Boiberick, Rynebeck, N.Y. and was associated for many years with the Sholom Aleichem Folk Institute. He is highly regarded as a teacher and still travels the Jewish lecture circuit.

Lecture topics covered such outstanding personalities as Chaim Grade (master writer), Theodor Herzl and Sigmund Freud. Presentations included the rich and colorful history of the Yiddish Theatre with samplings of works by outstanding composers and writers.

Everyone left feeling enriched with knowledge and appreciation of our cultural heritage, nurtured in spite of the beauty of nature and by the camaraderie of new and renewed friendships. All vowed "Im yirt HaShem" (G-d willing) to return for next year's Yiddish Institute "Oshpitz barg," on the mountain to

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Sharon Kleinbaum and Aaron Lansky pause while unloading rescued Yiddish books at the National Yiddish Book Center's Amherst headquarters.

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## GALA YIDDISH CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9

The National Yiddish Book Center will hold a gala celebration of Yiddish culture on Sunday, June 9, from 1-5 P.M. in its library annex, 100 Lyman Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. The event will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Yiddish Book Center, a non-profit organization which has rescued 350,000 discarded Yiddish books and sparked a worldwide resurgence of Yiddish culture.

The National Yiddish Book Center was founded in June, 1980 by a handful of young graduate students and scholars. "It was an idea whose time had come," said Joseph Marcus, President of the Center's Board of Directors. At that time most Yiddish books had been out of print for 50 years or more, and tens of thousands of volumes had been abandoned or destroyed. When the Center issued an urgent appeal for unwanted Yiddish books the response was

enthusiastic. "Volunteers organized campaigns in their own communities and sent books from as far away as Nome, Alaska and Beverly Hills, California," said Sharon Kleinbaum, the Center's 25-year-old Assistant Director. "More than 1,000 additional volumes continue to arrive each week at our Amherst headquarters!"

The Yiddish Book Center's Holyoke "Annex", site of the June 9 festivities, is located in a renovated mill building and housed the largest collection of Yiddish books ever assembled. According to Aaron Lansky, the Center's 29-year-old executive director, the Massachusetts organization is the only comprehensive source of Yiddish books anywhere in the world. The Center produces regular catalogues of used and out-of-print Yiddish books. Volumes have been distributed to students, scholars and university libraries in 20 countries on five continents.

## EMORY ANNOUNCES NEW DOROT PROFESSORSHIP IN HEBREW LITERATURE

by Mary Francell

Emory University announces the creation of the Dorot Assistant Professorship in Hebrew Literature. This new position was proposed by the Department of Modern Languages and Classics and the Jay and Leslie Cohen Professor of Judaic Studies; it was made possible through a grant from the Dorot Foundation of New York, with matching funds provided by the dean of Emory College.

The main focus of this position will be to provide instruction in Hebrew literature in translation. Courses such as survey of Hebrew literature, modern American and Israeli literature and selected topics in modern Jewish literature will be offered by the new instructor, as well as language courses in advanced Hebrew. The new position will complement Emory's program in comparative literature.

The appointee to the position is Professor Kenneth Frieden. Frieden recently completed his doctorate at Yale University in comparative literature. His thesis, "Genius and Monologue: Rhetoric of Inspiration and Individuality" will be published by Cornell University Press early next year. He is at work on his second book, dealing with dreams in the Jewish tradition, which is also under contract to Cornell.

Frieden has been awarded a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies for research and study in Jerusalem during the 1985-86 academic year. He will assume his teaching duties at Emory the following year.

The Dorot Foundation, founded in New York in 1958, supports a variety of projects in America and Israel related to Jewish welfare and education. Emory has received other grants for its Judaic Studies program from the Foundation including five years of support for undergraduate student travel grants to Israel and for a publication fund for medieval Judaica.

## SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE (1784-1885)—A ZIONIST BEFORE ZIONISM

by Simon Griver

Sir Moses Montefiore, who died one hundred years ago at the grand old age of 101, was not only a leader but a man who led the way with innovative flair in an ear of change. He combined an affection for the traditions of orthodox Judaism with a modern concern for Jewish liberation and inevitably both yearnings led him to focus much of his attention on the biblical land of Israel which he visited seven times during his lifetime.

Through his endeavors, Montefiore became the sire of modern political Zionism and helped achieve the emancipation of British Jewry. At the same time, by interceding to alleviate Jewish suffering as far afield as Syria, Russia, Romania, Italy and Morocco, he set an example of international Jewish philanthropy and assistance that has played an important role in Jewish affairs ever since.

The British historian W. Forbes Gray in his book 'Great Centenarians', summed up Montefiore in the following paragraph: "The grand object of his life," he wrote, "was the emancipation of the Hebrew race wherever it existed. To rehabilitate the Jew in the eyes of the world, to prove that when freed from the oppressor he is capable of becoming as loyal, as industrious and as useful as any Gentile—this was the Herculean task to which Montefiore bent all his energies."

Moses Montefiore was born in Leghorn, Italy in 1784 while his parents were on a visit there from London. His family, like most British Jews at the time were Sephardim, having found their way to England via Italy. His father was an affluent merchant dealing in marble and millinery, and though Moses Montefiore was to become a welcome guest in the mansions of Britians's aristocracy, it was a

position that he earned, not that he was born to.

Neither the best schools, nor most professions were open to British Jewry in the eighteenth century. So Montefiore left school at the age of 12 and was employed by a firm of wholesale tea merchants. With the help of his uncles he became a broker on the Stock Exchange in 1805 and the fact that his brother and partner Abraham married a Rothschild gave an extra boost to their business. Indeed Montefiore's own wife Judith, whom he married in 1812 was herself related to the Rothschilds.

Montefiore's shrewdness and the Rothschild's capital ensure that he became a wealthy man in his own right. Together with his brother Abraham and brother-in-law Nathan Rothschild he founded the Alliance Insurance Company and Imperial Continental Gas Company. However, the sudden death of Abraham changed the course of his life. He lost his love of commerce and acceding to the

urgings of his wife he retired in 1824 and devoted the remaining 60 years of his life to altruistic causes.

Three years later in 1827 Montefiore made his first pilgrimage to Jerusalem. According to his great-grand niece, Ruth Sebag-Montefiore, the Montefiores became much more orthodox after that visit. She notes that their memoirs prior to that visit revealed that they ate unkosher food. After 1827 Montefiore always travelled with his own 'shohet' (ritual slaughterer of animals) and in 1833 he had a synagogue built on his Ramsgate estate.

However, Montefiore's Levantine journey had also stimulated other less conventional ideas. If the 'mitzvah' of a personal pilgrimage to Zion had been practiced by exiled Jews for centuries, Montefiore typically adapted the idea by adding his own outward looking and daring interpretations. "By degrees I hope to induce the return of thousands of our brethren to the Land of Israel," he wrote. He repeated these sentiments time

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and time again, sentiments that would be seized upon by Herzl and his followers.

In Britain, Montefiore served as President of the British Board of Jewish Deputies from 1835 to 1874. He resisted all forms of religious reform but urged his orthodox brethren to behave in a more open way towards society at large. During his reign as the head of British Jewry, the community was granted virtual parity with their Gentile compatriots. Montefiore, himself, became a favorite of Queen Victoria, though he remained a champion of the humble. Much of his philanthropy extended to non-Jews and he was instrumental in the passing of the Slave Emancipation Act in 1833.

Montefiore's concern for Jewish suffering took him to Damascus in 1840 where Syrian Jews were accused of ritual murder following the death of a priest. The nine alleged Jewish murderers were acquitted following an interview

with the Egyptian Sultan Mehmet Ali and Montefiore proceeded to Constantinople where he persuaded the Ottoman Sultan to issue a decree that accusation of ritual murder was a crime against the Jews. In Russia in 1846 and 1872, in Morocco in 1863 and in Romania in 1867, Montefiore received personal assurances from ruler about the safety of their Jews. In Romania Montefiore even confronted an angry anti-Semitic mob who were mesmerized into inaction by the aging but still imposing old man. Only his trip to Rome was a failure where he was unable to persuade the Pope to release a Jewish child who had been kidnapped and baptized.

However, the most cherished of Montefiore's international adventures were always to his beloved Land of Israel. Even after his wife's death he visited twice more in 1866 and 1875. Remarkably this final journey was undertaken at the age of 91 when it took four months travelling in each direction from Britain to Palestine. "More important than the many projects that Montefiore undertook in the Land of Israel," asserts Israel Bartal, of the Hebrew University's Department of History, "was the symbolism and inspiration that he was to provide for the Zionist movement."

In appreciation of that inspiration, the centenary of Montefiore's death is being widely commemorated in Israel. A number of conferences, seminars, symposiums and exhibitions will discuss and reflect his contribution to both the Land of Israel and Zionism. A new book of Montefiore's correspondence will be launched at the Jerusalem International Book Fair and a competition sponsored by the Jerusalem Municipality will select the best preserved house in the Jerusalem neighborhood funded by Montefiore. Most appropriately of all, special lessons will be held in Israeli schools on the importance of Montefiore in the building of the

Jewish State, so that future generations will grasp the importance of one of the nineteenth century's greatest me

## THE JEWS OF INDIA

by Richard Lobell  
UJA Press Service

The hazy light streaming through the many stained glass windows falls on the ornate pillars and carved wooden railings of the Magen David Synagogue Calcutta, India. Two thousand members once filled the hall with song and prayer, but now the synagogue gains rarely more than a minyan on a Friday night. They sit apart from one another and their voices echo in the nearly empty chamber.

Today some 5,000 Jews remain in India. The majority are in Bombay and are called B'nai Israel, Sons of Israel. Most others are in New Delhi, Cochin and Calcutta, but tiny groups or families live in other cities.

They've left, some for England and America, others for Israel. They've gone, and soon only empty buildings, unused books and old, forgotten diaries will remain to tell the centuries-old history of the Jews of India.

Interestingly, the Jews of India have never suffered from anti-Semitism. Shellim Samuel, Chief Prosecutor of Bombay's Supreme Court, a leading figure in India's legal community, is one of many prominent Jews. Prominent in the law office are pictures of David Ben-Gurion and Theodore Herzl.

"I have always been open and proud of my Jewishness," says Samuel, "and for me as for all other Indian Jews our Jewishness has never been a hindrance



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# Book Reviews

## VIEWS AND REVIEWS

### CHAIM POTOK REINCARNATES FRANZ KAFKA

by Joseph Cohen

After having been warned against heresy for her too liberal interpretation of a biblical text and its possibly human (rather than divine) source by her shallow though well-intentioned teacher in the Hebrew day school from which she is about to graduate, Ilana Davita Chandal Dinn, the young protagonist of Chaim Potok's new novel *Davita's Harp* (Alfred A. Knopf; \$16.95), in pondering her teacher's strictures, says, "It seemed to me that a story that had only one kind of meaning was not very interesting or worth remembering for too long."

It is unlikely that *Davita's Harp* will suffer this fate, since it is rich and variegated in its meanings. Its multiple attractions may make it Potok's most accomplished work yet. It is certain evidence, in case anybody still doubts it, that his is a major talent, a voice growing ever stronger. It is one capable of handling sophisticated and even ponderous subjects—Davita's dispute is over a distinction between Rashi's and Ibn Ezra's commentaries on the text in

the modern State of Israel.

In the Middle Ages, the Jews of Calcutta controlled vast Oriental mercantile empires. The names Sasson and Ezra were known to all and they lived in mansions of exotic splendor and earned untold wealth.

In 1920, the first Zionist organization was established in India and the local community organization passed a resolution expressing full sympathy with the Zionist cause. After Israeli statehood was established in 1948, aliyah began in earnest for Indian Jews. Aliyah accelerated in the early 1960's and, in the first 20 years of Israeli statehood, roughly half of the B'nai Israel community of 20,000 emigrated to Israel.

Today, for many of those who remain, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training, which JDC helps support, serve as the main links to the outside Jewish community. JDC helps elderly Indian Jews with day centers and homebound services and it aids youngsters in schools. It receives virtually all its \$49.5 million world budget from the United Jewish Appeal/Federation campaign. ORT, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in India, administers both girls and boys schools for over 700 students. ORT-India graduates boast a 100 percent job placement rate—no mean feat in a subcontinent of poverty.



The Magen David Synagogue in Calcutta.

UJA Press Service photo by Richard Lobell

professionally or socially."

Bombay's B'nai Israel say their ancestors arrived as refugees who fled from the Holy Land at the time of the destruction of the First Temple 2,500 years ago. They believe their ancestors were seven men and seven women who survived a shipwreck on the Konkini coast, south of Bombay.

Verifiable Jewish history dates back 1,000 years to Cochin, which is a group of islands in the State of Kerala on India's southwest coast. Two ancient copper plates, in the 400-year-old Pardesi Synagogue there, show that the Jews received a charter from the area's Emperor during the Chola-Chola War in the tenth century. Scholars believe the Jews may have been rewarded for financial or military aid to help repel a foreign aggressor.

The charter grants the Jews full sovereignty over their own island in Cochin. With this charter, the island of Cranganore apparently became the only sovereign Jewish state to exist between the times of the ancient Kingdom of Israel and

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question—with sensitivity, dexterity, compassion and insight. Moreover, Potok's prose has never been more forceful, spare, terse, clear and compelling than it is in this new fiction.

The basic conflicts we associate with Potok's novels are present: the pull toward and away from traditional Judaism, the lures of secularism, and the ambivalent separations and reconciliations of Jews and Christians living closely in a pluralistic society. Antagonists meet, engage, transform one another and disengage within Potok's subject, the dramatic history of American radicalism in the early twentieth century. Through Davita's eyes, Potok explores the intense idealism of those Americans, Jews and gentiles, who turned to Communism as the final hope of human salvation, only to have that hope within into despair and disillusion over Stalin's calculated, monumental brutality. Working its way through the political violence—strikes and strike-breaking, the murderous harrassment of Wobblies in America, the Spanish Civil War and the coming of World War II in Europe—Potok's gentle but insistent devotion to the beauty and worthiness of the Jewish heritage emerges like the morning sun.

Though some large political and theological questions are addressed in the book, the narrative moves not on any philosophical axis but on the human relationships circling around Davita. Little by little she discovers the incidents which set her parents' lives on their tragic paths: her mother's early rape during a pogrom, her father's witnessing of a Wobblie's castration and murder (described in John dos Passos' *1919*), and her "Uncle" Jakob Daw's gassing in World War I. With her mother she shares the deaths of her father, Michael Chandal, in *Guernica* and of "Uncle" Jakob several years

later and, subsequently, the mother's return to Judaism in marrying Ezra Dinn, the third man in the mother's life.

Of these men, the one most important to Davita's maturation in a world filled with anonymous terror and known cruelty is her "Uncle" Jakob, once her mother's lover in their student days in Vienna. Daw has since become a world-famous left-wing writer doomed to an early death. Through the stories he makes up for Davita on his several visits to America, he gives to her a private set of symbols, horses, and birds whose music is intermingled with the family harp hanging on their front door, which help her to interpret and cope with the Kafkaesque world in which she finds herself.

It is in Jakob Daw's characterization that much of Potok's success in this novel is achieved. Rich in its literary and artistic associations with the Bible, dos Passos, Henry Roth, Picasso and James Joyce—Davita's near heresy recalls Stephen Daedalus' near-heresy in school in *The Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* (Joyce is specifically mentioned in Davita's teacher)—it is Kafka's spirit reincarnated that gives depth and significance to *Davita's Harp*. For Jakob Daw is Kafka returned to the world whose malevolence he predicted. How do we know that?

In Czech, the world "kafka" is the name of a bird, the jackdaw. The jackdaw here, a bird who flies in and out of Davita's life to tell her stories of birds, is Jakob Daw. Kafka's interest in animals and living creatures other than humankind, and his extensive use of them, dogs, apes, mice, the cochroach, is paralleled by Daw's stories of horses and birds; Kafka's tuberculosis finds its counterpart in Daw's gassing during World War I and his death from pneumonia at about the same age at which Kafka died; and one of Kafka's best known scenes, the arrest of Joseph K on vague, unspecified charges in *The Trial* is reproduced

here in the unwarranted arrest Daw by two strange men acting in the orders of an anonymous bureaucratic authority intent on Daw's deportation. Like Joseph Daw offers no resistance and does not understand why he has been apprehended since he has committed no crime.

Potok's reincarnation of Kafka serves two purposes: it provides focus for confirming our understanding of the world we inhabit as one filled with suppression and terror on the one hand; on the other hand, it redeems that world through the beauty and power of Kafka's stories, which demonstrate for us the reachable heights to which the human spirit can soar. Through Jakob Daw, Davita comes to know about the best in the world while being exposed to the worst of it.

Many writers have involved the spirit of Kafka, perhaps none more diligently over the years than Philip Roth. Recognizing the presence of humor in some of Kafka's works, I took him as his principal mentor. Yet his imitations of Kafka's humor have always turned out grating. Roth's great talent has consistently let him down in this respect: his novella *The Breast* about a professor who awakens one morning to find he has turned into a six-foot long female breast recalling Kafka's Gregor Samsa "The Metamorphosis," which awakens to find himself turned into a human-sized cockroach, is, in my judgment, the least convincing and the least satisfying of all his stories. Roth seems always to have tried too hard to reincarnate Kafka. In contrast, Potok makes it look remarkably easy. Consequently, no one is likely to complain that *Davita's Harp* is "not very interesting or worth remembering for too long."

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**Judaism: The Evidence of the Mishnah**, by Jacob Neusner, University of Chicago Press, 419 pp, paperback, \$15.95

Jacob Neusner has—in over sixty scholarly works, fourteen textbooks, and thirteen collections of essays—laid the foundation and completed the structure for a new understanding of the history of Judaism. The present volume is the capstone effort to date in this endeavor.

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Jacob Neusner is University Professor and Ungerliedler Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies at Brown University. He is the author and editor of numerous works, including *Stranger at Home: "The Holocaust," Zionism, and American Judaism*, published by the University of Chicago Press.

## TRADITION IN THE KITCHEN

For lovers of halvah, here is the recipe for a cake which tastes like halvah, truly delicious and different.

### SESAME STREUSEL CAKE

#### BATTER

- 1 stick butter, room temp.
- ½ cup tahini
- 1½ tsp sesame oil (from tahini)
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs, room temp.
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup milk
- 3 tbsp toasted sesame seed

#### STREUSEL

- ¼ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- ¼ cup all purpose flour
- 2 tbsp butter, room temp.
- 1 tbsp tahini
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp toasted sesame seed

## METHOD

Butter and flour 9x5" loaf pan (or other desired shape). Cream ½ cup butter, tahini, and sesame oil until fluffy. Gradually beat in sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time. Blend in vanilla. Sift in flour, baking powder and salt, alternately with milk, stirring gently until just blended. Do not overmix. Fold in 3 tbsp toasted sesame seed.

**FOR STREUSEL:** Blend brown sugar, flour, butter, tahini, and cinnamon until crumbly. Turn batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle top with streusel. Top with 2 tsp toasted sesame seed. Bake for 1 hour to 1¼ hours at 325°. Cool in pan. (Watch baking time; 1 hour may be enough)

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### THE STAR BEHIND THE STAR: THE BJH 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

by L.B. Levin

THERE'S A STAR COMING and it's not too early to red-letter mark the weekend of October 11-13 on your calendar. Especially if you remember such a short time ago (1965, it was) that just the right piece of property was being sought for a Jewish Home for the elderly in North Carolina. The Lassiter estate was just a big, vacant house then, encased with tall grasses, peeling paint and a majestic view of the Yadkin River.

Just twenty years ago then that Mr. Dick (I.D.) Blumenthal, and a host of others from across the state, had the foresight to realize a need that would increase many times over as the Jewish population in this state has increased over the past twenty years.

October 11,12,13 – days meant especially for the early dreamers and succeeding doers who have provided the financial, physical, mental, laborious efforts of mind and spirit over hours of Board

Meetings, volunteer assignments – *especially* for all these persons so significant to the establishment and sustainment of the North Carolina Jewish Home shall this Fall weekend be a time of joyous celebration.



*Milton Goldberg*

**Goldberg Selected Chairman:** With his appointment of Winston-Salem resident, Milton Goldberg as Chairman of this important event, President Norman Pliner has designated the best possible person to coor-

dinate the events of this anniversary weekend.

Milton Goldberg is one of the quiet ones, at least as is possible to get information directly about his own contributions and talents. It would have been easier, perhaps, to get Milton to talk a little about his son, Richard (author of the successful Broadway play "Family Business," which has also been shown on PBS's American Playhouse), or daughter Susan's children. But those who've known this man longest know of his and wife Vera's deep interest and philanthropic commitments toward Jewish endeavors – UJA, Temple Emanuel, the NCJH and many others. And they also agree that if you've never seen Milton in a dramatic production you've missed seeing a good performer. He's helped his local Temple raise needed funds many times by getting "the show" polished for performance. His sense of humor is quick and fine-tuned

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**JUSTIN "BRINGS  
DOWN THE HOUSE"  
IN LITTLE THEATRE  
PERFORMANCE OF  
"FIDDLER ON  
THE ROOF"**

Jim Austin, director of Austin-Caputo Physical Therapy and head of physical therapy services at BJH, left the audience capping and cheering after the final curtain call of the Winston-Salem Little Theatre's performance of "Fiddler on the Roof." A multi-talented actor as well as a consummate professional, Mr. Austin's Tevye was full of wit, humor and emotion.

Edward Dwiel, Annie Rowe Dixon, Elsa Heller, Alice Fruh, Florence Swirsky, John Stemper, Martha Mayer and Abraham Sack all attended the dress performance of "Fiddler" early in May. Jim Austin attributed his portrayal of Tevye to some of the coaching he received from Mr. Sack, who helped him with character interpretation and accent.



*Jim Austin greets Alice Fruh (Greensboro), John Stemper (Clemmons), Ed Dwiel (Denver, NC) and Elsa Heller (Los Angeles) after the performance.*

**The Star, continued**

"Is it too early to tell," we asked of our Chairman concerning the name of the internationally known and enjoyed "super star" he has engaged for Saturday night, October 12th, at Bermuda Run Country Club. "Yes," was Goldberg's response. With typical showman's pizzazz, he wants to whet our appetites and heighten our curiosity a little longer!

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**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR SPEAKS  
TO ASSOCIATED  
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JEWISH HOME**

BJH Executive Director Al A. Mendlovitz was one of the major workshop presentors during a recent meeting of the Associated Auxiliaries of Jewish Homes for the Aging in Rockville, Maryland. Speaking on "How Our Homes Respond to the Changing Resident Population," Mr. Mendlovitz described types of services that need revision in order to meet the needs of residents whose physical, religious and cultural orientations are different from the residents of the past.

This is the Associate Auxiliaries' tenth year of service, and their 3-day program was dedicated to "Our Tenth Year: A Decade of Dedication." Over 100 members attended this annual meeting.

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# RESIDENT FUNDING DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!

by LaQuietta Davis, RT

The second annual "Rock and Roll Jamboree" was held April 15-19, 1985 at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. No, this was not "punk" or "heavy metal" music but a series of special events to raise needed dollars to fight against some of our nation's leading causes of death and crippling disease, many of which affect nursing home residents. This year a committee of residents chose to sponsor the Diabetes Foundation with their jamboree.

The kickoff event for our fun(d)-raising week was an information session lead by Mrs. Kendra Martin, RN, Past President of the local chapter of the Diabetes Foundation. Mrs. Martin met with residents and provided information about how diabetes affects the elderly as well as discussed the work of the Diabetes Foundation.



Maintenance Supervisor David Atkinson and Nathan Gottlieb (Greensboro) walked to the gate for diabetes.



Rocking for diabetes - Mary Chizik (Asheville)

**The week's events:** The next day residents and staff played "Bingo for Diabetes." Participants purchased bingo cards for the event, with half the revenue going to the winners and half to the Diabetes Foundation. Bingo callers were Rose Seid, Kate Pliner and Martha Mayer. Winners were: Martha Mayer, Charles and Rena Rosenfeld, Anna Passman, Edna Blevins and Ruth Wharton.

On Wednesday residents and staff fulfilled their obligation to sponsors by rocking in rocking chairs for an hour. The next day residents rolled or walked to the front gate of the Home, a round-trip distance of one mile. Staff from all departments turned

out to assist residents in the walk with friendly conversation or a helping hand pushing a wheelchair.

