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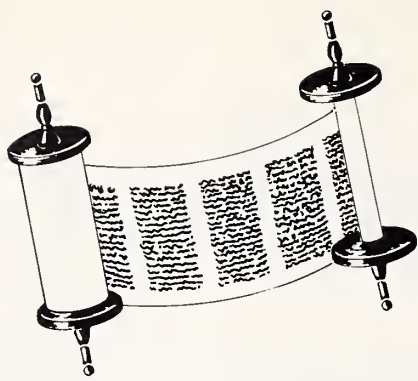
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Simchat Torah

Rejoicing of the Torah

by Rabbi Herbert E. Drooz

Simchat Torah, the festival occurring on the ninth day from the opening day of Sukkot, is, perhaps, the single most joyous day of our Jewish year. It certainly is the most intriguing, for it is not mentioned in *Holy Scriptures* and hardly belongs to the era of the *Talmud* (500 C.E.)

It sprang out of a problem with our calendar as we Jews made our homes in lands distant of the Land of Israel. While the Holy Temple still stood in Jerusalem, a system of fire beacons on tall hills alerted Jewish communities far distant from Jerusalem that the time had arrived for the celebration of Festivals. By the Fifth Century of this era the precise Jewish Calendar had been devised. Though the mathematics of the Jewish Calendar is recognized as one of the great triumphs of the science of the ancient world, the century-old custom of celebrating two days of all holy days (except Yom Kippur) to avert an error in calculation remained the Jewish practice.

Shemini Atzeret the Eighth Day that concludes the Festival of Sukkot gave birth, as it were, to its Second Day, but this additional day grew into a novel holiday of a different name, *Simchat Torah*. For a thousand years the Kingdom of Babylon was the home of the greatest Jewish Community in the world. The *Babylonian Talmud* has long been recognized as superior to the *Palestinian Talmud*. Very early it became the practice of Babylonian Jewry to complete the reading of the Torah in a single year rather than in three years, as had been the practice of the synagogues of the Land of Israel and of the West in general. The custom arose of completing the reading of the Torah each year on the Second Day of *Shemini Atzeret*.

By the 9th Century the symbolic custom of not only completing *Deuteronomy* on the Second Day of *Shemini Atzeret*, but of beginning the reading of *Genesis* marked the celebration. The reading of the opening of *Genesis* immediately following the reading of the close of *Deuteronomy* powerfully teaches that the study of God's Torah is never completed.

Across the passing centuries wonderfully joyous customs were evoked by our joy in the Torah. All the scrolls are removed from the Holy Ark and every man is given an opportunity to carry a scroll about the

synagogue as it is circled seven times; just as every man has opportunity to be honored by an *aliyah*, reading from *Deuteronomy* 33:1-29. The reading is repeated until all have had a chance to be called up for a Torah reading. Especially joyful is the custom of summoning all the youngsters below *bar mitzvah* age for a concluding portion of *Deuteronomy*. This *aliyah* is called "Kol ha-ne'arim", all the youngsters." An honored elder of the congregation spreads his *tallit*, prayer shawl, over the heads of the youngsters as they join in the torah benedictions together. Then all the congregation joins in blessing the boys with Jacob's blessing in *Genesis* 48:20 "God make thee as Ephraim and Manasseh." I have adapted this custom for the blessing of all the new children in our religious school each year.

Traditionally, great support is given to the synagogues by men bidding to win the first *aliyah* by the ending of *Deuteronomy* and the first *aliyah* for the opening passages of *Genesis*. The winners, called "The Bridegroom of the Torah," *chatan Torah*, and "The Bridegroom of Genesis," *chatan bereshit*.

During the seven-time circling of the synagogue bearing all the Scrolls of the Torah, songs are sung, men dance with the Scrolls in their arms, and the children join in the processions with special head coverings and carrying flags adorned with Biblical scenes and capped with lighted candles inside of hollowed-out apples or beets.

Even in Orthodox congregations most of these joyous ceremonies are celebrated on the eve of *Simchat Torah* as well as on the day. It is the only occasion in the entire year when reading the Scroll of the Torah may take place at the Evening Service.

Simchat Torah is, indeed, a uniquely joyous and most intriguing Jewish festival.

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The Torah scrolls are carried in joyous procession around a Jerusalem synagogue on the holiday of Simchat Torah, the "Rejoicing of the Torah."

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Letter to Editor

July 29, 1987, will be remembered as the worst fire day in Israel during the last decade. Four different fires near Jerusalem ravaged 1,150 acres of forests, including 80,000 trees, at an estimated damage of \$2 million.

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, JNF president, called the fires "a national tragedy and a matter of national urgency." He continued, "During the High Holidays, it is imperative that we dedicate ourselves to the replacement of every one of these forests, especially in the face of those who are employing this latest form of terrorism, arson, 14 years after the Yom Kippur War." Dr. Sternstein said that JNF will be mounting fundraising drives all over the world.

The blazes started within a few hours of each other, and arson is strongly suspected. JNF officials warned police and forest rangers, who were placed on special alert, that they may be facing a summer offensive by politically-motivated arsonists. A helicopter pilot spotted three Arab youths setting trees ablaze in the northern Galilee region, and arrested one of them. The other two, whose identities are known, escaped, and are still being sought.

The four different conflagrations affected 25 acres of pastures in the Mevasseret Yerushalaim area; 50 acres of forest and orchards in the area of Nataf; 150 acres in a 65-year-old forest near Maale Hahamisha and Kiryat Anavim, dedicated to Israel's national poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, and 50 acres of the Children's Forest, in the B'nai B'rith Martyrs' Forest, planted by children in memory of children who perished in the Holocaust. Also destroyed in this area were 875 acres of natural woodland, consisting of oaks, carobs, pistachios and pines.

Those wishing to contribute to the replacement of the forests may call JNF's toll-free tree hotline, 1-800-542-TREE, and place orders through Visa or MasterCard, at a minimum order of \$25. For smaller contributions call (404) 633-1132. Thank You.

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At Har Haruach, near Moshav Kesalon, tinder-dry conditions and a strong westerly wind whipped up 60-foot walls of flame (above) that swept across 875 acres of natural woodlands and 50 acres of the memorial forest for child victims of the Holocaust.

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*The Zadok family celebrates holiday in its Jerusalem Sukkah.
Photo by Government Press Office.*

**“You Shall Live in Booths
Seven Days. . .”
The Festival of Sukkot**
by Dvora Waysman

WZPS - The long Israeli summer draws to a close. The crops are gathered, the fruit ripens and is harvested. It is the Hebrew month of Tishri and the 15th day is the Festival of the Ingathering. It is also known as the Festival of Booths: “You shall live in booths seven days; all that are Israelite born shall dwell in booths; that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. . .” (Lev. 23:42-43).

The sukkah, or booth, commemorates the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness. The month of Tishri was the season when almost all the pasturage in the Sinai desert had disappeared, and the water pools were dry, so they would gather the flocks and move to a desert oasis of date palms where water abounded. Even today Israel's nomads, the Bedouin, gather at oases at this time of the year. The dates which have reddened and ripened are harvested and spread in

the sun to dry, and date honey is made by squeezing out the thick, sweet juice.

We are told in the Book of Nehemiah (8:14-17) that the Biblical booths or tabernacles were made from the branches of wild olive, myrtle and palm. Today we construct sukkot from a variety of materials, but they must be no taller nor lower than 20 cubits (30 feet), to convey the lesson that we should be neither too proud nor too humble. The roof must be covered with palm fronds or some kind of greenery through which it is possible to glimpse the sky.

Sukkot perpetuates the precept that God is One forever and Judaism imparts this message by symbolism and ritual. In addition to dwelling in booths, Sukkot is one of the three Pilgrim Festivals when we are commanded to come up to Jerusalem. We are also commanded to rejoice after the solemn days of awe. In fact, it is repeated three times: “You shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.” When we attend the synagogue, we take with us the lulav and etrog, the myrtle and the willow, the four species. The palm frond reminds us of our history, when the Jews wandered in the desert. Willows grow close to the

River Jordan, which flows into the Dead Sea. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan, under Joshua's leadership, they were instructed to set up twelve large stones from the Jordan as a memorial. It is likely that they were also told to select willow branches and to weave them into the four species for the Sukkot festival.

The myrtle has a delightful fragrance and grows wild in the woodlands of Galilee, and Jews sanctify it as a symbol of peace and brotherhood. The etrog, a citrus fruit, symbolizes the beauty of the fruit harvest and can be picked at Sukkot. Thus the four species teach us about the terrain of Israel and how the natural elements form the basis of imagery in the Bible and in ritual. They connect the People of Israel to the Land of Israel.

The Festival of Sukkot ends with Simhat Torah, the Rejoicing of the Law. It is a joyous festival whose agricultural nature is more than ever relevant today when Jews have returned to inhabit Eretz Israel to sow and reap the grain and fruit of the Land.



*Prayers at the Western Wall
with Lulav and Etrog.
Israel Sun Photo.*

The Year in Sports

by Shimon Ben Noach

WZPS - As usual there were three sports—tennis, basketball and soccer—that dominated the sporting pages of Israel's newspapers during the past year. The tennis headlines spoke of historic victories, while basketball and soccer offered a more mixed bag of fortunes with remarkable triumphs and miserable defeats.

Tennis

In sporting terms 5747 was above all else the year that Israeli tennis came of age. The year began with an historic Davis Cup victory in Switzerland as Israeli tennis stars Shlomo Glickstein and Amos Mansdorf won the final tie in their European Zone. This meant that Israel was promoted to the World Zone of the Davis Cup and, on paper at least, joined the top 16 tennis nations in the world.

Israel's time in the vaulted top 16 was expected to be shortlived. The pundits had already written Israel's obituary after being drawn away to Czechoslovakia, probably the world's most powerful tennis nation after Sweden.

But, sensationally, David did slay Goliath. True, Ivan Lendl, the world's number one racket, did not play. But Miloslav Mecir, ranked sixth in the world, did play and was soundly beaten by Amos Mansdorf, who won both his matches while a Shlomo Glickstein victory gave Israel a 3-2 win in the overall tie.

In the quarter finals Israel was drawn against India. The tie embarrassed the Indian government, which maintains few contacts with Israel, but rather than forfeit the match the Indians reluctantly agreed to stage the tie on the grass courts of Delhi.

Israel's Davis Cup success stemmed from the fact that the country now has more than one player of international stature. For years Shlomo Glickstein was Israel's sole tennis ace, reaching 29th rank in his heyday.

Now Israel has two more stars: Amos Mansdorf at 22 has reached the rank of 30 in the world with many outstanding victories and several



One of the groups of Israel Tennis Centers youngsters and coach who demonstrated their skill during 1987 summer tour in U.S.

major tournament titles under his belt and Gilad Bloom at 19 has soared to the 120 spot and will soon break into the top 100. Mansdorf and Bloom are both products of the Israel Tennis Center's program which has brought the sport to tens of thousands of youngsters, many from disadvantaged homes.

Glickstein himself has slipped to a lowly 336th in the world. This is not an accurate evaluation of his talents but reflects the fact that he has virtually retired from the tournament circuit. At Wimbledon this year he was given a special award by the International Tennis Federation in recognition of his service to tennis.

The only cloud on Israel's tennis horizon was the acknowledgement that Shahar Perkis, until recently a rising star, might have to quit serious international competition because of a heart condition.

Basketball and Soccer

There were also significant successes in Israeli basketball, though there was a Jekyll and Hyde quality to the game of the country's perennial champions Maccabi Tel Aviv. After losing four of their first five games in the European final pool, they won their last five games in succession with some scintillating play to reach the European Cup Final. But they failed to beat Italian hoopsters Tracer Milan, giving a disappointing performance. The Israeli national squad was just as disappointing in the European championships, and Zvi Scherf stepped down as coach of both Maccabi Tel Aviv and the national squad. Another shock was Mickey Berkowitz's retirement from international basketball as well as that of captain

Lou Silver, though Berkowitz later agreed to return to the national squad.

There will be fewer big stars too on Israel's football fields. Maccabi Tel Aviv's Avi Cohen signed for Glasgow Rangers and Betar Jerusalem striker Eli Ohana signed for Mechlin, a Belgian team.

The tragic death of Maccabi Haifa's goalkeeper Avi Ran while holidaying with his team at Lake Kinneret, was mourned by football fans up and down the country.

For the record Betar Jerusalem won its first ever league championship, while Maccabi Tel Aviv won the challenge cup. Meanwhile Israel's new national team manager Yugoslav Miljenko Mihic is patiently building a team. His efforts will be judged by whether or not Israel qualifies for the Seoul Olympics next year and more importantly the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

Another sporting highlight was the holding of the 13th Hapoel Games in May. 3,000 sportsmen from a record 40 countries participated in the "barmitzvah" games, including many nations with whom Israel has no diplomatic relations. But while the Games were an effective medium for international goodwill, many of the star international athletes who had promised to attend failed to appear.

But Davis Cup and European Cup basketball aside, Israel's sporting track record has not been overly impressive this year. The future, however, should offer improved performances, as Israel channels more resources, both educational and economic, into raising sporting standards.

Institutes at Wildacres

Fifth Wildacres Interfaith Institute

Social Justice and the Transformation of the South: The Unfinished Agenda was the subject of the 5th annual Interfaith Institute held at Wildacres, August 17-20.

The keynote address was given by Dr. David Goldfield, Bailey Professor of History at UNCC. One of the South's foremost historians and author of books about the South, he is active on councils for redevelopment and historic preservation in the U.S. and Europe. In spite of the holding pattern prevailing at present after the success of the Civil Rights Movement in the South, Dr. Goldfield is optimistic about the future of the region.

The Rev. Will D. Campbell of Mississippi, noted author, maverick Baptist minister and social activist, has been active in the Civil Rights Movement since its beginning. He spoke with conviction and wit reminiscent of the late Will Rogers.

Other principal speakers were Professor Kenny Johnson, director of the Southern Labor Institute and of Political and Economic Development for the Southern Regional Council. He has worked for voter registration education, youth projects, as director of the White House initiative for area development and for study of Equal Employment Opportunity. He has written articles dealing with his field of interest for various publications. He cited many statistics which clarified the condition of poor people, many of whom remain unaffected by the gains achieved by the Civil Rights Movement.

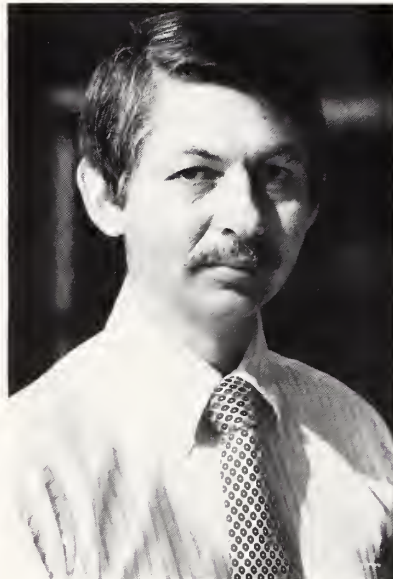
Jack Bass, journalist and writer, provided VCR tapes for viewing which he wrote and produced, reminding the Institute's participants of the struggle for Civil Rights in the South. He reiterates the emphasis of remembering history first expressed in Dr. Goldfield's opening lecture.



Prof. Kenny Johnson



Rev. Will D. Campbell



Jack Bass



Dr. David Goldfield

Speakers and participants concurred in the necessity of sustained action to advance the direction of our society towards equal opportunity, thereby avoiding the threat of a fatal division. Participants of the Interfaith Institute are concerned with working with groups and organizations which strive to reach the goals of leaders who bravely spoke out and acted to mobilize the nation's efforts to achieve its ideals.

Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman, Charlotte

and Wildacres, was chairman of the planning committee, assisted by Fr. Oscar Burnett O.S.B., Herman Blumenthal, Dr. Carl Evans, Rabbi Israel Gerber, the Rev. Arthur Kortheuer, Maurice Weinstein, Dr. Loy Witherspoon and Dr. Oakley Winters.

The 1987 Interfaith Institute was funded by The Blumenthal Foundation, the Charlotte Observer and Charlotte Jewish Federation.

Estelle Hoffman

District Five B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism

District Five of B'nai B'rith held its Wildacres Institute of Judaism August 21-24. Chairman was Abe Yormack and Richard Melenson assisted.

A reception on the patio opened the weekend, followed by candle-lighting and Sabbath evening dinner. Services during the Sabbath, through Havdalah service were led and assisted by participants.

Rabbi Pinchas Peli and his wife, Pnina of Israel were speakers for the Institute. Rabbi Peli delivered lectures on these topics: *To Be a Jew Today: Some Aspects of Jewish Identity and Belief*; *Jewish Thought as Reflected in Halakha* and *Prayer Book: The Most Popular and Most Unknown Book*.

Pnina Peli spoke on the *Changing Role of Women in Judaism and Israel, Land of Our Ancestors, Land of Our Children*.

Rabbi Pinchas H. Peli was born in Jerusalem and is a leading figure in the literary, intellectual and religious life of modern Israel. Well known as an author, poet, editor, scholar and lecturer, he was ordained Rabbi in Israel and received his education both in Israel and in the United States. His latest book is *Torah Today*.

Pnina Peli is a native of New York City and has lived in Israel since 1952. She is active in movements for women's and family rights.

District Five B'nai B'rith Institute was held at Wildacres for the first time in 1981, because of the need to accommodate more people who wished to attend more than one session could serve. Dr. A. J. Kravtin of Augusta, Georgia, has been Coordinator for this Institute through its existence.

A beautiful Shabbaton atmosphere characterized the Institute, with singing and prayer in traditional manner.

Estelle Hoffman

North Carolina B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism

North Carolina B'nai B'rith celebrated its 40th Annual Institute at Wildacres, where these institutes were conceived, August 24-27. Following the first example, other institutes now thrive throughout the nation.

Under the chairmanship of Jerome and Audrey Madans, 105 members enjoyed this seminar. After introductions, opening night was enlivened by the music of Viva Klezmer of Charlotte, a group of musicians who play in the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. They performed again the second night from their repertoire of Klezmer and Israeli music with the added charm of singing by Cantor Steven Haas of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Charlotte.

Dr. Emanuel Goldsmith, Associate Professor of Yiddish Language and Literature at Queens College of City University of New York, spoke on *Yiddish Literature and Jewish Identity*; *Controversial Yiddish Masters*; *Jewish Laughter and Jewish Soul*. He spoke in English embellished by Yiddish from the sources he discussed. Dr. Goldsmith is author of *Architects of Yiddishism at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century*, and has lectured extensively on Yiddish literature, Hebrew literature and Jewish thought. His personality lent much to the congeniality of the group.

Dr. Elliot Engel, Professor of English at N.C. State University at Raleigh, is on sabbatical leave, popular as a lecturer on literary subjects. His topics were *The Jews They Choose: Bad News*; *Non-Jewish Aliens in British Literature*; *The Secret Life of Queen Victoria*. His witty presentations were well received. Accompanying Dr. Engel was Kaeren Hawkesworth, professional dramatist, who demonstrated through readings the analyses of Dr. Engel.

A congenial atmosphere prevailed throughout the lecture sessions, extending into the late evening social gatherings in the Wildacres canteen.

Estelle Hoffman



Chairpersons: Audrey and Jerome Madans.



Institute Faculty: (L. to R.) Dr. Emanuel Goldsmith, Dr. Elliot Engel, Alice Kavadlo, Mike Mosley, Kaeren Hawkesworth, Leo Bjorlie, Eugene Kavadlo.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Ashendorf/Citron Memorial Concert Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

Internationally celebrated cellist Claudio Jaffe will be this year's featured performer for the Ashendorf/Citron Memorial Concert to be held in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall at Temple Israel, 1014 Dilworth Road, Charlotte, on Sunday, October 11, at 8 p.m.

Jaffe, 25, received his early education and training in his native Sao Paulo, Brazil. Coming to the United States, he matriculated at Yale University where he earned his bachelor's degree as well as his master's from Yale School of Music. Since the age of 8, the list of competitions in which Mr. Jaffe has been awarded first prize is extensive. In 1983, in the debut competition sponsored by the Young Musicians Foundation, he was awarded not only the Gregor Piatigorsky Memorial Cello Prize as top cellist, but also the H. Spencer Nilson Recital Award and the 1983 Debut Competition Award to the best competitor in all categories.

The step from competition to the concert stage was an easy one. In 1983, Jaffe made his New York debut at Town Hall as part of the Select Debut Series. Of his debut, Tim Page of *The New York Times* said, "Mr. Jaffe has what it takes to become an important artist: taste, technique, musicianship, and contagious youthful enthusiasm."

Accompanying Mr. Jaffe on piano will be Charlotte's own international artist, having recently returned with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra from its European tour, pianist Mark Tysinger.

The concert will include compositions by Bach, Villa-Lobos, Ravel and Shostakovich.

The Ashendorf/Citron Memorial Concert is an annual event given in memory of Rosalie Citron Ashen-

dorf and Samuel I. Citron. The Ashendorf/Citron Memorial Fund of Temple Israel is presenting this prestigious concert free for the joy and entertainment of our community.



Claudio Jaffe, cellist

Other Temple Israel News

Temple Israel Sisterhood held its opening meeting with a Fashion Show and luncheon for paid-up members on September 9. The Bon-darama starts anew with the first drawing at the opening meeting. Audrey Madans and Florence Jaffa are co-chairing the project and entry checks may be sent to them to participate in monthly drawings for Savings Bonds. \$25 is the price of each chance. Sisterhood will sponsor a Square Dance for Singles and Seniors and everybody else who wants to come on October 17. The caller will be Al Broadway, one of the area's finest square dance callers. Please call Sandy Rosenberg at 847-7282 or Linda Goldsmith, 847-6403 if you plan to attend.

Sisterhood's Attic Sale will be held November 16 and 17 at the Temple. Please bring items before hand, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Philip Brian Kornhauser, son of Nancy and Martin Kornhauser, made his Bar Mitzvah on September 5. On

the following Sabbath, Sharon Robin Bernat celebrated her Bat Mitzvah. Sharon is the daughter of Eliot and Tami Bernat.

Mazel tov to Ruth Melnicoff on the birth of her granddaughter, Sari Hannah Melnicoff, daughter of Rhoda and Mark Melnicoff.

Congratulations to Stacey Schefflin who was a member of championship and runner-up doubles teams in the U.S. National Amateur tennis tournament in New York. Stacey is the daughter of Marvin and Elaine Schefflin.

75th Anniversary Temple Beth Or Raleigh, N.C.

by Rabbi James Bleiberg

During 1987-1988, Temple Beth Or will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Raleigh is fortunate, indeed, to have such an active and committed Jewish community that supports three congregations. This commitment, and the diversity it represents, helps keep our faith vibrantly alive.

On behalf of the congregants of Temple Beth Or, I invite everyone in the Jewish community to participate in our anniversary activities. This anniversary year is a time of rejoicing for all and you are most welcome to share these events with us.

Schedule of Temple Beth Or's Anniversary Events

October 11 - Oral History of Temple Beth Or's first 75 years

November 6-8 - Scholar-in-Residence; Rabbi Howard Bogot, UHAC

January 16 - Community Show and Social; A Schlesinger & Schrag Production

February 12 - Religious School Program & Family Services

May 13-14 - Gala Anniversary Weekend; Anniversary Services & Dinner-Dance.

South of Hester Street Durham, N.C.

In Durham, N.C., 1987 marks the centennial of the formation of the first Jewish congregation. The Continuing Education Office of Duke University, the Durham County Library and the North Carolina Humanities Council are jointly offering a series of lectures, discussions, readings and film, presented at the Durham Public Library on Roxboro Street.

Although Jews have been settling in the South since the 17th Century, little attention has been focused on their history. Through this program, participants will be helped to understand the characteristics of this culture and its links to the surrounding society.

Events started September 10 with Leonard Dinnerstein of the University of Arizona addressing the topic *Jews in the South: A Different Heritage*. This was supported by the Duke Center for Judaic Studies, Duke Dept. of History, N.C. Hillel Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Durham and Chapel Hill.

A Roundtable was held September 27 on *The Jewish Experience in Durham and Chapel Hill*, conversations with long-time community residents, with Joel Schwartz as Moderator, sponsored by the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill.

On October 20 the film *West of Hester Street* will be shown with a discussion led by Leah Hagedorn, also sponsored by UNC-CH, on the settlement of 10,000 Eastern European Jews in Galveston, Texas between 1907 and 1914.

On Monday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. David R. Goldfield, Ph.D. of the Dept. of History of UNC-Charlotte will lecture on *Uncertain Encounters: Blacks and Jews in the Urban South*. Leonard Rogoff, independent scholar and freelance journalist will present anecdotes, data and insights into the formation and growth of the Jewish community: *Traditions Lost and Found*.

The concluding event will be a

southern Jewish perspective on the Civil War by Eli Evans, noted Southern author, from The Charles Revson Foundation. A reception will follow, hosted by the Durham County Library. Eli Evan's new book is *Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate*.

Public response has been overwhelming and a second session was opened. A display of photographs and memorabilia is on exhibit at the Durham Library for the duration of the series.

Call 919-684-6259 for more information.

E.H.

Kittner-Latham Wedding Weldon, N.C.

Lisa Faye Kittner of Weldon and Billy Ralph Latham of Emporia, Va., were married August 29 in Weldon with Rabbi Robert Shafrin officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kittner of Weldon. The bridegroom is the son and stepson of Mr. and Mrs. William Latham of Emporia, and the late Mrs. Ruth Browder.

Jody Kittner of Chesapeake, Va., sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Rhoda Kittner of Weldon, sister of the bride; Mimi Cook of Raleigh, cousin of the bride; Maureen Dolan of Cary. Flower girl was Jenny Schneider of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., cousin of the bride.

William Latham served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Robert Latham of Midlothian, Va., brother



Mrs. Billy R. Latham

of the bridegroom; Harry Byrd of Arlington, Va.; Michael Yeattes of Emporia, Va.; Alan Frank of Annadale, Va., cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Weldon High School and East Carolina University in Greenville.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Brunswick Academy, recently returned from a tour of duty with the U.S. Marine Corp as a Marine security guard at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels, Belgium.

The couple will reside in Emporia, Va.

The wedding ceremony and reception, hosted by the bride's parents, were held at the Kirkwood Adams Community Center.

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Rabbi Lawrence N. Mahrer

JCS Courses at Newberry College, S.C. and St. Andrews, N.C.

Jewish Chautauqua Society sponsored courses will be held during the Spring 1988 semester at Newberry College, Newberry, S.C. and St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N.C., taught by Rabbi Lawrence N. Mahrer of Florence, S.C.

JCS, in addition to endowing courses, assigns rabbinic lecturers to campuses and secondary schools, donates books of Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors Interfaith Institutes for Christian Clergy in its goal of improved interfaith relations.

JCS is the educational arm of the National Federation of Temple brotherhoods, comprised of 400 Temple Brotherhoods with over 60,000 members in the United States, Canada and abroad. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Judaism.

Mahrer, Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, Florence, will teach an "Introduction to Judaism," emphasizing the growth and development of Judaism.

Dr. Mahrer is a dedicated worker in the field of ecumenical relations. He has been active in the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Urban League and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Rabbi Mahrer was ordained in 1959 at the Hebrew Union College-

Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, earning a Master of Hebrew Letters.

Agudas Israel Congregation Hendersonville, N.C.

by Lee Lewin

This summer has been an especially busy one for Agudas Israel Congregation. We have had a large number of summer people coming to town and our Friday evening and Saturday morning services have been well attended. We also had the pleasure for several weeks this summer to have Cantor Joseph Krissel of Miami participating in our services. Of course we are ever grateful to our own lay people who conduct services all year long. But it gives an added touch when we do have a professional to help out. Cantor Krissel was most gracious about doing that. There was also a large group attending our Wednesday afternoon drop in center. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newman and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barles who host this function and welcome all who wish to come down to our social hall to play games, cards or just to socialize.

An interesting program this summer was a lecture and slide show by Dr. Leonard Nadler and his wife Zeace. Dr. Nadler has been in the School of Education and Human Development at George Washington University for 25 years. His topic was "The Jews and their Synagogues" in countries such as Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Australia. Dr. Nadler was visiting his sister Mrs. Estelle Herman.

We always enjoy the appearance of the campers from Camp Judea and Camp Blue Star who come to perform for us during their stay at camp. It is a pleasure to see these young people perform with their enthusiasm and *ruach*.

A group of adults attended a conference of the Southeast Region of United Synagogue held at Camp Blue Star. We are now a member of this Southeast Region.

As for new additions, we wish to extend congratulations to Liesel and

Marvin Stern on the birth of a great granddaughter; to Edie and Irving Rothenberg on the birth of a granddaughter Helen Dara; to Janet and Mac Provda on the birth of a new grandson Alexander born to Mark and Karen Provda.

We also wish to extend Mazel Tov to Laura and Mike Diamond who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a lovely Oneg; to Julia and Harold Segall who celebrated their 49th anniversary with a lovely Kiddush. Mazel Tov also to Ethel and Harry Fritz on their 44th wedding anniversary, and to Ann and Morris Kaplan on their 42nd anniversary.

We lost two of our members recently and extend condolences to the families of Raye Leff and Allan Pollack. They will both be missed.

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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

High Holy Days at Temple Beth El V'Shalom started dramatically with an 11:30 p.m. S'lichot Candlelight Service. Led by Rabbi Seigel, the service included an interfaith sacred dance group, MOSAIC, and music of guitar, flute, shofar and organ incorporated into the service.

Steve Haas, Cantorial Soloist, provided the congregation with stimulating Jewish music before the service, and reacquainted us with the music of the High Holy Days. Twenty eight members sang in choir groups during the Holy Day Services.

Sharing the beginning of the New Year are new members Michael and Merle Pervis and family, Harry and Seena Binder; a new son for Dr. and Mrs. Paul Putterman; twin grandchildren for Jessie and How-

ard Simon; and Julie Hannon, Betty and Bud Rosenbaum's daughter, and their granddaughter, Amy, who recently joined the Temple.

The first of Temple Beth El V'Shalom's "Lox and Bagels Torah Study" programs began successfully September 26, and those attending anticipate the up coming meetings after Saturday services.

Rabbi and Faye Seigel hosted their annual Rosh Hashanah Open House, and, as always, the affair was well attended and everyone had a delightful *Shana Tova*.

Nina Haas' Nursery project is an overwhelming success! To "make the Temple a familiar and pleasurable experience for our children," Nina conducts "Shabbat Services" with the children during adult services, and for the *kiddish*, the children walk, hand-in-hand, to the *bima*. Each week the numbers grow! From only six at opening, there are now almost 25 children in the Nursery. Of course the Nursery would not be possible without the assistance of the parents who take turns working with Nina on Friday nights.

Religious school started under the leadership of our new principal, Roz Cooper, who will also be conducting the Bar and Bat Mitzvah tutoring sessions. There are 185 children in school this year.

Honey Kridel, president of sisterhood, committee chairmen and members held a combination White Elephant Auction, catered Box Lunch, and a day at the pool in September. The October meeting will be the annual paid up luncheon; past presidents will determine and coordinate the theme. Sisterhood this year has 24 honorary members over 70 years old, 13 single members, 107 paid up members, and hopes to conclude the membership campaign with 250 paid up members.

The September MOM Award (Member of the Month) recipient is Aline Lorber, Sisterhood financial secretary, for her tremendous job of writing, mailing, entering dues and maintaining sisterhood books. Ma-

zel Tov!

Rabbi Seigel, M.A.H.L. and Rev. John Haughey, S.J., Th.D., spoke on "War and Peace in the Judeo-Roman Catholic Traditions" at the Seventh semi-annual Christian-Jewish Dialogue recently held in Charlotte.

Jim and Ethel Montag, the membership committee and friends had a very successful Newcomers Party with over 90 people attending.

The social club held its annual complimentary Gourmet Picnic and is now putting the finishing touches on its mystery bus trip for October.

According to Arnold Kridel, president of men's club, the Sunday breakfasts will begin in October

with Mayor Pro Tem Al Russo being the first speaker of the year. Men's club hopes to have its fund raising Bingo games operational by mid October.

Chatto Naimark, Jason Katz, Jonathan Simon were recently Bar Mitzvah, and Ann Stuart was a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to all.

Again, Temple extends an invitation to hear the Police Chief of Charleston, S.C. Ruben M. Greenberg, speak on "Being Black and Jewish in the South," on October 18 at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El V'Shalom. Chief Greenberg is the first presentation in the Sunday night Adult Education series organized by Rabbi Seigel.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Wildacres Retreat 1987

by Faye P. Seigel

When we retreat to Wildacres to bring summer to an end,
We look forward to renewing acquaintances and making more new friends.

We sing, we pray, we laugh, we learn,
We eat, we read, we rock, we yearn,
To make these few days the real world instead
Of only a brief respite in the days we face ahead.

The Shabbat meal was a joy sharing it with everyone,
A moving service and program and a Sisterhood Oneg which was fun.

Rabbi Nelson stimulated us to think of the Jewish people and unity;
To understand similarities and respect differences, he helped us to see.

Karen Dresser was a welcome addition and gave us much to do,
Arts and crafts for kids and parents and tie dyeing too!

Although it rained the weekend, spirits weren't dampened a bit,
"Ask the Rabbis" anything always makes a big hit.

Faye Seigel read the Torah portion from her Bat Mitzvah past,
And Rabbi Seigel announced a new adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah class.

The model of our new Temple was revealed and gave everyone a thrill,
As they envisioned this beautiful structure perched high atop a hill.

The champagne was poured as we lifted our glasses to cheer,
A happy anniversary to Milt and Louise, celebrating their third year.

A tradition at this weekend, one shared and enjoyed by all,
Is a wine and cheese social, hosted by Anita and Herman Blumenthal.

And what would we do without Vivian, the "big show" she co-ordinates,
Working long hours with the talent, which is always first rate.

And the surprise of the evening was an appearance by Jim and Tammy Faye,
Crying with bags full of money, they had much to convey.

And Monday comes too quickly and then it is time to go,
But the memories of Wildacres will linger on, this we all know.

The food was superb, plentiful abounded,
Everyone ate so much and became a little more rounded.

Steven Haas led as joyfully in musical song and prayer,
He played the guitar, directed our show, with a voice beautiful and rare.

We thank our illustrious president, Sally, and her side kick for all they do,
And to Nina who cared for the "little ones," our gratitude to you.

Remember Labor Day at Wildacres. . .this is a permanent ending date,
Beth Hillel and Beth Shammai won't dispute this Heavenly mandate.

Temple Emanuel Statesville, N.C.

Sabbath services at Temple Emanuel in September were hosted by the Manfred Katz family, Jacquie and T.C. Homesley, Florence and Max Lerner, and the Adlers and the Po-dairs.

A picnic was held at the Camp Grounds of Lake Myers on September 6, catered by Fat Boys.

Mazel tov to the Polks on their new granddaughter, Allison Heather Polk. Condolences to the Polks on the loss of Allison's grandmother, Linda Loveman.

Elliott Cohen, previously of Statesville, died in Charleston. Condolences to Philip and Lauren Adler Stark on the loss of Philip's mother, Margie Stark; to Charlotte and Mark Margolis on the loss of his father, Jack Margolis.

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B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte Chapter of BBW held its annual Personal Giving Campaign Luncheon, September 2 at Shalom Park. The title of our day was "L'Dor V'Dor" (from generation to generation). We had a wine reception welcoming Irma Gertler, who was our keynote speaker and is International President of BBW.

We had a busy summer with both educational and fun programs; a trip to Mecklenburg Medical Auxiliary Endowment Inn and brunch; a Pizza Pool Party at Reggie and Myron Wittlin's home. We worked at the Habitat for Humanity Telethon sponsored by WBT; donated pillows to Howell Center; and delivered calendars donated by Intimate Book Stores to the Magnolias, Arosa House, Thompson Children's Home, MMAE Inn, and local nursing homes plus their Jewish residents.

BBW is once more co-sponsoring with UNCC Continuing Education Dept. the "Alive" class at Shalom Park. The subject matter "Our History, Charlotte," will include lectures on local architecture; Blacks; women; community traffic and road conditions; the South for Non-Southerners; North Carolina. For a finale session there will be a guided tour of Charlotte by Dan Morrill, professor and historian.

We have gained new members on July 29 when BBW entertained with a brunch. The new people in town and some long time residents were there to get acquainted. They are: Barbara Hill, Syd Gerber, Gloria Levinson, Emily Zimmern, Fran Lyons, Marcia Stern, Gert Rosenberger, Thersa Shrake, Seena Binder, Cheryl Comen.

Correction:

B'nai B'rith Lodge regrets the omission last month of the name of Jeff Turk, VP-Membership.

North Carolina Hillel by Lauren Stone

U.N.C. Hillel has started the new semester off with a bang. The students planned a complete orientation calendar. The first event was a Lox and Bagels Brunch, which was a huge success. Board members Donna Leinwand and David Barman gave a little speech about Hillel. We are very pleased by our strong freshman participation. We attribute this to our orientation committee for the personal effort in writing each freshman who had filled out a religious preference card. Committee members were David Barman, Claire Flarshheim, Donna Leinwand and Frank Silvermann. U.N.C. Hillel has attracted students from as far away as Oklahoma, California and New York.

Duke Hillel opened its semester with an Oneg Shabbat and the attendance was outstanding. The next event was a Lox and Bagels Brunch which is always a crowd pleaser. Sheree Cooper is president this year and has some terrific programs planned. Gary Shapiro is the membership chairman and is working hard to increase the active student body at Hillel. Duke Hillel is very excited that it was able to help support bringing Elie Wiesel to campus this fall.

Hillel conducted High Holiday Services. Services were held at each campus for the first night and the students joined together during the days at Duke.

We also look forward to Hillel activities at ECU, Greensboro and N.C. State.

Hillel Organization Clemson University, S.C.

by Dr. Richard Klein

When Rhett Berger was elected President of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University for the 1987-1988 academic year, he became the second generation to fill that office at Clemson. His father, Dr. Robert Berger,

D.D.S., of Columbia, S.C. was President of the Hillel at Clemson University during the 1961-1962 academic year.

Dr. Richard Klein, Associate Professor of Finance and volunteer Faculty Advisor reported that the other new officers of the Hillel group for the 1987-1988 academic year are as follows: Vice President: Allen Youngblade of Findlay, Ohio. Secretary: Jodi Mason of Bethesda, Maryland. Program Chairpersons: Rudy Grodsky of Timonium, Maryland, Wayne Mayer of Mountainside, N.J. Publicity Chairperson: Sharlene Kleinman of Seminole, Fla. Treasurer: Mark Davis of Boca Raton, Fla.

Students attended High Holy Days services at Temple of Israel (Reform) or Congregation Beth Israel (Conservative) in Greenville, S.C. Those congregations, along with Greenville Federated Jewish Charities and Morris M. Campbell Lodge of B'nai B'rith, are the co-sponsors of Hillel at Clemson.

Hillel Organization holds monthly social meetings which include bagel brunches, lakeside cookouts, bowling nights and ecumenical get-togethers with student groups of other religious denominations.

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Congregation Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

Rabbi Ronald Bluming of Congregation Beth ha-Tephila will direct a course, *Introduction to Judaism*, sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society at Mars Hill College.

To commemorate Dr. Constance Head, the Rabbi and Board of Directors established "The Dr. Constance Head Memorial Study Hour," held on the afternoon of Yom Kippur. This year Dr. Larry Rapaport led a discussion on Maimonides.

The Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Ann Moore, daughter of Jean and Michael Moore, was celebrated on September 4. Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Marks on the birth of a granddaughter, Kristi Marie Marks. The parents are Sally and Doug Marks of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Mazel tov to Norman and Bee Greenberg

on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Beth ha-Tephila Brotherhood served brunch at the Temple on September 6. William Sabo, Assistant Professor of Political Science at UNCA, spoke on *The Religious Foundations of the Constitution*. Bagels, lox, eggs and all the trimmings followed the program.

The Brotherhood received the Gold Award of the Quota Club of the Jewish Chautauqua Society for 1,030% of their quota, ranking first in the Country.

Tami Bernat is organizing her adult conversational Hebrew class for 1987-88 to be conducted at her home in Charlotte. Please call 704-553-0730.

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Tree of Life Congregation Columbia, S.C.

Tree of Life Congregation held a Shabbaton at Wildacres from Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30. Rabbi Sanford Marcus conducted this event, the first the Congregation held at Wildacres. The theme of the Retreat was *Days of Awe and Their Unique Prayers*. Two separate discussions were held: *Avinu Malkeinu Unetanah Tokef, Shofar and Shofar and Kol Nidri*.

The group enjoyed the coolness of the mountains after the extreme heat of Columbia's summertime. Shabbat Services and Havdallah were held outdoors in the inspiring view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There was general agreement that the experience should be repeated in the future.

Estelle Hoffman



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B'nai Shalom Synagogue Day School Greensboro, N.C. by Karen Weingarten

Summer marked another successful season for B'nai Shalom's Day Camp, for ages 3-5. Lois Mezer and Polly Strasser coordinated the program. Directed by Karen Dresser and Jo Anne Bernick, the 17 children had a delightful time. They were entertained by Captain Kidney Bean, made tie dyed tee shirts and plaster hand prints. Holidays were celebrated, such as Wild West Day, Hawaiian Day and Dinosaur Day.

August 20, B'nai Shalom opened its doors to celebrate the start of the '87-'88 academic year, with the CPTA (Concerned Parents-Teachers Association) sponsoring an Ice Cream Social. Students warmly greeted each other as their families and teachers mingled.

School resumed on August 25. During the summer, the director and her staff set up new administrative offices, and renovated a large classroom to accommodate the 16 pre-schoolers and their team teachers, Karen Dresser and Cheryl Sarrat. The entire school is charged with excitement and optimism that this will be the best year yet!

Tonya Turner Named Wallenberg Scholar

Tonya Turner, 20, of Mocksville, North Carolina, was named a Raoul Wallenberg Scholar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The program, now in its second year at the University's Rothberg School for Overseas Students, was created by the Sam Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the Swedish diplomat who single-handedly rescued thousands of Jews from the Nazis. The Wallenberg Program focuses on comprehensive research on issues of leadership within democracies.

Turner is studying International Relations and English Literature at the University of North Carolina where she is a Morehead Scholar in recognition of her leadership potential and academic excellence. She was selected as the superior delegate to the Model United Nations, was leader of the Great Decision group, and has co-chaired the Global Issues Committee.

At the Hebrew University, Turner will devote herself to study of intercultural affairs, Hebrew language, courses in Jewish and Israeli history, Middle Eastern politics and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Hadassah Columbia, S.C.

Gail P. Lieb of Columbia, S.C., has been elected to the National Board of Hadassah. She is a member of Hadassah's National Service Committee and National Organizational Task Force. She is a former president of Hadassah's Southeastern Region and has been long active in regional affairs. She is a former chairman of the Women's Division and the Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal and served as chairman of the Education Board of Beth Shalom Synagogue, co-chairman of the Board of Hadassah's Camp Judaea in Hendersonville, N.C. and a member of the Columbia Community Relations Council.

In addition, Gail Lieb is a former member of the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood and the United Way Agency Relations Panel and she served on the Richland County Public Schools Planning Committee. She was a delegate to the South Carolina Democratic Party State Convention.

She is married to Jack Lieb and they have two children. She is Coordinator of Public Relations for Montcrief Army Hospital in Columbia.

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein

The summer and early fall have been very busy. Materials have been sent to many Jewish institutions in the following N.C. cities: Cary, Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston-Salem; also Columbia, S.C., Martinsville, Va. and Virginia Beach, Va.

The CAJE mailing list has been completely re-vamped and updated. If you would like to have your name added to the list to receive the CAJE PAGE (the CAJE newsletter), during the 1987-88 school year, send your name and address to us at 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

We know that the CAJE PAGE is being read across the country. We have filled orders for CAJE/Kirschen software from places as diverse as Montreal, Canada, Nashville, Tenn., and Kansas City, Mo. We have sent out program materials to JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America) in N.Y., to the Board of Jewish Education in St. Louis, Mo.

to the Board of Jewish Education in Buffalo, N.Y., to mention just a few.

A copy of the CAJE computerized catalog listing all materials available on loan may be obtained by contacting the CAJE office.

CAJE has adopted an annual membership plan. Please contact us for details.

One note of national significance: everyone knows that locally, CAJE is an acronym for the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education. Until August, CAJE, nationally stood for the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education. At the CAJE Conference held in August at West Georgia College in Carrollton, Ga., it was voted that, nationally, CAJE will henceforth be known as the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education. This is to reflect the mainstream status and respect that the Coalition has garnered over the past 13 years.

CAJE, locally, the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, continues as a project of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, funded through a grant from the Blumenthal Foundation.

Mountain Synagogue Franklin, N.C.

At the business meeting of the Mountain Synagogue held September 19, the following slate of officers and Board of Directors was presented by the nominating committee for election: President, Irving King; Vice President, Sydney Garson; Recording Secretary, Ruth Barnett; Corresponding Secretary, Lenny Snyder with Pauline Tenenbaum; Treasurer, Lou Pomerance; Asst. Treasurer, Linda Gumble; Publicity, Arnold Baslow; Bulletin, Avram Friedman; Bulletin Publishing, Stan Gumble; Chairperson, Pearl Fegarsky; Board of Directors, Phil Fruitstone, Dorothy Marks and Jennett Gold; Religious Committee, Asher Marks and Morris Tenenbaum.

High Holiday Services were well attended. The Yom Kippur sermon was delivered by Asher Marks on "Theodicy: Job's Dilemma." Morris Tenenbaum spoke on Rosh Hashana on the subject, "On New Year's, It Is Written." The congregation appreciates the efforts of its leadership.

E.H.



Beersheva, Israel, July 1987, Splash in the Desert. A Ben-Gurion University of the Negev student plays swimming instructor to an Ethiopian child at the university swimming pool. Students serve as companions and tutors to children of an estimated 6,000 Ethiopian settlers in the Negev. Photo by Amir Weinberg

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Myrtle Beach Mayor Honors Chabad - Lubavitch

Mayor Bob Grissom of Myrtle Beach held a special reception at City Hall, honoring the activities of Chabad—Lubavitch in his city. The Mayor issued a proclamation in which he described the benefits of the moral and ethical values taught by Chabad—Lubavitch to the people of this city.

The Mayor also declared the Day of August 26 as Education Day in Myrtle Beach to be celebrated and recognized by its citizens. This also is the day when Chabad began the new year for its many educational programs in Myrtle Beach, under the able leadership of Rabbi Doron Aizenman, director of Chabad in Myrtle Beach, and his wife Leah.

Present at the Reception were, Rabbi Aizenman and Rabbi Yossi Groner of Lubavitch of North Carolina in Charlotte. Also Mr. Hugo Schiller who is an active supporter of Chabad, and two visiting student rabbis from the Lubavitch Yeshivah in New York.

Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Everyone is invited to rejoice with the Torah in Chassidic tradition on Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Chabad House, 921 Jefferson Drive, Charlotte. For more details on Simchat Torah celebration, call 704-366-3984.

Services at Chabad House are Friday night and Shabbat day, usually followed by a full kiddush and meal. Sunday morning minyan which starts at 8:30 is followed by breakfast during which everyone listens to "The Jewish Sound" the new Radio show from Lubavitch.

The adult education program at the Chabad House continues on a regular basis, with classes on Bible, Tanya and Jewish law. Lectures are also held in other communities in the Carolinas every second week.

School Activities

Lubavitch of North Carolina began the new school year on August 24 with many new students. Chanie Weiss is the Judaica teacher, and she has created wonderful arts and

crafts projects through which the children will learn about the upcoming holidays.

As in the previous year, Fern Sanderson is the morning teacher. Fern excels in her teaching methods, which she demonstrates through her individual attention permeated with love and care for everyone of the preschoolers.

The afternoon teacher is newly arrived Elka Azelson, who comes to the Gan Yelodim pre-school from the West Coast. She brings with her a lot of excitement and fun, which she cleverly uses in her teaching technique. She has already taught the little ones all about safety and caution.

Three mornings of each week, two year olds come to Chabad House for playtime which is led by Debbie Maslov. Here the children learn how to share toys and how to communicate with other children of their age. Debbie designed the playroom like a real house with a kitchen and play area, which allows the children to relate to life on their own level.



Mayor Bob Grissom (seated); standing (L. to R.) a student rabbi, Rabbi Aizenman, Hugo Schiller, Rabbi Groner, a student rabbi.

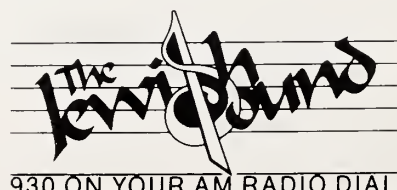
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Lubavitch also expanded its Talmud Torah program which now enrolls over 30 students, in addition to the pre-school. The Talmud Torah is directed by Mariashi Groner who also teaches the younger children. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss teaches the older students and also tutors some of them for Bar Mitzvah.

Durham News

Lubavitch of North Carolina sponsored the summer visit to Durham of newly ordained rabbis, Yakov Rotenstreich and Levi Block. The rabbis were teaching *Mitzvahs* and distributing educational materials.



Fern Sanderson teaches pre-schoolers.



North Carolina Youth Group, circa 1937

Paula Finkelstein Scher, formerly of Wilmington, N.C., sent this picture to the Times Outlook. She has identified as many people as she can who were in the North Carolina Youth Group, circa 1937. If any reader recognizes other people in the photograph, please write to Paula at 4210 Starmount Drive, Greensboro, N.C. 27410.

Identified, numbering left to right.

Back Row: (2) *Pauline Finkelstein Scher, Greensboro;* (5) *Lucille Miller Hoffman;* (6) *Arnie Neuwirth, Wilmington.*

Second Row: (1) *Lou Silver, Durham-Greensboro;* (3) *Jake Justa;* (4) *Horty Finkelstein Alpert, Wilmington;* (5) *Ben Dworsky, Durham;* (6) *Lucille Finger;* (8) *Hariet Abel;* (9) *Annette Bear, Wilmington;* (10) *Ann Stein, Wilmington;* (11) *Ms. Thurman;* (12) *Rabbi Thurman.*

Third Row: (4) *Buddy Neuwirth, Wilmington.*

Front Row: (4) *Murray Rose, Durham;* (8) *Miriam Miller Warshauer, Wilmington;* (9) *Nathan Stein, Wilmington.*

Toward a Principled Pluralism

by Rabbi Irving Greenberg

II. MORE OBJECTIONS TO DIALOGUE

Objection II. There is Nothing to Talk About

The Conservative-Reconstructionist-Reform-secular version of this argument is: The Orthodox deny our validity, so how can we talk with them? We are fed up with delegitimation.

Response: Fifty years ago, Jews and Christians both struggled to find justification for dialogue. Christians almost universally denied the validity of Judaism as a religion. However, the Jewish community decided that it was too important to let matters stand, because the quality of Jewish existence in this society was at stake. I once asked the late Rabbi Arthur Gilbert—a pioneer in Jewish-Christian dialogue—how he overcame Christian delegitimation of Judaism and refusal to talk. He said that many times he came to annual conferences of important Christian groups, uninvited; he buttonholed people in the halls. In the face of their rejection, he argued that they must speak to the Jewish people. It took years to build a serious constituency for dialogue but the community-funded organizations persisted until the deed was done.

The Jewish community will have to make the same decision that living together as Jews is worth the effort. Let us hire Rabbis to walk the halls of Orthodox conventions—and, indeed, of the other rabbinic and organizational groups—to buttonhole people and make sure that we do not take no for an answer. In starting the dialogue, Jews and Christians bypassed the legitimacy question. In turn, that encounter broke the very delegitimation process that prevented dialogue in the

first place. Equivalent actions are needed in the Jewish community; but they won't happen until people acknowledge the problem and make it a priority on their agenda in terms of financial and human investment.

Objection: There is an Orthodox and traditionalist version of the claim that "there is nothing to talk about"—viz., the halacha is from God and it is non-negotiable. How can one compromise between those who feel bound by halacha and those who don't? No mere human is authorized to trade away religious commandments, even for the sake of the unity of the Jewish people.

Response: Before dialogue, all religions sincerely felt that their divine nature dictated the correctness and necessity of their policies, leaving no room to maneuver. The New Testament superseded the Old by divine mandate; mere humans could do nothing about it. But dialogue is not negotiation. (I am reminded of the mocking critique with which many traditional Jews greeted the early dialogue. The Rabbi walks in and tells the ministers: "We are ready to negotiate. If Jesus goes, we'll drop the singing of Shalom Aleichem on Friday night.")

The divinity of the halacha does not prevent a solution in any of the critical areas. Serious halachic proposals to making divorce more accessible and more equitable to women have been developed, even before the urgency of polarization grew. A wide range of expected observance standards after conversion have been accepted by respected Orthodox halachists. These could provide a framework for a common conversion that all four

denominations could accept. The Orthodox will not adopt these internal proposals unless and until there is serious dialogue.

There exist a variety of halachic attitudes toward non-observant Jews. Can a non-Sabbath-observant Jew be used as a witness for Jewish legal documents? The Israeli rabbinate ruled yes, some decades ago—and then backed away. Yet, such an acceptance could make all the difference in the world in terms of ability to work out a common get, common conversion, common communal kashrut standards, acceptable to all the denominations. In halacha—as indeed in all other systems—what you can live with is in part the reflection of a judgment about what the 'opposition' is about. "With the pious, act piously; with the perverse, one acts perversely." The essence of dialogue is that it enables each group to understand the other and to take them more seriously and respectfully. The internal dynamics of the halacha will be affected by an effective dialogue. This is as it should be. The halacha is a divine-human partnership, not an imperial ukase.

One result of dialogue is that all Jews will deepen their appreciation of each other's positions. Orthodox Jews will learn to respect non-Orthodox concerns and principles, and not dismiss them as "license." So will liberal Jews come to respect Orthodox obedience to halacha—which they often dismiss as "intransigence." This will affect the internal dynamics of Jews' own thinking. Without surrendering principles, they will find ways of articulating their views and policies that take into account the other's needs.

Objection III. It Is All Over

In his courageous appearance before the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, President of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America, suggested that one reason he could appear was that the Conservative movement had broken with halacha in its recent decisions, so that no one could suspect him of accepting Conservative rabbis' legitimacy. Many Orthodox who rejected Bernstein's appearance state that the non-Orthodox have violated such fundamentals of halacha and tradition that, to all practical purposes, the split is already here. Lubavitch and Aguda have argued that the Reform changes in personal status have broken Jewish unity; their attempts to change the Law of Return are simply confirmation of a permanent breach. Thus, Rabbi J. David Bleich, a leading talmudist, proposed recognizing Reform conversions in Israel as those of a separate sect, comparable to recognition of Islam and Christianity in the State of Israel.

Rabbi Simeon J. Maslin, a respected Reform rabbi with a good record of concern for the total community, including willingness to restrain Reform practice for the sake of community, recently said: "I deeply regret that I must answer the question: 'Is the Jewish people going to split apart?' with a 'yes'... There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that it is now 'us' and 'them', two camps."

Response: There is still a strong community structure that keeps Jews unified. UJA and Federation still have access to all the groups. There are still many areas of cooperation which benefit all the groups. There are strong wells of unity and common concern in all denominations. From my personal experience, I can testify to the substantial breadth of support within the general community, and—contrary to the common stereotype—within the Orthodox community as well, for communal solutions. Action is needed to

develop, organize and articulate these possibilities before they are swept away.

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Study Document on Presbyterian Church's Study on Christian-Jewish Relations

Rabbi A. James Rudin, National Interreligious Affairs Director for the American Jewish Committee, has written a Jewish perspective on the Study Document issued by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Biloxi, Mississippi, recently.

The 3.1 million member Church has adopted a comprehensive position on the vital issue of Christian-Jewish relations. The seven "Affirmations" of its document follow:

1. A reaffirmation that the God who addresses both Christians and Jews is the same, the living and true God.
2. A new understanding by the church that its own identity is intimately related to the continuing identity of the Jewish people.
3. A willingness to ponder with Jews the mystery of God's election of both Jews and Christians to be a light to the nations.
4. An acknowledgement by Christians that Jews are in covenant relationship with God, and a reconsideration of the implications of this reality of evangelism.
5. A determination by Christians to put an end to "the teaching of contempt" for the Jews.
6. A willingness to acknowledge the continuing significance of the promise of the land (of Israel) to the people of Israel.
7. A readiness to act on the hope which Christians share with Jews in God's promise of a peaceable kingdom.

The language of the interpretations which follow each Affirmation is powerful. The document forth-

rightly acknowledges "the church's long and deep complicity in the proliferation of anti-Jewish attitudes and actions through its teaching of contempt" for the Jews. . . Christians have not replaced Jews, etc

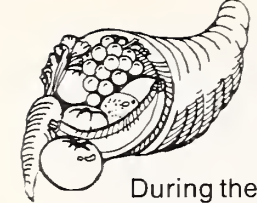
The six year process was difficult, but has the virtue of bringing all the diverse elements of the Presbyterian Church "on board." Strongest criticism came from the Arab Christian community in the Middle East, where schools and other institutions have been established over the past 150 years. The Evangelical wing felt its case undermined by the assertion that Jews are not replaced in history by Christians. Nevertheless, the grassroots supported the document, and although some changes had to be made, it was supported by some seminary professors and lay leaders and from Presbyterian congregations throughout the country which have positive relationships with the Jewish community.

If the affirmations of the document are incorporated into Presbyterian schools at all levels and into Presbyterian seminary curricula and if hymns and sermons of the church reflect the document and if the Church begins dialogues and conversations with Israeli Jews as well as with Arabs, then the effort is a small price to pay for a genuine change in Christian thinking and actions. The American Jewish Committee will intensify its programs with like-minded Presbyterians.

E.H.



Tradition in the Kitchen



During the Festival of Sukkot, October 8 to 15, main courses, side dishes and desserts are often made with fruits and vegetables. Here are some of our favorites.



Tangy Rolled Flounder

2 lbs. flounder filets
1 recipe (3 cups) Orange Tomato Sauce

Roll flounder filets and place in a shallow baking dish. Pour Orange Tomato Sauce over rolls. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes until fish flakes easily. Garnish with parsley and orange segments. Makes 8 servings.



Orange Tomato Sauce

1/4 cup margarine
1 cup chopped onion
4 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons orange juice concentrate, undiluted
2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon brown sugar

Melt margarine in a medium saucepan. Add onion and saute until tender. Add tomatoes, simmer 10 minutes. Add orange juices, salt and sugar. Simmer another 5 minutes. Use on fish. Makes 3 cups.

(This sauce recipe can also be used as a basting sauce for baked chicken.)

From the magazine *Kosher Home*, Oct. 1978.



Noodle Kugel (pareve)

1 lb. pkg. medium or broad noodles
3 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple, drained
3 Tbsp. pareve margarine
3 or 4 coarsely grated apples
1 cup raisins (optional)

Prepare noodles as directed on package. Drain. Add sugar, margarine, pineapple, apples and raisins. Add well beaten eggs.

Put into a lightly greased 9" x 13" baking dish. Dot with additional margarine.

Bake at 350° until brown, approximately 45 minutes. For reheating, cover with foil before baking again. This recipe freezes well.

R.G.

Eggplant Lasagna

8 oz. lasagna noodles
1 cup dried bread crumbs
1/2 tsp. salt
2 medium eggplants
salad oil
2 eggs, beaten
16 oz. sliced mozzarella cheese
1 quart mushroom spaghetti sauce
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
2 tbsp. water

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Peel eggplant and cut into 1/2" slices. On a sheet of waxed paper, place bread crumbs and salt. In a small dish beat the eggs and water with a fork, dip eggplant into mixture, then crumb mixture. In a large baking pan put very thin layer of oil and heat in oven. Place breaded eggplant in pan and bake until breading is brown, then turn to brown other side. Drain on paper towels. Lower oven temp. to 350°.

Meanwhile, prepare noodles according to package directions. At end of cooking time add a cup of cold water to stop cooking. Leave noodles in water (off burner) until needed, then drain. In 13 x 9 baking dish, place a thin layer of spaghetti sauce, then arrange in layers: noodles, eggplant, mozzarella cheese, and spaghetti sauce; repeat. Evenly sprinkle parmesan cheese over final layer of sauce.

Bake 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves 12.

E.H.

Pasta Verde

1 oz. chopped garlic
1 oz. each, oregano, basil, parsley, thyme, rosemary
3 oz. slivered almonds
(Quantities call for fresh herbs; use 1/4 tsp. each if you substitute dried herbs)
1 lb. spinach noodles
3 oz. sweet butter
2 oz. chopped broccoli
2 oz. chopped carrots
2 oz. chopped onions
2 oz. chopped cauliflower

Add 2 dashes of kosher salt to boiling water (at least 4 qts.) Saute all vegetables and herbs in butter.

Drop pasta into water and cook until tender but firm. Remove and drain pasta and saute with vegetables. Top with slivered almonds.

E.H.

Viennese Plum Cake

1/4 lb. sweet margarine
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup all purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon for topping
8 plums, pitted and halved

Beat margarine and sugar until smooth. Add eggs and beat until very light. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together and mix into batter. Spread in well greased 7" x 11" baking pan. Place halved plums, skin side down on top of cake. Press down into batter. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon mixture over top. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes.

Sliced peaches or apples can be used instead of plums. Cake freezes well.

R.G.

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SHOWERING IN STYLE

Another improvement in services was undertaken in September with the installation of two shower cabinets on the B-wings.

This state-of-the-art equipment will answer several important needs. Among them are to encourage those residents who can bathe independently if utilizing this equipment, and to alleviate the anxiety of those who fear falling when lowered into a tub or of drowning when shampooed in the bathtub.

The shower cabinet offers flexibility in use, providing a splash-free environment for showering ambulatory and sitting residents alike. It is designed for use with a hydraulic lift chair or with a sliding chair that moves in and out of the cabinet.

The lift chair adjusts easily at bedside for transfer, and then rolls into the shower cabinet. After showering under a hand spray of thermostatically controlled water, the resident is towel dried, robed, and returned to bed on the chair.

The sliding chair facilitates easy transfer of wheelchair-bound residents or is suitable for the more independent resident who feels more secure when seated. Comfortably placed hand grips add to the resident's security.

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Jean Moore and Leisa LaMarr, RN's on B-2 demonstrate the hydraulic lift chair that slides into the shower cabinet.



Showering (cont.)

Both chairs are adjustable for comfortable positioning to the shampoo basin. This is particularly beneficial for those who are unable to go to the beauty shop.

For those who are no longer able to bathe or shower totally independently, the addition of these cabinets offer an opportunity for a better bathing experience with less anxiety and more privacy.

A control box on the wall houses the shower spray head, a disinfectant spray head, and thermostat controls. A shampoo basin attaches at the back of the cabinet, and the chair tilts for comfortable shampooing. Here Jean rests her hand on the lift control and prepares to "shower" Leisa.



Ann Schwartz (Greenville, NC), B-1 resident, strolling on a Sunday visit with her daughter, Rhea Resnik.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Selma Caston and Helen Schwartzman. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

WISH LIST

Small items are needed for the General Store. Such things as make-up, toiletries, notions, gifts, note pads, jewelry, hosiery, bud vases, etc., would be great.

Volunteers . . . as visitors or to accompany us on outings. Or, tell us your preference, we'll find a spot for you!

SUKKOT RECEPTION AT BJH — OCTOBER 11, 1987

We invite you to bring your family and friends to a celebration for Sukkot on Sunday, October 11th, 2:30-4:30 in the grand Sukkah at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Refreshments, entertainment by singers and musicians Karen Dresser and Dayle and Jonathan Lockman, and a children's art booth await you.

We hope you will take this opportunity to visit our beautiful Sukkah and share the joys of this special season with us. Children of all ages are invited to bring a handmade decoration for the sukkah or to create one in the art booth. Mark your calendar and join us for a lovely afternoon.

We are deeply grateful to the following who made donations during the month of July:

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SUE'S NEWS

by Sue Clein

Could I really do it? Would I be comfortable in a nursing home setting? Would my skills fit with their needs? Would my needs be met through volunteering at BJH?

Just as many of our volunteers have wondered, perhaps you, too, have asked yourself these questions. Having doubts about your ability to be of value and/or to be comfortable as a nursing home volunteer is not unusual. What is unusual are the volunteers who are willing to test their doubts and give us a try.

Two volunteers new to our corps this year, recently shared their thoughts on what being a volunteer at BJH has meant to them.

Susan Otradovec, who works each week in the General Store, remembers her original doubts about her ability to communicate with the residents. However, her desire to feel a connection with a community outside of her immediate family led her to challenge those doubts at BJH.



L to R: Sue Clein, Lorna Beck and Susan Otradovec

Susan has found that working in the General Store "allows me an activity that I can share with the residents; it's easy to be here."

Her advice to prospective volunteers is, "Just try it. Choose an activity you feel most comfortable with to begin, or perhaps a group activity in order to meet a number of residents. It's important for volunteers to be visible in the Home so that the residents don't feel cut-off from the world. They need to feel connected. We will never take the place of their own family, but we can help them feel connected to society. Being a volunteer here just grows on you. You become attached to people; they become part of your circle of friends."

Lorna Beck, a volunteer on our monthly shopping trips and in the General Store, has discovered how valuable the volunteer is to the residents. "They look forward to each activity and to seeing you."

She recommends joining a shopping trip as an enjoyable first-time activity. "I enjoy meeting new people and just talking with the ladies." She views her participation not as a volunteer "job," but as an opportunity to be involved with older adults.

Why be a volunteer at BJH? For these two women it means an opportunity to be connected to people; for our residents it means even more.

"Give it a try."

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME

Saturday, October 24, 1987

8:30 p.m.

President's Reception

Sunday, October 25, 1987

10:00 a.m.

Brunch
Business/Election
NCAJM Drawing
Art Auction

7879 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, North Carolina

What's Developing?

Timberlake Prints to be Sold At Annual Meeting Auction

A small collection of art by Bob Timberlake will be auctioned during the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 25, to support the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS. Bob Timberlake is a well-known North Carolina artist who has achieved national attention.

The collection includes four original etchings: *Potted, Fakes, Snow World* and a famous hand-colored piece called *A Study of His Coat*. A lovely print called *Saw-Whet Owl in Cedar* will also

The Timberlake pieces were graciously donated by Dr. Stephen Homer of Winston-Salem who wanted to support the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS. The artwork will be displayed on Saturday evening, October 24, during the President's Reception and the next morning at the Annual Meeting.

In other *Development* news, the Home is pleased to announce the award of a \$75,000 grant to the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS from The James G. Hanes Foundation of Winston-Salem. The James G. Hanes Fund/Foundation was established as a Trust by the late Mary Ruffin Hanes in 1957 in honor of her husband, James G. Hanes. Support for the Fund/Foundation covers a wide range of purposes. We are honored that the Foundation chose to support this worthwhile cause.



"Snow World"

Proposals to other foundations are underway. The Campaign is progressing in numerous communities around the state. We will be thanking all who have supported the Campaign in a separate issue.

For information about the Capital Campaign, please contact Wayne Silverman at (919) 766-3035.



This boxed set of 10 prints signed by the artist, is among items to be auctioned Oct. 25.

be offered. In addition to these works, an artists' proof book and set of ten prints will be offered as one unit. This signed limited edition set is number 8 of 25. The set includes a signed, leather hand-bound book of the complete works of Bob Timberlake with an introduction and stereo record by Charles Kuralt, and 10 signed prints, all enclosed in a solid cherry box. Since produced 10 years ago, none of the 25 artist proof sets has been offered for sale.



"Saw-Whet Owl in Cedar"

Construction Update: Fair Oaks is moving along. At right is the main entrance to the Commons, with the residence in the background.



Representatives of the Columbia, SC Jewish Welfare Federation came to see us in August. Here Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Norman and David Greenberg, President of their Board, listen intently, envisioning what Fair Oaks will be. After a tour, the group attended Sabbath services with the residents and BJH Board members, followed by dinner. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grossberg and Mrs. Greenberg.



At right: Since this picture of the Commons was taken, the roofing has been completed and the window framework put in place. Driveway excavation is underway.



Summer Visitors

It took a rare spring-like day in August to get Dr. Sugg to stop long enough for a visit on the terrace. At left, Dr. Bill Sugg chats with Patricia DeWan of Clemmons, granddaughter of Ernest Whitehead.

Labor Day weekend visitors; Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Epstein with their daughter visit with his grandmother, Helen Bloch of Winston-Salem. Both of Mr. Epstein's parents are members of the BJH Board.



Anne Shearer and her mother, Emilie Froelich (Raleigh) (B-2) frequently may be seen walking outside or in the breezeway.

THE FUN'S ON US!

The lethargic days of summer are over and the crispness of fall is in the air. The BJH Recreation Department is gearing up for a season of festivals, parties, and special events.

In addition to attending community events such as the Winston-Salem Symphony concerts, Clemmons Senior Citizens' luncheons, and services at Temple Emanuel, there are several major events to be held on our campus.

"Octoberfest" will be in the courtyard on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10:00 a.m. until noon. Sid Hellier with his accordion will set the mood for this lively celebration of Fall, and there will be apple cider and games for all. "Y'all Come!"

Residents and staff go all out to find the "right" costume for the annual Halloween and birthday party, to be Friday, October 30th this year. Prizes are



Ed Dwiel said farewell to his friends before moving to Atlanta to join his son, an RJR Nabisco transferee. At left is Libby Carter, B-1 manager and Catherine Smith, manager of the Craft Shop.

awarded for the scariest, prettiest, most original, and funniest. Come at 2:30 p.m. for a treat you'll remember.

On Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 p.m., Larry Almeida, Guitarist, will entertain the residents. Demonstrating his versatility, he will perform both classical music and Scottish tunes, and sing Stephen Foster melodies.

Our thanks to the Brenner Series for providing both Sid Hellier and Larry Almeida. This concert and lecture series allows us to bring a variety of cultural and educational experiences to the Home for all residents to enjoy.

TAKE NOTE: November 9-13th has been designed as "GAME WEEK." In this new venture, residents will compete in "The Price is Right," "Jeopardy," and "Wheel of Fortune."

Ladies ... get out your sequined gowns and diamond earrings. There will be a "Vanna White Look-Alike" contest on Thursday, Nov. 12. And remember, the turning of the letters is all in the wrist!

We hope you will join us for all or any of these events. The "Fun's" on us!

— LaQuietta Davis

WELCOME

May You have a long, healthy and happy life:

Sarah Cohen
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Gertrude McCabe
Winston-Salem, N.C.



Mrs. Lena Zimmerman celebrated her 101st birthday with a new hairstyle. This was snapped at Yoga class. Does that speak for her longevity?

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in August:

18 YEARS

Lorena Durham, LPN, A-Wing

11 YEARS

Maxine Newman, Dietary

6 YEARS

Amy Minton LPN, B-2

5 YEARS

Libby Carter, RN, B-1 Unit Mgr.

3 YEARS

Patty Whitt, Nsg. Asst. A-Wing
David Atkinson, Gen. Serv. Dir.

2 YEARS

Teresa Jackson, Dir. Pharmacy
Arlene Ammons, Pharm. Tech.
Judy Crawford, Clinical Diet'n.
Linda Archie, Laundry

1 YEAR

Ruby Rice, Dietary
Gayle Britton, Nsg. Asst. B-1
Barbara Brewer, Devel. Sect'y.



Special thanks to Joe Smith and Tony Swertfager for creating spots of loveliness this summer amidst the messiness of construction! Below: View of the link – and passageway to the new Craft Shop.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 7** Sukkot
 - Oct. 11** Sukkot Reception, 2:30–4:30 pm, Far Courtyard
 - Oct. 13** Clemmons Senior Citizen's Lunch, Lv 9:45 am
 - Oct. 18** Winston-Salem Symphony, Lv 2:00 pm
 - Oct. 21** "Octoberfest," Center Courtyard, 10:00 am – Noon
 - Oct. 23** Shopping Trip, Lv. 9:30 am
 - Oct. 24** President's Reception, 8:00–10:00 pm
(Auction Preview)
 - Oct. 25** Annual Meeting Festivities: Brunch, 10:00 am,
Business Meeting, 11:15; NCAJM Drawing,
Art Auction & Tour
 - Oct. 30** Halloween & Birthday Party, 2:30 pm, Aud.
 - Nov. 6** Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Lv 6:45 pm
 - Nov. 8** Brenner Concert: Larry Almeida, Guitarist, 3:00 pm
 - Nov. 9-13** "GAME WEEK:"
(each of these mornings at 10:30 am)
Nov. 9 "The Price is Right"
Nov. 11 "Jeopardy"
Nov. 13 "Wheel of Fortune"
 - Nov. 15** Winston-Salem Symphony, Lv 2:00 pm
 - Nov. 18** Shopping for comfortable clothing with Muriel
Wangler, 10:00 am–Noon, L.R.
- (Family Members: Don't forget about Thanksgiving plans at the Home)



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The Quintessence of Judaism

Estelle Hoffman

Judaism is unique. Its basis is its partnership with God, and it was selected to be different. Paul Johnson, in his *History of the Jews*, says Judaism was the first moral religion.

At its inception, God commanded Abraham to go to a new land in order to establish a society to be found on principles of social justice. His people were to live governed by laws which distinguished between good and evil, commandments to *do righteousness and justice* by observing the laws of Torah.

It would not have been necessary to leave home in order to embrace faith in one God, but adoption of a new legal code made the establishment of a new nation imperative. Judaism is concerned with this world. Its primary concern is neither heaven, nor salvation of the soul, nor eternity. Current divisions within Judaism might be healed through understanding that the mission of Judaism is a vision of the Kingdom of God in this world. We are not required to perfect the world in our lifetime, but we are not excused from striving toward the goal.

The Kingdom of God as envisioned in Judaism is a world in peace, with humans who have beaten their swords into plowshares, in which even animals will lie down together (and all will survive to get up), and all will bow to the dictates of one just and merciful God. This is the messianic concept. Some foresaw the Kingdom ushered in by a Messiah in person; others have believed in a messianic age. The latter seems to be more acceptable to modern minds.

Whether the prophets of the Bible threatened or implored, their intention was to persuade the Israelites to behave so as to deserve no punishment, either individually or collectively.

Contemporary "prophets" whose intentions may be equally valid to those of old fare no better in attempts to convince their fellow citizens. The problem may be due to the consciousness in every human being of his mortality and the brevity of life, resulting in greed.

It is unnecessary to believe in a system of reward and punishment to understand the frequent effects of evil; consider the aftermath of slavery. Children often suffer from the sins of their ancestors.

Efforts in the western world to proclaim a Judeo-

Christian way of life have tried to change the histories of the two religions. Early Christianity emphasized other-worldly importance and continued to preach the insignificance of life on earth. (Communism seized this to criticize the "pie in the sky" opiate served to the poor to pacify them in their misery.) Virtue was advocated, with the promise of eternal life and avoidance of hell, otherwise to be endured in the afterlife.

Later interpretations of the preachings of Jesus encouraged ethical living, but the entire body of biblical law was often stated to have been repealed by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus. In that kind of Christianity, belief in his divinity and sacrifice was the sole requirement for salvation of the soul. That salvation often became the focus of Christian religion. This is not to say that Christians did not live moral lives and exercise justice and mercy, but creed superseded deed.

The idea that Judaism is the well-spring, the source, the parent religion of other religions often ignores the principle differences between them. Through history, nations in which Jews have lived have been influenced by Jewish law, and Jews have been influenced by surrounding cultures. This has blurred some of the distinctive characteristics.

Recent affirmations of the Jewish roots of Christianity serve all of us well. Whatever the causes of the rift between Judaism and Christianity, it is time to work together to heal the wounds. A Christian theologian wrote recently that Christians and Jews together will in the future constitute a small minority of the world's population, and therefore need to cooperate in common interests.

Many Jews are not religious. Secular Jews should understand the uniqueness of Judaism, the call to join the effort to improve the human condition everywhere, even as Abraham pleaded in behalf of gentiles in Sodom and Gommorah. Our uniqueness does not entitle us to feel superior due to our faith, for our responsibility is our mission to be a light unto the world. In the end of days, our prophet Micah foresaw that each man would sit beneath his vine and his figtree, free to worship *his* God.

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An early picture of Moses Gladstein, his wife and three sons. He was responsible for bringing the original group of cigarette rollers to Durham.

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On Reflection

by Ira Gissen, Director
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When Silence Is A Sham

On the very first day of its new term, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on a law requiring public schools to provide a minute of silence at the start of the school day.

Federal district and appellate courts found that the New Jersey law was a disguised attempt "to re-inject prayer into the schools." How come? The statute requires no one to pray. It doesn't even mention prayer.

The courts were not alone in their judgment. When the law was enacted by the New Jersey state legislature, it was publicly denounced by the governor because it violated the Constitution. (The voters of New Jersey seem to approve of Governor Kean, subsequently re-electing him by a landslide majority.) New Jersey's attorney general also issued an opinion that the law violated the separation of church and state. Furthermore, New Jersey's commissioner of education refused to issue instructions to the state's school districts implementing the "moment-of-silence law." Most of the school districts throughout New Jersey ignored the law because of its obvious unconstitutionality. Finally, one district decided to implement the law and promptly was taken to court.

What motivated the governor, the attorney general, the commissioner of education and finally the federal courts? It was the indisputable fact that the purpose of the law was to promote school prayer. How could this be determined from a law that did not mention prayer? The language of the law was a sham. The debate in the state legislature made it clear that the advocates of the law wanted it for the sole purpose of promoting religion by government edict. They composed the language of the law in an artful deception to

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circumvent the U.S. Constitution and the Supreme Court's rulings. They failed in their attempt to make an end run around the law of the land. But worse than the law which they enacted was the dreadful example of misrepresentation that the state legislators set for the school children of New Jersey and, now, our nation.

Beth El Synagogue in Durham Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary

by Leonard Rogoff

One hundred years have passed since Durham's Jews first organized a congregation. But even before a community formed, they sought to fulfill their religious duties. In 1878, the *Tobacco Plant* newspaper reported that "the Hebrews in Durham all faithfully observed the festival of Rosh Hashanna" and "work of all kinds [was] religiously abstained from." Rabbis from Richmond would visit town to conduct a wedding or perform a bris. Little is known of the religious practices of the earliest settlers. They were mostly German Jews; several were reform while others were orthodox. A larger number of East European orthodox Jews arrived in 1881 when Moses Gladstein led 125 cigarette rollers to Durham to work in Duke's tobacco factory. In 1884 Jewish merchants organized a Cemetery Society, a Chevra Kadisha, which purchased a burial ground in the city cemetery.

The first congregation—Beth El's lineal ancestor—was organized in 1887. For the High Holidays public halls were rented on Main Street, and a "lay leader" conducted the services. The merchant Myer Summerfield, who was an orthodox German Jew, served as the synagogue's first president. In the late 1880s many of Durham's original German-born settlers began to leave, but Russian and Polish Jews arrived in town to peddle and open stores. In 1892 the congregation formally reorganized itself as an orthodox shul and took the name Durham Hebrew Congregation. Abe Goldstein, who had arrived in Durham in the 1870s, became its president. A part-time rabbi was hired and an upstairs hall over Maddry's Drug Store in Dr. Johnson's Building on 102 1/2 West Main Street served as the synagogue. For the children's education



This picture dates from about 1890 when the congregation met in a large room above Maddry's Drug Store at 101½ West Main Street.

a cheder and Sunday School were established. By 1900 the Durham Hebrew Congregation under Rabbi Kolman Heilig had a membership of 31 families and an income of \$560.

Durham's "Hebrew colony" was a dynamic community. In 1901 several members broke away from the community and formed another orthodox congregation Chevra B'nai Israel, but after a year its members rejoined the parent congregation. In 1902 the Durham Hebrew Congregation filed a Certificate of Incorporation from the State of North Carolina. The charter authorized the trustees to hire a rabbi and to buy land for a synagogue. In 1905 a committee led by H. Brady, S. Miller and M. Shevel purchased a Christian church on Liberty Street which the congregation remodelled into an orthodox shul replete with women's balcony. The small, white frame house, described by the newspaper as "a pretty place," was soon surrounded by a burgeoning Jewish neighborhood. For the High Holidays, Jews

from Roxboro, Oxford and Henderson would worship with their Durham friends and relatives. With its synagogue established Durham continued to attract immigrants. Stunned at reports of Russian pogroms, Durham's Jews gathered at the synagogue in 1905 to form a Society for the Relief of Strangers.

In 1907 the Durham Hebrew Congregation enacted a constitution to regulate synagogue affairs. It formally instituted the Chevra Kadisha and set rules for the burial of "Israelites" in the congregation's cemetery. A board was authorized to meet monthly. Early congregational meetings were often disputatious, and a clause was inserted that fined a member twenty-five cents for "disturbing the meeting and for not coming to order when instructed to."

By 1910 the Durham Hebrew Congregation operated an ambitious education program that served to adapt the children to the new American ways while preserving the old

East European traditions. Since the 1890s "rebbe," usually peddlers or shopkeepers, tutored boys for their bar mitzvahs, sometimes emphasizing a point with a twist of the student's ear. A Talmud Torah (Hebrew school) with formal classes met daily after school under the rabbi's supervision. Both boys and girls attended the Sunday School which was taught by the older daughters of congregation members.

Jewish life in the Roxboro Street neighborhood was vivid and memorable. Jaffe's kosher bakery became a place to inhale the rich odors of baking rye bread and to gossip. Yiddish was the language not only in the synagogue but in the home and streets. Many merchants owned stores on nearby Main Street while others operated groceries in Hayti, the black neighborhood. Jewish children excelled in the public schools, and several won honors at Trinity College, the forerunner of Duke University.

The vitality of the community was demonstrated in 1913 when a second congregation again formed—Chevra B'nai Jacob. Led by Sam Swartz and Harris Abelkop, the new congregation began with a parade down Main Street to the Knights of Pythias Hall where members banqueted and inscribed a Torah. The split has been variously attributed to personality conflicts, a rise in dues, and a dispute over the mikva. Whatever the reasons, B'nai Jacob lasted only a few years, and its members returned to the Durham Hebrew Congregation.

As the community grew, the Durham Hebrew Congregation gave birth to a host of auxiliary organizations. In 1910 Lodge No. 664 of B'nai B'rith was chartered (though it only lasted two years). In that year, too, a Ladies Aid Society, under its president Sarah Miller, helped new arrivals and worked to maintain the synagogue building and the school program. A year later a Hebrew Boy's Club formed. In 1913 a Hebrew Ladies Society presented the congregation with a Talmud in honor of

Rabbi Rabinowitz, the synagogue's first fully ordained rabbi. Over 300 people celebrated in a banquet hall decorated with Zionist and American flags. In 1913, too, a Hebrew Social and Literary Society was established for young men, though it soon renamed itself the Hebrew Social Club; its principal activities were sports and fraternizing. In 1914 Nathan Rosenstein founded a chapter of B'rith Shalom to provide insurance for members of the community. In 1915 a Women's Wide Awake Circle organized dinners and dances and held discussion groups on current events. Durham's Jews, who had organized fundraising drives for Palestine as early as 1901, founded a Zionist Society in 1916.

By 1918 the congregation's leaders saw the need for a new synagogue. They were moved to action when the city decided to widen and realign Liberty Street which required the demolition of the old synagogue. A building committee purchased a lot on Queen and Holloway Streets, and a fundraising program under Dr. Nathan Rosenstein was launched to erect a building. The goal of nearly \$30,000 taxed the community's resources. Durham's Jews contributed generously, aided by large donations from the gentile commu-

nity. In 1921 the Durham Hebrew Congregation dedicated a new building which they renamed the Beth El Synagogue.

The new synagogue, located at the heart of the Jewish neighborhood on North Roxboro Street, served both as a traditional orthodox shul and as a community center. The sanctuary included a women's balcony and a mikva in the basement. By the late 1920s Junior and Senior Hadassah chapters held meetings there. The Hebrew and Sunday schools met in the chapel and in the downstairs vestry room. In 1928 the congregation purchased a house next to the synagogue for the rabbi's use. In that year the community greeted a new leader, Rabbi Chaim Williamofsky. Williamofsky, like his predecessors, was European-born. A well-regarded scholar, he was also a community activist who knocked on doors to keep the synagogue afloat during the Depression years. As the economy worsened, the Jewish community was sustained by a Free Loan Society that kept businesses afloat.

Synagogue life revolved around holiday celebrations, weddings and bar mitzvahs. Sisterhood, successor to the Ladies Aid Society, sponsored card parties, Purimspiels and



The interior of Gladstein's store which he opened in downtown Durham after all the cigarette rollers were made redundant by the automatic cigarette machines installed at the Duke factory.

Hannukah bazaars to raise funds for the schools and the building's upkeep. With the active involvement of Mrs. S. H. Dworsky Durham supported an active branch of Mizrahi, the orthodox women's Zionist organization. In 1937 B'nai B'rith re-established itself. The local lodge maintained clubrooms and counted over a hundred members. Henry Bane and Robert Lipton rose to high state and national offices. Sara Evans was prominent in promoting Hadassah throughout the southeast and became a national vice-president. In 1938 E. J. Evans, chairman, and Ben Rose, co-chairman, presided as Durham hosted the Seaboard Zionist Convention.

Over the years the community's religious observance became increasingly diverse. A core group, led by S. H. Dworsky, held to its orthodoxy. Others maintained social and organizational ties to the synagogue but attended services less frequently. Beth El's leadership sought to maintain the congregation's orthodoxy, but many others were more liberal in their religious practice.

In 1936 Rabbi Israel Moshowitz became Beth El's first American-born rabbi. He was orthodox but more willing to adapt to American ways. For those who held to traditional ways an orthodox minyan met separately. By the time Rabbi Moshowitz left in 1941 the Durham Jewish community was moving from traditional East European to modern orthodoxy.

The Jewish population of Durham was hard pressed to sustain its numbers. The children went off to college and sought career opportunities elsewhere. A few families arrived to open businesses during the war years. With World War II the synagogue became a social and religious center for soldiers from Camp Butner and Fort Bragg, some of whom became permanent residents.

In the forties and fifties the cohesiveness of the community loosened as many Jews moved away from the old Jewish neighborhood surrounding the shul to newly developed

areas. Jewish society began arriving at Duke and the University of North Carolina, and their religious commitment also tended to be liberal. Very few affiliated with the synagogue. Community leaders saw a need to bring them into the congregational fold while still respecting the feelings of those who wished to maintain the synagogue's traditional orthodoxy.

In 1949 the first conservative rabbi, Simon Glustrom, was hired as a compromise. The synagogue ritual remained orthodox while the Rabbi took charge of the children's education. One year the synagogue affiliated with both conservative and orthodox national organizations. The last orthodox rabbi was Louis Tuchman, who served the congregation for six years in the early 1950s.

The future course of the congregation was set when the decision was made to build a new synagogue. As early as 1943 Israel Freedman had started a trust fund to erect a new building. This was soon augmented by a contribution from the Evans family. The old synagogue was tested beyond its capacity, and the Hebrew and Sunday schools met in a house next door. E. J. Evans, chairman of the steering committee, and Max Lieberman, synagogue president, led a drive for a new building. In 1954 the building committee purchased a lot on Watts and Markham Streets, far from the old Jewish neighborhood and closer to Duke. The move was symbolic, for the old Roxboro Street community had changed and the synagogue's future lay increasingly with the faculty who were rapidly moving into the area. The new synagogue was designed as a community center to accommodate a conservative congregation. The building included a large sanctuary that could accommodate mixed seating. A conservative rabbi, Herbert Berger, was hired. The academic community became increasingly active in synagogue affairs, and Bernard Greenberg of UNC and Melvin Shimm of Duke became synagogue presidents. The



The bridal photograph is of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Silver who settled in Durham in the early 1900's. Their daughters, Sadie Goodman and Pat Silver are well known members of the community.

formation of Judea Reform in 1961 at first divided the community, but good feelings now prevail.

Beth El Congregation now has a membership of 248 families. Many of its members live in Chapel Hill which now forms a unified Jewish community with Durham. The rapid growth of the universities and the Research Triangle Park has brought hundreds of Jews to the Sunbelt. In 1978 Rabbi Steven Sager, a reconstructionist, took over the pulpit. He has helped to revitalize the congregation, drawing Beth El and Judea Reform closer together and working as a bridge between the established residents and new arrivals. The recent purchase of the Mormon church and its conversion to the Israel Freedman Center testifies to the congregation's endurance. Those Durhamites who have held fast to their orthodoxy have formed an orthodox kehillah that now meets in a downstairs chapel at Beth El. At its centennial Beth El Congregation keeps faith with its past as it prepares for the future.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Southern Jewish Historical Society Meets in Durham, November 6-8

The Southern Jewish Historical Society is holding its twelfth annual meeting in Durham the weekend of November 6-8. Dr. Sheldon Hanft chairs the program committee; Dr. Samuel Proctor presides. Conference hotel is the Sheraton University Center.

The conference begins with Friday evening services at Judea Reform Congregation, November 6. The following morning, services are at Beth El Congregation which is celebrating its centennial. Afternoon session at Beth El includes two papers by the authors of the forthcoming volume on the history of the Jewish community of Durham-Chapel Hill. The two participants are Dr. Sheldon Hanft, Appalachian State University, and Leonard Rogoff, formerly a professor at North Carolina Central University. At the banquet that evening, Dr. Joel Fleishman, vice-chancellor at Duke University gives the keynote address, "Southern Jews, Jewish Tradition, and the Jewish Destiny."

Presentations on Sunday include: Sarah Wilkerson Freeman, a graduate student at UNC-CH, "Gertrude Weil and the Women's Network: Seven Decades of Reform"; Dr. Mark Bauman, "Rabbi Harry B. Epstein and the Adaptation to the Needs of Atlanta's Second Generation of Eastern European Jews"; a panel discussion, "Judaism in the South: Is It Unique?" with Dr. Henry Green, Director of Judaic Studies, University of Miami, chairing the session. Panelists are Janice Rothchild Blumberg, vice-president of SJHS; Dr. Louis Schmier, secretary of SJHS and author of "Memories" series in the *Times Outlook*; Dr. Stanley Garfein, Tallahassee; Dr. Judith Shulimson, Director of Judaic Studies, UNC-A. Keynote speaker at the lun-

cheon is Eli Evans, of the Revson Foundation, formerly of Durham. His topic is his forthcoming biography of Judah P. Benjamin.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society was reorganized twelve years ago at a meeting in Richmond. It meets annually in various cities throughout the South. The purpose of the Society is to collect and disseminate information about the rich history of Jewish life in the South from the Colonial Period to the present. It publishes a newsletter, edited by Solomon Breibart of Charleston.

Scholar-in-Residence at Temple Beth Or Raleigh, N.C.

Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Howard I. Bogot is presenting a variety of programs at Temple Beth Or, November 6-8, as part of the 75th Anniversary Year celebration of the congregation.

The weekend includes the following activities:

November 6 Friday evening services: Sermon-Dialogue entitled "Becoming Reform." Rabbi Bogot, using the sanctuary as a place of study, will lead a study and discussion session on Reform Jewish identity; differences in the liberal Jewish agenda for the future as contrasted with its beginnings; and, 10 mitzvot (commandments or obligations) for Reform Jews.

November 7 Saturday morning: "A Storyteller's Judaism" a multi-dimensional, dramatic story-telling to illustrate Jewish thought and values for families—children, parents and grandparents.

November 7 Saturday before Havdalah services: "Entering the Kiddushah Kingdom" a program for adults featuring involvement exercises to aid in the exploration of our own sense of spirituality.

November 8 Sunday morning: "Individualism and the Secret We" will feature texts and be conducted as a lecture/discussion. The topic is an exploration of collective Jewish identification that each of us has and feels as contrasted with our own personal, individual Jewish identity that we feel and demonstrate when we are not part of a Jewish group.

Rabbi Howard I. Bogot is Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Department of Education and the Joint Commission on



Rabbi Howard I. Bogot

Jewish Education of the UAHC, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the National Association of Temple Educators. He has written a number of books for young children including *Alef-Bet of Jewish Values*, a lexicon of Hebrew concepts basic to Jewish thought.

Please call the Temple office at 781-4895 for exact times for each of the Scholar-in-Residence activities.

Land Stewardship Conference November 6-7

The Land Stewardship Council of North Carolina is hosting the first invitational Lex Mathews Land Stewardship Conference on November 6-7 at Camp Caraway, just west of Asheboro.

The purpose of this statewide conference is to provide a structured dialogue about growth and development, and preservation of the environmental and ecological integrity of our State, within the context of our Judeo-Christian heritage, and to provide a forum for exploring better ways to promote good land stewardship practices in the State.

The conference brings together a cross-section of clergy and laity. All share a common concern for North Carolina's natural resources.

The Conference is dedicated to the memory of Lex Mathews, a co-founder of the Land Stewardship

Council. He was Director of Christian Social Ministries for the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. He understood the Judeo-Christian heritage to be "earth-keepers." Deeply concerned about the largely unguided growth and development under way in North Carolina, he persuaded religious leaders and congregations to conduct a statewide interfaith education program reaching the grassroots of the State, in order to build and sustain spiritual reverence for the land and its natural resources.

You may write to Land Stewardship Council, Route 4, Box 426, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

Estelle Hoffman

Jewish Book Month Celebration Charlotte, N.C.

Jewish Book Month will be celebrated at Shalom Park in Charlotte on Sunday, November 15, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Events include the dedication of the new Speizman Jewish Library, a Jewish Book Fair featuring the newest in books for both children and adults; a Used Book Sale, proceeds of which will go for purchasing new books for the Speizman Library; an Art Show and Sale of Jewish Art provided through M & M Galleries of Atlanta, sponsored by the Visual Arts Committee of the Foundation; poetry readings by Judy Goldman; a one woman performance by Connie Welsh of "Golda"; music and storytelling for children. The Deli

Snack Bar will be open for lunch at discount prices. Babysitting will be available.

At 8 p.m., Jewish author and humorist, Sarah Blacher Cohen will present her major address, "Our Jewish Mirth-Right." Mrs. Cohen's current book is *Jewish Wry: Essays on Jewish Humor*. She will sell and autograph her books during the afternoon. The charge for the lecture is \$3, with reduced prices for children and senior citizens.

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Hadassah in Charlotte by Lillian Bienstock

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah donor luncheon and fashion show has become one of the most popular and well attended meetings of the Jewish women in our community. This year's luncheon was held on October 28 at the Marriott City Center.

Coplon's provided the elegant fashions which were shown by "The Mannequins of Charlotte," the professional models organization.

Hadassah members were reminded that the reason for this spectacular gathering was to celebrate a successful fund raising campaign for Hadassah programs and projects.

Our thanks to Donor Chairman Gina Strumpf and her committee who worked for months to bring the fabulous fashion show and gourmet lunch to Hadassah members.

A visit to historic Charleston will take place on November 18, led by Rabbi Robert Seigel. The bus tour leaves Charlotte at 7 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Cost is \$55 inclusive. Call Margie Rolnick, 366-6673 immediately.

Works of N.C. Artists Exhibited in Washington

The work of glassblowers William and Katherine Bernstein and Robert Levin of Burnsville, N.C. are displayed at an exhibition of contemporary ritual artifacts of Judaica at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C. The artists' contributions feature exquisitely executed handblown glass goblets. The exhibition can be seen until January 31, 1988.

Titled "Masters of Ceremony: New Judaica by Contemporary Designers," it features more than 150 ceremonial pieces created by over 100 contemporary metalsmiths, woodcarvers, textile artists, ceramists and glassblowers, many of whom have received awards and commissions.

Featured in the exhibit are spectacular displays of Torah pointers, mezuzahs, candlesticks, goblets, challah covers, Passover seder plates, menorahs, and memorial (yahrzeit) candleholders.

Linda Altshuler, director of the Klutznick Museum, said, "The museum is pleased to present American and Israeli artists who have met the challenge of satisfying both modern aesthetics and rabbinical restrictions. The resulting works are extraordinary."

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Irving Morton Margolis

Irving Morton Margolis Died Williamston, N.C.

Irving Morton Margolis, 84, a retired merchant and civic leader, died September 10. Rabbi Robert Shafan officiated at a graveside service held at Pineview Cemetery in Rocky Mount, N.C.

Mr. Margolis was born October 12, 1902 in New York City to the late Israel and Sarah Cohen Margolis. He came to Williamston in 1919 and shortly after became a partner in the firm of Margolis Brothers until their retirement in 1972.

In the eulogy delivered by the Honorable Robert H. Cowen, a friend and neighbor for many years, Mr. Margolis was described as a man who was known throughout eastern North Carolina for his integrity and his compassion for his fellow man. According to Mr. Cowen, he was in the forefront of every worthwhile charitable drive and his life work spoke eloquently of his dedication to his community and his family. Recalling Mr. Margolis' basketball prowess as a young man and his lifelong passions for reading and fishing, Mr. Cowen ended by expressing how his friend's warm sense of humor would be missed by everyone who knew him.

Mr. Margolis was a member of Temple Beth El in Rocky Mount, the

Williamston Lion's Club for 50 years, the Skewarkee Masonic Lodge for 57 years where he was a 32nd degree Mason, and the Martin County Shrine Club of which he was a past president.

Mr. Margolis was married in 1936 to the former Sylvia Levy who survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sandra M. Smiley of Spartanburg, S.C. and Mrs. Gail M. Fields of Lexington, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Yetta Sigalow of Brooklyn, N.Y.; five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Martin Memorial Library, the Blumenthal Jewish Home or charities of your choice.

Temple of Israel Greenville, S.C.

by Lorraine Hughes

The Temple started its Sunday school year off with a picnic for its

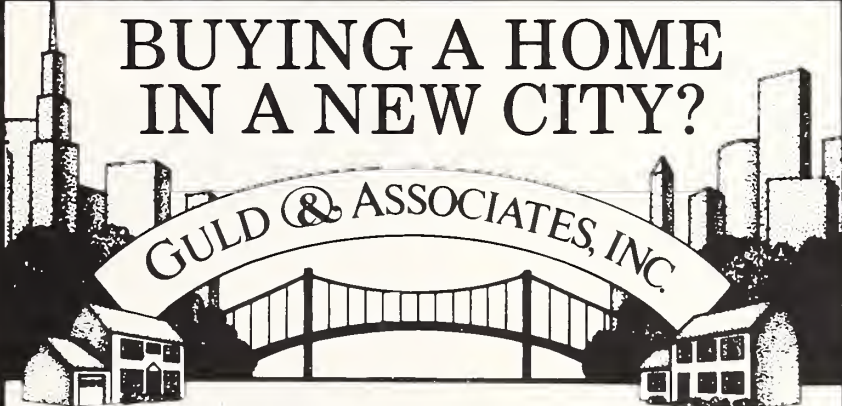
students and their families. It was greatly appreciated by all of us and a special thank you goes to our chairperson, Shari Naman, and her volunteers.

Our annual cocktail party was held at the home of Bruce and Alice Schlein. We had our usual over supply of good food, good music (provided by our own quintet Suite Music) and, as always, good conversation. Many thanks go to Shirley Lehr and her committee.

The Temple Sisterhood had its first general meeting, September 27. Bobby Rosenfeld, a lawyer in Greenville and a member of our temple, spoke to us on "The Right of Women." Our next meeting is November 22 and we invite any visitors or newcomers to join us.

We are also preparing for our annual flea market in November. Since the committee is being chaired for the tenth year by Sue Hellman, we know it will go off with a hitch.


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Greenville, S.C.

by Florence Rosenberg

The Greenville section of NCAJW had a meeting and fashion show by JUDY'S at the Greenville Country Club, Sept. 17.

Beth Israel Sisterhood held a brunch Sunday, Sept. 13 with a slide presentation narrated by Esther Aronoff. The theme, "Creating Jewish Memories—What Do We Pass on to Our Children," was carried through with a sharing of memories by those attending.

Mazel Tov to Jamie and Michael Rickoff on the birth of their daughter Jenna Danielle. She was given her Hebrew name during Friday night services August 28 at Beth Israel Synagogue. Among the many friends and relatives in attendance were her proud sisters Rochelle and Abbie.

Cele Sher was feted on the occasion of her 90th birthday with a party hosted by Carol and Leonard Fine

of Athens, Ga. and Jack and Marlene Sher of Spartanburg, S.C., at the home of Sugie and Nathan Einstein in Greenville.

Mazel Tov to Michael Rosenberg, son of Ernest and Florence Rosenberg, for receiving a Masters of Education degree from Auburn University. He is employed at Metrolina Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinic in Charlotte as an athletic trainer.

The Rosenfelds have joy in announcing the engagement of their daughter Susan to Robert Wittenstein, son of Elinor and Charles Wittenstein of Atlanta, Ga. The couple was honored with an Oneg Shabbat following Friday night services at Beth Israel, Sept. 30.

We all regret that Joyce and Stanley Adams have moved to Charlotte and wish them well in their new home. Greenville's loss will be Charlotte's gain.

Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

The New Year started out with a wonderful turnout of all of our members. Rabbi Albert Gordon was in his usual fine form. The entire Wednesday and Thursday services were joyous occasions. We were joined by our new members: Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Golden, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Petker, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meyer, Mr. & Mrs. Irv Freedland, Dr. & Mrs. Alan L. Jackson, Dr. & Mrs. Brian Kornblatt and Drs. Robert & Eleanor Maxwell. Our happiness in their becoming members of our family made the holiday services more meaningful.

Our wonderful organist, Mrs. William Byers, who had been with the Temple for almost twenty years, retired, and a special note was made of this at our September 11 service. Mrs. Byers was presented with an engraved silver platter. What warmed her and our hearts more was the sense of appreciation that we were all able to convey to her. She has been replaced at the organ by Robert Sheffield; but never can be replaced

in our hearts.

Finally, on Sunday, November 1, 1987 at 1:00 p.m. the rededication of the Hebrew Cemetery in Wilmington will take place. It has been a hard job to do this right, as the cemetery was built in 1855 and much of the original metalwork had to be restored. Thanks to the financial and spiritual aid of members of Jewish families who have loved ones interred there, we have come to the point where this ceremony can be held. Many such families no longer reside in Wilmington, but were happy to pitch in. This is an open invitation not only to them, but to any and all of the North Carolina Jewish communities to attend. It will not only be a dedication, but a day to hark back to the founding families of this state, and as such, be a historic occasion in its own right. Please come. It will be a day of remembrance!

B'nai Israel Congregation Wilmington, N.C.

Cantor Joseph Sasson assisted Rabbi Robert Waxman for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at B'nai Israel in Wilmington. During the interim on Yom Kippur between Musaf and Mincha, Rabbi Waxman discussed important current issues pertaining to Judaism.

Sukkot was celebrated with synagogue services and Kiddush in the Sukkah, followed by games. A family celebration followed Simchat Torah services.

B'nai Israel Sisterhood opened the season with its first meeting on September 21. Roslyn Lasar is president.

Mazel tov to Charles and Evelyn Cohen on the birth of a grandson, Jason, born to Marla and Michael Chaliff of Atlanta and to Jeremy Alper, who became a Bar Mitzvah. Jeremy is the son of Mark and Arlene Alper and grandson of George and Edith Alper and Elias and Della Margolis of Atlanta.

Condolences to Lillian Ginsberg, Irving, Alice and Vicki on the loss of their husband and father, Noah

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Ginsberg. Sympathy also to Lillian Ginsberg on the loss of her sister, Edith Mendelsohn. Condolences to Roslyn Lasar on the loss of her father, Henry Fleishman, and to Milton Fleishman, his brother.

Congratulations to B'nai Israel Congregation for producing an excellent bulletin, containing appropriate information and suggestions for the Holy Days, as well as news of the congregation. The staff of *Times Outlook* would welcome with enthusiasm reports written by you from time to time, with advance notices of future events. B'nai Israel deserves to have its own reporter.

**B'nai Shalom Synagogue
Day School
Greensboro, N.C.
by Karen Weingarten**

It is apparent that the 1987-88 school year will indeed become the best year yet! Enthusiastic students and a creative staff are a winning combination.

This year, joining with many other schools across the country, B'nai Shalom students must **Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)** for 15 minutes a day. From 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., students concentrate on reading. Twice a week the younger children read to a partner from upper classes in Hebrew.

The "Coffees at Noon" have been a tremendous success. Parents of four, five and six year olds have been meeting with specialists from the Developmental Evaluation Center. This has enabled parents to learn about realistic goals and limitations of their young children.

The Concerned Parents and Teachers Association (CPTA) sponsored the second annual Shabbat Dinner, followed by a CPTA Oneg Shabbat after services at Beth David Synagogue.

To culminate their study of Biblical Archaeology, the fifth graders celebrated with a Biblical foods tasting party. They sampled chumus, flat bread, grapes and goat's milk. As was the custom with Abraham

and Sarah, the "visitors" had their feet washed before they ate.

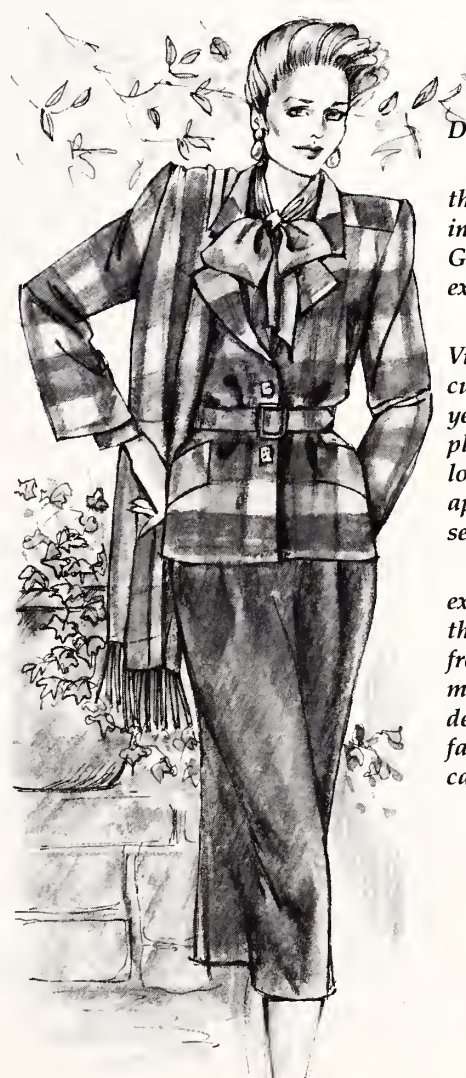
In conjunction with the nation's celebration of the 200th birthday of the Constitution, each grade, kindergarten through fifth, presented a song or skit using "America" as the theme. This informative event was topped off with vanilla birthday cake decorated with the USA flag.

September 30, the third, fourth and fifth graders visited the Industries of the Blind. The students observed how the visually impaired

functioned so well in a "sight oriented world."

The third grade has completed a unit on fables, including a diorama of their favorite one. They also created their own fables.

A Club for JEWISH SINGLES, ages 21-35 is being formed. Call Karen (919) 854-3350 or the Greensboro Federation office (919) 272-3189 for further information.



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Temple Emanuel Greensboro, N.C.

An Evening of Jewish Humor with Moshe Waldoks was enjoyed by members of Temple Emanuel on September 20 in the Beth David Synagogue Social Hall. It was a jointly attended program, sponsored by Beth David Synagogue, Temple Emanuel and the Greensboro Jewish Federation.

Students of the Temple's 10th, 11th and 12th grades joined the youth of Beth David for a cook-out and presentation of the New Senior High program on September 2.

The congregation anticipates the following events: November 10: Dr. Sol Gordon, to speak on the topic *Choosing a Sex Ethic*; December 6: Rabbi Steve Saltzman on *The Talmud*; January 17: Dr. Henry Levinson on *How Divine Is God, Anyway?*; February 7, a panel discussion of *Love Relationships in the Bible*; March 20: Dr. Earl Grollman on *The Jewish Views of Grief, Mourning and the After-Life*; April 10: *Social Action: Gemilut Chasadim* by Rabbi David Saperstein and on May 8 Rabbi Task will speak on *Anne Frank and the World Exhibit*. Please mark your calendars. Too late for announcement in advance was a talk on October 12 by Rabbi Donniel Hartman on *Pluralism*.

Congratulations to Richard Forman and Barbara Ellison on their marriage September 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blum on the birth of their grandson, Matthew Franklin Sugarman, born to Lori and Barry Sugarman, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goldfarb on their 43rd wedding anniversary.

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Beth Meyer Synagogue Raleigh, N.C.

by Carol Burgess

Beth Meyer's Religious School began in September with at least twenty-five new children attending classes.

The Synagogue began using a new prayerbook, *Siddur Sim Shalom*, which was dedicated at Friday evening service, September 11. The following week the newest members were honored at the Oneg Shabbat. A Break the Fast buffet was held October 3. An "Ask the Rabbi" session was held in the Sukkah on October 11. The congregation is forming a Singles Program to help meet the needs of single, divorced and widowed members in the community.

On November 1, Beth Meyer will participate in the Raleigh International Festival to share our culture and foods with the community. The Annual Book Fair will be at the Synagogue November 1 and 8.

Sisterhood has a program for the area college students, "Keeping in Touch with College Students." Information on the holidays and programs of interests will be sent out to the students. The new officers for Sisterhood are: Presidents, Lynn Satsky, Iris Sapir, Edele Cruse; Membership V.P., Joan Fogarassy; Program V.P., Toby Kramer; Corresp. Secys., Sandy Segal, Debra Barrish; Rec. Secy., Gert Legum; Treas. Susan Brownstein.

Congregation Emanuel Statesville, N.C.

Sabbath Services in October were conducted by the Polks on October 9, by the Ram family on October 16, the Marks family were hosts for the service on the 23rd and the Reismans on the 30th.

Congratulations to Ami Goldstein, a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

The Sukkah was decorated by the youth of the Temple. Members assisted with contributions for decoration and their work.

UNC-CH Honors Eli N. Evans

Eli N. Evans, Durham native, received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on October 12. The presentation read as follows:

Eli Evans has made a mark in each of three worlds—philanthropy, Jewish history, and Southern studies. His path of preparation for such achievement ran from a home loyal to this University—his father, Emanuel Evans, received a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1972 and is the first recipient to be also the parent of an awardee — to undergraduate days here, when he was both President of the Student Body and a member of Phi Beta Kappa (B.A. 1958), through duty in the Pacific as a naval officer, to Yale Law School (LL.B. 1963). Soon after joining the North Carolina bar he served on the White House staff for a year, following which he became Staff Director of then Governor Terry Sanford's Study of American States, the first major study of the future of state government in the wake of Great Society programs. Subsequently he was named senior program executive of the Carnegie Corporation. Among the grant programs he administered there was a very large one to increase the numbers of black lawyers in the South and another to improve educational television. In 1977 he became President of the Charles H. Revson Foundation, a new eighty-million dollar foundation concerned primarily with Jewish philanthropy and with urban affairs, especially in New York City.

In this capacity he came to be the driving force behind the 1984 award-winning television documentary series, "Heritage: Civilization and the Jews," which has been described as an interweaving of the Jewish thread into the larger tapestry of world history. An earlier, more local contribution to this history was his own book, *The Provincials, a Personal History of Jews in the South*, published in 1973, which centers on his experiences growing up in his native Durham. Next January Macmillan is to publish his biography of Judah P. Benjamin, Attorney General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State to the Confederacy.

Creator as well as facilitator, Eli Evans represents at the highest levels the sustained application of superior talent to the pursuit of things that matter. We are proud to have had some part in forming one in whom that pursuit has been so fruitful, and to recognize him today, as we did his father fifteen years ago, with this Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Charlotte Jewish Day School by Berta Straz, Principal

Red, white and blue was the theme of the Charlotte Jewish Day School on September 17 when everyone celebrated the 200th birthday of the United States Constitution. Dressed in patriotic colors, the children watched the Bicentennial Parade and President Reagan's speech on television. The children discussed the meaning and history of the Constitution, and further expressed their views through compositions and art work. They prepared a booklet of patriotic poems and songs that were shared at the birthday party.

The second through sixth graders attend weekly classes on IBM computers at Discovery Place. They are learning about software, programming and use of computers in a hands-on program.

The Day School had a Sukkah decorating party on Sunday, October 4, followed by luncheon attended by 200 people from the entire Jewish community.

School officers for 1987-88 are: Bob Brodsky, Pres.; Amalia Warshenbrot, V.P. Education; Pete Telem, V.P. Fund Raising; Roslyn Gordon, V.P. Recruitment; Alan Gordon, Secy.; Avi Warshenbrot, Treas.; Peggy Gartner, Past Pres.



200th Birthday Party for the Constitution

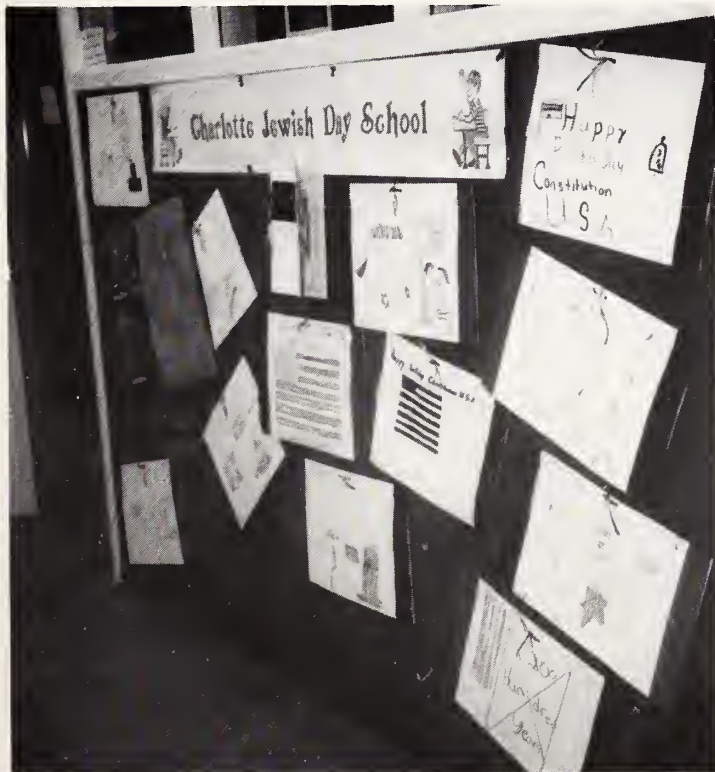
Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Estelle Hoffman

As cold weather approaches, our thoughts turn to those who lack shelter and protection from winter nights. Rachel House reopens on November 2. It will operate completely through the efforts of volunteers. Last year both guests and workers experienced enormous reward from the project of Temple Israel, with assistance of members of churches in the community. If you would like to help, or for information call the Temple office 376-2796 or Linda Binnick at 552-1435.

The Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Michael Frank was celebrated on September 19. Benjamin is the son of Caren and Melvin W. Frank.

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Israel, under the chairmanship of Shai Richardson, announces the 1987-88 Lecture Series: November 6 *Where Are You?* Marshall Goldberg, Sandy Koufax, Mark Spitz, Lennie Rosenbluth. Where have all the great Jewish



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sports stars gone? by Irving Edelman; January 29, *U.S. Policy in the Middle East*, by Dr. Harry Chernotsky; February 26, *Medical Miracles: Are they contrary to Judaism or the Law?* Panel discussion with Rabbi Israel Gerber, Dr. David Citron and Steven Hockfield. Evelyn Berger, Moderator; March 18, *Dialogue: Heaven, How to Get There and What Happens Once You Are*, by Rabbi Marc Wilson and Rev. Joseph Chambers. The lecture series will follow Friday evening services. Refreshments will be served.

The Adult Education Committee has also arranged a movie series beginning Sunday, January 3 at 8:00 p.m. with a film, *Yiddish, the Mame Loshn*. George Ackerman and Leo Hoffman will present a skit by Sholom Asch. March 13, 8:00 p.m., the movie, *The Fixer* will be shown, based on the novel by Bernard Malamud. April 10 at 8:00 p.m., *The Revolt of Job*, 1984 Academy Award Winner of Best Foreign Film. May 1, 7:30 p.m., *The Brothers Karamazov* will end the series. All of the above events will be held in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall.

Ilse Bergen and Helene Nathanson are arranging for visits to shut-ins and will appreciate hearing from those who wish to perform this mitzvah.

On October 17 Sisterhood sponsored a Square Dance. Caller was Al Broadway, one of our area's finest professional Callers. Sisterhood's Attic Sale will be held November 16 and 17 at the Temple.

Congratulations to Colleen and Stu Epstein on the birth of their son, Scott Otto Epstein. Condolences to Stu Epstein on the loss of his grandmother, Molly Schwamm. Condolences to Lois Schlosberg on the death of her father, Melvin Salovitch; to Neal Brandt on the loss of his father, Henry Brandt; to Shirley Goodman who lost her brother Edwin Clain and to Fay Marks on the loss of her brother, Dr. Barry Chelm.

Rabbi Marc Wilson was recently appointed to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Commit-

tee. The appointment comes from Mayor Harvey Gantt and County Commission Chairman Carla Dupuy. Rabbi Wilson's initial term will be for two years.

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Bacon on Bagels? Talk about Sacrilege. . . by Rabbi Marc Wilson

One cannot turn on the TV even for the most legitimate reasons without being taunted by the sacrilege: bacon-on-bagels.

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The bagel is the quintessence of the Jewish Experience: Crusty exterior, soft at heart, hard-boiled, half-baked, growing stale if it stays in one place too long.

Some would say, apocryphally, that the name "bagel" is related to the Aramaic word meaning "to hasten," as in "to hasten the coming of the Messiah." The Messiah may tarry, but a bagel lovingly slathered with chive-flecked cream cheese and enshrouded in two (OK, three) slices of velvety lox, is for a moment the long-awaited return to the Garden of Eden.

Let me say a word or two about lox: Lox is not "smoked salmon." I have no scientific data to substantiate this. But "smoked salmon" is eaten on toast points with creamery butter and chopped egg whites by people named Miffy and Trent. Lox is down-and-dirty two-fisted food, consumed by people named Marvin and Irv (or an occasional Marc), washed down by a Dr. Brown's Cel-Ray or semi-viscous black coffee.

Lox may be either salty or "Nova."

Growing up in Chicago, we knew not the Nova species. The first time I asked my mother about Nova lox, she told me it tasted "spoiled." I've since moved on, grown more cosmopolitan and dabbled a bit in Nova, but never without the image of my mother's consternation haunting the recesses of my psyche.

The furthest the bagel should be allowed to stray from lox is to a delicate layer of strawberry or raspberry preserves on top of the cream cheese. As long, that is, as we understand it as only a moment's diversion from the earthy reality of bawdy lox and authoritative slices of Bermuda onion.

Some have had a modicum of success in marketing a "pizza bagel." Purists may one day come to accept the pizza bagel, this half-breed child of two robust, passionate cultures. It may, indeed, more quickly bridge the gap between Rome and Jerusalem than the pope's visit to Miami. Mario Puzo and Philip Roth are collaborating on a position paper.

But bacon-on-bagels is heresy tantamount to erecting a statue of Zeus Olympus in the Holy of Holies. We have fought and died for less.

Brothers and sisters, what will be next? Men of the Word caroming down water slides in three-piece business suits? Church secretaries affirming their faith by posing in the buff? Matzo balls fortified with fat-back? Chopped liver moistened with mayo?

Heaven protect us from the likes of these. . .

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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

The Social Club held a Gourmet Picnic for over seventy people at Lake Wylie. Special thanks to the great committee: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Breitman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Cojac, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. S. Weiss, Burt Carlish, Lloyd Diaz, Tomas Diaz, Henry Hirschmann, Jay Kornberg, David Rodman and Julian Saly. The Club's next event will be an all day "Mystery Bus Ride" with brunch at a fine hotel.

Sally Schrader, Temple president, announced that Temple now has over 500 members; 72 families joined last year. Attendance on Friday averages about 200, rarely less than 100, but Saturday morning is low. However, with the lox and bagel Torah Study sessions she anticipates that will change. Sally also announced that the design of our new Temple, which was on display during the holidays, will seat 420 in the sanctuary, with 80 additional temporary seats; 200 seats in the lobby and another 700 in the social hall.

Congregants of all ages met early to decorate our permanent Sukkah before the brief Sukkot service.

The first grade class of our Religious School, under the direction of Vicki Neumann, made "shoe box sukkahs" and decorated the fellowship hall for the Oneg Shabbat.

Richard A. Klein was recently elected Vice-President - Fund Development of the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte. His daughter, Deborah Klein, is a member of the Youth Oratorio.

Sisterhood's annual paid up membership luncheon featured Mr. Phil Busher from the Mint Museum. Mr. Busher spoke on "Ramesses The Great" which will be on exhibition at the museum in October 1988.

Gloria Hartman, dietitian at Wildacres, won the beautiful afghan crocheted by Jeanni Davidson and used as a fund raiser for sisterhood.

In November, Gladys Lavitan will produce and direct "Voices of Valor"

for the joint sisterhood meeting. The program features six "voices" of contemporary women, with Gladys serving as narrator.

For those who have not had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Rabbi Seigel began an adult B'nai Mitzvah Program in October. Adults will learn to read the prayer book, chant the blessings and read from the Torah.

Irv Pepper received the prestigious Al Gomer Community Service Award from B'nai B'rith International.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom High Holy Days services were professionally recorded for shut-ins and for the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons. Jane MacEntee and the Carving Committee distributed the tapes in Charlotte.

Jason Dresner, Aaron Mattia and Scott Katowitz are our newest Bar Mitzvahs.

Al Rousso, Mayor Pro-Tem of Charlotte, was guest speaker at the last Men's Club meeting. Arnold Kridel, Men's Club president, is still smothered in paperwork trying to make Bingo a fund raising weekly event!

On November 22, Steve Haas will perform in concert at 7:30 at the Temple, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207. He will sing cantorial concert pieces, Yiddish folk songs, operatic arias and popular songs written by Jewish composers. This fund raiser will also feature Viva Klezmer, a group of four players from the Charlotte Symphony, and Gil Pirovano, Temple organist. Seating will be limited so reservations will be required.

B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte BBW made the headlines again in the newspapers and television, October 7. We were the first to bring mayoral candidates, Mayor Harvey B. Gantt and Sue Myrick together in a debate on issues concerning Charlotte's future. They spoke about roads, garbage collection, baseball stadium, schools and the new coliseum. Those of us who

were in attendance are educated enough to put our votes to good use on election day.

Other October activities include: making pumpkins for children in pediatric sections of hospitals; a panel discussion and video presentation on "AIDS—A Community Issue"; participation in The March of Dimes bike-a-thon. A program on breast cancer is November 4. Special Olympics will be at Centennial Lanes on November 6. Workers are signing up for Chanukah-Christmas Gift Wrap, a big fund-raiser.

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein

As we go to press, the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education is pleased to recognize its first group of supporting member schools, congregations and individuals for 1987-88: In North Carolina, Cary, Jewish Community Center; Charlotte, Temple Beth El V'Shalom; Durham, Beth El Synagogue; Greensboro, B'nai Shalom and Temple Emanuel; High Point, B'nai Israel; Raleigh, Beth Meyer. Also Martinsville, Va., Ohev Zion; Princeton, W.Va., Mr. Stanley Nelson,

The CAJE membership year extends through June 30, 1988. For less than the cost of a single videotape, member congregations, schools and individuals can enjoy use of the CAJE Resource Center for an entire school year. With its extensive video and audio tape library, computer software collection, tape/slide combinations, filmstrips, Jewish games, teachers guides, textbooks, Hebrew learning materials, catalogs, Boards of Jewish Education and Teacher center files, and other materials to enhance Jewish education, the CAJE center in Charlotte is at the heart of a regional statewide network. If your school or congregation is not yet a CAJE member, we urge you to join. Please contact us at 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207, or call (704) 366-1948 for further details.

Lubavitch of North Carolina Celebrates 7th Anniversary With Chanukah Dinner

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

This winter marks the seventh anniversary of Lubavitch of North Carolina, and plans are now in motion to celebrate in style. An elaborate Kosher dinner will be held in Charlotte at the Marriott City Center Hotel on Sunday December 20, 1987, 6:30 p.m.

The anniversary dinner will also serve as a community wide Chanukah celebration during which a giant size Menorah will be kindled at the Marriott Hotel. The Piamenta band from Israel will provide live music with a concert which will include their best in Israeli and Chassidic music. For tickets and more information, please call (704) 366-3984.

The event will focus on the accomplishments of Lubavitch during the past seven years, with vision for the future.

Lubavitch of North Carolina was founded about seven years ago, as

an educational organization dedicated to increasing Jewish awareness among the people of North Carolina with Charlotte as its base.

It all started with a modest beginning on Newhall Road with Rabbi Yossi Groner and his wife Mariashi who came as emissaries of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

With courses and classes on Jewish subjects as its first projects, it has expanded to a major operation affecting many communities in the Carolinas, with the center now at the Chabad House near Shalom Park.

Lubavitch recently started a weekly Radio show entitled "The Jewish Sound" which airs every Sunday morning 9:00 - 10:00 on WSOC-93 on the AM dial, bringing a variety of Jewish music and thought to Charlotte area listeners. This provides an opportunity, to reach out even to those who are not affiliated with any Jewish organization, and instill within them a sense of belonging which will eventually lead them to affiliate and identify.

During the past year Rabbi Bin-

yomin Weiss and his wife Chanie, joined the staff at the Chabad House. Rabbi Weiss is program director and Chanie teaches at Lubavitch Pre-school. This move has helped expand the work and allowed Lubavitch to accommodate the many requests from people in Charlotte and from the Carolinas in general.

There are many families in Charlotte who have made Lubavitch a major source of their Judaism, thus servicing their religious needs in all aspects of family and education.

Educational programs as of 1987-88 includes Talmud Torah and pre-school children on a regular basis, Gan Israel Summer Day Camp and many regular activities for adults held on a weekly basis.

The Lubavitch Holiday and Sabbath candle brochures are sent to over 7500 households and schools in the Carolinas.

The special events and concert held annually in Charlotte, have attracted hundreds of local people regularly, plus many from other Carolina communities. This has made Charlotte a center of Jewish

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Chabad of Myrtle Beach Day Camp

attraction to these outlying communities.

Since the goal is to reach out to all Jewish communities in the Carolinas, Lubavitch has established contacts with other communities, which has resulted in opening of two new branches with Chabad centers in South Carolina.



Rabbi Hesh Epstein and Chava Epstein, Columbia, S.C.

Columbia

Rabbi Hesh Epstein and his wife Chava started Lubavitch of Columbia in July of this year. Their efforts are concentrated on reviving Jewish education in this thriving community.

One of the most fascinating projects started by the Rabbi Epstein is the BLT. Every other Tuesday business people and professionals gather at the Columbia Radisson Hotel for lunch and Torah discussion. The delicious meals are prepared by Chava Epstein and her husband and the discussions are prepared by the participants. The BLT's have attracted between twenty and thirty participants who represent a cross section of Jewish people, many of them community leaders.

For the Succos holiday Lubavitch organized a Succah Mobile (Succah on wheels) which provided an opportunity to many adults and children to eat and pray in a Succah.

Lubavitch has been visiting outlying communities as well, all in an effort to bring Judaism to the people in a meaningful and inspirational manner.

Myrtle Beach

Rabbi Doron Aizenman and his wife Leah started Chabad of Myrtle Beach in February of 1987 and it has fast become a major center for Jewish education in that community.

Chabad operates a regular Talmud Torah with over 45 students, and a full day pre-school. This past summer over 60 children attended a six week day camp run by Lubavitch.

Rabbi Aizenman conducts regular adult education programs several evenings each week, and has established Mitzvah Campaign visits to all the beach wear stores on the Grand Stand. Leah Aizenman organized a Chabad woman's group which she teaches every week.

Duke University Professors Strike It Rich

In Jerusalem a magnificent mosaic floor, dating back to the Roman period was uncovered in August. Excavations are a joint project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Duke University of Durham, N.C., under the direction of Dr. Ehud Netzer of the Hebrew University Institute of Archaeology and Professors Eric Meyers and Carol Meyers of Duke. The Meyers have provided many an interesting program on Judaism as well as archaeological finds in Israel for groups in our area.

Like other mosaic tile floors of the Roman period which have been discovered, this find is composed of extremely small tiles, measuring 2-3 mm. on each side. The size enables the subjects to be rendered with great delicacy. There are 15 separate scenes on one floor, labeled with Greek inscriptions.

The proximity to the structure to remains of clearly Jewish structures of the same period uncovered in previous seasons attest to close links between Rome and its culture and

the Jewish community of Sepphoris (Zippori) during the Talmudic period. The city appears to have been destroyed by an earthquake in 363 C.E. Many coins dated in the years just before the earthquake were discovered, and in another area, other mosaic remains contained Hebrew writing, apparently from a synagogue discovered nearby.

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North Carolina Hillel

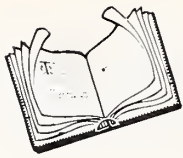
by Lauren Stone

The High Holidays were observed in a very special way at Duke and the University of North Carolina Hillel. The reason: two students were the Hazanim, Daniel Katz of New York, New York and David Barman of Charlotte, North Carolina. Both did a super job and the students were very responsive to them. Besides having student Hazanim, we also had students participate in Torah and Haftorah reading and service leading. We had a nice Break Fast after Yom Kippur Services.

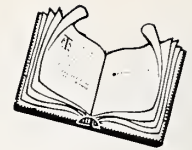
In celebration of Sukkot, each campus set up and decorated its own Sukkah. U.N.C. Hillel invited Dr. David Halperin, an Associate Professor in Religious Studies at U.N.C. to speak on October 9. Dr. Halperin spoke on various insights on Sukkot. The students really enjoyed the evening.

Duke held a U.J.A. Brunch on October 11. Ben Fink was a participant in the Winter U.J.A. Student mission in 1986. He spoke to the students about his mission to Israel. The chair people for the U.J.A. student campaign this year are: Gary Shapiro for Duke and Barbara Bluestone for U.N.C. Both attended the National Student Leadership Training Conference at the end of October in Boston.

Our Parents Appeal drive is underway. We have received a very favorable response so far. However, in order to maintain our high standards of programming, we look for support from all.



Book Reviews



Mixed Blessings: Marriage Between Jews and Christians

by Paul Cowan with Rachel Cowan
Doubleday 275 pp. \$18.95

Ed. Note: *Jewish Family Services of Charlotte sponsors Jewish-Interfaith marriage support groups. For further information, call Adrienne Rosenberg, Director 704-364-6594.*

When the Cowans married in 1965, neither thought religion would ever become an issue with them. They were not interested and came from homes in which religion was not observed. Now, twenty years later, the blond Unitarian woman from Massachusetts and the assimilated Jewish native of Chicago have become counselors to couples contemplating mixed marriages or to married couples who have problems because of their interfaith marriages.

Rachel is studying for the rabbinic at Hebrew Union College. Both served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador. Paul became a successful writer.

In speaking before an audience of interfaith dating couples, they felt the need for the work they have since been doing, a work they deem to be their mission.

The book starts with the authors' own story and continues with a number of case histories. They neither condone nor discourage mixed marriages, but they do identify the "time bombs" and the likely areas in which problems may arise. They discuss the difference in attitudes towards religious backgrounds now, compared to the nature of intermarriages before the Holocaust.

This book offers practical ways to deal with problems which erupt. It is of interest not only to couples of mixed marriages, but to their parents, children and all Americans

interested in our diverse society and in the many problems which arise from that diversity, which is in itself "a mixed blessing."

Estelle Hoffman



*Rachel and Paul Cowan
photo by Alex Gotfryd*

The Endless Steppe

by Esther Hautzig
Harper Keypoint 243 pp.
paperback \$2.95

The Upstairs Room

by Johanna Reiss
Harper Keypoint 179 pp.
paperback \$2.95

Both of these autobiographies re-issued in paperback, have become classics of contemporary Jewish literature written for young adults.

The Endless Steppe is the story of Esther Hautzig who, as a small girl, was deported by the Russians with her parents and grandparents from their home in Vilna, Poland to Siberia where they lived in exile from 1941 to 1946. The family's crime was being "Jewish Capitalists." They weeded potato fields and worked in the mines, struggling for enough food and clothing to stay alive. Only the strength of family sustains them and gives them hope for the future.

The Upstairs Room, a Newbery Honor Book, is the story of two little Jewish girls, born and raised in Holland. In 1942, their parents and older sister arranged for the girls to be

hidden by a Gentile family. They were kept safely in the cramped upstairs room of a remote farmhouse until the war was over.

The authors both live in New York now. Their stories tell of childhoods very different from those of today's readers. These books should be read by youth and adults who have no direct memories of the forties and World War II.

R.G.

A Guide for the Still Perplexed Book I: Heaven & Book II: The House of Jacob

by Daniyyel ben-Shemuel
Dimona Press paperback 186 pp.
\$9.95 plus \$1.00 postage, available from Dimona Press, Box 1516, Miami, FL 33160

Pursuant to Book I: *Heaven, Book II: The House of Jacob* is now published, together with Book I. The author is a member of the family which comprises Dimona Press. He describes himself as a citizen of both the United States and of Israel, and it appears in reading *A Guide for the Still Perplexed* that he stands with one foot in each country.

More lengthy and more controversial than Book I, reviewed in the June issue of *Times Outlook*, in *The House of Jacob*, Daniyyel ben-Shemuel examines minutely what it means to be a Jew and the nature of the Jewish people. He declares that "The Ten Words," his term for The Ten Commandments, were given to us directly from God. All the rest of Scriptures, he asserts, although perhaps divinely inspired, was written by mortals. Their mortality limited them to their time and place, and extension of dicta are *wrongfully* imposed upon mortals living in time and place vastly different. This criticism applies to Talmud and Halakha.

It is the knowledge of the source

of Creation which distinguishes Jews from other nations. Knowledge of the Word of God leads to Truth and avoidance of idol worship. His treatment of the subject of idol worship is profound and disturbing as we recognize some of our own false idols.

The author writes of the foibles, inconsistencies and "mis-taken" attitudes of the Secular Community and of the Religious Community, thereby imposing oppression upon us. This quotation from *iii: The Religious Community* may shock the reader: "The attempt to deify the writings which comprise the Talmud, (as well as the common accompanying attempt to deify the authors of the related writings,) comprises an attempt to rationalize the explicitly human character and content of these writings. It is by such falsehood that the enslavement of one part of the House of Jacob, and the entire alienation of the other is achieved." He considers the writings to be sacred, but not supernatural. The premises and arguments of the author might help the cause of Jewish unity.

While much of the content of *The House of Jacob* approaches or attains the position of rebellion, a few of ben-Shemuel's opinions will arouse the ire of those within our society who are striving to eliminate the proscriptions placed on women by Jewish tradition. The author maintains that there are appropriate roles and behaviors for male and female in our society, but read for yourself his convictions. He dares to embrace both radical and conservative stands.

Chapter iv. The Territorialists, deals with the people of the State of Israel, their attitudes, including ignorance and evil, and he speaks with the voice of a Jewish American whose roots are very deep in his native soil, even though his soul is rooted in Judaism. I read in this chapter the conflict in the mind and soul of a kindred spirit.

Leaving resentment behind, he moves to *The Land of Israel*, whose

cause he champions, refuting the attacks both oral and physical waged upon Israel by its enemies. He speaks of "unknowing sons of the gentile nations," without using a proper noun for any of them. He delves into the effect of the unreasoned hatreds of the enemy, and of the hostility even within *The House of Jacob*. He attributes the evils of the "hateful community" to ignorance of the authority "greater than that of mortal men." This chapter is a fervent disputation, logical and well structured.

Finally, in *vi. The Great Fire*, he writes of the Holocaust, enumerating the sins of *the Gentile nations* as a war against the Living God and of false reports subsequently issued about the victims and survivors. What should the memory of *The Great Fire* produce? What are we, in justice, to expect from the descendants of the perpetrators of the unbelievable, calculated savagery?

We are reminded at the end that the source of the lives of the unspeakably evil is the same source

which offers the knowledge of goodness to all humanity; the one does not contradict the other.

To those who abandon belief in God because of what happened in the Holocaust, ben-Shemuel throws out the challenge: a man may not presume to explain a complex phenomenon without the ability of explaining first the phenomenon of "the fact of the *life* of a single soul." Who can explain even the phenomenon which lies within one's own soul? We are guided toward the acceptance of our limited ability to possess answers to all questions.

The author is young, but apparently steeped in Jewish education and with keen feelings concerning the continuity of Jewish history. In the Jewish tradition, he dares to question and to claim the right of each generation to interpret for itself without fear of committing sacrilege.

Volume III is yet to come. We await the reader's comments on the present volume.

Estelle Hoffman

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A GUIDE FOR THE STILL PERPLEXED

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BOOK I: Heaven In this intense disquisition on the existence and nature of G-d, Daniyyel ben-Shemuel argues that there is a perfect divinity with which all of Creation is thoroughly suffused. According to ben-Shemuel, the source of the universe is a conscious, living, personal G-d, actively concerned with the life of every human soul. Ben-Shemuel contrasts this conception of the world with what he contends are the inherent rational and moral inconsistencies of alternate competing conceptions — agnosticism, atheism, polytheism, idolatry, and religiously-based pseudo-theisms.

BOOK II: The House of Jacob In this philosophical treatise on the existence and nature of the Jewish people, Daniyyel ben-Shemuel endeavors to provide the long elusive definition of what it means to be a Jew. In support of his proposition, ben-Shemuel evinces what he contends are the ultimate rational and moral deficiencies of alternate, competing definitions of Jewishness in terms of religious, quasi-religious, and secular ideologies. In the latter half of the work, the author provides a thorough refutation of many of the slanderous indictments commonly put forth against the sons and daughters of Jacob, so recently restored to, and struggling for their survival in the Land of Israel.

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Surviving the Seasons

by Fern Kupfer

Delacorte Press 360 pp. \$17 95

by Marilyn T. Shapiro

Set in the Bronx of the 1940's and 50's and in the sun-splashed retirement condominiums of Florida today, Fern Kupfer's novel, *Surviving the Seasons*, cuts to the quick of family life to show how girls become wives, young women become mothers, and grandmothers still worry about their children while adjusting to the changes in their own lives.

A study in contrasts, this book is about happy and unhappy marriages, loyalty and infidelity, loss and renewal. It is the story of Sara and Jake Pearlman, who remain passionate after a 40-year marriage; their daughter, Miriam, a post-Woodstock liberal lawyer who struggles to accept an imperfect world; and their unmarried daughter, Sunny, a therapist who still secretly is waiting for her prince to come.

It is also the story of Harry and June Elkind, living a life of quiet

acceptance until Harry faces a bittersweet grief after his wife's death and comes to understand his failures as a husband and father.