The week concluded with a "Rock and Roll Exchange" in the courtyard. A Wing residents sold "Hugs and Kisses," B-1 residents sold popcorn and balloons, and B-2 residents sold flowers and raffle tickets. Residents Rose Spire, Rose Halpern, Alice Fruh and Faye Moss all had donated items they created in the Craft Shop for raffle prizes. Mrs. Buf Perry, President of the local chapter of the Diabetes Foundation, drew winning tickets belonging to Sharon Smitherman, Faye Moss, Kate Pliner and John Stemper.

Residents contributed a total of \$300 to the Diabetes Foundation. It was a good cause, a good time, and a good job done by all! As the president said as she accepted the check, "When I heard that you all were sponsoring the Diabetes Foundation I thought 'Well, maybe they'll raise \$50 or \$75.' This is incredible!! Thank you!"



Helen Bumgardner, Director of Dietetics, and Rose Seid (Charlotte) enjoy the gate walk.



*Marguerite Newberry (Wilson) and LaQuietta Davis, R.T., joined the rock-a-thon for the Diabetes Foundation.*

*Craft Shop instructor Catherine Smith escorts Priscilla Lacy (Winston-Salem) to the gate.*



*Fannie Benson (Shrub Oak, NY) and Craft Shop instructor Keith Travis*



*Checking off those who walked a mile – Cathy Chilton, RN, Unit Manager on A Wing, and Abraham Sack (Chelsea, Mass.)*

## FOCUS ON A RESIDENT: ANNIE ROWE DIXON

by Wendy Robertson, RT

Annie Rowe Dixon graduated from East Carolina's Teachers College in 1926. She had her first teaching job at Granville Elementary School in Winston-Salem. She taught there 12½ years, taking a half year off when her daughter, Nancy, was born. She also taught one year at Forest Park Elementary School in Winston-Salem.

The family moved in 1940 when Chatham Manufacturing Company, for which Annie Rowe's husband, Charlie, worked, moved to Elkin, NC. Annie Rowe then stayed home with her daughter and spent time reading, playing bridge with friends, and substitute teaching. After ten years she went back to full-time teaching, and taught 19 years more for a total of 33 years with first, second, and third graders, special education and remedial reading students.

When the Dixons retired they moved to Trenton, NC, and lived there together for five years before Charlie died. Annie Rowe stayed three more years and lived in Summerville, SC, for a year to be near a brother there.

At the Jewish Home she participates in physical therapy, goes on outings, including lunch and breakfast trips, and baseball games. She is a whiz at trivia games (possibly as a result of her love for reading – or giving pop quizzes?!) She challenges any Trivial Pursuit player to a game! Her wry sense of humor and positive outlook are real additions to B-1's community. Annie Rowe, we salute you!



*Annie Rowe Dixon and Wendy Robertson*

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We mourn the loss of Zona Willard, Isaac Louza and Gertrude Eisenberg. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE

June 4

\*Tanglewood Picnic. Leave BJH at 10:30.

June 7

Outreach Movie, 10:00 am

June 11

\*Out to breakfast, Leave BJH at 8:00.

June 16

Father's Day Concert:  
Razz-Ma-Tazz Musical  
Review, 2:30 pm

\*Music at Sunset, W-S  
Symphony. Leave BJH  
at 6:15.

June 20

\*RSVP Gala. Leave BJH  
at 11:00.

June 23

\*Music at Sunset, W-S  
Symphony. Leave BJH  
at 6:15.

June 25

\*Out to Lunch. Leave BJH  
at 11:15.

June 30

\*Music at Sunset, W-S  
Symphony. Leave BJH  
at 6:15.

Families and friends are invited to join us for these special events during the month of June.

**The Home will continue to solicit and receive donations of any amount. However, acknowledgements will not be sent unless a minimum of \$5.00 per person named is contributed. Only one person per \$5.00 will be notified.**

# A LETTER TO MY CHILDREN

Dear Children:

I must write and tell you about the wonderful Seders we had here at the Home. Words cannot describe the elegance in our Dining Room. There were fresh flowers everywhere. All the residents were dressed for a true *Simchat Torah*. The ladies all looked lovely. The men were in suits and ties and were very handsome.

Some residents went home to have Seders, but many families came here to join their parents, grandmothers, etc. In fact, Rose Block not only had children but also grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It was lovely.

Mrs. Bumgardner had tables arranged so that everyone had a good view.

Michael Andron, his wife, Lillian, and his son, Benjamin, conducted services in a truly traditional fashion. Mrs. Rose Seid blessed the candles.

The food was delicious. They served chicken soup with knaidles, gefeltha fish, Cornish hens plus all the appropriate vegetables. The fruit compote and macaroons ended the feast.

We then finished the Seder with lots of singing and hand-clapping. Smiles were on all

faces which was so heartwarming. The nurses and staff finally got the residents to leave the dining room and all were still humming *Chal Gad Ya*.

Mr. Mendlovitz should be highly praised but most of the thanks should go to Mrs. Helen Bumgardner and her fabulous staff. To Kasher our kitchens and equipment started after Purim and our young waiters and waitresses worked very hard but all was ready. We honored them with a big standing ovation for such a good job.

Our second Seder was very similar to the first only Rib Roast was the main entree.

I hope and pray you enjoyed your Seder as much as we enjoyed ours. Maybe next year – you will join me here at my home.

Love,

Mom

Editor's Note: This letter was composed by Rose Halpern of Greensboro, NC, who granted us permission to share this *Passover* experience with readers of *Times Outlook*.

## HOME'S SELF-ASSESSMENT PROGRAM COMPLETED

by J.C. Sawyer

Residents, family members and staff of Blumenthal Jewish Home participated in an evaluation of the Home's services (see February, 1985 issue of *Times Outlook*.) The study, a quality-assurance project which was designed by the Social Services Department, looked at such issues as personnel, cleanliness of the Home, activity programs, meals and medical care. One of the goals of this self-study was to improve the services and programs that the Home offers. The other goal was to offer the BJH family an opportunity to communicate their impressions of the Home in a structured, qualitative way. Over 200 people communicated their impressions by responding to the survey. We thank each of you who took part in this endeavor.

**RESULTS:** An overall generalization of survey results at this time seems to indicate that most people are pleased with most of the Home's services. A number of positive suggestions for improving specific situations were made, and have been shared with staff who would be responsible for making these changes. Sheer numbers of responses to the survey questions, as well as differences in comments, make analysis of the data a difficult matter. In some cases the same services were viewed by different evaluators as "excellent" and "need much improvement." A complete description of the survey results will be forthcoming in the next few issues of *Times Outlook*.

**FINAL NOTE** As editor of the BJH News section, I appreciate all the enthusiastic comments we received about the magazine. We are trying to use more photographs, and will appreciate your suggestions and opinions about what should be featured in this section!

**We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during the month of April.**

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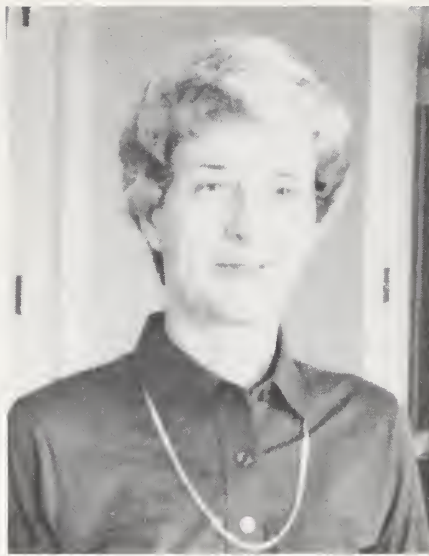
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## FOCUS ON THE STAFF:

PATSY PETREE, RN

BJH welcomes Patsy Petree, RN, to the position of Director Education. Her appointment is a new position at the Home, and her responsibilities will encompass a wide variety of assignments. She will be involved in in-service training for staff of the Home, and will participate in expansion of the Continuing Education program for the professional community. She will develop educational programs for families of residents, and will coordinate educational and professional resources from the community at large.

Ms. Petree was previously employed at Forsyth Technical Institute for the last 11 years as an instructor in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Prior to that she was employed as an instructor at Forsyth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.



*Patsy Petree, RN*

Ms. Petree graduated from City Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Winston-Salem. She did undergraduate work at the University of Virginia and received her BSN from Winston-Salem State University.

She lives in Clemmons, NC, with her husband, Bob, and her sixteen-year old son, Eddie.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These staff members celebrate employment anniversaries in June.

### 1 YEAR

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### 3 Years

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Marilyn Rowland  
*Dir. of Nursing*

### 5 Years

Linda Lawrence  
*LPN, A Wing*

### 6 Years

Rosarhea Karppinen  
*Dietary*

## PLEASE TELL ME

by Ruth Wharton  
*Social Services Coordinator*

**Q. I am thinking about applying for admission to the Home. I have visited the Home many times in the past. Is it necessary for me to visit the Home again when I know so much about it?**

A. Yes. We want you to see the Home through the eyes of a potential resident, not as a visitor. It gives you a chance to talk with our staff and our staff has the chance to talk with you. We want all applicants to know what to expect, and we want them to be

aware of all the alternatives open to them so that they can make an intelligent decision. Your visit also enables our staff to evaluate your abilities. We have several different units and the visit with you helps us to understand your needs. We have also found that the adjustment to life at BJH is much easier for those who have made the visit and talked with staff prior to moving. Those who have not had a pre-admission visit have experienced much more difficulty in this adjustment process. By all means, please come again to visit if you are considering admission to the Home.

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



*Martha Paley (Miami Beach) and Louis Cole (Greensboro) sold hugs and kisses during the Rock-and-Roll Jamboree for diabetes.*



*Buying flowers for diabetes – Deborah Creech and Carolyn Bright (nursing assistants, B-1)*



*Mae Hubbard (Winston-Salem) enjoyed visiting with children from Forsyth Country Day School.*



*Janet Wechsler (High Point) celebrated her 90th birthday with friends from High Point*



*Sylvia Sadoff (Charlotte) sports an orchid corsage during National Nursing Home Week. Jane Johnson (Dietary Dept.) provided the beautiful corsages.*



*Plans for the Home's future are underway. Lewis Eisenstadt (Chairman of the Board Planning Committee) meets with an artist from Odell & Associates, BJH Executive Al. Mendlovitz and Environmental Gerontologist Lorraine Hiatt.*

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*Jewish children (the two girls on the right) play with their Moslem neighbors in Cochin, an example of how the Jews of India have long been at peace with their non-Jewish Indian neighbors. Jewish history in Cochin dates 1,000 years. An island there, Cranganore, appears to have been the only sovereign Jewish State in the nearly 2,000 years prior to establishment of the State of Israel.*

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# Editorial

The American Liberties Medallion was presented to Associate Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. on May 2 by the American Jewish Committee, whereupon he made a significant address to those gathered at the 79th annual meeting of AJC.

Some of the statements he made are the kind of thoughts we wish everyone in this great land of ours could read and contemplate. Here they are for our readers.

Justice Brennan feels that the task of achieving the constitutional ideal of liberty and individual dignity protected by law "must be the work not just of judges and lawyers but all of us . . . Our constitutional guarantees and the Bill of Rights are tissue-paper bastions if they fail to transcend the printed page. No matter how well they may be written, the guarantees have no meaning without understanding of their import. If our citizens learn only what is written on the paper, they understand little about the basic sources of protection for human rights.

"There is a danger that in our anxiety to win the race of space and technology, we may neglect the struggle of values . . . we tend to take our values for granted as we cannot take our technology for granted."

The need for vigilance to prevent government from whittling away the rights of the individual was never greater, he said, and "today, as rarely before, case after case comes to our Court which finds the

individual battling to vindicate a claim under the Bill of Rights against the powers of government, federal and state." Not warranted by facts is the feeling that there is a growing danger of political helplessness on the part of the individual voter. "I would suggest the individual citizen is becoming more, rather than less, meaningful as a political participant, for two reasons. On one hand, it is indisputable that government, at all levels, affects ever expanding sectors of our lives. More people work for the government and receive benefits from the government than ever before, and the interdependence is always increasing . . . as a result of such recent trends as legislative reapportionment and basic constitutional reform among the states, each citizen's vote surely counts a good deal more than it has in the past."

As described by Arthur J. Goldberg, Justice Brennan is "one of the truly great Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States." In case you are thinking about remarks in the news media, he said, "As for myself, I don't think you need put any credence in those media suggestions that at my age, through death, imbecility or dotage, my seat may become vacant in the reasonably near future."

Because of his deep and abiding commitment to the principles of human liberty and equality enshrined in our Constitution, we offer a fervent "Amen."

Estelle Hoffman

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(L to R): Ben Jaffa, Sr., Blanche Jaffa, Florence Jaffa, Ben Jaffa, Jr.

## THE PASSING OF A PATRIARCH (PART ONE)

by Richard A. Klein

It's not easy being witness to the passing of a family patriarch. That's especially true when the venerable elder was deeply loved and respected for his kindnesses and community contributions.

When the local Charlotte papers printed the news that Ben Jaffa, Sr., had died on October 30, 1984, they unknowingly omitted one of the titles that best-suited and rightly belonged to him: patriarch. But his family knew the likes of my Uncle Ben wouldn't be seen again. It was the passing of an era.

One of the images of my grandfather, Arthur Goodman's funeral on a warm June day in 1959 that I can't forget was coming back to his house on Westbury Road. It was there that Uncle Ben Jaffa proceeded to sit in the large, blue chair traditionally reserved for my grandfather. It was the first time I had seen anyone else sit there.

The room was crowded, so it was probably the only place Uncle Ben could sit. But his physical presence in the chair displayed a meaningful

and appropriate transition in the family patriarch. The torch had been passed to Uncle Ben alone, and he would carry it until 1984.

Ben Jaffa, Sr. married into the large Goodman family (five brothers, two sisters) on March 23, 1920, at Temple Sholom in Norfolk, Virginia. He married the youngest child of Solomon and Sophia Goodman, Blanche. She was just 16 years old at the time.

People usually change after almost 65 years of marriage, but Ben Jaffa remained remarkably similar in appearance and temperament. He is easily spotted in the hundreds of photographs that Aunt Blanche has kept over the years. His trademarks for life were the bow-tie, balding head, glasses and—most especially—his smile.

While the cigar eventually went, too late in life—leaving Uncle Ben's mouth looking naked without it—the smile was there to the day he died of painful cancer. His smile lit up for humanity in general, but family in particular. Love for family prevailed over all.

That's why it struck some who

knew him as strange when one of his friends was quoted in the paper that Ben Jaffa would be remembered as a prominent businessman. Maybe so. But the image in most minds will be Uncle Ben with a grandchild, nephew or niece in hand. He believed that were the priorities in life. He listened to them. He laughed easily with them.

Uncle Ben's earliest recollection of meeting the Goodman family was when he came down to the Portsmouth Navy Yard from his native Alexandria, Virginia. His grandfather was at the officer candidate school at the Navy yard. Louis Goodman—always called "Lookie"—was working in one of the departments there.

Uncle Ben lived in an apartment near the Goodman family home. He took the ferry to the Navy yard with the Goodman brothers and became friendly. Blanche was only 13 when he arrived, and she was in high school at the time. He waited two years and started dating her. They married on March 23, four years after Ben Jaffa had arrived on the scene. It was a small wedding followed by two weeks of honeymooning in Atlantic City.

Aunt Blanche and Uncle Ben moved to Charlotte on January 1, 1923. Grandpa Arthur Goodman had preceded Uncle Ben, working at the local Bon Marche Department Store. Uncle Ben went to work for them, too, selling on the road. He was later offered a management position, when he took. It would lead to a long-term commitment to retailing in the Carolinas.

He stayed with Bon Marche seven years at a store on the first block of West Trade Street, next to Mellon's. In 1929 he bought a small chain of dime stores with other family members. Times were bad. The family partners—Arthur and Lookie—eventually went into the practice together.

By 1935 Uncle Ben was ready to re-enter retailing, this time on his own with a new chain of store

Southern 5-and-10. He soon had 15 stores through North Carolina, most in the Charlotte area. Sons Sol and Ben, Jr., came into the business.

By 1962 father and sons made the decision to sell the chain of stores and move full-time into the money-lending business. The downtown warehouse that once stocked endless boxes of candy, gum and games evolved into headquarters for Graham Investment Co. Some who came to borrow money would address Uncle Ben as "Mr. Graham," forgetting the name came from the company's street location.

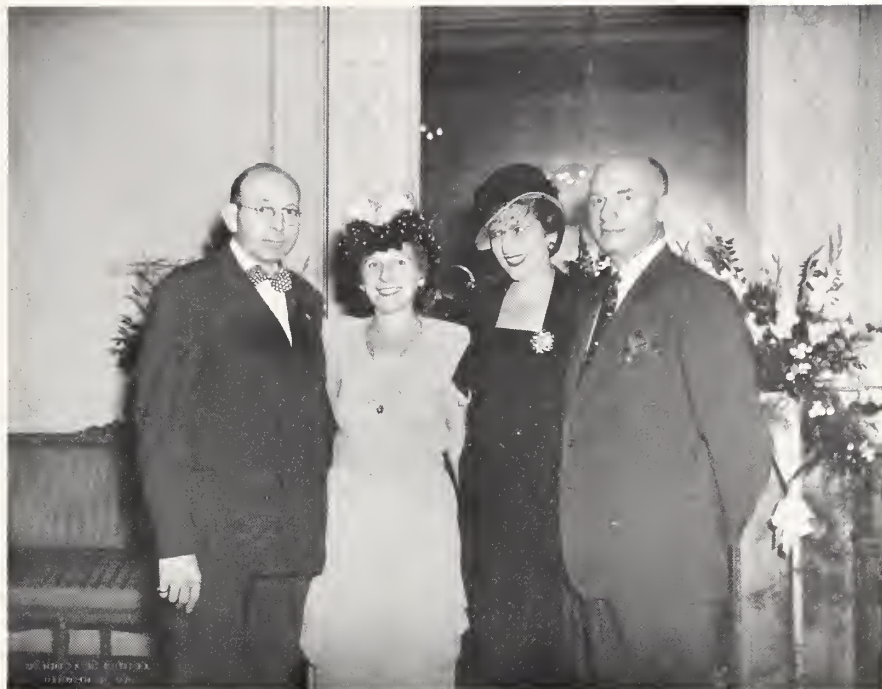
He enjoyed traveling around the globe. Aunt Blanche and Uncle Ben were famous for sending postcards from Hong Kong, Australia and Kenya. They spent as much as two or three months of every year moving about the world.

Ben Jaffa, Sr., was a familiar voice at Temple Israel and was named an honorary life president. He also gave considerable time to the formation of Charlotte's Temple Beth El, the Charlotte Jewish Federation and the Hebrew Cemetery.

His ingredient for a successful marriage was simply stated: "The main thing is to realize that you and your wife have the right to your own opinions. I can't remember Blanche and me having any fights."

He attributed his calm demeanor to his parents, particularly his father. He had no memory of any family quarrels when growing up. From them he learned not to engage in small-talk or gossip. In fact, it's doubtful anyone can remember a bad word Ben Jaffa, Sr., had for another human.

To be continued next month . . .



*(L to R) In the late 1940's: Ben Jaffa, Sr., Blanche Jaffa, Dorothy Goodman Collins, Arthur Collins.*

## Carolina Character

EMANUEL J. EVANS served as Mayor of Durham, NC for six consecutive two-year terms, 12 years during the turbulent years of the 50's and 60's, as the process of integration was begun.

*Plume*, the publication of Tau Epsilon Phi, has featured him in its Winter 1985 issue, as one of its most noteworthy members. From it we have the privilege of quoting, as follows.

His mother wanted him to learn music, but Emanuel wanted to play baseball, preferring a baseball glove to a violin. He solved the dilemma when one day on the way to a violin lesson, the wheels skidded out from under the bicycle, and as he lay dazed on the street, he saw a wagon rattling toward him less than a block away. Unfastening the case, he reached in and gently slid the violin under the wheels of the passing wagon. Problem solved! From that day on, he spent his afternoons playing baseball.

Being over six feet tall, classmates, started calling him "Mutt" because a five foot friend of his was nicknamed "Jeff."

He decided on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for college because his father could not afford to send him out of state. He joined Tau Epsilon Phi which was formed in 1923, the year before he had arrived, the first open fraternity at UNC-CH, before which Jews had found themselves excluded from membership. He was committed to the democratic principles of membership.

The Evans family grew and prospered. There were two sons who attended UNC-CH and joined Tau Epsilon Phi. In the turbulent years of the 50's and 60's, he served as Mayor of Durham for six consecutive two-year terms during the first steps towards integration. Under his leadership compliance with the Constitution was met and revolutionary decisions to correct the years of prejudice were made.

He speaks with pride of hiring the first black policeman and firemen; of moving blacks into supervisory positions in City Hall. He prodded the city council to set up the Urban Renewal Authority to build low cost housing for the poor, bringing the largest federal grant of that type in the South to that time. He helped settle lunch counter demonstrations and badgered merchants to hire black sales personnel. He moved the city of Durham from a sleepy southern town into one of the South's more enlightened communities. He persevered in spite of threats from the Klan.

When Evans retired, the Chamber of Commerce honored him with the 'Man of the Year' award at a banquet at which 1200 people gave him a standing ovation. His many achievements in the business community are well known and he has served in an executive capacity for countless community causes and fund raisings, and as an officer in dozens of civic organizations and clubs.

Both E.J. and Sara are deeply involved in the religious and Zionist aspects of their Judaism. Sara was a member of the National Board of Hadassah and a long-time member of the National Service Committee. Her mother organized the first Hadassah chapter in North Carolina in 1917. Both have served as regional and state chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

His good works and contributions to Duke University and to his own alma mater are manifold, and he continues to act as counselor and guide to undergraduates at Chapel Hill's Omega Chapter of TEP.

According to Thomas Carlyle, sincerity is the essential quality of the perfect man. It is the dominant trait in the character of Emanuel J. Evans. It is his sincerity that has guided his convictions and relationships with his fellow men: It is his sincerity that has been the key to his success in every aspect of his aspirations.

His son, Eli Evans, has written a truly wonderful book about his family. It may be obtained from the Fraternity, and all funds received will be directed to the Sarah and E.J. Evans Scholarship fund. Offices at Tau Epsilon Phi are 3272 Peachtree Road, Suite 236, Atlanta GA 30305

## Kibbitzing- Community News

### FLORENCE, SC & SURROUNDING AREAS

by Bea Rogol

Topmost in thought and all events taking place at Temple Beth Israel is the central theme, "Jewish is Joyous." Strung across one end of the Social Hall is a banner proclaiming it. The phrase has caught on with our congregants, and children and adults alike often use it in their conversation. "Jewish is Joyous" has become a way of life with us, and is demonstrated in everything we do.

Brotherhood Week was celebrated with "Neighbor Night" Shabbat Services. Non-Jewish friends, neighbors and business associates were invited to worship with us, and guests were later invited to ask questions of the Rabbi.

New Member Sabbath was an evening when special attention was shown to those members who have become affiliated with Temple Beth Israel since September, 1983. They were hosted by members of the Board of Directors, and our "Joyous Southern Hospitality" was extended to them.

On March 1, Rabbi Lewis Littman of Miami, Florida, Regional Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, visited. At

Erev Shabbat Services he spoke to the congregation about current matters of interest to Reform Jews. A Torah Study Session was held on Saturday morning, and later that day he conducted a workshop for the Board members of the Synagogue. Rabbi Larry Mahre and President Bruce Siegel attended UAHC Presidents and Rabbis of South Carolina met at the Tree of Life Congregation in

Columbia, South Carolina.

Project R.E.A.P. (aid to Ethiopian Jews) of our congregation reached our goal for funds to that project through the kind contributions of members. In addition, we were able to send approximately five cartons of toys, books and clothing to UAHC for shipment to Israel.

Purim saw a costume parade ending with Purim Services and Megillah Reading. Noisemakers were everywhere, and Rabbi Larry boasted of his "largest greggori creation," and challenged a present to be louder than he in order to drown out the name of Haman. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes to Patti Greenberg, daughter of Dr. Phyllis and Patricia Greenberg—"Baby Esther," Allison Dattlebaum, daughter of Alan and Suzanne Dattlebaum—"Adult Queen Esther," David Kammer, son of Dr. Ken and Judy Kammer—"Jewish Computer," and Nicole Heiden, daughter of Dr. Larry and Judy Heiden—"Golda Meir." Round out the holiday was a Purim Carnival sponsored by the Affiliates with help from the Temple Youth Group, who designed the game booths. The afternoon was full of fun and ended with a hot dog dinner.

The Affiliates' Semi-Annual Flea Market/Rummage Sale and Annual Abe Mazer Golf Tournament were

successful. The golf tournament featured a deli lunch and awards. This tournament was established after the death of Abe Mazer, husband of Honey Mazer, and long-time member of Temple Beth Israel.

TYG members held a Lox and Bagel Brunch in January after Shabbat Services, which was highly successful. They also hosted a Sub-Regional Study Kallah in March, with approximately forty young people in attendance from South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. TYG members helped write and conduct Sabbath Eve Services. Their study theme for this weekend was "Back to the Bible." The weekend ended with Havdalah and a 50's dance.

Children of the Religious School have put "Jewish is Joyous" into practice. They have been visiting shut-in members of the congregation, contributing Tzedakah money to the Emergency Fuel Fund for the Needy in Florence, celebrated T'U B'Shvat by buying thirty-nine trees to be planted in the Children's Forest in Israel through JNF, and drew and presented a "Get Well Mural" to Alice and Irving Kaufman of Greenwich, Connecticut, who were hospitalized in Florence after a serious accident on their way to Florida. A workshop on Jewish Education, hosted by the Religious School, was led by Zena Sulkes, Educational Consultant for the South Carolina Council of the UAHC. This was attended by Temple Beth Israel Religious School teachers as well as others in the state.

Rabbi Mahrer has been conducting an "Introduction to Judaism" class which was well attended by members of the congregation and which was also open to the public. This is an Adult Education project.

The death of our member, Tillye King, formerly of Charlotte, left a void in our community. Our sympathy is extended to Dr. Eric and Bari Heiden, and the entire

family on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

We welcome new members, Charles and Diane Graham, and their sons, Joshua and Dean, Robby and Nick, who are triplets. The Graham Family comes to us from Sarasota, Florida, and now reside in Lake City, South Carolina.

The UJA Kickoff Dinner in March featured Mr. Shaul Ramati, a native of Poland with military service as Captain in the British Army, Battalion Commander in the Israeli Army, and Ambassador to Japan and Brazil. He was well-received by a large audience.

Mazel-tov to Eric Levy, his parents Leslie and Sandy Levy, and grandparents Herb and Martha Levy on his Bar-Mitzvah.

Mazel-tov, also, to Gert Radin on the Bar-Mitzvah of her grandson, Aaron Jason, son of Kay and Ira Radin in Columbia, South Carolina.

Congratulations to Dr. Ed and Maureen Kasper on the marriage of their daughter, Deborah Ann, to Mark Wright Jordan.

Our community is proud of Ira Levy, son of Leslie and Sandy Levy, on being elected Secretary of Hillel at Clemson University.

And last, but far from least, a very happy 90th birthday to our very long-time member, Arthur Siegel, in Florida. May he enjoy many happy years.

**OFFER OF PRAYER BOOKS**

There are some Union Prayer books available which may be some use to a Congregation. Contact: Mrs. Marian Kanter, 1110 Orlando Place, High Point, N.C. 27262. Telephone: 919-885-2884.

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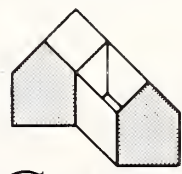
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## COLUMBIA, SC TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION

by Ruth Bazerman

The Tree of Life Congregation has voted to go ahead with their plans to build a new synagogue on Trenholm Road. The present Temple has been sold to the Unitarian Church, who will share the facility with Tree of Life Congregation until the new facility is completed.

The new facility, which will be built through the generous contributions of hundreds of individuals in the Temple, will cost over One Million Dollars. It will consist of a building with over 20,000 square feet. With a large sanctuary, and adjoining social hall the new facility will meet the growing needs of Tree of Life. The religious school wing, with library, youth room, and classrooms adjoins the office wing of the building.

Building committee chairman Howard Weiss noted, "The new facility marks a new chapter in the history of Tree of Life and Reform Judaism in Columbia." Frederick Blank, Temple President remarked, "The project has unified the temple members, raised their hopes, and bound them together with a joint purpose."

According to Weiss there have been several key individuals within the Jewish community who have been, and hopefully will continue to be, extremely helpful to the Temple in bringing this project to fruition.

It is hoped that the congregation will be housed in the new building by the High Holy Days of 1986.

A Confirmation Service was held on Shavuot morning, Sunday, May 26th, when Seth Albright, son of Linda & Fred Blank; Cara Bedford, daughter of Nancy Bedford; Esther Meyers, daughter of Barbara and Berry Meyers; Suzanne Politis, daughter of Kay and Murray Politis; Todd Shakespeare, son of Birdie Shakespeare; Daniel Weinbaum, son of Marcia and Paul Weinbaum and Todd Weiss, son of

Nancy and Howard Weiss, confirmed their faith in their Judaic Heritage.

A Kiddush Brunch hosted by the parents followed the services.

The Columbia Jewish Community Center Pre-School held their graduation exercises on Thursday evening, May 30, 1985. The proud parents, grandparents and guests were entertained by a program presented by each grade from the two-year-olds to the graduating five year olds. The children also sang songs that they learned in their Judaic Studies classes taught by "Grandma" Ruth Bazerman.

The graduates, Matt Agree; Danielle Anastasion; Ben Brooks; Katie Drucker; David Emihovich; Jill Fleischman; Edin King; Steven Levin; Andy Tucker; Dania Weber; and Suzanne Wray-Langer received their diplomas from Paula Schwartzman, the school Principal.

Mrs. Schwartzman told those attending that this has been a most rewarding year for the Columbia Jewish Community Center Pre-School program. She further stated that for the first time the school has a waiting list for five-year-olds next year.

### TORAH MANTLE IS DEDICATED MAY 24, 1985

It was only fitting and proper that as we approached the season of Shavuot, when we reaffirm ourselves and our commitment to the Torah that GOD handed down to Moses, that a beautiful Torah mantle designed and created by Carol Rothstein was presented to the Tree of Life Congregation by Susan and John Baker; Ruth and Zachary Bazerman; Jeanette Birch; Linda and Frederick Blank; Sadie Blank; Barbara and Julian Bleeck; Henrietta and Alvan Block; Ethel Brody; Neil Cohen; Belinda and Richard Gergel; Lillian Herman; Sheila and Jerome King; Barbara and Howard Kosovske; Jennie and Michael Kronenfeld; Jennifer and Stephen Savitz; The Temple Youth Group; Catherine

Weiner and Nancy and Howard Weiss.

The mantle was "Dedicated to The GLORY OF GOD" with the fervent hopes that "we, our children, our children's children and all generations to follow will continue to bear the mantle of our Judaism about us with deep and abiding love."

## SPARTANBURG, SC

Maxwell Goldberg has been cited in *Men of Achievement* compiled by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England. He has also been cited in the International Directory of Scholars, the Directory of American Scholars, and Who Who, and has been selected for inclusion in Contemporary Authors and the International Directory of Intellectuals.

Now president of the Friends of the Spartanburg County Public Library, he is also in the second term as president of The Shepherd's Center of Spartanburg County. Recent publications of his include *Telics and Holistic Education for the Technetron Age*.

## PINCUS—STEINBERG

Dallas, Texas—Congregation Tiferet Israel was the setting for the Sunday, June 9 noon wedding ceremony of Marla Joy Pincus and Henry Jay Steinberg. Rabbi Mark Zucker officiated.

Mrs. Steinberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Pincus of Dallas was graduated from the University of Texas in Austin. She received a B.S. degree in elementary education and was employed by T.D. Marshall Elementary School in Dallas.

Mr. Steinberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Steinberg of Spartanburg, was graduated from Spartanburg High School and received a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Chartered Life Underwrite



Mrs. Marla Steinberg

designation from the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He is a Group Sales Consultant for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Katherine Albert of Dallas, attended as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bridegroom's sister, Linda Joy Steinberg of Atlanta, Georgia; Linda Rene Partegas of Austin, Texas; Cheryl Rae Deutsch, Terri Melissa Luskey, Shelli Lea Samel and Marcie Kay Levine of Dallas. Assisting with the Bridal Registry were the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Michael Alan Pincus, Randy Allyson Stenn, Lisa Rosenberg and Debbie Lynn Shusterman of Dallas.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brothers, Dr. Michael Alan Pincus and Mark Steven Pincus of Dallas; Michael Zachary Abramson of Clearwater, Florida; Reverend Clarence Earl Kanipe, Jr. of Greenville, South Carolina; Kenneth Michael Kemp of Gastonia, North Carolina; Barry Michael Dreayer and Neil Gary Wisenfeld of Marietta, Georgia and Walter Roy Thomas, III of Atlanta, Georgia.

Following the ceremony a reception, luncheon and dancing

were held at the Westin Hotel, Galleria on the Parkway.

After a trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

### JEWISH SINGLES WEEKEND AT VIRGINIA BEACH SPONSORED BY TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel of Norfolk, Virginia presents its Third Annual Jewish Singles Sun and Fun Weekend to be held at the Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel complex in Virginia Beach, August 23-25, 1985. It is an opportunity to join with Jewish singles from the entire East Coast.

After last year's participation of 600 people, Temple Israel expects an attendance of over 750 this year. A full program of worship, dining, music, dancing, sports, discussions and swimming in the ocean or indoor pool will make this a complete vacation. The cost is \$160 per person, double occupancy, which includes four meals, services. Oneg Shabbat, dance, speakers, numerous sporting events and, of course, surf and sand.

Reservations and payment are due by July 15, 1985. The cost of the weekend is \$160 for reservations made prior to July 15th, after which the cost is \$170. Additional information may be obtained at Temple Israel, 7255 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23505. Telephone (804) 489-4550.

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## CHARLOTTE, NC TEMPLE ISRAEL

The Congregation held its annual meeting Sunday, June 2. The agenda included nomination and election of officers and board of trustees. The nominating committee selected the following, with additional nominations welcomed from the congregation: President, William Ashendorf, 1st Vice President, Dr. Sanford Benjamin, 2nd Vice President, Judi Strause, Secretary, Barnet Weinstock, Treasurer-Adm., Fred Bergen, and Treasurer-Finance, Jerry Segal. Members of the board of trustees are David Arazie, Elliot Bernat, Helen Friedman, Dr. Jay Jacoby, Samuel Lerner, Douglas Mann, Charles Meltsner, Edward Mottzman, Dr. Paul Putterman, Elliot Sanderson, Lloyd Scher, Ginger Snitz, Robert Speizman, Michael Van Glish, and Steven Weiner.

Confirmation Services were held May 24 for the Temple Israel Confirmation class.

Temple Israel Young Couples Club held a May Fest family outing on May 19 at Pineville Lakeside Park with separate events for adults and children. A New Members party was held on June 29, "Sun at the Dunn's," a Lake Norman party.

Temple Israel Couples Club (what's the opposite of young?) once again took that Mystery Bus ride, meeting for breakfast Sunday, June 9 at 8:00 AM at Delitown in the Cotswold Mall, then boarding the bus for a day's outing and fun. Capacity of the bus was 23 couples.

Richard Brian Rosenfeld, son of Marshall and Barbara Rosenfeld celebrated his Bar Mitzvah Saturday, May 18.

Adult Education showed its last movie of the season, *Sahara*, on June 23. This film was judged one of the best about the North African campaign in World War II.

A special service was held Friday, June 28, offering good

wishes to Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin of Temple Israel. Rabbi Rocklin is leaving after 16 years of leading Congregation Temple Israel. The Charlotte community says, "Shalom."

A Memorial Library Fund has been established in memory of Cheryl Katz, beloved daughter of Ellie and Ron Katz. Initial donations by friends of the Katz family formed the seed money for this ongoing project to purchase new books for the library of Temple Israel, to be known as the Cheryl Katz Memorial Library Book Fund.

Robert Gleiberman, Youth Director, announces two conventions for the coming year: In October Temple Israel Youth will host a USY Sub-regional Convention. USY will hold an Interfaith Program in May 1986, inviting members of Charlotte churches to visit Temple Israel. USY enjoyed four events in June: a lake party, a religious school zimriah, USY-Kadima Installations, and Youth Day at Carowinds.

Condolences to Hushie Silverstein on the loss of her husband, Isadore Silverstein, father of Gary and Robyn, sister of Minnie Sutker.

Members of Temple Israel offer condolences to Arthur Tirsun, Educational Director, for the loss of his beloved wife, Rosalyn Tirsun.

## GREENSBORO, NC

The *Greensboro News & Record* published a series on Judaism, which ran on three consecutive days, Sunday, March 31, through Tuesday, April 2. For Christians who are interested but uninformed about Judaism, these carefully prepared articles must have been enlightening and satisfying. Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist branches were covered, including the Lubavitch, with an attempt to explain differences. Many

photographs were used, taken by Joseph Rodgriguez, staff photographer for the newspaper. Writer was Cecile Holmes White, religious editor.

Also included in the series was list of important dates and events of Jewish history dating back to 2000 BCE, a list of major Jewish holidays with their explanation and a few answers to some questions frequently asked about Judaism.

Thanks to Rabbi Arnold Task for sending us the articles. We believe the *Greensboro News & Record* has contributed to interfaith understanding.

## JUDAIC STUDIES AT TULANE

The Jewish Studies Program at Tulane University in New Orleans continues apace. *Shirenu*, the Program's bulletin reports on the First Annual Max Fuksma Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Program, when Elie Wiesner spoke of February 7. Another great appearance was made by A.I. Yehoshua, Israeli novelist, on March 7.

Arab-Israeli relations were described by Israeli political scientist Dr. Aaron Klieman during a two-day visit March 20-21. Dr. Klieman, a native of Chicago, now lives in Tel Aviv and teaches at Tel Aviv University. He is the author of seven books on Middle East subjects.

Tulane offers a Jewish Studies Degree Program, and the Bulletin lists over 30 courses in the Program. Support for the Program is solicited, with a goal of \$200,000.

The Times Outlook is indebted to Tulane's Joseph Cohen for his exceptional book reviews which he permits us to print. He teaches Modern American Jewish Literature, Course 471 in the Jewish Studies Program. He is member of the executive board of the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

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## **GOLLUB—DATNOFF WEDDING**

On May 12, 1985, at The Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, Elizabeth Gollub, daughter of Mrs. Lorraine Heldman and the late Irving Gollub was married to Lawrence Elliott Datnoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Datnoff of Hickory, N.C. Both from Chapel Hill. Rabbi Neil Weinberg officiated at the ceremony in the garden of the Hotel.

While the guests were seated, Matthew Gollub, brother of the bride, played the drums and performed a Japanese dance before the ceremony, signaling the bride and groom and parents of the couple to the altar where the canopy was held by Howard Zerden, Rochelle Datnoff, uncle and sister-in-law of the groom, Robert and Joan Huffaker, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, Michael and Mary Heldman, brother and sister of the bride and Dorothy Gollub, aunt of the bride and Matthew Gollub, brother of the bride.

After the reading of the vows, Rabbi Weinberg pronounced them husband and wife. The parents of the bride hosted a cocktail party and dinner dance following the

ceremony.

Glenn Datnoff, brother of the groom was best man.

Elizabeth is a graduate of the University of California where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. She is working for a Masters Degree in Nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Datnoff of Hickory, North Carolina. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia at Athens where he received a bachelor of science degree in Horticulture. He received a Masters Degree from V.P.I. in Blackburg, Virginia and received his Doctorate in Plant Pathology at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois.

After a wedding trip to Yosemite National Park and Big Sur, the couple will live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Several parties were held for the couple. Saturday morning the "Aufruf" was held at the home of a cousin of the bride, Gloria Levin, at Malibu Beach. Rabbi Neil Weinberg performed the service. After the service a luncheon was served to guests from North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Maryland, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Alabama, Oregon, Vermont, and Texas.

Saturday night at the Pacifica Hotel in Culver City, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Datnoff, Mr. Howard Zerden, and Mrs. Esther Greene, aunts and uncles of the groom hosted a cocktail party for the wedding party and out of town guests.

A dinner hosted by Philip and Gwen Datnoff, parents of the groom, was held in the Laguna Room at the Pacifica Hotel on Saturday evening.

## **SJHS ANNUAL MEETING**

"Lox and Grits" will be the theme of the 10th Annual Meeting of the Southern Jewish Historical Society to be held in Memphis,

Tennessee, October 18-20.

The two-day program will present and celebrate experiences of Jewish communities in the South. Lectures and workshops will focus on current documentation and interpretation of the sense of place of Jewish people in the South as relates to the urban or rural lifestyle, immigration, community and family life, food, art, and music.

Speakers will use video, slide recordings, walking tours and artifacts. The gathering will bring together historians, writers, and the general public. Anyone who is interested in the various experiences of Southern Jewry is invited to attend.

Election of officers will be held at the meeting. Sol Breibart, 25 Confederate Circle, Charleston, SC 29407, is chairman of the nominating committee. Janice F. Blumberg of Washington, DC is current president of SJHS.

Mailing address for SJHS is VSJ, Box 179, Valdosta, GA 31698.

## **B'NAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION WILMINGTON, NC**

Cantor Manuel Zymelman has been engaged for the 1985 High Holy Days.

President of B'nai Israel, Walter Winter, has announced the installation of a new boiler. Future projects will be roof repairs, Chestnut Street sidewalk repair, restroom and ceiling repairs.

Incoming President of Sisterhood will be Robin Goldstein. Outgoing President is Donna Laufer.

Subjects of sermons by Rabbi Waxman for Friday night service during the summer will be "Great Schisms in Jewish History."

Condolences to the family of Roberta Zimmer on the loss of her mother, Annie Goldfarb.

Gabriel Seth is the new son of Roselle and Bob Margolis.

Grandparents are Jenette and Norman Evenson and Stanley Margolis of New York.

Religious School Graduation was held June 2 together with Confirmation of Samuel Leder, son of Robert and Esther Leder and grandson of Herman and Yetta Leder, all of Whiteville. We do not have names of graduates of the Religious School. Graduates from High School were Rachael Levy, Mark Lipman, Marcia Schwartz, and Sami Winter. College graduates among the congregation are Tammy Cohen (Emory University Law School); Howard Lipman, (East Carolina); Jay D'Lugin, (Tulane); and Sue Mintzes, who received her Ph.D. in Education at UNC-CH. Congratulations to all graduates and their families.

Day Camp began June 17.

**MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE GROUP  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
COMING EVENTS**

Services will be held the first and third Fridays with 3 in August as follows:  
7 PM—Be There  
July 5th, July 19th—to be announced  
August 2nd will be the Bar Mitzvah of Michael Bass  
August 16th will be the Bar Mitzvah of Jeffry Pomerantz  
August 30th—to be announced  
September 15th Hi-Holiday Rosh Hashonah Services (Sunday Nite) 6:30 PM  
September 24th Kol Nidre (Tuesday) 6:30 PM  
September 25th (Wednesday) 4 PM followed by a Breakfast at conclusion  
September 29th Succoth—will be announced at a later date  
Hebrew classes are held every Friday Afternoon from 3 to 5 PM. This gives everyone an opportunity to get out and get their dinner and come back on the above nights that there are services later in the

evening. The cost of \$25.00 for the new Hebrew students includes the work books and beautiful Siddur, for the new people. The cost to the old people is only \$4.00 since they already have most of the materials. Those who are interested in this course please send Gloria Bass, 43 Whisper Road, Franklin, NC 28734 either \$25.00 or \$4.00 whichever is appropriate and write on your check what this is for and she will enroll you and order the books for you. Make checks for Hebrew books payable to Mountain Synagogue Inc.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

This was held June 2nd at 3 P.M. and the above announcement were made. In addition an election was held and the following will be the officers of Mountain Synagogue Inc.

- President—Phil Fruitstone
- Vice President—Ed Pomerantz
- Secretary—Pauline Tenenbaum
- Assistant Secretary—Ada Sails
- Treasurer—Gloria Bass
- Asst. Treasurer—Jo Ann Mercer
- Resident Agent—Norma Schulman

It was also decided to keep the dues at the same low level \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families, and have a New Year's bulletin for fund raising if needed when the time comes.

Gifts for the Bar Mitzvah boys were also discussed.

The beautiful new Torah Cover was presented by Dr. Fred Berger and admired by all.

Several Committees were organized and will begin meeting immediately to discuss and plan future activities.

The following are the committees for 1985-86

Hospitality Committee: Dorothy Marks, Pearl Fegarsky and Florence Snyder. It was decided that since they will alternate as Chairperson of the hospitality it would be most appropriate that their husbands also take turns in assisting them to arrange the tables and whatever else is needed to set up for the services.

Information People and

Telephone Committee: Ruth Balok—Georgia, Rose Temkin—Franklin, Dave Fegarsky—Sylva and Charlie Finkelstein—Murphy. Ruth Balok has kindly volunteered to retype our mailing list when it is completely corrected. Ruth has also offered to put our Press Releases in a group of Georgia Publications which will give us tremendous coverage which we have never had before.

Religious Committee: Asher Marks, Maury Tenenbaum and everyone else in the congregation who is able and willing.

Building Committee: Al Bass, Abe Birnbaum and Sam Sails

Dr. Constance Head's book *Isaiah Prince of Prophets* will be published in the near future. It has been very well accepted by her publisher and is a sequel to her book *Ahaz*. *Ahaz* by Dr. Constance Head is a book that is spellbinding. Once you start reading it, you cannot put it down. Constance has also written *Imperial Twilight* and



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*Justinian II of Byzantium* fascinating books as well as many other works. She also wrote our Bulletins and Newsletters last year and we have been very fortunate to be so elegantly informed. I try to take special pains with the newsletters I am writing now because Constance likes good form and good spelling. As you all know Constance is very ill. She loves us all and wants us to go ahead and become a well organized congregation, but sick as she is now she has asked us to please send her no cards, no letters, no gifts, no visitors, but lots of good thoughts and prayers.

Glad the Tenenbaums are back from Israel.

Two new members, Charles and Nancy Finkelstein from Murphy, and Abe and Shirley Birnbaum from Hayesville. Welcome!

Dave and Sydell Berman will be in the last of June and beginning of July.

Phil Fruitstone, our new president will leave for Alaska June 10 for 3 weeks.

Please send in all changes of addresses to Ada Sails, 76 Macktown Gap Road, Sylva, NC 28779, so we can get busy and retype our membership list.

## **ASHEVILLE, NC** **(Taken from Asheville Citizen-Times, June 9, 1985)**

Leah Robinson Karpen is Asheville-Buncombe's Woman of the Year for 1985, chosen for that honor because of her contribution as a volunteer in the community during 1984. She served as president of the Asheville—Buncombe League of Women Voters from May 1983 to May 1985.

"She came on board as president at a time when the local league was at its lowest ebb in recent history," said an agent of the League in nominating her for Woman of the Year. "Membership was down, interest and finances were low. Something drastic was needed to save the organization. That

something drastic turned out to be Leah Karpen." Leah is modest. "I don't like publicity; I'm a modest person. I don't look for recognition," she said. "I like to take on difficult jobs—jobs that no one else really want to do—because it's a challenge."

League membership grew from 67 to 155. Finances became fiscally sound. Hundreds of people were registered to vote. Candidates' meetings were held before each election. A major debate was sponsored and "Facts for Voters," a guide to informed citizen participation in government, was published. Additional chairmen were enlisted.

During 1983 and 1984 a fund drive was held. "We paid off all our debts to State and National the first year. We now have a reserve fund," she said. "We established a Florence Ryan Education Fund, which has been approved by IRS as a tax-exempt organization . . . We now have an endowment in that fund and we use the interest for special projects."

We made a tremendous drive for voter registration in 1984. We were everywhere, high schools, parks, concerts. Any place there were people congregated, we would have a voter registration booth . . . Twice I went to factories to register people." Hundreds of people were registered to vote by Karpen.

She will continue to serve the League of Women Voters as a member of the State Board, and plans to edit the Quarterly Voter, the State publication. In addition to her work with the League of Women Voters, Karpen is an active member of many other organizations. She served as chairman of the board of the Weaverville Library from 1978 to 1981. She taught management at Warren Wilson College from 1980 to 1982.



*Leora Rosenberg Levy*

## **ROSENBERG—LEVY WEDDING**

At Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester in Rye, N.Y., Leora Mariana Rosenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Rosenberg of Charlotte, N.C. was married to Steven Mark Levy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Levy of Scarsdale, N.Y.

The bride, an alumna of Brown University, until recently was the account executive for Lippert Whitehead, a financial public relations concern in Manhattan.