And, finally it is a book about the guilt and anxiety of loving again, facing the possibility of starting over "with someone whose history you do not share, with someone who has not known the smooth-faced girl or boy you used to be."

Surviving the Seasons is a warm, entertaining, easy-to-read book, a novel about the exploration of love among families. Regardless of individual experiences and situations, each reader will find events and feelings with which to identify.

Fern Kupfer is the author of a previous book, a nonfiction account of her experiences with her brain-damaged child, *Before and After Zachariah*. She is an ex-New Yorker who has lived in Iowa for 16 years with her husband, a philosophy professor at Iowa State.

What Are They Saying About Christian-Jewish Relations?

by John T. Pawlikowski

Paulist Press 165 pp. \$3.95

John T. Pawlikowski is a priest of the Servite order on the faculty of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is a member of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat on Catholic-Jewish Relations. He was a speaker at the Wildacres Interfaith Institute three years ago.

The author admits that much enthusiasm in the Catholic-Jewish dialogue has weakened, but he feels strongly that with the euphoria vanished, both Catholics and Jews are more candid in their discussions now on all levels. There is a steadily increasing study of Judaism by Christians.

Father Pawlikowski is a spokesman for recognizing the Jewish covenant, the existence of anti-Semitism in the New Testament, the Holocaust and the need for changes in liturgy.

The book is an essential introduction to the current status of the Christian-Jewish dialogue.

E.H.

Every Day Remembrance Day

by Simon Wiesenthal

Henry Holt & Co. Inc., 317 pp. \$25.00

"In 1942 when the Jewish poet Layser Aychenrand escaped from the deportation train to Auschwitz and reached Annemasee on the Swiss border without documents, the customs officer questioning him asked his age. He answered: 'I am two thousand years old. . .'"

From ancient times, as recorded in the Book of Esther, on up through the reign of emperors, kings, bishops and generals, to the dictators of modern times, Jews have been humbled, persecuted, and destroyed under a variety of pretexts. In his introductory essay, Wiesenthal identifies six factors that recur like leitmotifs as causes or preconditions of persecution: hatred, dictatorship, the minority as scapegoat, bureaucracy, technology and crisis or war. Across the centuries and across all national boundaries, the consistent and enduring nature of prejudice is astounding. At the same time, Wiesenthal looks ahead to the prospect of greater understanding and shows us on what basis there is hope.

Every Day Remembrance Day is the first concise reference of its kind, the result of six years of research in archives all over the world. It can be used by date or by the index of places to trace the fate of the Jews of a given town. A work of enormous scholarship, it is both an invaluable reference guide and a moving document that keeps alive the memory of those who have suffered. In the words of Simon Wiesenthal, "There will always be Jews as long as they remember."

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Tradition in the Kitchen

With Thanksgiving approaching, thoughts of American Jews, as well as all Americans, should be turning to turkey dinners. Recent experience has revealed that many cooks are taking short cuts and not stuffing the festive bird. It's a pity, because stuffing baked in a casserole is not so good as stuffing from a fowl, if properly prepared. Be sure to stuff the fowl just before putting it into the oven. Stuffing spoils quickly.

Herb Stuffing

- 4 cups dry bread crumbs or small cubes of white bread, toasted lightly in oven.
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup melted margarine
- 1 cup hot water
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Makes enough for an 8 lb. chicken or turkey. Be sure the bird is completely defrosted in the refrigerator.

Variations: For a celery stuffing, use 1 cup chopped celery. Sauté celery and onion in the margarine. Toss with other ingredients, sprinkling water over all. Other seasonings, such as sage, may be used or substituted.

Fill bird by shaking stuffing down; *do not pack it into the cavity.* Following are approximate times for baking a stuffed turkey or chicken. 6-8 lbs., 3-3 1/2 hrs.; 8-12 lbs., 3 1/2-4 1/2 hrs.; 12-16 lbs., 4 1/2-5 1/2 hrs.; 16-20 lbs., 6 hrs. The bird is done when a meat thermometer inserted into the thigh reads 180°, or when the leg joint moves easily. The temperature of the stuffing must reach at least 165°.

The stuffed fowl should be roasted on a rack in a shallow roasting pan, covered loosely with a sheet of aluminum foil, or with an oiled piece of cheese cloth. The outside of the fowl may be rubbed with salt and pepper. The inside will be flavored by the stuffing.

Turkey Snack Supreme

- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup apricot jam
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1 teaspoon grated onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Place turkey cubes on bamboo skewers. Place in a baking dish; set aside. In a small bowl, combine oil, jam, catsup, onion, Worcestershire sauce and salt. Pour over turkey pieces to marinate for several hours. Place under broiler and broil until browned and crisp on edges. Brush with sauce; turn and brown again.

For additional recipes, call the Empire Kosher "Consumer Information Line" at 1-800-EMPIRE-4, or write to Empire Kosher Foods, P.O. Box 165, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

Cranberry Mold

- 6 ounces raspberry gelatin
- 1 1/4 cups boiling water
- 1 pound can strained cranberry sauce
- 1 pound can crushed pineapple

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water in large bowl and let cool. Then add crushed pineapple and cranberry sauce that has been cut into small pieces. Stir. Pour into a mold which has been lightly greased with oil.

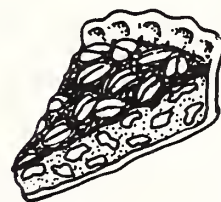
Refrigerate over night.

Sweet potatoes are traditionally served with Thanksgiving turkey. This recipe is from Lubavitch Women's Organization *The Spice and Spirit of Kosher-Jewish Cooking*.

Glazed Sweet Potatoes

- 3 sweet potatoes
- water to cover
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 stick margarine

Peel and cut sweet potatoes. Cook in salted water approximately 45 minutes until soft. Drain. Mash sweet potatoes and add brown sugar, pineapple and margarine. Mix together well until margarine has completely melted. Serves 4.



Pecan Pie

- 1 8-inch pie crust
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1/4 cup melted margarine
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Beat eggs lightly as for custard. Slowly add sugar and margarine. Then add salt and vanilla. Add one-half cup of pecans. Stir. Pour into pie shell. Then put other half cup of pecans on top of custard mix.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until pie is set. Then reduce heat to 225 degrees and bake 15 minutes longer or until pie is thoroughly set.

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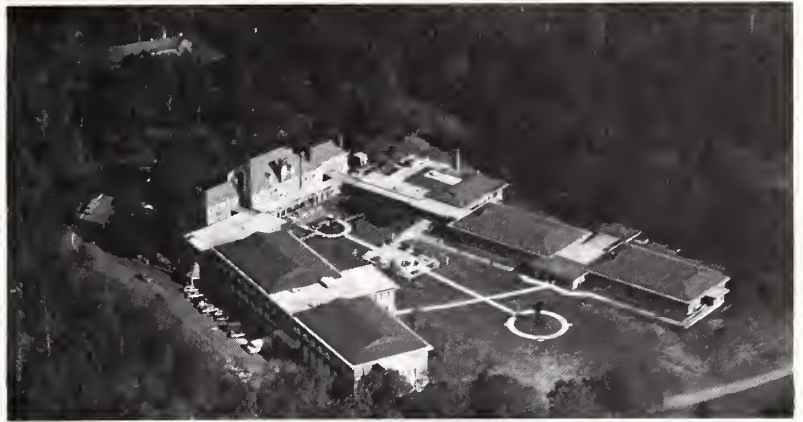
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DRESSING FOR SUCCESS ON THE SENIOR SCENE



Janet Weschler (High Point) looks through the racks of Comfort Clothes.

A lovely lady, eighty-two years young at the time, said that the two hardest things about aging were the limitations imposed by a body that would no longer do what it used to do, and the limitations imposed by other well-meaning folks.

Since that time, our society has become more aware of the special needs of an older generation. We may not be able to make the body do more than it will, but there are now special comforts in both products and clothing which certainly enhance one's life.

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Case 1: An 85-year-old retired executive still wears a suit and tie or sport coat and slacks daily. Lately, however, he has experienced incontinence, creating a wardrobe problem and affecting his self-esteem.

Case 2: The bones of a 79-year-old woman have become brittle. After several falls and a painful recuperation, she is confined to a wheelchair. Her case is complicated by severe arthritis in her hip. The kind of clothes she's always enjoyed wearing are uncomfortable and just trying to get into them is so painful she'd rather not dress for the day.

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A TRIBUTE TO A MASTER GARDENER

In September, the Home lost a very dear friend when Joe Smith died.

He was a gentle, quiet spoken man, with a personal power that radiated from within. Even if you did not know him personally, if you visited the Home during the past three years, you received a gift from his hand. How so, you say?

Joe was a master gardener, one of those rare people who is able to paint a landscape with vibrant color, accenting with line and texture, size and shape, mixing common varieties with specimen plants, all to a marvelous effect. He had a talent for enhancing what nature had provided. Anyone coming through the BJH gates received the gift of Joe's handiwork which graced these acres.

Indoors, too, he coaxed plants to stay lively in spite of heated rooms in the winter. He was always trying something new for this spot or that, and tending it with care to make sure it thrived.

I never heard him "talk" to a plant, but surely he had a special way of getting them to reach their utmost potential. A case in point are the hibiscus that daily produced individual flowers that measured 9-10" in diameter this summer. Giant marigolds became gargantuan under his care. Geraniums grew bushy and had twice as many blooms as you'd find elsewhere. And who will ever forget the velvety pansies that bloomed in the snow?

One blistering hot day this summer, I asked him what kept him at it in such weather. His reply says it all, "The residents love these flowers." — Ellen White



Plate-sized Hibiscus were just one of many plant varieties that Joe Smith nurtured on the grounds – to the delight of all.

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SUE'S NEWS

By Sue Clein

"1-2-8-5/3-4-1-1/2-3-1-12". Football season is here, but these are not winning plays, rather, these numbers represent a sampling of volunteers participating on certain days in September and October.

Working alone, in pairs, or groups, these volunteers assist in activities and special events as a part of a team effort. They are "winners" in our book, and I hope to let you know about each of them during the year.

Our team spirit was evident as staff, staff and community volunteers, and residents rallied for our annual visit to the Dixie Classic Fair on October 6th. The nip of Fall was in the air as we headed for the Fairgrounds, where we were greeted with warm sunlight reflecting on the midway rides.

Our senses were bombarded with the smells of pumpkins, apples and flowers in the exhibit booths; every imaginable kind of colorful craft to see and touch; and fluffy cotton candy and sticky red candied apples to taste (do we dare?).

What a splendid day for everyone! And what made it possible for 34 residents to go? The team of volunteers and staff who enjoy being with BJH residents.

I would like to thank those of the Winston-Salem community who joined us: Grace Allrend, Frances Brenner, Howard Friedensen, Deanna Lipsitz, Darrell Mandelstamm, Susan Otradovec, Jean and Joe Reznik, Barbara Shyloski, Mary Sicheloff, and Arlene van de Rijn.



Above: Ruth Menins (Gastonia) with Grace Allrend (W-S), volunteer.



Above: Rose Halpern (G'boro) had good reason to smile at the Fair. Every craft item she entered in the competition won a prize. More about that and other winners next month.

Below: Martha Mayer (G'boro), Susan Otradovec, and Mary Cohen (G'boro). They liked the exhibits.



Below: Charlie Martin (W-S) enjoys ice cream as Walt Sidden looks on.



Editor's note: Our volunteer program may be little league in numbers, but our volunteers are major league when it comes to heart.



Muriel Wangler demonstrates how the back opening dress operates.

DRESSING . . .
(Continued from pg. 23)

Case 3: A highly mobile lady of 88 is always "on the go". It distresses her greatly, however, that she has to depend on someone else to dress her because she cannot raise her arms over her head and fastening all those buttons or zippers takes "much too much time."

Comfort Clothing provides answers to all the needs represented in these three cases. Made of excellent quality fabric, all clothing is guaranteed to withstand repeated washings for one year.

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BJH STAFF'S UNITED WAY OF GIVING

"When it touches your own family, you really know what UNITED WAY means." With that statement, Suzie White kicked off this year's United Way campaign at the Home.

She and Co-Chair, Pearl Spellman, conducted the most successful campaign in recent years. Using a very low-keyed approach with abundant sincerity, they were able to encourage fellow staff to give SIX TIMES the amount donated last year!

They are quick to thank others who assisted in the campaign, including Patsy Petree who organized the in-services, and Betty Speaks who contacted nursing staff.

Most of all, they are appreciative of all who contributed to help our larger community.



ironing; and designs specifically for the older adult figure. It is not surprising that over 50% of BJH residents own some of these items.

On November 18, from 10 am until noon, the living room will be transformed into a small store, lined with racks of colorful clothing. Mrs. Wangler and her staff will be there to assist residents select just the right garment.

Come shop with your family member, and see what fun it is to shop when you can find just the right outfit . . . that's good looking, comfortable, colorful, practical, and very nice quality. Who would ever guess those nice gray slacks aren't "DAKS"?

— Ellen White



Co-chairpersons of the BJH United Way Campaign, Suzie White, left, and Pearl Spellman.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Myrtle Alphin and Claire Page. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



Every Friday evening and Saturday morning and every holiday, you'll find Sam Jacobson at BJH conducting services. Thanks, Sam!

What's Developing? \$ A Unique Opportunity \$

by Herman Blumenthal

As the end of 1987 approaches, you may find it advantageous and rewarding to make a gift to the Campaign for FAIR OAKS. This new expansion project is progressing steadily and will require your support. The new tax laws make it more beneficial for many people to give a gift before January 1, 1988.

The Campaign to fund the \$7 million FAIR OAKS project has not begun in many areas around the State. In communities that I have already visited, some individuals are still contemplating an appropriate pledge. In either case, a pre-1988 gift may be desirable above and beyond your planned pledge.

Charitable Giving in 1987

Although the new tax system enacted in 1986 cut back on many deductions and credits, the *charitable deduction was retained in full* for taxpayers who itemize their deductions. Charitable gifts can be subtracted from your income before calculating your taxes.

(Some people may find that they will no longer itemize. However, by combining more than one year's gifts into a single tax year, you may have enough deductions to itemize. A significant tax savings may be realized through this method.)

In general, the higher your tax rate, the lower the net cost of making a gift. Since tax rates will decrease next year, the value of a deduction to you is greater this year than in 1988.



Campaign kick-off in High Point at the String and Splinter Club. L to R: Carol Friedman, Herman Bernard, Gertrude and Stanley Taylor.

For most contributors securities and other property that have appreciated in value would be excellent gifts for two reasons. First, the tax law permits a deduction for the *full* value of the gift, and second, you will avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation.

This information may vary depending upon your individual circumstances and is not intended to be a full explanation of the law or of all the possible tax consequences.

You may be asked to support many worthy causes during the remainder of 1987. I hope that careful consideration will be given to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. FAIR OAKS is the first Capital Campaign in our history.

This Campaign is different from others in that we are asking our supporters to dig deeper and make a longer term commitment than ever before.

This end-of-year appeal is for those who wish to make a gift in 1987, and still intend to make a long-term pledge for the Campaign. Most of our past supporters will be receiving a letter from me regarding this pre-1988 gift. Please respond to this request or contact the Development Office directly.

For information about the Capital Campaign, please contact Wayne Silverman at (919) 766-3035. Send your tax-deductible gift to: FAIR OAKS, P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, N.C. 27012

THANKSGIVING November 26, 1987

10:30 am Ecumenical Family Services

12:15 pm Turkey Feast

Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 \$3.00

BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS





Above: Jerry Epstein (W-S) and Leonard Guyes (G'boro).



Above: Eva Gelfand and Pam Wolfman kept busy in the gazebo art booth with a steady stream of young artists.

Below: Music, music, music by Dresser, Lockman and Lockman.



Below: Don Morris took time out from picture taking to introduce his 2 yr. old son, Artie, to the joys of the sukkah celebration.



SUKKOT 1987—A FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING

Beams of sunshine filtered through the branches topping the sukkah on Sunday, October 11, matching the beaming faces of those gathered for a joyous celebration. Families visited with parents and grandparents, and old friends were introduced to new acquaintances, as Board members, visitors from nearby cities, residents and staff joined to form a spirited crowd in the side courtyard.

Volunteers from Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, came out in force. Music filled the air as Karen Dresser and Dayle and Jonathan Lockman performed favorite Jewish songs. A resident tapped his cane to the beat, while youngsters twirled about, adding to the festive mood.

The gazebo was transformed into a balloon-filled art booth where Eva Gelfand and Pam Wolfman guided young artists with their fanciful tissue paper collages and decorated fruit with glitter to hang on the sukkah.

Marcia Epstein, Marian Sosnik, and Rose Clein were hostesses serving the delectables prepared by Rena Pyrzak and her Dietary staff. Assisting Lynn Wahoski, R.C. Therapist, escort residents to and from the event were able hosts, Jerry Epstein, Leonard Clein, and Darrel Mandelstamm.

All in all, Sukkot was truly a festival of thanksgiving at BJH, and a sharing of a special bounty by those who helped make this a memorable event.



Under the Sukkah. This year the sukkah was built in the side courtyard where once there was a swimming pool. It was a perfect setting for the reception. Here Rose Pliskin (High Point) samples honey cake, (or is that a brownie?) made in our dietary department.



FAMILY GROUP MEETINGS TO BEGIN

Family members who would like an opportunity to exchange information with other family members in a group setting, are invited to meet in the auditorium on Tuesday, December 1, from 2:00–3:00 pm. This will be an organizational meeting led by social workers, Edna Blevins and Janet Kindred. A reminder letter will be sent in November.

At left: Double-crossed fingers – that has to be good wishes from our mystery guest to Yvette Pearlman (G'boro), who recently came to BJH.



FAIR OAKS COMMONS

At left is a hint of what is to come. Inside the commons lobby, the ceiling soars 32 feet to the peak. A glance up and then out through the glass wall overlooking the Yadkin River, offers an experience that the youngsters would call "AWESOME!" We think you will have a few choice words, too.

The Decorating Committee has been very busy working with the architects and subcontractors selecting and ordering floor tiles, carpet, wall coverings, window treatments, furnishings and on and on. The color scheme is to be a surprise, but we have it on good authority that FAIR OAKS will be elegantly smashing!

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR

Nov. 8	Brenner Concert: Larry Almeida, Guitarist, 3:00 pm
Nov. 9-13	"GAME WEEK:" (each of these mornings at 10:30 am) Nov. 9 "The Price is Right" Nov. 11 "Jeopardy" Nov. 13 "Wheel of Fortune"
Nov. 15	Winston-Salem Symphony, Lv 2:00 pm
Nov. 18	Shopping for comfortable clothing with Muriel Wangler, 10:00 am-Noon, L.R.
Nov. 20	Shopping Trip, Lv 9:30 am
Nov. 26	THANKSGIVING SERVICE, 10:30 am, L.R.
Dec. 1	Family Group Organizational Meeting, 2:00 pm (See related article)
Dec. 4	Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Lv 6:45 pm
Dec. 11	Shopping Trip, Lv 9:30 am
Dec. 15-22	CHANUKAH LIGHTS

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We bet there are any number of questions you'd like answered about drugs.

Starting with the December issue, we will feature a series of three articles by our staff pharmacist, Teresa Jackson.

Don't miss them.

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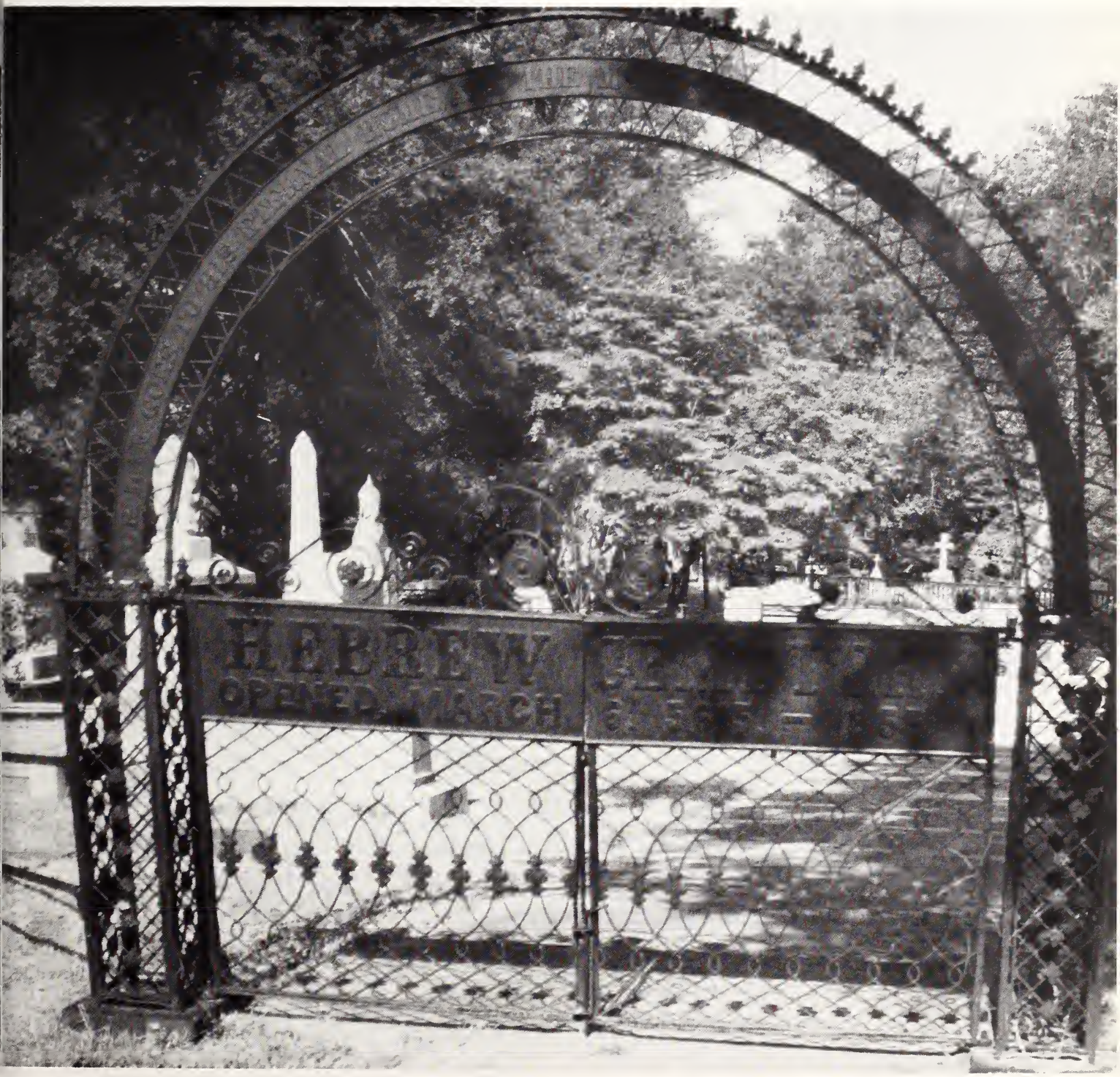
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Hanukkah: Festival of Rededication

by Rabbi Gerald B. Weiss

Hanukkah celebrates the first successful struggle of a people to assert its political and religious integrity by overthrowing an oppressive foreign regime, but there is more to the message of Hanukkah than merely this.

In the wake of the conquests of Alexander the Great, Greek culture permeated much of the civilized world, attracting many devotees. After Alexander's death, his empire was divided among his generals, and, eventually, Antiochus IV ruled the Seleucid empire of the Syrian Greeks. Palestine fell within the orbit of Antiochus' domain and did not escape the effects of the wave of Hellenic culture that swept the region. Many Jews, particularly in urban centers of Israel, and mostly belonging to priestly or aristocratic families were attracted by the outward trappings of Hellenism. What many failed to perceive, however, or chose to ignore, was that beneath the glamorous exterior, the two cultures, the Hellenic and the Judaic, were fundamentally incompatible in their lifestyle, world view and values.

The battle lines were quickly and sharply drawn in Jerusalem and elsewhere between the largely rural Pietists (Hasidians), who remained loyal to the traditions and teachings of Judaism, and the urban and urbane Hellenist Jews who completely abandoned Judaism in their headlong rush to imitate the chic Greek ways. Antiochus, trying to solidify his empire against his Ptolemaic rivals based in Egypt, found ready and willing allies in the Hellenistic Jews for his coercive policies aimed at thwarting and suppressing Jewish nationalism and culture in favor of Hellenic uniformity. With the advice and consent of the Hellenistic elements of the Jewish population, Antiochus prohibited some of the most essential and basic practices of Judaism: Shabbat, B'rith Milah, the observance of Rosh Hodesh (by which the Festivals were determined), and the study and teaching of Torah.

The minority of loyal Pietists became militant, and with the Holy Temple in Jerusalem defiled by pagan statues and forbidden offerings, the seething unrest erupted into open warfare. At first, the conflict was little more than a civil war between the Hellenistic Jews and the Pietists, but when Antiochus sent troops to aid the Hellenists, the war widened into a holy war with the very existence of Judaism and Jewish political autonomy at stake. Outnumbered and ill-equipped, the Pietists, nevertheless, conducted successful guerrilla warfare for three years, from 168-165 B.C.E., until the Syrian Greek forces were defeated.

The triumphant Pietists, led by the Hasmonean family of priests (the Maccabees), marched on Jerusalem, recaptured the Temple, rebuilt the defiled altar, and cleansed and purified the Temple. They then held a feast rededicating the newly consecrated altar to the service of God in an eight-day ceremony, modeled after Solomon's original dedication of the First Temple, which had taken place during the eight-day Festival of Sukkot.

Thus, Hanukkah, the feast of rededication, has become a symbol of the loyalty and courage of the few who fought, against seemingly overwhelming odds, to preserve Judaism from being obliterated by a formidable foe. The struggle goes on today, perhaps in more subtle ways, but the need for those loyal to Judaism and the Jewish way of life to continue the battle for religious freedom and integrity is as much with us now, in these times, as it was with the Maccabees then, in those days.

In a broader perspective, Hanukkah has come to symbolize the commitment of our people to survive and to flourish, despite all who, throughout the ages, sought our demise as a unique religious, cultural and nationalist entity. Hanukkah also reminds us of our obligation to reaffirm our own dedication to Judaism, to Israel, and to our own creative survival as a holy people by emulating the Maccabees, not the Hellenists. We must remain loyal to our own precious heritage, and have the courage to say NO to the seemingly seductive lures of the popular, mass culture which is not ours, neither in outer form nor in content, and to resist with all our might the urge to imitate the majority, to assimilate, and thus, to disappear.

If we are resolute in our determination to conquer the assimilationist tendencies that threaten Jewish survival today, we, too, will emerge victorious in a contemporary version of the Maccabean struggle. Then we and our children can be secure in our Jewishness, and Judaism will be secure in us, as we kindle anew the lamps of our own rededication to meaningful Jewish living, and to proud Jewish self-affirmation.

HAPPY HANUKKAH!

Gerald B. Weiss is the Rabbi of Beth Shalom Synagogue in Columbia, S.C.

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The ornamental iron gates are engraved: "HEBREW CEMETERY, OPENED, MARCH 6, 5615-1855." They were rededicated by Temple of Israel, Wilmington, N.C. on November 1, 1987.

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Israeli children light the Chanukah candles at their home near Tel Aviv. Photo by W.Z.P.S.

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From the Editor

Chanukah is the holiday which commemorates the cleansing and rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after it had been defiled by the Greek-Syrians. Therefore, we thought it significant to select for our cover story (pages 4 and 17) the "Rededication of the Cemetery" of Temple of Israel in Wilmington, N.C. The gates of the cemetery which are pictured on our cover are dated 1855. They had fallen into disrepair and had to be refurbished. The cemetery needed to be cleaned up and landscaped. Graves of families no longer living in Wilmington have become the sacred charge of the members of Temple of Israel who will see that the cemetery is maintained properly. We salute the congregation on its "Chanukah."

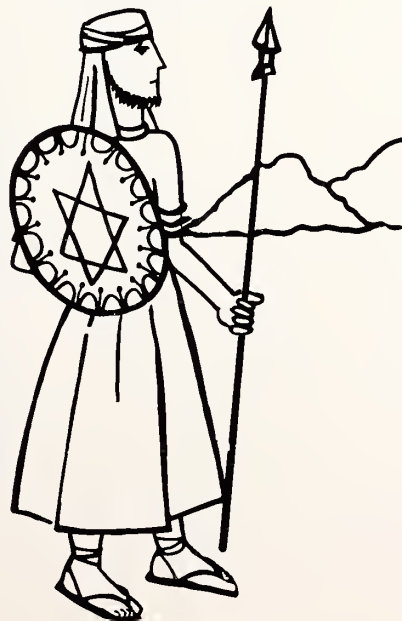
We are also happy to print a family history submitted by Marvin Zerden of Hickory (page 5). This is the first of two parts of his family's background and growth in the South.

Our readers are responding to our request for old photos and historical material so that the origins of the Jews of the Carolinas can be shared with all of you.

We wish all of you a bright and happy Chanukah.

Ruth Goldberg

Letters to the editor are welcomed. They should be kept as short as possible and are subject to condensation. Because of the volume of mail, not all letters can be published.



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Who Can Retell

Who can retell the things that befell us?
Who can count them,
In every age, a hero or sage, arose to our aid,
Hark! In days of yore, in Israel's ancient land,
Brave Maccabeus led the faithful band,
But now all Israel must as one arise,
Redeem itself through deed and sacrifice.

Traditional Song

Monument to Heritage

Jewish families give cemetery a cleaning up

by Clifton Daniel
Staff Writer

Wilmington's Hebrew Cemetery is an irregular tract of land within Oakdale Cemetery forested by monuments and headstones and surrounded by a low, wrought iron fence. It is the final resting place for scions of the city's prominent Jewish families.

The fence and an ornate iron gate have recently been cleaned, repaired and restored to the rough elegance they must have had on March 6, 1855, the day the cemetery was dedicated.

Money needed to complete the restoration was donated by descendants of those buried in the cemetery.

To mark the restoration, Rabbi Albert Gordon and members of Temple of Israel [held] a re-dedication ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday [November 1] at the cemetery.

While the money came almost exclusively from descendants, the impetus for the restoration came from Temple of Israel members who had watched the burial ground fall into decay.

Temple member Ira Kersh said the primary reason for that decay is that many people whose relatives are buried there no longer live in Wilmington and were not aware that the cemetery had not been kept up.

Few of the descendants of the Jewish merchants of the last century still live in Wilmington, Kersh said. There are still members of the Solomon and Warshauer families living here, but "the others have spread all through North Carolina," he said.

The cemetery holds the remains of Solomons, Warshauers, Shriers, Bears, Jacobis and many other Jews who were some of 19th-century Wil-

mington's most prominent merchants.

Many of the stones are decorated with Stars of David and prayers written in Hebrew. Some of them are inscribed with poetry. Other headstones mark the graves of children who fell victim to disease.



Grave marker for Sgt. Arthur Bluethenthal (1891-1918).

One stone bears an Indian head wearing a full war bonnet of feathers with a swastika on the headband.

It marks the grave of Arthur Bluethenthal, son of Leopold Bluethenthal, the man who donated separate tracts where the New Hanover County Airport and part of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington now stand.

Arthur Bluethenthal was born in Wilmington in 1891. He died in aerial combat on June 5, 1918, while fighting for the Lafayette Escadrille, a group of American flyers who fought for the French in the early days of World War I before the United States entered the war.

The Indian was the squadron's symbol. The swastika on the headband, an unusual sight in a Jewish cemetery, was an Indian religious ornament long before it became infamous as the symbol of the German Nazi party during World War II.

Nearby, autumn leaves fall around the monuments to members of the Solomon and Bear families. A three-headed stone marks the graves of three Jacobi children who died in the late 19th century.

"It's one of those historic places," said Wilmington orthopaedic surgeon Murray K. Seidel, a Temple of Israel member who helped lead the drive to restore the fence and grounds of the cemetery.

"And besides being historic, there's a lot of emotional meaning to it and that's just not the kind of thing you should let fall into disrepair," Seidel said. "We couldn't let it continue that way. It has tremendous historical value to Jews in the Wilmington community."

Once notified, descendants of those buried in the Hebrew Cemetery were quick to donate the funds needed to restore it, Kersh said.

Seidel said he is now trying to raise money to have the cemetery's 48 lots maintained on a regular basis. Individual families have had that responsibility.

The cemetery pre-dates the Temple of Israel, Wilmington's first Jewish house of worship, by 21 years. Prior to the temple opened in 1876, Jews met in specially prepared areas of Jewish-owned businesses. The services were led by laymen, not a rabbi.

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Towering monuments rise over the Bear family grave plot.

Having Roots

Part One

by Marvin Zerden
Hickory, N.C.

My grandfather was a peddler in Latvia, and I can hear my father, Louis Emanuel Zerden, telling the story of being on a horse and wagon going through the countryside selling his wares, and my father sitting next to his father holding the reins. He was fifteen, going on sixteen and at the age that next year he would have to go into the Russian Army. A number of years before, a cousin, Emanuel Zerden, had left the *shtetl* for the new world and had opened a store in Lewes, Delaware with his brother-in-law, Hankin. It was Hankin & Zerden for a number of years until the Hankins decided to return to the big city of Baltimore. Zerden continued on till he decided it was time to move his family to Philadelphia in 1928.

My father came to Lewes, Delaware in 1900 to work for his cousin, Emanuel Zerden, for two years. Having learned some English, he decided to go out on his own with a pack on his back, selling his wares through the countryside. As each trip proved successful, he kept enlarging his pack. The demand for more types of merchandise made it necessary for him to buy a horse and wagon to carry the many different items.

The farmers and their families looked forward to seeing the merchant on wheels, as he was the newspaper of the day. After displaying the items the family needed, father was given lodging at a small cost for room and board.

I can see him putting his pants between the mattress so that they would be pressed for the next day, and he would wash and hang out his shirt.

After several years, his business progressed and he was able to start saving money so he could bring his family over from Riga, Latvia (Covb-nick Carbearnick). The farmers not

only raised food for themselves, but also trapped animals for their fur. After buying father's wares, the farmer brought out his furs and asked to trade furs for goods that he had. At each stop, the news spread that the peddler would buy the furs from them, as they were too far from the marketplace to sell them in small quantities. Thus began the buying of furs from the farmers. Then father would assemble the furs and ship them off to Philadelphia to the Fur Buyers.

This became more lucrative and his savings became large enough to send money to bring over his parents, four sisters and his brother to Baltimore. He opened a grocery store for his parents. His mother, being a religious person, believed everybody, regardless of the tale he told. After the first year, the store was in the red. Since it was a losing cause, father decided it would be less expensive for them to be out of business because it wasn't their type of work.

On October 3, 1904 father received his United States Citizenship in the State of Delaware. He continued buying furs and decided it was time to go looking for a place to settle down. Sister Beckie stayed with her parents while Louie made the trek through Delaware buying and selling furs. Frequent trips were made back to Baltimore to see how his family was getting along. He met a number of Jews who had stores in the South, and who went to Baltimore to do their purchasing at the Baltimore Buying House (which later became Butler Brothers). He inquired from them where he might look for a location to go into business. They gave him the names of three cities: Charleston, West Virginia, Hickory, North Carolina and Sumter, South Carolina. After visiting Charleston which didn't appeal to him, he made his second stop in Hickory. Hickory had a block of stores, and a vacant building was available on Union Square, owned by Squire Killian who maintained an office upstairs. The rent was \$75 a



Zerden's at 206 Union Square, Hickory, N.C. has been in business at this location for 79 years. The photo is dated October 1908.

month. After looking over the traffic on Saturday, he decided to rent it.

The people were friendly and the place would be a good start for a young man. With the building rented, he went back to Baltimore to tell the family what he was going to do. He met the Middlemans from Franklin-ton, North Carolina at Butler Brothers and they gave him suggestions. He decided that he would open a Men's Haberdashery. On September 1, 1908, Zerden's became the first discounter, known as the Underselling Store.

From Riga he brought the things his family had taught him, to pray daily and observe the Sabbath. He did this for the rest of his life.

On his buying trip to Baltimore, he met through a fellow merchant Miss Castine, and after a short courtship, married her. With her belong-



Louis Emanuel Zerden (1884-1951)
Photo dated 1949

ings she came to Hickory to make her home. After a number of childless years, she became pregnant and decided that she would go back to Baltimore to have her child. On the way to Baltimore, she became sick and had to be taken off the train in Fredericksburg, Virginia. A daughter was born and the mother died in childbirth. Hearing the news, my father caught the next train to Fredericksburg. The grandparents took the child to Baltimore and told my father that they would keep the child, as they had lost their daughter and a decision could be made later. Rhoda stayed with her grandparents and the trips to Baltimore were heartfelt with the grandparents saying they will look after her for him.

After several years, my father met my mother, Sadye Bloom through her Aunt Beckie Middleman from Franklinton. She introduced my father to her and after a short courtship, he asked her to be his wife. On September 14, 1917, they were married in Baltimore. It was necessary to make arrangements for my mother to prepare moving South. After several months, she came to Hickory.

My father's second sister Sophie was married and her husband Sam had a store in Baltimore near the B & O Station. My mother visited them and I can hear her tell the story.



Sadye Bloom Zerden (1896-1970)
Photo dated 1949

Sophie was in the back of the store and the merchandise was hanging out front, and as a customer came in she would say, "Sam, Sam, the show," meaning a customer was inside and bring the merchandise in.

A location was secured for Sam and Sophie in Morganton which was 23 miles from Hickory. Sam came ahead and made preparations for the opening of his store. Then Aunt Sophie and her two daughters, Gussie and Lillie arrived with my mother and her belongings: feather bedding, sheets, pillows and whatnots, as my mother thought she would be a long distance from no place.

My mother's first stop was Hickory's Railway Station which was right across from the store. Can you imagine what went through her mind landing in this *medina*? My father was staying at a boarding house and he secured accommodations for his new bride. A house was rented from Harve Harris, which is now a parking lot next to Service Dry Cleaners. It was just around the corner from the store. It wasn't long till she became a retailer. With time on her hands she would come up to the store to meet and be admired as Mr. Zerden's new bride—young, tall, thin and attractive.

to be continued.

Anne Frank in the World Exhibit Greensboro, N.C.

An international exhibition, "Anne Frank in the World" will be on display in Greensboro under the auspices of the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust and the Anne Frank Center in New York during May of 1988.

Featuring more than 800 photographs as well as manuscripts of Anne Frank's Diary, the exhibition portrays the lives of the Frank family and others like them during the grim period between 1929 and 1945. It covers events in Germany and the occupation of the Netherlands and includes many previously unpublished photographs.

While the exhibition is in Greensboro, special audiovisual presentations, tours and lectures are planned.

For further information, contact Annette Davis or Marilyn Henick at (919) 370-4754.

The Jewish Museum New York City

The Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Ave., New York City is featuring the following exhibits:

Fantasy and Form in the Hanukkah Lamp: Over 30 objects from the Museum's permanent collection celebrate the imagination and variety with which Hanukkah lamps have been decorated throughout the centuries. The exhibit runs until April 1988.

The Dreyfus Affair: Art, Truth and Justice surveys the tumultuous history of the years from 1894 to 1906 when Captain Alfred Dreyfus, a French Army officer and a Jew, was falsely accused of treason. 600 works including paintings, sculpture, films, posters, documents and more will be on exhibit through January 14, 1988. Among artists represented are Degas, Pissaro, Toulouse-Lautrec and Rodin.

The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday. For further information, call (212) 860-1888.

Kibbitzing—Community News

75th Anniversary of Temple Emanu-El Weldon, N.C.

by Sarah Kittner

From a handful of families, a viable Jewish community was organized 75 years ago in the small town of Weldon, N.C. Ellis Farber, current president of Temple Emanu-El, can remember attending Sunday School in his own living room. Ellis has fond memories of the Farber home as the center of Jewish activity—the gathering place for numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who mainly comprised the first organized Jewish community in the area. He remembers the minyons that were held in the rear of stores and in the homes. “At that time, the home was the religious and spiritual center of each Jewish family, and all abided by the kosher laws and regulations.” Ellis proudly recalls the time his father, Henry Farber, went to Baltimore to learn to become a *shochet* to serve the families. He also purchased the first shofar used by the congregation.

Names of the early families included Farber, Silvester, Freid, Josephson, Samet and Kittner of Weldon. The Marks and Greenberg families of Roanoke Rapids and the Bloom family of Emporia, Va. were also among the founders. At the age of 12, the boys in these families usually were sent to Baltimore, Petersburg, Richmond or Kingston, N.Y. to live with relatives or friends. They spent the year learning Hebrew and preparing for Bar Mitzvah.

In 1928, a synagogue was established on the second floor of a store building in Weldon and was known as the Hebrew Community Center. Beginning in 1939, a Rabbi was obtained from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York to conduct services during the High Holy Days. The Hebrew Community Center became the nucleus of religious



MAKING A JOYFUL SOUND. . . The sound of the Shofar is heard at Temple Emanu-El in Weldon. Pictured above are Rabbi Amy Scheinerman, Ellis Farber, and Robert Liverman. The congregation celebrates 75 years of existence on November 12, 1987.

Photo by Sam Kittner

and social activities for families living in surrounding areas as well as locally. Friday Evening Services were conducted throughout the year and each member of the congregation was called upon to participate in some form of the weekly services, either by delivering the sermon, assisting in conducting or by saying the Kiddush. The Sisterhood prepared Oneg Shabbats.

A new era began in the 1950's. The North Carolina Association of Jewish Men started the Circuit Riding Rabbi Project under the leadership of I.D. Blumenthal and the Weldon community participated in this project. On November 14, 1954 Temple Emanu-El, the present sanctuary, was dedicated. The edifice was designed by Charles Levitt, a Norfolk, Va. architect.

Temple Emanu-El is now affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and has participated in their Visiting Rabbi Project. Present membership includes families from Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, En-

field, Warrenton, Scotland Neck, Emporia, Va. and Lawrenceville, Va.

High Holy Days continue to be “Homecoming” at Temple Emanu-El. It is a time when those who have left for the larger cities come back to a congregation swelled with family and friends. And just as Ellis Farber recalls so well the past history of this congregation, he also looks to the future. “We continue to hear the voices of children, to participate in religious, educational, and social activities, and to share the togetherness that has kept us a family dedicated to our Jewish heritage.”

The Frankfurt, West Germany prosecutor is actively pursuing the case of Alois Brunner, who heads the list of major Nazi war criminals still at large. In this connection, witnesses are needed to Brunner's wartime activities in Berlin, Czechoslovakia and Greece.

Anyone with information should reply to Mr. Fritz Weinschenk, c/o Hamburger, Weinschenk, Molnar and Busch, 36 West 44 St., suite 810, New York, N.Y. 10036, or phone collect (212) 719-5930.

Trace Your Jewish Roots with Arthur Kurzweil, Scholar-in-Residence Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C., January 15-16

Trace Your Jewish Roots with Arthur Kurzweil, renowned Jewish genealogist, who will be the I. D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence, January 15-16 at Temple Israel, Charlotte. Temple Israel cordially invites the entire community to participate.

Kurzweil will address various aspects of "Jewish Identity through Jewish Family History."

Arthur Kurzweil is singularly responsible for the renewed interest in the study of Jewish genealogy and family history. He is best known for his books *From Generation to Generation* and *My Generations: A Course in Jewish Family History*. He has contributed to the three *Jewish Catalogs* and *The Jewish Almanac*. He is editorial director of the Jewish Book Club.

"We are pleased that we are able to bring such a distinguished scholar to Charlotte," said Herman Blumenthal, trustee of The Blumenthal Foundation which is sponsoring Arthur Kurzweil's lectures.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, January 15

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service

7:00 p.m. Shabbaton Dinner (reservation required)

8:30 p.m. Arthur Kurzweil's presentation

(Yahrzeit/Kaddish will be recited at end of program.)

Saturday, January 16

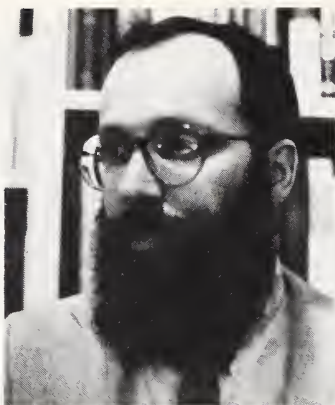
8:45 a.m. Shabbat Service conducted by laypeople

Cholent Luncheon followed by Arthur Kurzweil's presentation

4:45 p.m. Mincha and Shalashudes (reservation required)

6:30 p.m. Havdalah (candles for the children)

*Babysitting and Children's Activities available during Scholar's presentations



Arthur Kurzweil

*Reservations are required for Shabbaton Dinner and Shalashudes
Shabbaton Dinner: adults @ \$10, children @ \$6.

Shalashudes: adults @ \$4, children @ \$2.

Contributions for Cholent Luncheon gratefully appreciated.

NO CHARGE FOR ARTHUR KURZWEIL'S LECTURES.

For reservations and further information, please contact Temple Israel, 1014 Dilworth Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28203, (704) 376-2796.

Other Temple Israel News

Temple Israel Men's Club held a *Political Breakfast* on November 1. Candidates in the coming election were invited to answer questions of members of the Congregation who attended. Lloyd Scher was in charge.

Young Adults Discussion Group met on November 8 in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall. This is to be an ongoing group to encourage discussion on topics of Jewish concern. Future discussions are planned to be held in homes. For information call Wendy and Joel Kveskin at 846-4835 or Carol and Jeff Klein at 847-8159.

Congratulations to Michelle Steiner and her parents, Dr. Joseph and Renee Steiner, on her Bat Mitzvah October 23 and 24.

Mazel Tov to Elissa Robin Cohen, daughter of Stan and Marilyn Cohen, on her Bat Mitzvah November 21. Elissa was twinned with Dana Lvovsky of the Soviet Union.

Sisterhood's Attic Sale was held November 17 and 18 at the Temple.

This is a major fund raising event. Rhoda Gleiberman and Rosaline Mann were co-chairwomen. A membership coffee was held November 19 at the home of Simone Raus. Temple Israel joined with Temple Beth El V'Shalom for the annual joint Sisterhood meeting on November 11. The program was an original skit directed by Gladys Lavitan.

Temple Israel has joined the national movement, MAZON. This project encourages families who are celebrating simchas to designate approximately three percent of the overall cost of the celebration to causes that help feed the hungry.

Rachel House Shelter for homeless mothers and children has reopened. A recent break-in caused the loss of most of the furnishings of the shelter. The Temple is grateful to the generous Jews and Christians whose outpouring made it possible for the house to open on schedule.

Congratulations to Nancy and Sam Bernstein on the birth of their daughter Karen Leah; to Blanche and Henry Hirschmann on the birth of their granddaughter Lyndsay Alexa Leach, daughter of Adina and Jerry Leach of Gaithersburg, Md.; to Iris and Sam Spil on the birth of their granddaughter Melissa Faye Spil, daughter of Linda and Morris Spil.

Best wishes to Scott Sutker, son of Renee Sutker and the late Kolman Sutker, on his engagement to Renee Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pike of Burlington, N.C.

Condolences to the family of Phillip Feiveson on his death; to Evelyn Berger on the loss of her mother Ann Salsburg; to Evelyn and Leonard Berger on the loss of their sister-in-law, Charlotte Berger, wife of Alan Berger of Scranton, Pa.; to Dr. Harry Chernotsky on the loss of his father Ted Chernotsky; to Jill Mandel on the passing of her sister Diane Hughes in England.

The Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class is off to a good start. There is still time to join the group which has an extensive curriculum. For more information, contact Rabbi Wilson.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Goldberg

Goldberg-Sellers Wedding San Francisco, Cal.

Emily Susan Sellers and Michael Daniel Goldberg, formerly of Charlotte, N.C. were married November 21 with Rabbi Yossi Liebowitz officiating. The ceremony and reception were held at the Concordia-Argonaut Club, San Francisco, Cal.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sellers of Lisle, Ill. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan S. Goldberg of Charlotte.

Beth Parker of Edwardsville, Ill., sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Caren Edwards of Portola Valley, Cal.

Jonathan M. Goldberg of Charlotte served as his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Greg Bishop, Newport Beach, Cal.; Sam Edwards, Portola Valley, Cal.; Steven Gluckstern, Ardmore, Pa.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a B.A. degree and is an insurance broker. The bridegroom holds a B.A. from Brandeis University and an M.B.A. from Stanford University. Mr. Goldberg is a partner in Sevin Rosen Management Co., a nationally acclaimed venture capital partnership in high technology businesses.

After a wedding trip to Phuket Island, Thailand on the Indian Ocean, the couple will reside in San Francisco.

Charlotte Jewish Federation Receives Awards at General Assembly

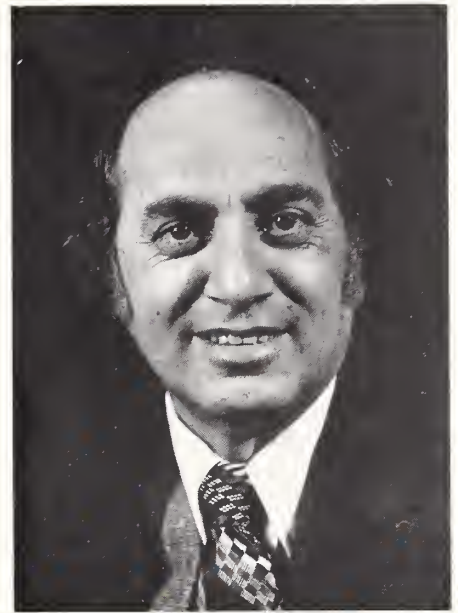
Charlotte Jewish Federation received four of the 96 Awards for Excellence in Public Relations at the 56th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations held in Miami November 18-22. Charlotte was one of 50 Jewish Federations throughout North America which were award recipients.

The honors were: Gold Award for campaign brochures; Silver Awards for newspaper advertising and for invitations; Honorable Mention for newspapers with ads. Congratulations to Rita Mond, Editor of the *Charlotte Jewish News*; to Philip Joffe, Chairman of the Marketing Committee of Charlotte Jewish Federation; to Marvin Bienstock of Columbia, S.C., who was Executive Director of Charlotte Jewish Federation for the year in which the entries were submitted.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the national association of 200 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 5.7 million in the United States and Canada.

Established in 1932, CJF helps strengthen the work and the impact of Jewish Federations by developing programs to meet changing needs, providing an exchange of successful community experiences, establishing guidelines for fund raising and operations and engaging in joint planning and action on common purposes dealing with local regional and international needs.

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Irv Pepper

B'nai B'rith Al Gomer Award Won by Irv Pepper of Charlotte

Irv Pepper of Charlotte, described by friends as a one-man social welfare agency, received the third annual B'nai B'rith International Al Gomer Award for outstanding service at the annual meeting of the Commission on Community Volunteer Services held in Washington, D.C., October 24-26.

The award is given annually to a member of the CVS Commission for outstanding service that best exemplifies the spirit of the late Al Gomer.

Pepper, a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 1104, has been active in volunteer work on behalf of CVS for years. Whether spearheading the program for resettlement of Soviet Jews in the United States or organizing the first athletic competition program for handicapped in his community, Pepper has dedicated his life to helping others.

Pepper's commitment to service has not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous awards from his B'nai B'rith brothers and sisters, as well as from the mayor of Charlotte and the governor of North Carolina. But winning the Al Gomer Award, Pepper said, "was the best of all."

Al Rousso to be Honored at Lubavitch Chanukah Dinner

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Al Rousso will be honored at the Lubavitch Chanukah Dinner Celebration, which marks the seventh anniversary of Lubavitch in North Carolina. The celebration will be held at the Charlotte Marriott City Hotel, on Sunday, December 20 at 6 p.m.

Rousso, a prominent business leader, City Council member, and Mayor pro-tem of Charlotte will be honored for his contribution to the Charlotte Jewish community and his special involvement with Lubavitch of North Carolina.

The Piamenta band from Israel will provide live music with a concert which will include their best in Israeli and Chassidic music. The Piamenta

band has released many recordings and is today one of the most popular groups in the Northeast.

Kosher cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served before the dinner, followed by the giant Menorah lighting ceremony. For reservations please call the Lubavitch office at (704) 366-3984.

Hakhel at Lubavitch

This year is a *Hakhel* year. *Hakhel* means to congregate and unite people. This commandment is found in the Torah as a special directive for the king of Israel, to congregate Jewish people just after the Sabbatical year, in order to instill within them a feeling of awe of G-d and stronger adherence to Torah.

Lubavitch of North Carolina is planning several *Hakhel* events throughout the year, and will emphasize *Hakhel* at the grand Chanukah celebration on December 20.

Preschool

The Lubavitch preschool children have been busy learning all about fall which is a special time of the year. "Every month and every week has something special about it," says Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher.

This past month the children studied the portion of creation and also the story about Noah's Ark. The uniqueness of the Lubavitch preschool program is that the students get to experience the subject matter in a very real way. The children



Enjoying snacks at party.

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actually built their own model Ark to resemble the original Ark, with three levels and a window. They acted out the story in a special drama project and learned its proper lessons.

Fern Sanderson who is a morning teacher was busy compiling a Brown Bear book with each child. Also the letter "J" was introduced "We jumped, jogged and formed the letter "J" with a jumprope," said Fern.

Talmud Torah

The Talmud Torah is constantly growing in quality and in quantity. The children learn through hands on experience with the subject matter they encounter.

"This month we devoted one week to the *Mitzvah* of *Mezuzah*," said Mariashi Groner, co-director of the Talmud Torah. "We examined the handwritten script on the natural parchment, and compared it with the Torah scroll." The children learned how to affix a *Mezuzah*, and the reason why it is placed on a slant on the right door post.

Tzivos Hashem youth club meets every few weeks at the Chabad House with various projects and fun activities. In November the theme of the meeting was Jewish pride. The children watched a Bill Cosby film about a Jewish child who is a hero on his ball team but refuses to play on the Shabbat. At first there is resistance on the part of his mates,

but eventually they come to respect him for his commitment to his religion.

Chanukah Story—Drama to be Aired on Local Radio

The Chanukah story comes to life through Radio theater. The full drama will be aired on "The Jewish Sound," Sunday, December 13, 9 a.m.

"The Jewish Sound" is a weekly radio show which is heard every Sunday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 on WSOC-AM 93 in Charlotte. Rabbi Yossi Groner host of the Radio show says, "The purpose of the Show is to reach out to our fellow people with educational and entertaining programming, and this is a great way to utilize modern media during the holiday season."

The Chanukah Radio Drama produced by Jewish Education Media, a Lubavitch organization, has received world wide acclaim for the accuracy of the Chanukah story. The Radio show will also air many

Chanukah songs with explanations of Chanukah laws and customs.

Temple Emanuel Gastonia, N.C.

by Ellyn Silverman

We had a wonderful turnout at both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Fred Witten again graced us with his lovely voice as cantor. Stephen Katzenstein, son of Charles and Sondra Katzenstein, had the honor of blowing the shofar.

On October 24 the Temple had its first social, a "Steak Out" at the Little Bighorn in Dallas. There was plenty of food and dancing. Everyone had a great time.

Sunday School got off to a bang this year. Rabbi Zielonka and Cynthia Melenson are teaching the children. The Temple is also offering a preschool to youngsters interested.

The Temple's heartfelt regrets go to Mitchell and Karen Eisner on the recent loss of Mitchell's mother. Our thoughts are with them.

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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

One of the most exciting on-going activities at Temple Beth El V'Shalom is the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class being conducted by Rabbi Seigel. About fifteen adults are currently involved in this two year commitment, and the enthusiasm of the students is contagious! How nice to expand our Jewish identity, learn to read Hebrew and Torah, and eventually to assist with services.

Because of the disastrous forest fire in Israel which destroyed part of the B'nai B'rith Martyrs' Forest and the Children's Forest, our Nursery and Junior Youth Group will help raise money to replant the Children's Forest. During the November Family Service the Nursery School children, directed by Nina Haas, presented trees they made to the congregation. The congregants had an opportunity to purchase a tree certificate made by the children and make a donation to the project.

The Sisterhood paid up luncheon was an overwhelming success! Over one hundred people attended and heard Phil Busher, Public Relations Director at the Mint Museum, speak on "Ramesses the Great" which will be on exhibition in Charlotte next year.

The joint Sisterhood meeting with Temple Israel at Temple Beth El V'Shalom was well attended, and the program, under the direction of Gladys Lavitan, was a production involving six women, who, standing at different points in the sanctuary, read descriptions of six selected Jewish women who have made an impact with their activities.

The Sisterhood MOM award (member of the month) for November was given to Fran Lyons and Paula Gentile, VP's Membership and their committee. Fran and Paula worked untiring to make the paid-up luncheon so successful.

Rabbi Robert Seigel, a Charleston native, was the personal tour guide for Hadassah's Historic Charleston

visit. About forty two people toured Temple Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, Beth Elohim's Archives Museum, dined at the Mills House and enjoyed a riding tour of beautiful Charleston, stopping at Coming Street Hebrew Cemetery, Grace Episcopal Church, historical homes and the Battery. Two hours of free time to shop, browse and visit on Meeting Street was very relaxing.

The Temple Beth El V'Shalom Youth Group Board is planning to produce *Jewish Archives of Charlotte*. Bety Productions will create the video portion for future generations of Charlotteans to enjoy. Walter J. Klein Productions has been generous enough to lend us their facilities to make a music video about present day Charlotte. In addition to this we are planning to have a full schedule of activities. The goal of our youth group is to provide an opportunity for the youth of our community to meet and form friendships with other Jewish youth in a fun, social but educational setting.

Youth Group Board Members are: Steve Glickauf, President; Debbie Klein, VP Beaty; Mark Gentile, Treasurer; Randy Hitt, Corresponding Secretary; Rachel Klein, Recording Secretary; Jody Wittlin, Representative at Large.

We recently welcomed Daniel and Lynn Brier, Bill and Merle Elko and family, Robert and Lenore Stein and family, Dr. Erwin Elber and Renee Spatz as new Temple members.

Rabbi Seigel participated in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church. Rabbi Mark Wilson of Temple Israel was the main speaker. "Homeless" was the theme of the service.

Morris and Linda Spil had a daughter, making grandparents Samuel and Iris Spil very happy.

The Caring Committee, under the direction of Jane MacEntee, and Sisterhood, led by president Honey Kridel, organized and held a Friendship Network Saturday afternoon dinner and get together, inviting members of the Temple and community living alone to meet, ex-

change ideas and interests and perhaps develop new companionship for mutual interests. Caring Committee members served as facilitators, and Sisterhood prepared the buffet dinner. There was a variety of age groups and interests, and everyone enjoyed the informal, friendly evening.

The Men's Club, according to Arnold Kridel, will be selling Entertainment '88 books as a fund raising project.

In December there will be a regional seminar on GOD sponsored by the Reform Movement and attended by Rabbi Seigel and members of the congregation.

The Social Club will have a Chanukah party; Men's Club will hold a brunch and trivia pursuit nite; the Temple will have a Chanukah dinner before service; there will be a pre-school Chanukah party and Rabbi Seigel will host his annual College Student Brunch. Jeffery Frankel will have his Bar Mitzva, Lox and Bagel Brunch/Torah Study and the Basic Judaism course will continue.

At the November Family Service, children from our school participated in a multi-faceted presentation which included music, drama, and a display of arts and crafts program. Children are always a delight, and our nursery continues to grow.

In honor of the Consolidated High School, we shared a joint Temple Beth El V'Shalom-Temple Israel service at Temple Israel the last Shabbat of November.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom was pleased to welcome Rabbi Yossi Groner as guest speaker for the Adult Education Group. After a covered dish dinner, Rabbi Groner spoke and dialogued with members about the Lubavitch.

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by Lillian R. Wellisch

A first for Beth Israel, a woman President, Mrs. Michael (Celine) Lurey. Mazel Tov to us all!

Our membership is growing by leaps and bounds.

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Synagogue: Eliot and Susan Wadopian; Ms. Mia Wadopian; David and Ruth Gaynes; Ron and Sandi Winston; Dr. Glenn and Dr. Ronna Siegel; Robert and Wanda Levin; Dr. Ronald and Deborah Neimkin; Alan and Wendy Payne.

We are proud of our young people: Nicole Lurey, who was elected President of USY, and Sarah Heller, who was elected Vice-President; Danny Wellisch, who is the student coordinator of Hillel at North Carolina State and is the correspondent of news from N.C. State to the *Times Outlook*; and David Kayne who as part of an Eagle Scout project is heading up a fund for a ramp for the handicapped at Beth Israel.

The schedule in November for all members was as follows:

"Bible with the Rabbis," a once a month happening, for November, on the 10th. Rabbi Bluming of Beth Ha-Tephila and Rabbi Pearlson of Beth Israel led an open study session on *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers). The meeting rotates between Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila.

On two successive nights, we add to our "something for everyone." Tuesday evenings at 7:45 p.m., following the Minyan, Rabbi Pearlson has a beginning Hebrew language class (Beginners and Intermediate).

On Wednesday evenings, Rabbi Pearlson leads a class on Basic Judaism, studying the laws and customs of daily life.

Also, on November 10, Rabbi Pearlson led a discussion on, "The Jewish Perspective of the Persian Gulf Confrontation." This was co-sponsored by the American Association of University Woman (AAUW)

and was held at the Synagogue.

On Saturday, November 14, there was a "Tiny Tot Shabbat," led by Judy Pearlson (our Rebitzin), M.S.Ed.

On Saturday, November 21, the entire Sunday School and their parents participated in the study of prayer and Torah of the Shabbat services.

The evening of November 25 the congregation hosted the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

We are looking forward to our annual Chanukah Dinner, which will be held on December 18, a Shabbat this year, with head caterer (can you believe it?), our own Rabbi Pearlson, with his attendant membership kitchen crew helping out.

Sisterhood started the year off with a full slate of goings on:

It's Membership Tea in early fall, with a report by Sheila Schapira, President, on her trip to Israel; a "hamish" pot luck supper for all the membership during Succoth, headed up by Carol Feingold. A Torah Fund program and brunch, chaired by Ruth Baer, was held October 25. Slides of the Jewish Theological Seminary, in New York, were shown and members were treated to viewing slides of "long ago but not far away" pictures of the old synagogue, with Dr. Joseph Schandler handling the technical properties. Members "ohed" and "ahed" and *qvelled* and cackled over pictures of their offspring in the slides, and a reminiscent time was had by all. On November 8, a Rummage Sale was held by Sisterhood to help sustain the many projects in which it is involved.

Sol Schulman, who so kindly contributed to the renovation of our kitchen, has helped Sisterhood to add something new, which will be a wonderful addition in cooking for our members. We now have a "warmer," so big we have to renovate the renovations to accommodate it.

Carol Deutsch, our Sunday School Principal, reports our Sunday School now includes a Saturday Shabbat

Experience on a once a month basis in place of one Sunday School day. It will also have a joint Chanukah project with the Beth Ha-Tephila Sunday School in December and is currently working on a Tzedakah food drive. As a matter of fact, because Sunday School is busting out at the seams, we need more classrooms, a larger auditorium, a learning center, library, stage, etc. Jack Feingold and Dr. Joseph Schandler will be contacting the membership with the plans.

Mazel Tov to Charlotte and Barrie Tell on the birth of their grandson, Daniel Reuven, born October 10, to Mr. and Mrs. David Tell of Barre, Maine, and most certainly, to great-grandma, Mrs. Frances Tell.

Last, but not least, we are looking forward to celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Ribner, on December 5, with a luncheon following the service. We will be the guests of his parents, Dr. Bruce and Barbara Ribner.

May all their children be an unending source of *Nachas* now and in the future.



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B'nai Shalom Synagogue Day School Greensboro, N.C.

by Karen Weingarten

The past month's activities have been exciting.

The kindergarten class visited the fire station. The children enjoyed seeing the living quarters of the firemen and all their trucks and equipment.

The fourth and fifth graders visited Ira and Ruth Julian's Art Collection in Winston-Salem. The beautiful and extensive collection consisted of paintings, pottery and sculpture by contemporary American artists, many of them from North Carolina.

The kindergarten through fifth grade were treated by the CPTA to a performance by "Greg and Steve" at the Coliseum. That group is best known for its albums *They All Live Together*.

The first Annual Alumni, Parents and Friends Giving was chaired by Renee and Tom Cone, Rachel and Russ Cohen, Mimi and Jack Levin and Sue and David Meschan. B'nai Shalom appreciates all the generosity and support that was given.

The students and faculty are movie stars! A video tape, filmed by Eric Miller at Carolina Video, was made while the children worked and played.

The third, fourth and fifth graders attended a seminar on electricity at the Nature Science Center. The children understood static electricity when Briana Wadler's hair stood straight up during an experiment. The fifth graders also enjoyed a physics presentation during which various hands-on experiments were done.

B'nai Shalom is pleased to offer a science enrichment course after school for kindergarten through second grade. Thanks to Jimmie Agnew, mother of Louis Levy for donating her time.

The pre-school's first tzedaka project was a success. They collected can goods to feed the hungry. Food will be donated to the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

Anna Kanpol, Judaica and Hebrew teacher, has recently completed a unit on the Torah's explanation of why Israel is called the "Land of Milk and Honey." To illustrate, she had the class combine milk and honey. The very sweet taste lingers on in our minds. It symbolizes the students of B'nai Shalom and the meaningful education they are receiving.

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Temple of Israel Greenville, S.C.

by Lorraine Hughes

Our Temple shared in a Rosh Hashanah Oneg and a Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast that was put on by our Sisterhood. Our Brotherhood hosted our Rosh Hashanah Luncheon.

In observance of Sukkot, our Temple decided not to have a Sukkah this year. We did this to symbolize the plight of the hungry and homeless in our community. Therefore, the Lulav and Etrog were homeless, too.

Our first Sisterhood meeting was held September 27. After a lovely breakfast, we heard a discussion on "The Legal Status of Women." It was presented by Bobby Rosenfeld, a member of the Temple. We found it to be a very thought provoking discussion.

We welcome newcomers to the area to join us for services and meetings.

Greenville, S.C.

by Florence Rosenberg

Congratulations to Fran and Marty Wertheim on the marriage of their

daughter Debra to Robert Kiviat of Long Island, N.Y. on Sept. 13.

A lovely membership coffee for Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel was held at the home of Barbara Shimlock on Oct. 12. Julia Smith made all the arrangements. Those present were given the background and history of Sisterhood.

A paid-up Sisterhood membership coffee was held at the home of Trude Heller on Nov. 23. The Presidium consisting of Esther Aronoff, Cheryl Gleich and Edith Schlein were hostesses. An entertaining program was presented by Shirley Sarlin.

United Synagogue Youth conducted an "Auction the Rabbi" service on Nov. 6. Karen Rovner, president, was in charge of getting pledges of \$5 per minute to keep the Rabbi off the bimah. All funds went to USY charities, TIKUN OLAM. Tammy Algranati, vice president, Orly Schlein, treasurer, and the remaining nine members sold pledges.

The Greenville section of National Council of Jewish Women held its second annual dinner and auction Nov. 14 at the Hyatt Regency. Terry Mannino was chairman of the arrangements.

Mazel Tov to Betsy and Martin Kahn whose son Joseph Marion (Joey) became Bar Mitzvah at Beth Israel, Nov. 13 and 14.

The 17th consecutive Joint Thanksgiving Service between Beth Israel and Northside Methodist Church was held Nov. 22. Dr. Leonard Greenspoon, Professor of Religious Studies at Clemson was guest speaker.

CORRECTIONS to Mrs. Rosenberg's article in November issue:
The name of the organization is the Greenville Section of NCJW. . . ; The Rosenbergs announce the engagement of their daughter Susan. . . Joyce and Stanley Abrams moved to Matthews, N.C. . . We regret the errors.

Camp Lejeune- Jacksonville, N.C.

by David W. Pickman

The summer has been a busy time for the Camp Lejeune-Jacksonville area Jewish Community. The religious school ended the school year with a picnic in honor of Israeli Independence Day and Mother's Day. The McKee family made decorations for the picnic, and Rabbi Apple, Lloyd Farmer and Bob Blum cooked hot dogs and hamburgers. The highlight of the picnic was when Karen Blum beat off every challenge in "one on one basketball."

A flea market fund raising event was held for the Staff Sergeant Allen Soifert Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund. Beth Farmer acted as chairperson. With support from many people, over \$300 was raised. In mid June Françoise McKee and Joshua Hollaway were sent to Camp Coleman, a Jewish camp in Georgia, on a full Soifert scholarship. Two other children, Brian Farmer and David Magnus attended Camp Coleman on a partial scholarship.

June 6, was the Bat Mitzvah of Stacy Hollaway, who was called to the Torah in front of a capacity chapel congregation. Stacy conducted the Sabbath Evening service as well as the Shabbat Morning service.

On June 27 a "1950's" party was held at the Apples' home to celebrate the retirement of Colonel Bob Blum from the United States Marine Corps. Bob received many compliments for his years of labor in behalf of a number of Jewish military congregations. Especially heartwarming and informative was Rabbi Apple's discussion of Bob's involvement in the history of the Camp Lejeune Jewish Community. The Blums will settle in Raleigh where Bob will be employed in the North Carolina Attorney General's office. As a postscript, in September Bob was awarded a Legion of Merit by the Marine Corps for his years of outstanding service as the Circuit Military Judge.