Her father is the president of United Enterprises Inc., a sportswear distributor in Charlotte. She is the granddaughter of Jenny Baikovitz and the late Jacob Baikovitz who was president of Confecciones Per S.A. in Havana, Cuba. He was one of the leaders of the Zionist organization in Havana and Lithuania, where he was always active in the campaign to raise money for Israel. Her paternal grandfather, the late Philip Rosenberg of Miami Beach and Havana, Cuba, was president of the Vertientes-Camaguey Sugar Co.

Mr. Levy, a real estate developer and broker in New York City graduated from Connecticut

College. His father is a lawyer in New York. He is a partner of Abraham Kamber & Co. The late Mr. Kamber, the groom's grandfather, founded the United Jewish Appeal of Greater N.Y. and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

A dinner/dance was held at the Century Country Club in honor of Leora and Steve. After a trip to France, the couple will reside in New York city.

### SOME REFLECTIONS ON FUNERALS

by Simon Meyer  
Charleston, West Virginia

Once upon a time in Eastern Europe, a priest asked permission of a rabbi to attend services. Afterwards, he reported that the services were awful loud. The rabbi answered "our God, he is an old man and can't hear well." The priest also remarked that the shul was dirty and got the answer that "God did not have a wife." The priest went to a Jewish funeral and reported that it was not well conducted. The rabbi, "Well, I'd rather go to Christian funerals myself." So it is that I have been going to non-Jewish funerals and below are some of my reflections.

In all of the funerals, the preachers include the phrase "My Father has a mansion with many rooms." etc. None of my preacher friends could prove it.

One funeral that moved me greatly was that of Cap. Ferguson's mother. Three choirs, three preachers and a lady that gave the life story of the mother of six children. All were educated and successful, which was a great accomplishment for a black family in 1900. I would like to have biographies at funerals.

In Clendenin, I had a friend, Lois Jackson, a music teacher. At her mother's funeral, there were 10 preachers who had served in her church (Democratic So. Metho-

dists) during her life. She must have been a Deaconess to have rated such a homecoming. The services were conducted with the single mourner sitting there for two hours! Poor girl! I am for moderate length of funerals.

I had a Carbide friend who was raised in Bland Courthouse, Virginia. His funeral was in a little frame church, and the music was provided by a portable record player. My only objection was the waste of an expensive casket. I remember him for (1) he was so loud on the telephone, (2) his descriptions of his several operations were very graphic. Clarence Dunn.

I had an ambition to be a chemicals manufacturer. To this end I hired two men and one woman, chemists from Institute. The brother of one, and the son of Rev. Austin, drowned, and Ida and I attended the funeral. Full church, hot day, and 13 colleagues of Rev. Austin were on the pulpit. A grizzled old man went to the lectern and said to his colleagues, "Brothers, we have all come here to give solace to our Brother Austin. We are all in the same business, and you know that what you have to say can be said in two minutes. I am the master of ceremonies today, and I say to you, two minutes is all that you get! Wonderful; the brain can't take more than the butt can. I favor brevity.

### TRANSFORMATION AT THE WESTERN WALL A Story for Tisha b'Av July 28, 1985

by Malkah Raymist

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget  
her cunning . . ."  
(Psalms 137:5)

In summer 1946, on the eve of the Ninth of Av, eleven kibbutzim went up overnight in the Negev in the teeth of British opposition. The Ottoman law forbidding the demolition of buildings once they were completed and had not been changed by the British. This action secured the Negev for the future State of Israel. A group of local and foreign journalists went to the Negev to see these newborn kibbutzim, leaving for the South before sunrise and returning to Jerusalem in the late afternoon. On the way back the Jews in our group decided to go to the Western Wall that night, as it was the eve of Tisha b'Av, the anniversary of the destruction of the Temple.

We walked through the silent streets, the moon dim and pale, the light mist in the air looking like golden dust. We deemed it our duty to go to the Western Wall because the British had imposed a curfew and hardly anyone else could go. In the empty streets of Jerusalem we passed barbed wire entanglements, roadblocks and patrols. British soldiers regarded us with curiosity. In the Old City the night mercifully hid the dirt and squalor.

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We walked down the wide steps of the new, asphalted road leading to the Western Wall. Jews, mainly of Oriental communities, were asking us with surprise whether the curfew was lifted. An old man enquired rather belligerently: "Do all the men have skullcaps?" "Don't worry, we have," they replied in chorus. I was the only woman in the group.

Our passage was causing a sensation among the Old City Jews. Old men cheered us saying, "This is a real mitzva to come on a night like this." Sephardi, Kurdish and Persian women sitting at the roadside applauded. Small boys accompanied us for a while, as if we were a marching regiment.

The very pious had gone to the Old City by day and stayed overnight so as not to miss the early evening prayers at the Wall. Inside the Old City there was no curfew. It was the unruly modern Jews who had to be kept indoors, prevented from moving freely.

Several British police officers and constables at the wall looked at us with surprise but did not ask to see our passes, although we did not look like the crowd that came to pray. Our group of about fifteen went there as a demonstration—"You cannot keep a Jew away from the Western Wall of the Temple." Our moral and national duty was to make that traditional pilgrimage when others could not.

Some thirty men sat crosslegged by the Wall in a circle, a candle burning in front of each forming an inner circle of shaky light. A bearded Jew was reading from the Scriptures in a half singsong, in a high, firm voice.

Those of use who could pray sat on the ground and began to pray without further ado. Some of my colleagues turned into traditional mourners, swaying in the rhythm of chanted prayers. The ageless pain and sorrow flowed from their lips as naturally as if they had never done anything but pray and mourn. One of the older newspapermen, the editor of a labor daily, pulled a

skullcap from his pocket, took off his shoes and seated himself crosslegged on the ground. He was lost to the world. "His soul has taken off his working clothes," I thought. "This is the real man, not the one who sits at a desk surrounded by telephones and secretaries." There he was, chanting prayers and rocking himself just as all Jews have done ever since the destruction of the Temple.

I turned to the Wall and put my face to it. After a day of midsummer sunshine the stones had the warmth of a living body. Why is it that this purely symbolic relic means so much to millions of people all over the world? To hundreds of generations? Because it is a wound. A wound that never heals.

Not all of us normally go to the Wall on the 9th of Av, but this time we came in force—every Jew in Jerusalem who had a curfew pass. The pious, the lukewarm, even the unbelievers were there. One thing united us—we could not bear the thought of the Wall being deserted on this particular night. When an outsider, a foreign ruler, an intruder tried to prevent us—we had to go.

We walked back with heavy hearts. The light mist had dispersed and the moon shone brightly. The streets were eerily empty. In past years, on those nights crowds were thronging, pressing, passages were crammed and in the narrow streets masses of people proceeding at a slow pace. On the eve of Tisha b'Av it took several hours to reach the Wall and return. Now it took barely twenty minutes to cover the distance between Zion Square in the center of the new City and the Western Wall.

A Jerusalem newspaperman said: "This night will go down in history, and history repeats itself. We were conquered by Persians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans and Turks, and were ruled by them. Ruled but never broken. Now we

are ruled by the British. They are trying to break us but cannot. Why are they to succeed where all the others failed? We are an ancient people and more stubborn than any other people on earth—we are the stiff-necked people." We felt grateful to him for formulating this.

The elderly newspaperman from Tel-Aviv, who had lost himself in prayer at the Wall, was Zalma Rubashov, then Editor in Chief of the Labor daily *Davar*. He later became the third President of Israel. His name was Zalma Shazar.

## **CAN UNDERSTANDING BE FAR BEHIND? Egyptian Students Studying Hebrew and Jewish Studies**

Haifa University Professor Gabriel Warburg is currently head of the Israel Academic Center in Cairo. He reports that some 100 Egyptian students are studying Hebrew and Jewish studies at three Cairo universities—Cairo, Ein Shams and Al-Azhar. All three universities have Jewish studies departments offering four-year B.A. programs as well as M.A. and Ph.D. programs.

Studies include Hebrew language and literature, and Jewish history. Graduates now number in the thousands, with most going on to join various government ministries, the military or the Voice of Cairo broadcasting network. One of the graduates is the present director of Hebrew language broadcasts at Voice of Cairo.



# Tradition in the Kitchen

Here are two recipes of people whose names you will recognize. If George Burns can digest this favorite of his, he's in better condition than many of us!

## GEORGE BURNS BAKED LIMA BEANS WITH FLANKEN

- 1 lb lima beans
- 1 lb flanken, cut in thin strips
- 1 tsp salt
- pepper to taste
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 cup liquid from the cooked beans
- 1½ cup tomato juice
- 1 clove garlic
- ½ cup brown sugar (adjust to taste)

Cook lima beans, adding flanken bone. When limas are almost tender, remove bone, add salt and pepper. Saute meat strips and onion in oil. Drain limas and save 1

cup of liquid. Combine limas, liquid, tomato juice, garlic, sugar, sauteed meat and onion. Correct seasonings. Bake, covered, about 2 hours @ 325°. Meat may be omitted. Curry seasoning is good for additional flavor.

## NEIL SIMON'S COLE SLAW

- 1 medium head of green cabbage, shredded
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 or 2 tbsp vinegar
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- sugar and salt

Toss all ingredients together and serve. The addition of ½ cup of fresh or canned pineapple chunks and ½ cup walnut meats makes a delicious variety of cole slaw. Slices of ripe kiwi make an attractive garnish.

volumes which were completed by the time of his death. These were originally serialized weekly in the Yiddish daily *Der Tag* in New York, commencing in 1915. A portion of the memoir was translated into English and published in 1955.

Though we have had to wait a long time, we now have a new complete, definitive translation. *From the Fair* (translated, edited and with an introduction by Curt Leviant; Viking Penguin Inc.; \$20.00) has to be one of the most welcome books of this, or any, year.

Curt Leviant's translation superbly renders Aleichem's Yiddish into *Yinglish*, to use Leo Rosten's term. The tonal inflections, nuances, the curses, mild but frothy maledictions rather than profane expletives, are music to one's ears. Indeed, they brought back to life my long-since dead Litvak Bubie who filled my

## Book Reviews

### VIEW AND REVIEWS SHOLEM ALEICHEM: AN INVITATION TO A FEAST

by Joseph Cohen

When Sholem Aleichem died in 1916 in his fifty-seventh year, his funeral in New York was attended by 150,000 people. This remarkable tribute, by today's standards, is still impressive, though the number of people who now know and revere the great Yiddish writer's work, many of them through the refashioning of the Teyve stories into *Fiddler on the Roof*, must reach into the millions.

Like Isaac Bashevis Singer who

came after him, Sholem Aleichem is important to us not only because of his gifts as a storyteller but because his Yiddish stories were fated to preserve the rich history and culture of eastern European Jewry, soon to be totally decimated.

Among the richest chronicles of that ill-fated culture is Aleichem's autobiography which covers the period from his birth in 1859 through his first twenty-one years. Intended to record his first half-century of life in ten projected installments, Aleichem's autobiography, *Funem Yarid* (*From the Fair*) consists only of the first three

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childhood with wonderful harangues, the likes of which I have never encountered until coming to this memoir.

The memoir itself is a document of rare and surpassing warmth. Part of the reason for the work's charm and enchantment is that Aleichem wrote his life-story in the third person, as a novel. The value of this approach is in the detachment and objectivity it provides. The contemporary reader familiar with James Joyce's *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* will know how effective the technique is in the hands of a master storyteller.

Reading Aleichem, Joyce comes readily to mind. One of his earliest short stories, "Araby" in *Dubliners*, a tale about a boy who goes to a bazaar, encapsulates the meaning of Aleichem's title, suggesting that while life is like going to a fair there is a lot of disillusion and sadness mixed in with the magnetic attractiveness and glamor of the occasion.

Like Joyce, Aleichem was a master of the narrative art in a number of ways. Both the *Portrait* and *From the Fair* appeared originally in serialized versions. Aleichem knew, as Joyce did, the necessity of employing that might be described as "the wheel of fortune" formula, casting the hero on high one minute and dumping him into the depths the next. To hold the reader's interest between episodes, the serialist was required to indulge in a leap-frogging of success and failure. This increased the suspense and at the same time, it enhanced the satire. The satiric technique involved cleverly provides for one expected response and then gives us its opposite.

Both Aleichem and Joyce were adept at employing in their fictionalized memoirs the "on the road" metaphor comparing life to a progressive journey, using time as though it were space. Their respective protagonists, Sholom and Stephen Daedalus, travel from

infancy through childhood into adolescence arriving at manhood, each stage of their lives introducing them to new wonders of the world. What is more striking, however, than the similarity of their techniques is the parallels in their childhood experiences. Though one had a Catholic upbringing in Ireland and the other one a traditional Jewish rearing in the Russian Pale of Settlement, some passages from their fictionalized lives could be interchanged without missing a beat. Recalling Melech the Shamesh's Sabbath lectures to Sholom and the *cheder* boys, Aleichem says, "His vivid depiction of the good impulse and the evil impulse, Paradise and Hell, the Guardian Angel of the Dead, and the sling in which the wicked were cast from one end of the world to the other drew rivers of tears from everyone's eyes." This description could easily be transposed into the section of *A Portrait* wherein Father Arnall delivers his sermon on the same themes to Stephen and his Catholic classmates at the religious school retreat.

Beyond these parallels—and others—each writer reveled in his own culture. As Joyce was to do for Dublin, Aleichem captured for posterity the astonishing merry-go-round variety of life in the Pale. We are introduced to the village of Voronko, later to be immortalized as Kasrilevke, and to its dozens of characters, Sholem's parents, his relatives, the pockmarked one-eyed maid, Frume, Feigelah the Witch, Sirko the dog, Grandma Minday and her shroud, Gergelah Ganev, Meir Velvel the coachman and his horses, and to dozens of other friends, teachers and special characters. Life and death, good and evil, skipping prayer, skipping school, stealing pears, puppy love, mimicking elders, looking for hidden treasures, learning to live with the czar's decrees, avoiding the peasants' dogs, celebrating the Days of Awe, day-dreaming, mastering Hebrew and, subsequently, Russian,

suffering through pain and loss and growing up all come together in a continuum of seventy-eight vignettes, one more entertaining than the other, all of them spiked with Yiddish proverbs and curses.

The Yiddish portrait of the artist as a young man is aptly titled, for *From the Fair* is a trip and a treat as fresh as any excursion of childhood recalled. No ordinary fare, it is most of all, an invitation to a feast!

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**Leah's Children**, by Gloria Goldreich, Macmillan Publishing Co., 369 pp., \$16.95.

Leah Goldfeder captured the hearts of readers in Gloria Goldreich's poignant novel, *Leah's Journey*. Since the novel's appearance in 1978, countless readers have approached Gloria Goldreich, wanting to know more about Leah and her three children.

Now *Leah's Children* has been published. As celebrities and dignitaries gather to honor Leah for her artistic and humanitarian achievements, she reflects upon her life and on those of her children. Each has carried Leah's struggle for freedom and justice. Aaron, as a dynamic attorney; Michael, as a young idealistic professor at Berkeley, and Rebecca, as an artist like her mother. *Leah's Children* follows their separate paths, the challenges and losses they face, and the growth of their understanding and vision, illuminated by the spirit of the mother.

From revolutionary Budapest, Mississippi during the turbulent sixties to the kibbutzim of Israel before the Six Day War, Aaron, Michael, and Rebecca make their marks in the world. Aaron embarks on a secret mission to Hungary the eve of its revolution to rescue a beautiful physicist. Michael, a child of the sixties, leaves his univers

campus to become a civil rights activist in Mississippi. The two women in his life—Kemala, the proud, beautiful black woman who is dedicated to freeing her people, and Mindell, the young survivor of Auschwitz—frame his journey to self-awareness. Finally, Rebecca chooses the danger-filled uncertainty of kibbutz life over the secure, comfortable world of her childhood. After the death of her stepson, she finds herself torn between the convictions that brought her to Israel, including her deep love for her Israeli husband, and the lure of her old life and the promise of a brilliant career in the New York art world.

Goldreich weaves a compelling story that brings together the passions and ideals that marked the century. She creates, in Leah and her children, unforgettable characters whose lives are infused with indomitable courage and compassion.

Gloria Goldreich is the author of the bestselling *Leah's Journey*, which won the National Jewish Book Award for Fiction. Her novel *Four Days* won the Jewish Federation Arts and Letters Award. Ms. Goldreich is also the author of *This Promised Land* and *This Burning Harvest*. Her critical essays and stories have appeared in *Commentary*, *Hadassah Magazine*, *McCall's*, *Redbook*, *Woman's Day*, *Ms.*, *Family Circle*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, and other magazines. She lived for several years in Israel, while doing graduate work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Gloria Goldreich now lives in Westchester County, New York, with her husband and her three children.

**The Circle of the Baal Shem Tov,** Studies in Hasidism by Abraham J. Heschel, University of Chicago Press, 280 p., \$24.95.

The essays in this book present portraits of four figures in the inner

circle of the Baal Shem Tov, the "Master of the Good Name," who founded the Hasidic movement in the early eighteenth century. The Jews of Eastern Europe were heavily oppressed, the autonomous structure of Jewish society dissolved. The conversion of the false messiah, Shabatai Zvi, to Islam plunged his followers into despair. In this moment of hopelessness, Hasidism revitalized East European Jewry, fostered charismatic leaders, and inspired a great flowering of the Jewish spirit, persisting into our own time.

Translated into English, these essays are full of historical information and Hasidic teachings in the form of legends and anecdotes. The editor, Samuel H. Dresner, has written an introduction, bibliography, explanatory notes, technical information, and references for scholars.

Abraham J. Heschel (1909-1972) wrote books in four languages. A

native of Poland, he taught at leading Jewish theological schools in the U.S. and had great influence on both Jewish and Christian thought throughout the world. Samuel H. Dresner studied under Heschel and has taught at Spertus College of Judaica and the Hebrew University.

**The Main Issues in Bioethics,** (Revised) by Andrew C. Varga, S.J., Paulist Press, 348 pp., \$10.95 paperback.

This August the Interfaith Institute at Wildacres deals with the subject of Bioethics as viewed by western religions. It is fortuitous to have this book fresh off Paulist Press(es), adding important opinions on this current controversy.

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has accelerated and raised new ethical questions. This revised edition of *The Main Issues in Bioethics* reports on the important changes that have taken place during the past four or five years and evaluates their moral implications. At the same time, the updated edition retains the structure and method of the first. It offers a systematic approach to the major questions of bioethics. It surveys and discusses these issues in a concise and consistent way, providing a comprehensive overview of the pertinent scientific background and data for each issue discussed.

Especially those of our readers who will participate in the third Interfaith Institute at Wildacres August 12-15 will benefit by reading this book.

**My World As A Jew**, by Israel Goldstein, Herzl Press, Volume I, 376 pp., Volume II, 448 pp., 2 volumes \$45.

*My World As A Jew* is an unusual autobiography. It records the author's experiences in the Rabbinate and other fields of service, as well as historically momentous events which he had a part in shaping during more than half a century. The books tell of his childhood briefly in a Lithuanian shtetl, then in Philadelphia, of student days in Philadelphia and New York. He has described his leadership through World Wars I and II, including his efforts to rescue and rehabilitate victims of the Holocaust and his part in the campaign for creation of the State of Israel, followed by his work to strengthen Jewish life in the United States. He worked for the American Zionist movement, worldwide Jewish solidarity, and his *World As a Jew* is also ours, recounting the history of Israel since 1948.

His career has been long and eventful, not only in religious and

Zionist areas, but he helped to establish the U.S. and International Conference of Christians and Jews and was the founder of Brandeis University. He has nine other books to his credit and holds numerous honorary degrees from universities in the U.S. and Israel. He retired with his wife to Israel, where he renewed his service as World Chairman of the Keren Hayesod, United Israel Appeal and as a member of the Jewish Agency Executive. At present he is a member of the governing boards of Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science, and University of Haifa.

A wealth of photographs enliven the book, which is an important reference book for laymen and scholars, and furthermore "will be read and enjoyed by all to whom humane values and the destiny of the Jewish people are of vital concern." It is a valuable permanent addition to your library.

**Momlilies: As My Mother Used To Say**, Ballantine Books, \$2.95.

Michele Slung, columnist for *The Washington Post*, has coined a new word that aptly describes the time-honored phrases that infiltrate our minds and are repeated from generation to generation. She calls them "momlilies"—or, homilies told by mothers. In her new book *Momlilies: As My Mother Used to Say* . . . Slung has preserved for posterity almost 300 of those things mothers say over and over again to their children on every subject ranging from manners to marriage. Slung also includes photographs of such famous maternal figures as Mother Freud, Mother Hemingway, Mother Kissinger, and Mommie Dearest's own Mother Crawford.

Slung is a self-described "connoisseur" of momlilies. "I can't turn off the tap," she explains. She

began keeping a list of momlilies for her own pleasure, and as the list grew, she realized there were enough of them to form a collection. With the help of friends, colleagues and relatives, she began to pour in. "What incredible," says Slung, "is how momlilies guide our behavior year in and year out. All you need to do is think of your mother's favorite saying and her voice is magically your ear."

What does Mama Slung think of her daughter's book, which is dedicated to her? "Well," daughter Slung says with a smile, "Slung doesn't know about it yet. It's not Mother's Day present to her."

**Memoirs Of A Special Case**, by Chaim Raphael, Rossel Books, 200 pp. \$12.95 cloth, \$7.95 paper.

Chaim Raphael's brilliant mixture of autobiography and provocative fiction, originally published in 1966 is now available in a revised new edition from Rossel Books. A limited quantity of library bound copies are being made available simultaneously with this new paperback edition.

**Comments on the First Edition**

"A product both of intensive English and intensive Jewish education . . . (Raphael) is both affectionate and caustic in his use of his Jewish knowledge and . . . his development of his modern secular sophistications."—*New York Times*

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“Lightened throughout with a graceful and civilized humour

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**The Dhimmi—Jews and Christians Under Islam**, by Bat Ye'or with a preface by Jacques Ellul. Translated from the French by David Maisel, Paul Fenton and David Littman. 444 pages, illustrated. Published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press. Paperbound \$9.95, hardcover \$25.

During the last 35 years Islam has been the jubilant beneficiary of an assiduous rehabilitation campaign that paints a rosy and romanticized picture of its history and culture. In essence this view—expressed in numerous books and articles—rejects the idea that Arabs were intolerant and cruel conquerors who persecuted and massacred non-Moslems living in their domains.

Now a carefully researched study has appeared that effectively punctures this contrived myth of Islamic benevolence. This revelatory new work is titled *The Dhimmi—Jews and Christians Under Islam* by Bat Ye'or, an Egyptian-born Jewish scholar.

Going directly to the historical record, the author documents the harsh realities of Moslem treatment of Jews and Christians over the past 1,200 years through a fascinating assemblage of letters, essays, reports and other accounts written by the victims themselves, by their Moslem rulers and by impartial foreign visitors to Arab lands.

There, in a vast Islamic dominion stretching from Spain to Afghanistan, deliberate oppression—from petty indignities to rape, extortion, torture, forced conversion and massacre—was regularly heaped upon the dhimmi, the defenseless non-Moslems of Damascus, Nablus and Baghdad,

of Fez, Seville and Algiers, of Marrakesh and Tunis.

In an informative and penetrating preface to *The Dhimmi*, the French scholar Jacques Ellul calls it “a very important book” that “ought to be read as a work of current interest,” and he tells us why:

“One must know as exactly as possible what the Muslims did with these unconverted conquered peoples, because that is why they will do in future (and what they are doing right now).”

“For the conquering Islam of today, those who do not claim to be Muslims do not have any human rights recognized as such. In an Islamic society, the non-Muslims would return to their former dhimmi status, which is why the idea of solving the Middle East conflicts by the creation of a federation including Israel within a group of Muslim peoples or states, or in a ‘Judeo-Islamic’ state, is a fantasy and an illusion.” Mr. Ellul concludes with grim warning:

“The Moslem would have not evolved in its manner of considering the non-Muslim, which is a reminder of the fate in store for those who may one day be submerged within it.”

“*The Dhimmi*,” he writes, “is a source of enlightenment for our time.” For the reader of this book, that enlightenment will include a

new understanding of the Khomeini phenomenon, the meaning of the Jihad (Holy War) in Muslim ideology, and the dynamics of continuing inter-religious conflict in the Middle East.

**Meditations of a Maverick Rabbi**, by Albert S. Axelrad, Rossel Books, 170 pp, paperback, \$8.95.

Rossel Books proudly announces the publication of *Meditations of a Maverick Rabbi*, the collected essays of Albert S. Axelrad, Chaplain of Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

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## JULY/AUGUST 1985

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS HONORED IN RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Volunteers from the Clemmons and Winston-Salem community were honored June 5 for the over 1400 hours of volunteer service they have donated to the Home since May, 1984. The small but dedicated group of volunteers is active in all phases of life at the Home, from friendly visiting to groundskeeping. "Volunteers bring something special to the lives of residents," Executive Director Al. Mendlovitz said at the special luncheon given in their honor. "Staff can perform tasks and relatives can visit, but volunteers fill an important space between these two realms of caregiving."

Janet C. Sawyer, Director of Community Programming, introduced the volunteers to residents and staff and presented them with certificates of service and carnation corsages and boutonnieres. "We appreciate



*Volunteers Edgar Dickinson, Alice Clontz, Mary Perkins, Florence Voelkel, Mary Nell Jackson, George Spransy and Tony Schwertfege were among those honored on June 5.*

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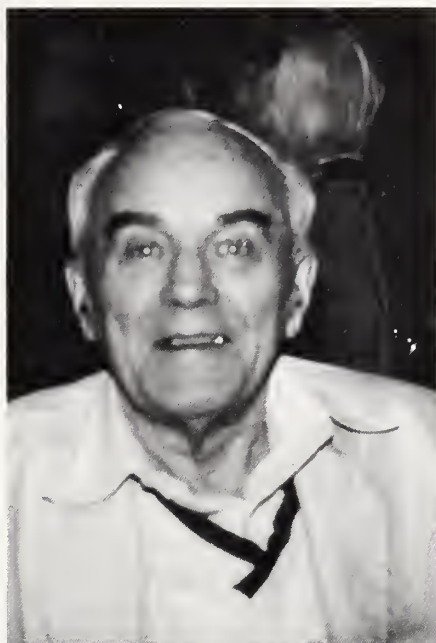
**FOCUS ON A RESIDENT:  
Dr. Francis Reid**

by Jennie Morganstern, AIT

Many of the A-Wing residents and staff know him as "Doc." He is Dr. Francis A. Reid. A native of East Poultney, Vermont, Dr. Reid attended schools in Vermont before receiving a degree in dentistry from the University of Indiana.

Dr. Reid and his wife, formerly Marcella Myers, had two sons – Robert and Phillip. Robert was a graduate of Harvard University. Phillip attended the University of London. He now lives in North Carolina and is affiliated with the drama department at UNC-Greensboro.

Over the years, Dr. Reid has established an outstanding record of service, both as a professional and as a member of his community (Windsor, Vermont). He served eight years on the State Board of Dental Examiners, ten years on the State Board of Health, and is a former president of the Vermont Dental Society.



*Dr. Francis Reid*

Of special note on the community level are the more than 50 years Dr. Reid served the Boy Scouts of America. During those years, Dr. Reid contributed in many ways to the quality of life experienced by the members of Troup 218. He was responsible for establishing the first Senior Explorer Unit in Vermont, and he holds the Silver Beaver Award, which was given to him by the Vermont Boy Scout Council for extraordinary service, not only to scouting but to other youth groups and community services.

Dr. Reid is also a long-time member of the Rotary Club. In fact, he was recently honored in a publication put out by the Club for 50 consecutive years of perfect attendance as a Rotarian!

We at BJH would like to congratulate Dr. Reid on once again being honored for his dedication, enthusiasm and service. Dr. Reid, we at BJH tip our hats to you!

*Volunteers, continued*

all you do for each of us who belong to the BJH community," she said. "Without your sharing of your time and your talents and your interests, the Home's service would be diminished."

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes to each of the volunteers listed below: Morgan Benjamin, Ellen Berlin, Laura Bradbard, Miriam Brenner, Rose Clein, Alice Clontz, Edgar Dickinson, Louise Dickinson, George Dukes, Judy Enners, Sherri Herman, Mary Nell Jackson, Sam Jacobson, Louisa Klein, Cindy Kranis, Connie Leonard, Jeff McMillan, Lee Metcalfe, Mary Perkins, Jolene Scarlett, Toby Sidman, Chrystal Taylor, Tony Schwertfeger, George Spransy, Edna Temples, Anne Towle, Florence Voelkel, Helen White.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

- Fay Eisen
- Clara Genovese
- Sophie Isley
- Robert Morefield
- Geneva Neal
- Sadie Parmet
- Sarah Pecker
- Ida Polashuk
- Evelyn Small
- Florence Swirsky
- Edna Westerberg
- Edwin Williamson
- Velva Yokley

**WELCOME**

May you have a long, happy and healthy life:

- Sarah Hanchrow  
Wilson, North Carolina
- James Winters, Jr.  
Walkertown, North Carolina
- Mary Carroll  
Ashley, Michigan
- Clarence Warnick  
Advance, North Carolina
- Beryl Fogle  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**IN MEMORY OF:**

We mourn the loss of Mary Barbieri, Leah Hoffman, Usher Zimmerman, Molly Feldman, Hortense Andron and Louis Cole. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

# MEET THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

by L. Levin

These planners for the 20th Birthday Celebration of the Blumenthal Jewish Home have every reason to look forward to a wonderful weekend of fun. Their interest in and love for the Home has been nurtured over many years of volunteerism. They all live in Winston-Salem.

Marian Sosnik is presently serving as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Executive Committee. During her tenure with this Board she has headed the Personnel Committee and now works with the Building Committee.

Gertrude Brenner has served on the Board for the past six years. Chairperson for the 15th Anniversary Celebration of BJH, Gertrude began her work at the Home helping the first decorating committee choose colors, etc., for the very first renovations. After having the primary responsibility five years ago, this experienced person is a natural for the 20th Anniversary Celebration!

Angela Munitz has accepted one of the most responsible jobs. She is the Reservations Chairperson for the committee. Angela has an infectious personality and it's just not possible to escape this upon first meeting her. Though she and her husband, Dr. Alex Munitz, have resided in Winston-Salem for only five years, they have already immersed themselves in the Jewish life of their community.

Vera Goldberg knows her phone will be busy in the months ahead. She's shared with husband Milton's projects for many



*Marian Sosnik, Gertrude Brenner, Angela Munitz, Vera and Milton Goldberg are planning the 20th Anniversary Celebration*



*Ellis and Ellen Berlin*

years, and the 20th Anniversary Celebration will be no exception. Vera has been a volunteer for visitations at the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Milton Goldberg, introduced in the June issue of *Times Outlook*, has his hands and calendar full as he marks the days down to the gala celebration. Chairman of the 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee, Milton has delegated, supervised and assisted with

the myriad tasks that must be accomplished prior to October 11-13, 1985.

Ellis Berlin has served for the past seven years as Treasurer of the Board of BJH, and concerned himself with more financial considerations as a member of the Investment Committee. Ellis is in charge of putting together a Commemorative Booklet for the 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Ellen Berlin has loyally overseen the BJH Gift Shop for ten years. She has been Co-Chairman for this important source of pleasure and income for those who live in the Home as well as for those who visit. Ellen will be helping the Committee with transportation during the weekend of October 11-13, 1985.

**SAVE THE DATES:  
OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 1985!**

## CONGRATULATIONS IN STORE FOR CELEBRATE! '85 TEAM

Nearly 60 residents, staff, volunteers and family members represented BJH at this year's CELEBRATE! nursing home olympics. In stiff competition with 12 other facilities, the BJH contenders gave their best shots to events as varied as watermelon seed spitting contests and wheelchair races. Although point-wise we failed to achieve one of the top three positions we can say with pride that no one had a better showing of enthusiasm or spirit than the residents wearing blue and white!

Representing the Home in the different events were: Rose Seid in math (2nd place winner); Elsie Robertson in the watermelon seed spitting contest; Martha Mayer in spelling; Roy Ray in horseshoe toss and frisbee throw (3rd place); Rita Newberry in beanbag toss; Willie Reynolds in ball toss; John Stemper in the wheelchair race; Claire Bernstein and Sol Greenberg in egg-



*Willie Reynolds (Southern Pines, NC) and Housekeeping Supervisor Johnny O'Neal*

and-spoon race; Zeno Sink and Sol Greenberg in walk-relay (3rd place); staff members Mickie Hayes in the ice cream eating contest and Johnny O'Neil in the tug-of-war. Assistant Executive Director Chuck Dizard raced through an obstacle course for administrators and turned in a very respectable time of 42 seconds. (Crawling under sawhorses, answering math questions and climbing a ladder were all part of his olympic trial.)

As in the past three years, the fun and positive energies sparked by CELEBRATE! lasted way beyond May 16th. We still admire ribbons, talk about the contests and — as with the most enjoyable events — talk about “just wait 'til next year!”

*Ed. note: Special recognition is in store for LaQuietta Davis, Recreation Therapist, who helped to organize the county-wide event.*



### BJH OFFERS RESPITE CARE

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*Having fun — Rose Spire (Roanoke Rapids, NC), Verna Howell (Housekeeping), Fay Moss (N. Miami Beach, FL) and Roy Ray (Winston-Salem)*



*In the walk relay, Sol Greenberg (Charlotte), Lauren Jones (Social Services), Jennie Morganstern (Recreation) and Zeno Sink (Winston-Salem)*



*Asst. Executive Director Chuck Dizard and Rose Seid (Charlotte) wait for math competition to begin.*



*Martha Mayer (Greensboro) (center) listens for her word in the spelling contest.*



*BHJ's frisbee toss winner was Roy Ray (Winston-Salem)*



*A good sport — Chuck Dizard in the Administrator's Contest*



*Claire Bernstein (Greensboro) hustles in the egg-and-spoon race.*

# QUALITY ASSURANCE SURVEY CONDUCTED

## Introduction

Recently the Executive Staff of the Home, through the coordination of our Department of Social Services, undertook a project to measure the feelings of those involved in the quality of service delivered at the Home. The staff administered a questionnaire of sixteen questions to family members of our residents.

## Methodology and Response

We mailed questionnaires to family members and to family members of residents who were discharged or who passed away in the previous 12 months.

The following is a breakdown of the respondents to possible responses and the actual number of questionnaires returned.

	Total Possibilities	Actual Responses
Family	*330 mailed	97
	*54 of these were mailed to deceased or discharged family members of residents who were here in the preceeding 12 months. 18 were returned.	

## Conclusions

Both the statistical and narrative components of the survey provide a general response that

reflects a positive reaction to the feelings about the Home and its staff.

The statistical material if taken so that the two left-hand columns are positive and the two right-hand columns are negative, demonstrate a very positive response.

There were isolated incidents of feelings of very negative narrative responses. However, for the most part, there was a general appreciation about the Home as a whole.

When there were specific complaints each department attempted to respond when a questionnaire was signed.

We make no attempt to say these responses reflect anything more than the feelings of those who responded. The professional staff feels good about the survey and plans to refine it for the future so that we can better understand how we are perceived.

We plan to do this survey again next year so that we can compare the feelings of satisfaction from year to year.

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during May and June, 1985

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- Ruth Baer
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- Sheila Spizel

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These staff members celebrate employment anniversaries in July and August.

## 1 YEAR

- Lisa Atkinson, *Housekeeping*
- Rory Blackwell, *Housekeeping*
- Paul Buchin, *Dietary*
- Vicky Combs, *Dietary*
- Edith Gardner, *RN, B-1*
- Mary McLaurin, *Nursing Asst., B-2*
- Pam Powell, *Nursing Asst., B-2*
- Linda Riggs, *Nursing Asst., B-2*
- Jan Smithson, *RN, B-2*
- Aldeen Stewart, *Orderly, B-2*

## 2 YEARS

- Edna Blevins, *Dir. of Social Services*
- Vicky Donley, *Nursing Asst., B-1*
- Ann Lawrence, *Nursing Asst., B-1*
- Ruby Rice, *Nursing Asst., B-2*
- Mark Sizemore, *Orderly, A Wing*
- Kathy Williamson, *RN, A Wing*

## 3 YEARS

- Penny Pierce, *Nursing Asst., A Wing*
- Ellen White, *Admin. Asst.*

## 5 YEARS

- Lois Call, *LPN, A Wing*
- Judy Crews, *Dietician*

## 6 YEARS

- Teresa Crotts, *Nursing Asst., B-1*
- Ann Day, *RN, B-1*
- Jean Garland, *Nursing Asst., B-2*
- Ellen Hughes, *Nursing Asst., B-2*

## 7 YEARS

- Becky Haley, *Nursing Asst., B Wing*

## 8 YEARS

- Marie Doty, *General Services Coord.*
- Betty Petticord, *Allied Health Coord.*

## 9 YEARS

- Lena Wall, *Laundry*

## 10 YEARS

- Mary Rice, *RN, B-1*

# BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME CUMMULATIVE OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

241 responses to the survey	Excellent %	Good %	Fair %	Poor %	No Opinio %
1. Quality of Staff					
Administration	37	42	8	.4	13
Business Office	33	44	5	.4	17
Dietary	27	48	15	3.0	8
Housekeeping	32	45	12	3.0	9
Laundry	27	49	10	.8	13
Maintenance	26	49	11	1.2	13
Nursing	42	45	5	.4	8
Physicians	30	38	9	.8	22
Recreation	31	45	9	1.0	14
Social Services	33	41	12	.8	13
2. Delivery of information concerning resident health	30	39	10	2.0	18
3. Quality of food	20	41	24	8.0	7
4. Amount of food	37	47	6	3.0	8
5. Monthly billing procedures	26	23	3	.4	47
6. Overall cleanliness and appearance	49	39	8	3.0	1
7. General maintenance	46	44	7	2.0	2
8. Activity programs	45	38	7	2.0	10
9. Activity programs suited to resident capabilities	29	47	8	2.0	15
10. Admission process	35	35	9	1.0	20
11. Responsiveness of social services staff	30	38	15	4.0	14
12. Administrative policies clear	25	41	8	2.0	25
13. Administration visible and responsive	29	41	10	2.0	18
14. Times Outlook publication	42	42	3	—	12
15. General mailings	24	20	.4	—	55*
16. Overall attitude of personnel	40	47	7	2.0	4
Number responding: Family –	97				
Residents –	29				
Staff –	115				
Total	241				

\* Employees were not asked this question

## BJH EVACUATES FOR TANGLEWOOD PICNIC

Nearly 100 people left the campus of BJH on June 4, reveling in blue skies and warm breezes that herald the perfect picnic day. It was the yearly "Tanglewood Picnic," scene of the world's best hamburgers and tastiest watermelon. Members of the Dietary Department had prepared the luncheon menu, managing to transport everything necessary to the picnic site and make allowances for special dietary restrictions and preferences.

Residents enjoyed several rounds of bingo before lunch. Afterwards there was an informal group sing, led by Anna Berkowitz's daughters, Bootsie and Zelda.

We all returned to the Home red, full and happy. A number of residents said this year's picnic was the best ever. However Willie Reynolds had a suggestion to make it even better. "Bring more girls!" said he! Well, maybe next year!



*Ann Lentz (Winston-Salem) tells it all with a smile.*



*Hamburgers taste better out of doors. Lillian Sutton (Greenville, NC) agrees.*



*Betty Lide (Winston-Salem) enjoys watermelon!*



*In the picnic spirit — Elizabeth Barrett (East Orange, NJ)*

## CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST

### July 4

Brenner Series featuring  
"The Stardusters"  
7 pm, courtyard

### July 7

\*Leave for Music at Sunset

### July 9

\*Clemmons Senior Citizens  
luncheon, leave BJH at  
9:45 am

### July 14

Brenner Concert: William  
Van Patten, Harp recital,  
3:00 pm

### July 16

\*Out to Lunch, 11:00 am

### July 23

\*Out to lunch, 11:00 am

### July 29

Movie "The Sting," 2:00 pm

### July 31

Birthday Parties, 2:30 pm

### August 1

Sunshine Singers, 7:00 pm

### August 13

\*Clemmons Senior Citizens  
luncheon, leave BJH at  
9:45 am

### August 15

Old Hollow String Band,  
7:00 pm

### August 19

Movie, "Gable and  
Lombard," 2:00 pm

### August 20

\*Out to Lunch, 11:00 am

### August 27

The Clothier visits for  
fashion show and sales,  
1:30 pm

### August 28

Birthday Parties, 2:30 pm

\*off-campus activities

Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the months of July and August.

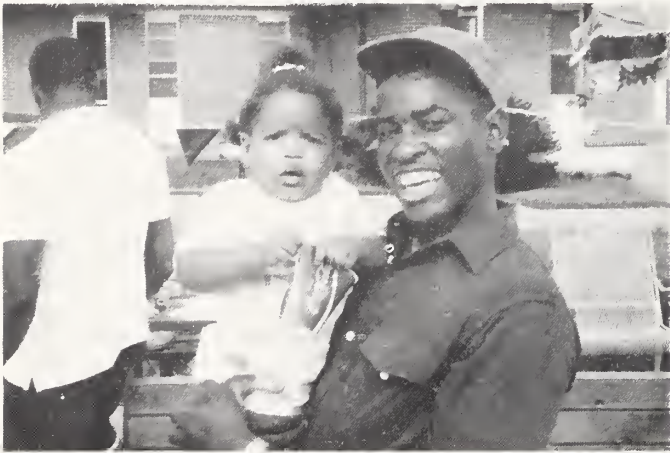
# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



The Young Salem Symphony entertained residents during a recent Brenner Concert



Magician Mark Daniel was featured at the Jubilee birthday party.



Greg Cuthrell (Housekeeping) and Shantee Hardy (daughter of Jack and Pam Hardy) enjoyed the BJH Staff Picnic.



Residents and staff sadly bid farewell to Rabbi Stephen Moch, who moved to Illinois.



Staff 1-to-1 volunteers were recently honored at a reception. L-R: Lucile Shaw, RN; Carolyn Bright, Nursing Asst.; Lonna Hendrix, Nursing Asst.; Ruth Wharton, Admissions Coordinator; and Lauren Jones, Social Services.



Families of Sol Levin, Jack Pearlman and Geri Polner sponsored a Father's Day concert of the Greensboro Razz-Ma-Tazz Musical Review.

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# Editorial

## LEARNING TO SAY "OUR"

by Don McEvoy

The greatest challenge of this age is learning to say not Me and Mine but We and Our.

The most beautiful things in human life come from learning to put things together in the right relationship with one another. Whether it is hydrogen and oxygen combining to create the rain and the dew or more than a million individual notes cooperating to create one of Wagner's operas, the beauty results when the elements learn to say not Me and Mine but Our.

That is true from a solar system to a symphony to a stained glass window. It is equally true for a nurturing family and a fraternal world.

There are those who believe that a genuine spirit of community is impossible, an idle dream. They believe that human species is so essentially egocentric that we can never achieve unity and peace. The instinct toward selfishness and self-preservation is simply too deeply instilled in our basic nature for us ever to create true community.

I believe there is something else, just as original and equally profound in our basic natures. That is the need to escape our solitariness, to interact cooperatively with others, to build community.

In fact, without denying our egocentricity at all, can we not say that because of our fundamental

selfishness, we are compelled to build a world community?

There is nothing that any of us really wants that can be achieved completely by ourselves. We want good health, but we cannot have that unless it is shared by the community. Epidemics know no boundary lines. We can have health only if the community shares it.

From clean air to clean water to the moral values of our children, it is not a matter of personal effort alone, but community cooperation. Our self-interest and our need for community involve each other. We want economic prosperity, but we can't have it for long unless it is shared with the full consuming community. We desire peace, but that is not an individual matter, but a matter of building a world community.

In the last century the French aristocrat Alexis de Toqueville visited America and expected to find democracy a failure. To his amazement he found it working. These Americans, he said, have discovered great areas of commonality despite their diversity—a common spiritual tradition, a consensus of moral values, and when they debate their differences they debate them within the area of an undergirding and inclusive community of ideas and ideals. To maintain that means learning to say not Me and Mine but We and Our.

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# The Passing Of A Patriarch (Part 2)

by Richard A. Klein

Of all the Goodman brothers, sisters and spouses, three clearly emerged as "patriarchs," John Goodman, the eldest brother, Arthur and Ben Jaffa. Their names were said with consistent praise, respect and admiration bordering on reverence. There was good reason.

John was a prominent attorney in Hopewell, Virginia, a small town close to Petersburg. He settled there with his wife, the former Helene Newman, and three children. He was elected Commonwealth Attorney in Hopewell and became Master of his Masonic lodge—the same positions his elder son, Sol, was to assume years later.

Tall, lanky and good-looking, John Goodman was clearly the leader of the Goodman clan that was beginning to grow and spread. But he was also the first to suffer from the ravages of a series of strokes—the same type of strokes that were to eventually take the lives of six of the seven Goodman brothers and sisters.

Uncle John died too early to be an influence in the lives of the new generation that was emerging.

My grandfather Arthur Goodman, was the first to settle in Charlotte—the city that ultimately became the focal point for the extended family. Ben and Blanche; Dorothy Goodman Collins and her husband, Arthur; Lookie and his wife, Sandy Kline Goodman, all migrated to Charlotte.

As a buyer for Bon Marche, my grandfather was in New York on one of his buying trips when he met Katherine Cohen of Buffalo, who was working for Aetna Life Insurance Co. He proposed to her the night they met. She turned him down then, but accepted about four weeks later.



*Arthur Goodman, Sr. taken in Charlotte about 1957.*

When the depression hit, Grandpa packed up his belongings, wife and two small children and headed east to Durham, NC, home of Trinity College (later Duke University) to study law. He returned to Charlotte to stay, practicing at the old Law Building on East Trade Street until his death in 1959. His brother, Lookie, joined him in the firm, Goodman & Goodman. Lookie's deafness kept him primarily confined to tax work.

My grandfather could have easily closed his resume as a successful trial attorney, but he enjoyed every facet of life. His tall appearance was imposing, especially to children, as was the long-time cane by his side, the result of muscular atrophy.

Grandpa's many activities included presidency of Temple Israel, founder of Temple Beth El, and active leadership in the Charlotte Jewish Federation, Humane Society and B'nai B'rith. In his own law practice, he became the city's champion for the downtrodden, particularly blacks. Through it all he maintained a sense of humor, laughing easily with everyone.

He won his first of three terms in the North Carolina State Legislature in the 1940's and carried the ticket in his last race for the State House. He became friendly with governors, judges and lawmakers throughout the state, who often visited his home on Westbury Road in southeast Charlotte.

His first love was family—especially children. He liked to call himself Santa Claus, even calling up at times identifying himself as such. He showered gifts on his grandchildren, though sometimes the tins of pretzels were overdone.

The extended family included every handicapped child in the City of Charlotte. For his birthday in March he arranged a party at Fireman's Hall on Monroe road and invited all the disabled young people. Local personalities such as Cowboy Fred Kirby joined in to make the birthday party complete with lunch an event to be remembered. It would remain a fixture in the city long after his death.

But like his brothers John and Moe before him, Arthur Goodman succumbed to what was now being labeled "Goodmanitis," the deadly series of strokes. On the day he died he was proudly displaying how he could walk again from his previous stroke months earlier. He left behind, age 64, a young generation wishing they knew him better.

Fortunately, the final patriarch Uncle Ben, lived until he was 90 years old. Three generations became intimately acquainted with him and Aunt Blanche because they made a point at being at every family event.

But it wasn't their attendance that won the hearts of the family. Their loving words and deeds placed them on a deserved



*Blanche and Ben Jaffa with sons Sol and Ben, Jr. in the 1930's.*

pedestal. No bar mitzvah, wedding or bris was complete without Uncle Ben's ringing toast—and Aunt Blanche adding another ten or fifteen-minutes soon afterwards. Uncle Ben found just the right words to sum up the event making the occasion complete.

On the day he died, the family realized a significant passing had occurred. The Patriarchs—all the Goodman brothers and husbands of the daughters—were gone. The legacy was their children and their spouse, all of whom have accomplishment to their credit. They became presidents of congregations and major organizations. Two were elected to

public office in the footsteps of their fathers. Two went on the boards of trustees of important universities.

But it is still not clear that another patriarch is out there, at least in the classic fashion. Aunt Blanche shook her head after Uncle Ben's funeral and said, "There will never be another Uncle Ben. There was only one."

True. But Uncle Ben Jaffa's greatest gift to the family was the memory of a patient, dedicated, loving individual. The gift of that memory is a bit of the patriarch instilled in each member of the family.

## HIGH POINT

by Estelle Levine

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Carl Hoffman on the confirmation of their son Jeffrey, Friday, May 31st.