Helene Lawson earned the honor

of leading her district in insurance sales. Karen Popkin accepted a position with Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida. Karen will be teaching French and Spanish. Karen Blum is in Japan at Nanzin University as an exchange student. Stuart Popkin is a candidate for the Mayor of Jacksonville. Jeff Greenwald was accepted for a neonatology fellowship in the Navy's Residency Program. Mitchell Buscik returned from a 6 month deployment to the Mediterranean. Ricardo Volkman was promoted to Corporal and Scotty Blackman was off to Norfolk for a lengthy period of temporary duty.

With the beginning of the fall season the religious school began with 16 children, one of the largest groups in memory. David McKee continues his duties as principal of the religious school. The Apples held an open house prior to the High Holidays with much of the local Jewish community in attendance.

The Chapel was filled for each of the High Holiday services. Brian Farmer (age 15) blew the shofar and did an outstanding job. Henry Roseman did the Yom Kippur Haftorah and was in rare form. The Break the Fast was held again this year at the Chapel and was a huge success. Sukkot Services were well attended and for the first time a Sukkah was lighted both inside and outside.

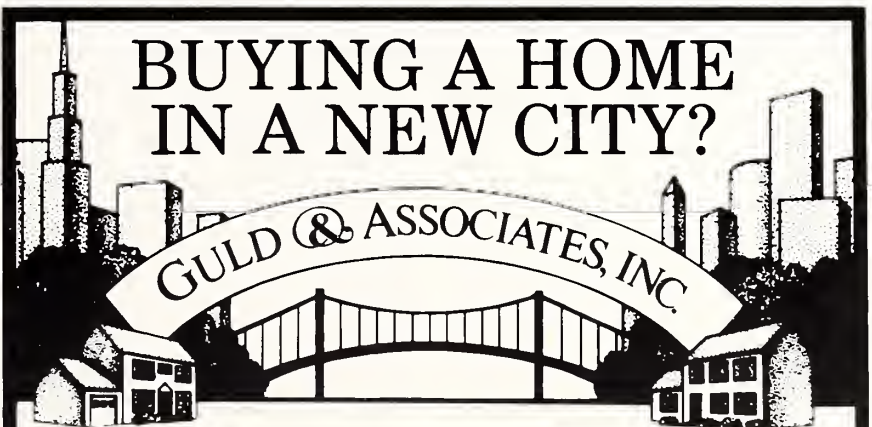
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Beth Israel Center Whiteville, N.C.

by Robin Kramer



The children at the Sukkot celebration.

A fun time was had by all of our synagogue families the night of our Sukkot celebration. The children stood under the Sukkah which was filled with bananas, apples and pears, while Jackie Steinberg and Ronnie Mukamal led the service. We ended the evening with desserts brought by our members.

Our members would like to wish Yetta Leder and Michael Kramer a speedy recovery.

N.C. State Hillel

by Danny Wellisch

N.C. State Hillel has been pretty active this year with the following events:

On September 2 we had an orientation cookout at the Student Center Plaza. We then had a bagel brunch on September 20 where Dr. Sandy Kessler, our student advisor,

talked of his recent trip to Israel. On October 18 we had another bagel brunch followed by a showing of the movie "Yentl." A dinner and bowling were held October 24. Other activities include two potluck dinner/services. Our big event is a function in coordination with B'nai B'rith where Henry Meyers, vice-chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of North Carolina, will speak on anti-Semitism.

Our officers for 1987-88 are: President, Barry Shapiro; Vice-president, Richard Galler; Secretary, Marcy Fetter; Treasurer, Lisa Wooten. All of our officers and Dr. Sandy Kessler have done an outstanding job.

Danny Wellisch is student coordinator for Hillel at N.C. State.

North Carolina Hillel

by Lauren Stone

UNC and Duke Hillel had an extremely full calendar during the fall semester. The weekly programs for UNC were Shabbat Services with Dinner and Tuesday night socials. As for Friday nights, students lead the services, followed by dinner and some songs. So far, our two biggest Friday nights have been when Duke students came to Chapel Hill and we all celebrated Shabbat together and when Dr. David Halperin, a Professor in the Religion Dept. at UNC, spoke to us. The students really enjoyed having a guest speaker. We plan to have more speakers next semester.

We plan to have at least one Duke-UNC program a month. In October

we had a Duke-UNC Mixer. We hired a D.J. and had a party at the Hillel House. It was a huge success. For November UNC went to Durham for a Shabbat Program. Dr. Eric Meyers, Professor of Judaic Studies from Duke, was our guest speaker.

UNC Tuesday nights are devised at getting students to socialize with one another. They are normally food oriented, since that seems to get more students out. For example, we are having *All You Can Eat Spaghetti*, watch a movie while eating *kosher hot dogs*, *Mexican Fiesta Night* and *Free Pizza Parties*. UNC also has monthly *Lox and Bagel* brunches which the students thoroughly enjoy.

UNC will be conducting a UJA student campaign and will also be participating in Human Rights Week on Campus. We will focus our part on Soviet Jewry and will be setting up a table on campus with letters to be signed by students to be sent to our Congressmen.

Duke also has begun to develop a strong Shabbat Program. It has an early dinner followed by its own services at Congregation Beth El. Duke has study breaks about twice a month on Thursday nights. Some programs it has had were Pizza nights and ice cream socials. Duke also has a Soviet Jewry Committee and a UJA Chairperson. Duke, too, has monthly *Lox and Bagel Brunches*.

UNC and Duke Hillel have started joint Graduate Programs. These programs enable the graduate students to socialize with one another. So far, there have been a wine and cheese party and a Bagel Brunch. We are planning to have one program a month.

Both Campuses are in the midst of our parent appeal drive. These funds are essential for our program needs. All the parents should have received our most recent Brochure and solicitation letter and we count on their support.

Hillel is definitely thriving on strong programs and we are looking forward to next semester.

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Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

A special Sisterhood Sabbath service was held on October 23 in honor of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. The service was conducted by the ladies of the Concordia Society with Helen Solomon being in charge of the arrangements and delivering the guest sermon. Participants in the service were Lillian Blakeman, Ruth Gratch, Lillian Kersh, Grace Mack, Eleanor Maxwell, Lorraine Oppenheimer and Mildred Solomon. The ladies provided a splendid repast at the Oneg Shabbat after services.

Sunday, November 1 at 2 p.m. was the rededication of the old Hebrew Cemetery that was founded in 1855. The major work in the restoration of the ornamental ironwork (see cover) has been completed. A program was held as a renewal of our faith and interest in this unique burial ground. The rededication ceremonies were as follows: Opening Prayer, Rabbi Albert Gordon; Welcome Address, Dr. Murray Seidel; Historical Background, Ira Kersh; Dedication Prayer, Rabbi Gordon; Tour of Family Burial Sites. (see related story page 4)

Jewish Community Services Raleigh, N.C.

Jewish Community Services is pleased to announce the addition of Judith Stern Keegan, M.S.W., A.C.S.W. Judy comes to the agency with six years of counseling experience at the Jewish Family Services in Edison, New Jersey. She will provide counseling services to individuals, couples and families. A group for separated/divorced men and women will also be forming. All fees are based on a sliding scale and evening appointments are available. Please call J.C.S. at (919) 781-5459 for more information or to set an appointment.

Agudas Israel Congregation Hendersonville, N.C.

by Lee Lewin



Morris Kaplan

We are pleased to report that our own Morris Kaplan, President of Agudas Israel Congregation, was recently honored when he was presented the Third Annual James H. McDuffie Award for outstanding community leadership at an awards dinner for the Henderson County Sheltered Workshop. More than 100 community leaders gathered to honor Kaplan's 42 years of service to Hendersonville and Henderson County. Each year this award is presented to a person who "has consistently, over an extended period of time, provided leadership in the community," according to Roger McDuffy, executive director of the workshop. Mr. Kaplan has also been a leader and motivator in many areas of community service, said Robert J. Deutsch, a local attorney who presented the award. Deutsch also said "The real Morris Kaplan is a calm, rational pillar of strength to the community and countless individuals who are having problems." Mr. Kaplan's interests are varied and many, and one very close to his heart is the chairmanship of the local library board. He has made our library one of the biggest and best for a community our size. We are indeed fortunate to have a man of such qualities as leader of our Congregation. We wish him well in all his endeavors.

Other Agudas Israel News

Our busy summer wound up with a most enjoyable program by the Viva Klezmer group from Charlotte. The performance was very well received, and a lovely dinner after the program was enjoyed by all. Also winding up our season was the September luncheon meeting and fashion show of the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary. This too was enjoyed by the large crowd who attended.

At the August meeting of the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary the slate of officers for the coming year of 1987-1988 was presented and all were unanimously re-elected. We extend congratulations to Thelma Uhler, President; Toby Heller, 1st Vice-President; Miriam Zucker, 2nd Vice-President; Freda Berkowitz, Secretary; Alice Becker, Treasurer; Flossie Williams, Advisor. We wish them a successful year.

In September came the High Holidays. We were most fortunate this year to obtain the services of Richard Melenson of Charlotte who, together with our own lay people, did a fine job. Our small Shul was filled to capacity.

The annual meeting of the Agudas Israel Congregation was held in October and the following officers were elected for 1987-88: President-Morris Kaplan; Vice President-Morris Kalin; Treasurer-Joe Zucker; Corres. Secretary-Ann Kaplan; Recording Secretary-Fred Lewin; Trustees-Mrs. Toby Heller, Mr. Harry Fritz, Dr. J. Fischer, Dr. E. Smolowitz, Mr. Robert Deutsch, Mr. Jerry Salatino. We wish them all a successful and rewarding year.

The Brotherhood of Agudas Israel Congregation held a breakfast meeting for the purpose of hearing a discussion on the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Herman Blumenthal of Charlotte gave a most informative talk on the progress of the new addition at the Home and the need for pledges. Morris Kaplan President presented to Mr. Blumenthal a pledge of \$10,000 from the Agudas Israel Congregation and many of those attending also made pledges.

Charlotte Jewish Day School by Berta Straz

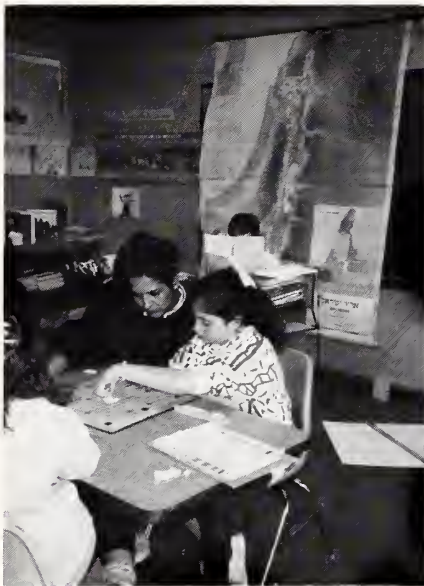
The students in grades 2-6 are entering a National Invention Contest sponsored by *Weekly Reader*. Teaching thinking skills and encouraging creativity are top priorities in the minds of many of today's educators. A highly motivational way to encourage growth in this area is to exercise these skills on a specific project like an invention contest.

The children are working in the classroom on various skills that will enable them to create and produce inventions of their own. Every child will gain recognition and special Participation Certificates. Winning entries will be displayed at the National Inventors Expo in Washington, D.C. in 1988.

The students will also be participating in the Mecklenburg County Science Fair which will be at UNCC on March 11-12.

Seminar for Preschool Parents

75 parents of preschoolers attended a seminar on child development led by Dr. Elaine Cigler at Shalom Park on November 4. Dr. Cigler, a social worker, has worked in the field of child development for 22 years both in the United States and South Africa. She has helped families deal with problems in discipline and positive growth through discipline. She was in private practice as well as associated with Jewish Day Schools both here and abroad.



Ziva London coaches Hilari Levine in Hebrew Scrabble.

Dr. Cigler spoke about effective ways of raising responsible children, ranging from the authoritarian approach to the permissive one. Another issue was how to handle hitting, screaming and punching. Alternative approaches were discussed. Children misbehave because it works. Children go through ages and stages and parents need to know what kind of behavior is appropriate and acceptable during each period of development.

After a question period, brunch was served. The seminar was hosted jointly by Charlotte Jewish Day School, Temple Israel Preschool and JCC's Mother's Morning Out.

Congregation Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

A Consecration Service honoring eight students beginning their studies in the Religious School was held November 13. The children are: Josh Alexander, Ivana George, Laura Lang, Toby Prosky, Heather Safferstone, Bryan Tobey, Jessica Tobey and Ashley Vandewart. Sisterhood had a Sabbath dinner prior to services. A special Oneg Shabbat followed services.

The next program of the Shabbat Friendship Circle will be held at the home of Pauline Moser on Saturday, December 12 at 10 a.m. The topic is a discussion of the book, *Who Wrote the Bible?* by Richard E. Friedman.

Rabbi Bluming participated in a panel discussion, "Dealing with Death and Dying" as part of a student Seminar Class at Mars Hill College.

Two topics among Jewish concerns for social action are being addressed by the congregation. Members are asked to volunteer to provide supper once a month for residents of Hospitality House, and to contribute needed supplies for "Helpmate," which operates a shelter for battered or abused women and their children.

The Consul General of Israel spoke at UNCA, November 22.

Congratulations to Kitty Boniske for receiving a cash award and honorable mention from *Women's Day* magazine for her work with Advocates for a Nuclear Arms Freeze, The Paring Project.

Mazel Tov to Dorothy Fligel and Joan Rocamora on being elected as officers in the St. Joseph Hospital Guild.

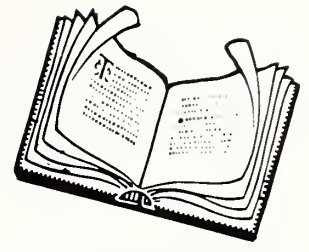


First and second graders are doing a unit on "Pets and Animals."





Book Reviews



Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

Jacob Epstein, *The Embattled Sculptor*

The crowning accomplishment of the 1987 summer-long celebration of London's Jewish East End was to me the Whitechapel Art Gallery's exhibition of Jacob Epstein's sculpture and drawings. The assembled pieces, many of them renowned, whether modelled or carved, confirm and reconfirm the Jewish sculptor's virtuosity, artistic power and vision. That his talent was recognized decades ago—1980 will mark the centenary of his birth—is hardly news. What sets this show off from any previous ones is the fact that now, nearly twenty years after Epstein's death, each of his works can be serenely contemplated, separated out from the storms of controversy, much of it blatantly anti-Semitic, that surged through his entire career. His battles with the bigots and the philistines are well over; his art endures.

Of course, Epstein invited much of the controversy. He took his burly, rough-hewn looks, his bohemian life-style, his flamboyant manners, and his Hester Street crudity into hostile territory, London's cultural establishment's preserves and he experienced at first hand that establishment's brutally snobbish disdain for foreigners, particularly Jews, and its contempt for artistic innovation. Settling there in 1905, after three years in Paris, where, even as an art student, he was described as "ce sauvage Americain," Epstein, already attracted to Indian, far Eastern, sub-Saharan and Mayan art, set out singlehandedly to modify and enlarge the European concept of beauty. That concept of beauty was

Graeco-Roman and Aryan; Epstein's intention was to universalize it. His enemies labeled it "Orientalism," meaning that it was Jewish and inferior. In the parlors and drawing-rooms of Mayfair and Kensington, Epstein was regarded as a kind of Genghis Khan, Attila the Hun barbarian come to mongrelize and enslave the flower of British womanhood and to undermine British civilization. To make matters worse, Epstein, from his earliest days seemed obsessed with sex, and this obsession was reflected in the explicit anatomical detail of his sculpture.

London responded to him with an early version of "No Sex Please, We're British" when the first of the series of larger than life sculptures for the exterior of the British Medical Association Building in the Strand were unveiled in 1907-08, visible to the public in the street below. It was the sculptor's first important commission. It provoked howls of outrage and indignation, angry editorials in the press, and questions in the House of Commons. British prudery enjoyed its fiercest hour. As farcical as it seems to us today, the controversy was no laughing matter, for three decades later in 1937, the still controversial statues were mutilated.

Over the course of Epstein's lifetime, he was involved in so much controversy that no less than three essays address the topic in the Exhibition Catalogue *JACOB EPSTEIN SCULPTURE AND DRAWING* (London: Whitechapel Art Gallery; £8.50), a thoroughly comprehensive and magnificently illustrated work which, in both text and plates, does justice handsomely to its subject. The essays are entitled "Epsteinism," the term used to describe the endless scurrility that dogged the sculp-

tor's life, "The Primitive Within: The Question of Race in Epstein's Career, 1917-1929," and "Isolation and Defiance, 1930-1943." His enemies trotted out every canard they could think of, charging on occasion that he was part of a Bolshevist conspiracy to destroy Christian civilization, and that he was a living example of the truth of the notorious Protocols of Zion. Ironically, at the same time it was castigating him, British society could not get to his door fast enough to have its collective busts modelled. Fortunately, there were enough fair-minded critics and people of influence who came to his defense.

With Epstein's battles over, and his place among the great sculptors of modern times assured, we are left today with the opportunity to reflect upon the art he created and to experience the insights it gives us into the manifold dimensions of the human spirit. Going from sculpture, to sculpture, one senses how the whole of it is incomparable and monumental in Epstein's capacity to capture and express a wide range of human rhythms and the massive energy which orchestrates them. The contrast, for example, in viewing together "Genesis" and the reproduction of "Rock Drill" (the original was destroyed), is overwhelming. While the former piece celebrates fecundity, fertility and everything that constitutes the generative impulse, the latter work sums up the technological dehumanization of our age, on a scale comparable to Picasso's "Guernica."

Simply by the accident of his choosing to live in England, Epstein brought British sculpture out of its latency, and he eased the way for the other greatest English sculptor of modern times, Henry Moore, who

was his protege. Perhaps more than any other western sculptor, Epstein made us aware of other forms of beauty than the western models, and he moved us toward an appreciation of the art forms of aboriginal cultures whose civilizations have in certain periods of ascendancy been more sophisticated than we routinely acknowledge. Most of all, in his flamboyant, defiant tenacity, and his never wavering belief in his own genius and power, he taught us to respect originality, however unfashionable or risky it may be.

London's Jewish East End has become a part of history. That famous gastronomic kosher shrine, Bloom's restaurant, must soon succumb to Tandoori cuisine. The Whitechapel Art Gallery, one hopes, will always be there. Yet, wherever an Epstein sculpture rests, a little bit of that turbulent, vital London Jewish history will live on.

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Thy Father's House

by Monique Raphael High
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In the tradition of her bestselling *The Four Winds of Heaven* and *The Keeper of the Walls*, Monique Raphael High tells the story of several generations of a European banking family in *Thy Father's House*.

The de Rochefleurs were a rich and powerful French Jewish family, and their chateau, La Folie, was the crown jewel in their empire. Its walls hid the dark story of a family torn by greed and desire. La Folie, which was to have been their home, instead became their obsession.

Left fatherless at an early age by the mysterious suicide of his father, young Charles Levy, heir to the de Rochefleur millions, learned at an early age how to fight for his patrimony against his greedy relatives. Determined to maintain his claim to La Folie, Charles makes a Faustian bargain with his uncle Alfred. He will marry Alfred's shy daughter, Anne, and guard the secret she is terrified to reveal; in return, La Folie will one day belong only to him. It is a choice that eventually brings tragedy and death.

As World War II engulfs Europe, Charles and Anne's handsome young son, Alexis, proves himself a hero of the Resistance just as his father's bargain bears bitter fruit. Returning home to La Folie, Alexis finds himself betrayed by the man who should be his strongest defender. Yet, the son possesses the courage the father lacked, and the bravery to fight to win the woman he loves.

Thy Father's House dramatically evokes an aristocratic world and the passions that rule beneath its privileged facade. With an understanding of human frailties and strengths, Monique High portrays situations that cause the baser human emotions of lust, greed, envy and desire for power to become all-consuming; at the same time, she reveals the man of principle, determined to

maintain loyalty, selflessness and honor. The family conflicts and passions, the range of human thoughts and action, and the well-developed story line make *Thy Father's House* a book well worth reading.

Monique Raphael High was brought up in Paris and Rome and now lives in Beverly Hills. She is married to a Russian psychiatrist, Grigori Riaport, and they have coauthored a book entitled *The Russian Edge*.

Muted Voices

Collected and edited by Gertrude Schneider
 Philosophical Library, Inc. 276 pp.
 \$24.95

Subtitled *Jewish Survivors of Latvia Remember*, *Muted Voices* is a collection of writings by some who do remember, including Gertrude Schneider herself.

Dr. Gertrude Schneider has assembled memoirs of a lost society in these first-person accounts of life in the Riga ghetto under Nazi occupation.

Here is a powerful collection of eyewitness reports written (in the editor's words) ". . .for one purpose: to tell the story of. . .destruction. . . To bear witness!" The twenty-one vignettes range from a recollection of the music and miracles in the ghetto to the assembling of weapons in the ghetto, to a detailed account of the help given by a local priest.

Gertrude Schneider is a leading authority on the Riga ghetto and the author of *Journey into Terror: The Story of the Riga Ghetto*. Dr. Schneider is the editor of the *Latvian Jewish Courier* and her articles have appeared in such publications as the *Jewish Press* and the *Daily Forward*. She appeared in the film *Shoah* and has been interviewed for a number of television programs including "60 Minutes."

Torah Today—A Renewed Encounter with Scripture

Pinchas H. Peli

B'nai B'rith Books 253 pp. \$19.95

Torah Today is a book to be read, then kept at hand for reading through the year the chapter which discusses each week's portion. This should be a best seller for years to come. Pinchas Peli speaks with remarkable clarity from his profound, scholarly background, in both logical and spiritual dimensions.

The author is well known internationally, having served in universities in the United States and Israel. He is an acclaimed theologian and lecturer because of his inspiring, unpretentious delivery, and he has gained the esteem of Christians and Jews alike. His close association with great thinkers and theologians, including Abraham Joshua Heschel and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, served to enrich his own thinking on contemporary issues, as well as Torah. At present he is Professor of Jewish Thought and Literature at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, Israel. He lives with his American born wife Penina in his native Jerusalem and together they founded the first Judaic retreat program in Israel. Penina is active in movements to improve the status of women in Israel.

In *Torah Today* Rabbi Peli has brought the ancient writings of the

Five Books of Moses into the light of today's world. The Biblical characters have become credibly human, removed from antiquity. The message of Torah speaks in timeless language to us. In cases where portions of the Torah seem obscure and difficult for modern minds to understand, the author offers interpretations of other scholars, enabling us to choose what appeals best to our reason.

He never presumes to contradict the sages of the past. Sometimes his emphasis is on the process of thought, or he expounds on an important thought in the portion.

In his preface to *Torah Today*, which is based on a weekly column under that title published in *The Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Peli modestly disclaims any intention to write another *Midrash*. He attributes his talents of insight and interpretation to the legacy of commentary and wisdom which we have inherited. Voicing his gratitude to our ancestors, he aims to assist us in studying the Torah, portion by portion, covering the entire Pentateuch in the course of the year.

"This weekly rendezvous is not a one-sided performance where the audience sits and listens passively and then goes home. . . The community, as well as each individual person within it, does not come to this weekly encounter with God's word empty-handed, awe-stricken

and speechless in the presence of the Almighty. The setting is not that of a mighty king issuing orders to his subjects in the form of a solemn royal edict, but rather that of a concerned and wise teacher whose pupils are expected to be ever alert, questioning, probing and debating every word and idea. It is precisely this encounter that turns God's word into *Torah*."

We are encouraged to increase our understanding by delving into other commentaries after reading each of Peli's essays.

It is impossible to consider the purpose of *Torah Today* without thinking about the Constitution of the United States, celebrating this year its bicentennial anniversary. Only 200 years have passed, hardly to be compared to 3,000 years of Torah's existence; yet volumes are written and countless interpretations offered without cessation. What did the Founding Fathers mean? Was their intention to establish laws for all the future years of the country, or were their words intentionally vague and broad enough to allow for accommodation to changing times?

Torah has been preserved as it was written, but which interpretations remain valid? Are new interpretations permissible? We need to learn what Torah can teach us today. *Torah Today* can help us to learn.

Estelle Hoffman



Sabbath afternoon discussion group led by Dr. Pinchas Peli who is seated at far left. This took place at District Five B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism at Wildacres in August 1987.

Photos by Bernie Cohen, Baltimore, Md.



Seated around the table in the Wildacres Dining Room are left to right: Florence Kravtin, Columbus, Ga.; Dr. A. J. Kravtin, National Chairman of Adult Jewish Education Commission of B'nai B'rith International; Florence Siegel and Abe Siegel of Columbus, Ga.; Dr. Michael Neiditch, Director for Adult Jewish Education of B'nai B'rith International; standing is Richard Melenson, co-chairman of District Five B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism.

Tradition in the Kitchen

This year Chanukah begins with the lighting of the first candle on Tuesday evening, December 15. The eighth day of Chanukah ends December 23.

Because of the great significance of oil in the history of Chanukah, it is customary to eat *latkes* (pancakes fried in oil) during this holiday.



Traditional Potato Latkes

3 lbs. Idaho potatoes
3 extra large eggs
1 teaspoon salt
grated onion, if desired

Grate potatoes by hand, preferably on a "safety grater." Lift off excess liquid and discard. Add other ingredients.

Fry pancakes in a generous amount of vegetable oil. Turn to brown second side.

Potato pancakes made this way do not become soggy. They may be kept warm in oven while others are frying. This recipe makes 24 large pancakes.

Serve with warm applesauce or fruit compote.

E.H.

Cooked Fruit Compote

4 apples
1/2 pound seedless grapes
1 can pitless sour cherries
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
water to cover fruit

Peel apples and cut into chunks. Add all the other ingredients. Cook for approximately 30-45 minutes over a low flame, stirring occasionally. Serve hot over latkes or cool in a bowl and refrigerate.

Cranberry-Apple Sauce

1 pound fresh cranberries
3 pounds Macintosh apples
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup water

Rinse off cranberries. Peel and slice apples. Add sugar and water, and cook on low flame until cranberry skins burst (30-45 minutes). Cool and then strain. Use as a relish, dessert or side dish.

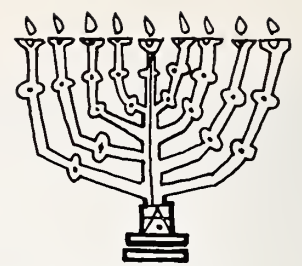
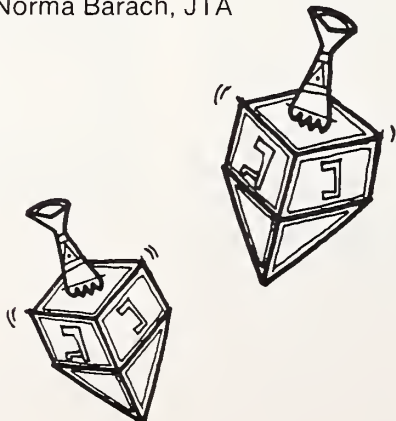
Fruit recipes are from Lubavitch Women's Organization *The Spice and Spirit of Kosher-Jewish Cooking*.

Beef-Mushroom Stew

2 lbs. chuck meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
flour
1 tsp. oil
1 stalk celery, cut into slices
1/2 green pepper, cut in thin strips
1 medium onion, sliced
1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms, whole
2/3 cup dry red wine
1 1/2 cups water
garlic powder
salt
pepper

Pur flour into a paper bag. Shake meat cubes in it until they are covered with flour. Brown meat and vegetables in oil in a teflon frying pan. Add wine, water, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Bake at 350 degrees until tender.

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A Hellenist Left Standing

by Bracha Druss Goetz

It was the twenty-fifth of December
And when she closes her eyes she remembers
Just how it was.

A Jewish girl from Queens
Had fulfilled her secret dreams
Decorating that bright, forbidden tree.
A Jewish girl from Queens
Had fulfilled her secret dreams
She helped hang tinsel merrily.

Her boyfriend's family
Was friendly as could be
They had fun watching her delight.
Her boyfriend's family
Was friendly as could be
By the fireplace they sang carols that night.

Then they piled into the car.
It wasn't very far.
Greetings called to those they'd pass.
Then they piled into the car.
It wasn't very far.
Each year the family went to Midnight Mass.

But there in a church pew
She didn't know what to do
As everyone else bent down to kneel.
But there in a church pew
She didn't know what to do
In those moments, was her future sealed?

Trembling, alone, she stood.
Still uncertain if she should.
What stopped her from kneeling in that place?
Trembling, alone, she stood.
Still uncertain if she should
The word "Jew" was stamped on her face.

The twenty-fifth makes her remember
Because it's Kislev—not December.
She almost fell, like Hellenists of old.
The twenty-fifth makes her remember
Because it's Kislev—not December
Once she, too, chose tinsel, not the gold.

So radiant—hidden away.
A golden light, still pure today.
Flashing bulbs can't come near its glow.
So radiant—hidden away.
A golden light still pure today.
Her Jewish home shines with a warmth they couldn't know.

For now ten years have passed.
It's a real Chanukah at last.
She's surrounded by her family—in Israel!
For now ten years have passed.
It's a real Chanukah at last.
Standing by lights, she thanks G-D, she didn't kneel.

Mrs. Goetz, a 1977 Harvard graduate, wrote this autobiographical poem from a settlement in the Judaeen Hills of Israel where she lives with her husband and five children. She is a professional writer.

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AVAILABLE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION:

OTC DRUG USE AND THE OLDER AMERICAN

by Teresa Jackson, R.Ph.

The aging of America has taken an upward swing over past years. People are living longer and more active lives. The stereotypical image of the debilitated, gray-haired, dependent senior citizen has given way to a more vigorous older American.

The older individual has become more health conscious, putting an emphasis on selfcare and fitness. They are taking advantage of modern technology to monitor cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose levels. They are giving up smoking and monitoring their weight in an effort to ensure good health.

With this emphasis toward preventive health care has come an increased demand for over the counter (OTC) products or products "available without a prescription." Consumers over the age of 65 spend over \$1.5 billion a year on OTC's including

analgesics, laxatives, antacids and nutritional products such as vitamins. At least 88.6% of all older Americans over 50 years of age use at least one of these products per month, with the average use being 4.5 products per month.



The use of these OTC products can be very beneficial, but also can be harmful if not used within certain guidelines. As with prescription medication, even OTC medication can have harmful side effects if not used appropriately.

In this series we will look at some of the more frequently used OTC products with an

emphasis being placed on problems and possible solutions associated with their use.

COMMONLY USED VITAMINS: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Vitamins In General

The elderly population uses nutritional supplements more often than younger age groups. Up to 70% of elderly women use vitamin and mineral supplements including but not limited to lecithin, choline, zinc, iron salts, multiple vitamins, selenium, and vitamins C, E, and D.

General problems: 1. Excessive use of vitamins places a strain on an already compromised income. 2. Some vitamin regimens may add to an existing complex medical regimen thus having a negative effect on compliance with prescribed pharmacological agents. 3. When daily dosage recommendations are greatly exceeded, toxicity may result. *(Continued on pg. 30)*



Mr. and Mrs. Moe Mandell (A-Wing) arrive at Annual Meeting.



Hugo and Helga Rosenberger (Charlotte) prepare for the NCAJM "Cadillac" Drawing.



Minnie Sutker (Charlotte) is a regular at Annual Meeting.

IN APPRECIATION FOR THIS ISSUE

Many thanks to the following who contributed in some way to this issue:

- Donnelle Vaughn
- Janet Sowers
- Bonnie Ayers
- LaQuietta Davis
- Wayne Silverman
- Sue Clein
- Catherine Smith
- Teresa Jackson
- Don Morris
- Ellen White

Other pictures of the Annual Meeting Weekend will appear in the Annual Report. Below: Marvin Zerden (Hickory) serves his plate at the Brunch. Later in the morning, he was elected to the Board.



"Octoberfest" was held a few days before the meeting. Here in the swing are Temple Emanuel pre-schoolers, Laura, Aaron, Stephanie, and Artie.



What's Developing?

Potpourri

Although the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS is currently a major focus of the Development Office, we are also concerned with other areas within the Home. "What's Developing?" will cover the Capital Campaign and other areas.

Life Membership

For the first time, the Home has produced and will be distributing gold Life Membership cards. These will be sent out after the first of the year. Life Memberships are available for \$1,800. A Membership Drive will be taking place in January. If you would like information prior to the Drive, contact the Development Office.

End-of-Tax-Year Appeal

Letters have gone out to many of our supporters from Howard Silverstein, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. These letters explain the advantages of making a donation before the end of 1987. If you desire to participate, please contact the Development Office.



The Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS

We are pleased to announce that the entire Board of Trustees of the Blumenthal Jewish Home has now pledged to the Capital Campaign. In addition, we have surpassed the \$2 million mark out of a total need of \$7 million.



Morris Zendels, B-Wing resident, with his son, Board member David Zendels at the Annual Meeting.

The Campaign has still not formally opened in some areas. We hope many of our supporters will become involved as 1988 progresses.

Campaign Events

Kick-Off, Fayetteville

A kick-off event was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Green in Fayetteville as we began our Campaign there. We hope many of our supporters in Fayetteville will join us in this effort.

Blumenthal Travels

Herman Blumenthal has recently traveled to a number of areas seeking assistance from our supporters. He has traveled to Lumberton, Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Wallace, Hickory, Hendersonville, and Fayetteville.

Raleigh Kick-Off

Some of our supporters in Raleigh attended a kick-off event at the North Ridge Country Club. State Senator Marshall Rauch was the guest speaker and talked about the development of

Jewish leadership in the State. We hope many of our supporters in Raleigh will join this effort as the Campaign progresses there.

Many individuals across the State are currently being touched by the activities of the Development Office. We are here to serve all of our supporters. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

For more information, please contact Wayne Silverman at (919) 766-3035.

Send your tax-deductible gift to: P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012

IN MEMORY

We regret reporting that the Reverend David Andrew McCleary passed away in October after a long illness. Reverend McCleary conducted Christian services and the weekly Friendship Circle at the Home, and participated in the interfaith Thanksgiving service for the past two years.

Residents and staff will miss his quiet but caring and jovial demeanor.

BJH RESIDENTS GARNER NINE RIBBONS AT 1987 DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR

We have a right to be proud! Once again, residents of the Home were the big ribbon winners at the Dixie Classic Fair. Nine ribbons were awarded to entries in the arts and crafts show. Congratulations to each and everyone whose creations were entered!

Following are the prize oil paintings:

First Prize:

Rose Halpern –
“At the Seashore”

Second Prize:

Janet Wechsler –
“New England Lighthouse”

Third Prize:

Henry Kern – “Old Homestead”

Fourth Prize:

Claire Steiner – “Snow Scene”

Fifth Prize:

Fay Moss – “Barnyard”

In other categories, Rose Halpern won four additional prizes:

Fourth Prize – Knit Sweater

Third Prize – Ceramic Duck

Fifth Prize – Trapunto Pillow

Third Prize – Bib Apron

(Maybe there should be a prize for the BIG PRIZE WINNER!)

“Doing us proud,” but not bringing home a ribbon this year, were the following entries:

Rose Spire’s ceramic ducks and candlewick pillow

Sara Blau’s yarn cat and yarn basket

Alice Fruh’s sock doll

Henry Kern’s ceramic Christmas tree

Bertha Marrus’ floral oil painting

Martha Mayer’s spring farm scene painting

Sol Hayes’ “Old Barn” painting

Anna Lefkowitz’ puffed owl toy.



Prize winning painters: Back row, L to R – Rose Halpern, Fay Moss, and Henry Kern. Front, L to R – Claire Steiner and Janet Wechsler.

DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

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| Dec. 4 | Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Lv 6:45 pm |
| Dec. 8 | Clemmons Sr. Citizens Lunch, Lv 9:45 am |
| Dec. 9 | Reynolda House Christmas Party, Lv 2:30 pm |
| Dec. 10 | Nutcracker Ballet, W-S; Lv 6:30 pm |
| Dec. 11 | Shopping Trip, Lv 9:30 am |
| Dec. 15-22 | CHANUKAH LIGHTS – Lighting at 4:45 pm daily |
| Dec. 17 | Beth David Synagogue (G'boro) Youth Group Visit, 5 pm |
| Dec. 18 | CHANUKAH Concert featuring “Vive Klezmer,” sponsored by the Brenner Series, 2:00 pm (L-R) |
| Dec. 21 | CHANUKAH Party with Temple Emanuel (W-S) Pre-School Children, 10:00 am (L-R) |
| Dec. 23 | Christmas Party, 2:30 pm (Aud.) |
| Dec. 24 | Moravian Lovefeast, 10:00 am (Aud.) |
| Dec. 31 | “Year End” and Birthday Party featuring “Marvin James & the Stardusters” Band (Sponsored by the Brenner Series, 2:30 pm (L-R)) |
| Jan. 1 | Temple Emanuel (W-S), Lv 6:45 pm |
| Jan. 12 | Clemmons Senior Citizens Lunch, Lv 9:45 am |
| Jan. 15 | Shopping Spree at Hanes Mall, Lv 9:30 am |

*** Family members and visitors are welcome to join us ***

“SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE ...” ... YES, IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN

– LaQuietta Davis

It’s the end of the year and with it comes the holiday season, bringing something for everyone at the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

CHANUKAH OBSERVANCE

Beginning at sundown, December 15th and continuing through the 23rd, Chanukah will be celebrated with the Menorah being lighted by residents and visitors from the Jewish community. Greensboro’s Beth David Synagogue youth group will present a program and light the Menorah on Thursday, Dec. 17th. A-Wing resident, Sigmund Meyer will present “The Story of Chanukah” to Temple Emanuel (W-S) pre-school children at the Chanukah party on the 21st. Having so many young people

visit makes our holiday celebration special and adds an extra delight to the festivities.

NON-JEWISH HOLIDAYS

No “Bah humbugs” to be heard this Christmas season. Non-Jewish residents are going to be busy as elves attending the Reynolda House Christmas party and the “Nutcracker Ballet” at the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem. Santa will make his “presents” known to the children of Stepping Stone Day Care at our Christmas party. On Christmas Eve, a Moravian “Lovefeast” and candlelight service will be held in the auditorium. Traditional Lovefeast buns and coffee will be served, and Moravian candles will be



Chanukah Past: The Androns light the first candle.

lighted at this special holiday observance.

FOR EVERYONE

Our grand finale will be a “Year End” party on New Year’s Eve. We’ll swing to the sounds of “Marvin James and the Stardusters” band. Family and friends are welcome to join us for any or all of our holiday fun. Please toast the New Year with us with a glass of sparkling bubbly and a chorus of “Auld Lang Syne.” HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Jane Rosenberg (G'boro) dolled up for the Halloween Party.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Ann Schwartz, Claire Page, Rebecca Holtzman, George Doughton, Samuel Cohen, and Anna Spendiff. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



First Prize “At the Seashore”



Fun-loving Sigmund Meyer. (Durham)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in December (*) and January.

11 YEARS

Margie Sheets, *LPN A-Wing*
Carolyn Bright, *Nsg. Asst. B-1*

10 YEARS

Jerome McCloud, *Orderly B-1**
Bonnie Ayers, *Dir. of Personnel**
Betty Gentry, *RN B-2*

9 YEARS

Sue Pierce, *Nsg. Asst. A-Wing*

8 YEARS

Martha Shinnault, *LPN B-1**

7 YEARS

Ruth Wharton, *Admissions Coor.**
Suzie White, *Accounting**

6 YEARS

Melvorine Holton, *Nsg. Asst. B-2**

5 YEARS

Peggy Winfrey, *RN B-2**
Jack Hardy, *Dietary*
Paulette Clark, *Nsg. Asst. B-2*

4 YEARS

LaQuietta Davis, *Dir. Resident Activ.**
Angela Moon, *LPN B-1**
Carol Wishon, *Nsg. Asst. B-2*

2 YEARS

Don Morris, *Exec. Vice Pres.**
Betty Speaks, *RN B-2 Unit Mgr./*
Asst. Dir. Nsg. SNF

1 YEAR

Brenda Freeman, *Laundry**
Ray Hull, *Housekeeping*
Cherrie Graves, *Nsg. Asst. B-2*



At Octoberfest, Sarah Cohen (Chapel Hill) receives a drawing and a hug from "Andrea" of Temple Emanuel Pre-School (W-S).

SUE'S NEWS

By Sue Clein

Will the real Darrell Mandelstamm please stand up?

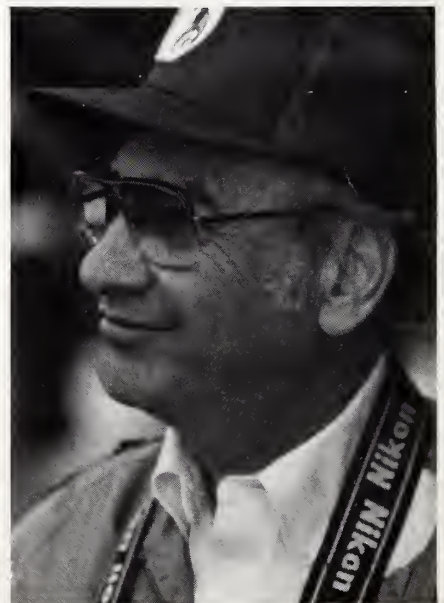
BJH is blessed with many caring volunteers, each sharing their own talent and individuality with our residents in their own special way. This month I'd like to pay special tribute to Darrell Mandelstamm, a true humanitarian, who gives before he is asked. If you have been to BJH recently, you have seen him.

When Darrell Mandelstamm joined our volunteer program last March, I believed that BJH was gaining one caring, personable volunteer who would brighten the day for the residents whom he visited. Little did I know we were to be blessed with so many Darrell Mandelstamms.

There is Darrell the discussion group leader, keeping us informed of current events; and Darrell the Men's Club organizer, building a sense of camaraderie for the male residents; and Darrell the chef, cooking hotdogs and hamburgers in the courtyard; and Darrell the shopper,

guiding residents through Hanes Mall; and Darrell the photographer and fisherman. Most of all there is Darrell the friend, being there when needed, lending a hand, cracking a joke, and sharing special times.

We are glad that you joined us, Darrell. You brighten the day for staff and residents alike, and we thank you.



Darrell Mandelstamm

HOT OFF THE PRESSES: BJH STAFF AND VOLUNTEER

Writing doesn't come easily to anyone, least of all to those who have published books. And the process from the idea to the bound copy fresh from the printers can take years. Gathering information, crafting it into readable form, and then going through the maze to get it published has been a challenge too heavy for many a would-be author.

That's why it's particularly pleasant to note that several persons close to the Home have been published this year.

Edna Blevins, MSW, Director of Social Services, collaborated with two former employees, Lauren Darnell, MSW, and Connie Bonebrake, MSW, on a guidebook entitled *The Nursing Home and You: Partners in Caring for a Relative with Alzheimer's Disease*.

Several years ago when working together in the Home, they recognized the need for a resource for family members who find themselves in a caregiving situation, often with their endurance tested to the limits. The authors set about writing a guide, understanding that each situation is unique, though similar.

The book offers valuable assistance for relatives of men and women with Alzheimer's. The insights presented are based on their experience as long term care providers who not only have cared for persons with Alzheimer's disease, but have also provided counseling and services for their families.

Addressing common concerns and questions, the topics include: loneliness and depression, working with nursing home staff, solving the lack of privacy problem, deciding about home visits, how often to visit and what to do, dating and companionship, dealing with behavior changes, financial and legal concerns, confidentiality in medical care, and recommended readings.

The guidebook will be available late this month through the American Assn. of Homes for

the Aging (AAHA Publications who have published it), at 1129 20th St. NW Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036. Phone is (202) 296-5960. Cost is \$5 per copy plus \$1.45 shipping/handling charge. Copies are also available at BJH through the Social Services Dept.

Jeff J. McMillan has been a volunteer at the Home for the past six years. Only last June he received an award for being an Outstanding Volunteer in 1986/87. During these years, he has led workshops in creative writing and poetry and led current events discussion groups. "Retired," Jeff is active in the community and continues to write as he has for many years.

Last February, he published *Was It Yesterday Or The Day Before?* It is a collection of reflections of memorable moments in the life of a person who has sought to learn from the adventure of living. His gleanings are offered sometimes as a philosophy of life and sometimes as a platter of possibilities from which to choose your own lessons for living, and are usually flavored with a drop of humor on the dry side.

As a carpenter of words, Jeff's craft is well-honed in the vignette about "Gramps," a retired carpenter whose life is completed by being needed. There are several entries pertaining to life and legends at the ball park, which baseball enthusiasts will enjoy.

Anyone wishing to purchase the book for holiday giving will find it in the Gift Shop. The Home receives 50¢ of the \$2.95 price.

— Ellen White

We are deeply grateful to the following who made donations during the months of September and October:

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May you have a long,
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Winston-Salem, N.C.

Louie Carter
Rural Hall, N.C.

Problems and Solutions

IRON

All iron products tend to irritate GI mucosa thus causing nausea, GI pain and diarrhea. Taking iron with food and/or decreasing the dose can help this problem. Enteric coated or sustained released iron offers no advantage in preventing this problem and is more expensive. These products actually decrease the overall iron absorption by delaying the time of release.

Also, iron has been known to cause constipation in some individuals, and therefore a stool softener may be indicated along with iron therapy. Darkened stools are often seen as a side effect of iron therapy. It is most often the result of unabsorbed iron being excreted.

Iron interacts with several drugs including antacids and tetracycline products. It decreases their absorption, thus reducing their therapeutic effectiveness. This problem can be overcome by spacing the doses of the iron and antacid (or tetracycline) at separate intervals.

Iron can be extremely toxic and has been the cause of accidental poisoning of children due to its "candylike" appearance. As few as 15 tablets of 300 mg ferrous sulfate can be lethal. This is just one example of the importance of keeping all OTC medication out of the reach of children (and/or grandchildren) in the same manner as you would prescription medication.

CALCIUM

Calcium supplements have grown in popularity in recent years due to the growing concern over the development of osteoporosis. The percent RDA of calcium for adults is 800 to 1200 mg.

Large quantities of calcium can be toxic. When excessive amounts are consumed as a dietary supplement (or through the use of antacids), high levels of calcium can build up in the urine and lead to the development of renal stones.

The most common types of calcium available are calcium carbonate, calcium gluconate, and calcium lactate. Calcium carbonate is the most often recommended because it provides more elemental calcium per given weight of calcium salt.

VITAMIN C (Ascorbic Acid)

The RDA of Ascorbic Acid is 45 mg per day with doses of 1 to 4 gm being used as preventive treatment for the common cold, although there is little evidence to prove that it is effective for that. Problems such as diarrhea, increased danger in developing urinary tract stones, and interference with the completion of normal pregnancy have been associated with large doses of ascorbic acid.

By causing the urine to become acidic, ascorbic acid causes some drugs to be retained in the body longer (i.e. methenamine compounds) and others to be excreted more rapidly (i.e. tricyclic antidepressants and amphetamines). Urine glucose tests used by diabetics are also affected by

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December

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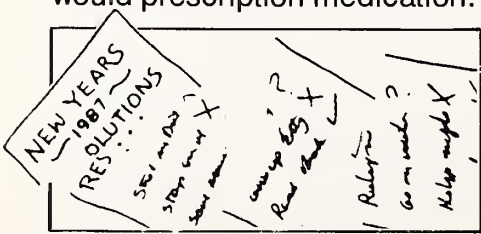
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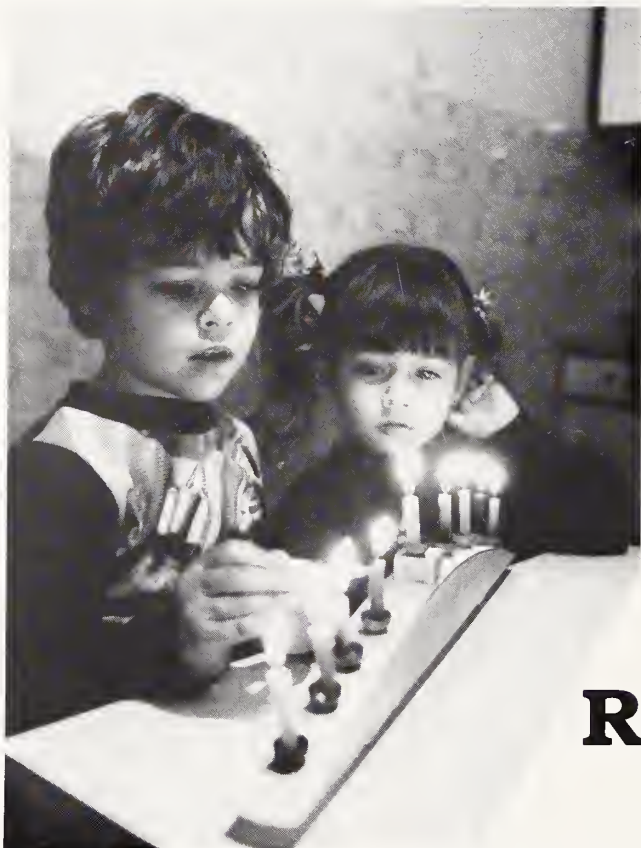
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Yes, says France, There Was a Holocaust

by Abraham H. Foxman and Robert B. Goldmann

The year 1987 witnessed setbacks for Holocaust revisionism—the attempt to deny that there were gas chambers and mass exterminations of Jews in World War II. And it was in France, where the pseudo historians who had propagated the revisionist thesis had done much of their work, where their ideas suffered their severest reverses.

The most recent blow for the revisionists was provoked by Jean-Marie Le Pen, presidential candidate of the extreme right Front National in the elections next spring.

On a radio program in mid-September, Le Pen—who had gone to much trouble to persuade Jews that he was not anti-Semitic and has been assiduously professing his support for the state of Israel—said something that has been the stuff of the front pages ever since. He said that the gas chambers were a mere “detail” of World War II, that he had never seen any, and that historians were still debating whether they existed.

The reaction of France’s politicians from left to right, of the media regardless of ideology, of young people, intellectuals, and old people who remember the war, has been a veritable storm.

Coupled with the response to the testimony, the defense arguments and the verdict of the trial of Klaus Barbie, the Nazi “butcher of Lyon,” in July, it is the story of a nation that is facing up to the forties—including some of the darker aspects of French policy and behavior in the Nazi years. France seems to be saying: let’s have the truth, and let our young people remember it.

To begin with, there are political consequences. The Le Pen remark, unmitigated by an unsuccessful attempt to “explain” it five days after he made it, is forcing the majority conservatives to draw a sharp line between their own coalition (headed by Prime Minister Jacques Chirac) and the *Front National*, and thus to cast the latter into a kind of “off limits” category.

The public reaction is creating unanimity among all mainstream parties that revisionism is unacceptable, and that candidates aspiring to national office will from now on have to declare it out of bounds in legitimate political discourse. Interior Minister Charles Pasqua of the RPR (Gaullist) party headed by Prime Minister Chirac, has suggested adoption of a law that would make the espousal of revisionism a crime, and the Front National’s own Pascal Arrighi, a National Assembly member from Corsica, has spoken out along the same lines.

But the issue far transcends politics. Television, the newspapers and weekly magazines have been full of discussion and articles explaining that revisionism has its roots in Nazism and represents an attempt to distort or falsify the meaning of World War II.

In fact, says historian Jean Marie-Rioux, it is not revisionism at all, but denial. Prof. Rioux wrote in *Le Mond* that to speak of revisionism and revisionist is to suggest that revisionism is an alternative historical school rather than a pro-Nazi propaganda mill. No, says Prof. Rioux, these people must be called what they are: “negateurs”, or deniers. . .people who, just as the Nazis tried to keep their genocide from the public, are denying the truth in our time.

Chances are that as the political campaign in France heats up with Le Pen playing a prominent role, the unmasking of revisionism will continue to be part of the public dialogue.

All these events came on top of the Barbie trial, where revisionism also reared its head. It was Jacques Verges, Klaus Barbie’s defense attorney, and his two assistants who attempted to downgrade the Holocaust with the argument that to throw people into the gas chambers was not different from killing people in a war. . .that it was no more of a crime to kill millions of defenseless Jews only because they were Jews, than it was to fight against Algerians, Vietnamese, Africans or Palestinians who were trying to rid themselves of foreign rule.

It was a more subtle and insidious kind of revisionism; it was an attempt to equate Hitler’s genocide with a war of independence.

The verdict in the Barbie case showed that neither judge or jury accepted the Verges defense. They said, in effect, that genocide is genocide, and war is war, and the two are as different as crime from tragedy.

It appears that in 1987, France turned a page, and by its response to the falsifiers of history, added a chapter of decency to a past that had been tainted by World War II. In the process, France has shown other nations which have tended to forget or forgive that, even more than 40 years later, a people can find within itself new resources of character and moral strength.

Mr. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Mr. Goldmann is director of the League's European Office in Paris.

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Letters to Editor

Following are excerpts from a letter addressed to Leonard Rogoff, author of "Beth El Synagogue in Durham Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary" which appeared in the November 1987 issue of the Times Outlook.

Your fine story brought back memories of the many years I lived in Durham...growing up in the Roxboro Street area. I do not recall a "new synagogue located at the heart of

the Jewish neighborhood on North Roxboro Street..." This might have been the one on Liberty Street.

The first full time Rabbi was not Rabbi Rabinowitz; it was the Rev. Shapiro, who was there many years and was the center of all Jewish "Halacha" on all Jewish occasions. He was succeeded by Rabbi Rabinowitz, who was probably the first step toward modern thinking. He was a highly respected and erudite leader; our neighbor and friend, and his daughter and I were contemporaries. Rabbi Williamofsky came after him; he performed my wedding ceremony in Oxford, where I was then living.

One more bit of history: the H. Brady family, who was one of the leading early families, deserves a place in history. Mr. Brady was one of the founders of the congregation, but another important item distinguishes this family, Mr. and Mrs. Brady were the parents of 7 children—4 boys and 3 girls. As far as anyone at that time knows, they were the only family who sent all seven children through college (Trinity, now Duke) and even to higher halls of learning; all of them distinguished themselves in professions or various educational careers, and all are devoted alumni of Duke University. Mrs. Brady was a Greenberg, a family that also carried distinction to a broader world. All left Durham after college to spread their wings further and Judge Greenberg made a name for himself in the world of law in New York. They deserve mention.

Incidentally, the story of Mr. Gladstein and the Duke cigarette machine was recorded in Foster FitzSimmons' book, *The Bright Leaf*, published in the 50's, and reported by me in a booklet.

Cordially,
Min Munich Klein

Mrs. Klein is the oldest daughter of the late Samuel Munich, a scholarly member of Beth El, Durham. She is the widow of Albert Klein of Greensboro. For many years she worked for this magazine when it was called The American Jewish Times and it was published by Harry Sable in Greensboro.

Leonard Rogoff's Reply to Mrs. Klein's Letter:

I would like to add some clarifying remarks to Mrs. Klein's letter. Unfortunately, not all those who contributed to the making of the Durham Jewish community were recognized in my original article.

The synagogue established on Liberty Street in 1905, a converted Christian church, helped draw Jews from Pine Street (now South Roxboro St.) to the North Roxboro neighborhood. The new synagogue was built on the corner of Queen and Holloway Streets in 1921.

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It Happened in Washington

Personal Reflections of the Rally Supporting Soviet Jews

by Phil Joffe
Charlotte, NC

We used to call it a "Happening"; a major event involving many and forgotten by few. December 6, 1987 Washington, DC was a "Happening" which I'll never forget and hopefully, neither will my two boys.

The impact of this day was first sensed when we rounded a corner and the grassy ellipse became visible. It was between us and the Washington Monument. There were a lot of people and a lot of signs, banners and posters. A lot of color and a lot of movement. By the time the march was to begin, the ellipse would be filled to overflowing but when we stepped onto the grass people were in loose groups across its expanse. Jewish music was performed live on a portable stage. An announcer was broadcasting lists of states and assigned staging areas. States. It just dawned on me that the announcer said states. It was as if it never occurred to me that this event was going to be so large as to coordinate people by states. Not by Temples. Not by communities but by whole states.

We ate lunch while standing around the 8 foot tall North Carolina sign; in staging area 4. Everytime I looked up there were more people. Well before the March began the compression was such that you couldn't hold your arms out and turn completely around without touching several people. The magnitude of this "Happening" was sinking in a little more.

It was awesome. So many people from so many places, all here at one time, all speaking with one voice in support of human rights. For many it was the first protest demonstra-



Soviet Jewry Rally held in front of Capitol, Dec. 6, 1987.

All photos by Phil Joffe.

tion since the late 1960's. These people were of all ages. They were as old as my dad and as young as my children. They were my age. Most were Jewish. Some were not. They had come together from all corners of the world: from Canada, South Africa, Hawaii, Israel, and they were here in Washington on this rectangular, grassy park all around me. Everybody was here to make the same statement by his physical presence. The time and effort and expense of each person underlined his intense belief in the rights of people, of all people, but focusing, on this day, on the Soviet Jews who have been unable to leave the Soviet Union to pursue lives of their choosing. To



Steven Haas holds North Carolina marker and Rabbi Robert A. Seigel, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Charlotte.

be free Jewish men and women. Just like us. Just like me. It was sinking in a little bit more—a very emotionally moving experience realizing that so many people share a belief with an intensity similar to our own.

Strength in numbers? I guess so. But it was the personification of the numbers which really struck home.

Then the march began and several dozen people wearing the same light blue baseball caps merged onto the street along side of us. They were from Cumberland County, New Jersey and their hats had printed on the front "Free Joffe!" Something about seeing my name struck a deep chord. I don't think that there's any

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North Carolina's Jewish Mayors

by Estelle Hoffman

The Jewish population in North Carolina is very small; nevertheless, we have three Jewish mayors. (If there are any more, please let us know.) It is good to have members of our Jewish community interested and active in government, and we are pleased they have been chosen for public office.



Melvin L. Cohen

Melvin L. Cohen was born in Morganton in 1942. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with an A.B. in Political Science, he also studied history and sociology and retains his interest in those subjects. He and his wife Brenda have three children. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1964 and 1965.

When Melvin Cohen was 41, he was chosen Morganton's *Man of the Year*, the youngest to have gained that honor. In 1986 he was elected Mayor.

Although he has worked hard in the business world through the years, he finds time for involvement in community affairs. His activities are too numerous to list, but perhaps his administration of a successful revitalization program for the business district is most noteworthy. He inherited his business acumen from parents and grandparents who were in business in Morganton.

Besides his leadership in the business community, he has been active in Rotary Club, Lions Club and a Crimestoppers program for Burke County. He was an outstanding chair-

man for Oasis Temple Shrine and president of Burke County Shrine Club. He has been a board member of the Hickory Jewish Center and of the Citizens Advisory Committee. He stimulated the life of people of Morganton with formulation of historic festivals, carnivals and events to benefit young and old. Mel Cohen was unopposed in his bid for reelection this year.



Don Michalove

Don Michalove of Hendersonville is also serving his second term as Mayor. He attended public school in Hendersonville, then the University of Miami Business School. He has been in the retail furniture business for 20 years. He served for four years on the City Council before running for the office of Mayor in 1982.

He attended the Institute of Government School for Mayors at UNC-Chapel Hill. He and his wife Eleanor have three daughters.

He has held office in Land-of-Sky Council, the local board of 1st Southern Savings & Loan, Jaycees and Elks Lodge. He has been affiliated with National Association of Regional Councils Environment and Energy Commission, NC League of Municipalities (Community & Economic Development Policy Committee), Salvation Army, Lions Club and Sertoma Club.

The Michalove family has been in Hendersonville since 1927. They are members of Agudas Israel Congregation.



David F. Weinstein

David F. Weinstein was installed in office as Mayor of Lumberton on December 7, 1987. Married for 27 years, David and Karen Weinstein have two children. The Weinstein family has lived in Lumberton since 1897, engaged in the retail clothing business and is well known and esteemed throughout North Carolina.

The new Mayor graduated from Lumberton High School as class president and was voted *Best All Around Senior*. He graduated from N.C. State University in 1958, having attained notable achievements and awards. After attending the Alabama School of Business, he served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, earning the rank of Captain.

Since 1960 David Weinstein has been president of A. Weinstein & Sons Inc. and secretary-treasurer of The National Co. Inc., and has been a member of several partnerships. He has served as vice-president of the Jaycees, president of Temple Beth-El and is active in the Chamber of Commerce, Masonic and Shrine Lodges, Robeson County Committee of 100, Lumberton High Boosters Club, Lake Waccamaw Home for Boys and is on the local board of First Union National Bank.

These three Mayors are a credit to all of us, and we hope their terms of office will prove rewarding to them and to the people who elected them.

Having Roots

Part Two

by Marvin Zerdin
Hickory, NC

Louis E. Zerden Extends Legacy to His Children

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Zerden: Glenn, Gwendolyn (Gwen), Marvin, Doris, Esther and Howard. They all took an apprenticeship in the family store located on Union Square. During World War II, Gwen with assistance from the younger three children, returned from Baltimore to help her parents out when Glenn and Marvin were called into service.

Lt. Glenn Zerden became the second Hickory youth to give his life for his country in World War II. His ship, the *Dorchester*, was torpedoed by a German submarine while on its way to Greenland. This was the ship that contained the Four Chaplains.

The present Zerden's store, extensively remodeled and enlarged, contains over 6,000 square feet of floor space. It is on the same site that Mr. Zerden originally chose to start out in Hickory. In 1921, Mr. Zerden purchased the property from the Squire Killian estate. Marvin Zerden is presi-

dent and manages the store assisted by his sisters, Gwen Datnoff and Esther Green.

Gwen married Philip Datnoff who was associated with Zerden's until his retirement in 1983. He was a Yankee who became a Southerner. Doris married a fellow merchant, Hyman Kramer of Whiteville, NC. Esther married and changed her name to Green. Marvin married Elaine Solomon of Winston-Salem, NC. Howard is the only single one.

Howard started Colony Casuals in 1960, venturing away from the family nest into the punishing competition of selling fashionable clothing. Howard has shown that the free enterprise system of unrestricted choice by customers in the marketplace offers just as tremendous a challenge to a young man of today with a lot of talent and gumption as it did to Ben Franklin or Marshall Field. Howard has created one of the most attractive corners of any business block in the South.

Zerden's celebrated its 79th anniversary this past September. September is an important month for the Zerdens. Louis E. Zerden established Zerden's in September 1908. He married Sadye Bloom September 14, 1917; son Glenn Zerden was

born September 1, 1918; great granddaughter Jessica Arin Zerden was born September 1, 1976; son Howard G. Zerden was born September 2, 1932; grandson Gary Kramer was born September 14, 1951; great grandson Joseph M. Garrick was born September 17, 1985; grandson Robert R. Zerden was born September 19, 1957; Glenn and Rochelle Datnoff were married September 3, 1978.

Zerden's is now remodeling its Men's Department which will increase its size by 50 percent.

Gwen has two sons, Marvin has two sons and one daughter, Esther has two sons and one daughter, and Doris has two sons and one daughter. There are eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Lizabeth and Al Garrick are now associated with Zerden's. Al works in the Men's Department and Lizabeth in the Ladies' Department. Elaine Zerden is the office manager, so the family tradition continues.

A Hickory oldtimer says that in the store's early days it featured wrapping paper with the picture of a cowboy and the saying, "Get out of my way 'cause I'm bound for Zerden's." It was one of the first things he learned to read, he says.



The Zerden Family in 1937. Standing left to right: Glenn, 18; Gwendolyn, 16; Marvin, 14; Doris, 12. Seated left to right: Esther, 9; Howard, 4; Louis E. and Sadye B. Zerden.

Lt. Glenn Zerden in 1942. He was killed aboard transport ship *Dorchester* which was torpedoed and sank in February 1943.



In Memory of
Steven Nathaniel Guld

August 19, 1966—

September 10, 1987

My brother, Steven, would have been a senior this year at UNC. He loved his college life, and he lived it with a passion! He studied hard enough to make the B's, but not at the expense of missing a party.

Steven had more close friends than anybody I have ever known. He had a way of making each one feel that they were his best friend; and each friend was in a different way. Steven seemed to find the best in people by bringing out the best in people. He always made those around him feel special, because he was special.

Steven loved his music! From The Who to R.E.M. to Diana Ross to A Chorus Line, Steven would know all the words to every song, and he had the moves to match. The word shy was not in his vocabulary. He would put on a theatrical vocal performance to anyone, anytime, and anywhere. For a white Jewish kid, his body had the most soulful of moves.

In the nine months since January of this year, each of Steven's days were a series of health challenges, beginning with a diagnosis of cancer. He maintained his positive attitude through the months of chemotherapy that caused extreme fatigue, nausea and total hair loss. After beating cancer, Steven returned to summer school for a month. Then he found he was stricken with a viral heart condition, which was caused by the intense chemotherapy. From that point on, his health deteriorated, but his will to live never stopped.

From cancer to his fatal heart condition, Steven went through more physically, than anyone could ever imagine. Yet emotionally, he accepted everyday as it was, regardless of what the challenges were that he had to face. It was never the "macho" bravery as much as a matter-of-fact acceptance of what he had to do.

Steven's inner strength was amazing! Only through sheer determina-



Michael, Steven, Carole and Howard Guld, August 16, 1987.



Nothing would keep Steven from dancing at my wedding!

August 16, 1987.

tion was he able to be my "Best Man" in my wedding. Though practically bedridden during the weeks before, Steven would not miss dancing to many of the songs. It was just three short weeks later that he died.

Steven loved life, loved his family and loved his friends. Those who knew him will agree that Steven lived, loved and was loved more in his 21 years than many people experience

in a lifetime. Even in the end, Steven was always able to share a smile, never losing his spirit or his dignity. He is an inspiration for us all!

**In memory of my brother Steven—
He was my best man in my wedding
and my best man in life. I love you
and I'll miss you.**

*Michael W. Guld
October 5, 1987*

Kibbitzing—Community News

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)

by Lenora Stein

CAJE, in cooperation with Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple Israel, the Consolidated High School in Charlotte, and Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, will sponsor a very exciting educational event on February 27 and 28 in Charlotte. Aley Sheer, a Jewish youth worker and musician from Florida, creator of a unique Jewish educational program entitled "ROCK 'N ROLL 'N RELIGION: THE MISSING LINK" will be our special guest for the weekend. He will be bringing his multimedia presentations for two sessions with Jewish youth from all over the Carolinas. In addition, he will be conducting a CAJE teacher's workshop on Sunday afternoon. Aley's presentation is "state-of-the-art" in Jewish educational programming right now. We hope to have an excellent turnout for this special event. There will also be a mini CAJE "Teacher's Center" at the workshop for hands-on time for attendees, with the latest materials from the CAJE Resource Center. Many schools are rearranging schedules to enable as many teachers and youth as possible to attend.

For further information about the workshop, membership or any other CAJE project, contact us at 704-366-1948, or write, CAJE, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

We are pleased to announce that CAJE has 30 affiliated schools, congregations and individuals who have joined our pioneering Jewish educational agency for 1987-88. The list to date includes: Asheville: Beth Israel; Cary: Jewish Community Center; Charleston, SC: Synagogue Emanu-El; Charlotte: Charlotte Jewish Day School, Lubavitch of NC, Rabbi Marc Wilson, Ms. Patti Winters, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple

Israel, Temple Israel Preschool; Columbia, SC: Tree of Life Congregation; Durham: Beth-El Synagogue, Judea Reform Congregation; Fayetteville: Beth Israel; Gastonia: Temple Emanuel; Greensboro: Beth David, B'nai Shalom Day School, Temple Emanuel; Hickory: Hickory Jewish Center; High Point: B'nai Israel; Los Angeles, CA: Ms. Elizabeth Abramowitz; Martinsville, VA: Ohev Zion; Myrtle Beach, SC: Ms. Tobey Silber; Oklahoma City, OK: Temple B'nai Israel; Princeton, WV: Stanley R. Nelson; Raleigh: Beth Meyer, Temple Beth Or, Hillel School; Winston-Salem: Beth Jacob, Temple Emanuel.

In other news: CAJE has become the local distributor for "Shalom Sesame" videotapes. "Shalom Sesame" is the Israeli version of the "Sesame Street" program, produced by the Children's Television Workshop. There are 5 videotapes available now, appropriate for young children. CAJE can offer these to you at significant savings over retail, a savings of over \$30 for the complete set. Contact us to place your pre-paid order. (CAJE members: a set of the "Shalom Sesame" tapes is available to borrow, from the CAJE Resource Center.)

CAJE Resource Center materials are circulating all over the Carolinas—we do keep the mail service busy! Remember, CAJE delivers!

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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, NC

by Patti Winters

Our Temple Board meetings are starting earlier, at 7:30 p.m. The first half hour of the meeting is used to study classic Jewish text with Rabbi Seigel, allowing members not only to grow in leadership ability but also to grow Jewishly as they explore religious heritage together.

Adult Education Sunday Night Sessions on Contemporary Issues had two pot luck dinners in December followed by dialogue with guest. Rabbi Yossi Groner spoke about Lubavitch one evening; another session was with Rabbi Seigel on "God Talk," a discussion of our personal feelings about God.

The December Sisterhood MOM award (Member of the Month) was once again a dual award. One to Grace Levitt and Betty Nagle for their years of work preparing the Break-the-Fast, and one to Peggie Rovman, President of Fund Raising, for her extensive work coordinating and implementing the Sisterhood Food Raffle.

We welcome new members: Jack M. Levinson; Ken and Janet Taff; Rosalind P. Taranto; Richard and Carea Kalnick; and Dr. Gary and Janie Levinson and their families.

There were happy Hanukkah activities for everyone! The Social Club held a Dairy Delight dinner with potato latkes made at the Temple by club members and volunteers; entertainment by the Klezmer group completed the affair.