B'nai Israel Synagogue was the setting for the June 16 ceremony uniting Deborah Deane Kintzing of Van Nuys and Marc Samuel Samet of San Francisco in marriage. Rabbi Robert Sandman of High Point and Rabbi Arnold Task of

Greensboro officiated at the couple's exchange of vows. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Kintzing of Rt. 4, Lenoir city, Tennessee. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samet of 1308 Longcreek Drive.

Robert Morton Silver, 84, of 9 Wickcliff Terrace died Monday, June 17, at Blumenthal Jewish Home, Clemmons. He had been

in declining health three years. Born in Russia, he was brought to High Point at a very early age. He was co-founder of Silver Knit Industries from which he retired in 1970. He was a former member of the Board of Trustees of High Point Memorial Hospital, was a founding director and trustee of Blumenthal Jewish Home and a former board member of the YMCA. He was a member of Score, a Mason and a member of Numa F. Reid Lodge No. 344, the Kiwanis Club, and the B'nai Israel Synagogue, where he had served as president.

Surviving are wife, Mrs. Ethel Galloway Herman Silver; stepdaughter, Mrs. Rodney A. Block of Napa, California; stepson, Stanley M. Herman of High Point; six stepgrandchildren.

Funeral was Tuesday at Sechrest Funeral home followed by burial in the Hebrew Cemetery. Rabbi Robert Sandman officiated.

## KINSTON, NC

by Pearl Schechter

At our annual Congregation \*Meeting, Mr. Aubrey Bronstein was elevated to the presidency for a period of two years. Mr. Martin Goldfarb of Greenville, NC was elected to the position of president-elect, and Mr. Michael Page as a member of the Board of Directors. All is well at Temple Israel as our beloved Rabbi Robert Shafran continues his excellent spiritual leadership.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crane of Greenville, whose daughter Marjorie has graduated from UNC Chapel Hill. Marjorie has accepted a position with Macy's in New York.

Morris and Ida Heilig returned from a visit to their daughter Debby and her family in Miami Beach. While there they celebrated Debby's and Jerry's 24th wedding anniversary, Jerry Schwartz's

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birthday, and their granddaughter Karen's graduation from high school. Our best wishes go to all the honorees.

Mazeltov to Joe and Esther Goldwasser on the birth of their first grandchild, Molly. Molly is the daughter of Lori and Michael Goldwasser who live in Urbana, IL.

Mrs. Rea Resnick of Greenville has been elected president of the Kinston-Greenville Chapter of Hadassah.

Welcome back to North Carolina to Brian Kanter. He has finished two years of college at the University of Minnesota and will continue his education at UNC Chapel Hill. Brian is the son of Sharon and Gerald Kanter and the grandson of Ida Kanter.

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Conway, S. C.

## TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION COLUMBIA, SC TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION GROUNDBREAKING HELD by Ruth Bazerman

On Sunday afternoon, July 14, 1985, over 200 members and guests gathered on the grounds of the future home of the Tree of Life Congregation on Trenholm Road. Rabbi Howard Kosovske reminded those present that the congregation traces its roots back to 1896 when the Jews of Columbia set out to erect a house of worship to replace the synagogue which had been destroyed in 1865. The name of the congregation, proposed by Henry Steele, was to be "Etz Chaim" or "Tree of Life." His suggestion was based on Proverbs 3:17-18: "Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace. She is a Tree of Life to them that lay hold upon her. And happy is everyone that holdeth her fast." Frederick R. Blank, Congregation President welcomed all present. Rabbi Kosovske led a meaningful service in which all present participated. Honored guests were Mayor-Elect Ed Spencer of Arcadia Lakes where the new Temple is being built, The Reverend Dr. Philip Whitehead, President of the Christian-Jewish Congress and Minister of St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Robert F. Gabriel, Pastor of the No. Trenholm Baptist Church and Christine Robinson, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church who have purchased the present home of Tree of Life Congregation, Barbara Bruck, Eugene Green, Lester Lefton and Howard Weiss, past presidents of the Congregation joined with Rabbi Howard Kosovske, Frederick Blank, Congregation President, Reverend Christine Robinson, and Reverend Dr. Philip Whitehead in breaking the ground. Each was presented the shovel they used on which was a small plaque marking the date and event.

Rabbi Kosovske concluded the

Service and ceremony with moving prayer for the future of the Congregation. All present then shared in the beautiful collation prepared by members of the Sisterhood and chaired by Murie Masur.

The Congregation hopes to be in their new home to celebrate the High Holy Days in 1986 when they will also celebrate their 90th anniversary. Until then they will share their present building with the Unitarian Universalist Church.

## MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE FRANKLIN, NC

Mountain Synagogue, the only Jewish Congregation Southwest of Asheville. Services will be held the first and third Fridays with 3 in August at 7 p.m. as follows:

July 19th—Sermon by Dr. Ashe Marks "Judaism and the Unity of God" Mountain Synagogue will have another beautiful first at the service. We will be naming the Little Baby Girl, granddaughter of Leonard and Florence Snyder. This will really be a beautiful service.

August 30th sermon by Maur Tenenbaum. Topic to be announced. September 15th Holiday Rosh Hashonah Service (Sunday Night) 6:30 p.m. September 24th (Tuesday) K'Nidre 6:30 p.m. September 25th (Wednesday) Yom Kippur Service 4 p.m. followed by a breakfast conclusion. September 29th Succoth to be announced.

At St. Cyprians's Episcopal Church at Roller Mill Road workshop service will be followed by Oneg Shabbot (fellowship and refreshment). Everyone is invited to attend.

For information call: Ada Sall Sylva/Cullowhee 586-5941. Pea Fegarsky Sylva/Cullowhee 586-6991. Rose Temkin, Franklin 369-6871. Gloria Bass, Franklin 369-6834. Pauline Tenenbaum Murphy/Bryson City 837-222 Ruth Balok 404-754-6085 Home 404-754-4474 Work.

Hebrew classes started June 7. Sixteen people were in class. Maury Tenenbaum is a splendid teacher, and lessons are free. Contact Gloria Bass, 45 Whisper Road, Franklin 28734. On June 14 the Hebrew class enjoyed a Sabbath meal, followed by singing.

On June 7, Maury Tenenbaum gave an inspirational sermon, "Why Me, Lord?" It was weighty with information.

Visitors were Shirley and Stan Geffen with their son Cliff from Hayesville. Their great granddaughter Zelma, a Jewish cabbage patch doll, came too. Also visiting were guests of Al and Gloria Bass, cousins from Maryland, Gail and Ron Bass and their three lovely children. There were five children at services the night they came.

New members are Gladys and Hy Berger of Franklin and Mary and Hans Kent, Franklin.

Ruth Balok is writing the mailing list and helping with the bulletin.

Al Bass is head of the building committee and is getting bids for air conditioning. There is a need for new prayer books and 60 will be purchased at a cost of \$16 each. Contributions to this fund will be appreciated, and donors names will be inscribed in the books.

Ada Sails, now responsible for Mountain Synagogue's bulletin, closed the July 1st bulletin with this:

A lifelong backslider suddenly "saw the Light" and approached the local rabbi. "Rabbi, from now on I will attend synagogue services regularly," he promised. "I'm glad to hear that," smiled the wise old rabbi, "but remember—going to synagogue doesn't make you a Jew any more than going to a poultry farm makes you a chicken!"

## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM CHARLOTTE, NC CALENDAR

Sept. 7, Slihot Service, 11:00 p.m.  
Sept. 13, Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah

Service, 8:15 p.m. Sept. 16, Rosh Hashanah Service, 10:00 a.m. Sept. 24, Yom Kippur Service, 8:15 p.m. Sept. 25, Yom Kippur Service, 10:00 a.m. Reflective Kumitz, 4:00 p.m. Yizkor, 5:00 p.m. N'ilah, 5:30 p.m. Sept. 27, Shabbat Service, 8:15 p.m. Sept. 29 Sukkot Service, 7:00 p.m.

\*Please call Temple Beth Shalom at 366-5560 for information concerning tickets for the holidays. Temple Beth Shalom, 8600 Fairview Road, Charlotte, NC 28226.

## TEMPLE ISRAEL CHARLOTTE, NC

Temple Israel welcomes Rabbi Marc H. Wilson who assumed the pulpit August 1st. A native of Chicago, Rabbi Wilson comes to Charlotte from Congregation Shearith Israel of Atlanta where he served since 1975, after leading a congregation in Morton Grove, Illinois, renowned for passing a handgun control law. He has worked with Jewish youth, has had numerous articles published, and has rendered many community services. He has received honors including *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution Community Service Award, public servant of the year* and *B'nai B'rith Distinguished Service Award*.

The Board of Trustees of Temple Israel passed a resolution granting women full and equal rights in synagogue ritual. It will be voted on by the congregation at a special meeting on July 29.

Couples Club enjoyed a Lake Norman Outing at the Frushticks for members of Couples Club on Sunday, August 18. Lunch, swimming, and boating were provided.

Men's Club held a Newcomers' Barbecue on August 25 at Temple Israel. Steve Weiner and Linda Binnick took reservations; Larry Segal and Murray Bodnar were in charge.

Sisterhood officers for 1985-

1986 are President, Lois Benjamin; Simcha Vice President, Ginger Snitz with Linda Goldsmith; Membership Vice President, Marilee Kodsi assisted by Helene Nathanson; Program Vice President, Debbi Hirsch with co-chairman Elke Tulman; Fund-raising Vice President, Rhoda Gleiberman; Financial Secretary, Helen Friedman; Corresponding Secretary, Paula Klein; Treasurer, Arlene Karp.

## TEMPLE BETH EL CHARLOTTE, NC

by Roland Heller

Temple Beth El is sponsoring a new organization established to promote and further the social interests of its members. The Temple Beth El Social Club was organized on June 8, when a covered-dish dinner was served. Officers selected are Sidney Cojac, President; Murray Rosen, Vice-President; Micki Schiffman, Secretary; Julian Saly, Treasurer; and Jane Heller, Social Coordinator. Because of the enthusiasm generated at the June gathering, it was decided to schedule another event during the summer. On July 14, Bastille Day was commemorated with a "Gay Paree" party. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and desserts were served, followed by music and dancing with a French flair. Future events, including short trips to points of special interests, are in the planning stage.

On June 28, when Rabbi Krantzler was attending the national convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Hilbert Fuerstman, a Temple member of long standing and a student of the Bible, presented the sermon. Lisa Vernon, Director of Education, conducted the Service and Torah reading and also led the Saturday morning Shabbat Service and Torah study.

Recent Bar/Bat Mitzvah Services honored Deborah Seeman, David

Marsh and Julie Goodman.

On July 12, a special Oneg Shabbat following the Friday evening Services was celebrated, in honor of Walter and Elizabeth Klein, commemorating their fortieth wedding anniversary. Hosts for the occasion were the children of the honorees.

## CHARLOTTE YIDDISH VINKL

by Elkie Tulman

We're happy to announce that the Charlotte Yiddish Vinkl will start meeting again this fall at Temple Beth El, 1727 Providence Road, on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The projected dates for the first three meetings are: October 2nd, November 13th and December 11th.

In order to pique your interest, we offer the following information. Did you know that—?

1. Yiddish and the early form of German had their beginnings in Europe around the same period in history and drew upon some of the same sources.

2. Scholarly Yiddish can contain as much as 50% Hebrew. Both languages have the same alphabet, but the rules of spelling and reading differ.

3. Yiddish is accepted as an accredited language for someone aspiring to enter the U.S. diplomatic service.

4. Many Yiddish words have been accepted into the vernacular and are used by both lay and professional people (e.g., "mayvin, kosher, schmaltz, shtik, chutzpah, bubaleh," etc.)

5. More than 60 colleges and universities in the U.S.A. offer Yiddish as part of Judaic studies. Some, like Columbia in N.Y., offer graduate courses.

6. In 1980 The National Yiddish Book Center was established in Amherst, Mass., by Aaron Lansky to reclaim, repair, stock and disburse Yiddish books.

7. You don't have to know

Yiddish to come join our Vinkl—all you need is a love of "Yiddishkeit" and a desire to learn and share in our Jewish heritage.

Our teacher and "facilitators" will again be: Sholom Goozner, Baila Pransky, Raizel Luski, Gedalia Ackerman and Avram Luski. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy! (For further information, call Stanley and Elkie Tulman at (704) 541-1803.

## CAMP GAN ISRAEL—1985 CHARLOTTE, NC

What do you do during the month of June if you have just finished school and are looking for fun? Over forty Charlotte youngsters found the answer by enrolling in Gan Israel day camp which is operated by Lubavitch of North Carolina.

The two super duper fun weeks were packed with exciting field trips, great learning experiences, swimming, sports and of course Torah study.

Every morning campers lined up to Jewish songs and exercise followed by a short learning period. The children went on to

their sports, games or field trips. They toured Arnold Bakery in Gastonia, where they saw kosher bread being baked. The Coca Cola factory provided a detailed tour with lots of exciting gifts.

There were special projects and contests that the children were able to use their creativity in. Space day had the children coming to camp in a home made space outfit or hat day where the most innovative hat won a prize.

At the roller rink we had winners of the races. They were super and not only at sports and games but they memorized talmudic verse and received prizes for that too.

The four counselors, Chanie Miriam, Sara and Chanie had just graduated from the Beth Rivka Teachers Seminary and flew into Charlotte full of energy and vigor. They did a superb job and gave the campers a great time. The tiny tots were led by Peggy Davis and Debra Swanson who gave them all the care and warmth the children needed.

Almost every day the camper went swimming. The girls swam at Walter and Elizabeth Klein's pool and the boys at Simon and Mar Wojnowich's pool. At both beautiful pools the children were



helped by trained lifeguards.

The two major trips were to Carowinds and Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia. We also went to the petting zoo, miniature golf and arcade games, rollerskating, boating and much more.

Everyday, Mr. Pushke would walk around collecting the tzedokoh while the children sang "I am a little hunk of tin." The children learned about many different subjects. They learned how to bake Challa and they were all able to take home their own Challa.

The children all hope to come back next year and have a great time again.

## HOTEL ROOM—BOOKING SERVICE APPEALS TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

A unique travel service that offers luxury hotel accommodations at substantially reduced prices is gaining widespread acceptance in the Charlotte Jewish community, according to Bruce Hensley, one of the founders.

Charlotte-based Reservations Incorporated was formed last year to help member hotels fill empty rooms by offering reduced rates to travelers that would not normally spend the night in Charlotte.

"We want the day-trippers coming to Carowinds, Discovery Place, Southern Shows and other attractions to spend the night in Charlotte," explained Hensley. "Charlotte has much to offer, and we are trying to help establish her as an affordable, fun destination."

The service is promoted through toll-free 800 telephone numbers printed on various attraction brochures. Recently, the company discovered the number of Charlotte day-trippers for weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and other celebrations was quite high.

"We offer up to 50% savings on a variety of accommodations in Charlotte and eight other U.S. cities," continued Hensley. "This is



*Operations Manager Suzanne Braswell oversees bookings for 31 hotels in 9 cities for Reservations Incorporated.*

a very appealing service to friends and relatives who might think attending such events is illaffordable."

"We were extremely pleased with the way Reservations handled our accommodations," said Betty Shelley, mother of a June bride. "They took a lot of responsibility off me and made housing our guests very simple and affordable."

Della Freedman, newly established Bat/Bar Mitzvah consultant, added, "I think the concept is great. I hope to use the service frequently in my new business."

"I found out about Reservations through a contact at Discovery Place," said Cynthia Melenson of Matthews. "I plan on using the service for my son's Bar Mitzvah in October."

For additional information about Reservations Incorporated, the Charlotte phone number is 376-9174. Toll-free telephone numbers are 1-800-854-6470 in North Carolina and 1-800-527-6667 outside the state. The public is invited to make use of the reservations service.

## THE FUTURE OF CHARLESTON W VA JEWRY

by Simon Meyer, written in 1966

The future of Charleston (W. Va.) Jewry must be comparable to that of American Jewry in general. By local energy and ingenuity, it is possible to modify and improve the pattern. In general, sociologists and students of population are in agreement that:

1. American Jews of the present generation have low birth rates. These are insufficient to maintain their number. My samplings over the past 15 years in different communities indicate that grandchildren represent only 80% of the number required to replace their parents.

2. Minorities ordinarily dissolve into the population mass. Traditional Jews resist this tendency best, but with others acculturation results in Jewish disinterest, intermarriage, and sometimes conversion. The combined effect is likely to reduce the number of Americans calling themselves Jews to perhaps three million by 1999. Such a reduction means that Jews in 1930 amounted to about 4% of the population, today are only 3%, and in 1999, with a U.S. population of 250 million, Jews will amount to only 1.2% of the population.

3. The further effect of a decline would be the increased burden per capita for the maintenance of Jewish institutions. For example, in Charleston now with about 1500 souls, we have two institutions costing about \$75,000 per year to operate. If such costs increase in the future as in the past, this cost might approach \$100,000, and this at a time when Charleston's population of Jews might be only 1,000. The per capita cost would be doubled.

4. The obvious decline in numbers and the increasing cost will have a tendency amongst the younger Jews to leave the sinking ship, because of not seeming able to withstand the buffeting of the

waves of disaster

Now, these are reasonable prognostications based on population studies. I have left out the ideological, the religious factors that have sustained Jewry through the ages—that is the role of the rabbis. I am only a lay observer of the scene, and it appears that our organized forces have not succeeded in making Jewry a fixed fraction of the American population. There is a Jewish proverb to the effect that you can conduct services without a rabbi, but you cannot conduct services without Jews. I maintain that we are running out of Jews, and I think that the time has arrived that the laymen must come to do battle. I suggest:

1. Selling to Jews the conviction that being a Jew gives a prideful status in American society, and make one's individual life important and satisfying. It's wonderful to be a Jew!

2. It would then become an important thing for Jews to have adequately sized families to share and carry on this prideful status.

3. It would be needful and justifiable for Jews to exercise needed financial efforts to make our children's live remunerative and to have children learn that prosperity and happiness can well be earned on the local level. We need to have faith that our children have ingenuity and efforts equal to ours and that we should not be fearful of assisting them in business.

I am convinced that young Jews in professions, in industry, can prosper and grow in Charleston and be as happy here as they might hope to be in other areas. I will not predict the level of religious devotion of Jews in Charleston, but I can see in the future a Charleston Jew, and American Jews in general, who walk erect down through 1999, and each in his way carry the banner of our unique family into the year 2,000.

ADDENDUM August, 1984

I ran across the foregoing comments, and I think it would be interesting to add the following: B'nai Jacob budget \$113,000 B'nai Jacob members 263, Temple Israel budget \$116,886 Temple Israel members 180. Total Jewish population 1100 souls.

The Temple set up an endowment fund of about \$200,000 from which last year about \$35,000 was used for operations. Cemeteries have no perpetual care and are subsidized by gifts or from operations of synagogue. The following are the per capita costs of maintaining religious institutions in Charleston, W. Va.

1950—\$80,000 total cost, approx. 1650 persons—\$48 (Multiply x 4 for a family)

1966—\$100,00 est. cost, approx. 1500 person—\$66 (per person)

1983—\$200,000 actual cost, approx. 1100 persons—\$180 (per person)

## THE JEWISH MUSEUM

The Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Avenue, New York, has informed us it will be closed September 17, 25 and 30th and will close at p.m. September 15 and 1 p.m. September 24. It will be open on Labor day. Hours are Sunday 11:00 to 6:00, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Noon to 5:00; Tuesday, Noon to 8:00; Closed Friday, Saturday, major Jewish holidays and some legal holidays. Open on Labor Day. Admission \$3 adults \$1.75 Sr. citizens, student children.

New exhibits: July 2-October 1984: *Personal Visions: The Bath Collection of Israeli Art: The Furman Collection of Jewish Ceremonial Art: The Schulman Collection of 20th Century American Art.* Includes work of prominent artists and major styles that have emerged during the last decades of Israel's growth. Internationally celebrated figures. Nearly 200 objects used in Jewish ceremony.

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ALL LOCATIONS IN CHARLOTTE, N.C.

# 130 YEARS OF ORTHODOX JUDAISM IN THE SOUTH CHARLESTON, SC

(From the SJHS Newsletter June 1985. Original by Jeffrey Kaplan, for the 130th anniversary booklet of Congr. Brith Sholom Beth Israel of Charleston)

In the year 1854 a small group of Jews, most of them recent immigrants to America, met in Charleston to worship according to the Ashkenazi traditions of Orthodox Judaism. Jews had lived in Charleston since 1695, and Charleston Jews had organized a congregation 27 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

By 1854 the Jews of Charleston were bitterly divided over the issue of Orthodoxy versus Reform. In 1749 Charleston's first congregation, Beth Elohim, had been founded as a strictly Orthodox institution following the Sephardi ritual. In 1840 the members of Beth Elohim installed an organ in the synagogue for use during services. This step marked the beginning of its turn toward Reform. Nearly half of the membership withdrew and organized a new Orthodox congregation, "Shearit Israel," Remnant of Israel.

The fact that Shearit Israel continued to worship according to the Spanish-Portuguese ritual, although Sephardi Jews were in a distinct minority in Charleston by that time, accounts for the founding of Berith Shalome, as it was then called, in 1854. In 1856, Abraham Livingstain and Nathan I. Rosenband, president of congregation, as trustees purchased land for a cemetery, today's Brith Sholom Magnolia Cemetery. (A month later, Rosenband was buried there, a victim of one of the yellow fever epidemics which plagued Charleston.) Because its membership consisted primarily of immigrants from Prussia and Poland, Berith Shalome was frequently referred to as the "Polish" or "German and Polish"

synagogue. By late 1856 Brith Sholom numbered 40 to 50 members and was holding services in a house rented for that purpose on St. Philip St, site of the congregation for 100 years. In 1861, six weeks after Confederate troops fired on Ft. Sumter, the congregation purchased the St. Philip St. house for \$2,150. The members themselves remodeled the building. The congregation advertised for a "real Orthodox Israelite" to serve as religious leader.

Many Charlestonians left the city during the incessant shelling of the siege of Charleston by Northern troops, but the synagogue apparently kept its doors open. It may have been the only one of Charleston's three synagogues to function during the war. Many members served the Confederate cause. The end of the war found members who returned, as well as those who had remained, in reduced circumstances. Brith Sholom grew stronger during the period which followed. In 1866 Beth Elohim and Shearit Israel merged, in which the Reform party prevailed after a few years, ending the Orthodox Sephardi ritual in Charleston. When Jews fleeing persecutions of the Czar in Russia and Poland settled in Charleston, Brith Sholom was the only congregation which attracted them. In 1894 a Charleston newspaper referred to Brith Sholom as "the foremost orthodox congregation in the South."

On March 10, 1874, members of Brith Sholom had dedicated a new synagogue on the same site where they had worshipped for two decades. Ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Barnet Rubin, who served Brith Sholom for 40 years, and Rev. Joseph H. M. Chumaciero of Beth Elohim.

By the early 1900's tensions developed between older members and recent immigrants. In 1886, a number of orthodox Jews formed a new congregation, "Shari Emouna,

Perfect Faith, with 40 members who formerly worshipped at the St. Philip St. Synagogue. Services were conducted in Hebrew and in accordance with the strictest ritual of Orthodox Israelites. I. Jacobs was its first president. In 1899 this congregation merged with Brith Sholom, ceding to it the land it had purchased on Sycamore Avenue in Maryville for a cemetery, today the Brith Sholom Beth Israel Maryville Cemetery.

In 1911 dissension in Brith Sholom again resulted in the formation of another orthodox congregation, Beth Israel, which built its membership with Orthodox immigrants mostly from Poland and Russia and by 1927 had paid off its building debt.

Meanwhile, Brith Sholom's membership and activities continued to expand. An ordained rabbi, Benjamin G. Axelman, was employed as spiritual leader. The sanctuary was enlarged in 1929



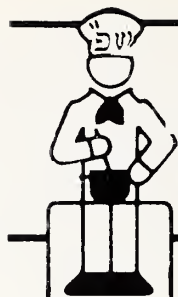
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and again in 1947. In the late 1940's some members presented a petition calling for an amendment to its constitution which would in essence have permitted it to become a Conservative congregation. It was defeated, and a number of members withdrew and formed a Conservative congregation, Emanu El.

An impressive new sanctuary on Rutledge Avenue was dedicated by orthodox Congregation Beth Israel. Over the years, Brith Sholom and Beth Israel had been drawing closer. Children of Beth Israel members attended the Brith Sholom Hebrew School; the mikvah at Brith Sholom was available to the women of Beth Israel; in 1933 they shared Rabbi Axelman and both became sponsors of the United Charleston Hebrew School. In October 1954, exactly 100 years after Brith Sholom's founding, Brith Sholom and Beth Israel became the new Brith Sholom Beth Israel Congregation.