The Hanukkah family dinner and service were held the 18th, and the next afternoon a very special children's Hanukkah party with dreidels, Hanukkah gelt and surprises in the festivities.

Jeffrey Frankel was a Bar Mitzvah December 26, Rabbi Seigel held his yearly College Student Brunch during the holidays.

The sanctuary seems to be "growing smaller"—at a recent family night we were 20 seats short! As activities and membership increase our current facilities are "bursting at the seams"! We hope to break ground for the new Temple in the spring.

Since Rabbi Seigel implemented the expanded adult education programs, the classes continue to increase in numbers. In his on going "Basic—and Not So Basic—Judiasm" on Thursdays there are over 30 students. The adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class on Wednesdays has over 12, Torah Study on Saturday averages 30, and the Sunday night discussions sessions on contemporary issues have seen over 300 in attendance.

The Charlotte Observer recently announced that our proposed Temple was one of several selected as a Charlotte Building Winner, judged on what makes good architecture in Charlotte.

The Temple Beth El V'Shalom Youth group, according to Steve Glickauf, will again run an aid station during *The Observer* Marathon.

B'nai Israel Congregation Wilmington, NC

On December 4 the Shabbat Service was dedicated to Soviet Jewry, in recognition of the demonstrations of American Jews to be held in Washington, DC on that weekend.

A Chanukah dinner was held by the congregation on December 16. The Religious School held its consecration Service for the Aleph Class on December 18.

Sisterhood's president for 1987-88 is Roslyn Lasar. Vice-presidents are Betty Rothman, Roselle Margolis, Judy Hamelburg; recording secretary is Gayle Ginsberg; treasurer, Blanche Blaustein; Corresponding Secretary is Jackie Neuwirth.

Mazel Tov to Mark and Arlene Alper on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jeremy; to Mrs. Ann Finkelstein on the marriage of her son David to Sharna Ilene Rozin; to Kevin and

Linda Killian on the birth of their daughter.



Mrs. David Nathan Finkelstein

Finkelstein-Rozin Wedding Oklahoma City

On October 18, David Nathan Finkelstein and Sharna Ilene Rozin were united in marriage at Emanuel Synagogue in Oklahoma City. Officiating was Rabbi Charles Sharman. The reception was held at the Waterford Hotel, Oklahoma City.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Rozin of Oklahoma City. The groom is the son of Mrs. Ann Finkelstein and the late Milton Finkelstein of Wilmington.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Janiece Solomon of Temple, Texas. Best man was brother-in-law of the groom, Robert Hamelburg of Wilmington. Others in the wedding party included Judy Hamelburg, sister of the groom, Wilmington; Suzi Malone, Kim and Kalyn Weir, all of Oklahoma City; and Messrs. Neil Moskowitz, Atlanta; Mitchell Rozin, Oklahoma City; Randy Rozin, Norman, Oklahoma; Dr. Spencer Rozin, Durham, NC; Ronald Bergen, Raleigh, NC, and Howard Bergen, Boston, MA. Flower girls were nieces of the bride and groom, Mindee Hamelburg and Ilene Solomon. Ring bearer was Noah Gottchalk, Ossining, NY.

The bride graduated from the University of Texas where she was a member of Phi Beta Chi and Golden Key. She is currently employed by the Tropicana Products, Inc. as a data processor. The groom has accounting and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a member of the Texas and Florida Bar Associations and North Carolina Certified Public Accounting Association. He is presently associated with the law firm of Holland and Knight in Bradenton, Florida.

After a honeymoon in New England, the couple will reside in Bradenton.

Congregation Beth David Greensboro, NC

The Congregation held a community dinner on December 9. Rabbi Steven Saltzman, religious leader of Congregation Beth David, spoke on *Business Ethics in Jewish Law* on December 20 at the home of Jerry and Linda Shapiro for a Business Ethics Course which is open to the entire community.

Mazel Tov to Bernard and Lesley Rosinsky on the birth of their son Aaron Jacob; to Ruth and Morry Jacobs on the birth of their first grandchild Marc Jeffrey Cohen, born to Barbara and Ken Cohen; to Mrs. Wilbert Schman on the birth of her granddaughter Stephanie Wynn, daughter of Renee and Alan Levine; to Susan and Sid Sutker on the marriage of their daughter Sherri to Alan Breslow; to Barbara and Charles Myers on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rochelle; to Stephanie and Peter Zimmerman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joel; to Elayne Feig on the Bar Mitzvah of her son Howie.

Condolences to Terry Smith on the passing of her father; to Jan Homer for the loss of her father; to Anita Hyman for the loss of her grandfather.

Men's Club and Sisterhood are planning Mystery Night for January 23. Please mark your calendars.

Temple of Israel Greenville, SC

by Lorraine Hughes

November 22 we had our Sisterhood meeting. After a delicious brunch, we heard Sue Aaron, our Sisterhood president, and Dorothy Gold, the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods district president, tell us about their experiences while attending the Union of American Hebrew Congregations convention in Chicago where they celebrated the 75th anniversary of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. They shared with us many interesting stories and new ideas.

Sisterhood sponsored the annual Latke Party for Chanukah which was held at the Temple for the entire congregation.

A happy, healthy New Year to all.

Beth Israel Synagogue Greenville, SC

by Florence Rosenberg

Richard and Beth Zepel gave their baby daughter Lindsay Jena her Hebrew name at Beth Israel Synagogue services, December 4. Her big sister Tara proudly joined the celebration at the Oneg Shabbat following services.

Barbara and Sol Shimlock announce the engagement of their daughter Beth to Peter Cokin. Beth is a Gynecologist in private practice in New York City and is on the staff of Beth Israel Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital. Peter is an industrial realtor from Secaucus, New Jersey. A February wedding is being planned in New Jersey.

The second Yiddish Vinkl was held at the home of Sue and Dan Shager on December 13.

Mazel Tov to Esther Ginsberg who celebrated her 75th birthday on December 7. Her daughter Loretta Harrison honored Esther with a donation of 40 new Prayer Books to Beth Israel Synagogue, which were used for the first time on December 4.

The Kindergarten class of Beth Israel Religious School was consecrated during Hanukkah services on December 18. School Superintendent Marty Shapiro and their teacher Linda Levy are very proud of the class, consisting of: Jennifer Epstein, daughter of Steven and Lillian Epstein; Bradley Gleich, son of Harry and Cheryl Gleich; Talya Greenspoon, daughter of Leonard and Ellie Greenspoon; Abbie Rickoff, daughter of Mike and Jamie Rickoff; Nicole Rozelman, daughter of Bryan and Sandra Rozelman; Rachel Silberman, daughter of Martin and Marcia Silberman; Rachel Zander, daughter of Richard and Berry Zander. An Oneg Shabbat following services was hosted by the parents of the class.

The Jewish Community New Year's Eve Party was held at Beth Israel Synagogue. Temple of Israel and Beth Israel committee members planned the gala, fun-filled evening.

B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, NC

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women has once again won the Sidney G. Kusworm Award given annually to the one chapter nationally with the best overall community volunteer services program. This is the third consecutive year, and the fifth altogether, that the Charlotte Chapter has won the Kusworm Award.

Recognition was given to Charlotte Chapter which provided special meals and gifts at least a dozen times for battered children. The women gave birthday cakes to emotionally disturbed youngsters, sponsored eye examinations for pre-school students and conducted a mental health information fair for children. Among their numerous other projects, the chapter's members conducted seders for college students and luncheons for senior citizens. They also worked as volunteers in hospitals, charities and jails on Christmas as a means of allowing professional employees of those sites to enjoy their holiday with their families. During the year, the members collected eyeglass frames for use by the needy and raised food for the poor.

Many of the above activities are ongoing. In addition to those listed, the Chapter has continued to maintain the Sick Loan Chest which provides needed equipment for short term use. No charge is made for borrowing wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc. Materials are stored at Shalom Park. BBW also provides some meals for Rachel House, Temple Israel's Shelter for Women and Children, and Halloween parties for children in hospitals.

The November meeting featured Dr. Helen Fraser, a pathologist, who gave a slide presentation and lecture on breast cancer and methods of detection.

Successful fundraisers this fall included the calendar that is sent to 1700 families, and two booths for holiday gift wrap at Eastland Mall.

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HaLailah BBW Charlotte, NC

by Lisa Pharr

Once again HaLailah brought Chanukah to 27 shut-ins, needy and elderly members of our community. Penny Eisenberg and her committee filled baskets with potatoes, oil, applesauce, menorahs, candles and gifts. The decorated baskets were delivered with the help of Jewish Family Services.

On February 21 HaLailah and Charlotte's Federation Task Force will co-sponsor a project on the handicapped. The program which is targeted for both adults and children in the Jewish community will be presented by The Center for Independent Living. It will feature a puppet show for the children. The adults will participate in a planned program/discussion. Lunch will be served by HaLailah members following this program. HaLailah extends an invitation to join us for this informative program.

HaLailah will host a program on genetics March 1 at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The film "Healthier Babies, The Genetic Era" will be shown. A discussion will follow led by Lisa Amacher, a genetic counselor at Memorial Hospital. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Older Adult Luncheon, a luncheon for the Senior members of our community, will be held on March 13. HaLailah's membership will prepare and serve a delicious lunch. Following the meal, members of the BBYO will entertain our Older Adults with some home-grown talent. It promises to be a fun afternoon.



Fran Lyons, membership v.p.; Rabbi Robert Seigel; Margie Rolnick, education v.p. at Temple Kahal Kodesh Beth Elohim, Charleston.

Hadassah in Charlotte

by Margie Rolnick

38 Hadassah members traveled to Charleston recently. Our tour guide, Charlotte's Rabbi Robert Seigel, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, shared the history of Jewish Charleston with us as we cruised through the historic district. Rabbi Seigel, a Charleston native, made us feel as if we were entering his home. Everywhere we went, be it Temple Kahal Kodesh Beth Elohim, The Coming Street Hebrew Cemetery or Beth Elohim's Archives Museum, Rabbi Seigel's personal friends were there to greet us. Among them was Sammy Jacobs, past president of Temple Beth Elohim, who shared with us the fascinating stories of Charleston Jewish natives dating back to pre-Revolutionary times, bringing the Temple's history alive as we walked through the Hebrew Cemetery together.

We thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon, including a luncheon at the famous Mills House Hotel and visits to the Battery, Meeting Street and the Old Slave Market. A high point was a tour of Grace Episcopal Church, where we were warmly greeted by Tommy Thornhill, a past Warden of the church, who shared with us the history of the church's stained-glass windows, highlighting the beautiful "Women's Window" depicting Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold. The memorable day was filled with friendship, laughter and the sharing of knowledge.

Join us for the next Hadassah Educational program with Jerry Ingalls, Associate Professor of Geography at UNCC, as we probe into the explosive issue, "West Bank: Palestinian or Israeli?" It will take place at the home of Lori Wojnowich, Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call Margie Rolnick at 366-6673.

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Temple Israel
Charlotte, NC
by Estelle Hoffman

Temple Israel Couples Club started 1988 with a gala weekend at the new Radisson Hotel at Myrtle Beach.

The Young Couples Discussion Group hosted 26 couples on December 6 to talk about a number of topics including *The Jewish Baby Boomers* and *Raising a Jewish Child during the Christmas Season*. Beginning in January the Young Couples will break into a number of small groups, who will meet in each others' homes. Couples have been meeting with Rabbi Marc Wilson, and he may be contacted for information, or phone Wendy Kweskin of Young Couples Club for information.

Temple Israel Adult Education will present Dr. Harry Chernotsky on January 29 after Friday night services in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall. His topic will be *U.S. Policy in the Middle East*. On February 26 there will be a panel discussion on *Medical Mir-*

acles: Are They Contrary to Judaism or the Law? The panelists will be Rabbi Israel Gerber, Dr. David Citron and Steven Hockfield with Evelyn Berger as moderator. This program will also follow Friday night services.

Arthur Kurzweil, renowned Jewish genealogist, was the I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence, January 15-16. He spoke on "From Generation to Generation—How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History" and "Jewish Family History as a Spiritual Pilgrimage." The weekend events included a Shabbaton Dinner Friday evening and a "People Power" Shabbat morning service which was conducted entirely by laypeople of the congregation. Mr. Kurzweil gave the D'var Torah. Workshops Saturday afternoon involved families in sharing their own histories.

Mazel Tov to Lisa and Robert Ett, whose daughter Dina Rachel celebrated her Bat Mitzvah December 5; to Marcy and Larry Dunn on the birth of their grandson Justin Evans Dunn, born December 1 to Nancy and Steven Dunn; to Ruth and Alan Goldberg on the marriage of their son Michael to Emily Sellers in San Francisco, November 21; to Faye and Bert Fleishman on the birth of their granddaughter Rachel Meredith Boyette, daughter of Beth and Richard Boyette.

Deepest condolences to Milton Tager on the loss of his mother Jean Tager; to Minnie Sutker on the passing of her sister Ida Stadiem; to Esther Gold on the loss of her father Mathias Naphtali; to Martha Brenner on the passing of her father Jesse Funt.

Dr. Jared Schwartz, recently installed as president of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society, received the 1987 Herbert Lansky Memorial Award from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and College of American Pathologists.

Mazel Tov to Charlene and Richard Müller on the engagement of their son Avram to Jerri Page.

Temple of Israel
Wilmington, NC
by Ira Kersh

Friday night services were eventful in November. At one of them, a plaque was installed in the Main Sanctuary honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greene, Mr. Walter Panco and Dr. and Mrs. Al Roseman. They were the chief means of the Temple's finally being able to become air conditioned and have a general overhaul of the heating system. We all appreciate the comfortable environment.

Our Temple president, Dr. Murray Seidel, was presented with the Shofar Award for outstanding work with his Sea Scouts. Dr. Robert McBane and a representative of the Boy Scouts of America made the presentation from the pulpit. Dr. Seidel not only is a sailor of note, but also works with youngsters in the Sea Scouts to make them aware of safety at sea.

Always looking to make our Friday night services more meaningful, Rabbi Gordon invited Mr. Jay Kapner to bring along his guitar and lead the congregation in the singing of traditional Hebrew songs. This is to become a regular part of the service the first Friday of each month.

The Bar Mitzvah of James Bache was the highlight of the service on November 27. Mazel Tov to James and his family.

The Sunday School gang of "scholars" wrote a play with appropriate songs that was presented for Chanukah. Dreidels were spun and latkes were eaten along with lots of good cheer for the holiday.

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Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate,
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Matt Collins
4th grade

Look at the flickering Menorah
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Sara B. Seiferheld
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Menorah
Shiny, Gold
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Maccabees
Strong, Fighters
Save people, Helpful
Good, Happy, Free, Strong
Soldiers

Josh Davidson
2nd grade

Latkes
Juicy, Good
Cooking, Frying, Eating
Good, Happy, Hungry, Yummy
Latkes

Amy Cohen
1st grade

Hanukkah
Happy, Fun
Giving gifts, playing
Exciting, Nice, Happy, Great
Hanukkah

Adee Telem
1st grade

On Hanukkah, we play with dreidels
Eat latkes, which are like
fried potatoes.
We light the Menorah,
Sometimes dance the hora,
Also eat gelt, chocolate money,
Because it's sweet like honey.

Hilari Levine
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Light the Menorah,
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Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Preschool

As part of an ongoing program to teach children about safety and awareness, the Lubavitch preschoolers have been busy this past month learning all about fire safety.

The first step was to learn more about the fire fighter. Fern Sanderson, morning teacher at the school, shared the book, *Our Friend, the Fireman*, with her students. They learned songs and poems about how the fire fighter helps people, the tools that he uses, and fire safety rules, such as not playing with matches. Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers were examined, and they also reviewed how to dial 911.

To bring the learning matter closer to reality, the students converted the school to a Fire House. "The children really enjoyed playing fire fighter upstairs. We have fire fighter coats, hats and boots," said Fern. "We also have a hose, fire trucks, a fire bell, and a CB siren flashing light device. We discussed and demonstrated what

to do if our clothes caught on fire: stop, drop and roll. We practiced what we would do if there were a fire in the house or in school. Our fire drill went without a hitch."

The high point of the lesson was a trip to the fire station. The children saw where the fire fighters eat, sleep and watch TV. The fire fighters pretended that it was night (by turning off the lights) and demonstrated how quickly they can get out of bed and get dressed—45 seconds! They examined the fire truck and all of its equipment. Fire fighters Wilson, Dawkins, and Belton were very helpful and commented on how well the children behaved.

Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher has been keeping the children up to date on the Torah portion of the week. "The stories from the portion of the Torah are so fascinating that we spend an entire week on them," Chanie said. They learned all about the three angels that came to Avraham to tell him that he and Sara, his wife, would have a son. Avraham was very hospitable and loved to have guests. He had four doors in his tent so that no

matter in which direction somebody was walking he would always be able to enter his tent.

For arts and crafts the preschoolers made Avraham's tent and were able to visualize what it was like. Finally Avraham and Sara had a son and they named him Yitzchak. They had a big party in honor of his birth. When Sara was alive there were three special things that happened. There was always a cloud over her tent, her Shabbat candles lasted from Friday to Friday, and there was a special blessing in the challah she baked. The children baked challah in honor of Shabbat.

Marshall Rauch Scholarship Fund

This winter marks the first anniversary of a new fund established at the Lubavitch preschool. The Marshall Rauch Scholarship Fund was started by Larry O. Hicks of Dallas, Texas. This was the way Mr. Hicks thanked Senator Rauch for the wonderful help he afforded him during his school years.

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Children are lined up with Chanie Weiss at fire drill.

parents who may need a little help in paying tuition. The fund has attracted several new donors to insure its growth.

"Senator Rauch helped me in the most crucial time of my life," said Larry Hicks. "The only way I could reciprocate and express my thanks was by doing something for children."

Shabbatons

The months of November and December saw a lot of activity at the Chabad House. The weekly Shabbatons had an increase in attendance. Many out of town visitors and college students returning home for the holidays made their way to the Chabad House for services and study.

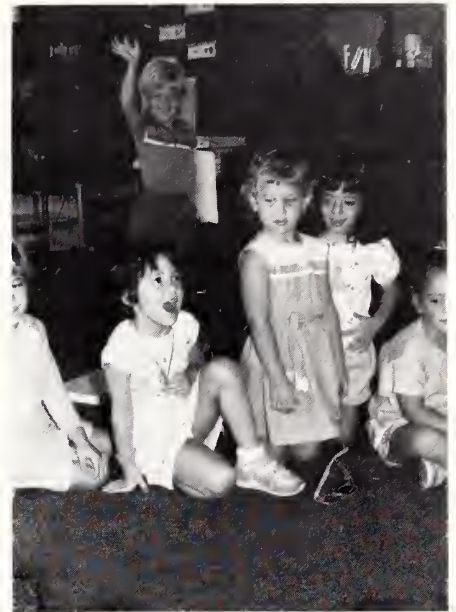
On Shabbat December 5, a special Kiddush was hosted by Lubavitch. This was to celebrate the Lubavitcher Rebbe's 59th wedding anniversary. It was also the Shabbat in between two important Chassidic holidays which commemorate the release of the early Rebbes from Czarist prisons. The mood was festive, the participants sang and enjoyed the traditional Chassidic songs.

The Shabbatons gave Rabbi Yossi Groner an opportunity to convey regards from the World Lubavitch International Conference that was held at World Headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. The conference which took place during mid-November attracted more than five hundred Lubavitch Chabad Rabbis, all emissaries of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, The Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita.

In other news, Lubavitch of North Carolina and Chabad centers in Myrtle Beach and Columbia mailed the colorful new Chanukah brochure to thousands of families in the Carolinas.



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The Brotherhood of Beth ha-Tephila won three Achievement Awards bestowed by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and the Jewish Chautauqua Society. The Small Congregation Awards are for outstanding achievement in support of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, for outstanding programs offered annually to the community, and for special recognition of Sidney Schochet, the Temple's Chautauqua chairman.

Unity Weekend was observed jointly by Sister Congregations Beth Israel and Beth ha-Tephila, December 11-13. Rabbi Eliot Pearlson of Beth Israel delivered the sermon at our temple on Friday night, and our Rabbi Ronald Bluming spoke at joint services at Beth Israel on Shabbat morning. On December 13 both Sunday Schools celebrated Chanukah together. The entire community then participated in the Fifth annual Torch Run, culminating with candle-lighting at the Jewish Community Center. Dinner and a concert by Viva Klezmer followed.

Sisterhood hosted a Chanukah Covered-Dish Supper on December 18 before Shabbat services.

The Shabbat Friendship Circle will meet January 19 and tackle the question of Religion and Politics as reflected by the "new" Jesse Jackson and others.

Central Carolina Jewish Singles Association (ages 35-60)

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration Charlotte, NC

by Estelle Hoffman

The National Conference of Christians and Jews in cooperation with The Charlotte Area Clergy Association held an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on November 25. Although the event is long past, it merits notice.

Clergy of the synagogues of Charlotte and a dozen churches participated in the Services held in the Little Rock AME Zion Church, with a congregation of 200 people attending. The choir of the host church sang traditional Thanksgiving songs.

Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel delivered the keynote address, *Help for the Homeless: Selfless and Selfish Motives*. In that spirit, all present brought food for distribution to area poor persons, and money collected at the service was to be used for the same purpose.

Refreshments were served in the adjoining hall of this beautiful, new church in uptown Charlotte. This Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration has been observed by an increasing number of Charlotteans during the past 11 years.

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family relationship; only my dad and his brother escaped Europe. There is no one else on his side of the family. But there was a specific person. A Soviet Jew. And we shared the same name. A light blue baseball cap on a sunny but cold day in Washington reduced the enormity of the meaning of the day's events down to a number I could comprehend: one, me.

They played the "Star Spangled Banner" before the speeches began. Over 200,000 voices sang. Then a *shofar* was blown. I shivered down to my marrow. I think a lot of others did too.

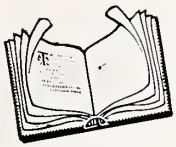
We heard much of what we had expected to hear. The words and phrases were not unfamiliar, and I don't think anyone expected them to be. What was said seemed less important than the fact that there were 200,000 people standing together and listening.

I'm glad my boys were there. The day brought us closer together and tightened the bonds between ourselves, the millions of Jews who came before us and the millions yet to come.

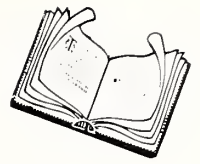
In our lives, Sunday, December 6, 1987 in Washington, DC will be remembered as a true "Happening"; involving many and to be forgotten by few and most certainly not by me.



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Book Reviews



Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

An Odyssey for the Lost Jews of Greece

Among the six million Jews martyred by the Nazis in the Holocaust, there were 67,112 Jews from Greece. While these numbers are small in comparison to the other Jewish populations decimated by the Germans, they constituted 86 percent of the total Greek Jewish community. The loss of these Jews all but brought to an end a Greek Jewish community that was centuries old. Until recently, their story has remained untold. Now, with the surfacing of the role Kurt Waldheim played in the destruction of the Jews of Salonika, attention is being focused on the devastation of the Jews in Greece.

Two principal memorials to the lost Jews of Greece exist. In Athens last summer, my wife and I went to the Jewish Museum. We had expected to find antiquities. What we found instead, in the small, almost oriental interior, *hamisch* and dimly lit, was one room set aside to commemorate the martyred Jews, practically all of whom were sent to the crematoria at Auschwitz. Looking at the artifacts and the memorabilia in the hushed quiet and the semi-darkness, one could literally feel the intensity and the immensity of the tragedy. Letters, pictures, identity cards, the actual posters spelling out the Nuremberg decrees which were imposed immediately after the Germans occupied Greece in April, 1942, all combined to create an atmosphere of grief and desolation. I can compare it only to the experience of walking into a room filled with people mourning the unexpected death of a beloved family member, taken

before his time. The impact was awesome. I feel it even now as I write these words. That is the first memorial.

The second memorial is a book containing an account of his internment at Auschwitz by a Greek Jew living in Athens, Errikos Sevillias, one of the few survivors. It records the systematic extermination of the Greek Jews in the death camp. It is entitled simply ATHENS—AUSCHWITZ (translated and introduced by Nikos Stavroulakis, the present director of the Jewish Museum, and published in Athens in 1983 by the Lycabettus Press). It is as remarkable a narrative of the Holocaust experience as any I have ever read, not as sophisticated as those by Elie Wiesel, Primo Levi, Aharon Appelfeld or Chaim Grade, because its author was not a writer. But, in its own way, it is as moving as any of the works these more famous writers have produced. Lucid and directly narrated, ATHENS—AUSCHWITZ is the new *Odyssey* for the lost Jews of Greece, not lyrical, to be sure, but certainly an epic.

Compelling in its own right, ATHENS—AUSCHWITZ will also come to be read as another document which sheds light on the barbarism of Kurt Waldheim, who was not, of course, known to Sevillias, but who was stationed at Arsakli, a suburb of Salonika, having arrived there just two weeks after the first deportations to Auschwitz began. (Waldheim's work at Arsakli is described in some detail in the just released book WALDHEIM (Adama Books, by Bernard Cohen and Luc Rosenzweig). An American edition of Sevillias' book ATHENS TO AUSCHWITZ has just been issued by the New York University Press.

Sevillias was born in Athens in 1901 to a poor Jewish couple with nine other children. His formal education came to an end when, at the age of twelve, he was sent to work in a leather goods shop. At the age of sixteen he opened his own shop, but three years later he closed it to serve in the Greek Army in Asia Minor. When a brother, also in the service, was killed in action, Sevillias was furloughed home permanently. Released from the army in 1923, he again opened his leather goods shop, and in time he became a respected merchant. He married in 1936 and fathered a daughter. He had never experienced any anti-Semitism, partly because the Jews of Athens, unlike those in Salonika, where over half the population was made up of zealous Sephardim and business was conducted by everyone in Ladino, were almost totally Hellenized. To pinch Joyce's line about Leopold Bloom in *Ulysses*, Sevillias was "greeker than the Greeks."

But his Hellenization didn't save Sevillias from the Nazis, though it made it easier for some Jews to hide or to be hidden by their neighbors. He was among the first Athenian Jews to be sent to Auschwitz. During his sixteen months of victimization, he miraculously overcame frequent encounters with death. His survival he regarded as bizarre, and he wrote his book in an effort, as he put it, to "catch the meaning, the deeper significance of what happened to me and to the millions like me." He did not seek to publish what he had written. On May 24, 1974, he was struck and killed by a motorcycle. The manuscript was found among his papers after his death.

ATHENS—AUSCHWITZ is gripping in its accounts of the horror-

filled twelve day train journey from Greece to Poland, with people crammed tightly into freight cars, of the realization upon arrival that most of the Jews would go directly to their deaths, of the brutality of the camp guards, the severity of the work day, the paucity of food, and of the nature of the work inside the crematoria where the prisoners assigned to feed the ovens would themselves periodically be cremated to destroy the eye-witnesses. In Sevilias' sector of the camp, adjacent to the crematoria, stolen gold-filled teeth became the currency for bartering with the free Polish employees of the camp for extra food, so that the involuntary dead helped a few of the living to remain alive. Determined to survive, Sevilias did, though as much by sheer luck as by grim determination. His reunion, once he was enabled to return to Athens, with his wife and daughter, told as simply as the horrors he had experienced, brings tears of joy to the eyes. This is a book that will not be forgotten. It is a fitting monument to the 67,112 members of a once exotic and vital Jewish community that is no more.

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Raising Your Child to Be a Mensch

by Neil Kurshan

Athenium Publishers 111 pp. \$14.95

In a world where most things are "me" first and there are no prizes for being nice, Rabbi Kurshan is concerned about the values and priorities with which children today are raised. He feels society is placing so many obstacles in our children's ways, that often they don't know to whom to turn for support and direction. Children have a lot to learn—and too many sources to learn it from. Parents, teachers, religious leaders, siblings, peers, social and political leaders, the media—it's not surprising they receive mixed mes-

sages about the decent and right thing to do. *Raising Your Child to Be a Mensch* takes a hard look at the toll the success ethic of the 80's is taking upon children and the adults they will become.

In his book, Kurshan examines the ideal of *menschlichkeit*—knowing the responsible, fair and decent thing to do in any situation. Operating on the premise that to get ahead is not always to get enough out of life, Rabbi Kurshan suggests we must offer our children something more: the promise of becoming a *mensch*. Much more than it's direct translation of "human being," the term *mensch* reflects a social ideal of traditional culture, representing decency, generosity, kindness, and above all else, integrity.

E.H.

Israel, Polity, Society and Economy 1882-1986

by Michael Wolffsohn,

translated from German by

Douglas Bokovoy

Humanities Press International

302 pp. paperback \$17.50

This book is subtitled *An Introductory Handbook*, and it is an uncommon reference book. It contains maps, charts and tables of facts, suggestions for further reading. It has been repeatedly described as *encyclopaedic* by numerous reviewers.

Michael Wolffsohn has thoroughly compiled information on Israel in a form that is readable, while it is scholarly and judged to be objective. All quoted references and sources are furnished at the end of the text.

Professor Benjamin Akzin of Israel called the book "an extraordinary achievement. Probably the most important book which has been written on Israel's political scene as far as scope and depth are concerned."

In our view, this book is important to anyone seriously interested in examining facts and figures in the history of Israel during the past 100 years. It does not deal with Judaism

as a faith and neither praises nor condemns. The stated intent of the author is to help the reader gain insights from examining the facts and figures of the government, economy and society of Israel.

E.H.

The Ghetto of Venice: A History

by Riccardo Calimani,

translated from Italian by

Katherine Silverblatt Wolfthal

M. Evans & Co., Inc. 332 pp. \$19.95

This well documented history focuses on the political, financial and cultural dynamics of the Ghetto of Venice and offers fascinating insights into Venetian and European history from the Renaissance until World War II.

The Ghetto of Venice was started in 1516 and continued until the influence of the Napoleonic pressures opened the gates of that Ghetto in 1797. The story in this book is authentic history, the result of thorough research by the author, who despite his scholarship, tells the intricate details in captivating style.

This book is recommended for students, historians, and anyone with an interest in Jewish or Italian history and culture.

E.H.

Jewish Wry

Edited with an Introduction

by Sarah Blacher Cohen

Indiana University Press

244 pp.

Jewish Wry is a collection of essays on Jewish humor. Individual chapters deal with *The Nature of Jewish Laughter* by Irving Howe, comparisons between Jewish and Black Folk humor and essays about Jewish comedians contemporary and recent in America. Needless to say, there are numerous examples quoted. Finally, the book ends with writings on Jewish-Canadian humor and humor in Israeli literature.

The book is far more analytic and

its text more serious than most books on Jewish humor, since it delves into diverse kinds of Jewish humor of the past century, the sources and motivations of each.

Sarah Blacher Cohen is Associate Professor of English at State University of New York-Albany, author of *Saul Bellow's Enigmatic Laughter* and editor of *From Hester Street to Hollywood*.

E.H.

Mrs. Cohen spoke on Jewish Humor at Shalom Park, Charlotte, for a Jewish Book Month event, November 15.

Through Different Eyes

by Hyman Bookbinder and James G. Abourezk
Adler & Adler 309 pp. \$18.95

This book is a debate by two Americans on the subject of U.S. policy in the Middle East. Hyman Bookbinder speaks for the American Jewish community honestly and eloquently, as Special Representative of the American Jewish Committee. He served in key government positions during his political career.

James G. Abourezk is a former Senator from South Dakota, who was first chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. He chaired the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee and served on other committees.

Sadly, the debate presented in this book between radically opposed views does not serve to bring the two sides together. Abourezk's charges are so inflamed and biased, that they suggest no hope of solution. It seems that his vehemence may encourage sympathy for Israel. Bookbinder's reasonable arguments are more likely to appeal to Americans.

The horror of this book is in the realization that Israel exists in a sea of hostility unlike any nation on earth. In the eyes of those for whom Abourezk speaks, the inhabitants of Israel are usurpers without any just claim to the land, and Israel is a

pawn of the United States, treated with partiality by our country and our press. That opinion is in conflict with Americans who complain that the press and government are guilty of exercising a double standard of judgment on Israel's conduct.

The reader is left with a feeling of hopelessness that can be overcome only by the brightest and most optimistic minds.

E.H.

The Return of Morris Schumsky

by Steven Schnur
illustrated by Victor Lazzaro
UAHC Press 42 pp. paperback \$6.95

This is a well written, beautifully illustrated story for children and especially young teenage readers. It tells the story of a wedding day, and its concern is with an ordinary wedding in an ordinary Jewish family. The message of the story is extraordinary in its consideration of family relationships and values, especially in regard to sensitivity about elderly members of the community.

The humor with which the tale is told is natural, not hilarious, as is the suspense of Grandpa's disappearance on the wedding day. We recommend *The Return of Morris Schumsky* as a gift that will be enjoyed by everyone. It may be ordered from UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Ave., New York 10021.

E.H.

Letters from page 3

Durham had hired part-time rabbis before 1892. Rabbi Abraham Rabinowitz served the Durham Jewish community at least twice (c. 1913-18, 1924-25), both before and after Rabbi Max Shapiro (1919-23).

The Moses Greenberg and Henry Brady families were pillars of the Jewish community remembered for their generosity and devotion to the

synagogue. Mrs. Greenberg was active in charity work and in the congregation's educational program. Moses Greenberg was an officer of the Jewish Cemetery Society as early as 1884, and his son-in-law Henry Brady was instrumental in establishing the synagogues of 1905 and 1921. Their sons David Brady and Henry Clay Greenberg, children of Yiddish-speaking immigrants, were champion debaters at Durham High in 1914, competing in the state finals. Both went on to Trinity College (now Duke University) and Columbia University, preparing a path for their brothers and sisters, all of whom achieved distinction in law, business, and public service. Henry Clay Greenberg became a justice of the New York State Supreme Court. Rebecca Greenberg Lovenstein was the first woman licensed to practice law in Virginia. Lehman Brady, still a courtly Southern gentleman though he has lived in New York for over 50 years, maintains close ties to both Duke and Durham.

The distinguished priest, attorney, and civil-rights advocate Pauli Murray in her memoir *Song in a Weary Throat* recalled the Greenbergs as one family whose humanity transcended the racial hatred she often felt as a black child growing up in Durham. She remembered, too, that the family was quite learned, and her uncle Reverend Small conversed with them in Hebrew. Several novels have been written about Durham's Jewish tobacco rollers including Foster Fitz-Simmons' *Bright Leaf* and Ernest Seeman's *American Gold*.

The Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Historical Committee is publishing a book that, we hope, will present a fuller picture than these all-too-brief accounts. We would appreciate hearing from others who have memories of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish community in its formative years.

Sincerely,
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Toward a Principled Pluralism

by Rabbi Irving Greenberg

III. THE PARAMETERS OF PLURALISM

Every group in Jewish life perceives itself as being for *clal Yisrael*. *Clal Yisrael* is not an absolute; it cannot and should not override all principles. Nor should the term be used as a cheap shot at other Jews. A good rule of thumb in determining its appropriate use is: Does my invocation of the principle cost my group something, or are we using it only as a club to beat the other?

By these standards, it must be recognized that the obstacles to dialogue appear on all sides. Regarding Orthodoxy, Rabbi David Gordis has argued that there is a basic asymmetry between the groups, because liberal denominations are by definition pluralist whereas the Orthodox demand one standard—their own. Over the years, the Orthodox have made accommodations to others. But they have—I believe—done injustice to themselves by justifying these policies on the grounds of “no choice,” or as necessary compromises with evil rather than validating them on ideological or theological grounds. This philosophy worked better in the past when the liberal groups were weaker; that is, when liberal leaders restrained themselves in policy decisions because they were “guilty” descendants of Orthodox families. Now, as the liberal groups increasingly act out their own principles, the argument of necessary evil falls short of bridging the gap created by liberal decisions. In any event, Modern Orthodox accommodation is increasingly vulnerable, on ideological grounds, to the refusal of the right-wing Orthodox to live by compromise.

However, subtler theories of delegitimation abound in the liberal denominations as well. Rabbi Jacob J. Staub, editor of *Reconstructionist Magazine*, recently stated, “The rigid

halachic stance. . . (is) misguided and inauthentic.” Rabbi Robert Gordis and other influential Conservative theorists have used the image of the Orthodox as Karaites—by implication, illegitimate and schismatic vis-a-vis mainstream Jews. As liberal Jews in all the denominations develop more confidence in themselves and their judgments, they too are increasingly reluctant to compromise their principles and policies in order to meet Orthodox objections.

All the sides must come to a deeper understanding of the implications of pluralism. Pluralism means more than allowing others to do and believe things which one cannot accept. Pluralism implies that people must accept limits for the sake of living together.

For the sake of pluralism, the majority in a democracy limits its own power. The majority restricts its authority over the minority by setting up Bills of Rights and fundamental liberties which shall not be abridged, no matter what. A majority of Americans would undoubtedly prefer restricting pornography. They control themselves for the sake of a greater good and for fear that such intervention will lead to a fundamental loss of liberties.

I suspect that a majority of Americans would not at all mind some greater “Christianization” of American public life. However, they restrain themselves either by accepting fundamental constitutional limits or by self-limiting political behavior for fear of making life unlivable for Jews and other minorities. Even though there are the votes needed for the majority to impose its will on the minority, the majority will hold back in many cases because the matter is a matter of life and death for the minority. What is a proper limit on

freedom of action is worth debating, but some limit must be acknowledged. Either the cost of pluralism is a two-way street, or the term is a cover for anarchy and liberal triumphalism.

In America, non-halachic Jews are a substantial majority of the Jewish community; they can do whatever they want. However, unless they are prepared to restrict their freedom of action—at some point—for the sake of living together, the term “*clal Yisrael*” is an empty cliché, i.e., one with no cost.

Similarly, the Orthodox argue that their standard of personal status is the inherited tradition. Therefore, they argue, the halachists are for *clal Yisrael*; those who seek to change the law are sinning against the Jewish people. However, pluralism and commitment to *clal Yisrael* mean willingness to sacrifice and to exert oneself. Part of the Orthodox exertion must be ideological—the willingness to discover the variety of the past and the fact that the law has grown and changed—even though this doesn’t fit the official ideology of many of the right-wing Orthodox. *Clal Yisrael* means a willingness to risk delegitimation and controversy within Orthodoxy to make the halacha livable for Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative and secular Jews of conscience. Again, either sacrifice for *clal Yisrael* is a two-way street, or the term is simply a cover for Orthodox hegemony over the others.

The only way there can be unity on matters of personal status on a halachic basis is either through a broadscale, if not total, program of recognition of the liberal denominations on the part of the Orthodox or a much greater degree of halachic flexibility than has been shown up to now. Both policies are possible.

Eliezer Berkovits has repeatedly shown philosophic and halachic bases for such policies. Instead of welcoming his views and setting him up as a master teacher and strategist in this area, the Orthodox community has either neglected or rejected him.

For a long time, the Orthodox benefitted from sentimental and nostalgic respect from Jews of other backgrounds. The sincerity and idealism of Orthodox outreach groups won them entree and widespread support from other Jews. But this good will has begun to fade as liberal Jews wake up to the spiritual imperialism or denial of their legitimacy in Orthodox circles. The sense of being exploited has grown explosively in non-Orthodox circles. Unfortunately, this backlash often allows many old and unfair antagonisms to the Orthodox to surface.

On the mass level, images of Orthodox "medievalism" or dismissals of all Orthodox as chauvinists abound. I myself have been told to my face, repeatedly, that "I would rather my daughter marry a Gentile than an Orthodox Jew." Rage and rejection, stereotyping and dismissal are found in all the denominations. The situation would be drastically improved by the dialogue which would help each group to discover the vitality, the variety and the Jewish loyalty that lives within each of the others.

Despite the aggravation of current bitterness and rejectionism, an actual breach will leave each of the groups significantly weakened compared to staying together and fighting. The Orthodox should remind themselves that if they keep beating up on the Conservatives, they will be all alone should the split come in a few decades. (Thirty years ago, the Conservatives were far closer to the Orthodox than to the Reform.) The Reform should remind themselves that traditional Jews, both Conservative and Orthodox, are more truly their allies than are their unconverted intermarried and unaffiliated Gentiles. This is true because the

survival of the Jewish people is more likely to come from the committed within all denominations, including Reform, than it is from the marginally committed in all the denominations.

The Essence of Dialogue

Dialogue does not require indifference. Nor is it a political negotiation involving tradeoffs of practice or principle. In dialogue, there are no *a priori* demands; neither does one waive principles or standards.

The essence of dialogue is to enter with openness. Each side presents the fullness and uniqueness of its own position, but it also listens and is willing to discover the concrete particularity and distinctiveness of the other. Such discoveries can lead to greater rejection and even greater hatred between groups. But, it is a chance worth taking. In fact, the usual outcome is a new appreciation for the integrity, coherence, and, sometimes, validity of the other side. The typical result is the discovery of the vitality and power in the other group. After such discovery, one side will often do for the other what it never would have done had the other come with demands.

Dialogue is built on the truth that the integrity and independent value of the other evokes a positive response in one's self. Dialogue brings out the best in a group because it no longer defines itself through denigration or underestimation of the others. Each side tends to learn from the other, and incorporates some of the insights of the other without giving up its own values. The net result is a capability of meeting the needs of the others that was not recognized before.

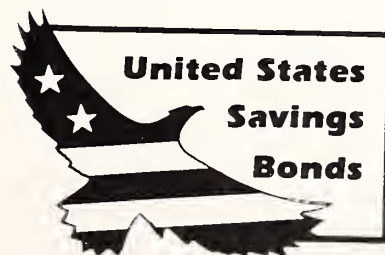
Had the Jewish community approached the Christians fifty years ago and said that they would have to surrender their supersessionist theories, and end up criticizing the New Testament as being anti-Semitic, Jews would have been dismissed out of hand. No conversations would ever have taken place between the

groups. Instead, dialogue without demands was begun. Christians discovered the vitality and variety of Jewish life; they discovered the incredible suffering of the Holocaust and how much the background of teaching of contempt by Christians made it possible. Christians discovered the variety of Jewish self-understanding and the coherence and integrity of Jewish covenantal ways. Today, committed Evangelicals, who believe the New Testament is the word of God, criticize it and demand that its anti-Semitism be corrected. Catholics who are obedient to the magisterium and its divine authority nevertheless revise or criticize teachings that appear to devalue or damage Jews. Jews who felt a repulsion for Christian ideology and a moral resentment of its persecuting history now have developed a profound respect for the mysteries of Christian liturgy and the vitality and variety of Christian religious life.

If such an amazing rethinking could be accomplished by Jews towards a community that had persecuted and killed them for millennia, if a triumphalist Christian majority could so renew its thinking and practice vis-a-vis Jewry, then what prodigies are Jews capable of doing for each other, voluntarily, out of deep roots in halacha and modernity? A people with one God, one fate, one history, one State of Israel, is capable of miracles. This has been proven already, in the areas of politics and philanthropy. Jews owe themselves no less in the area of religion and common destiny.

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— Ellen White

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Jan. 12** Clemmons Senior Citizens Lunch, Lv 9:45 am
Travelog, Lv 7:15 pm
- Jan. 15** Shopping Spree at Hanes Mall, Lv 9:30 am
- Jan. 17** Symphony Concert, Lv 2 pm
- Jan. 19** Musical Program by Junior League Music
Makers, 7 pm
- Jan. 24** Brenner Concert: Margot Hamilton on Double
Bass, 3 pm
- Jan. 25-29th** "SKI WEEK"
25th Ski Show, 2 pm
27th "Apres Ski" and Birthday Parties, 2 & 3 pm
28th "Snow Man Crafts," 2 pm (in Craft Shop)
29th Travelog on Switzerland, 2 pm
- Jan. 26** "Out to Lunch," Lv 11:15 am
- Feb. 1** "Feeling Fine" Movie & Lecture on High Blood
Pressure Presented by American Heart
Association for National Heart Month, 10 am
- Feb. 5** Temple Emanuel, Lv 6:45 pm
- Feb. 9** Clemmons Senior Citizens Lunch, Lv 9:45 am
Travelog, 7:15 pm
- Feb. 14** Symphony Concert, Lv 2 pm
VALENTINE'S DANCE featuring the Ron Rudkin
Trio, Sponsored by the Brenner Series, 7 pm
- Feb. 24** Birthday Parties, 2 & 3 pm
- Feb. 26** Shopping Trip, Hanes Mall, Lv 9:30 am
- Feb. 28** Brenner Concert featuring Bill Van Patten on
the Harp and Linda Brown on the Flute, 3 pm

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE PURIM MASKED BALL ON
MARCH 2. MORE ON THAT NEXT MONTH.

*** Family members and visitors are welcome
to any of these events ***

SUE'S NEWS

By Sue Clein

"We're on the road again," was our theme song in November. Rabbi Marc Wilson, Linda Binnick (Chair-person of Temple Israel's Community Service Committee), and the Temple's "on the road" volunteers, hosted a shopping trip for BJH residents on Nov. 12.

The Charlotte shoppers arrived at Hanes Mall at 10:30, eagerly awaiting their BJH partners who arrived by bus shortly thereafter. Introductions were followed by shoppers quickly setting off to look for needed items, (i.e., gifts and goodies, or cards for families and friends), or to exercise the shoppers motto: "we're just looking!"

Lunch at Dunderbak's was a time for refreshing both body and soul; a time for getting to know each other.

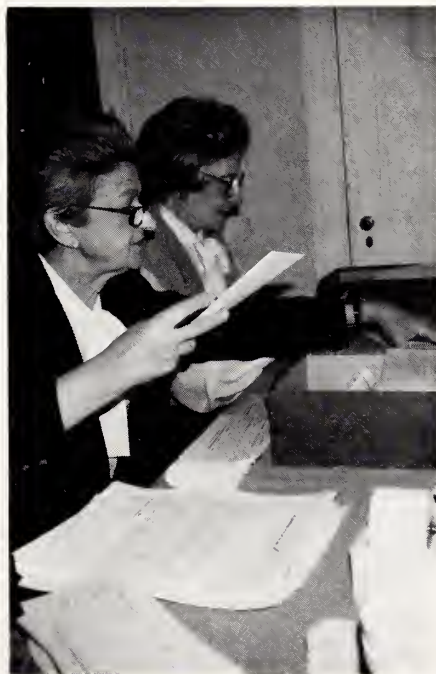
Lest a moment go to waste, the wait for the bus, became a walk down memory lane. Singing was led by Rabbi Wilson, Audrey Madans, and her father, Maurice Rogovin, and accompanied by the hastily organized "Combined Chorus of Temple Israel and BJH Singers."

Saying "Goodbye, we hope to see you again soon," were tired, but inspired friends, who realized they had shared something special that day. We thank the Temple volunteers who made the day: Rabbi Wilson, Linda Binnick, Audrey Madans, Bobbi Pollard, Evelyn and Irving Hochstat, Kathy Schattner, Ed Mottzman, and Margie Liebstein.



Temple Israel travelers: Front (L to R) Linda Binnick, Ed Mottzman, Kathy Schattner, Audrey Madans, Bobbie Pollard. Back (L to R) in shadows, Margie Liebstein, Rabbi Wilson. Far Back: Irving Hochstat, Evelyn Hochstat.

On the road quite often, though not traveling so far, are our local regular volunteers who assist with monthly shopping trips and by sharing their gifts of self, help to make it possible for more residents to take part in various activities, as well as assisting with support services.



Harriet Cooper and Gertrude Brenner prepare a mailing.

A corps of volunteers from Temple Emanuel (W-S) Sisterhood visited the Home this month to sort, fold, and stuff a mailing for the Development Office. We thank these women for their much needed assistance: Ann Brenner, Gertrude Brenner, Ann Clein, Rose Clein, Harriet Cooper, Grethen Klaff, Jean Fromson, Deanna Lipsitz, Irene Schwartz, and Pam Wolfman.

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BJH resident volunteers were honored at a luncheon at the Holiday Inn in November as a thank-you for their assistance as hosts and hostesses at the Annual Meeting. It is a real pleasure to be able to rely on our residents for their help. Our thanks go to Alice Fruh, Claire Bernstein, Rose Halpern, Elsa Heller, Bertha Marrus, Ruth Menins, Rose Spire, Fay Moss, Abe Sack, Ida Temko, and Rose Waggar.

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What's Developing? Are You a Member?

by Ellis Berlin

It's Membership renewal time again! Many of you who have been Members in the past will be receiving a letter from me asking you to renew your Membership for 1988. There are many reasons to maintain your Membership in the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Your Membership in the Home directly funds our general operations, including offsetting the budget deficit. There are a number of benefits that come with your Membership. A Membership entitles you to a one year's subscription to the *American Jewish Times Outlook*, a copy of the informative Blumenthal Jewish Home Annual Report, voting at our Annual Meeting, a brunch and the President's Reception held annually.

A Membership category structure has been established. You may select any category that meets your needs. These categories include a **Basic** membership for \$18, for \$36 you can become a **Friend** of the Home, you can be a **Sponsor** at the \$54 level, and for \$100 and up, you can become a **Patron**.

Besides the annual Membership categories, we also have a **Life Membership** available at \$1,800 per person. Starting this year, we have created attractive, gold Life Membership cards for those who are in this category. Installment plans are available for those who select a Life Membership.

Aside from the categories of Membership and the benefits of

Membership, you get the personal satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting an institution that has provided quality service to many of our loved ones. Perhaps this yearly form of tzdukah has been a regular part of your life, or perhaps you will begin to make it a regular part of your life.

If you have never been a Member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and would like to establish your Membership, please fill out the form below and send to the address indicated.

Although the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS is consuming a great deal of time and energy of the Development Office and our supporters, we still feel that Membership is an integral part of the functioning of



Senator Marshall Rauch, featured speaker at evening with Jewish leaders of Raleigh, with Mrs. Rauch.

the Home. We hope you will be able to join a large family of people who renew their commitment to the Home yearly.

For information about Membership, the Development Office or the Capital Campaign, please contact Wayne Silverman at (919) 766-3035.

Blumenthal Jewish Home

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OTC DRUG USE AND THE OLDER AMERICAN

PART II — ANTACIDS

The second part of this series will focus on the use of antacids. Over \$140 million dollars a year is spent by the American population to treat such G.I. symptoms as "acid indigestion," "upset or sour stomach" and "heartburn." There have been over 8,000 gels, suspensions, tablets, powders and gums manufactured in an effort to capture this growing market.

The pharmacist can play an important role in helping with the selection of a suitable antacid. The first step would be to help determine (through the patient's medical history) if a more extensive medical examination should be obtained to diagnose the possibility of a peptic ulcer or if an antacid could help to eliminate the problem of heartburn, indigestion or upset stomach.

If antacid therapy is indicated the pharmacist should review certain guidelines with the patient as follows:

- 1.) **Comply with recommended dosing schedule** — Antacids should be taken

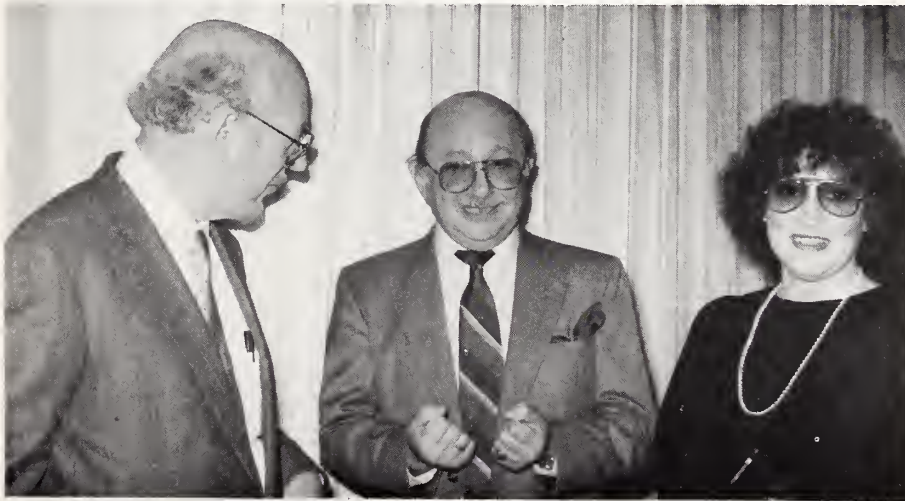
one hour after meals (unless otherwise instructed by physician) to provide maximum duration of activity.

- 2.) **Observe any changes in bowel habits** — Antacids contain ingredients that may cause constipation (aluminum) or diarrhea (magnesium). If this is already a problem the patient may consider an alternative antacid that would not further aggravate their condition.
- 3.) **Check the Sodium content** — If a patient is on a sodium restricted diet he should be made aware of the sodium content of his antacid and consider a low sodium alternative.
- 4.) **Liquids are better than tablets** — If a patient cannot take liquid antacids, tablets may be used but have been proven less effective. Tablets should be chewed thoroughly and followed by a full glass of water to help with dissolution and dispersion in the stomach.

- 5.) **Antacids can interact with other medications** — Always confer with pharmacist or physician when taking antacids and other medications. Antacids will offset absorption of certain drugs including but not limited to Tetracycline, Ferrous Sulfate and Solycilates.
- 6.) **Check ingredients when changing antacids** — All antacids are not equipotent at the same volume. Be sure to check ingredients and adjust the dose as necessary.
- 7.) **Watch for possible side effects** — Several antacids can induce systemic (alter Ph) or nonsystemic (change in bowel function) changes. "No antacid is devoid of possible side effects."

It is clear that the use of an antacid should not be taken lightly. It is a safe and effective means of self medicating the problems of heartburn, indigestion or upset stomach but should not be used in excess. If the pain from these conditions have not been relieved by two weeks of therapeutic dosing with antacids, medical attention may be indicated.

NEXT MONTH—ANALGESICS



Herman Blumenthal with Mr. and Mrs. Hy Spectorman during "Interest Evening" on FAIR OAKS at the Blumenthals' home in Charlotte.





FAIR OAKS NEARS COMPLETION

Above: Afternoon sun reflects on the 32' ceiling above the Commons entry.

At right: View of lounge and upper terrace. Carpet is covered with plastic. Windows on both sides provide a view of the auditorium and dining room below.

Below: Upper terrace. Opened door indicates entrance to lounge. Below right: About 1/3 of the kitchen!



Looking towards the front drive entry from the lounge. Railing surrounds the stairway to lower level dining room, auditorium, and activity room.





From the Commons upper terrace above, the expansiveness of the connecting link between A- and B-Wings may be seen, as well as the addition of the east end of B-Wing. The link has a triangular jut-out section which is the Craft Shop, pictured below. At right is the interior of the link. This will be a gallery for displaying artworks. From it there is a clear long view of the countryside. Below: Interior shots of the Craft Shop show individual work spaces and under counter storage. The wrap around windows bring the outside in and provide an environment conducive to creativity.



**FAIR OAKS
DEDICATION**
Sunday, March 27, 1988
*Program
Entertainment
Refreshments*
SAVE THIS DATE





Claire Bernstein was a volunteer at Annual Meeting.

"On the Road..." (Cont.)

The volunteers and residents were not the only ones on the road during the month. The volunteer program took to the road in the form of a slide show. I had the delightful opportunity to share information about our volunteer program with the Durham Beth El Sisterhood, who were impressed with our BJH and our volunteer activities. They promised to come for a visit.

If your congregation or organization would like a presentation of what we are all about, just give me a call at BJH (919) 766-6401, and we'll be "on the road again."

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Rabbi Marc Wilson, volunteer friend of Vernon Petty at the Mall.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in February.

12 YEARS

Cathy Chilton, RN, A-Wing Mgr. & Asst. DON for ICF

10 YEARS

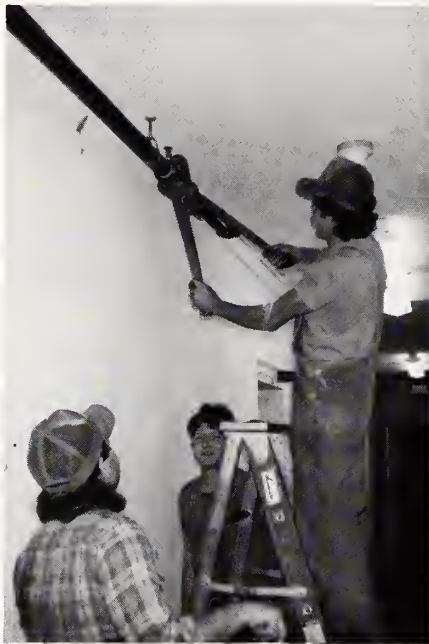
Ruth Howell, Cook

7 YEARS

Catherine Smith, Craft Shop
Joan Lennon, RN, B-1

1 YEAR

June Ireland, Nsg. Asst. B-1
Bonnie East, Nsg. Asst. B-2
Denise Goodwin, Nsg. Asst. B-1
Sandra Carter, Nsg. Asst. B-2
Lynn Wahoski, Rec. Therapist



Renovations have included installation of a sprinkler system as shown here in the mansion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

Paula Cahn
Lazarus Cohen
Lillian Kamens
Ruth Lapan
Bertha Marrus
Rose Posner
Rose Spire
Clara Steiner
Anna Stemper
Frances Linville

MARCH

Karl Cahn
Florence Coblentz
Phoebe Emmons
Yetta Kirsh
Charles Martin
Fannie Moss
Yvette Pearlman

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of John Stemper. May his cherished memories bring comfort to his loved ones.

ANNOUNCING

Blumenthal Jewish Home "PURIM MASKED BALL"

7:00 p.m.
MUSIC

March 2, 1988
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At the Home
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Changing Views on Aging

by Estelle Hoffman

Americans are criticized at home and abroad for our lack of a sense of history. The allegation is that we live in the present without knowledge of the past or thought for the future.

Recently, my scholarly, contemplative son told me that one reason for this failing is the tendency of people to associate with others of their own age. In our modern society, the young and middle-aged seldom hear the reminiscences of their elders. Our allotment of time allows little, if any, for listening to tales of olden days. In fact, recital of old memories is viewed unkindly as living in the past.

We want to forget what happened in the past and get on with our busy lives. This attitude deprives the young of awareness of the continuum of history and prevents the old from contributing the benefits of their experience to their progeny.

The unprecedented affluence of this second half of the 20th century has enabled people to be independent. Once a young adult might have become independent through necessity; now independence is usually a matter of choice. After leaving his parents' home, the grown child may or may not appeal for any kind of help, and firm in his feeling of independence, often feels no responsibility to parents or family.

Things were different back in the 1920's. Our Irish neighbors had never fewer than eight people in their three-bedroom bungalow, although the core family numbered five. They had "brought over" Da, the typical Gaelic grandfather, who steadily imported a stream of his descendants from *The Old Sod*. To help them until they found employment, the mother of the family, overworked by her own household duties, traveled to the far end of the city, to clean the home of a certain Mrs. North. She earned two dollars per day. She and her husband, a warehouse foreman, retained their light brogue and enjoyed the blessings of middle-class America, including the ownership of an Essex sedan and a cottage without plumbing on a small lake in Indiana.

In the 1940's the parents of a friend bought a five-bedroom house, complete with five baths and adjoining dressing rooms, to accommodate both of my friend's grandmothers. Such a house was not easy to find in Chicago but no other solution was even considered. Needless to say, finances were no problem, since my friend's father was a thriving physician and the two grandmothers enjoyed inherited wealth.

During the Great Depression, a household of three families was not uncommon, sometimes composed of three generations. The arrangement helped to sustain the unemployed with the scant wages of those lucky to be working. The price was paid in the form of irritations arising from clashing ideas, unsolicited advice and utter lack of privacy.

Changes in attitudes of Americans today from those of an immigrant or first generation populace have affected our views on aging. Generally we agree that a person is not morally required to sacrifice his or her life to care for another. We are all aware of cases in which that was done, by sense of duty or necessity, and we feel those instances were lamentable.

It has been a long time since situations like those described above were the norm. They appear unattractive today, and they teach us that some things do change. Now people live longer, as medical science prolongs our longevity, creating the problem of finding means of caring for those who become unable to care for themselves.

Perhaps one of the most difficult milestones in a lifetime occurs at the time of "breakaway" from a family household. Most survivors of parenthood and older people who find themselves living alone for any reason choose to live independently as long as possible. To some, old age appears to be a wilderness, as contemporaries depart. The comfort of acquired wisdom and learning may not suffice to make life worthwhile for one who needs to feel useful. There is the risk of depression and loss of interest in eating.

Pleasant surroundings and easy access to activities serve to maintain a healthy mental state for a high percentage of people in our society. They are in the transition from living independently to the stage in which they may require varying degrees of companionship and assistance. The private sector serves the needs of some, but the ideal institution is offered by non-profit organizations, conceived by interested and philanthropic individuals. Their idealism achieves the highest goals in providing the social and scientific advantages attainable in our time.

At Fair Oaks, described in detail in this issue of the *Times Outlook*, such an option is available. On a vast, idyllic site, accommodations are spacious and inviting. The dedicated staff and planners have left little to be desired, with provision for addition of that little bit. No permanent commitment is required, as rental is on a month-to-month basis.

New ideas will be implemented. Opportunity to spend time outdoors is a great incentive to the walker. The hobby of gardening may be resumed by those who miss that pleasure. Tranquillity is abundant, and there is the assurance of freedom from chores, with help close at hand when and if needed.

Fair Oaks will make the prospect of advancing age much brighter.

Editor's note: Thoughts on aging are unlimited. Others can benefit from the expression of your viewpoint. Times Outlook will welcome the readers' thoughts for our future issues.

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**Fair Oaks and
Blumenthal Jewish Home News**

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Dining Room at Fair Oaks

Michael W. Guld, author of "In Memory of Steven Nathaniel Guld," (January-February 1988) lives in Raleigh as do other members of the Guld family.

Letters to Editor

Wilmington's Hebrew Cemetery

Thanks so much for that box of December 1987 magazines. We mailed them out to all our contributors, some as far away as New York, and had very fine comments on it. Our Rabbi Gordon wants me to thank you for the honor of the cover placement, and the rest of the congregation is just as pleased. As for myself, I think that your help in this has done a lot for our Temple in that the members finally feel that we are a family. For a number of years there was apathy as the older members dropped away. Now we are gaining new members and new life that will again make Temple of Israel a larger factor in their lives. I will try to get

them to show more interest in the rest of the Jewish community that you do serve so well, and participate in more statewide events.

Ira Kersh
Wilmington, N.C.

3 Mayors

In your last issue of the *Times Outlook* you wrote about 3 Mayors in North Carolina who are Jewish.

I have the names of mayors who have long and distinguished careers as mayors and civic leaders. . . They are Monroe Evans of Fayetteville, Mutt Evans of Durham, William Schwartz and B. D. Schwartz, both of Wilmington.

I think if you would contact them they would give you the information needed for an article in the magazine.

Julius Nelson
Fayetteville, N.C.

(Ed. Note: Our article dealt with Jewish Mayors who are currently in office.)

Beth El, Durham, Centennial

I read with interest the article, "Beth El Synagogue in Durham Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary," by Leonard Rogoff in the November 1987 issue. Most of the people mentioned from the 1920's I knew as a child. I grew up in Winston-Salem but visited my grandfather, Rabbi Mordecai Shapiro, who was the Rabbi in Durham from around 1913 until about 1924 when he went to Wilson to be the Rabbi there. He and my grandmother, Minni, lived on Roxboro Street right across from the Dave family and next door to the Scher family. The Gladstein, Schwartz, Zuckerman, Shevel, Jaffe and many other families were my mother's friends.

I was disappointed that I did not read of some reference to his years as a Rabbi, teacher, schoket there.

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He was very dedicated and well liked.

My grandmother came back to Durham after my grandfather's death, and had a room with the Messinger family for a number of years.

The article was very interesting and brought back many memories.

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Dave Karp Memorial Scholarship Sylva, N.C.

On December 16, 1987 the first recipient of the Dave Karp Memorial Scholarship was honored. This fund was established by Mr. Karp's family in his memory after his death in 1984. Mr. Karp was the owner of Karp's Department store in Sylva, N.C. and had a lot of friends in the community. To be eligible for this scholarship the student must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and be majoring in a business field.

Cynthia B. Crowe was selected by the Tribal Education Department to be the first recipient of this scholarship. She was chosen because of her academic standing. Cynthia is attending Southwestern Community College and majoring in Business Administration and Secretarial Science. She will receive tuition, fees, books and travel. We are very proud of Cynthia's being selected as the first recipient of the Dave Karp Memorial Scholarship.

Herbert Schulman of Cullowhee presented the scholarship.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

Temple Israel Sisterhood held its annual Art Exhibition and Auction February 13, with wine, cheese and dessert served during the Preview. Works of known artists were shown and sold at auction. The evening was a lively social event as well as a successful fundraiser.

Members of Sisterhood conducted and participated in Sisterhood Sabbath February 19 and 20. Eleanor Weinglass and Roberta Malickson are to be complimented for enlisting the involvement of many members, encouraged and assisted by Rabbi Marc Wilson.

On December 27, thirty-five college students attended a Brunch at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Wilson, who invited Temple Israel's collegians and their friends during their winter vacation.

Congratulations to Linda Binnick on her Bat Mitzvah held at the Temple on January 22. There are two dozen students in the adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. Mazel Tov also to Renee Molko Gorelick whose exhibition of her new paintings ran from January 8 to 30.

Mazel Tov to recent Temple Israel newly-weds and their families: Randall Scott Levin, son of Constance and Alvin Wittin, and Deborah Gutman; Leslie Winner and Kenneth Schorr; Marcy Solomon and Bruce Bayer.

Congratulations to Marilyn and Martin Leventhal on the engagement of their son Steve to Jennifer Louis; to Lee and Larry Levy on the engagement of their daughter Roberta to Richard Lipnack; to Arthur Tirsun on the birth of his grandson David Ryan, son of Robyn and Daniel Tirsun; to Dr. Philip Naumoff on the birth of his granddaughter Sarah Elizabeth Flynn, daughter of Deborah and Charles Flynn; to Harriet and Joseph Vitale

on the births of their grandsons, Blake Vitale Dolman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dolman of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Blair Brandt Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Levine of New York City.

Condolences to Nettie Smith on the loss of her sister Lillie Gainey; to Sherman Seid on the loss of his wife Esther; to Robert Bernhardt on the loss of his mother Helen Bernhardt; to Etta Greenspon on the passing of her brother, Chas M. Koplun.

The Land Stewardship Council of North Carolina

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it is the first stated principle of the Land Stewardship Council of North Carolina. Through the religious communities, clergy and volunteers are participating in an effort to preserve and protect the environment. The hope is to educate and raise the awareness of people not previously motivated in that aim in the past to assist in this work.

Sponsors joined in supporting the First Annual Conference held in Asheville including main line religious bodies of North Carolina. The Land Stewardship Council offers to all citizens the opportunity to participate in decision-making concerning land use and management, in sharing the benefits of the land with those who are unfortunate.

Since the land sustains all of us, it is incumbent upon us to be concerned with its care. Judaism in its Scriptures put strong emphasis on the land, and there is still time for us to help the efforts in progress to maintain our basic interest.

A comprehensive booklet on the subject, *A Land Use Ethic* may be obtained by request from The Land Stewardship Council of North Carolina, Route 4, Box 426, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312. Everyone will benefit from our concern.

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**Linda E. Fleishman
at Zionist Congress**



Linda E. Fleishman

Linda E. Fleishman of Greensboro, National Vice-President of Hadassah, participated in the 31st Zionist Congress as a member of the 52-strong Hadassah delegation.

Mrs. Fleishman said, "The Zionist Congress brings together in Jerusalem every four years the top Jewish leaders from every continent, to review what is happening in Israel and the Jewish world and to determine policies for the future."

She went on: "An indication of how important Hadassah is in Congress is the fact that our National President, Ruth Popkin, was elected President of the Congress, which meant that she played a key role in determining the Congress agenda and procedures. She is the first woman in the 90-year history of Congress to hold this position."

Hadassah Study Group

by Lillian Bienstock

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah held another interesting and enlightening educational program arranged by Margie Rolnick. About 35 members attended the study group at the home of Hadassah president, Elizabeth Klein, who hosted a sumptuous high tea, December 17.

Our speaker, Rabbi Marc Wilson, gave a very comprehensive talk on Jewish medical ethics regarding organ transplant and donation. Rabbi Wilson explained the circumstances under which we as Jews may participate in organ transplants. We are allowed to donate an organ if it will directly result in saving a life but not for research.

Rabbi Wilson was kind enough to answer the many questions that followed his talk. He is allowing us to share with the readers of the *Times Outlook* the ORGAN DONOR INFORMATION card which he has written in keeping with Jewish law. You may clip out the card and put it in your wallet if you choose to donate your organs.



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The summer programs are as follows:

ISRAEL SUMMER INSTITUTE consists of several different six-week educational tours of Israel.

CAPITAL CITIES TOUR is a three-week program held from June 30 to July 21, covering Washington, D.C., Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brussels, London and Paris. Open to BBYO members 15 and older.

INTERNATIONAL KALLAH at B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp in Starlight, Pa., June 30 to July 27, an intensive Jewish studies program.

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CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM at B'nai B'rith Beber Camp in Mukwonago, Wisc.

B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University

by Dr. Richard Klein

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Spring 1988 semester with a well-attended "Bagel Brunch" on Sunday, January 17. It was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Klein. Baking, cooking and helping to serve the students were Mrs. Hilda Golden and Mrs. Debbie Nedelman. Their assistance was invaluable as were the officers of the student group who helped purchase the food and made phone calls inviting the Jewish students attending Clemson to come to the brunch. Dr. David Barrett, a psychologist and a new faculty member, visited with the group. He led an

informal discussion for over an hour regarding academic pursuits such as grades, test-taking and career planning.

It is the practice of our Student Organization to invite a prominent faculty member or leader in the community to visit with the members of the Student Organization during a "Bagel Brunch." For instance, last year we were fortunate to have Reverend Ron Luckey, Pastor of Clemson's Lutheran Church, to discuss "Christian-Jewish Relationships, a Christian Perspective." Previous years saw Jewish faculty members from South Africa and the Soviet Union discuss being Jewish in those countries. All the sessions were extremely interesting and well-received.

We attended the AIPAC Seminar held February 21 at Emory University. We heard speakers and visited with fellow Jewish students from throughout the Southeast.

UNC/Duke Hillel by Lauren Stone

More than 200,000 protesters participated in the Freedom Sunday March in Washington, D.C. on December 6th and UNC/Duke Hillel was there. Hillel made the Washington trip in a chartered bus. The bus contained mostly UNC and Duke students along with a few community members. Hillel greatly appreciated the generous contribution from the Chapel Hill/Durham Jewish Federation for the bus.

The day was filled with excitement and strong emotions as the day brought out prominent speakers like Natan Sharansky and Elie Wiesel. During the march chants of "Let My People Go" and songs like "Am Yisrael Chai" reverberated through the air.

The students' feelings and emotions were running high as they thought about the historical significance of the day. "American Jews and others care enough to do more than talk," said Matt Kaliff, senior at

Duke; "We act together to get our point across. Jews in the Soviet Union can't demonstrate as we are today, so we must do it for them." Marc Reichard, a junior at UNC, commented "I don't think anyone could have seen this massive outpouring of dedication and support by the American Jewish community and not come away with a renewed faith in our people."

The day was historical, eventful and spiritual and will not be forgotten by its participants for a long time.

UNC Hillel is eagerly looking forward to this semester's programs. A Shabbaton is in the planning and students from the schools in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina will be invited. The theme for the retreat will be *Israel at Forty*. We are also trying a new outreach program for Reform students. Each of four of the North Carolina area Reform rabbis has been invited to participate in a Sunday evening program and dinner, which will be sponsored by his sisterhood. Hillel has invited Rabbi Yossi Groner of Lubavitch of North Carolina to present a program on Jewish mysticism. We will also be involved in a student UJA campaign, and celebrate Passover with a communal Seder.

Our regular weekly events include Tuesday night socials which may be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti night or Israeli dancing. Shabbat is celebrated with services followed by dinner on Friday evening and a study group and kiddush on Shabbat morning. Once a month on Sunday we have a lox and bagel brunch.

We have recently acquired a pool table, ping pong table, VCR and a piano. These items came to us through generous donations from friends of Hillel in the community. We hope and anticipate that they will encourage more students to use the Hillel House.

Funds from the Jewish communities in North Carolina and from national B'nai B'rith allow Hillel to open our doors, pay our monthly utility bills and staff salaries. What we really need is programming

funds. We already have asked parents, faculty and alumni to assist and some have responded, but many continue to turn a deaf ear to our requests. Exciting and creative programming is not possible without the funding to bring plans to reality.

Any correspondence can be addressed to Rabbi Frank A. Fischer at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, 210 West Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27516.

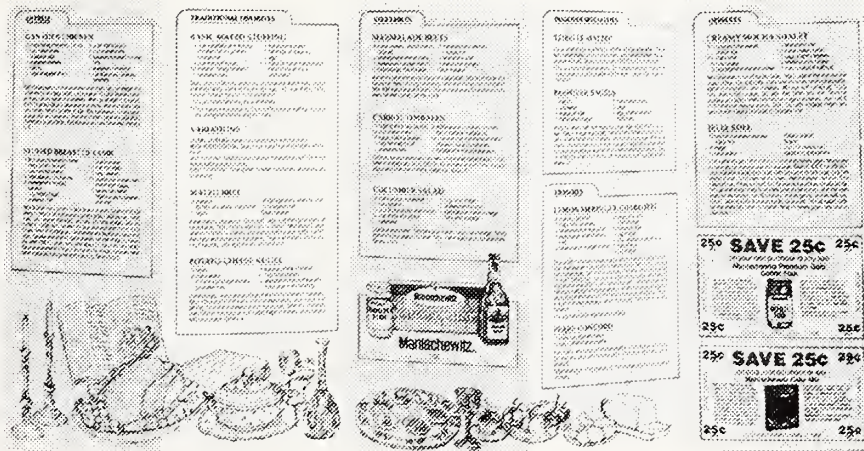
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B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Estelle Goozner

President Beth Linderman hosted the January 27 luncheon meeting in her home. The program, "Fun and Fashion," featured newest clothing for Spring.

Three of our members were awarded Certificates of Appreciation from Jewish Family Services for visiting Jewish elders in nursing homes on a regular basis. We are proud to announce that Joan Gordon, Thelma Levy and Margie Liebstein were recognized for their project of visitation.

We are delivering birthday cakes to the Alexander Children's Home. Each child knows that his or her birthday will be made extra special with a cake from BBW.

Our Chapter provided over 100 bag lunches for the Charlotte people who participated in the March for Soviet Jewry in Washington. We also stuffed and addressed envelopes with pre-information on the March that were mailed to local and state leaders. Thanks to Roz Cooper, Nancy Blacker, Dorothy Shapiro,

Beth Linderman, Val Blumenthal, Margie Liebstein, Mickey Waldman, Nina Haas, Bobbi Bernstein, Vicki Hopkins and Bussie Goldberg.

We had our annual New Members' Social at the home of Margie Liebstein on January 16. It was an opportunity to meet old and new members of BBW. Our new members are: Joanne Bigel, Nina Haas, Merle Purvis, Shirley Kaplan, Rosalind Taranto, Frada Mazenter, Selma Melasky, Pearl Mann, Janet Minkin, Mary Horn, Bessie Greenberg, Andrea Kovner and Adrienne Eisner.

Agudas Israel Congregation Hendersonville, N.C.

by Lee Lewin

December is always a busy month for everybody and the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary added to the joys of the season with some lovely festivities. The regular December meeting was a delightful luncheon meeting hosted by the Executive Board. Good food, a gift exchange and a good attendance of congenial people

made for a pleasant afternoon. Then, to celebrate Chanukah, a covered dish dinner was held later in the month and everybody brought their favorite dish. Bingo was also enjoyed at that time. And to wind up 1987, a gala New Year's Eve party was held in the social hall.

We extend congratulations to Dr. Edwin Smolowitz who was recently inducted as a member of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a board-certified urologist in the American Urological Association. Dr. Smolowitz practices adult and pediatric urology. He is a very respected Board member of Agudas Israel Congregation.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Levitt on the birth of a daughter, Jessica Rose. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Levitt.

Our good wishes to Sharon Williams Crisp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, who was married on February 14 to Kyle Wooten. After a honeymoon trip to Canada, the couple will reside in Fayetteville.

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Susan Bruck of Matthews, N.C. a BBW vice president and Executive Board member, laughs with her new friend at the BBW Children's Home in Jerusalem, as she and 21 other BBW leaders joined the Home's residents and staff in a festive Shabbat dinner.

The group of BBW leaders from the U.S. and Canada were participants in the organization's recent ten-day Leadership Seminar in Israel.

Camp Lejeune/Jacksonville Jewish Community, N.C.

by David P. McKee

On December 18, David Magnus was Bar Mitzvah. The Jewish Chapel had standing room only, as friends of the family came from all over the United States. December 20 was the annual Chanukah party. A film was shown, gifts were exchanged, and a typical Chanukah brunch was held.

The military congregation has grown with the addition of Robin and Tiernan Leavey, Amy and John Thompson, and Lisa Whitney. Colonel John Creel is in charge of the Marine Amphibious Unit which leaves in March. John takes along with him LTCOL Bob Magnus, who is in charge of the Helicopter Squadron on the MAU.

Stewart and Marcie Samuels are the proud parents of a boy named Jacob Evan. Jeff and Michelle Kramer are the proud parents of a baby girl named Hannah Aurora. Stacy Hollaway, Matthew Finger and Ray Dank were chosen to receive scholarships from the Staff Sergeant Allen Soifert, USMC, Memorial Fund to attend Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia.

In January, Rabbi Apple attended the Senior Military Officers Course in military justice and administrative law. He also gave the opening D'var Torah at the JWB professional development training course for active duty military rabbis.

At the end of January the Jewish Chapel Advisory Council had a bowling party, including everyone who attends the Jewish Chapel. After bowling, a quick council meeting was held at the Pizza Hut. The Passover Seder will once again be held at the El Mex Restaurant. The Religious School will hold a model seder on March 27. Purim will be celebrated at the Jewish Chapel with a Megillah reading. Henry Roseman will chant the Megillah in Hebrew and the chapel sisterhood will bake hamen-tashen.

On April 14, Mrs. Agge Glaser will

be the speaker at the Second Annual Camp Lejeune Holocaust Service. Agge Glaser was in Germany during the infamous "Krystalnacht." Her talk will concern itself with the events of that night and how it changed the lives of Jews and Germans forever.

B'nai Israel Congregation Wilmington, N.C.

Installation of new officers was held by B'nai Israel Congregation after Sabbath Services January 8. This year's officers are: Leon Blau-

stein, president; Steve Laufer, vice president; Joel Mintzes, secretary; Isaac Lasar, treasurer. The board of directors will be composed of Howard Neuwirth, David Burns, Gayle Ginsberg, Barry Kaufer, Steve Stein and Bill Kingoff. Outgoing president, having served for two years, is Howard Heuwirth.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Over 250 people watched Rabbi Binyomin Weiss kindle six candles on the 12 foot Menorah that graced the atrium of the Charlotte Marriott City Center Hotel on December 20, 1987. The Dinner which followed Chanukah blessings and songs was held in celebration of the seven successful years of Lubavitch in North Carolina.

Rabbi Yossi Groner, regional director of Lubavitch, welcomed guests from Charlotte and other Carolina cities, including Rabbi Hesh Epstein who led a delegation from Columbia, and several families representing Chabad in Myrtle Beach.

Rabbi Epstein read a special letter of greetings from the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita. The essence of the message was connected to the fact that this year is a "Hakhel" year, a year of general assembly.

Al Rousso Mayor pro-tem of Charlotte, was honorary chairman of the event. Mr. Rousso spoke of his deep roots in Jewish education within the family, and how his children and grandchildren have continued in the path of family tradition. Before his talk, Rousso received a Chanukah Menorah Pictorial Book, symbolizing his function as a lamplighter.

Senator Marshall Rauch, chairman of Lubavitch, was presented a unique plaque by Rabbi Groner for his involvement and support of Lubavitch. The plaque was a reproduced picture depicting Senator Rauch's visit to the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

As Chairman of Lubavitch of North Carolina, Senator Rauch utilized the opportunity to recognize the great accomplishments of Herman Blumenthal in his efforts to increase Jewish education in the State of North Carolina. Rauch then presented to Herman Blumenthal a plaque, which contained a picture of Blumenthal and the Rebbe.

The height of the evening was a special address delivered by Rabbi Abraham Shemtov of Philadelphia, Director of American friends of Lu-

bavitch. Rabbi Shemtov humored the participants with interesting anecdotes and thoughts. He also explained how the Menorah became a symbol for Lubavitch not only on Chanukah but throughout the year as well.

A special video presentation about the history of Lubavitch was shown on two large screens in the main ballroom. "A genuine slice of Chassidic life was brought to life through this presentation," said Arny Pickholtz, who helped coordinate the dinner Journal.

A delicious kosher dinner was served, prepared by a caterer from Detroit. The menu included traditional and contemporary Jewish food.

Live entertainment was provided

by the Piamenta band, one of the most popular groups in North America. After dinner, the band performed with a special concert which combined Chassidic and Israeli music.

The highlight of the event was when participants joined the Rabbis in the traditional Chassidic dance. They danced to the lively tunes with joy and enthusiasm. One elderly visitor from High Point commented: "In all my life in North Carolina, I have never seen such a joyous event."

Adult Education

The winter season saw a continuation of adult education at Lubavitch of North Carolina. In Charlotte, Tuesday evenings are devoted to Bible study with Rabbi Binyomin



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Weiss, and Wednesday evenings Rabbi Yossi Groner teaches Chassidic philosophy with the book of Tanya.

Lubavitch takes its lectures on the road, with regular sessions in High Point and other communities in the Carolinas. A special evening of Chassidic thought and mysticism was held in Chapel Hill at the Hillel House, UNC. Also a discussion on Chassidic life took place in Winston-Salem.

The Jewish Sound

The weekly program entitled "The Jewish Sound" aired a special documentary on cult deprogramming. A radio theatre dramatization of an actual deprogramming brought to life the frustration and success of the tedious work in battling the cults.

The show which airs every Sunday morning at 9:00 on WSOC-93 AM in Charlotte, and on WCOS-1400 AM in Columbia hosts a Purim special on Sunday, February 28 in honor of that holiday.



President Ronald Reagan receives Chanukah Menorah from representatives of American Friends of Lubavitch. (L. to R.) Rabbi Moshe Feller; Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, Executive Director, American Friends of Lubavitch; Rabbi Samuel Raichik; Rabbi Moshe Herson; Rabbi Yoseph Groner.



(L. to R.) State Senator Marshall Rauch, Rabbi Yossi Groner, Charlotte Mayor Pro-Tem Al Rousso, Rabbi Abraham Shemtov.

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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Youth Board (BETY) members assisted in *The Charlotte Observer* Marathon by running an aid station, as they've done for several years.

Our Shabbat nursery, now in its sixth month, has been a fantastic success! Older children often drop in during the last half of the service to read to the younger ones or help with babies; parents help out weekly on a rotating basis.

"We wanted the children to grow up feeling welcome and at home at the Temple. Our goal was to create an atmosphere of Shabbat at a level children could enjoy," said Nina Haas, parent coordinator for the Temple Nursery, "and we're succeeding." Nursery services begin with lighting the Shabbat candles and reciting the blessing. Then children work on craft projects, e.g. Shabbat candlesticks, Shofarot from paper plates, and beautifully colored and glittered New Year's cards during Rosh Hashanah. After crafts, children march into the Sanctuary singing "Shabbat Shalom." On the Bimah, participating in the service, there is often not enough room for everyone!

During Chanukah, the Nursery Committee gave the children a big Chanukah party. The first Tzedakah Project for the nursery is raising money for the Children's Forest in Israel. With this in mind, the children had their first outing for Tu B'Shevat, a trip to a tree nursery to see saplings growing and to purchase a tree. They returned to Temple and planted it. In February, there was a Tot Shabbat in conjunction with Tu B'Shevat for the community children.

Nina concluded that "they are learning that the Temple is the heart of their young Jewish lives."

Allan Solomon, Director of UAHC Camp Coleman recently spoke about and presented a slide show on Reform Jewish Camping experiences. His presentation was so exciting parents suggested there be a camp for adults!

Our Lox and Bagel Torah study group has grown to over 25 "regulars." The class, conducted by Rabbi Seigel after Saturday services, has raised enough money to buy copies of *The Torah, A Modern Commentary*, for everyone attending. One Shabbat we were happy to welcome the Music Class of the Consolidated High School which began services with a hymn and added much to the morning with their singing.

Steve Haas, our musical director, was recently named by *Creative Loafing Magazine*, a local publication, as one of the Top Ten Directors of 1987 for his production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at Rock Hill Community College. In March, Steve will be making his Virginia opera debut singing leading roles in a double billing of *I Pagliacci* and *Cavalleria Rusticana*. Singing both roles on the same evening is a rare event and a challenge for any singer. Steve will be performing in Norfolk for five weekends.

In March of 1987, Gert Rosenberger assumed responsibility for the Gift Shop and, with a tremendous amount of help from her husband, Joe, (They're known as Mr. and Mrs. Gift Shop) they increased profits over 130% this year. Would you believe they sold over 2,000 dreidels, ran out and plan to order an extra thousand next year?

Honey Kridel, Sisterhood president, tells us 128 people attended the Chanukah Dinner. 60 people attended the Sisterhood Brunch meeting in January honoring Past Presidents.

The Friday night of the New Members dinner and special New Member service was the same night as the surprise 50th birthday party and Oneg for our Temple president, Sally



Shabbat Nursery Service

photos by Nina Haas



Temple Beth El V'Shalom BETY Youth Group served water and Gatorade to Charlotte Marathon Runners at the 21 mile mark. (L. to R.) Randy Hitt, Rachel Klein, Kim Doobrow, Scott Glickauf, Steve Glickauf, Stephanie Davis. (not pictured) Debra Klein, Marc Gentile.

Schrader. Almost 100 people enjoyed the dinner and 300 attended the service. It was a wonderful evening! At the Family Shabbat Service, led by students of the Charlotte Jewish Day School, the Temple was again packed with families and friends.

Pearl Abramsky wrote the beautiful program for the Sisterhood Creative Shabbat Service. The service, conducted entirely by members of sisterhood, was very moving and well received.

Donna Seeman was a Bat Mitzvah in February. At the Social Action Shabbat, a new UAHC videotape on the Religious Action Center was shown.

Men's Club welcomed Irv Pepper to its February business meeting breakfast. Irv spoke on relocating the Russian Jews to Charlotte and all the problems and red tape involved in such a major project.

New Temple members are: Emil and Annette Pagano; Stefan and Gail Pienkny; the Bruce and Betty Idell Family; Richard and Ellen Dale Family; Arthur and Maria Cohen Family; Pat Fearon and Family.

Grace Levitt, who is very active in numerous Temple projects, was featured in the *Hospice Newsletter* for her volunteer work as hostess for our Caring Community Committee. She is special.

Rabbi Seigel anticipates conducting a Jewish Tour of Europe from July 10 to July 24, 1988. The tour will include Holland, Sweden, Denmark, West and East Germany. Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to call Rabbi Seigel at (704) 366-1948 for more information.

February plans for Sisterhood included an Older Adult Luncheon, Sisterhood Sabbath and a Sadie Hawkins Day Dance co-sponsored with the "J".

Roz Cooper, Religious School principal, coordinated a special Parents' Open House, with all classes participating in an assembly that day. She also announced formation of optional mid-week Hebrew clas-

ses. Students participated in a special service and sacred book burial at the Hebrew Cemetery. They took part in Barrier Awareness Day at Shalom Park.

The December MOM Award (Sisterhood member of the month) plus a special thanks to Arnold Kridel, and co-chairpersons Ruth Lubin and Ailine Lorber, went to all who worked to make the 1987 attic sale another successful fund raising event at Temple Beth El V'Shalom.

It hasn't been all work and no play here. The Social Club celebrated its second birthday with an outstanding Chanukah party. Outgoing officers were thanked and the 1988 members were elected to head the group: Harold Breitman/Sid Cojac, co-presidents; Louise Rickles, Secretary; Sam Weiss, Membership; Clarice Breitman, Treasurer; Henry Hirschmann, Historian-Photographer; Patti Winters, Ilse Weiss and Estelle Rosen, Program Chairpeople. The Club started the year with a Dinner and Theatre evening and saw *Little Abner* at CPCC in February.

During January, Mark Warshawsky was a Bar Mitzvah. The Adult Education group held a pot-luck dinner before a discussion with Walter Curley, Director of the Uptown Shelter, and Kathy Gordon, Director of Mecklenburg Ministries Homeless Programs, on the topic of "The Homeless in Charlotte." We hosted a dinner for about 50 new members at the Temple before the Shabbat Service honoring them. Welcome all!

Congratulations to Jean Anoff, President, SESCO, Inc., who received a Master Advertising Specialist designation at ceremonies in Dallas, Texas in January. This recognition by the Specialty Advertising Association International required 170 hours of education classes and seminars.

Opera in Jerusalem

The Israel Festival, Jerusalem, will have as its highlight a spectacular production of Verdi's *Nabucco*, set against a backdrop of the old walls

of Jerusalem, an actual site of the opera's story.

The performances will be held in Jerusalem May 15-29, 1988, with the possibility of four additional performances through June 2. The opera tells the story of the Jewish people's historic struggle for freedom and independence. A Swiss-based company, OOS-Opera on Original Site, Inc., specializes in staging operas at their original location, and its president, Michael W. Ecker, is in charge of this \$11.5 million event, said to be the most expensive opera ever produced.

The 7700 seat natural amphitheater where *Nabucco* will be performed is at the foot of David's Tower, facing Mount Zion. Performers will be famous opera stars, 250 singers (the Pro-Musica Chorus of London) and 850 non-singing performers. Tens of thousands of tourists from all the world are expected to attend this event in the series which will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence.

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Andrea J. Taratoot Celebrates Bat Mitzvah

Andrea Johanna Taratoot, granddaughter of Bea and Ben Katz of Statesville, N.C., celebrated her Bat Mitzvah January 2 at Etz Chaim congregation in Dunwoody, Ga. where she and her family live. Andrea is the daughter of Gerry and Bubba Taratoot.

It was significant that Andrea chose to "Twin" her Bat Mitzvah with a Russian boy named Albert Katz, not related, but whose name was the same as her mother's maiden name. Andrea read to the congregation the letter she wrote to Albert's grandparents in Israel, in which she enclosed a copy of the letter she had written to Albert. In case Albert had not received her letter in Russia, she hoped that the grandparents would give it to him when Albert is finally freed from Russia. His parents had applied to emigrate in 1972 and had been refused 34 times.

For Andrea "twinning is a special way to demonstrate our concern for the Jews in Russia."



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B'nai Shalom Synagogue Day School

by Karen Weingarten

B'nai Shalom students and faculty have been visited by a number of celebrities over the past few months. Topping the list was Greensboro's Mayor Victor Nussbaum.

The second grade was visited by Bill Flynn from Magic Radio WMAG. Gabriel Godwin, son of Mac Godwin and Karen Dresser, wrote to the disc jockey and requested a visit to his class. Mr. Flynn enthralled the children with stories about programming, radio and commercials.

Barry Strulson delighted the students at a "Shabbat Surprise" while he sang Hebrew songs accompanied by his guitar. As a local actor in many community performances, Mr. Strulsin is best known for his role as Tevya in "Fiddler on the Roof." "Shabbat Surprise" is presented to the school each Friday after the Sabbath rituals of lighting candles, "wine" grape juice and challah. Grades kindergarten through fifth rotate leading the School in prayers. Parents are encouraged to join the festivities and have lunch with their children. Susan Cook, Director, surprises the children with such things as an entertainer, a scavenger hunt or a class performing a play, all making Shabbat something very special.

The first and second grade learn about a famous person each week. The fourth and fifth graders are responsible for reading newspapers and news magazines and watching TV news. Each week they have a current events debate.

Marie Curie, George Washington Carver, Alexander Graham Bell and Albert Einstein were among the important scientists and inventors who "visited" the fourth and fifth graders. They explained their biographies as well as inventions and discoveries.

The kindergarten made Beaver Lodge dioramas to show how the animals get ready for winter.

The third and fourth graders have finished their unit on electricity and are currently making their own lamps.

Central Carolina Jewish Singles Association (ages 35-60)

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Anne Frank in the World Exhibit Greensboro, N.C.

The World Class Exhibit "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945," an International Exhibition sponsored by the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust in cooperation with the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam, will be shown in Greensboro May 2-30, 1988. An organization has been set up to participate and aid in making this an outstanding success and a credit to our community. This Exhibition, which is travelling throughout the United States has already been seen by millions of people in many areas and has broken attendance records for similar exhibitions. We feel particularly proud that Greensboro has secured this Exhibition, the only community between Washington, D.C. and Miami, Florida to hold it.

For a community event of this magnitude, we need a corps of committed volunteers. Several key committees are now being formed. We hope you will want to participate. Obviously, there are many ways to help.

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Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Our newsy monthly bulletin is dotted with ads to defray the cost of printing and is a warm, helpful addition to our schul clarion. Thanks to our advertisement solicitor, Ben Shulimson, and, of course, to our advertisers.

Milton and Mildred Lurey have graciously donated the new Yahrzeit tablet to the congregation as an additional fund raiser.

The Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Ribner was a charming traditional event, fulfilled not only by his participation, but by the detailed input of Mom and Dad, Dr. Bruce Ribner, and his wife Barbara. Mazel Tov!

On the weekend of December 11 and 12, Temple Beth Ha-Tephila and Beth Israel Synagogue held a Unity Shabbat with Rabbi Pearlson leading services and giving the sermon at Beth Ha-Tephila on Friday night, and Rabbi Bluming, of Temple Beth Ha-Tephila, officiating at the services, with Torah explanation, at Beth Israel on Saturday morning. This event was chaired by Dr. Joseph Schandler of Beth Israel and Mrs. Barbara Levy of Beth Ha-Tephila. What a preface to a festive Chanukah week! In well-known words, Rabbi Pearlson quoted the saying, "Hinei Mah Tov Umah Na-im Shevet Achim Gam Ya-chad." "Behold, how good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together."

The Chanukah Shabbat Dinner on December 18th was a true "feastival" of lights and camaraderie. Pictures of Beth Israel functions with historic reference are being taken by our Historian/Publicity Chairman, Shirley Kayne.

A report on the National Conference Open Meeting at Atlanta, December 13-15, of Women's League, was among other topics discussed at Sisterhood's Board Meeting on December 14.

Our Sunday School principal, Carol Deutsch and Bob Deutsch, music director of the Sunday School,

took time out from their Synagogue duties to attend the March for Soviet Jewry on December 6 in Washington, D.C. Geoff Brown, JCC Director, marched with them.

The calendar for Sunday School included a Saturday Shabbat in January. The last Shabbat success was due to the faculty's special preparations, with special kudos to Ruth Gaynes and Sandi Winston. The food drive still continued even after the Thanksgiving holiday when the Youth Group delivered canned goods to the Hospitality House Shelter for the needy. The senior class, now a Kadima chapter, went to Atlanta in December to participate in a Shabbat weekend. Thanks to the efforts of Rick Slosman, leader, the class took a field trip to UNCA's Jewish Studies Center's program with the Israeli Consul General.

On December 13, there was a joint Chanukah program with the Sunday School of Beth Ha-Tephila, featuring a professional Jewish Storyteller/Juggler, Renee Brachfeld, of Atlanta, plus games and refreshments. Mrs. Phyllis Bluming, principal of the Beth Ha-Tephila Sunday School, coordinated the event.

Mazel Tov to Egon and Ilse Friedlander on the Bar Mitzvah of their eldest grandson.

We would like to welcome our newest members, Mark and Elizabeth Nigrosh.

A Men's Club is starting at Beth Israel, and presently, the Formulation Committee is holding organizational breakfasts with Eric Wellisch officiating and coordinating efforts to start the group. As its first function, participants of the Men's Club led the Friday night services on January 1. This wonderful group of dedicated men is still in its infancy and is anxious to enlist new members. Anyone wishing to find out more about this dynamic group may contact any of the following members: Larry Casper, Cliff Feingold, or Richard Laibson.

Rabbi Pearlson's additional speaking engagements for December were the following: December 9 at the

Lion's Club on the topic of Chanukah; December 15 at the Mountain Geri Care Center where he gave a Chanukah presentation; December 16 at Reynolds Middle School on the topic of Modern Zionism.

Our family of Congregation Beth Israel has embarked on a new monthly event, "Shabbat Simcha" (the Sabbath of Happiness), this January 15. Although, every Shabbat is a gift from G-d, and a happy occasion, one Shabbat a month will be dedicated with a special Friday night service to honor our member's birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, graduations and accomplishments.

And so the secular year 1987 winds up climaxing with all good happenings. May the religious and secular year 1988 be one of good health, happiness, prosperity and peace for our congregants, Israel and all mankind.

Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C.

In celebration of the Centennial of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Community, a Concert of Jewish and Israeli Songs was held January 10 at Duke University. Singers were: Judith Klinger, soprano, winner of both the Metropolitan and San Francisco Auditions, who is Assistant Professor of Music at UNC-Chapel Hill; Eric Meyers, baritone, Professor and Chairman of Judaic Studies at Duke University and Cantor at Beth El Synagogue; and Isabel Samfield, soprano, well known teacher of voice and director of symphonic and choral groups, a popular recitalist. John Kennedy Hanks, Professor of Music, Emeritus, at Duke University, served as a consultant and organizer for this program. His interest in Jewish music goes back to his youth in Oklahoma where his first voice teacher was a cantor.

The program included Israeli, Sephardic and Yiddish melodies as well as American and European leider, including compositions by Bloch and Ravel.

Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

One of the delights of Temple life is watching the children of our Hebrew Schools grow up, become Bar or Bat Mitzvah, then Confirmed and finally leave the "roost" to go to college. We think that then we have lost them, but every once in a while they come back to us when on a semester break and it is a joy to behold what we and their parents have produced. This *Yontiff* at Temple we had such an experience when Kim Heinberg came to services and with her wonderful voice sang in our choir during the services. We all "kvelled" at this and are looking forward to more of our children to grow not only up, but remain a good part of our Temple life. Thank you Kim!

The annual Hanukkah dinner was attended by an overflow crowd of merrymakers and we were afraid that we couldn't squeeze them all in, but we did, and more amazing was the amount of food that we squeezed into them. The school children put on not just one but two short plays, and then sang the traditional songs for Hanukkah.

Being the oldest Hebrew house of worship in North Carolina, Temple of Israel is always part of the annual "candlelight tour" of the Historic District of Wilmington held in December. Our well versed members of Temple act as docents on the two evenings of this event and not only are the distinct features of the old building pointed out, but many questions relating to Judaism are answered and some lively and very friendly discussions take place.

The entire Jewish community helps out during the holiday season. Many of us spend Christmas Day at the local hospital taking the place of the non-medical staff so that they may be home to enjoy that day. This is an annual helping hand that the entire community of Wilmington is proud of. We also prepare meals for shut-ins and deliver them in time for their dinner that day for people who

might otherwise do without.

With 1988 here, we are looking forward to a year filled with joy and good works and wish the same to all the North Carolina Jewish communities.

Temple of Israel Greenville, S.C.

by Lorraine Hughes

Greenville has been producing a few budding stars in our community. We are very proud of Erin and Whitney Naman and Diana and Cybil Dreskin who had roles in the Greenville Little Theater production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Cecilia Murray was in "Noises Off" at the same theater. Also, Michael Friedman is in "Oliver" at the Anderson Community Theater.

In January, we held our Sisterhood meeting. After a wonderful brunch prepared by Shari Naman and her committee, we heard a talk given by our Rabbi James Cohn. He told us his own story about how he decided to become a rabbi. We were all very interested in his decision making. He also told us that the "Yes Fund" enabled him to complete his studies. It is nice to know that the sale of our Uniongrams will enable our Rabbis to finish their studies.

Dottie Gold represented our Temple at the Interim Board Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. She reported a very informative meeting.

In January, we hosted our annual Sisterhood Sabbath. The service, led by many of our members, was warmly received by all. Besides the service, we heard a sermon describing the past 75 years of Sisterhood at our Temple. The research and delivery of this information was done by Marcia Goldman.

We are now gearing up for our annual Sisterhood "Sweetheart Auction." We all enjoy bidding on the lunches, dinners, hand made items and other what-nots that are donated.

Please do not forget that our doors are always open to visitors and new members.

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)

by Lenora Stein

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education is located in Charlotte, N.C. housed at Temple Beth El V'Shalom. The agency has a multimedia Jewish education resource center containing over 1700 individual items, comprising audio tapes, video tapes, slides, filmstrips, games, computer software, learning materials, as well as books and other print materials. Materials are available on loan to member schools, congregations and individuals, either in person or through the mail. Materials may be borrowed for up to two weeks. All materials are listed in a computerized database, and are catalogued by subject, title, level, publisher and are cross-referenced. A print-out of the catalogue is supplied to all CAJE members upon request.

The Center is open by appointment, and is available for individual or group visits and consultation. The Center has several Apple II computers and other audio-visual equipment (a VHS-VCR, a portable VHS-recorder, a VHS camera, a kodak ektagraphic Audio-Viewer projector, an Apple printer, etc.) The CAJE database is stored in a KAY-PRO computer with 2 Epson printers.

The CAJE network covers the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, southern Virginia and southern West Virginia.

In addition to its role as a multimedia lending library, CAJE also conducts workshops, provides consultation, develops curriculum, publishes a newsletter, the CAJE PAGE, and functions as a supportive and pioneering educational endeavor among the far-flung and widespread Jewish communities of the Carolinas and beyond.

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Contact CAJE at (704) 366-1948, or write to 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

Foods and Fun of Purim

by Estelle Hoffman

The holiday of Purim celebrated this year on March 2 and 3, is the happiest Jewish celebration of the year. In rejoicing over our deliverance from slavery in Egypt at Passover, we pause to lament the destruction of the plagues and the loss of Egyptian lives in the Red Sea. On Purim we express no sympathy for the wicked Haman; rather we mock him, as he was mocked in the outcome of the Purim story in the *Megillah*. We laugh as we envision the arrogant Haman, fallen from his seat of glory, leading Mordecai astride a horse, in the delightful twist of fate.

In the spirit of the holiday, festive traditions have come down to us and continue in our time. The Purimspiel in Yiddish, masquerade, feasting and drinking are encouraged. In the State of Israel the annual *Ad'lo'yada* is eagerly anticipated. It is a huge carnival and parade in Tel Aviv. *Shalach manot* (the giving of portions) is a feature of Purim, when we remember friends and relatives with gifts of food, and in accordance with the teaching of Judaism, we are reminded especially to give food and money to the poor.

The Purim *Se'udah* (banquet) includes foods which are historically symbolic in the story read on the holiday in the *Megillah*, The Book of Esther. People in different lands have different concepts. Because King Ahasuerus was regarded as a foolish ruler and the turkey represents a foolish fowl, turkey is a popular food for Purim. Always, everywhere, *Hamantaschen* are the symbolic food of Purim, often the form our *shalach manot* takes. *Taschen* means pockets, or perhaps refers to the tri-cornered shape of Haman's hat. *Hamantaschen* means, therefore, the pockets (or hat) of Haman, or *ha-mohn-taschen* might be the pockets of *mohn* (poppy-seed). Poppy seed might have been the original filling, but prune jam or plum jam became popular in eastern Europe.

Here are some recipes from *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook*, an International Collection of Recipes and Customs by Gloria Kaufer Greene (Times Books).

Hamantaschen

Dough:

½ cup butter or margarine, softened
¼ cup packed brown sugar
¼ cup honey
2 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
2½ cups white flour (half whole wheat flour, if desired)

Filling:

1 cup poppy seeds
½ cup milk or water
½ cup honey
¼ cup dark raisins or currants
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine
1 tsp. lemon juice

For the dough, use electric mixer at medium speed to cream butter with brown sugar and honey in medium-sized bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Mix in baking powder, soda and flour until well combined. Form dough into a thick circle, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for several hours, until quite firm. (Dough may be refrigerated for up to 3 days.)

Make poppy seed filling. Grind the poppy seeds in blender or coffee grinder until most of the seeds are broken. (Seeds may be used whole; however the texture will not be as fine and the flavor not as rich.)

Put ground poppy seeds into small saucepan with remaining filling ingredients. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently for about 10 minutes, or until mixture is very thick and almost all the liquid has been absorbed. Remove from heat and let it cool slightly, then chill before using. (Filling may be refrigerated and covered for up to 3 days.)

Roll out chilled dough on lightly floured surface until about ¼" thick. For easier handling, use half the dough at a time and leave the rest in refrigerator. Cut out circles about 3" in diameter. (A clean, empty

tuna can with both ends removed makes a perfect cutter.) Put a generous teaspoon of filling in center of each circle. Fold up edges of circle in thirds to form a triangular base and pinch edges together tightly, leaving small opening in center where filling can be seen. The cookie should resemble a tri-cornered hat.

Put hamantaschen about 1" apart on greased or non-stick spray-coated baking sheets and bake in preheated 350° oven for about 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack. Makes about 24 hamantaschen.

Israeli-Style Turkey Schnitzel

1½ lbs. boneless raw turkey breast cutlets (⅛ to ½" thick)
About ¼ cup white flour
2 large eggs
1 Tbsp. water
About 1¼ cups fine dry bread crumbs, seasoned with salt, pepper, garlic powder, chopped parsley and other herbs, if desired
Vegetable oil for frying

Put turkey cutlets between 2 sheets of heavy plastic wrap and pound with rubber mallet, rolling pin or meat mallet until about half their original thickness. Be careful not to tear the meat. Lightly coat each piece with flour. In a small bowl, beat eggs with water. Dip each cutlet into egg mixture and let excess drip off. Then immediately coat the cutlet with seasoned bread crumbs and set aside on large platter or wax paper. For best results let cutlets dry for 20 to 30 minutes at room temperature before frying. (They may be made several hours ahead up to this point and refrigerated).

In a large skillet, over medium-high heat, heat oil ⅛" to ¼" deep until hot but not smoking. In batches, brown cutlets on both sides. This will take only 2 or 3 minutes on each side; do not overcook or the meat may toughen. Drain cutlets on paper towels. Transfer them to serving platter and garnish with parsley and lemon wedges. Serves 6.

Toward a Principled Pluralism

by Rabbi Irving Greenberg

IV. Models of Pluralism: How There Can Be Unity and Diversity

The following conclusion of the series entitled "Toward a Principled Pluralism" is excerpted from Section IV of that publication of CLAL.

How can we expect that people who believe the halacha is divine commandment will extend legitimacy to others who believe that those same laws can be dropped or changed by decisions of a movement?

Does pluralism mean that I must accept without condemnation the consequences of actions by others which I myself consider to be illegal?

How can we reconcile principles, practices and pluralism without betraying one or all of them? We need models that can do justice to these conflicting claims to guide practice and relationships in the Jewish community. The purpose of dialogue is to motivate such a search, as well as to create the conditions of empathy and understanding that will lead to authentic models of principled pluralism.

More than twenty-five years ago, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik suggested that the Jewish people is bound by covenant at two levels—the covenant of fate and covenant of destiny. The covenant of fate is experienced in the isolation of the Jewish people or of Israel and even in the assault of our enemies. The covenant of destiny reflects chosen, voluntary existence for the purpose of the realization of Jewish values and Jewish purpose in history.

Rabbi Soloveitchik rules that traditional Jews share the covenant of fate with all Jews. Therefore, they have all the obligations to other Jews—not least their acceptance—that flow from such shared existence. When it comes to destiny and

values, there are significant and fundamental disagreements between Jews. However, given the shared fate, Soloveitchik suggests that the arguments over destiny, meaning, values, practices must be argued out in the framework of shared community. The proper way to overcome such disagreements is by education and voluntary respect, not by repudiation or delegitimation.

Rabbi Soloveitchik is offering us a most fruitful model concerning which Jews to include and which to exclude in the fundamental consensus which bestows legitimacy. The covenant of fate gives us rules which can guide the fight over the issues of practice, principle and values.

The purpose of *tikkun olam*—the perfection of the world—is shared. The denominational quarrel is over the right to develop the law and whether or not to drop previous principles or modify them.

Specific decisions can be properly challenged as errors of judgment or practice. However, such arguments must be respectful and must admit the right of the others to organize to propagate their understanding of the covenant and its imperatives.

It can be argued that, with proper understanding of halacha, all the groups can be seen as aligned along a halachic continuum. Halacha is the method and way of life of achieving perfection of the world. A vision of a world peace, full of human dignity, justice and consciousness of God, is the central Jewish vision. With each group restructuring its thinking to recognize that it is on a continuum, the argument becomes a family argument, not one of antinomians against law-abiding Jews or of reactionaries against liberals.

The most poisonous element in the denominational fighting comes

from the growing conviction of right-wing Orthodox that Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and secular Jews who speak out of principle are in the categories of heretics (*apikorsim*).

There is an alternative model. The late Chazon Ish, perhaps the leading sage of the right wing in the previous generation, ruled that in this era there are no *apikorism* and the ancient laws vis-a-vis heretics do not apply. . . the Orthodox should. . . commit themselves to a fundamental policy of love—i.e., persuasion or dialogue are the only legitimate methods of religious argumentation.

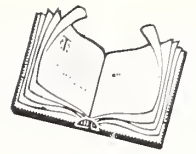
Pluralism does not imply yielding one's best insights to one's policy decisions. Pluralism implies a willingness to recognize shared values and goals and to appreciate the positive motives that drive each of the groups. This will pave the way for discovering tactical solutions that narrow differences or reduce intensity of problems. Ultimately, such models will lead to the possibility of meeting the fullness of the needs of the others without surrendering principles.

Editor's note: CLAL is dedicated to preparing Jewish leaders to respond to the challenges of a new era in Jewish history. The series which has been printed in previous issues of *Times Outlook* contained a conclusion far more definitive than our space allows. The entire piece is a sequel to Rabbi Greenberg's call for dialogue. (*Toward a Principled Pluralism* by Irving Greenberg, CLAL - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership 421 Seventh Ave., New York 10001, March 1986.)





Book Reviews



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327 pp. \$19.50
by Estelle Hoffman

At the 10th National Workshop on Jewish/Christian Relations in Minneapolis in November, there were 1,000 people in attendance. It was our good fortune to make the acquaintance of Norman A. Beck. In the area outside of the meeting rooms stood tables laden with books related to the subject of dialogue between people of both faiths. One of those books was *Mature Christianity*, written by Norman A. Beck.

The author teaches at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas. His intention is to teach a wide audience during a long span of time. His amazing courage in his task of re-writing the New Testament has received praise from theologians in various faiths. In his own words, this is his purpose:

The proper arena for change in this respect now as in the past is not, however, in win-lose voting in church conventions or ecumenical councils nor in administrative decrees by ecclesiastical authority figures. The proper place for this kind of change is in the marketplace, that is, in the preparation, sale, and use of translations of the New Testament in which polemic that is harmful both to non-Christians and Christians alike is repudiated and nullified. Since there is neither textual nor form-critical support for removing the offensive and distasteful portions from the Greek text of the epistle to Titus, they would remain in our editions of the Greek New Testament where they would continue to be accessible to those who read the biblical language.

Admittedly, he will meet with resistance in altering the text of the New Testament, making slight changes in wording, relegating some statements which are extremely de-

famatory to Jews to footnotes. He suggests it will take several generations, possibly 200 years, until the traditional, well memorized passages may be forgotten. He writes that although we will not see the task completed in our time, that does not excuse us from "the responsibility now to take courageously what to many of our fellow Christians will seem to be the overly drastic measure. . ." We Jews recognize that thinking as particularly in agreement with Jewish teachings.

Norman Beck appeals for changes in selection of readings customarily included in the lectionary of certain Christian holy days, omitting passages defamatory to Jews and substituting others. He asserts it is possible to maintain a high Christological message without being defamatory, that Christianity at this time is mature enough to stand on its positive merits without supersessionism. In his first chapter, *Focusing on the Issue*, he calls attention to the fact that a new religion has historically tried to replace other religions of the period in its area. However, since the adherents of replaced religions no longer exist today, no harm is done by polemic against them. On the other hand, Judaism continues to exist alongside of Christianity; anti-Jewish polemic harms Jews and the Christians who persist in using the texts which may have been

deemed necessary in establishing the new religion.

Of the inerrancy of the Scriptures, he says: "Subscription to them (the significant authority of scriptural traditions and institutions) as infallible and ultimate authority, however, is idolatrous." In his concluding chapter he says, "Although it may be understandable in view of the situation during the latter decades of the first century, we should not continue to defame during these latter decades of the twentieth century because of problems encountered during the first century. . . The defamatory anti-Jewish polemic of the New Testament should be repudiated."

Through the book, each Book of the New Testament is examined in the light of pertinent historical documents and from a scholarly theological background, and specific recommendations are made for changes made clearly necessary by a view of almost 2,000 years of sorrowful Jewish/Christian relations. Hailed by John T. Pawlikowsky of the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, as "the first attempt at a comprehensive analysis of the anti-Jewish polemic in every part of the New Testament," this serious, analytical book and its author deserve high praise. We hope he gathers support and encouragement from Christians in the difficult task he has chosen.

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Rescue: The Exodus of the Ethiopian Jews

by Ruth Gruber

Atheneum Publishers 234 pp.

\$19.95

In *Rescue: The Exodus of the Ethiopian Jews*, Ruth Gruber has written another documentary that reads like a novel. The subject matter is compelling. Her research included two fact finding trips to the hinterlands of Ethiopia, to the isolated villages where black Jews live. Few people knew of the plight of the Ethiopian Jews until the revelation of a secret mission in 1985, "Operation Moses," dominated the headlines and captured the attention of the world. Unfortunately, that news also caused the rescue to be halted. 15,000 black Ethiopian Jews were brought to Israel in a modern day exodus. Three years later, there are estimated to be another 10,000 to 20,000 black Jews left behind who will suffer and may die in the approaching famine.

Ruth Gruber, the only foreign correspondent allowed to witness "Operation Moses," chronicles the mission that involved a worldwide network including the United States, Israel, Sudan, the United Nations, dozens of relief and welfare agencies and individual heroes.

Despite centuries of poverty, torture, imprisonment and murder, the Ethiopian Jews held steadfast to their ancient Jewish traditions—living in such isolation that they believed themselves to be the last bastion of Jewish culture left in the world. *Rescue* recounts their valiant journey through the perilous mountains, forests and deserts of Ethiopia and Sudan on their long-delayed exodus and their absorption into Israeli society. Drawing on personal interviews with the survivors of the mission and their family members who stayed behind, Gruber paints a vivid portrait of their anguish and triumph. There are such people as 15-year-old Alitash and her boyfriend, Daniel, who leave their families in Gondar and flee to Israel; 72-



Sixty Sephardi boys, including 24 Ethiopians, celebrated their Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall during the World Sephardic Congress. Photo by MEDIA.

year-old Yona ben Naftali, the spokesman of the Jews of Gondar, who, through a ruse, is finally given permission to fly to Israel with his wife; and 14-year-old Ezekiel who survives the treacherous journey, although his parents and sister are buried along the way. Gruber also describes the refugee camps in Sudan, where thousands of Ethiopian Jews remained stranded, while disease, death and famine wreaked havoc.

Upon the Ethiopian people's arrival in Israel, they were faced with yet another challenge: learning to adapt to Israeli culture and customs. As with immigrants in all lands, the children and young people are being swiftly integrated, while many of the older immigrants will be dependent upon their families or the state for the rest of their lives. Gruber gives an honest and riveting portrait of their trials and errors, their struggles and successes, as they adjust to their life in the new world.

Rescue is receiving extraordinary praise. In the words of Abba Eban, "Ruth Gruber has written the most intimate and moving story yet published about the drama and pathos of Ethiopian Jewry. It is a superb human story, superbly told." Menachem Begin considers the book "an important contribution to this his-

toric saga."

Ruth Gruber's career as a journalist began at twenty-three, when she was allowed by the Soviets to become the first foreign correspondent to enter the Soviet Arctic. After that, pioneering assignments became her "beat" in Alaska, Israel, Egypt, the Arab world, Libya, Kenya, Puerto Rico, Korea, Vietnam and for this book, the Jewish villages in the mountains of Ethiopia. She was the only American correspondent permitted to watch "Operation Moses" and made two trips to Ethiopia to search for the families of the people she wrote about. Her work as a foreign correspondent also led to assignments by the U.S. government, including one in the middle of World War II by President Roosevelt that was to send her on a secret mission into Hitler's Europe. She tells the riveting tale of that journey in *Haven: The Unknown Story of 1,000 Refugees* (1983). She is the author of twelve other books, seven of them on Israel including the best-seller, *Raquela: A Woman of Israel* (1978), which won the national Jewish Book Award as the best book on Israel in 1979. She is the mother of two children and lives in New York City.

R.G.

Jerusalem, Shining Still

by Karla Kuskin

Harper & Row Junior Books Group
27 pp. \$12.95

by Estelle Hoffman

This is a story of Jerusalem. Colored woodcuts by David Frampton are generously spread through the book, enlivening the prose and poetry. It is announced as a story spanning four thousand years, written for all ages. It may not please all of its readers, because it is meant to be a neutral history for people of three faiths. Various conquering nations are named. The meaning of the word *Jerusalem* is not given; however, the translation of *Maccabee* is (hammer), for the Jews hammered the Greeks. It would be nice to read that *Jerusalem* means *City of Peace*.

The theme of survival is emphasized. The language is simple and clear, pleasing to read. I am troubled by a statement on the first page, repeated on the last, and quoted inside the jacket cover of *Jerusalem, Shining Still*. It reads as follows:

Sit beside me. The sky is getting lighter.
The sun comes up behind that ridge. It
puts gold on the crescents and stars of
the mosques, gold on the crosses of the
churches.

It seems the author forgot to mention the synagogues anywhere in the book. The temple built by Solomon (on page 6) is described thus: *A temple is a building like a church or a mosque, where people go to pray to the God they believe in.* She does say that Solomon was a Jew, "and the Jews have always believed in one God only. The Temple was built to honor Him."

The bit of philosophy which appealed to me is the reminder recurring through the story that "When times are bad they will get better" and the other side of the observation, "When times are good they will get worse." With additional information and interpretation from an adult, this can be an interesting tale.

The Russian Jews Under Tzars and Soviets

Second edition revised and enlarged with a new foreword by the author

By Salo W. Baron

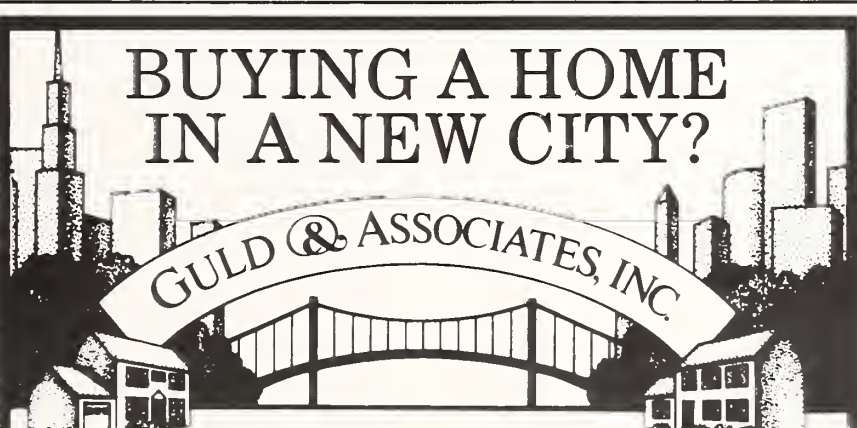
Schocken, Distributed by
Pantheon 495 pages paperback
\$14.95

First published in 1964, the new Schocken edition includes a new preface by the author. It is the only comprehensive one-volume treatment of the subject.

In *The Russian Jews Under Tzars and Soviets*, Professor Baron details the important role Jews played in the evolution of modern Russia—even the Cyrillic alphabet was adapted directly from Hebrew script—and recounts the history of official persecution they have endured under tzars and their heirs to power. From pogroms to Stalinist purges to

Soviet Jewry today, he "takes the reader with learning and lucidity through a whole range of topics affecting Soviet Jews." (*The Economists*)

At 93, Salo W. Baron is known as the Dean of Jewish historians. He began his studies in 1920's Vienna, where he earned three doctorates (Philosophy, Political Science, and Law) and was ordained as a Rabbi. He emigrated to America where he has earned a reputation as one of the preeminent Jewish scholars of the twentieth century. He is best known for his multi-volume *A Social and Religious History of the Jews*, the largest synthetic work of Jewish history ever published. While teaching at Columbia University in the 1950's he became the first member of an American history faculty in the United States to teach Jewish Studies; the university later named a Chair in Jewish Studies in his honor.



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The Jerusalem Handbook

by Tom Sawicki

The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies

Produced in cooperation with The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

This colorful guidebook to Jerusalem is approximately 5x9" making it handy to carry. It has an introduction by Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's mayor, in which he refers to the history, politics and significance of the city which is important to many people in many lands.

The text of the book addresses those aspects and contains important statistics and information valuable to visitors. There are numerous photographs in full color through the book's 80 pages, and a chart of Jerusalem Landmarks. A list of books about the city is included which will help to prepare for an informed appreciation of a visit.

To obtain *The Jerusalem Handbook*, write to Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y.

Yiddish Books on Tape

The National Yiddish Book Center of Amherst, Ma. has released for sale the first of a series of tapes in Yiddish. It is *L'koved Yontef*, a cassette recording of four short stories by Sholem Aleichem read by skilled dramatic readers who are natives of Vilna.

This sixty-minute tape is a new endeavor of the Center, which has "rescued" more than 750,000 Yiddish books. Two additional tapes will be released in March: *Lakhen Iz Gezunt!* and *The Best of Avrom Reisen*. The Center intends to serve with its recordings older Jews whose eyesight prevents their reading, Jews who understand spoken Yiddish but cannot read and young people who are learning Yiddish but cannot read and lack the opportunity of hearing the language spoken or read.

For information or to order, write National Yiddish Book Center, Old East Street School, Amherst, Ma. 01004.

Now I Lay Me Down

Poems by Efraim M. Rosenzweig

John F. Blair, Publisher

1406 Plaza Dr. S.W., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103

55 pp. \$12.95

by Estelle Hoffman

Now I Lay Me Down is the second book of poems written by Rabbi Efraim M. Rosenzweig, Rabbi Emeritus of Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, N.C., of which he was the founding rabbi.

Because he is an artist and writer as well as rabbi, his deep sensitivity is revealed in his poems. They are personal revelations of his thoughts and memories. He writes from the viewpoint achieved through a long, perceptive life, during which he has been teacher, husband and father. He sings of life and death, of loss and the frustration of not knowing, but singing he does, in songs that touch our deep feelings and memories. Hope shines, even when he writes of death, as standing *At the Outlook*, he contemplates the winter scene:

The tree is dead.

Bare of leaves, its sap no longer rising in its veins,
unmoving in the wind,
it stands unvisited by living things,
nor does it send forth seed
to find accepting earth.

I resurrect this death,
seeing in the barren limbs
an arabesque of lines,
a vibrant interlace like dance.
Standing still, it moves,
and, moving in my eye,
moves in my heart.

What can be truly dead,
which we behold as living?

The Strange Nation of Rafael Mendes

by Moacyr Scliar Harmony Books
304 pp. \$19.95

Moacyr Scliar is a Brazilian Jewish novelist who is also a public health physician. His parents came as children with their parents from Bessarabia to Brazil. *The Strange Nation of Rafael Mendes* is the first of his books to be published in the U.S. in

hardcover. Three others have been published here in paperback. Eloah F. Giacomelli has been translator of all of them.

This novel takes place within one day. It is a day filled with surprises and revelations to Rafael Mendes, who learns he is Jewish on the day his business fails. He also discovers his daughter is having an affair with his best friend and his mistress turns on him. The author traces the ancestry of Mendes back to Jonah, thereby writing a considerable review of Jewish history.

This is a good example of Latin American fiction, in which Scliar blends Indian myth with stories handed down from black slaves and Asian gods. Added to the potpourri are the influence of Christianity and, of course, the heritage of the Marranos who went to Brazil from Portugal during the Inquisition.

There is much action and the reader is assured of a lively experience of an uncommon sort.

E.H.

The Number on My Grandfather's Arm

by David A. Adler

UAHC Press 28 pp. \$7.95

The story of what happened during the Holocaust is told by a grandfather to his granddaughter in *The Number on My Grandfather's Arm*, by David A. Adler. The book is recommended for children from six to eight years of age, and it should be recommended for adults, as well, to help them tell the history in a way that will be understood and well received by children without frightening them.

His explanation is sad, omitting the terror. The sympathy of the child in her opinion is touching and wise: "You shouldn't be ashamed to let people see your number. . . It's the Nazis who should be ashamed."

David A. Adler is author of more than sixty books, including *Our Golda: The Story of Golda Meir*, which was selected as an Outstanding Social Studies Book by the Chil-

dren's Book Council. The photographs accompanying the text are large and clear, helping to convey the tale. Rose Eichenbaum, the photographer, is the daughter of Holocaust survivors, and the grandfather is truly a Holocaust survivor, who helped the U.S. War Crimes Branch prepare for the Nuremberg trials. Thus, the book is a product of people who remember. I wish some mention had been made of the part the U.S. played in finally ending the horror of the Holocaust, since I, too, remember.

E.H.

A Time to Speak: The Evangelical-Jewish Encounter

edited by **A. James Rudin and Marvin R. Wilson**
William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mi. 201 pp. paperback

Rabbi Rudin is National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee. Marvin R. Wilson is Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at Gordon College, Wenham, Mass. Each of them has written a chapter in this collection of articles in dialogue between Evangelical Christians and Jews. The book is based on the proceedings of a conference held at Gordon College in 1984.

The two editors have issued a *Call to Conscience* that stresses the importance of religious pluralism and the perniciousness of all bigotry. It is aimed at strengthening understanding between Evangelicals and Jews.

A strange team? The president of the Center for Judaic-Christian Studies based in Austin Texas is Dwight A. Pryor. He states, "There is no more rewarding or important task at hand for us as Christians than exploring the Hebrew heritage of our faith."

The nineteen essays which compose this book are written by noted spokespeople of both Jews and Christians and what they say in *A Time to Speak* is well worth reading.

To obtain a copy of *A Time to Speak: The Evangelical-Jewish Encounter*, contact Morton Yarmon, American Jewish Committee, 165 East 56th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Age of Consent

by **Joanne Greenberg**
Henry Holt and Co. 277 pp. \$17.95
by **Marilyn T. Shapiro**

A definition of the word *consent* is: "Compliance in or approval of what is done by another." In reality, all of us must contend with the effects of others' decisions and actions on our own lives—decisions often made without our consent.

In Joanne Greenberg's latest novel *Age of Consent*, the noble and altruistic goals of others shape the life of Daniel Sanborn, but without his consent. Although well intentioned, the devastating reverberations of these actions haunt and frequently torment Daniel Sanborn's life.

Adopted from what was then Palestine by a wealthy New York Jewish family, Daniel arrives on the boat, hollow-eyed, fearful, forever distant from his new family. Treasured only by his sister, Vivian, he is an enigma even to her. Daniel grows up to be a doctor, world renowned as a saintly healer who travels the world, performing reconstructive surgery on the faces of accident and torture victims, deformed children and adults. He operates from a tent in jungles, swamplands and deserts, assisted by loyal volunteers.

When he is murdered, along with his assistants, in the company of a Spanish Bishop, Vivian discovers that Daniel has left the award money won for his noble work to a sleazy nightclub comedian known as Jack the Ripper. In a desperate search to find out why, Vivian searches out the details of her mysterious brother's life. Discovering who Daniel really was teaches Vivian not only about consent and its importance to our lives, but something of the nature of altruism as well—that sometimes saintliness can mask fatal

flaws and result from dubious motives. Ultimately, Vivian's pilgrimage to discover the meaning of Daniel's life sheds new meaning on her own.

Age of Consent is a different type of story, written by an outstanding story teller. The writing is excellent, the reading is quick, and the story extremely thought-provoking.

Joanne Greenberg is an internationally acclaimed writer, and *Age of Consent* is her eleventh novel. Her previous novel, *Simple Gifts*, was named one of the Best Books for Young Adults by the American Library Association. She and her husband make their home in Colorado.

Moses: The Revelation and the Covenant

by **Martin Buber**
Humanities Press
232 pp. paperback \$12.50

"As a work of his late maturity, *Moses* offers the possibility to review Buber's longstanding concern with Scripture. It is in this book that Buber's methodological presuppositions about biblical traditions and their recovery, his attitudes towards biblical language and stylistic views of the religious teachings of the Bible and their enduring values, all come to clear expression."

The foregoing paragraph is used as the publisher's blurb for the new edition of *Moses*, taken from the introduction by Michael Fishbane of Brandeis University. In his own preface, Martin Buber declares that the history of faith is his subject-matter, the faith that shaped the common life of a community.

In his introduction, Fishbane reminds us that each generation has had its own interpretation of Moses. What the great scholarship of Buber did in his *Moses* was to offer us his way of studying the Bible. Written in his late life (Buber was 56 years old when *Moses* was first published), during the horrors of World War II, this work presents to us "the force of faith," surpassing the element of historical time.

E.H.

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FAIR OAKS CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF

The FAIR OAKS project ushers in a new era for the Blumenthal Jewish Home. With this issue of the *American Jewish Times Outlook*, we mark the official kick-off of the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS. Although, over the years, the Home has had a Grand Builders program, Membership and annual fund-raising drives, the FAIR OAKS Campaign is the first capital campaign in our 22-year history, and the first time we have reached out on a broad basis to request capital funds from our supporters.

The preliminary stages of the Campaign have been underway for the past year. We have had the opportunity to personally visit many of our friends across the mid-Atlantic area who have generously contributed to this early campaign activity. We are now seeking broad support from our entire constituency. The early stages of the Campaign

have resulted in \$3 million in gifts and pledges. With a Campaign target of over \$7 million, it will take the participation of thousands of our supporters to meet our goal.

“Tzudukah” is a Hebrew word that can be translated as “Charity.” There are many forms of Tzudukah and many ways to participate in this important Campaign. Certainly, your generous financial support is very important. One of the most essential needs at this time is for *you* to agree to work with us in your community in seeking the support of others for FAIR OAKS. We realize that each community has its own needs, with UJA drives, Temple and Synagogue annual drives, and various local construction projects. However, the Home has provided a service to *all* of our communities for over 22 years. In this part of the country there are no Jewish hospitals, colleges, libraries or research

facilities. The Home belongs to all of us. We are proud of this high quality institution which is an integral part of the Jewish Heritage of the Carolinas. So, even if you live in Wilmington and prefer to use a closer facility; or live in Columbia, South Carolina, and visit your loved one at the Home regularly; or live in Asheville and have never visited the Home; or live in Lynchburg, Virginia, and have been a supporter for years; or live in Greensboro and have been meaning to volunteer but have not taken the time; we all have an important stake in maintaining and enhancing this beautiful facility.

Over the next few months, we will be engaged in numerous Campaign-related activities that will involve many of you. We will be visiting some communities in an effort to organize local cam-

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A Continuing Tradition of Caring

Basic to all Blumenthal Jewish Home planning, programs and projects is the unalterable dedication to maintain the highest standards of resident care and quality of life. All efforts not only reaffirm but attempt to improve on the primary commitment to provide a place for the elderly to come and live in dignity.

With the opening of FAIR OAKS another milestone has been reached in the goal to provide a continuum of services. The small pictures you will see in this issue cannot begin to depict the grandeur of the design of spaces as created by the architects, Odell Associates Inc. of Greenville, SC, nor the warmth of the colors, fabrics and furniture chosen by Marian Sosnik, Marcia Gottlieb, and Harriet Cooper. Lewis Eisenstadt, 1st V-P of the Board, played a major part in the architectural design. Arthur Kurtz, Bldg. Com. Chrm. was on site almost every day seeing that a million details were addressed and interfaced with McDevitt & Street, the contractors.

Our deepest and most sincere appreciation goes to all these as well as to every BJH resident, staff member, Board member and visitor who "kept the faith" through noise, dirt, and inconveniences created by construction. Come celebrate with us Sunday, March 27, and see for yourself how wonderfully the tradition continues.

From the moment you enter the tree-lined drive, you will know that FAIR OAKS is an extraordinary place to live.



Key members of the team that brought us through the construction period. Pictured here in December, 1986, the day the bids were opened: Leonard Guyes, Board President, Marian Sosnik, Chrm. of the Decorating Com., Arthur Kurtz, Bldg. Com. Chrm., and Don Morris, Exec. Vice President.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Edna Blevins, Director

The Social Services Department will function in the new FAIR OAKS addition in much the same way as it has in the A-Wing and B-Wing units. The focus will be on helping residents adjust in the social-emotional aspects of daily living with a strong emphasis on functioning at optimal levels. For example, even though FAIR OAKS is a retirement facility, the focus will be on wellness, involvement with the environment, and reciprocal interpersonal relationships. Initially, we will concentrate on helping residents make the transition from a home setting to a group milieu. We realize this is a significant change and much support will be given by the Social Services Department in making the transition.

Each resident will have a social worker, and this person will be available to residents as well as family members to assure that needs are met.

WELCOME TO FAIR OAKS



Lucile Shaw, RN, with Moe Mandel (Char.)



Ruth Wharton, Admissions Coor., assists Sarah Sherry (Raleigh) with room choices.



Rose Schuller and Ella Gunzburger (NY), aunt and mother of Al Herman, (G'boro)



Ella Gunzburger signs forms in Commons Lounge, February 9, 1988.

BJH WELCOMES WILLIAM C. SUGG, M.D.

Sigmund Meyer

(Excerpts from an address made at a reception in honor of Dr. William Sugg, January, 1988)

We are especially delighted and exceedingly proud and fortunate to have Dr. William C. Sugg become the resident physician at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. He began full-time practice here the first of December, 1987. However, he has served regularly as part-time physician at the Home since 1964 – for 23 years! Actually, he was here when the first resident arrived and needed medical care.

Patients, friends, and acquaintances think highly of Dr. Sugg, not just because he is a fine and competent physician, but because he is one of those doctors who goes beyond the physician's role. He genuinely cares about people as human beings, and he never tires of making his patients feel better, medically and otherwise.

Dr. Sugg has the reputation of being dedicated to his profession, and that of a caring physician who takes a personal interest in his patients. **He believes it is important that people should understand that health, recreation, fun and fitness greatly help to make for a good and happy life.** His hobbies are reading, fishing, gardening, and growing beautiful shrubbery and flowers. You could say he is an accomplished horticulturalist.

A dose of humor is one of his regular prescriptions. With regard to fishermen, Dr. Sugg says, "A fisherman never dies, he just smells that way."



Dr. Sugg with Marian Sosnik, Board Secretary and Chrm. FAIR OAKS Decorating.

One day a young man went to Dr. Sugg's office for a physical examination. After completing the examination, the doctor said, "I believe you're having trouble with angina pectoris." The patient replied, "I certainly am but that ain't her name!"

After graduating from Davidson College with a B.S. degree, Dr. Sugg enrolled in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine, and went on to complete his medical education at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He served his internship and residency in Medicine at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and then engaged in the private practice of medicine in Forsyth County from 1957 to January 1, 1988.

We, the nurses, nursing assistants, medical and administrative personnel, social workers, and residents (in fact, all of us) wholeheartedly and sincerely welcome you and are exceedingly pleased and proud that you have joined us.

At right: Patsy Petree, RN

NURSING DEPARTMENT

Patsy Petree, Director

The nursing department is looking forward to serving yet another segment of the geriatric population as FAIR OAKS opens. Our primary goal will be to provide an environment which will be conducive to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of each resident.

Nursing services will include licensed nurses and nursing assistants. Medications will be distributed at scheduled intervals as prescribed by the physician. FAIR OAKS nursing personnel, under the guidance of Lucile Shaw, RN, will work closely with staff physicians to provide quality medical services for all FAIR OAKS residents.

Emphasis will be placed on the "wellness" of each resident. Staff will provide instruction for residents on various topics including nutrition, stress management, exercise, and rest & recreation, as well as other pertinent areas of interest. It is our endeavor to effectively decrease social isolation for each resident by encouraging social interaction with peers.

As always, Nursing will work closely with other disciplines to provide a holistic approach to living. It continues to be our privilege to provide quality nursing services for the residents at FAIR OAKS.





Rhe and Jack Markham (G'boro) unpack pictures to hang in the room reserved for Rhe's mother Beatrice Bennison. They spent a whole day "moving-in" and making delightful quarters with Mrs. Bennison's furniture and accessories.



"What furnishings should I bring?"

Pictured here are the Markhams who assisted Beatrice Bennison in choosing from her own furnishings those items that will make her room comfortable. As you can see, the room is large enough to easily accommodate a sofa, lounge chair, coffee table, rocker, chests, and assorted small tables and a TV. Lamps, pictures, plants, a bookcase or étagère — whatever is small in scale will make a comfortable room. Beds are furnished.



DIETARY DEPARTMENT

Rich McVey,
Food Services Manager

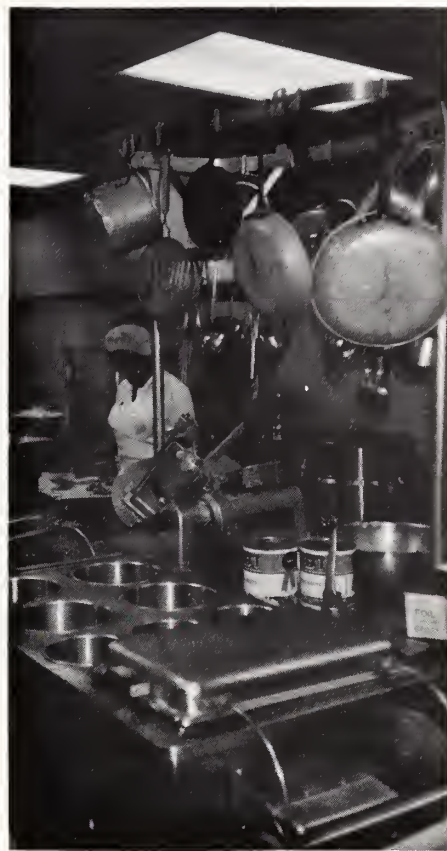
The completion of FAIR OAKS has stimulated exuberance within the Dietary Department. We have anticipated the completion of the new kitchen in the FAIR OAKS for weeks which will include state-of-the-art equipment. There are two spacious, elegantly decorated dining rooms suitable for casual or fine dining. Evening meals will be served on linen tablecloths and fine china by our waiter staff.