Beth Israel's modern building was enlarged, and the imposing interior of old Brith Sholom was incorporated into the new synagogue.

Today, 130 years after the founding of Brith Sholom, Brith Sholom Beth Israel Congregation maintains a traditional kehilla, a Jewish community, in every sense of the word. In 1956 it founded the only Orthodox Jewish day school in South Carolina. It maintains a mikvah and three cemeteries and provides kashruth supervision over local food establishments. In the past 60 years its congregants have provided leadership in the organizations of the Jewish community, served in city and state government, have been prominent in business, civic, cultural, and political organizations in Charleston.



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1 large eggplant  
 ½ cup plus 2 Tbsp oil  
 2½ cups chopped onion  
 1 cup diced celery  
 16 oz tomato sauce  
 ¼ cup red wine vinegar  
 2 Tbsp sugar  
 2 Tbsp drained capers  
 ½ tsp salt  
 12 pitted black olives, slivered  
 Wash eggplant, cut in ½" cubes. Saute in ½ cup hot oil till tender and golden. Remove from pan. Add 2 Tbsp oil, saute onions and celery for about 5 minutes. Return eggplant to skillet, stir in tomato sauce, bring to boil, cover and cook 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, cover, simmer about 20 minutes. Refrigerate and serve cold.

## EGGPLANT AU GRATIN

1 large eggplant  
 1 large onion  
 1 large egg  
 2 to 3 Tbsp oil  
 6 to 8 oz Cheddar cheese, grated  
 salt, pepper, garlic powder to taste  
 Peel eggplant. Cut into chunks. Boil in salted water until soft; drain. Place in bowl and mash. Saute onion in oil until transparent. Add sauteed onion, grated cheese, egg and seasonings; mix. Place in greased casserole. Sprinkle with crumbs. Dot with margarine. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

## EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

1 medium eggplant  
 2 Tbsp flour  
 1 tsp salt, divided  
 pepper to taste  
 2/3 cup vegetable oil, divided  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 2 Tbsp butter  
 1 lb fresh mushrooms, sliced  
 1 8 oz can tomato sauce  
 1 Tbsp Italian seasoning  
 1 16 oz. container Ricotta cheese  
 2 eggs, slightly beaten  
 6 oz Mozzarella cheese, sliced

Cut eggplant into ½" slice. Combine flour with ½ tsp salt and dash of pepper. Dredge eggplant slices in flour mixture. In large skillet, heat 1/3 cup oil. Saute eggplant slices till golden; saute for 2 minutes. Add butter; heat till butter melts. Add mushrooms, tomato sauce, Italian seasoning, remaining salt and dash pepper. Bring to boiling point. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. In a small bowl mix ricotta cheese and eggs. Grease 9x13x2" casserole and spread alternate layers of fried eggplant, ricotta cheese and tomato sauce. Repeat layers. Top with Mozzarella slice. Bake uncovered in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes or until bubbly and hot. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Rokeach kosher foods is offering a new "Rokeach Cool Summer Recipe" booklet free of charge to the public on request. We are sorry not to have had this notice earlier but it has a number of recipes using their products which you may want to use. Write: I. Rokeach, 58 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.

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# LIFE AFTER Tay-Sachs

by Marc Silver

On Thursday, July 5, 1984, my wife and I returned home from a relaxing two-week vacation on the Greek Islands. Marsha was five and a half months pregnant. On our last stop, the lush isle of Naxos, the baby had started to kick. Someday, we imagined, we would take little Zechariah or Zoe (we had reached the end of the alphabet in our name search) back to Greece and say, "Kiddo, we shlepped you in utero all over this country!"

After Marsha had become pregnant in February, we were both tested to see if we were Tay-Sachs carriers. Jews of Eastern European descent frequently carry a recessive gene for this fatal disease, and we were aware that we should be tested. But we had not given much thought to what happens when a husband and wife are identified as carriers.

At Children's Hospital, the genetic counselor had explained that the Tay-Sachs carrier test is a blood test to measure the level of Hex-A, an enzyme that breaks down fatty substances in the nervous system. Individuals with more than a certain amount of Hex-A are not carriers. Individuals with less than a certain amount of Hex-A carry a recessive Tay-Sachs gene that produces no Hex-A. A healthy adult who carries the recessive Tay-Sachs gene also carries a normal gene that produces Hex-A.

The counselor gave us some statistics: One in 25 Ashkenazi Jews carries the Tay-Sachs gene; the odds are one in 900 that two carriers will marry and one in four that two carriers will pass the Tay-Sachs gene on to a child. In a brochure published by the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Disease Association, we read a description of the disease: "A Tay-

Sachs baby appears to develop normally for the first few months. Then, as the nerve cells begin to be affected (by the build-up of fatty substances), a relentless deterioration of mental and physical abilities occurs. The baby gradually becomes blind, deaf, unable to swallow. Muscles begin to atrophy, paralysis sets in. There is less and less responsiveness to the environment. Death is inevitable—usually before the age of five. There is no cure or treatment available."

The test results showed that Marsha was a carrier. My test was inconclusive. The genetic counselor said that my level of Hex-A fell in the gray area between the carrier cut-off and the noncarrier level. "The odds are 90 percent that everything is fine," the counselor reassured us. "Mr. Silver, you're probably not a carrier—you just tested low."

To be on the safe side, the counselor recommended amniocentesis. A prenatal test for genetic diseases, amnio is performed in the 16th to 18th week of pregnancy. Results are available in another three to four weeks. The procedure went smoothly and we didn't give Tay-Sachs a lot of thought after that.

Then we received the phone call. A wave of horror and disbelief washed over me as I listened to the doctor from Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. "Mr. Silver?" he said solemnly. "We have the results from your wife's amniocentesis. I'm afraid I have some bad news. The fetus is Tay-Sachs affected."

In the months since the phone call, Marsha and I have learned more than we ever wanted to know about genetic diseases, prenatal diagnosis and therapeutic abortions. Not a day has gone by when in one way or another, Tay-

Sachs hasn't come up in conversation, in thought, in dream. If our world was Tay-Sachs free before July, it is now Tay-Sachs saturated. The Tay-Sachs families that we've met, the tragedies and triumphs, have always been there—except that we were oblivious.

Less than 20 years ago, husband and wife could only find out that they were carriers if they had a Tay-Sachs baby. A test for carriers was not developed until 1969.

The first screening in the Jewish community was held in May 1971 in the Washington, D.C., area. Over 1,800 couples were tested. When the wife of a carrier couple has amniocentesis and discovers that the fetus is Tay-Sachs affected, the way to "prevent" Tay-Sachs is by aborting the fetus. The Reform and Conservative movements unanimously support therapeutic abortion in the case of Tay-Sachs. The Orthodox community has more complex position.

Carrier couples like Marsha and me, who will have a therapeutic abortion, face what one doctor termed "a less lousy alternative than having a Tay-Sachs child. After Marsha had been pregnant for five and a half months, we love our child as if we had known he

A midtrimester abortion is a horrific ordeal. The doctor injects saline into the uterus to kill the fetus, then injects a chemical that causes the uterus to contract, and brings on labor and then deliver. The delivery could take several hours, or a couple of days. Before the procedure, we were asked the question that nothing in our lives prepared us to answer—do we want to see the baby, or hold the baby (the genetic counselor suggested that by seeing the child it would help us come to terms with the loss, and keep us from repressing our emotions), how do we want to dispose of the fetus (the hospital would dispose of the remains in a dignified manner, we were told, if we so wished). The

we were left to face the long weekend before our Monday morning appointment.

We went to the hospital Monday at 9 a.m. After Marsha had been in labor for several hours, I watched as a beautiful baby girl was delivered, stillborn. She was dark and lovely, so tiny, perfectly formed, like a flower just budding. Marsha couldn't bear to see her, but I knew that I had to. Marsha had felt the baby kick, had carried her for months; I was just an onlooker. I wanted to see her so that I would have a memory of the child we lost to Tay-Sachs.

The nurse took her away, then came back and asked if I wanted to hold her. Physically and emotionally exhausted, I said no. I'll always remember how beautiful she was, and how sad I felt. If I have any regret, it is that I didn't hold her in my arms, just for a moment.

Time passed, anxiety lessened, some of the pain went away. November, the month that the baby was due, was especially hard. The next month we conceived a second child.

In the first pregnancy, we hadn't found out that we were carriers until after the third month. When we met with the genetic counselor, she told us of an experimental prenatal test that could be done in the ninth to 12th week of pregnancy—Chorion Vilus Sampling, or CVS. The procedure takes a sample of the chorion, a membrane that surrounds the fetal gestational sac. The sample is not part of the fetus but contains fetal tissue. Results are available within 24 hours, barring any complications. If it hadn't been for CVS, I don't know if we would have been able to try again.

On George Washington's birthday, we took a morning train to Jefferson Hospital for the test, which was not then available in Washington, D.C. The doctor inserted a catheter through the vagina into the uterus to take a sample of the chorion villi. Marsha felt no pain. The test itself took less

than 15 minutes, although there was a delay because the uterus was contracting. We were home by 7 p.m., relieved that the test was over, that a sample had been obtained. We came home and put dinner on the table. Midway through the meal the phone rang. I answered and Dr. Eugene Grebner of the Jefferson Hospital identified himself. Suddenly, I was catapulted back to July, and another phone call. "I'm afraid I have some bad news," he said "We completed the test and the fetus is Tay-Sachs affected." Marsha looked at me from the table; I told her what the doctor had said. "I met another couple who was tested today," she said. "Ask him how their test came out." I did. "I know what you're thinking," Dr. Greber said. "That there might have been a mix-up. Their fetus was not affected, but we are very careful in the lab; there couldn't have been a mix-up."

"No, no, we weren't thinking about a mix-up," I said. "We just

wanted to hear that two carriers can have a healthy baby."

Another round of phone calls to parents and friends whom we had told about our pregnancy, another abortion, this time at an abortion center that treated us without regard to our circumstances.

We didn't think of this fetus as a child in the same way as we did last summer. We had shut out thoughts of the baby and concentrated on the CVS test. A few weeks after the abortion, we got a letter confirming the Tay-Sachs diagnosis and informing us that we could find out the baby's sex, if we wanted. It was a boy—a brother for the girl of last summer. For the first time, I let myself think that we had lost a second child, and I cried.

When Marsha and I learned that we were Tay-Sachs carriers, I knew I would have to write about the disease, as penance for my own attitude toward genetic disease articles (why bother, I used to say, everyone knows about Tay-Sachs). At first, I thought it would

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be a "close call" article: We were tested, and believe it or not, we were both carriers, but everything came out okay, so I just want to reiterate the importance of being tested. After the bad news, and the first abortion, I envisioned a different ending. We had this tragic experience, and everyone should know about Tay-Sachs and be tested, but at least for us, there's good news. Marsha is pregnant is again and the fetus is healthy.

No happy endings at the moment.

We try to keep our situation in perspective. For all our pain, there could be worse pain . . . the pain of having a Tay-Sachs child and watching it die, the pain of not being able to conceive, the pain of knowing that one partner is responsible for infertility problems.

When we joke about Tay-Sachs which we do to keep our sanity, we wonder whether we've become genemates, in addition to soulmates. When we first met, did our Tay-Sachs genes attract each other? And is there any way to get a new pair of genes?

I've asked Tay-Sachs parents if there's life after Tay-Sachs, and I ask myself that, too. Tay-Sachs, is a reminder that life isn't fair, that people suffer, that things don't always work out for the best.

We know a Tay-Sachs couple in New York who aborted two affected pregnancies, as we have. Their third child was a healthy baby girl. "There was no way we were going to give in to Tay-Sachs," the wife told Marsha. Tay-Sachs can turn your world upside down, but it also reaffirms eternal human values—the importance of love and of bringing new life into the world. With the exception of our Tay-Sachs genes, Marsha and I love each other very much, and we are going to try to have a healthy baby.

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Halailah B'nai B'rith Women in conjunction with Mercy Hospital will sponsor Tay-Sachs testing September 3-8, 1985. Please call 379-5000 for an appointment.

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# Yom Kippur And The Days Of Repentance Renewal

by Irving Greenberg

In the Bible the holy day of Yom Kippur is focused on overcoming sin. The Torah says: "On this day (God) will make atonement for you, to purify you from all your sins, you shall be purified before the Lord." (Leviticus 16,30)

Yom Kippur was the day on which the mysterious scapegoat ritual took place. The High Priest confessed the sins of the children of Israel over the scapegoat which symbolically carried them away into the desert. The Ritual suggested that the community can purge guilt as no one person can. But while community can intensify the individual's experience, one day is hardly enough for any individual to change deeply integrated behavior. Over the years the Rabbis of the Talmud and later analysts studied the process of change and tried to deepen it—especially after the destruction of the Temple when the scapegoat ritual was no longer available.

The process itself was named Teshuvah—repentance or turning. The Rabbis pointed out that it was a process. While individuals can sometimes change totally and overnight, for most people, transformation takes time and occurs gradually. The time frame of repentance was expanded. The

ten days from Rosh Hashana (New Year) to Yom Kippur were linked into Ten Days of Repentance (Penitence), a period in which individuals concentrate on self-criticism and self-correction. To set the mood and to strengthen the process, it was given a community setting through

special Selichot (Penitential prayers), public talks and study climaxing in prayer, confession and retelling of the scapegoat ritual on Yom Kippur. Then the thirty days preceding the High Holy Day season (e.g. the Hebrew month of Elul) were added to the period of self-analysis to give yet more time to make possible a more comprehensive process of turning.

Maimonides summed up the development of understanding of Teshuvah. There are three key elements in achieving repentance one might pedagogically call them the "three R's" of repentance. First is Regret: a feeling of sorrow that one has lived this way or done these actions. Second is Rejection: to stop doing the wrong thing. No amount of regret will help if the sinning continues because action overwhelms intentions. In Jewish tradition, actions speak louder than words. Third is Resolution: strong determination not to do again. Habit is very powerful; even if one changed it is all too easy to slip back into the old pattern. It takes resolution and ongoing effort to structure in the new behavior.

Why should repentance lead to forgiveness of actions already done? In Maimonides' view it almost as if the penitent became a "changed person." Regret de-

with the past, nullifying that conditioning by distancing and repelling it. Rejection deals with the present; not doing the sins keeps the present free and clear. Resolution deals with the future, preventing sin from coming into life again. Since humans uniquely live in all three aspects of time, only when all three dimensions are in place will the full process of repentance have occurred.

Maimonides also puts great stress on the role of confession. Somehow: articulating the wrong represents the breakthrough. Confession makes possible the recognition that the act is wrong and provides relief from this guilt that traps us into continuing the pattern. Saying it openly represents a commitment so that one cannot or will not back away from the liberating insight. Finally, says Maimonides, if the old temptation comes up again with equivalent attraction and opportunity but the individual resists this time, here is the most striking proof that one is truly a "different" person. He calls this *Teshuvah gemoorah*—complete (holistic) repentance.

In our lifetime, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik has made an extraordinary further contribution to analysis of the concept of *teshuvah*. Soloveitchik points out that on Yom Kippur more is at stake than forgiveness of sin. Soloveitchik cites the Biblical phrase "You shall be purified before the Lord." Yom Kippur means not only the removal of stain but purification, a change in essence, a redirection of the inner person.

In Hebrew, *selichah* is the word for forgiveness. The term is heavily used in the Yom Kippur liturgy and terminology; it means wiping out sin. For example; greed leads to stealing. Then one repents and makes restitution and the theft is forgiven. But the conflict between greed and ethics remains.

The word *Kippur* derives from the Hebrew *Kapparah*—and is translated as *atonement* rather

than *forgiveness*. *Kapparah* means that the person's inner drives—previously acted out in sinful fashion—are taken and redirected for good. Take a passion for possession and redirect it to helping others. Then the drive which once expressed itself in greed and theft now will express itself naturally in giving. In this case one has achieved the level of *Kippur/Kapparah*. The split between desire and conscience has been overcome and the person has achieved.

In this view *teshuvah* really goes beyond elimination of sin to renewal of the individual. Habit and conditioning often combine with the structure of individual life to keep the person torn between evil and ethic, between apathy and ideal, between inertia and desire for improvement. Against these powerful forces that proclaim that humans cannot change, Yom Kippur's message is: the capacity for renewal and unification of life.

In recent times there has been much notice of the *baal teshuvah* (returnee) phenomenon. i.e. Jews who make a radical break with their past and live a completely traditional life, often in the Lubavitch of Yeshiva communities. This is a salutary development because assimilation must be checked.

But a broader concept of renewal should be recognized: *Teshuvah* means not just rejecting the past but also using it in a powerful new way. Many Jews do not so much desire to leave their past as to bring it into a Jewish way of life. The capacities of autonomy, self expression, identification with humanity which currently lead people away from Judaism can be redirected to the service of God and the Jewish people. In this approach, *teshuvah* is a growth process. Instead of staying "dead" Jewishly, one grows into Jewish life. Increased observance nurtures human talents and shapes them with Jewish values.

## UAHC REJECTS REQUEST

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, this week rejected a proposal by the head of the organization of Conservative rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly, that Reform rabbis repudiate the practice that recognizes as Jewish the child of a mixed marriage in which either parent is Jewish. He stated there is broad support within the Conservative movement for the principle of patrilineal descent, and he believes that the Conservative movement will ultimately accept the principle that a child's Jewishness may be determined by either parent, provided the child is given a Jewish upbringing.

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# The Ascent Institute Of Safed



*The mysterious, intriguing town of Safed, where "Ascent Institute" is headquartered.*

## **A TASTE OF JEWISH MYSTICISM BRINGS TOURING ISRAEL TO A NEW HIGH**

by C.N. Clorfene

Anyone who has ever visited Israel knows that its indisputable first city is Jerusalem. Here, where east meets west in polyrhythmic harmonies of literally dozens of cultures, we find the seat of government and the center of education. Jerusalem is the focal point of not only every Israeli but of every religious Jew in the world. It is the City of David, the site of the Holy Temple.

Despite all this, Jerusalem is not necessarily Israel's *favorite* city. Safed is. Safed, a tiny pinpoint of a village in the mountains of the Galilee, is the popular heartthrob. Menachem Gerlitz, in his collection of stories about Jerusalem, *The Heavenly City*, writes that the devastating earthquake that struck Safed a hundred years ago was Divine Retribution against so many early settlers who preferred Safed to Jerusalem.

What inspires so many Jews to yearn for Safed? Its ancient stone dwellings and intriguing narrow passageways satisfy a certain craving for the timeless. But Israel offers that nearly everywhere one turns. Closer to the truth is the fact that Safed is the perennial home of Jewish mysticism. It is the ground of the great Kabbalists, those holy souls whose presence merged heaven with earth. Whereas Jerusalem may be the center of Israel's greatness, Safed is its city of change. What had remained a mystery for centuries is fast becoming common knowledge: If you want to become a new you, a new Jew, visit Safed.

Exemplifying, and perhaps capitalizing on this phenomenon is Safed's Ascent Institute, where

throughout the year seekers of growth and adventure spend a few days soaking up the scenery and the history, while tasting some of the inner dimensions of Jewish life.

A combination recreation center, hostel, religious seminar retreat, Ascent Institute reveals much of the essence of the Safed experience to the visitor. The program includes hikes through the Wadi (a kind of primeval dry marsh) to the spiritual heights of a Shabbat dinner the home of a Chassidic family. At any given time, you might find a group of student from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, bunch of volunteers from kibbutz, mixed in with a summer family tour group from a reform temple in Dallas, Texas, plus a newlywed couple from Brazil and a lone searcher from Czechoslovakia.

Last year, nearly a thousand visitors passed through Ascent, which is located in the most picturesque part of the old section of Safed. Each of these visitors presumably experienced some revelation of his previously hidden Jewish identity.

The normal Shabbat experience begins with a workshop called "A Mystical Guide to Shabbat Dynamics," conducted by Director Shaul Leiter. Some of the men then visit the ancient Ari Mikvah. This was the person ritual immersion pool used by Rabbi Isaac Luria, the sixteenth century Kabbalist, who is considered to be one of the greatest mystics who ever lived. The mikvah is built into a cave at the side of a mountain a few blocks from the Ascent Institute. Only the courageous brave the icy cold spring-fed waters, but all who take the plunge claim it was worth it, for it is said that whoever immerses in the Ari Mikvah will attain great spiritual heights during his lifetime.

While the men are at the mikvah, the women are preparing to light the Shabbat candles. This is followed by songs and a discussion group led by Shaul's

wife, Chay Bracha Leiter. Mrs. Leiter, a licensed tour guide, conducts most of the educational jaunts in and around Safed.

As time-honored as the dip in the Ari Mikvah was for the men, it doesn't hold a candle to this observance of the women. Shabbat candle lighting dates back to Sarah, the first of the Matriarchs of the Jewish people nearly 4,000 years ago.

The Shabbat is mystically likened to a Queen, and as the candles are lit eighteen minutes prior to the Galilean sunset, a timeless sense of light and peace fills the Institute's dining room. A feeling of unity and joy permeates the room, and a subtle light is discernible on every face. The Kabbalists teach that every Jew receives an additional soul at the time of the entrance of Shabbat, which remains with each person throughout the holy day.

After dark, visitors are welcomed into the homes of local Safed residents for the Shabbat meals, affording a mutually enlightening experience for family and guest. It is a tribute to the religious community that it can play host to so many diverse, primarily non-religious strangers every week. The night meal is usually held with families in a Chassidic community less than a mile from the center of town. The walk through the clear mountain air, under the starry Galilean night sky is breathtaking.

The afternoon Shabbat meal is usually held with families in the old city itself—American settlers, Kabbalists, Chassidim, Sephardim and other families, some of whom are fourth and fifth generation Safed residents. Most are English-speaking, and all reveal an inside look at Safed and Judaism that no regular tourist ever gets. Guests experience the warmth and spirit of Jewish life as it has been lived for nearly 3500 years.

Director Shaul Leiter emphasizes that he, Yerachmiel Tilles, Moshe Wishnefsky and their wives, Chaya Bracha, Shulamit, and

Yehudit—the founders of Ascent—are all "Ba'alei tshuva," Jews who become observant as adults. "This is the first institution of its kind, established and run by people who themselves were once outside the inner workings of Jewish life," Leiter said. "We have a special sensitivity to what the non-religious Jews are lacking, and what will turn them on without laying propagandist trips on them."

"When a college student from Colorado or an accountant and his family from Chicago experience Jewish life, a little of it gets inside. The result is—the person changes. But unlike the changes that were so much in vogue in America a decade or more ago, this change is always healthy and always upward. That's why we call it Ascent."

Anyone interested in visiting the Ascent Institute in Safed may contact Esther Jasen, 850 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213 (718-756-3688) or the Ascent Institute, P.O. Box 296, Safed Israel (067-71407 or 72087).

## Book Reviews

### SPEAKING OF BOOKS by Estelle Hoffman

Each year at Wildacres, Lenoir Rhyne College of Hickory, NC sponsors Hickory Humanities Forum, which is an abbreviated Great Books Course. Co-ordinated by Sydney Harris, known best for his syndicated newspaper columns, the sessions are led by scholarly educators in literary and philosophical fields. This year the Forum convened at Wildacres May 16-19. Leaders were Eva Brann whose writings include *Paradoxes of Education in a Republic* and the introduction to Raymond Larson's translation of *Plato's Republic*

Michael McDaniel, Bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the Luthern Church of America, a former professor of religion and philosophy at Lenoir-Rhyne; John Van Doren, former instructor in history at Brandeis University and assistant professor at Boston U., currently serving as an editor for *The Great Ideas Today*, *Encyclopedia Britannica*; Charles Hoffmire of Lenoir-Rhyne, teacher of history and Great Books courses; Catherine Hurst of West Columbia, SC, assistant professor of English at the University of South Carolina, a contributor to several publications including *Dictionary of Literary Biography*; Keith Wood, involved in book discussion groups since World War II, currently Professor of journalism and co-leader of Great Books group at Lenoir-Rhyne; and Larry Yoder, ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church in America, who holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and a PhD in theology and ethics from Duke University. He has served as Director of the Lineberger Center for Cultural and Educational Renewal and teaches in the department of philosophy and religion at Lenoir-Rhyne and for the past five years has been involved in the development and implementation of the Hickory Humanities Forum at Wildacres.

Readings discussed at the Forum in May were *The Constitution of the United States of America*, *The Constitution of the Soviet Union*, *On Civil Disobedience* by Thoreau, and *A Hunger Artist* by Kafka.

In her opening remarks, Eva Brann talked about the two kinds of Great Books. The first kind contains all you need to know without having any background in the subject; the other kind is written not necessarily by a master, but is a work of great influence and importance. The first kind is written by someone who is a master at writing and who has put all his skill into writing. The best

way to absorb and understand is to sit together and talk about the book or writing.

A great writer is someone who has something to say and who says it in a way that gives the reader clear understanding.

The accumulated knowledge of mankind preserved in great books is our greatest legacy of history.

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**The American House of Saud, The Secret Petrodollar Connection**, by Steven Emerson, Franklin Watts Pub., 450 pp, \$18.95.

In one of the most important political investigations since Woodward and Bernstein's expose of the Watergate scandal, Washington journalist Steven Emerson has uncovered massive amounts of evidence of covert manipulation by Saudi Arabia of American governmental agencies and representatives, businesses, and institutions across the United States. In *The American House of Saud*, Emerson reveals how Saudi Arabia's immense wealth has led to manipulation, deception, and bigotry at the highest levels of the United States government and the American business community.

*The American House of Saud* is based on more than 500 interviews with American foreign officials and on confidential documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act and sources in both the public and private sectors.

Saudi Arabia, having earned more than \$661 billion from the sale of oil since 1973 is now one of the richest countries in the world. It spends more than \$7 billion annually on American goods and services. Moreover, Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich countries have invested more than \$100 billion in the American economy. These billions have secretly affected the political process in the United States.

Emerson reveals that a 1980 classified State Department study reported that the Saudi regime was plagued by instability and that the royal family had engendered

widespread resentment among the populace. In the publicly released version of this report, however, nearly all evidence of instability was excised. Furthermore, the United States has sold and continues to sell to the Saudis billions of dollars' worth of sophisticated weapons that would cause havoc in the Middle East and endanger U.S. national security were an anti-American group to come into power. The erosion of freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution is another issue at stake. Freedom of the press was threatened by the pressure exerted on the Public Broadcasting System by Saudi Arabia and American corporations to cancel the showing of *Death of a Princess*.

Other areas of concern are freedom of religion and civil rights. One U.S. company requested that its Middle-East bound employees show proof of membership or baptism in a church. Another pressured its Saudi-bound employees to convert to Islam.

In documented detail, Steven Emerson shows how the Saudi petrodollar has affected the inner workings of Congress, the State Department, the White House, the Treasury Department, the CIA, the national media, and even colleges and universities around the country. The list of influential Americans with ties to the Saudis and other oil-rich Arab regimes is long.

Oil is no longer the weapon of choice. The Saudis have discovered that quintessential American vulnerability—the love of money, and the petrodollar connection has become diffused throughout American society. *The American House of Saud* is the only book to provide complete account of the alliance between the Saudis and powerful forces in American business and government.

Steven Emerson, a former staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is a Washington-based journalist.

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## SEPTEMBER 1985

### NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Norman S. Pliner, President, Board of Governors

The Home will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Although the by-laws require that no president serve more than two consecutive one-year terms, our first president, I.D. Blumenthal, served thirteen years. Cyril Jacobs, who became President following Mr. Blumenthal's death, served the Home for three terms, and I will have served five years and four months when I am succeeded by Leonard Guyes next year. With past history in mind and the future before me I had as an early project during my first year in office the development of new leadership from around the state that would become the basis of an orderly presidential succession. With the help of Dr. Steven Mackler's recently appointed Nominating Committee, a slate of Board of Trustees who are committed and dedicated will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the membership this fall.



*Norman S. Pliner, President*

The Long Range Planning Committee was created about three years ago. Under its chairman, Lewis Eisenstadt, it examined the responsibilities of the Home and some of the specific objectives enunciated in the organizing documents, and formalized the results of its study in a published mission statement. This mission statement contained six specific areas of program which were accepted by

the Executive Committee as valid, appropriate and achievable. One of these objectives related to the expansion of the Home's ability to serve people who did not require intermediate or skilled nursing care but who were too frail to live in an unsupervised environment. The concept of a personal care facility seemed most appropriate to the development of a continuum of care.

Planning progress has been continuous for the past year. It is anticipated that construction drawings and specification writing will begin soon. Meetings have been held with two major North Carolina banks which have indicated a strong desire to provide funding through their purchase of approximately \$5,500,000 of North Carolina Medical Care Commission tax free bonds. Laventhol & Horwath has been retained to prepare a financial feasibility analysis. This

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MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THE ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 12 and 13, 1985.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13.

ALL MEMBERS OF BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 2**

Labor Day

**Sept. 4**

SECCA Art Class begins, 2:00 pm

**Sept. 5**

Choral Singing Class begins, 3:30 pm

**Sept. 6**

Outreach Movie, 10:00 am

**Sept. 8**

Brenner Concert: Sawtooth Swing Band, 3:00 pm

**Sept. 10**

\*Clemmons Senior Citizen luncheon, leave 9:45 am

**Sept. 15**

Erev Rosh Hashana; services at 6:30 pm

**Sept. 16**

Rosh Hashana, Services at 9:30 am

**Sept. 17**

Services, 9:30 am

**Sept. 24**

Erev Yom Kippur, services at 6:30 pm

**Sept. 25**

Yom Kippur, services at 9:30 am

**Sept. 29**

\*Leave for Winston-Salem Symphony, 2:00 pm

**Sept. 30**

Sukkot begins

Families and friends are invited to join us for these special occasions during the month of September.

## New Year's, *continued*

financial review will summarize the Home's ability to serve the ensuing debt using existing and projected sources of income. Preliminary planning suggests that an early 1986 start of construction is achievable.

A study committee, initially chaired by Jan Samet, was appointed to develop the legal and administrative procedures to be implemented so that other communities in South Carolina and southwestern Virginia could have the benefit of our services. The work of this committee has been expanded. Mr. Harry Lerner has accepted the responsibility for developing programs and communication methodology to improve the participation and increase the support of the twelve North Carolina Federations and the one South Carolina Federation to which we look for support.

Forsyth County, in which the Home is located, recently raised the question of the ad valorem tax free status of the Home. The matter is being handled by our attorneys. It may become necessary for some part of our property to become taxable. Should this event come to pass a budgetary item for the imposed tax may have to be created.

As I write this New Year's message I am pleased to report that the wastewater treatment plant has been completed and is operational; that financial and budgetary controls are in place and that the Home continues to function in a financially viable manner; that senior staff turnover continues at an extremely low level; that the buildings and facilities are in a good state of repair; that the Home continues to enjoy an excellent professional reputation in the industry and in the community; and that we have the resources and leadership to become an ever-improving institution.

On the occasion of these most solemn days and of the beginning of year 5756, Rosalyn and I, our daughters, Dr. Patricia L. Pliner, Dr. Judith E. Pliner and Ms. Janice L. Pliner, and our two grandchildren, Kate and Andrew, want to express our warmest greetings to all of our friends and all supporters of the work of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, and to join you in your prayers for the New Year and for a satisfactory and peaceful solution to the many problems facing our brethren in Israel.

## BJH UNDERGOES LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Norman S. Pliner  
*President, Board of Governors*

The resignation of a key member of any management team, especially one who has been in central to the team for several years, demands that immediate steps be taken to assure the continuous and effective operation of the facility for which he has been responsible. The resignation of Al. A Mendlovitz, Executive Director of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for six years, became effective on July 19. The Board of Governors of the Home regrets Mr. Mendlovitz's departure and wishes him and his family a New Year of peace and prosperity.

To assure smooth operation of the Home, Ms. Marian Sosnik was appointed Chairperson of an interim Management and Staff Support Committee. This committee, which is made up of members of the Board of Governors who have professional capabilities suitable to the needs of the principal departments of the Home, was in place and available to the staff and

residents following Mr. Mendlovitz's departure.

A search committee consisting of ten members of the board of Governors has been appointed. Leonard Guyes, President-Elect of the Home, is providing leadership for this effort. This committee has defined the responsibilities of the Executive Directorship and has begun its work to recruit the administrator who will lead the Home into the 21st century.

I have known and worked with Al. Mendlovitz for more than five years and have profited from this relationship, as has the Home. It was not without regret that I accepted his resignation. I am sure I speak for all the members of the Board of Governors and the staff and residents of the Home when I say "thank you" to Al. for a job well done. On behalf of the Board of Governors and all who support us in this endeavor I want to wish Al. and Sarah the best of luck in the New Year.

We express great appreciation to the following friends of the Home who made donations during June and July, 1985.

### **BUILDING FUND**

Olin Cranfill  
Dr. Cecil Ram  
Bessie Schild

### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

Estate of Ike Goodman  
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**The Home will continue to solicit and receive donations of any amount. However, acknowledgements will not be sent unless a minimum of \$5.00 per person named is contributed. Only one person per \$5.00 will be notified.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Annie Dixon  
Sarah Hanchrow  
Helen Holcomb  
Julia Kennette  
Charles Rosenfeld  
Ida Watman  
Lena Zimmerman  
Abe Fine  
Rose Germain  
Nathan Gottlieb  
Percy Johnson  
Anita Kirkham  
David Merrell  
Frances Reid  
Rachel Rippey  
Jennie Samet  
Helen Schwartzman  
Freda Strelitz  
Rose Wagger  
Leah Zimmerman

## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy and healthy life:

Helene Patton  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Margaret Gallup  
Sanford, North Carolina  
Aaron Lieberman  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina.  
Karl Cahn  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
Bertha Jones  
Kernersville, North Carolina

## IN MEMORY OF:

We mourn the loss of Mr. Robert Silver. May his cherished memories bring comfort to his loved ones.

## “FOR ALL YOU DO, THIS ONE’S FOR YOU!”

What makes the Blumenthal Jewish Home a special place? More than anything else, it's probably the way members of this community care for each other. Although it's impossible to recognize all the large and small acts of service that benefit the people who live and work at the Home, once a year we honor those residents and staff who have volunteered "beyond the call of duty" here at the Home.

This year's celebration of these volunteers was held on July 4th. The "Stardusters," a popular danceband, highlighted the evening's entertainment and set feet to dancing and couples to swinging around the auditorium. Volunteers received special certificates and volunteer recognition pins during the evening.

We thank the following people for all they have done during the past year to make BJH a better place in which to live and work!

### RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS:

Elizabeth Barrett  
Rose Block  
Edward Dwiel  
Ben Eldridge  
Millie Froelich  
Lillian Kamens  
Julia Kennett  
Martha Mayer  
David Merrell  
Julius Neumarkt  
Rita Newberry  
Martha Paley  
Elsie Robertson  
Rose Seid  
Zeno Sink  
Delia Sonnenshein  
Jean Tager  
Rose Waggar

John Stemper  
Florence Swirsky  
Dolly Wolfe  
Lena Zimmerman

### STAFF VOLUNTEERS

David Atkinson  
Peggy Beckner  
Edna Blevins  
Judy Bowden  
Becky Boyer  
Carolyn Bright  
Steve Brooks  
Helen Bumgardner  
Libby Carter  
Paulette Clark  
Judy Crews  
Teresa Crotts

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### RSVP RESIDENTS:

Ida Aronowitz  
Claire Bernstein  
Selma Caston  
Mary Chizik  
Alice Fruh  
Rose Germain  
Sol Greenberg  
Rose Halpern  
Rose Leibowitz  
Fay Moss  
Kate Pliner  
Roy Ray  
Rose Spire

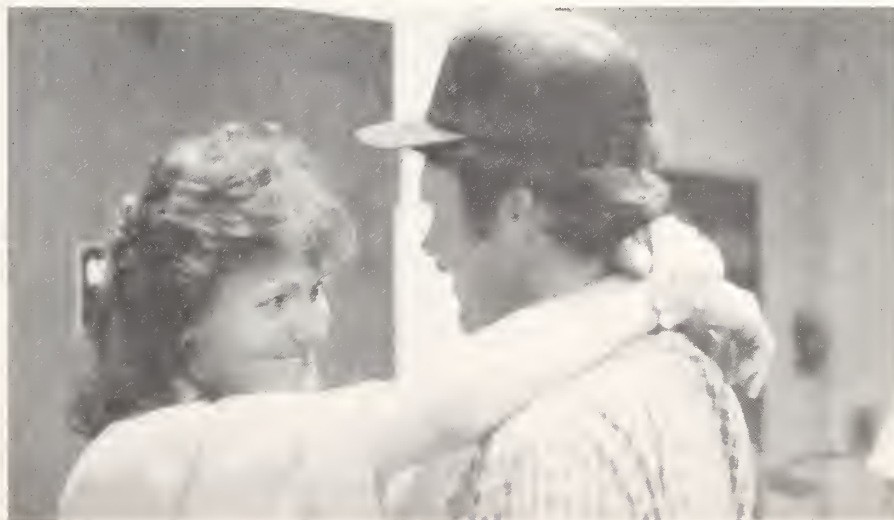


*Florence Swirsky (Westhaven, Conn.) volunteers in the dining room at BJH.*

### PRIVATE DUTY SITTERS

Ethel Cheek  
Ruby Hutchins  
Caroline Leftwich  
Gladys Smith

*Teresa Crotts, who helps with many resident off-campus activities, and her husband, Darrell.*



## Staff Volunteers, *continued*

LaQuietta Davis  
Ann Day  
Millie Dexter  
Chuck Dizard  
Marie Doty  
Becky Haley  
Betty Harris  
Mickie Hayes  
Lonna Hendrix  
Janie Hill  
Ruth Howell  
Verna Howell  
Bet Johnson  
Jane Johnson  
Lartha Johnson  
Lauren Jones  
Janet Lane  
Sylvia Lawrence  
Joan Lennon  
Dennis Libes  
Nina McBride  
Marlene Newell  
Maxine Newman  
Johnny O'Neal  
Esther Peay  
Patsy Petree  
Betty Petticord  
Judy Petty  
Penny Pierce  
Barbara Ann Ragan  
Ruby Redd  
Margaret Reid  
Marilyn Rowland  
Tina Sain  
Lucile Shaw  
Margie Sheets  
Walt Sidden  
Catherine Smith  
Sharon Smitherman  
Pearl Spellman  
Eva Strickland  
Ann Tuttle  
Lena Wall  
Ruth Wharton  
Martha Whitaker  
Ellen White  
Susie White  
Kathy Williamson



*RSVP volunteer Alice Fruh (Greensboro) and Walt Sidden swing to the music of "The Stardusters."*



*Margaret Gallup (Sanford) enjoys the entertainment*



*George Spransy (who has volunteered at BJH for over six years) and his wife, Allison.*

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME ...

Judy Bowden, RT

Residents, staff and their families attended the All-Star Baseball game at Ernie Shore Field in Winston-Salem on July 17. Popular radio announcer Gene Overby threw out the first ball after the crowd sang the National Anthem. The visiting team took first place at bat, with the Winston-Salem Spirits filling the outfield with green and white.

The residents enjoyed this summertime fun and are ready to return. Those who attended were: Willie Reynolds, Nathan Gottlieb, Dolly Wolfe, Mary Chizik, Bertha Jones, Ruth Folkner, Julius Neumarkt, Ed Dwiel, and Ethel Iseman. Special thanks to Lonna Hendrix, Carolyn Bright and their families for assisting us. And final thanks to Dr. Stephen Homer from Winston-Salem who donated tickets to this special event!

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



*Happy New Year to everyone  
from Bob Gerringer*

*Happy New Year to my family.  
Eleanor Altshuller*

*Happy New Year to my  
daughter Harriet and her family.  
Love, Laura Lieberman*

*Happy New Year to everyone;  
love and health to all. I wish  
my daughter Corinne and her  
family a very happy and healthy  
New Year. Love, Delia  
Sonnenshein*

*Happy New Year to my lovely  
wife, Badonna. Love, Nathan*

*Happy New Year to my  
daughter Harriet. Love, Father  
(Aaron Lieberman)*

*A Happy New Year and love to  
my daughters Rhoda, Annette  
and Sylvia and their families.  
Love, Mom (Lillian Kamens)*

*Happy New Year to my sons  
Harold and Tommy and their  
families. Love, Mother (Leila  
Tedford)*

*I wish health and happiness to  
my sons Michael and Gabriel and  
their families. Dad (George  
Ende)*



*A Happy New Year to my children  
Evie, Victor and Lee. Love,  
Gertrude Orenstein*

*A New Year's Greeting to my  
daughter Ruth and her husband  
Marc. Love, Julius Neumarkt*

*Happy New Year to Sophie and  
her husband Leonard. Love, Lisa  
Rosenfeld*

*New Year's greetings and all my  
love to my daughter Idrienne.  
Love, Gertrude Levy*

*Best wishes for the New Year to  
my sister, Virginia. Love, Phoebe  
(Phoebe Emmons)*

*New Year Greetings and love to  
my daughter Ann and her family.  
Love, Mother (Millie Froelich)*

*All my love and best wishes to my  
children Anita, Jerry, Harold and  
their families and to my close  
friend Herman. Clara Genovese*

*Love to Peggy and Doris and a  
Happy New Year to all of you.  
Beth Gross*

*Best wishes for the New Year to  
my sister Gertrude, her husband  
Sam, and my nephews Bobby,  
Guy and Miles, Love, Ella (Ella  
Grosser)*

*Happy New Year to Alice and  
Burt and Helene, and to our  
brothers Eric and Rudy and  
their families. Paula and Karl  
Cahn*

*To Elise Honer — Happy New  
Year! From Mother (Edna  
Westerburg)*

*To Virginia: On the New Year,  
think about what it is and  
means and how much you  
have and who you are. Love,  
Sylvia Silbert*

*Leah and Rhea: Wishing you a  
Happy New Year. Love, Mother  
Ethel Eisman)*

*To my children and grand-  
children: A happy and healthy  
New Year. Love, Mother (Elsa  
Heller)*

*Gut Yontov to all my family. Next  
year we should be in the holy  
land. Mayer Schulman*

*To my whole family I wish good  
luck, good health. Love, Rose  
Leibowitz*

*To BJH friends and their  
families: Wishing all of you a  
New Year filled with health and  
happiness. Jan Sawyer*

Happy New Year to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schwartz and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allweiss and family; Miss Ann Bennett and family; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Garmise and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helpen and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Zeitlin and family; Mr. and Mrs. William Broms; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Broms and family; Mr. and Mrs. James Margolis and family. Love Ruth Menins

A Happy New Year to all! Ruth Wharton, Lauren Jones and Edna Blevins

Happy New Year to everyone. Anna Passman

Happy New Year to Edward, Marilyn Benson, Howard and family. Love, Fannie Benson

A Prosperous and peaceful New Year to all. Martha Whitaker, RN

A Happy New Year to all my family. Love, Rose Germain

Happy New Year to my family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kate Pliner

A Happy New Year and best of health! Lorena Durham, LPN

Good health and a peaceful New Year! Helen Bumgardner

Happy New Year to Dr. and Mrs. G.M. Wagger, Debbie, Shawna, David, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bernard Sorkin, Paul, and Sarah. Love, Rose Wagger

Happy New Year to all my friends and family. Love, Rose Block

Good Yontov to Bill Rosenfeld and family. Charles and Rena Rosenfeld

New Years Greetings to George Breslow and family, the Samet family in Florida, and Bootsy and Harold and family. Annie Lefkowitz

Happy New Year to all the residents and staff at BJH. Happy New Year to all my residents on A Wing, wishing you all health happiness and love. Judy Bowden, RT

Happy New Year to my family. Love, Sylvia Sadoff

A Happy New Year to my daughter, Sylvia. Love, Mary Chizik

To Eleanor Turk and family, all my love and wishes for a Happy New Year. Dolly Wolfe

New Year's Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tager and family, and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenbacher and family. Love, Claire Bernstein

To my children and grandchildren, my friends in Greensboro and at the Blumenthal Jewish Home a Happy New Year. Love, Rose Halpern

A Happy New Year to Dr. and Mrs. George Paley and to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Colchamiro. Love, Martha Paley

To my brother Samuel Swirsky and Irma, to Steve and Amy Wallins, Ellen Swirsky, Rhoda Hershatler and Brenda Friedler a Happy New Year! Love, Florence Swirsky

## Please Tell Me

by Ruth Wharton  
Admissions Coordinator

**Q. I am making all the arrangements for my own admission to the Home. Does anyone have to sign the admission papers.**

A. We encourage our resident to be independent and to handle their own affairs. However, we do need a responsible party to sign the contract along with you. If no family members are available you might consider using a trust officer or someone who has the ability to assume power of attorney for you if you need help handling your affairs.

**Q. What is the Home's policy on tipping?**

A. We ask that Residents and their families refrain from tipping. Contributions may be made to the Employees Council if desired. The Home feels that individual gifts are inappropriate since so many people are involved in a Resident's care.

## BJH OFFERS RESPITE CARE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL:

RUTH WHARTON

Admissions Coordinator

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Lorrain Hetrick and Clarice Wooters (Winston-Salem)

### FOCUS ON THE STAFF: LORRAINE HETRICK, RN

This month's "Focus" introduces Lorraine Hetrick, articulate and intelligent Day Charge Nurse on B-2's Gold Team. Lorraine, who graduated from Saint Francis Medical Center School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has worked on B-2 since October, 1979. Originally from Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, Lorraine and her family moved to Winston-Salem in 1973. "I enjoy the 'southern living,'" she said. "The pace is slower and the weather is warmer — especially during the winter. I do have to admit that it took me a while to get used to the grits and red-eye gravy!"

Lorraine's duties include supervising the gold nursing team on days. Her team is "exceptional," according to Lorraine. "They put forth so much effort and care in their work." While holding down this full-time job, Lorraine is also a student in the BSN program at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, NC, where she is pursuing a career in nursing administration. She

recognizes the rapidly-changing perspective of the nursing field and wants to be instrumental in making some of these changes.

Lorraine's husband, Don, and her sons, Todd and Chad, support her in this effort, as do her colleagues at BJH. The Home is fortunate to have Lorraine as a dedicated and innovative member of the care team.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These staff members celebrate employment anniversaries in September.

#### 1 YEAR

Dru Hopkins  
*Dietary*  
Equilla Miller  
*Cook*  
Susan Swain  
*Nursing Asst., B-1*

#### 3 YEARS

Millie Dexter  
*Nursing Asst., B-1*

#### 4 YEARS

Robin Beard  
*Nursing Asst., A Wing*

#### 5 YEARS

Jim Byerly  
*Maintenance*  
Dennis Libes  
*Orderly, B-1*

#### 6 YEARS

Judy Petty  
*Dietary*

#### 8 YEARS

Betty Johnson  
*Nursing Asst., B-1*

#### 9 YEARS

Verna Howell  
*Housekeeping*  
Pearl Spellman  
*Cook*

#### 10 YEARS

Dorothy Bryant  
*RN, B-2*

### CONGRATULATIONS

These staff members have achieved perfect attendance records from January through June, 1985!

#### NURSING, B-1

Pauline Allen  
Lonna Hendrix

#### NURSING, B-2

Carol Brandon  
Virginia Heffinger  
Melvorine Holton  
Amy Minton  
Margaret Reid  
Peggy Winfrey

#### NURSING, A WING

Lois Call  
Bonnie Emmons  
Sue Pierce  
Linda Pinnix  
Barbara Ragan

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Izora Moore  
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#### ALLIED HEALTH

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By: Mrs. Robert Silver  
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MRS. MARY ERSHLER:  
By: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Cassell  
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Mrs. Nathan Sutker

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Mrs. Robert Silver

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## A Meditation in Preparation for the New Year

Father of all worldly things:

You create your world afresh each passing second,  
and were you to withdraw your loving-kindness from creation  
all would be as nothing in the twinkling of an eye.

But moment by moment you empty the vessels of blessing upon  
your creatures:

The morning stars appear again and sing you their love song  
and the sun sallies forth boldly to sing its song of strength . . .  
And the poor man cloaks himself again and bares his heart to you,  
and again his soul's prayer cleaves your heavens as it ascends  
before you,

and again his body breaks beneath your terrible glory,  
and again his eye is lifted toward you.

But one ray of your light and I abound in light,  
but one word from you and I am reborn,

but one tremor of your eternal life and I am drenched in the  
dew of childhood.

O you who create all anew, O Father, create me, your child,  
anew.

Breathe in me the breath of your nostrils and I will live a  
new life, even a new life of childhood.