Our goal is to continually improve the variety, quality, and appearance of our food so that BJH is known as an institution without institutional food. Our Registered Dietitian will work closely with residents and their families on special dietary

needs. We prepare our meals with great care as a Yiddish mother would.

We continually strive to meet the needs of the Jewish Community by offering catering and commissary services. We have the expertise and facilities to cater from small parties to large receptions at the FAIR OAKS. Through our commissary, we offer kosher foods, meats, and in-house baked goods.

The friendly staff of the Dietary Department is looking forward to meeting the new residents and their families, and working with them to meet their daily dietary needs. Welcome to FAIR OAKS! Bon Appétit!



Teresa Jackson and Arlene Ammons, Pharmacy Technician, have set up shop in the new location and welcome your questions.

PHARMACY

Teresa Jackson, Director

The excitement associated with the opening of FAIR OAKS has affected every department at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, including the pharmacy. We are anticipating the event for several reasons, one being that we will be moving to a new and more central location in the complex.

When the Craft Shop takes up residence in the new building, the pharmacy will move upstairs to occupy their old area by the breezeway. This not only will allow more space for the pharmacy, but will provide easier access for residents and staff.

The pharmacy plans to play an active part in the health care of each FAIR OAKS resident. We will stock all prescriptions, as well as over the counter items,

sundries, and medical supplies. We utilize and dispense through the use of a modified seven-day unit dose system.

Our doors will be open Monday through Friday. We will be available at those times to counsel residents on any medication-related questions. We will be interacting closely with all other BJH health care professionals (ie., physicians, nurses, social services, etc.) in an effort to provide the most accurate, up-to-date, and therapeutically effective health care possible.

The pharmacy staff looks forward to the opening of FAIR OAKS and would like to extend a warm welcome to each new resident and their family.



Catherine Smith has been busy preparing the new Craft Shop for all residents. At her right is Barbara Roehm, a new volunteer in the Shop on Tuesdays.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW: THE CRAFT SHOP

Catherine Smith

The Arts and Crafts Program is housed in a beautiful new and spacious room that looks out on rolling green pastures and the Yadkin River. Inspiration to create will not be lacking here!

In addition to regularly scheduled needle arts, ceramics and oil painting, which are our three most popular activities, special classes may be scheduled in other crafts such as basket weaving, decoupage, doll making, etc. on basis of resident interest. Let us know of your interests. We will do what we can to meet your needs.

Catherine Smith and Lena Wall will be welcoming new residents from FAIR OAKS, as well as our BJH friends.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

LaQuietta Davis, Director

"Variety is the spice of life," and the Recreation Department is ready to offer just that to residents in FAIR OAKS. Our type of variety ranges from a concert in the city to a tour of a cattle ranch in the country; from classes in Contemporary Judaism to the "Wheel of Fortune." As you can see, we have programs in such areas as physical, cultural, creative, social, and mental stimulation as well as activities meeting spiritual needs.

No challenge is too great for our Recreation staff. Each unit is staffed with a Recreation therapist, and the Craft Shop is staffed with two part-time instructors and is open Monday - Friday. Special events and programs are staffed on a rotating basis so that all the Recreation Staff become familiar with all residents in the Home.

The Recreation Department works in conjunction with all departments to bring you top quality programs. An example of

this is promoting the wellness aspect of nursing by providing a lecture series on the "heart" during February - which is also National Heart Month. A daily exercise program is provided on all units as well as additional physical activities such as a "walking club."

We are delighted to invite FAIR OAKS residents to become "actively" involved at BJH!

WISH LIST

10 TV Tables
Ping Pong Table
Stereo System
Baby Grand Piano



Ever changing view at the end of FAIR OAKS corridor. The upper floor resident activity room has the same view.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Sue Clein, Director

The doors of FAIR OAKS open not only to a beautiful new home, but to new possibilities for volunteer opportunities. Our present volunteers are looking forward to becoming acquainted with FAIR OAKS residents. Many present activities involving volunteers will be available to FAIR OAKS residents, as will new programs.

Now is the time for new volunteers to join us and share their interests, abilities, and time with the FAIR OAKS community.

Variety is the spice of life and we hope new volunteers will add their flavor and be a special touch of seasoning to our already delectable offerings.

A sampling of possible volunteer entries on our menu are:

Leading discussion groups, book reviews, lectures, workshops, musical programs, exercise class, bingo, card games, escorting a resident on an outing or to an appointment, selling in the new Gift Shop, assisting in the new Craft Shop, or welcoming visitors at the reception desk in the Commons.

New residents at FAIR OAKS also will have the opportunity to be a volunteer at BJH and to join the R.S.V.P. serving the community. We look forward to welcoming both the new residents and new volunteers to our program.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Etta Schultz, Jean Tager, Elizabeth Gross, Morris Zendels, Gertrude Caplan, and Leonard Blau.

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

FAIR OAKS DEDICATION CELEBRATE WITH US

NC Senator Marshall Rauch,
guest speaker

Music by the 50-member
Winston-Salem Auctioneer Chorus
(Barbershop music)

Reception in FAIR OAKS
Dining Room

Tour of FAIR OAKS

Sunday, March 27, 1988 1:30 p.m.
FAIR OAKS Commons

Park in our new spaces across
from The Commons.



Audrey Madans and Esther Frank, Board members and Co-chairing the Dedication, are two enthusiastic volunteers! They are also organizing "Charlotte Friends of the Home" and chartering a bus to bring them to the Dedication. "Y'all come."



General Services crews have been incredibly busy preparing for the opening. B. to Fr: Jack Chapman, Tad McClamrock and Jesse Clausen.

HOUSEKEEPING/ LAUNDRY SERVICES

Marie Doty, Director

FAIR OAKS is a beautiful addition to our complex. It is magnificent in appearance. The housekeeping department will provide services designed to keep FAIR OAKS neat and orderly. As always, emphasis on sanitation and cleanliness will continue to be our major focus.

Resident rooms and bathrooms will be cleaned weekly. Public areas will be maintained daily. In an effort to reduce interruption of resident activities, Housekeeping staff will provide floor maintenance service during low traffic periods. Careful consideration will be given for resident privacy.

A washer and dryer are available for resident use; however, full laundry service is available as well. It is important that resident clothing be labeled properly for identification. A fresh supply of towels will be provided daily.

The Department is staffed with outstanding employees. We look forward to providing friendly, reliable service to the residents of FAIR OAKS.

Donations to FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the generosity of those who have made a commitment to the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS as of February 5, 1988.

This is a list of those who participated in the early stages of the Campaign. Every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy. Some "areas" include nearby cities. In some cases, we had to decide in which city to place an individual and how to list the name. We would like to apologize in advance for any errors or omissions. Please contact the Development Office at (919) 766-3035 with any changes, or if you wish your name to be omitted from future lists.

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Campaign Kicks Off
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paigns. We will be organizing bus trips from other communities to bring people to the Home. (If you have never had the opportunity to visit the Home or if you have not been here since the new addition, we encourage you to take advantage of these bus trips.) In some cases, we will be writing you to seek your support. In all of these cases, we encourage you to think of the faces of our Jewish elderly who benefit from the programs, the loving care they receive and the expert medical attention. Please join many others in performing this wonderful Mitzvah of Tzdukah, by participating in the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS.

If you wish to support the Campaign, either financially and/or through assisting in organizing the Campaign in your community, please contact Wayne Silverman in the Development Office at the Blumenthal Jewish Home (919-766-3035).



Ruth Hennes, Baila and John Pransky at Campaign gathering hosted by Anita and Herman Blumenthal's in Charlotte.

The FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign Commemorative Opportunities

Many special opportunities exist for donors to designate lasting memorials, Yahrzeit Plaques and living tributes. Such opportunities provide a meaningful way to honor a family member, loved one or business associate. Businesses and organizations may also wish recognition through a commemorative gift.

You are invited to consider one of the following as an appropriate tribute to reflect your commitment toward providing a continuing system of care to meet the needs of our elderly. The values indicated are based on the desirability and location of the chosen memorial.

(If you have already made a commitment to the Campaign and have not yet selected a commemorative opportunity, you will be contacted for your selection in the near future.)

FAIR OAKS Commons Building

Synagogue	\$1,000,000
Friendship Room	750,000
Personal Care Dining Hall	300,000
BJH Auditorium	300,000
Central Lounge	200,000*
Terrace	100,000*
BJH Central Kitchen	100,000
Central Entrance	75,000*
Main Staircase	60,000
Veranda	50,000*
FAIR OAKS Honor Wall	50,000*
The Commons Gardens	50,000
Commons to A-Wing Link	50,000
Gift Shop	35,000*
Exhibit Hall	20,000*
Grand Piano	15,000
Bank	10,000*

FAIR OAKS Connecting Link

Outdoor Promenade and Patio	\$100,000
Gallery connecting A- and B-Wing	60,000
Arts and Crafts Room	50,000*

FAIR OAKS Personal Care Unit

Entire Personal Care Wing	\$500,000
Resident Activities Lounge – 1st Level	50,000*
Resident Activities Lounge – 2nd Level	50,000
Commons to Personal Care Link	50,000
Gazebo and Picnic Area	50,000
Nursing Station – First Level	25,000*
Nursing Station – Second Level	25,000
Resident Rooms (each)	25,000

FAIR OAKS Wall of Honor

A beautiful sculpture will be produced by North Carolina Jewish Artist Norman Schulman honoring the individuals whose contributions assist in completing the project. This Wall of Honor represents the evolution of the Grand Builders Board. The sculpture will be placed in the main entrance of the Commons Building.

Foundation Stones	\$7,500
Building Blocks	5,000
Supporting Bricks	2,000

B-Wing – New Construction

Resident Dining Room – 1st Floor	\$100,000
Resident Dining Room – 2nd Floor	100,000

Commemorative Opportunities in the Existing Facility

A-WING

A-Wing: The Entire Floor	\$100,000
Resident Rooms 105-108, 110, 116-118,120-124	10,000

B-WING

B-1: The Entire Floor	\$100,000
B-2: The Entire Floor	100,000
Pharmacy	100,000
Therapy Center	75,000
Auditorium (Multi-Purpose Room)	50,000
Allied Medical Services Clinic	75,000
Resident Activity Room – 1st Floor	50,000
Resident Activity Room – 2nd Floor	50,000
Nursing Station – 2nd Floor	25,000
Beauty Shop/Barber Shop	15,000
Resident Rooms 101-144, 201-244	10,000

LASATER MANSION

Administrative Offices	\$100,000
Medical Director's Suite	100,000
Spiral Staircase	50,000
Computer Room	50,000
Breezeway (between A-Wing and B-Wing)	35,000
Library (currently used as Synagogue)	25,000
Portico	25,000
Gazebo and Courtyard	15,000*

*Previously Reserved

This commemorative listing represents memorials and tributes that are available as of February 1, 1988. To avoid any disappointment, we urge you to select your commemorative as soon as you make your pledge. We print this list periodically, but changes in availability occur on a daily basis. For further information about these commemoratives or the Campaign, contact Wayne Silverman of the Blumenthal Jewish Home's Development Office (919)766-3035.



WELCOME TO JEFF BORTZ — appointed Assistant Administrator in January. More to come.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Looking up FAIR OAKS stairway.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy and happy life:

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**FAIR OAKS
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MARCH 27th 1:30 PM**



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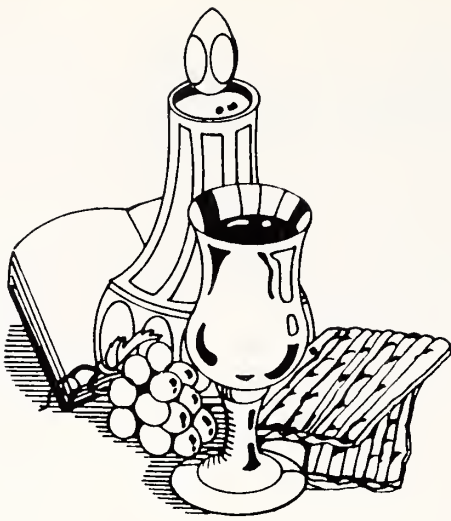
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No Blessing over The Broken Matzah

by Harold Schulweis

Brokenness is a symbol of incompleteness. Life is not whole. The Passover itself is not complete. The Passover we celebrate deals with the past redemption of our people from the bondage in Egypt. That redemption is a fact of history and it heartens us because through its recollection we know that our hope for future redemption is not fantasy. It did happen once and to our whole people. A small slave people witnessed the power of a supreme divine agency to snap the heavy chains around our hands, and to break the yoke upon our necks. It was no dream, this redemption. It happened, and at the Seder we relate the testimony of this act.

But it is towards the Passover of the Future that our memories are directed. *The redemption is not over.* There is fear and poverty and sickness. There is a trembling on earth. Around us are the plagues of pollution, and images of fiery nuclear explosions in the clouds, not like clouds of glory and the pillar of fire which led our ancestors through the wilderness. The broken *matzah* speaks to our times, shakes us by the shoulders and shouts into our hearts, "Do not bury your spirit in history. Do not think it is over, complete, that the Messiah has come and you have nothing to do but to wait, to pray, to believe."

The Past and Present Tell our Future

The history of our liberation is not for the sake of gloating over the past but for confirmation of our hopes. Even as we retrieve the past, the future is held before us. We begin the story of our past affliction with an appeal for present help and with an eye set upon the future. Three time dimensions in one opening paragraph: "This is the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry, let them come in and eat; all who are in need come in and celebrate the Passover. Now we are here, *next year* in Israel. Now we are subjects, *next year* may we be free persons."

The silence before the breaking of the middle matzah and before the eating of the *afikomen* suggests that something secret is expressed in the ceremony. We know that the idea of a Messianic era was considered a threat to regimes for whom there was no messiah but the Emperor, no redeemer but Rome. To dream of an era of peace, an end to slavery is a revolutionary critique of the *status quo*. Jews disagreed among themselves as to who the Messiah will be or when the Messiah will come, but one thing they all knew. *This* was not the Messiah, *now* was not the fulfillment of the Messianic era. In silence, without benediction—for *one does not bless that which has not yet occurred*—they broke the *matzah* hidden between the two whole ones, anticipated its recovery, and eating it affirmed their belief in the Passover of the Future.

The hidden *matzah* is the greater part. The promise of the future is greater than the achievements of the past. It is no game to keep the child awake, this secret. It is the vision of Messianic times toward which we live and struggle. Rouse the child from his slumber. Without his find the Seder cannot be completed.

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I was five, perhaps six years old, when I found the *matzah* which my grandfather had placed in a linen napkin and hidden in the bedroom. I had glued my eyes on him from the moment he performed the *yahatz* ceremony, breaking the middle *matzah* into two unequal parts and replacing the smaller part in its original position. When he returned to the table, I looked forward to the search and retrieval. I knew, as did all my cousins around the Seder table, that he who found the concealed larger part, the *afikomen*, could hold out for any prize. That Passover night the Seder ran exceptionally long and I was sleepy because of the cups of wine I had drunk and the lateness of the hour. I hid the napkinned *matzah* beneath the pillow of the bed and promptly fell into a deep sleep. I remember being roused by my mother who, with some urgency in her voice, insisted that I return the *matzah* so that the services could be completed. As I did so I sensed that this was no child's play, that behind the hide-and-seek lay a more serious meaning. They were serious and I, who knew where the broken *matzah* was, held some true power in my hands.

Through the years I sensed more and more the mystery of the *yahatz* act. Every other ritual gesture was preceded by a benediction—over the wine, the washing of the hands, the parsley, the *matzot*, the bitter herbs mixed with *haroset*. But there was no *brachah* recited over the *yahatz*, not even an explanation such as the one given before eating the Hillel sandwich. Rabbinic scholars sensed as well, the oddity of reciting a *motzi* over a broken piece of unleavened bread; they wondered why the middle *matzah* and not the other two were broken, and why it was broken into two uneven parts with the larger part saved for the *afikomen*. Their explanations are largely legal, based upon the position of the Rambam, the Rif and other sages. For others, the "stealing" of the *afikomen* was designed to keep the children awake with play. But none of the explanations satisfied me. As in the case of opening the door for Elijah, I knew that more than the amusement of children was meant.

Wanting Wholeness but Not Having It

In the outline of the Seder ritual the division of the middle *matzah*—*yahatz*—takes place early, before the great declaration, "This is the bread of affliction." The eating of the retrieved *matzah* comes after ransoming it from the children at the end of the Seder. The ritual of eating the *afikomen* is called *tzafun*, which means "hidden." It, too, is eaten in silence, without benediction, before midnight. After the *afikomen* no food or drink is to be taken except for the final two cups of wine. In some *haggadot* there is a devotional prayer in Aramaic which announces, "I am ready and prepared to perform the commandment of eating the *afikomen* to unite the Holy One blessed be He and His Divine Presence through the hidden and secret Guardian on behalf of all Israel."

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I will not apologize

by Elie Wiesel

How should a Jewish author relate to what is currently happening in Israel? Night after night television pictures show us Israeli soldiers chasing Arab youngsters. They tell us about the oppression, anger, hopelessness, and futility of the young Palestinians, almost to the point of justifying their violence.

Then they ask us, "How can you, the Jewish intellectuals, live with this?"

It happens in the United States, in France, and almost everywhere throughout the western world. In the Communist world, and those aligned with it, the response is far stronger, of course. There, the answers are given before the questions are asked, and the answer is always the same:

"Israel is guilty."

"Of what?"

"It doesn't matter;

whatever reason happens to be in season. What is important is that the Jewish world must make excuses, apologize and defend."

In the 1982 Lebanon war, especially at the beginning, the world wanted to believe that, "Yesterday's victim has become today's hangman." I repeat this quotation, as it was very popular at the time. Moreover, it gave pleasure to left-wing groups who were then able to criticize the Jewish people-through Israel- quite legitimately.

Now the situation is similar. There is hardly a discussion without the Israel-Arab conflict being at the center with Israel being put-down or insulted. In short, Israel is experiencing bad press. Of late, it is far more popular to denounce her.

Clearly, my popularity in certain circles has declined. The reason is very simple—I refuse to blame Israel. I have always refused. As a man living in the Diaspora, I believe I owe something to Israel; to stand at her side and identify with her. Always.

There are those who do not like this. Let it be. Every man has a right to his "quirk." My "quirk" is loyalty to Israel.

Since the current disturbances in the West Bank and Gaza, newspapers and television stations have tried to get me to denounce Israel's policies. This is what I answer, "Of course I follow the events with anxiety, but I have faith in Israel because I have faith in her humanity."

On French television I declared, "Compared to other countries, Israel need not be ashamed, and she is not in need of lessons from anyone. After all, who is judging her? France, with her Algerian past? Britain, with her colonial policy? The U.S.A., whom we all remember in Vietnam? Russia, still occupying a number of conquered nations?"

I raise this because I want my views to be clear. I love Israel far too much to hide my position. Does this mean that all Jews in the Diaspora should adopt this position? I give advice to no one and speak in no one's name. I speak only for myself.

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With my background and experiences I cannot, from afar, begin to judge Israel and tell her what to do. I can only share her hopes as I share her difficulties.

I do not know what the solution to the Palestinian problem is. I do not think anyone knows.

How to compromise between Israel's need for security and the Palestinian desire for independence?

How to defend Israel's life and honor without being apathetic to the Palestinian anguish?

Difficult questions, without an immediate solution. Still, we cannot lose hope. We do not have the right.

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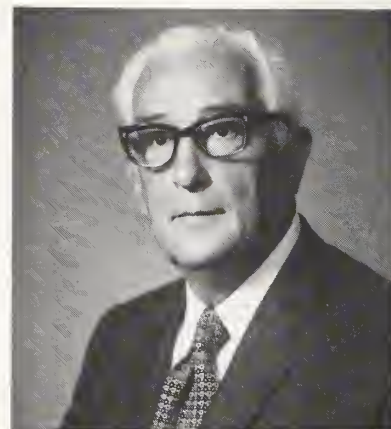
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Mint Museum in Charlotte Hosts RAMESSES THE GREAT Exhibit

Egyptian officials have selected Charlotte's Mint Museum to host an extended tour of "RamesSES the Great" from October 1, 1988 through January 31, 1989. The exhibit is organized by the Egyptian Museum, Cairo in cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Egyptian Antiquities Organization.

Never before has an exhibition of the size, impact or international importance of *RamesSES II* been shown in the Carolinas. The exhibition, comprising 72 objects, presents a panorama of Ancient Egyptian civilization in the 13th century B.C.E. during the reign of RamesSES II.

The Life of RamesSES II

RamesSES II, whose name is most often associated with massive monuments and the Biblical account of the Exodus, was a grand figure in history by any standard. The Israelites were apparently insignificant to the Egyptians and thus warranted little mention in writings of the time, so a definite conclusion is difficult to reach. It is certain, however, that both the Israelite oppression and the Exodus were very near to RamesSES II's time, making him significant to all those whose heritage includes the Old Testament.

During his long reign of more than 66 years, RamesSES' rule was a period of conflicts and truces with the other major powers of the Eastern Mediterranean area. His experience in the art of combat began as a young prince, son of Seti I, when he would accompany his father on military campaigns. The most famous battle associated with RamesSES II was against the Hittites in Syria (now Turkey). Later, as relations between the Hittites and the Egyptians improved, RamesSES received two Hittite princesses into his harem, a practical application of ancient diplomacy.

RamesSES had numerous other wives, including his favorite queen, Neferati, for whom he built one of the two temples of Abu Simbel. He had well over 100 children, many of whom died, and therefore his thirteenth son succeeded him to the throne when RamesSES II died in 1224 B.C.E.

As a builder of great monuments,

RamesSES II outstripped every other pharaoh in Egyptian history. He also usurped other earlier buildings by simply having the original royal names obliterated and then inscribing his own so deeply in the stone that they could not be erased by succeeding rulers. The temples of Abu Simbel, the Luxor Temple, and portions of the great Hypostyle Hall of Karnak are among the most famous structures associated with RamesSES II.

RamesSES II died in the sixty-seventh year of his reign at the age of ninety-two. While his son was being crowned as his successor, the body of RamesSES II was being prepared for burial. The construction of his great tomb had begun the year RamesSES assumed the throne. In accordance with ancient mummification rituals, the body was preserved and dried with natron, salt, spices, resins and oils. It was then encased in a series of gold coffins, and transported on a royal barge to the Valley of the Kings in Thebes. Although his burial chamber was heavily laden with beautiful and precious objects, RamesSES' tomb, like those of other pharaohs had been plundered and was found empty. His mummy, however, was preserved and is now in the Cairo Museum. The mummy of RamesSES II indicates that at the time of his death he was approximately five feet, six and one-half inches tall. He was bald on the top of his head and had severe dental problems, including extreme tooth erosion and periodontal disease. He also had advanced arteriosclerosis which might be expected of any person his age.

The name of *RamesSES II* lives on as the most important Pharaoh in Egyptian history and one of the greatest kings in all the world.

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Colossal Statue of
RamesSES II Bearing
Standards

Photo courtesy of Mint Museum

Position Paper on Ramesses II As the Pharaoh of the Exodus

by Max E. Polley

Modern biblical historians do not regard biblical material concerning the history of Israel before the Davidic period as factually trustworthy. They consider the biblical books that record the patriarchal stories, the sojourn into Egypt, the exodus event, the wilderness wanderings, and the conquest and settlement of Palestine as largely religious interpretations of these events and not historically accurate accounts of what took place. They do not deny the events occurred, but they do not believe historians can reconstruct these events accurately. An analogy can be drawn with Shakespeare's historical plays. "Richard III" does not present a historically accurate account of that monarch, but this is not to deny that Richard existed. Shakespeare presented a particular interpretation of King Richard for dramatic effect. Similarly, biblical writers presented a particular interpretation of the events in Israel's early history to convey Hebrew religious faith.

However, if one attempts to place the exodus within a historical framework, the evidence supports Ramesses II as the Pharaoh at the time the Hebrew people escaped Egyptian bondage. This theory was first formulated by the late William Foxwell Albright, brilliant biblical archaeologist at Johns Hopkins University. His theory is based upon a combination of biblical references, Egyptian history, and archaeological evidence. I shall list the main points in his argument.

1. Albright's theory emerged from excavations at Bethel, Lachish and Debir (in Palestine) where he discovered conflagration strata he dated ca. 1250 B.C.E. (Before the Common Era) He believed this destruction was caused by an invading army that he identified with the Hebrew people under Joshua.

2. Albright took literally the biblical reference to 40 years' wandering in the wilderness to arrive at an exodus date of 1290.

3. According to Egyptian chronology, Seti I ruled Egypt from 1305-1290 and Ramesses II from 1290-1224. This is significant. Exodus 2:23 records a change of Pharaohs during Moses' time. Every theory of the exodus must be dated when a change of Pharaohs takes place. Albright regarded Seti I as the Pharaoh of the Oppression and Ramesses II as the Pharaoh of the Exodus.

4. According to Exodus 12:40, the Hebrew people sojourned in Egypt for 430 years. This appears to be an exact number for it is not a multiple of forty. (440 years would be a round figure to designate 11

generations) Adding 430 to 1290 results in the date 1720, the time of the Hyksos invasion of Egypt and the establishment of their capital at Avaris in the delta region. While the Hyksos were under Indo-European leadership, they included within their ranks a number of semitic peoples. To Albright, this was an ideal time for Joseph to rise to power in Egypt. (Today this is considered one of Albright's weakest points.)

5. Exodus 1:8 records that "...there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph." Albright identified this Pharaoh with Ahmose I who drove the Hyksos out of Egypt ca. 1550 and established his capital at Thebes in central Egypt. It was at this time that the Hebrew people began to fall out of favor with Egyptian rulers. The period of the oppression begins.

6. By the turn of the thirteenth century, the capital of Egypt was moved from Thebes back to Avaris in the delta region. The location of the capital is crucial to the biblical narrative. The Joseph stories took place in the delta region, probably at the Hyksos capital Avaris. When the Hyksos were expelled, Ahmose moved the capital to Thebes in the central region. It was not until the reign of Seti I that the capital was once again located at Avaris, setting the stage for the exodus. There is no doubt that the locale for the Moses stories is the delta region.

7. There is evidence that Seti I, the Pharaoh of the Oppression, used forced labor to build store cities in Raamses and Pithom (see Exodus 1:11).

8. The Hebrew people met resistance in the trans-jordan area when they attempted to enter Canaan. According to the surface excavations of Nelson Glueck, this region possessed no sedentary population until 1300. Thus, the Hebrew movement through this region of Edom and Moab must have occurred after 1300. (This data is not disputed).

9. Finally, a stele erected in 1220 by Pharaoh Merneptah (1224-1211), successor to Ramesses II, records that the land of southern Canaan was called "Israel." (This is the first extra-biblical reference to Israel.) Any account of the Exodus has to have the Hebrew people leave Egypt and enter Canaan before 1220.

Ramesses II was a powerful Pharaoh. It can be argued that he would not allow the Hebrew people to escape his control. But probably the event was of minor significance to the Egyptians. They crossed the "Reed Sea" (Exodus 13:18 reads *yam suph*, which

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Significance of Passover and Its Celebration in the Home

by Estelle Hoffman

Essential in the observance of Passover is the celebration of freedom, freedom from literal slavery. The compulsory bondage was forced upon our ancestors in the form of bitter toil. Centuries earlier, they had been invited into Egypt by the Pharaoh of Joseph's time. Finally, they were subjugated and brutalized by another Pharaoh, Ramesses II, called *Ramesses the Great*.

Artifacts of his regime will be shown in the United States this year, opening at the Mint Museum in Charlotte on October 2. A visit to the exhibition of *Ramesses the Great* will remind us of the first Passover and will create a link to the *Exodus*.

As I gaze at the objects on view, I shall be thinking that Moses would have been acquainted with some of the items. In that surrounding, my imagination will transport me to that distant land in an ancient time. After suffering the fears and deprivation of those years, I shall survive The Ten Plagues, and finally, in my scenario, I shall join the rush of the throng in the crossing of the Red Sea. Then my voice will join in songs of gratitude.

Since the miraculous liberation, its story has been recited every year in remembrance of the long years of bondage and deliverance. "Remember you were slaves in Egypt." The epic tale and Seder service became standardized and printed in Haggadahs in every land where Jews lived. Many of us remember the Maxwell House Coffee Haggadah widely used in America.

Now every year sees the publication of new Haggadahs, elaborately illustrated, with English translations which have extended interpretations of freedom. There is enslavement which destroys the soul, though it allows the body to live, and the

enslavement of harmful habits, ignorance, poverty, inequality. There are shackles of greed and conformity, and there are still rulers who deny freedom of worship, education and emigration. Regardless of what

we include in our Seder, we never forget to express our gratitude for God's blessings.

This year, CLAL has published a new *Dayenu*, in gratitude for recent blessings.

"It Would Have Been Enough. . ."

- Had God upheld us throughout two thousand years of Dispersion,
But not preserved our hope for return* Dayenu!
- Had God preserved our hope for return,
But not sent us leaders to make the dream a reality* Dayenu!
- Had God sent us leaders to make the dream a reality,
But not given us success in the U.N. vote* Dayenu!
- Had God given us success in the U.N. vote,
But not defeated our attackers in 1948* Dayenu!
- Had God defeated our attackers in 1948,
But not unified Jerusalem* Dayenu!
- Had God unified Jerusalem,
But not led us towards peace with Egypt* Dayenu!
- Had God returned us to the Land of our ancestors,
But not filled it with our children* Dayenu!
- Had God filled it with our children,
But not caused the desert to bloom* Dayenu!
- Had God caused the desert to bloom,
But not built for us cities and towns* Dayenu!
- Had God rescued our remnants from the Holocaust's flames,
But not brought our brothers from Arab lands* Dayenu!
- Had God brought our brothers from Arab lands,
But not opened the gate for Russia's Jews,* Dayenu!
- Had God opened the gate for Russia's Jews,
But not redeemed our people from Ethiopia* Dayenu!
- Had God redeemed our people from Ethiopia,
But not strengthened our hands throughout forty
years of Statehood* Dayenu!
- Had God strengthened our hands throughout forty
years of Statehood,
But not planted in our hearts a covenant of
one people* Dayenu!
- Had God planted in our hearts a covenant of
one people
But not sustained in our souls a vision of a
perfected world* Dayenu!

This special *Dayenu* was created by Rabbi Steven Greenberg and Rabbi David Nelson, members of the faculty of The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. It is available by order from CLAL, 421 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001. Printed in triptych form in English, Hebrew and Hebrew transliterated into English, it may be sung at the Seder along with the original *Dayenu*. It was created in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel, and it contains an interesting discussion of the understanding and misunderstanding of the traditional *Dayenu*. The cost is \$1 each for one to 19 copies.

In recent years, it has become customary to include during the Seder a reminder of the Soviet Jews who are denied freedoms we enjoy. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry offers the following for our Seders in 1988.

The Matzo of Hope

This matzo, which we set aside as a symbol of hope for the Jews of the Soviet Union, reminds us of the indestructible links that exist between us.

As we observe this festival of freedom, we recall that Soviet Jews are not free to leave without harassment; to learn of their past; to pass on their religious traditions; to learn the language of their fathers; to train teachers and rabbis of future generations.

We will stand with them in their struggle until the light of freedom and redemption shines forth.

The Meal

The meal served during the Passover Seder is the most important dinner of the year in Jewish homes. Traditional foods have changed, as Jews moved to various lands in diverse climates, with the only constantly enduring rule remaining the prohibition of all *chometz* (leaven-

ing). In our lifetime, we have reluctantly relinquished many of the traditional dishes we used to enjoy, due to the discovery of their ill effects on our arteries.

New cookbooks are abundant, revolutionizing our cuisine, including all kosher dishes and especially those for the menus of the week of Passover. Sonya Kraus of Beaufort, S.C. has sent these for our readers, from the *Jewish Low-Cholesterol Cookbook* by Roberta Leveton. General suggestions are:

1. Use safflower oil. Hollywood brand is kosher for Passover.
2. In regular recipes, 2 egg whites may be substituted for 1 whole egg.
3. Pecans and other nuts are cholesterol free.

Matzo Brie

- 4 egg whites
- 4 Tbsp. skim milk
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp. grated onion
- 2 matzos broken into pieces
- 2 Tbsp. margarine

Beat egg whites, milk, salt, pepper and onions together. Soak matzo, squeeze out water. Add to beaten egg mixture. Melt margarine in 9" pan. Add mixture, fry until set on underside, then turn over. Fry until completely set. Serves 4-6.

Matzo Balls

- 1/2 cup matzo meal
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. powdered instant chicken soup
- dash onion powder
- 3 egg whites
- 3 Tbsp. cold club soda
- 2 Tbsp. chopped parsley (optional)

Stir dry ingredients together. Very lightly, stir egg whites, club soda and parsley with fork and pour over dry ingredients. Mix well and refrigerate for at least one hour. Form balls and drop into boiling water. Reduce heat and simmer covered for 30 minutes. Do not remove lid during cooking period.

Miriam A. Sud of Hendersonville, N.C. offers one of her favorite Passover recipes:

Matzo Apple Pudding

- 3 cups farfel
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 + 1/8 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup melted shortening
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 2 large apples, pared and chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 Tbsp. raspberry or strawberry preserves

Soak farfel in warm water. Drain but do not squeeze dry. Beat eggs with fat, salt, sugar and cinnamon. Add to the farfel. Stir in apples, nuts, raisins and preserves. Grease 8x8" square pan. Pour in the mixture and dot with the shortening. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until brown.

The Chosen Cookbook Series:

Appetizers and Desserts, Jewish Cooking made Slim, Quick and Easy and Something Different for Passover

Triad Publishing Co. paperback

This series of four cookbooks consists of uncomplicated recipes of "real" food. *Something Different for Passover* by Zell Schulman was reviewed in our 1987 Passover issue. It is still popular, offering menus and information on preparation for the Holiday. You will want to try this one:

Blender Beet Borscht

- 32 oz. jar borscht with beets
- 1 medium cucumber, peeled and seeded
- 2 small green onions
- 1 cup sour cream
- salt and pepper to taste
- Sour cream for topping

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1. Pour half of the borscht into blender. Cut cucumber and onions into 2" pieces and add with half the sour cream. Blend on low speed for 10 seconds and high speed for 5 seconds. Pour into large bowl.

2. Pour remaining borscht from the jar and remaining sour cream into blender and blend on low speed for 10 seconds and high speed 5 seconds. Add to bowl. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Serve cold in mugs with dollop of cream or serve warm and pass the sour cream. Serves 8.

Quick and Easy provides recipes "from scratch" which can be pre-

pared in 20 minutes. Dietary laws are observed and use of prepared or canned foods is eliminated. The author is Shelley Melvin.

Jewish Cooking Made Slim is a compilation of recipes from cookbooks by Jewish organizations. It is not a book for diets, but stresses low calorie dishes.

Appetizers & Desserts was the result of a cookbook prepared by B'nai Israel Sisterhood and edited by Marjorie Weiner. All recipes in the four books have been tested and adjusted to suit the needs of the busy homemaker who is conscious of good nutrition and has a modern kitchen.

Available in bookstores or from Triad, 1110 N.W. 8th Ave., Gainesville, Fla. 32601 \$10.95 each ppd.



Mint Museum

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Exhibition Information

Location: Mint Museum, Charlotte, N.C.
Dates: October 1, 1988-January 31, 1989
Hours: Seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$7.50
Children 4-12 \$5.50
Recorded Tour \$3.00

(Tickets will be sold for a specific day and time.)

Advanced reservations strongly recommended. Advance tickets may be purchased beginning May 1, 1988, toll free from Teletron 1-800-233-4050.

Group rates (20 or more) available from: Ticket Sales Coordinator
Mint Museum
2730 Randolph Road
Charlotte, N.C. 28207

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should be translated Reed Sea not Red Sea—probably Lake Timsah). The name Red Sea is due to the Greek Septuagint translation of the Hebrew. The miracles of the ten plagues and the crossing of the waters are not mentioned in Egyptian records. Most biblical historians regard the ten plagues as the Hebrew way of expressing their faith that the escape from Egypt was solely due to the power of God. Exodus 8:19 refers to one of the plagues as "the finger of God." Perhaps the ten plagues are a dramatic way to show how God, with his "ten fingers," freed the Hebrew people from their Egyptian bondage.

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Anne Frank Exhibition Greensboro, N.C.

Greensboro College is host to the Anne Frank exhibition scheduled for May 2-30.

The exhibition, entitled *Anne Frank in the World Exhibition* will include the following: Exhibit on World War II, The room of the Frank family, Anne's room, The washroom, The room of the Van Daan family, Peter's room, Exhibit on Anne and the Diary, Information counter with panels on current events with examples of prejudice and repression, and an exhibition room where annually changing exhibits are held which relate to the goals of the Anne Frank Foundation.

The Anne Frank Foundation is based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. There is an American Chapter in New York, which is sponsoring the Greensboro exhibition in cooperation with the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, 713 N. Greene Street, Greensboro, N.C. 27401, phone (919) 370-4754.

The brochure announcing this event contains a recapitulation of the years leading to the Holocaust and its effect on The Netherlands with a comprehensive description of the *Anne Frank in the World Exhibition*.

E.H.

The Holocaust in History

by Michael Marrus
University Press of New England
267 pp. \$16.50
by Estelle Hoffman

It is difficult to read *The Holocaust in History*, because once again one suffers the agony of its details. It is just as difficult to lay the book aside.

Admitting that this history is unbelievable, Michael R. Marrus treats the subject with careful historical, sociological and political analysis. No account can be completely correct; yet the author knows that as survivors become fewer, the historian is obliged to try to leave a



This shady avenue in Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Memorial is devoted to commemorating those non-Jews who endangered their lives to save Jews from the Nazi Holocaust.
Photo by Shuki Kook

record and an attempt to provide a measure of understanding.

There is no desire by the author to minimize the uniqueness of the Holocaust and the pain of its victims, survivors and even of those who watched from afar. He writes of *The Bystanders*. In a degree, he offers comfort to those who failed to help and those who are guilt-ridden because of the failure. Criticism, he says, must be leveled with fairness to contemporaries of the time. Easy as it is to judge with the light of hindsight, he reminds us that there was not an organized world Jewry, that the world was in a global depression and that American Jews numbered 3.6% of U.S. population.

Nevertheless, he asserts that more help could have saved more lives, but that more help is always possible.

This book is judged to be the first comprehensive assessment of the vast literature on the Holocaust. It is recommended for laymen as well as scholars, and it was chosen by both the History Book Club and the Jewish Book Club.

If you want to read only one more book on the subject, we urge that you choose *The Holocaust in His-*

tory.

Michael R. Marrus is Professor of History at the University of Toronto. He has written other books on related subjects. Our most distinguished critics have given the book the highest praise.

The Holocaust in American Film

Judith Doneson
Jewish Publication Society 262 pp.
\$22.95
by Estelle Hoffman

From 1933 until World War II ended, we waited for Hollywood to use its influence, dominated as it was by Jewish producers and directors. Judith E. Doneson in *The Holocaust in American Film* has produced a fascinating study of what she terms "The Americanization of the Holocaust."

It is sad to reflect on the scarcity of films produced on the subject of the Holocaust until it ended. There were *The House of Rothschild* in

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11th National Workshop on Christian/Jewish Relations

by Estelle Hoffman

With Liberty and Justice for All? Jews and Christians in the American Experience is to be the subject of the 11th National Workshop on Christian/Jewish Relations to be held in Charleston, S.C. March 27-30, 1989. Plans were begun in 1985 and are proceeding with enthusiasm.

These national workshops are held every eighteen months in different cities of the United States. The 11th Workshop will be sponsored by the Carolinas, and representatives are needed from all areas of both states to serve on committees such as financial development, hospitality and publicity.

One thousand participants attended the 10th National Workshop in Minneapolis in November 1987, and Charleston promises to attract as many, in the midst of azalea time next year.

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America. Hundreds of books and pamphlets sold at the conference in Minneapolis were predominantly on the subject of combating anti-Semitism and prejudice. Prominent speakers endorsed the principles of interreligious dialogue.

Please join in what promises to be an exciting experience. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Dr. Russell B. Norris, Jr., P.O. Box 3663, Columbia, S.C. 29230 or phone (803) 786-7116.

Regional Hadassah Conference to be held in Charlotte, May 1-2 Consul General of Israel, Muhamed Massarwa, to speak at Banquet

by Marcia Simon

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah will host the 1988 Southern Seaboard Regional Hadassah Conference at the Marriott Hotel Executive Park, May 1-2. The two day conference of meetings, workshops and dinners will feature a speech by the Honorable Muhamed Massarwa, the Consul General of Israel in Atlanta.

Questioned recently about his appointment, Mr. Massarwa said, "I am both an Arab and an Israeli. I've more or less fulfilled my aspirations in the Arab sphere. We, of the younger generation of Israeli Arabs have been demanding for some time now, that we be given opportunities for full integration into all aspects of

Israel. I see my appointment in the Foreign Service as just such an opportunity."

Members of the Jewish community are invited to hear Mr. Massarwa and attend the Sunday, May 1 banquet beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Marriott Executive Park on I-77 and Tyvola Road in Charlotte. The cost per person is \$25 and deadline for reservations is Monday, April 25. All

checks made payable to "Hadassah" should be mailed to: Mrs. Lynda White, 4100 Rotunda Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226.

According to conference co-chairmen, Mrs. Gail Green and Mrs. Deane Boxer, all workshops held throughout the conference are free and open to the public. A highlight of the conference will be the installation of the Southern Seaboard Hadassah officers at a luncheon on Monday, May 2.

For more information about the installation luncheon and the entire conference package including an agenda, call Mrs. Green at (704) 542-0308 or Mrs. Boxer at (704) 366-2408.



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Kibbitzing—Community News

North Carolina/South Carolina Joint B'nai B'rith Convention, May 14-15

by Frank Rosen

This year the North Carolina and South Carolina B'nai B'rith Associations will hold their convention on May 14-15, 1988 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The site for this year's convention is the new Sheraton Atlantic Shores and Towers where we will have the opportunity to have an enjoyable weekend with the family and renew old friendships as well as make new ones within our B'nai B'rith family.

On Saturday night, we will have a wine and cheese reception to be followed by the Installation Banquet. We will be installing Dr. Ken Stern of Charlotte as North Carolina president and Mark Sloan of Myrtle Beach as South Carolina president. We will

also honor Dr. Sol Neidich of Beaufort, S.C. for his many years of service and dedication to B'nai B'rith. The evening will be capped off with dancing. Sunday morning, we will have the opportunity to hear from District Five President Wayne Martin at our breakfast buffet before the two State Associations go into their separate business sessions.

We have obtained an excellent rate from the hotel for our rooms. The rate for our regular room will be \$70.00 a night and for a concierge level room, the rate will be \$80.00 a night. This is for either single or double occupancy. This rate will be good for Friday before the convention and for Sunday after the convention. For those desiring to play golf, we must have a list of names to the hotel by March 31 so that they can arrange tee times for you. Please contact either Frank Rosen or Harold Linder and they will give the hotel your name.

Saturday night's dinner will be fresh salmon steak and Sunday morning there will be a breakfast buffet at 8:00 a.m. There will be a hospitality room for the wives on Sunday morning with coffee and danish provided. The cost for the weekend is \$40.00 for delegates and \$30.00 for guests. For further information, please contact either Frank Rosen, 6427 Morven Lane, Charlotte, N.C. 28226 or Harold Linder, 311 75th Ave., North, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577.

Events in Greensboro for Israel's 40th Anniversary

The Education Committee of the Greensboro Jewish Federation invites our readers to attend the coming events in the celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary.

The musical film "Kazablan" will be shown on Tuesday, April 12 at 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel (Rypins Building). Shula Saltzman will introduce the film and lead a discussion at its conclusion. "Kazablan" has been called "Israel's West Side Story."

A Dinner and Concert by the Duo Reim will be held at Beth David Synagogue on Sunday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. The Reim, a famed Israeli duo, have produced a special program for Israel's 40th anniversary, including a history of Israel through song, and a lighthearted, eclectic medley of "old favorites."

For further information, call the Federation office, (919) 272-3189.

JNF Celebrates Israel's 40th Anniversary through Afforestation Campaign

The Jewish National Fund has recently embarked on a special afforestation campaign in celebration of 40 years of Jewish statehood in the land of Israel.

JNF is offering a limited-edition 40th Anniversary Commemorative Certificate, inscribed with the names of families who donated 40 trees. These families will also be inscribed in JNF's 40th Anniversary Commemorative Book, to be presented to Chaim Herzog, the President of Israel, at a special ceremony at JNF's American Independence Park, outside Jerusalem.

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, JNF president, stated, "There is no more meaningful way to celebrate 40 years of statehood in the land of Israel



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JNF is the agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel.



(L. to R.) Gail Rubinson, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director BBW; Susan Bruck, Past President of Charlotte Chapter BBW; Margie Liebstein, Vice President, Charlotte BBW; Peggy Gartner, Past President, Halailah Chapter and Regional Chairman BBW.

B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Estelle Goozner

BBW held a breakfast meeting February 24, at Raintree Country Club. It was a special day because the Chapter was presented with the Sidney G. Kusworm Award by Gail Rubinson, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director of BBW. Toby Silber, immediate past president who has moved to Myrtle Beach, came to accept this coveted award for the year of 1987. Charlotte BBW was recognized for best over-all community service projects with 28 dif-

ferent activities. This is the fifth time Charlotte has received this award.

Our Scrapbook of over 300 pages of pictures and articles illustrates BBW at work.

For a ceremony, our seven branch menorah was lit depicting Judaism, Israel, Youth Services, Women's Concerns, Anti-Defamation League, Older Adults and Operation Stork. The bright candle lights glowed showing our dedication to service in so many areas.

Our program for the brunch was "Living Dolls for Democracy." Members of BBW presented Anne Frank, Helen Keller, Juliet Lowe, Golda

Meir, all women whose talents, genius, work and dignity helped make a difference in our world. It was a sample of what is being presented in the elementary schools to teach children democracy and respect for other people of different religions, color and creed.

The Spring session of the "Alive" class, sponsored by BBW and the JCC, and coordinated by Sister Mary Thomas Burke of UNCC, has for its eight sessions the topic, "Morals, Ethics and Attitudes Today."

BBW wishes everyone a Happy Passover.

Congregation Beth Israel Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

In the midst of relentless winter weather, there was a lovely intermission in February, Tu B'shvat, the Jewish New Year for Trees, a time for planting, for dreams of Spring, for sharing Tzedakah now, and since planting represents years to come, our future.

And talking about the future, we have reached the 101 mark in membership, and we welcome our new congregants, Mrs. Jeanne Fowler, Mrs. Cynthia Savell and Mr. Bill Beechel, and Larry and Jane Burrows. Hereafter, we are working on reaching our second 100 members.

Congratulations to our long-time members, Martha and David Adler, who celebrated their sixtieth wed-

ding anniversary on January 15, 1988.

Our USY Youth, under the wonderful guidance of Ken Schapira, were busy preparing for the USY Seminar weekend at our Synagogue, February 26-28.

As an all encompassing Sunday School event, there will be a fund-raising supper on April 24 to earn money to enable the Sunday School to continue its many new activities, celebrations, conventions and field trips. In addition, monies earned will be used to buy children's books and videos for the Synagogue library.

In Sisterhood news, Rabbi Pearlson led an informative program on Jewish Rituals and Traditions, preceded by a brunch, February 28. The Men's Club prepared the meal.

The Men's Club has now estab-

lished its own regular breakfast meeting dates. In January, one of the Men's Club meetings was held in conjunction with the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Ha-Tephila, with a magnificent brunch at the Temple, and guest speaker, Dr. Judith Shulimson, of the Jewish Studies Center at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Her topic was on how "food is not only a component of Jewish celebration, but may also be a framework around which celebration is built," sort of which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Rabbi Pearlson was guest speaker at the Southeast Regional Young Leadership Training Seminar in Atlanta, February 21.

February 12 was our monthly Shabbat Simcha and February 13, the Hebrew School Shabbat.

Clemson Students Attend AIPAC Seminar in Atlanta

by Dr. Richard Klein

On Sunday, February 21, nine Clemson students and I drove to Atlanta to attend the Southeast Political Leadership Training Seminar for College Students conducted by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). This all-day seminar was held at Emory University, and students from as far away as American University in Washington, D.C., Tulane University in New Orleans and Florida State University in Tallahassee were in attendance. Students from Duke University, the University of North Carolina, the University of South Carolina as well as other institutions of higher education throughout the Southeast also participated in this Conference. There were over 150 students in attendance.

The Seminar was extremely well planned and directed by AIPAC's professional staff. Emory University's Hillel, with Rabbi Zvi Shapiro as its Director, provided the facilities and graciously hosted this significant event.

Initiating the major segments of this Seminar was the Israeli Consul General to the Southeast, The Honorable Muhamed Massrawa. His presentation focused on the economic benefits achieved by both the United States and Israel from the current trade agreements and military cooperation. However, the questions and responses soon concentrated on the unrest in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. A very lively discussion then prevailed.

Following that, there were two concurrent sessions. The first session was conducted by Dan Cohen who is the Legislative Liaison for AIPAC, and it was concerned with helping students obtain jobs on Capitol Hill. The other session, led by Ira Forman (who is President of Washington Corporate Strategies), focused on the 1988 campaigns. Mr. Forman, who has been a campaign manager for several state cam-



Israel Consul General Muhamed Massrawa (left) speaking to Rhett Berger, President of Clemson University Hillel. Photo by R. Klein.

paigns, provided fascinating insights into what goes on during a political campaign, especially the current primaries for the U.S. Presidential nomination.

In the afternoon, Representatives John Lewis (Democrat-Georgia) made a dynamic presentation on "The US-Israel Alliance: A Congressional Perspective." He lauded the role of Jews in the Civil Rights Movement, and he noted that he marched for Soviet Jewry at the recent Washington, D.C. rally and spoke at the Israeli Embassy at a ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. Then Congressman Lewis discussed the violence on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the regrettable loss of life. He favored a trained Israeli police that would restore law and order in those areas without violence. His speech and his sincere responses to the numerous questions posed to him were fascinating, and the audience gave him a standing ovation after he completed his presentation.

The AIPAC Seminar then divided again into the concurrent sessions on obtaining jobs on Capitol Hill and the 1988 campaigns. Students who attended one session in the morning went to the other session in the afternoon. The all-day seminar ended with Rachel Weinberg, the Campus Leadership Director of AIPAC, discussing "Campus Caucuses: Setting an Agenda for Action."

It was a stimulating day for all the participants. It was especially exciting seeing Jewish students from a myriad of universities meet and discuss important issues facing the Jewish people.

Jewish Chautauqua Society Courses Offered

St. Andrew's Presbyterian College in Laurenberg, N.C. is holding a Jewish Chautauqua Society (JCS)-sponsored course for the spring, 1988 semester, titled "Introduction to The Bible," and Newberry College in Newberry, S.C. is holding JCS-sponsored course for the spring 1988 semester titled "Introduction to Judaism," both courses taught by Rabbi Lawrence N. Mahrer of Temple Beth Israel, Florence, S.C.

JCS, in addition to endowing courses, assigns rabbinic lectures to colleges and secondary schools, donates books of Judaica to libraries, distributes a large film collection, and sponsors Interfaith Institutes for Christian Clergy in its goal of improved interfaith relations.

JCS is the educational arm of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, which is comprised of 400 Temple Brotherhoods with over 60,000 members in the United States, Canada and abroad. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Judaism.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

On Purim at Temple Israel, Megillah reading and festivities were followed by a costume parade and great refreshments. Parents and children participated. The following morning the Megillah was read at Shacharit Services, followed by a breakfast enjoyed by the Minyonaires. On Sunday, March 6, a gala citywide Purim carnival was held at Shalom Park, which attracted many from the Charlotte Jewish community.

Cholent n' Chat after Shabbat Services March 5 was hosted by Nettie and Ralph Smith in celebration of their fifty-first wedding anniversary. Subject of the *Chat* was *The Plea of Self-Defense: An Ethical Dilemma*.

Passover Seder at Temple Israel is scheduled for April 2, to be conducted by Rabbi Marc Wilson.

On the last day of Pesach, Rabbi Wilson will discuss after Shabbat services the topic, "Really... Who Was Moses? Who Was Pharaoh?"

Paul Rousso, son of Doris and Al Rousso, had his work exhibited through the month of March in a display entitled *New Art*. The exhibition closes April 3.

Mazel Tov to Lottie and Ed Mottsmann on the birth of their grandson, William Jeffrey Panitz, son of Susette and Raphael Panitz of Waldorf, Md.; to Doris and Dave Citron on the birth of their granddaughter, Sara Nicole Citron, daughter of Linda and Dr. Steve Citron of Lawrenceville, Ga.; to Laura and Barry Reich on the birth of their son, Daniel Phillip; and to grandparents Zava and Tom Rosenberg and great grandmother, Jennie Baicovitz, on the birth of Chaya Mushka, daughter of Sara (Sandy) and Rabbi Shmuel Weinstein of Newark, Del.; to grandparents, Alene and Sam Strause, and to great grandmothers, Sarah Strause and Rose Cohen, on the birth of Alan Sidney Platock to Lisa and Eric Platock of Savannah, Ga.; to Judy and Max Rosenberg on the

birth of Russell David; to Rebecca and Dr. Scott Goodman on the birth of Jeremy.

Congratulation to Lisa Kronovet of Atlanta, daughter of Marion and David Kronovet, on her engagement to Don Goodman of Atlanta. A September wedding is planned. Mazel Tov to Alan Kaplan, son of Naomi and Stuart Kaplan of Greensboro, on his engagement to Susan Freedman, daughter of Shirley and Marlin Freedman of Greensboro; to Bette and Abe Bober on the engagement

of their son, Richard Bober to Laurie Wert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wert of Harrisburg, Pa. The wedding is planned for April 23.

Condolences to Steven Solding on the passing of his grandmother, Gertrude Peltz of Newport News, Va.; to Sophie Lurie on the loss of her brother Arnold Felton of Singer Island, Fl.; to Irving Mond on the passing of his father, Aron Mond of New York; to Hannah Katzen on the loss of her husband, Hyman Katzen.

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Durham Chapel Hill Jewish Federation

by Steve Bernard

On February 13, 1988 the Durham Chapel Hill Jewish Federation held its 4th annual campaign kickoff dinner at the Searle Center on the Duke campus. The evening began with a wine and cheese reception. Pianist Ed Paolantino gave a delightful musical start to the evening.

Rabbis Steven Sager of Beth El congregation and John Friedman of Judea Reform congregation each spoke briefly as they also gave the blessings before and after the meal respectively.

We were honored to have Herman Blumenthal at the affair who gave a succinct overview of the Blumenthal Home and its current building drive.

Over 150 people listened to the noted Jewish humorist Alan Gould as he traced the origins of Jewish humor and discussed the contribution of humor at various points in Jewish history.

Dr. Charles Gorodetzky, the campaign chairman for 1988, discussed the shift in focus of the upcoming campaign but also pointed out the ongoing needs of Jewish philanthropic effort.

This year Lee Marcus, the president of the Federation, introduced Barry Nakell, the president elect, to present the Mutt and Sarah Evans Award. This Award is bestowed on the individual or individuals who have given time and effort to the local Jewish community. Barry gave a detailed account of the many contributions that this year's recipients have made in over twenty years in the local community. The Award was then presented to Mel and Zora Rashkis. As well as members of the local community, several relatives and friends of the Rashkises were with us to see them get the well deserved Award. In the audience were: Mr. and Mrs. Neal Stoneburner of Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Goldman; Bryan Goldman; and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mendlesohn of Ohio.



(L. to R.) Herman Blumenthal, Mel Rashkis, Zora Rashkis, Lee Marcus. Mel is holding the Mutt and Sarah Evans Award.

For all those attending it was an evening that will be warmly remembered.

GCAR Winter Kallah

The Greater Carolina Association of Rabbis held its winter Kallah at Shalom Park in Charlotte February 15-17. Rabbi Harold Friedman of Martinsville, Va., spoke about the creation of the Circuit Riding Rabbi by I. D. Blumenthal. Rabbi Friedman was the first rabbi to ride the circuit.

Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C., addressed the group on the subject of Jewish unity. He offered seven basic tenets which he firmly believes should be embraced by all segments of Jews. Agreement on these would strengthen the goals of Judaism, in harmony with the wisdom proclaimed by Jewish sages throughout history.

Viva Klezmer performed in Gorelick Hall, evoking enthusiastic response from the audience. The GCAR members held their business meeting on the final morning of the Kallah. The summer Kallah will be held at Wildacres from August 11-17. The speaker will be Rabbi (Dr.) Robert Goldenberg of SUNY.

E.H.

Congregation Emanuel Statesville, N.C.

The congregation of Statesville has visiting rabbis once a month this year. Rabbi Abe W. Schoen, retired, of Raleigh came for Chanukah when children and parents from Hickory joined in celebration of the holiday. Rabbi Schoen was scheduled for the weekend of March 11 and will visit again in May. There was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed all of the events and the Services conducted by Rabbi Schoen.

Rabbi Steven Sager of Beth El Synagogue in Durham visited twice, the weekend of January 22 and again February 19-20. Congregants reported that Rabbi Sager was a great favorite with the children and provided a good experience for all.

Cantor Michael Kravitz is scheduled to visit and conduct services and weekend events April 15-17.

Rabbi Marc Wilson visited one afternoon in January and Rabbi Yosef Groner of Lubavitch of North Carolina spoke to the congregation on February 7 on the topic of Judaism in the Carolinas.

The congregation mourns the loss of Bernard Tobias, husband of Lillian Tobias, and will miss him.

Condolences to Arnold Podair on the loss of his sister.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

Conversions

In what may be a unique situation in modern times, nine people—six adults and three children—simultaneously converted to Judaism at Temple Beth El V'Shalom on the last Shabbat in February.

Rabbi Robert Seigel conducts an ongoing Basic Judaism class. People interested in conversion attend a year of classes, live within the Jewish community and experience the beauty of all the Jewish holidays and festivals before they make a final decision, appear before the *beit din*, use the *mikva*, and finally receive the Torah at a Shabbat service.

All conversions done by Rabbi Seigel are done traditionally. Several of his former students are now living as Jews in Israel and two are Rabbis.

When he began his career, Rabbi Seigel conducted individual classes, but as demand grew, he discovered that people interested in conversion were comfortable in groups and benefited more when they were able to interact with others with the same interest and questions.

When told that the conversion process will take a year or more, most people respond with, "Can I learn it all in one year?"

Where do all these *Jews by Choice* come from? The average class, which has about 20 students (plus spouses, friends and visitors) is a varied cross section of people. The majority of students are women married to or planning to marry Jewish men. Some are people just interested in learning more about Judaism—some Jewish, some with no religious affiliation, some converted by other Rabbis who now want to convert in a *Halachic* manner, with *mikva*.

Rabbi Seigel says, "After the third class, they're usually hooked." 90% of the students return and 60% complete the classes and convert. The majority of converts become active

religiously and in Temple activities.

The basic Judaism class is offered free and no profit is made on the sale of books listed as recommended reading.

The only stipulation Rabbi Seigel has on attendance to these classes is: the partner should also attend. He does not want the convert to know more than his/her mate!

With changing lifestyles, almost 25% of Reform congregation members are *Jews by Choice*. Many are referred to local Rabbis by friends. An increasing number of students are born Jews without strong Jewish backgrounds who are searching for their roots and identity.

Religious School Pre-School

Temple Beth El V'Shalom will expand its Religious School Program to include a pre-school. The new program will begin September 1988.

The school, which will be open to children 2, 3, and 4 years old, will offer a high quality, child centered

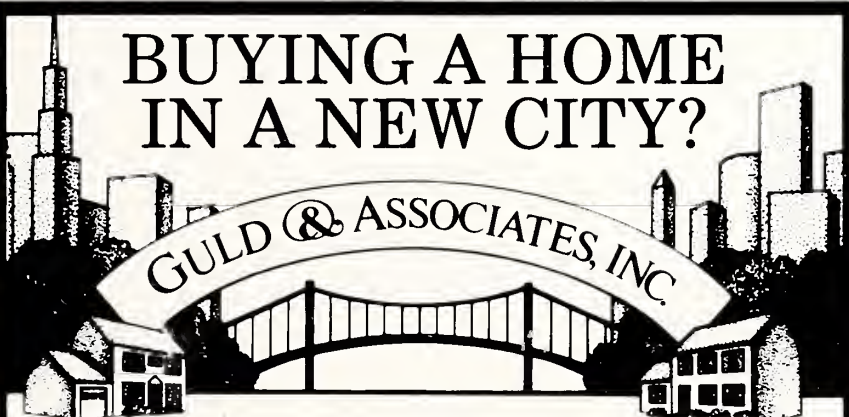
program where each student will feel secure in developing socially, emotionally and intellectually at his/her own pace.

A wide variety of activities will be available, allowing the students, through play, to feel in control of their environment while learning the skills necessary for making good choices in life.

Judaism will become a natural part of the child's life since the curriculum will be based on the Reform Union of American Hebrew Congregations' national program, "To see the world through Jewish Eyes," which is designed to promote a feeling of belonging to a Jewish family and community, and encourages development of Jewish life skills.

In addition to the pre-school, a "Mommy and Me" program will be offered for older one year olds and young two's.

Trish Fleishman-Gooder will be directing the program.



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Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

This Spring, when so many of North Carolina's people visit the coast, we would welcome any and all such visitors to participate in our services on Friday nights. Come and see us, share our joy of prayer and good fellowship.

One of the joys of having the services in the oldest Jewish House of Worship in North Carolina is that at some time or other there is something that needs fixing. There is a wonderful organ in the Temple, but due to its age, it now needs some repair. Little did we realize what type of treasure we had until an organ rehabilitation expert came to a combined members and board meeting and told us that we had a historic instrument. It is called a "Pilcher Tracker Action Organ" and was built prior to 1891. There are very few of them left, and the Organ Historic Society of Richmond, Va. has listed it in its records as an organ treasure.

All this is very fine, but the organ needs extensive repair. Since the Temple is anxious to put it into the best shape possible, the congregation has embarked on another worthy project.

We were all honored this past month by having our Rabbi Albert Gordon named as *Clergyman of the Month* by the local paper, *Wilmington Morning Star*. Our entire congregation heartily agrees with the newspaper. More power to a man who has proven to be an inspiration to all of us.

Purim songs, groggers, haman-tashen and good cheer are always part of our Temple Juniors' Chorus, and this year they had a new twist. They found an old Sephardic song from the former Sarajevo, Yugoslavia community and sang it along with the clash of the tambourine. It was lively and fun to learn a song from there, especially as that Jewish community no longer exists. This was a way to remember the heritage of Sarajevo.

Big plans are cooking for a congregational Seder prepared by the superb cooks in our sisterhood. We look forward to a meaningful service and wonderful meal.

Beth Israel Synagogue Greenville, S.C.

by Florence Rosenberg

A group of Greenvillians visited Greenville's "Sister City" of Bergamo, Italy in November. Among those accompanying Mayor Bill Workman were Beth Israel members, Dr. Steve and Sally Gold, who toured the medical facilities and held discussions with fellow medical practitioners in Bergamo. Steve Gold was recently elected treasurer of the Greenville County Medical Association, while Sally Gold is board president of the Greenville County Cancer Society.

Berry Zander was recently honored by being selected to participate in the Fourth International Leadership Assembly held in Tiberias, Israel in January. The Leadership Assembly is co-sponsored by the Israeli Forum and the North American Jewish Forum.

Yiddish Vinkles were recently held at the homes of Irv and Lil Simon and Dan and Sue Shager.

The children of the Beth Israel Religious School conducted Friday evening services, February 19, and presented a most unusual play during the service. Tammy Algranati was the coordinator for the play. Incidentally, Tammy was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Eastside High School.

Mazel Tov to Sol and Barbara Shimlock on the recent marriage of their daughter Beth Karen to Peter Cokin.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Ralph Lurey who passed away January 4 and the family of Mrs. Celia Sher who passed away February 9.

Mazel Tov to Debbie and Marty Shapiro on the birth of a son, Jeffrey Clark, born January 27.

Congratulations to Hope and

Donn Steinman on the birth of their new granddaughter, Jillian Rose Watral, born on January 30. Jillian is the daughter of Laurin and Bob Watral of Raleigh, N.C.

Congratulations to Dan and Sue Shager on the birth of their new great granddaughter, Sarah Jayne, born to Cheri and Gary Allen.

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Harold Rabhan on the birth of their first grandson, Matthew Kreisman Kandel, born February 23 to Lindy and Louis Kandel of Marietta, Ga.

Sue Shager and her able committee held a most successful Art Auction recently at the Synagogue. The Auction was enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks go to Esther Aronoff, Cheryl and Henry Gleich, Ceil Solomon, Lillian Simon, Orly and Martin Schlein, Sue Lasser, and all the members of USY.

The USY held a Purim Carnival at Beth Israel Synagogue on March 6.

The Greenville NCJW held a Game Night to benefit Ship-A-Box on March 5 at the Foxcroft Community Clubhouse.

Condolences to Amy Brenner on the loss of her sister-in-law in an automobile accident. We wish her brother, who was also involved in the accident, a speedy recovery.

Congregation Beth Israel's Pass-over Seder will be held on April 1 at the synagogue. The Jewish students at Clemson and Furman are invited to attend.

Greenville Federated Jewish Charities had a Luncheon, March 27 at the Hilton Hotel. Speaker was Professor Carlos G. Rizowy, Department of Political Science, Roosevelt University in Chicago, Il. His subject was "Israel, the Palestinians and the P.L.O."

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Charlotte Jewish Day School by Berta Straz, Principal

The children are looking forward to their annual trip to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. This year they will visit on April 29 and celebrate Israel Independence Day with the residents. Israeli singing and dancing will comprise the program.

Another special event will be the children's leading the Friday night services at Temple Israel on April 22. They had led services at Temple Beth El V'Shalom in February.

Holiday celebrations included a costume day for Purim, with special activity centers in the afternoon: Making Shalach Manot, Baking Hamantaschen, Holiday Arts and Crafts. The students saw a video, "Ra-a-sha-n." For Passover, the children participated in a "hands-on" Seder which was a meaningful experience.

In February, the school observed Black History Month. The children learned about the Civil Rights Movement and about the achievements of black people in sports, science, industry, politics, fine arts, entertainment, education and others.

Grades 3-6 had a Science Fair. Mischa Fuerstman and Ory Warshenbrot had a project, "Blockage of the Artery," which was chosen by judges as the best in the school. The boys represented CJDS at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Science Fair held at UNCC, March 12.

Sara Seiferheld raised the largest amount, \$85.50, in the Readathon for the Jewish Braille Institute.

Michelle Straz was chosen by the *Weekly Reader* in its National Invention Contest for her project, "An Automatic Plant Feeder." We hope she mass produces these handy watering devices.

At weekly computer classes, the children are using graphic software, "PCPG," and are reinforcing their knowledge of commands and basic programming.

The students sent greeting cards to children in Australia to wish them Happy 200th Birthday of their nation.

We hope that pen-pals will develop and correspondence will grow between children here and in Australia.

Parents and teachers are holding events to attract prospective parents for the 1988-89 school year. Registration is taking place now for grades kindergarten through six, at CJDS, Shalom Park, P.O. Box 13053, Charlotte, N.C. 28211, phone (704) 366-5007.

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Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein

63 teachers, representing eleven Jewish schools from across the Carolinas, met on February 28 for a consciousness-raising teachers' workshop, led by Aley Sheer. He is the creator of an innovative Jewish educational program, "Rock 'n Roll 'n Religion," and a veteran Jewish youth worker from Temple Emanuel in Miami. Sheer explored with the workshop attendees how rock music, contemporary media and audio-visual techniques can be adapted for classroom use to make curriculum more relevant to the "real" world in which our children

live. The program was so intriguing that the teachers unanimously agreed to extend the workshop by a full extra hour. The teachers, who represented schools in Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Bluefield, W.V. and Charlotte, also had an opportunity to socialize before and after the program with lunch and desserts, and to visit a mini-Teacher Learning Center which showcased the newest acquisitions to the CAJE Resource Center in Charlotte.

A very full and informative afternoon was shared by those who attended. It is hoped that the materials and the workshop experience will find their way into Jewish classrooms and enrich those whom it reaches.

The CAJE Resource Center has greatly expanded its video tape library in recent months. If you would like a current listing of the tapes available, please contact CAJE at (704) 366-1948, or write 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

During May, CAJE will announce the winner of the CAJE Creative Project of the Year Award, a cash prize competition which was held during this school year. Many exciting teacher-generated projects were submitted for the competition. All entries will be shared in future CAJE PAGE newsletters which are sent out to all Jewish teachers.

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Purim Activities at Lubavitch

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

The past month saw many programs and activities at Lubavitch of North Carolina. Since it was the joyous month of Adar, much of it was devoted to the holiday of Purim.

The beginning of the month was a commemoration of events unique to this year. It was celebrated with a special Kiddush at the Chabad House on Shabbat, the ninth of Adar-February 27.

The events included the following:

1) A tribute to Rebbetzin Chayah Moussia Schneerson (wife of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, The Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita) who passed away on February 10 of this year. Rebbetzin Schneerson who was 86 was a long time companion to the Rebbe. They were to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this December.

2) The Anniversary of the birthday and passing of Moses which occurred on the Seventh of Adar. This year marks 3300 years from the

exodus from Egyptian exile and from when the Jews received the Torah from G-d through Moses at Mount Sinai. The significance of 3300 years is well known to students of Kabbalah; it is a sign of total completeness, and the Rebbe asked that the event be properly celebrated.

Purim Rally

On February 28, a few days before Purim, a grand Purim rally was held at the Chabad House for children of all ages. First, the children and their parents were treated to delicious kosher hot dogs and other holiday

treats, *Hamantaschen* included. Then the fun began with stories, Purim puzzles, mask making and other events. The final activity which was perhaps the most exciting was a kosher candy hunt at the Chabad House playground.

The Purim Rally was well organized and led by Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss. Rabbi Weiss who is program director at Lubavitch of North Carolina, distributed Purim Kits to the nearly 200 participants at the rally.

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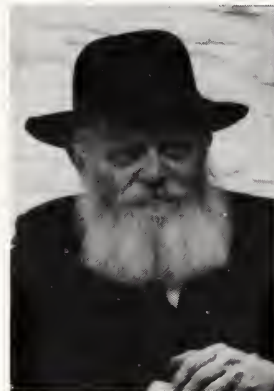


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Children and Parents participate in Purim fun.



Families eating lunch at Purim Rally.

many children in North Carolina. Rabbi Weiss estimates that about 1500 Kits were delivered or sent to many communities across the State. The Kits include kosher food gifts for "Mislo'ach Manot" and coins for the poor, with a brochure which explains the usage of the Kit on Purim.

Megillah Reading

On Purim night, the Chabad House was packed with celebrants, children wearing various costumes holding their *groggers*. Excitement filled the air as the *Megillah* was read, the noise level reaching its limits drowning out the name of the wicked Haman and celebrating the victory of the Jewish people. The service was followed by a delightful ice cream party. All the participants received a surprise Purim gift from Rabbi Yossi and Mariashi Groner.

Purim day was special at the Gan Yelodim preschool. The children held a Purim Masquerade party and exchanged Purim gifts. Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, led the children in preparing a special Purim presentation for their parents.

1988 North American Maccabi Youth Games

Hugh Greenberg, Chairman of the North American Maccabi Youth Games Committee (NAMYGC), JWB Board member and prominent Detroit Jewish communal leader, has

announced intensified preparations for the 1988 Games, scheduled for August 18-25 in Chicago.

The purpose of the Games is to establish an ongoing educational process that far transcends the athletic events themselves. The Committee works to incorporate the Maccabi spirit into the programming of Centers throughout North America.

The athletes, who range in age from 13 to 16, will participate in tournaments and competitions in basketball, gymnastics, martial arts, racquetball, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling. A full schedule of social, cultural and community events is being organized for the week of the Games, climaxed on closing day by a community run in honor of the 11 Israeli athletes slain in 1972 at the Munich Olympics.

The forthcoming Games are being hosted by the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, coordinated by JCC Metro-Teen and jointly sponsored by JWB, Maccabi World Union, Maccabi North America, Maccabi Canada and the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel.

"The Games," explains Ori Eilan, an Israeli *shaliach* sponsored jointly by JWB and the Maccabi World Union, "offer an unsurpassed opportunity to provide a rich Jewish social, cultural and educational experience for the teenagers involved, their

families and Jewish Community Center staff throughout North America."

Eilan, whose responsibilities include developing all aspects of Jewish educational programming before, during and after the Games, may be reached at JWB, 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010-1579; (212) 532-4949.

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Helping the Homeless

by Tracy Salkowitz

1987 was named the *International Year of the Homeless*, a year in which the plight of the homeless came increasingly into the foreground of critical issues.

According to a Leadership America Study on homelessness in urban America, there are roughly 350,000 homeless Americans on any given day. The average homeless person is in his or her mid-30's with women comprising 15-20% and families comprising an additional 20-30% of all homeless.

We most often think of homeless people as severely mentally ill, and with increasing deinstitutionalization this is often the case. Once out of protected supervised environments, many formerly stabilized individuals, forgetting to take necessary medication, do lapse into mental instability (25-30% have spent time in supervised settings).

According to *Homelessness in America* by Mary Ellen Hombs and Mitch Snyder, the increase in homelessness can be attributed to the following factors:

- Inflation, unexpected wage loss and unexpected expenses
- Shortage of affordable housing
- Increase in deinstitutionalization
- Reagan budget cuts
- Unemployment (8.5 million "officially" unemployed with an additional 6.5 million having been dropped from the roles)

Washington, D.C., ranks third in the nation in numbers of homeless with an estimated 8,000-15,000 homeless persons on the street. Two years ago, the D.C. Affairs Task Force of the American Jewish Congress began tackling the challenge of how to help. We immediately became active in advocacy efforts on behalf of the homeless and began working with different shelters on specific needs.

We were astonished at the response. "You are the first Jews who have been willing to roll up your shirt sleeves to help. We've received your financial assistance, but not

your direct involvement," we heard. Looking at shelters and services for the homeless, the overwhelming majority are under the supervision of church groups. Given the richness (not only financially) of our community, our absence has not only been embarrassing but appalling.

Over the years the Jewish community has been at the forefront of advancing civil rights, religious liberty and a strong and secure Israel. Our energies and talents have worked both in conjunction with other groups as well as alone to foster security and equality. These efforts have worked.

It is time to channel our extensive talents and energies into responding to one of the greatest challenges of our time—helping the homeless. It is time to become full partners in the struggle to respond to this crisis.

The American Jewish Congress is about to launch its newest effort, Operation Sukkah: The Jewish/Shelter Connection. This effort will consist of a multi-tiered network aimed at coordinating volunteers and businesses in providing for the needs of the homeless. Our dream is to have churches and synagogues and inter-ethnic organizations working together to supply volunteers and support. In addition, we want to bring together business leaders to coordinate donations of everything from furniture to linens. The enthusiasm that has already been generated by this project has been overwhelming.

We hope that once launched, this project will be used as a model for other communities.

Is homelessness a Jewish issue? Absolutely! We have no statistics on how many of the homeless are Jewish, but we do know they exist. Regardless of their background, however, Judaism has a commitment to the quality and dignity of life for all.

Helping others help themselves is the highest form of *Tzedakah*. We can and should become full partners in meeting this challenge and we invite all of you to help make the difference.

Ed. Note: This article has been abridged because of limited space.

Tracy Salkowitz is the executive director of the National Capital Region of the American Jewish Congress.

Jewish Community Triples Gifts to Mazon to Feed the Hungry

Mazon, the organization that provides food for the hungry by asking American Jews for a self-imposed 3 percent "tax" on the cost of weddings, bar- and bat-mitzvahs, anniversaries and other happy occasions, says the idea has caught on so quickly that contributions have tripled in a single year.

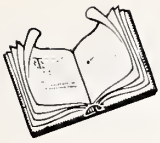
To date, Mazon—the Hebrew word for food—has distributed a total of 44 grants to established community agencies, both Jewish and non-Jewish, that feed poor people in this country and abroad.

Founded two years ago by Leonard Fein, former editor of *Moment* magazine, Mazon reported total contributions of \$163,000 during its first year, which ended November 1986. Donations for the second year, which has just ended, showed a dramatic jump to \$550,000. In addition, the number of gifts has more than doubled—climbing from 3,850 for 1985-86 to 9,975 for 1986-87.

Hundreds of synagogues throughout the United States have established relations with Mazon, and more than 1,000 rabbis are now urging their congregants to adopt the practice of imposing a "Mazon tax" on themselves and their families when celebrating happy occasions.

Irving Cramer, executive director of Mazon, expects the organization to become an even more potent force in the future by helping to bring food and life to additional thousands of needy people and by spreading the concept of taxing oneself to help the poor.

Those wishing to contribute to Mazon should write or call Mr. Cramer at Mazon, 2940 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, Ca. 90064; telephone (213) 470-7769.



Book Reviews



Lovesong: Becoming a Jew

by Julius Lester

Henry Holt and Co. 248 pp. \$17.95

Lovesong: Becoming a Jew is the remarkable autobiography of Julius Lester, the black Civil Rights activist once publicly accused of anti-Semitism. A moving and engaging story of personal struggle, transformation and self-recognition, *Lovesong* is the spiritual odyssey of a Methodist minister's son who sought to come to terms with his relationship to God. Rejecting the conventions and values of his family, the world and his race, Lester struggled to find his own soul's truth, and in finding that, he finds himself. *Lovesong* is a celebration of Jewish faith and life, but equally, it is the story of the human heart itself and its quest to find life's significance.

From his early days in the pre-Civil Rights South, Lester felt a mysterious pull toward Judaism despite his Christian upbringing by a powerful and deeply loved and respected father. "Altschul," the mysterious name on his grandmother's mailbox puzzled and intrigued him, as did a piano piece he played over and over. It had a strange name he could not pronounce: "Kol Nidre." He discovered as a child in 1940 that his great grandfather was Adolph Altschul, a Jewish peddler who had immigrated from Germany, who had married an ex-slave named Maggie Carson, and who was buried in the old section of the Jewish Cemetery in Pine Bluff, Ark.

These vague yearnings remained when as an adult Lester became a major force in the Civil Rights Movement. As he recalls his days in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and the publication of his controversial book *Look Out, Whitey! Black Power's Gon'*

Get Your Mama! Lester regrets the barrenness of the years in which he shelved his spiritual questions in order to be a revolutionary.

In the midst of political controversy, and as he struggled with divorce and single parenting, Lester continued to seek a way to live as he felt he must—infusing everyday life with holiness. A particularly loving family who seemed to make even feeding the dogs an act of grace once prompted him to wonder "if the family could be a monastery, i.e., a group of people intent on holiness." In Judaism he finds a religion the very being of which is centered on "doing" all things in relation to God. "Judaism is what I have been wanting to do all these years—make holy the ordinary, find the mystical in the mundane." He rejoices that "Judaism is not a concept; it is not a system of beliefs. It is a doing which can be grasped only by the heart." In Judaism, where so many holidays are celebrated in the home, Lester discovers a faith in which the family truly can be "a group of people intent on holiness."

Defying both convention and expectation, Lester finds a sense of self to which he can be true, a self who is both black and Jewish. The voice once raised in spirituals and freedom fighting songs now leads prayers at the Conservative Synagogue where Julius Lester is cantor.

Julius Lester is the author of many acclaimed books, among them *To Be a Slave*, which was a Newbery Honor Book, and *Long Journey Home*, a National Book Award finalist. He teaches in the department of Afro-American Studies and in the Judaic Studies program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

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Shores of Refuge: A Hundred Years of Jewish Emigration

by Ronald Sanders

Henry Holt & Co. \$27.95

The biblical exodus lasted only forty years, but the modern-day exodus of Jews began a century ago and continues to this day. In his new book, *Shores of Refuge: A Hundred Years of Jewish Emigration* noted historian Ronald Sanders draws on previously untapped sources to describe the tremendous persecution from which the Jews have fled since the late 19th century, the difficult and often dangerous attempts to resettle them elsewhere, and the ambivalent receptions they received in their adopted lands.

Ronald Sanders recounts in grim detail the world's shock upon learning of Hitler's "final solution" and of the desperate attempts to rescue those who could be saved from Nazi ovens. As Sanders explains, the politics of public opinion and the delicate relations between the Allies were important factors in the struggle to rescue the Jews.

Shores of Refuge spans five continents and features a colorful cast that only real life could provide. Truly epic in scope, this is a meticulously researched and documented work which shows humanity in all its extremes of deprivation, courage, degradation and self-sacrifice.

Ronald Sanders is the author of several books, including *The Downtown Jews: Portraits of an Immigrant*; *Lost Tribes and Promised Lands: The Origins of American Racism*. A former editor of *Midstream* magazine and recent recipient of the New York Public Library Literary Lions award, he lives in New York.

What is Judaism? An Interpretation for the Present Age

by Emil L. Fackenheim

Summit Books 319 pp. \$18.95

Emil Fackenheim is one of the most distinguished philosophers of Judaism today. In *What is Judaism?* Fackenheim has written a piercing, profound book that considers what Judaism can mean to a Jew today in light of the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel. The book will educate and enlighten both the expert on Jewish faith and history and the layman.

In November 1938, at the age of 22, Fackenheim, a rabbinical student, was in a jail cell with other Jewish prisoners. An older man asked him what Judaism had to say to them at that moment. In *What is Judaism?* he attempts to answer the question, in the light of Torah, history, the Holocaust and the State of Israel.

The author explores the traditions of the Jewish faith, the covenant with God and the responsibility of the Chosen People. He explains the traditional heritage familiar to practicing Jews in a way that makes this heritage accessible to the secularists and those in doubt.

He addresses questions of contemporary Jews. Judaism, the author reminds us, has always been a questioning religion in which doubt has a legitimate place. In *What is Judaism?* this compassionate and brilliant philosopher explores in understandable and eloquent prose the complex question of what it means to be a Jew today.

Born in Halle, Germany, Emil Fackenheim studied at the Liberal Seminary in Berlin and received his ordination following his release from Sachsenhausen Concentration camp. He emigrated first to Scotland and then to Canada, where he received his Ph.D. in philosophy and taught at the University of Toronto where he retired as a Professor in 1983. He has written many distinguished books on Jewish thought

and Jewish history and philosophy. He lives in Jerusalem where he is a Fellow of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University.

Holocaust

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1934, which the author calls a "warning film" and *Gentleman's Agreement* in 1947, and of course, *The Great Dictator* in 1940, a masterpiece of Charlie Chaplin, which poked fun at Hitler. All of these movies were less than a blatant cry.

After all, the Holocaust was a foreign event. Did Jewish film makers realize the enormous threat to European Jews, or were they hesitant to try to use their influence in an America in which anti-Semitism was deemed a menace to American Jews?

After the war, when Jews became more comfortable in America, Hollywood began to feel at ease to deal with the subject of the Holocaust. In doing so, its "Americanization" was achieved. The culmination has been seen in the TV production of *Holocaust*. Claude Lanzmann's European film, *Shoah* (1985) appeared fortunately right after Reagan's visit to Bitburg.

Judith Doneson explores the theory that the Holocaust needed to be understood by Americans, who did not witness it, and that American films have finally made it so relevant to our society, that it is equated with experiences of various groups other than Jews. Sometimes we object to such comparisons. At least, the apathy and frustration of the War years, when it was uncertain that Americans realized what was happening to the Jews of Europe, have ended.

The author has degrees from Boston University and the Hebrew University, where she is working at present. She has taught a course on the subject of this book at Tel Aviv University, and is working on film scripts of contemporary Jewish his-

tory. Her scholarship does not prevent her writing in an interesting manner, especially significant to those of us who have seen the movies she discusses.

Our conviction that American movies exercise a great influence on the attitudes of our society is borne out in *The Holocaust in American Film*. The book is somehow comforting in what it says about the development of the perception of the Jewish image as it is treated by Dr. Doneson. You will find this book inductive to thinking and helpful in understanding gentile concerns with the position and condition of Jews in the modern world.

Fighters Among the Ruins: The Story of Jewish Heroism during World War II

by Professor Yisrael Gutman
B'nai B'rith Books \$9.95

The rarely told story of Jews' resistance to the Nazi occupation of European countries, especially Poland, has been published by B'nai B'rith.

Professor Yisrael Gutman of Hebrew University in this history of the Holocaust focuses on the bravery and heroism of those Jews who resisted their Nazi oppressors.

It was written specifically for young people. It closely examines the Jewish underground movement, armed resistance, ghetto uprisings, revolt in prison camps, and the role and action of Jews in the Allied armies. Author Gutman is looked upon as a pre-eminent historian of the Shoah.

Dr. Michael Neiditch, director of B'nai B'rith's Continuing Jewish Education Commission, sponsor of the book, says, "It is imperative that the young people of the world continue to be educated about the Holocaust, that it not be forgotten.

"Equally important is their education on the bravery and heroism of those who resisted their Nazi oppressors. This thorough examination of the subject was created as a study text for the International Quiz,

which will be held this year in commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and will take place in April in Poland, on the ruins of the Warsaw Ghetto," Neiditch said, adding that the quiz will draw thousands of young people from more than 20 countries.

The book, which costs \$9.95 per copy, can be ordered from B'nai B'rith Books, Department of Continuing Jewish Education, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036. For further information phone (202) 857-6580.

Ed. Note:

Robin Kramer of Whiteville sent us the following article which appeared in the *Morning Star*, Wilmington, N.C. recently. It features **Ricky Leinwand**, a member of Beth Israel Center of Whiteville.

Ricky Leinwand
by Merton Vance
Regional Editor

ELIZABETHTOWN—When Ricky Leinwand arrived in Israel on a recent trip, he was struck by the spirit of the people who live there, keeping their country together in a part of the world that is historic, sacred to the world's major religions and a flash point for war and violence.

Leinwand, who runs Leinwand's Department Store here with his father, Wallace Leinwand, accompanied U.S. Rep. Martin Lancaster, D-N.C., on a trip to Israel Dec. 28 to Jan. 3 along with Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., and others.

"They do this for congressmen because they depend on them for aid and want to let them see where their money is being spent," Leinwand said. "We had 12- to 16-hour days. It was not a vacation."

Leinwand was Bladen County co-chairman of Lancaster's 1986 campaign. Lancaster was elected that year to his first term representing the 3rd District, which covers Bladen, Pender, Duplin, Onslow, Sampson, Jones, Wayne, Harnett, Lee and parts of Moore and Johnston counties.

"The first impression I had is how self-sufficient they have become," he said. "They can't depend on outside sources other than the United States."

The trip included visits to agricultural projects and industries, giving him a chance to see elaborate irrigation systems and applications of solar energy.

"They are brilliant people," he said. "A lot of them are survivors of concentration camps, and they work hard."

"They are surrounded by enemies," he said. "They are a paranoid people. They know they can lose one battle and lose the war. They want secure borders—and you can't blame them."

Leinwand said Lancaster and the other congressmen talked frankly with Israeli officials about the violence on the West Bank. Israel has been the focus of intense international criticism for the deadly force used to suppress riots in Israeli-occupied Arab towns.

One official admitted mistakes had been made, noting that the Israeli troops were trained and equipped to fight wars, not suppress riots, but he said more troops are being trained in non-lethal riot control techniques.

Leinwand paid his own travel expenses. Lancaster's trip was paid for by private contributors.

The trip included visits in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Tel Aviv, and conferences with high-ranking Israeli government and political leaders and U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering.

Leinwand also had a chance to visit the Knesset—the Israeli parliament—industries and a kibbutz, a self-sustaining community where residents eat meals in a common dining hall and live off allowances that are their share of the communal income.

"I was very impressed with the kibbutz," Leinwand said.

The kibbutz he visited is the oldest in Israel. In addition to agricultural areas, it contains a couple of high-technology industries.

"You see so many historical places," Leinwand said. "It makes you want to go back and read the Bible."

**The Jewish Museum
New York City**

New exhibitions are at the Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Avenue in New York City. The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday. For information, call (212) 860-1888. Information on new exhibitions follows:

A Russian Impressionist: Paintings and Drawings by Leonid Pasternak, 1898-1945. This exhibition was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Pasternak Trust of England. It includes 60 works by Pasternak.

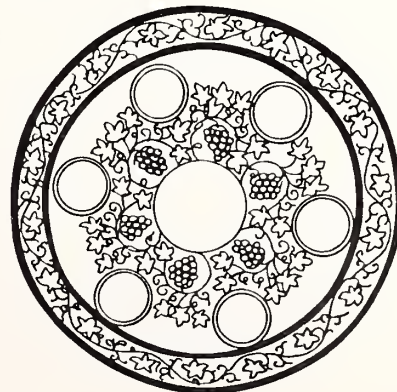
Tradition and Revolution: The Jewish Renaissance in Russian Avant-Garde Art, 1912-1928. Organized by the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, this is the first exhibition to highlight the effort by Russian Jewish artists of the period. There



Isosif Begun, former Soviet refusenik who recently arrived in Israel, plants a tree in the Jerusalem Corridor on Tu B'Shevat, Israel's Arbor Day. Mr. Begun, known as the "Hebrew teacher," waited nearly 17 years for an exit visa from the Soviet Union, where he was arrested and exiled to Siberia three times for alleged anti-Soviet activities. In honor of his release, the Jewish National Fund recently announced plans to revitalize tree-planting efforts in JNF's Isosif Begun Forest, located in Yatir, Israel. Mr. Begun's wife, Nechama (Ina), holds another sapling for planting. Joining the Beguns in the moving ceremony are JNF-Jerusalem representatives Avraham Kalman (left) and David Angel.

are 174 works, including rare originals.

A Century of Ambivalence: The Jews of Russia and the Soviet Union, 1881 to the Present. Over 350 photographs, objects of Judaica, theater posters and other objects displayed by YIVO whose research and planning resulted in this exhibition and a related book.



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The Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS at the Blumenthal Jewish Home

An alphabetical listing of all people who have participated in the early stage of the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS was included in the March issue of the TIMES OUTLOOK. The names of new contributors to the Campaign will be printed in future issues of the TIMES OUTLOOK. The next issue will also include those who pledged after attending the FAIR OAKS Dedication on March 27.

Some of those who have already pledged indicated specific memorials or honoraria. These have not appeared in previous issues of the TIMES OUTLOOK. The names printed on the inside back page of the TIMES OUTLOOK are the result of gifts that are given to funds other than the Capital Campaign. We will keep FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign gifts, memorials and honoraria listed separately from the Home's other funds.

The list below represents all memorials or honoraria given since the beginning of the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS (through March 11, 1988). There is an exciting commemorative program associated with the Capital Campaign. Those who have pledged for one of these Campaign commemoratives are indicated by an asterisk (*). A listing of all commemorative opportunities appeared in the March issue of the TIMES OUTLOOK.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or wish to participate in the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS, please contact the Development Office at the Home (919-766-3035).

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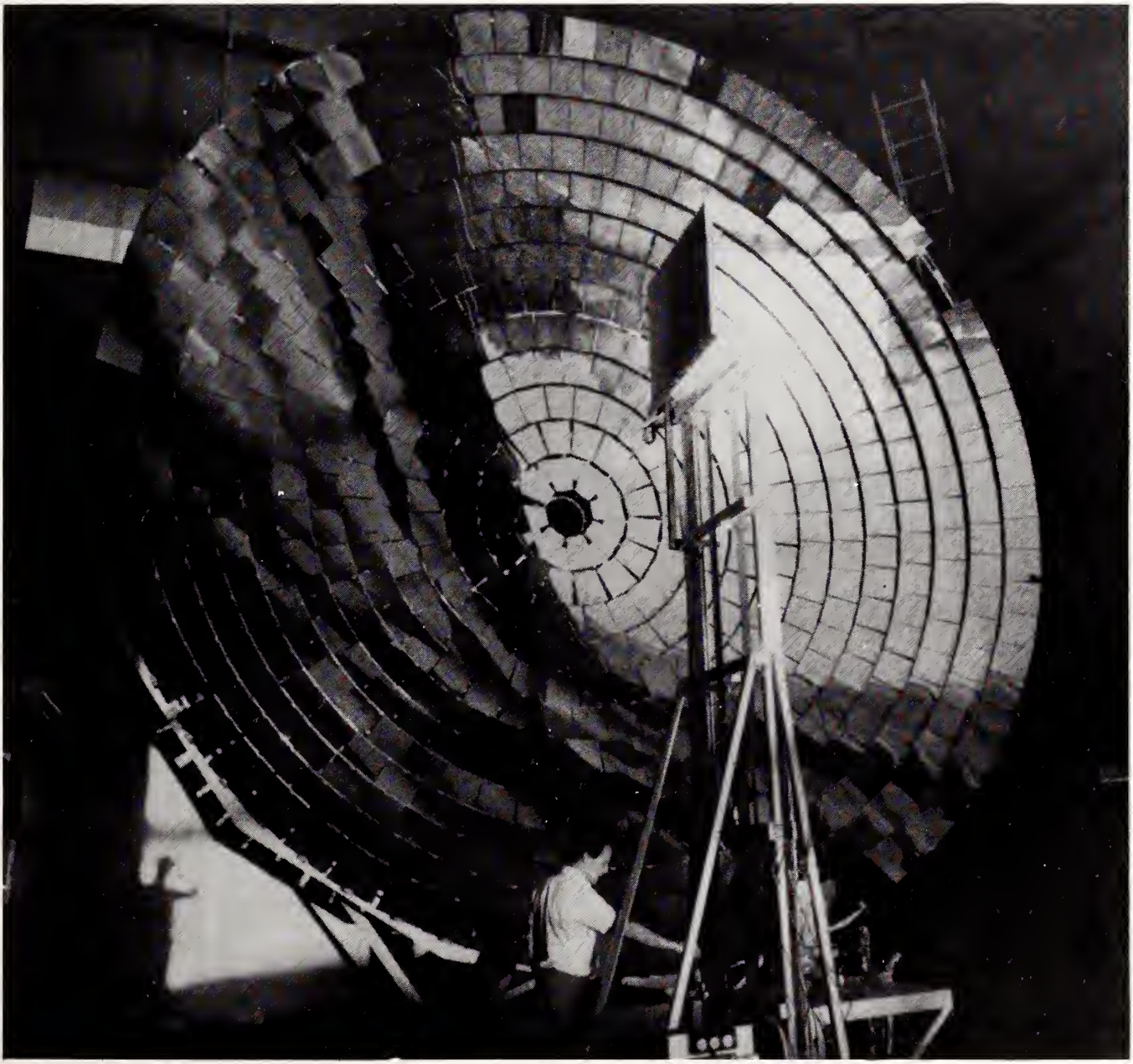
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Israel Is Not America

by Daniel Doron

We Jews are one. We are one in our unique destiny as the chosen people. But because we are one in spirit does not mean that we share the same burden in the struggle to assure our physical survival—which is not at all assured, and which so many Jews tend to forget.

American Jews can—and do—sympathize with our (i.e., Israeli's) struggle for survival. But you cannot identify with us because our burden is not your burden. You have not—thank God—been in the trenches, nor thank heaven again—do you bear the heavy yoke of our debilitating system.

Freedom—economic and political—enabled you to prosper and feel secure, so that you can afford the luxury to debate, with such equanimity, the pitfalls of power and the putative virtues of the lack thereof in neat and idealistic terms. It is not so easy for us.

But I am not here to cavil with my well-meaning and spiritually concerned sisters and brothers. I am here to tell you that your reality is very different from ours, your problems very different from ours, and that to impose an American mindset on Israel is to court disaster, destruction and even death—for us, not for you.

Despite your sincere sympathy and concern, it is our bodies, not yours, that have their backs to the sea. It is we, not you, who face scores of Syrian missiles pointing directly at us day and night. And make no mistake, we take *no* comfort from the thought that perhaps the Syrians will be constrained from using those missiles because they too are concerned with the morality of the abuse of power.

In speaking with many American Jews, I have come to realize that you are confused and upset by what you perceive to be happening in Israel. And you should be. The Promised Land, dedicated as it is to the highest human aspirations, is in the throes of change.

Some of you must be disappointed that Israel is not quite the Socialist Utopia for which many yearned—so much so that they forget that the Socialist Revolutions which they praise as a great moral force have caused untold suffering and destruction, and that in Israel its lingering influence has the most debilitating effects. Israel exhibits all the severe social problems and dislocations that an extreme welfare state generates.

Israel was to be our hope, the crown jewel of the Jews. We were founded and totally dedicated to the proposition that only good things would flow from feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked and raising the downtrodden. But we forgot: that to provide, a society must first produce; that to be independent and secure a nation cannot forever be the ward of charity, not even of close and

well-meaning relatives. Dependence on such charity not only weakens, but also corrupts.

Tempering justice with mercy, efficiency with charity, strength with empathy, resolve with acceptance is a universal human quest. It may be the Jewish mandate to constantly remind the world of this quest.

But to suggest that powerlessness is morally superior to power, to suggest that Jews must prove themselves the redeemers of humanity by remaining powerless—no matter how often and no matter what the price—is a travesty of justice and a mockery of our history.

American Jews live in a society that is powerful and rich and secure. Surely your mandate must be to assure that your power is not ruthless, that your riches are shared, that your security protects others. But if, as in Israel, you are broke because of a terrible system that makes you totally dependent on the good will and beneficence and sympathy of others, and if, as in Israel, your power and security is at best tenuous, then surely your mandate must be completely different.

Our very survival dictates our focus: How do we achieve complete and meaningful independence so that we can escape the spiritually debilitating and psychologically damaging effects of childish dependence? How do we induce growth in our economy so that our workers do not have to subsist on the shameful wages of \$600 per month? How do we provide opportunities for the advancement of our young so that they are not forced to seek their fortunes abroad? How do we reform our legislative system so that it does not scare off *Olim*?

As I said, I am not here to cavil with those among you who are sincerely trying to lead Israel out of the wilderness. I am here to suggest that you have misjudged our wilderness. And through no fault of your own. *Israel is not America!*

Through the years, I and others like myself have grappled with the problems that underlie the Israeli dilemma: the fact that a most talented, devoted and energetic people created such a lame economy and a very imperfect society.

I offer no simple explanations or quick solutions, but I would welcome the opportunity—at some future date—to talk with you and share our thoughts.

I know there are solutions that will allow Israel to fulfill its promise. But first, all good Jews must work together to identify the real problems.

Daniel Doron, Director of Friends of the Israel Center for Social and Economic Progress, made the above statement at the last CLAL annual Leadership Shabbaton. It was printed in CLAL's PERSPECTIVES, March 1988.

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The concentrating mirror of a powerful new solar laser at the Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel. The device produces over 100 watts of frequency-pure infrared laser light, twice as much power as ever previously extracted from any sun-powered laser; used for communications and, hopefully, industrial chemistry. Photo by JERUSALEM DATELINE. (See story page 4)

From the Editor

In honor of the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel, we have devoted several pages of the **TIMES OUTLOOK** to feature articles on Israel. Despite all the problems which are a daily occurrence, the people of Israel are developing high-tech projects for the benefit of the entire world. Archeologists continue to dig and uncover more historical evidence of the Land and its people. The timeless words of Ha-Tikvah" ring true today.

We pray for peace in Israel and for all mankind.

Shalom,
Ruth Goldberg

Greetings of Vice Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Shimon Peres on the Occasion of Israel's 40th Independence Day

We are today celebrating 40 years of the independent Jewish state, the State of Israel. What has been achieved during these 40 years is unprecedented in the annals of human history, as in our own history and experience. No other nation has ever returned to its homeland after a separation of 2,000 years, renewing its language and culture to carry on one of the oldest and most unique heritages in the world.

The experience of these 40 years has not been easy. We have never sought wars, nor do we seek victories. Five times we were attacked; five wars were forced upon us. Despite inferiority in numbers, we prevailed over our adversaries. But we paid for these victories with the lives of those dearest to us.

While overcoming these challenges, Israel has recorded impressive achievements in many areas of life. We have created a Hebrew culture. Our children speak in the language of the prophets. We have developed one of the most advanced agricultures in the world, despite the aridity of the land. Indeed, Israel today exports fruits, vegetables and flowers to many countries. We have developed sophisticated industry—in certain fields we stand alongside the most advanced nations. We have provided health care and social services for all our citizens, and extended life expectancy in Israel by ten years. Our children enjoy free primary and secondary education. Trees have been planted, roads have been built, new settlements have been established—including kibbutzim and moshavim, representing a unique combination of freedom and equality in the 20th century.

Israel has come to hold a special place in the hearts of millions of people, yet there is still a great deal to be done. The most important goal after independence, namely peace, has not yet been achieved. During the next 40 years, peace will therefore be our highest priority—for the sake of our children, for the sake of Arab children, for the sake of the region. Only through peace will we be

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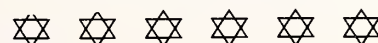
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able to realize our desire to be a nation that contributes to and enriches its environment; a nation that cares for all people regardless of differences in race, in color, in religion, in national origin.

This may today seem something of a dream, but, having in our first 40 years realized our greatest dreams, we may be permitted to dream once again, together—the dream of all Jewish people, you and us. For it is such solidarity of vision that has led us to this point—and will lead us to a much greater and more important future.



Israel's Hi-Tech Revolution

by Leora Frucht



Solar collectors drink in the heat of the sun, which is used immediately or stored in special batteries for later use. Photo by Richard Nowitz, JERUSALEM DATE-LINE.

"A Land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass."

Deuteronomy 8-9

(WZPS) If this description of Eretz Israel conjures up images of a land blessed with a bounty of rich resources, the passage, as it turns out, is a classic case of biblical hyperbole. In reality, except for a small amount of copper deposits near what were once King Solomon's mines, mineral and other natural resources are sorely lacking in the modern state of Israel. There is no oil, coal, gold or diamonds and even water is scarce. This is probably one of the reasons why "people" have long been considered Israel's number one natural resource. "We can't drill the ground for wealth like the Arabs do, so we have to drill our heads," is how one Israeli scientist put it. It is this resource—the brainpower and ideas of its people—that has catapulted Israel into the elite club of nations of producers and exporters of high technology.

Research and Development

To be able to compete with the industrial giants in what is considered to be the most lucrative field today is a surprising achievement for a tiny Middle Eastern country with only 40 years of statehood behind it. But Israel today has more scientists engaged in research and development on a per capita basis than any other country. The portion of the gross national product earmarked for R&D is also one of the highest of any industrialized nation. Moreover, no other country (again on a per capita basis) publishes as many scientific papers or graduates as many Masters and Doctoral students in a year as Israel.

The results speak for themselves. In hospitals all over North America doctors are able to perform operations more quickly and more safely than ever before with the help of Israeli-made surgical lasers. Thirty thousand Californians are receiving electricity at lower costs as a result of the world's largest solar pond,

situated near San Bernadino, designed and built by Ornat, an Israeli Company. Police forces in many countries no longer have to risk the lives of their men to dismantle bombs now that Israeli-made robots do the job.

Science-based exports like these now account for a third of Israel's overseas sales, and the figure is rising every year. If high technology provides a major boost to the Israeli economy, it was a much more basic motivation that initially drew Israel into this highly competitive field, dire necessity.

Arms and Robots, Energy and Water

In the case of defense, for example, it was the suddenly imposed French boycott of arms to Israel in 1967 that made dangerously clear to Israel the necessity of developing its own aircraft and sophisticated weaponry. The result was Israel Aircraft Industries Kfir plane, the Gabriel sea missile and a host of other state-of-the-art weapons. A consequence of this has been a lucrative arms export industry.

Fortunately, there have been spin-offs on civilian fields as well. Israeli robots, designed to defuse bombs, have been adapted to help prevent industrial accidents in chemical plants and nuclear reactors. And Israel's state-of-the-art computerized tractor, the Merhava, is indebted to the country's Merhava battle tank for much of its design, a feat that would seem to fulfill the biblical prophecy "beating the swords into plowshares."

Necessity again proved to be the mother of invention in the important fields of energy and water management. The country's meager annual rainfall has not discouraged Israeli scientists who have given a new meaning to the old adage "every cloud has a silver lining." Using crop-dusting planes, they seed clouds with silver iodine crystals, causing them to produce up to 15

percent more rain than they would normally. (Israel's neighbors, especially Jordan, have also benefitted from this meteorological meddling.)

A lack of fossil fuels has spurred Israel's quest for alternative energy. This has resulted in efforts to extract oil from shale stone and to even less conventional ideas, such as the method one kibbutz has developed to produce energy by burning cottonseed hulls.

Tapping the Sun

Perhaps the one natural resource that Israel does have in abundance, aside from its people, is its sunshine. The country is blessed with an average of 300 sunny days a year. It is in tapping this source that Israel has made its most notable mark in the quest for alternative energies.

Solar energy was first advocated by David Ben-Gurion decades before OPEC, when oil was still a good bargain. Israel's first Prime Minister called solar energy "the mightiest source of energy in our world," and believed that it could be used "for the good of the Negev and all mankind." He noted that only "an infinitesimal part (of solar energy) has been exploited," and urged Israel's scientists to do something about it.

They have. Israelis today are the world's number one consumer of solar energy. Aside from the more conventional uses of solar energy, such as heating homes and water, Israeli scientists have devised sophisticated technologies which draw on the sun for a multitude of purposes from recycling waste paper to driving turbine engines and even killing plant-damaging bacteria.

Moreover, the benefits of these Israeli-pioneered technologies are being felt far and wide. In California alone, in addition to Ormat, another Israeli leader in the field, Luz, was recently awarded the California Energy Prize for the 13.8 megawatt solar energy plant it built in that state. Altogether there are over 100 Israeli companies that design solar energy systems and several dozen countries that purchase them.

Hi-Tech Medicine

The classic dream of every Jewish mother, to have her son become a doctor, comes close to fruition in Israel, which claims the highest number of physicians per capita of any country (277 per 10,000, compared to 177 in the United States). This abundance of doctors, working in close conjunction with engineers and scientists, has helped establish Israel as a leader in several areas of medical technology, among them, laser surgery.

Using what is known as the "bloodless scalpel," Israeli doctors are pioneering daring surgical techniques and can use lasers to unblock clogged arteries, perform cardiac by-pass operations, weld severed nerves, and even restore fertility in many cases of male and female sterility.

Most of the equipment the doctors are using is also made in Israel, by Sharplan, whose CO₂ surgical lasers now supply 30 percent of the American market.

Israel is also a leader in medical imaging equipment. The Haifa-based company Elscint, produces CAT (computer assisted tomography) scanners that are used in major hospitals all over the world to provide three-dimensional images of the body's organs. As a result, doctors are able to locate tumors earlier and with greater precision.

One of the painful legacies of Israel's six wars has been the expertise doctors have acquired in military

and emergency medicine. In 1982, when an explosion caused the collapse of the Israel Defense Forces headquarters in Lebanon, Israeli doctors used a new technique to save the lives of dozens of soldiers. When a person is buried under rubble, the prolonged and intense pressure on his muscles causes them to secrete a substance that is lethal to the kidneys. Most victims of such accidents die of kidney failure. In 1982, Israel's doctors found that by injecting the injured men with large amounts of an alkaline solution, they could prevent kidney failure. This marked the first time doctors had been able to save the lives of "crushed" victims. When a severe earthquake struck Mexico two years ago, Israeli doctors were able to apply the same techniques to save hundreds of Mexicans who had been buried under the rubble.

It was not so long ago that Israel was known as the country that made the desert bloom. If, in the past, praise was reserved for Israel's outstanding agricultural achievements, today it is the country's advances in high technology that are winning admiration. But Israel has proven that the success formula for both agriculture and high technology is really one and the same: when lacking natural resources, use natural resourcefulness. It is this policy, more than any, that has brought a tiny Middle Eastern country from Jaffa oranges to surgical lasers in 40 years.

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Ancient Mysteries solved as Entire Western Wall Revealed

The entire Western Wall of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem has been completely revealed, for the first time since 70 C.E.

Following excavation work which began 20 years ago, archaeologists have uncovered all 490 metres of the Wall that once formed the western girder of ancient Jerusalem's great Temple. The entire stonework that formed the basis of the original Temple Mount has now been exposed. An ancient Hasmonean water tunnel, built about 120 B.C.E. and later blocked by Herod's builders, is visible for the first time to tourists. It was opened to the public during Passover 1988.

In the course of the excavations, a number of mysteries about the Temple Mount have been solved. The idea of excavating a tunnel that would extend the length of the Western Wall was conceived by the Ministry of Religious Affairs following the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967. Until now, visitors to the exposed portion of the Wall could see only about one third of the entire imposing structure.

According to Jerusalem Region archaeologist Dan Bahat, the excavation initially had no pre-defined objectives. "No one knew what the significance of this project was, or what we actually wanted to do there." At one point, around 1983, work on the site was even temporarily suspended.

History in the making

"What happened in the end," Bahat explains, "is that this tunnel—that had no historical or archaeological significance—joined, in an entirely coincidental manner, with a Hasmonean water tunnel. Suddenly, the Western Wall tunnel became significant."

Although the Hasmonean water tunnel, which conducted water from a pool near the Damascus Gate to the northern corner of the Temple



A makeshift synagogue at a section of the underground part of the Western Wall, facing the site of the Holy of Holies. Photo by Israel Ministry of Tourism.

Mount, was excavated (and later resealed) by the British archaeologist Claude Conder, a century ago, uncovering it during the Western Wall excavations came as an unexpected boon.

As one of the excavation workers reports, "We saw three or four big stones, and behind them debris and more debris. We removed a lot of it, and found ourselves at the entrance to a long, wet tunnel. It was the most exciting discovery of our lives."

The water tunnel measures some 80 metres in length, and is about eight metres high. Carved out of solid rock, the Hasmonean water conduit is an impressive tribute to ancient engineering skills. Not only will it enhance visitors' tours of the Western Wall excavation, but it is also one of the rare Hasmonean finds uncovered to date in Jerusalem.

Startling revelations

According to Bahat, one of the most unexpected archaeological finds disclosed by the excavation is that Herod did not complete the entire construction of the Temple

Mount, as historians and archaeologists believe to this day. "This is something that I can say without any doubt, for the first time," Bahat affirms. He points to a change in the type of masonry used at the northern end of the Western Wall as irrefutable evidence that Herod built all but the last stages of construction on the Temple Mount. Instead of finding the polished stones with characteristic Herodian masonry marks, Bahat observes that part of the original stonework is roughly hewn. He notes that this is a surprise, for up to now the notion persisted that the famous Temple Mount was a work of art par excellence—a complete, finished product.

Naftali Kidron, the engineer in charge of the Western Wall project, emphasizes that the construction of the Temple Mount, as revealed by the excavation, is a fascinating study in itself. Bahat also acknowledges the overall attention to detail that must have made the Temple Mount a remarkable monument in its day. "We now have a better understanding of how the Western Wall was

built on bedrock," Bahat notes. "It was chiseled down in some places, giving the impression that the whole structure was actually one. In other places, you can't see the difference between bedrock and dressed stone."

Never seen before

Kidron adds that one of the mysteries uncovered during the excavation is the presence of massive stones that measure some 14 metres in length, three metres in height, and are estimated to be two metres thick and to weigh over 300 tons. No one can explain, Kidron observes, how these gigantic rocks were transported to the site.

Another piece of the puzzle of ancient Jerusalem's glorious past was discovered at the northern end of the Western Wall, where archaeologists uncovered the stone escarpment of the famous Antonia Fortress. Built by the Maccabees, this imposing building complex commanded a great view of the whole Temple area. But, since it existed for only a few decades before it was demolished by the Romans following the fall of the Temple, it has been the subject of so much conjecture that it almost became shrouded in a mystical aura. "It was basically something theoretical. No one knew what it really was," Bahat explains. "But now, as you walk along the tunnel, you can see the rock escarpment of the long lost Antonia Fortress—a very exciting discovery."

Exciting touring experience

Completion of infrastructure work—securing and bolstering the Western Wall's excavated tunnel to ensure safe and easy passageway—was the first step, according to Kidron, toward preparing the site for the public. Since the tunnel is basically wide enough only for one person to pass at a time, the site will be opened as a "one-way" route, leading visitors to the beginning of the Via Dolorosa, the legendary "Way of the Cross." Sign-posting and pictorial exhibits are being prepared and a display in one of the vaulted

rooms near the entrance to the site, which will tell the history of the Western Wall, is also planned for the future.

In view of the approximately 20 years needed to complete the excavation, the project managers look forward to sharing this exciting touring experience with the public. There is no doubt that the Western Wall site will eventually provide visitors to Israel's capital with a complete historical presentation of the Wall and the Temple. Meanwhile, each new discovery will undoubtedly provide new insights into the mysteries of ancient Jerusalem.

HaTikvah— The Hope by Dulcy Leibler

(WZPS) A young man from Galicia, named Naphtali Herz Imber, inspired by the founding of Petah Tikvah in 1878, wrote a poem about his feelings. A farmer from Rishon LeZion heard the poem and enjoyed it so much that he promptly set it to music. The song, originally called "Tikvatenu" ("Our Hope"), later became "HaTikvah," the national anthem of the State of Israel, and has lifted the spirits of Zionists around the world for nearly a century.

Wanderer

Naphtali Herz Imber was born in 1856 into a Hasidic family. He received a traditional education, and left home at an early age to wander around the world. While in Constantinople, he struck up a friendship with Laurence Oliphant, a Christian Zionist, and came with him to Palestine in 1882, serving as Oliphant's secretary and advisor on Jewish affairs. Imber stayed in Palestine for some six years, during which time he wrote essays and articles for Hebrew periodicals, as well as several poems.

Tikvatenu, one of Imber's most popular poems, was first published

in 1886, although it had initially been read in public as early as 1882 to a group of farmers in Rishon LeZion who received it enthusiastically. Among them was Moldavian-born Samuel Cohen, who decided to set the poem to a melody based on a traditional Moldavian-Rumanian folksong called "Carul cu Boi" ("Cart and Oxen").

During the 1880's in Palestine, many tunes and adaptations rapidly became folksongs, and none thought of copyrights at that time. The "Tikvatenu" melody thus quickly became anonymous, and Imber's association with it all but forgotten.

Many changes were made in the original text of the poem over the years, and these have been traced through old song books, memoirs, and the like. Firstly, the title was changed to "HaTikvah," then some words were changed to suit contemporary opinion, and later the old-fashioned Ashkenazi syllable stress was changed to the Sephardi stress, used in modern Hebrew today.

But whichever way it was sung, "HaTikvah" was always inspiring. At the Declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, "HaTikvah" was sung by the assembly at its opening ceremony.

Timeless Words

In fact, the words of "HaTikvah" have a timeless relevance, a meaning for Jews everywhere, reinforced by both good and bad experiences—reinforced by wars and peace treaties alike, by both anti-Semitic acts and aliya. Naphtali Herz Imber's words are as old as the Jewish people itself, yet they are also as young as the State of Israel, which took them to its heart.

HaTikvah

As long as still within our breasts
The Jewish heart beats true,
So long as still towards the East,
To Zion, looks the Jew,
So long our hopes are not yet lost—
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Roman Catholic Statements

Nostra Aetata (1965); Guidelines and Suggestions for Implementing the Conciliar Declaration "Nostra Aetata" (1974); Notes on the Correct Way to Present the Jews and Judaism in Preaching and Catechesis in the Roman Catholic Church (1985)

Roman Catholic speaker: Fr. Oscar Burnette

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temple Beth Or 75th Anniversary Year Culminates with Gala Dinner Dance

by Robert N. Bander

Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, has been celebrating its 75th Anniversary Year during the 1987-1988 religious year. A variety of events were planned by the Temple's Anniversary Committee, chaired by Dan and Shirley Horvitz, which served to remind the Congregation and the Raleigh Jewish Community of both the Temple's interesting history and its future.

In September 1987, the Anniversary Year celebration began with the installation of Temple Beth Or's new Rabbi, James Bleiberg. This special event was followed by an Oral (and visual) History of the Temple's first 75 years. Roots were traced from 1912's downtown Raleigh Hebrew Congregation to the Creedmoor Road religious-educational-social complex which serves today's 285 member families.

November saw Rabbi Howard Bogot of the UAHC as the Temple's Scholar-in-Residence. Rabbi Bogot conducted several different programs throughout the three-day weekend for literally every member of the congregation from age 8 months to 88.

Jones Auditorium on the campus of Meredith College was the site of January's show, "The Amazing Legend of Reb Van Winkle." Written and produced by Bud Schlesinger and Bob Schrag, this show will be remembered for years by the nearly 400 in attendance. The musical had

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show-stopper after show-stopper. Hats off to the entire cast and crew!

The Religious School was also a key participant in the 75th Anniversary Year's celebration. The 7th Grade class produced a video entitled "Temple Beth Or Religious School: A Day in the Life." Cleverly done, the video managed to feature nearly each of the 150 or so students in the school.

The Temple's Outreach Committee also sponsored an Anniversary event by airing the video "Inter-marriage: When Love Meets Tradition." Like it or not, intermarriage is a major theme in the Temple's present and future.

The final event of the Anniversary Year will be a gala dinner-dance to be held Saturday evening May 14 at the Raleigh Marriott. Featuring the music of The Highlanders, the evening is designed to be purely social in nature. The entire Raleigh Jewish Community has been invited; any **Times Outlook** readers wishing to attend should call the Temple Beth Or office at (919) 781-4895 to see if tickets are still available. The cost is \$25.00 per person. A 75th Anniversary Program Book has been prepared and will be given to all attendees. An abbreviated version of "The Amazing Legend of Reb Van Winkle" will also be performed in lieu of any and all speeches!

As enjoyable as the 75th Anniversary Year Celebration has been, plans are already being made for the Temple's Centennial. Any volunteers to chair the committee?

Isadore Kramer Died Whiteville, N.C.

Isadore Kramer, 76, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and a Whiteville businessman for many years prior to his retirement, died February 12 in Ft. Lauderdale.

Mr. Kramer will be remembered as a partner and operator of Kramer's Men's and Ladies' Shops in Whiteville, along with a brother, Hyman Kramer, the current owner-operator.

A native of New York City, Isadore Kramer was the son of the late Nathan and Celia Margolis Kramer, who moved to Whiteville in 1918 and opened the Kramer's store.

A graduate of Whiteville High School and a former all-around athlete there, Isadore Kramer entered the Kramer business as a schoolboy and continued in it. He and his brother operated the business from the time of his father's death in 1943 until his retirement in 1972. A Shriner and a Mason, he was a member of the Lebanon Lodge No. 207 in Whiteville.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dora Samet Kramer; brothers, Hyman Kramer of Whiteville and Ben Kramer of Wallace; sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Leder and Mrs. Jeanette Turner of Hollywood, Fla. and Mrs. Mollie Leiken of Boca Raton, Fla.; six nieces and nine nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

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Beth Israel Synagogue Greenville, S.C.

by Florence Rosenberg

Sue and Dan Shager hosted a Kiddush following services April 2 in honor of the naming of their great granddaughter Sarah Jayne during the Torah reading.

Mazel Tov to Fran and Marty Wertheim on the marriage of their daughter Judith Ann to John Jeuttner in Long Island, N.Y.

The members of Beth Israel Synagogue and Temple of Israel held a combined service on April 22. Rabbi James Cohn and Rabbi Hyman Fishman conducted the service.

The Sisterhoods of both congregations had a combined meeting on April 21, with an entertaining program by members of both Sisterhoods.

Three couples returned from an eventful trip to Israel just in time to share their experiences with those

in attendance at the Federated Jewish Charities Luncheon on March 27. Those who went with other South Carolinians were Kaylene and Julian Schoenberg, Dorothy and Howard Gold, and Janet and Arthur Dreskin. Kaylene and Julian told about their trip in more detail.

Berry Zander was among the eight members of Young Leadership Cabinets invited by National United Jewish Appeal to go to Russia in April. Before she went she hosted a surprise 40th birthday party for her husband Richard at the Greenville Municipal Stadium.

Greenville Section National Council of Jewish Women had a most interesting meeting at the St. Francis Vitality Center. Program Chairman Linda Krause planned an informative program titled, "What's Hot and What's Not in Nutrition." N.C.J.W. will begin its fiftieth year in Greenville with an Installation of officers at the Greenville City Club in May. Barbara Rabhan will install the following officers: President: Marcia Silberman; V.P. Administration: Lynn Rozelman; V.P. Education: Terry Mannino; V.P. Community Services: Sheri Schwartz; Treasurer: Edith Schlein; Financial Secretary: Matty Israel; Recording Secretary: Linda Krause; Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Berger.

Yair Schlein was Bar Mitzvah on the 30th of April Mazel Tov to his parents Martin and Edith Schlein.

Beth Meyer Synagogue Raleigh, N.C.

by Carol Burgess

As spring has arrived we are looking back on our busy winter.

In November, we were visited by Rabbi Sol Teitelbaum, a Sofer. He talked with the children at Religious School and members of the Congregation as they came by to see his special talents. He worked quietly about ten hours a day for a whole week. Everyone was intrigued by his steady hand and his thoughts on his work and life.

Beth Meyer held a film series and

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We also held our First Annual Purim Masquerade Ball. It was a huge success. People came in wonderful costumes, ate delicious food, participated in an auction and danced the night away.

We participated in the community wide Holocaust Observance on April 14 at the Raleigh Civic Center. Dr. Franklin Litell, Professor Emeritus of Religion at Temple University spoke.

A community wide celebration of Israel's 40th Anniversary was held at Beth Meyer, April 21.

Our Confirmation Class will be confirmed on the first day of Shavuot, May 22.

As the end of the school year approaches, we look forward to a community wide picnic to be enjoyed by all.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

To those who creatively presented Tu B'Shvat in its many facets, thank you to Richard Harrison and his Committee, Barbara Ribner, Liz Nigrosh, Ileana Grams, Myra Rosen, Cynthia Savell and Livia Laibson, and of course, the children. Friday evening, February 19 was the annual dairy covered dish dinner (Sunday School committee in charge) including an informal, instructive Sabbath service. Featured was the premiere of a Shabbat game, "Veel of Fortune." Rabbi Pearlson created, produced and performed the show. Sandy Winston and Lynn Gabai were in charge of setting up and cleaning up, while Emily Gordon was in charge of telephone organizing.

Barbara Ribner coordinated an all new experimental Seder on Sunday, March 27, by the Sunday School. The community received all their Passover orders through the diligent efforts of Beth Israel's secretary, Kay Miller, and the Passover order

committee, consisting of Shirley Kayne, Ann Cross and Roz Freedman.

Ruth Baer, Chairman of the Torah Fund for Sisterhood reports the following for the year 1987-1988: Benefactors: Libby S. Nash, Nettie Slosman, Mildred Lurey, Carol S. Deutsch, Norma Feingold, Ellen Carr, Lillian Wellisch, Roz Freedman, Celine Lurey, Phyllis Sollod and Ruth Baer. Contributors: Isabel Shulimson and Barbara Michalove. The Handicap Ramp is now a reality. David Kayne reports that funds are still being requested to pay for it.

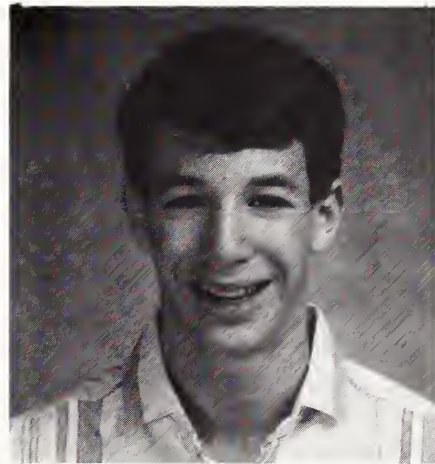
Our Synagogue programs now include: Tiny Tot Shabbat; United Synagogue Youth, each Sunday; Chavurot Achim, each Wednesday night; Adult Hebrew Class II, each Tuesday night; Shabbat Simcha; Men's Club, every other Sunday; High Holiday choir, Monday evenings; and continuing as usual, minyans on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Purim at Beth Israel this year was a thundering success to a "sell-out audience." Our Rabbi again did a one man performance of the Megillah, donning the main character hats and demeanor, "Esther, ooh-la-la! Hamen, booooo, the King and Mordecai, yeahhhhhh". The costumes of parents and children ran the gamut from Esther, Mordecai, etc. to a motor cycle gang. Lots of creative thought went into this effort. Main prizes were awarded for costumes which will be reported at another time.

Mazel Tov to Bert and Elaine Bronstein on the marriage of their daughter Lois to Howard Glicksman in Wilmington, Del. Congratulations to Danny Gabai, who won third place overall (first place in 9th grade physical science) for his project, "The Effects of Salt on Water and Ice," in the Science Fair at Asheville Junior High School. Danny also won a third place award for a poster he made. He was featured in the "North Neighbors" section of the Asheville Citizen Times for his award winning comic book school project.

Stephen Small Honored

Stephen Andrew Small, son of Patty and Gus Small of Atlanta and grandson of Rosalee and Lee Starer of Charlotte, has been chosen as one of 600 students in the state of Georgia to participate in the Governor's Honors Scholarship Program in Science. He will attend Valdosta State College for six weeks this summer.



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by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Chabad House Dedication in Myrtle Beach

The Jewish community of Myrtle Beach saw a dream come true on March 13 at the dedication of Chabad House. A new center for Jewish education was established, a place where young children will learn about their heritage, language and religion.

The new Chabad House is located in the heart of Myrtle Beach and has already seen growth in the successful preschool, in addition to the very popular Talmud Torah conducted at the Chabad House.

The dedication was attended by over two hundred people from the local Jewish community, including many dignitaries. Visitors from other Carolina communities were also present at the event.

Rabbi Doron Aizenman, director of Chabad-Lubavitch in Myrtle Beach, welcomed guests with a warm friendly smile. He noted that the new building is a strong statement about the growing Jewish community in Myrtle Beach.

The building which has recently been acquired has been renovated according to the specific needs of the Chabad House. A special gratitude to Shaul Levy, owner of Wings Department stores who gave of himself and his money to the new Chabad House.

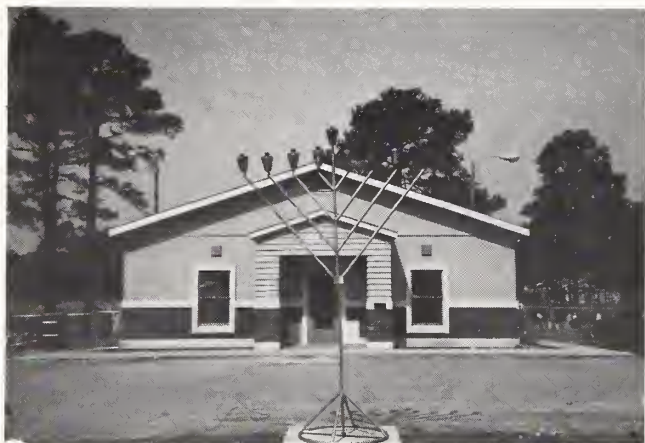
Mayor Robert M. Grissom of Myrtle Beach greeted the participants with warmth and enthusiasm. He used humorous anecdotes to illustrate how important the Jewish community is to the growth and prosperity of the city.

Also present was Mr. Laurie McCloed chairman of the county commission of Horry County. Mr.

McCloed eloquently elaborated on the wonderful values the new Chabad center will bring to the community.

A delegation of the Israeli consulate in Atlanta attended the dedication. Mr. Arthur Kohl who led the delegation said, "This is the first dedication I was invited to, and it is indeed a great feeling." He continued, "It is spectacular to see what Chabad has accomplished in this community."

A full spread of New York delicacies was served, including many Israeli dishes and breads. It is important to note that Leah Aizenman arranged all the technical details of the dedication which indeed was very successful. A video on the biography of Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita was shown to the large audience at the conclusion of the event.



Front view of Myrtle Beach Chabad House.



Mayor Robert M. Grissom gives address at dedication.



Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schiller received plaque at dedication.



S.C. Senator Isador Lurie addressed participants.

Model Matzo Bakery in Charlotte

Every year as the festival of Pesach approaches, we look for ways to involve our children in preparation for this wonderful holiday. This year we introduced a new and exciting project in Charlotte, which really helped parents and children relate to the holiday in a meaningful way.

The project was a model Matzo Bakery, presented March 20. The bakery was set up at the Chabad House to the exact style of a genuine Hand Matzo Bakery in New York. Separate booths housing flour and water were placed at the entrance of the bakery. Between them stood the kneading bowl with Andy London as the official kneader.

At the appropriate time, the flour and water would be placed in the kneading bowl, and the countdown would begin. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, coordinator of the project explained that the entire process of baking

Matzo for Pesach could not last longer than 18 minutes. Once the dough was kneaded Rabbi Weiss would distribute the dough balls to the participants who lined several long tables and they would begin to roll the dough into thin round matzos.

A makeshift oven was used in the form of grills. After the holes were made in the unbaked Matzo, they were given to Boruch Schoenes who carefully placed them on the grill to bake.

Parents were more excited than their children in this holiday endeavor. Some came because of childhood memories, others were simply fascinated by the concept of Shmurah Matzo. *Shmurah* is a Hebrew word which means guarded; the wheat is watched from the time of cutting through the grinding till it is finally baked as Matzo. Many Jews have a tradition of eating

Shmurah Matzo during the Seder; some have a custom of eating only the hand baked Shmurah Matzo the entire holiday of Pesach.

All the bakers (which included all the participants) enjoyed their freshly baked Matzo, and also received a piece of genuine Matzo for use at the Seder.

The students of Lubavitch preschool and the Lubavitch Talmud Torah participated in this project. This was in addition to their own model Seder which they conducted in school with Mariashi Groner and Chanie Weiss.

Education Day

Governor James G. Martin declared March 29 as "Education Day" in N.C. in honor of the 86th birthday of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita.

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B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte BBW held a paid-up membership luncheon and election of officers on March 23 at Shalom Park.

We have gained 50 new members this year, announced Linda Goldberg. Each new member was called on and received a fresh carnation.

For a ceremony, we honored Nancy Blacker our first 1987 new member and Meryl Elko our first Life member for 1987. Each lit a candle on our seven branch menorah depicting Justice, Service, Peace, Truth, Hillel and Israeli Children.

Susan Bruck and Janet Jaffa honored our 1987 new Life members: Mrs. Barry Zender, Meryle Elko, Bertha Kaplan, Peggy Rovman. Iris Spiel made her baby granddaughter Melissa the latest Life Member. International President Irma Gertler sent a letter to Iris Spiel telling her she gave a *Gift of Life* and has joined a



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force of 120,000 life members of BBW in this special year, the 90th Anniversary of BBW's existence.

Following lunch, Charlene Scharf from the Party Store demonstrated how to plan the best party ever using colorful balloons. At the end of the demonstration, Charlene awarded Blanche Jaffa and Henrietta Meltsner the prettiest of the balloons honoring their 85th birthdays.

Our new officers elected and installed are: President-Jody Pinion; Administrative V.P.-Margie Liebsstein; Communication V.P.-Laurie Wertheimer; CVS V.P.'s-Paula Gentile and Linda Goldberg; Membership V.P.-Valerie Blumenthal; Program V.P.-Dorothy Shapiro; Fund Raising V.P.-Abby Ryan; Corres. Sec.-Merle Purvis; Fin. Sec.-Peggy Rovman; Rec. Sec.-Helen Rosenbaum; Treas.-Shirley Fytelson; Counselor-Beth Linderman.

Temple Emanuel Gastonia, N.C.

by Ellyn Silverman

Temple Emanuel welcomes its new members: Tom and Peri Flohr and their two daughters of Mt. Holly; Dr. and Mrs. David Goldberg; Jessica Stern.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi David and Marti Zielonka on the birth of their first grandchild Stephan Buchanan. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buchanan of Cincinnati, Ohio. Good luck to Mark and Elaine Rauch on their new home in Cramerton. Congratulations to Neil Horowitz, son of Steven Horowitz of Charlotte and Nicki Cohen of Gastonia, on being a finalist for the Morehead Scholarship. Farewell to Norman and Natalie Solomon who have retired and moved to Florida.

The Sisterhood had its Donor Dinner in January. Steven Haas, cantorial soloist at Temple Beth El V'Shalom in Charlotte, graced us with his wonderful voice, singing beautiful Hebrew and English songs.

Congratulations to Larry and Ingrid Sturm on the opening of their new Luxury Carwash in Gastonia.

Keith Brodsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brodsky, had his Bar Mitzvah on April 22. Adrienne Hirsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hirsch, will become Bat Mitzvah on May 6.

Gail Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Osborne, was married to Dr. Kenneth Bergman at Temple Emanuel on April 16. We wish the family lots of mazel.

Marty Stein, National Chairman of UJA, honored our Temple by helping "kick off" this year's UJA Appeal. Approximately \$50,000 in pledges were raised with the help of Charlotte Jewish Federation volunteers.

Congratulations to Dr. Robert and Anne Kahn on the birth of their son.

We would like to thank Abe Garmise and Mayor Friedman on their help with the Food Coupons. They have done a great job.

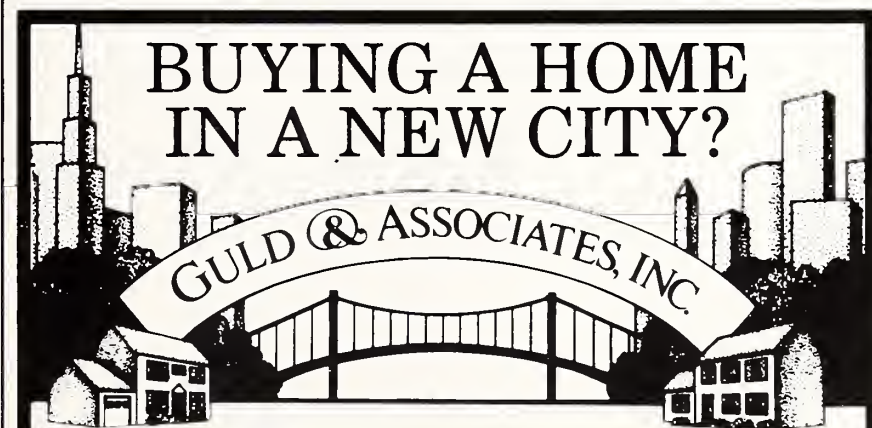
Good luck to Virginia Kraft who is running for County Commissioner.

We were saddened by the news of the death of Robert Silverman's grandfather, Frank Silverman, in January. Our thoughts go to him and his family.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

Temple Israel Sisterhood announces its new officers for 1988-1989, as follows: President, Ginger Snitz; Membership V.P., Helene Nathanson; Program/ Education V.P.'s, Marcy Mehlman and Judy Miller; Simcha/Youth V.P., Linda Goldsmith; Fundraising V.P., Sandy Rosenberg; Treasurer, Helen Friedman; Financial Secretary, Judy Rosenberg; Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Levine; Recording Secretary, Kathye Schattner; Advisor, Debbie Hirsch. Election was held on April 13 at Sisterhood's Torah Fund Luncheon. Installation is May 11.

Mazel Tov to Jason Abraham Cathcart, son of Terri and David




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Cathcart, who shared his Bar Mitzvah on March 27 with Ilya Khanukaev of the Soviet Union. Mazel Tov to Mitchell Rolnick, son of Margie and Iven Rolnick, on his Bar Mitzvah on April 16. Mazel Tov to Alan Kirsch, son of Jean and Dr. Mark Kirsch, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on April 30.

Mazel Tov to Sheila and Lee Kritzer on the birth of their grandson, Adam Fredrick Kritzer, son of Judy and Dr. Randy Kritzer of Houston, Texas, and to Blanche Palley, great grandmother.

Mazel Tov to Linda and Mark Goldsmith on the birth of their son, Jeffrey Neal, and to grandparents Barbara and Jerry Levin and Joan and Emil Goldsmith, and to great grandparents, Sidney Levin, Margorie and Maurice Bazar and Marion Glasser.

Mazel Tov to Soral and Howard Eglowstein on the engagement of their son, Steven, to Patti Kaye.

Condolences to Marsha Stern on the passing of her grandfather, Joseph Barber; to Alex Pensky on the passing of his wife, Selma; to

Norman Gold on the passing of his mother, Eva Gold; to Rochelle Dattoff on the passing of her uncle, Jack Schien.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

Sisterhood hosted the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods' District 8 Spring Retreat and Board Meeting in April. Almost 100 women from five states shared the theme, "75 Years of Vision and Action—Looking Toward the Future" and the 75th birthday of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Al Russo, Mayor Pro-Tem of Charlotte presented Lois Simpson, president of District 8, with a key to the City. It was a successful weekend of workshops, group interfacing and socialization of women committed to a common Jewish goal.

In addition to our annual congregational meeting and confirmation in May, the Temple will have five Bar/Bat Mitzvahs: Jill Blumenthal, Eric Weiner, Peter Zhiss, John Livert

and Jennifer Exelbierd. Rafi Goldberg and Beth Freiberg celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in April.

Newest members are Alan and Mary Dubin and family, and Paul and Laurel Gerst and family. In spring, a time of new beginnings, we welcomed two new babies: Dr. & Mrs. Frank G. Greenspan were blessed with their first grandchild, Daniel Morris; Sandy and Wendy Rose welcomed a baby girl, Nina Fay. Proud grandparents are Bob and Anne Yudell, and Leon and Esther Rose of Raleigh.

In another new spring beginning, Keith Goates, a sophomore at Winthrop College, became our Advisor to the Youth Group, working closely with the Youth Committee. Keith brings extensive experience with a youth group in Columbia, S.C.

BETY (Beth El Temple Youth) recently sponsored a profitable five hour car wash, well supported by Temple members. Part of the proceeds have been donated to the "Nifty Mitzva."

The Family Seder at the Temple social hall had a fantastic turn out—147 people shared Passover dinner together.

Sisterhood and Men's Club sponsored a Sunday brunch, panel discussion and question and answer period with 12 of the 14 Charlotte School Board members. David Rhew, a WBTV reporter, moderated the discussion, which was open to the public.

Honey Kridel, Sisterhood president, extended special thanks to Robert Winters for cooking the Purim Dinner. Thanks also to Sally Schrader for making the dough, Grace Levitt for the wonderful filling, and Jan MacEntee, Beverly Kato-witz and Selma Schwartz for their help in making the delicious Hamen-toshen. 100 people attended our Purim dinner.

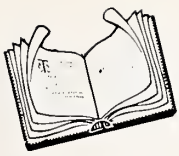
Thanks to Libby Behar, Fran Lyons, Aline Lorber and Shirley Fytelson who helped in the popcorn booth at the Purim Carnival, and to our Youth Group for their participation.

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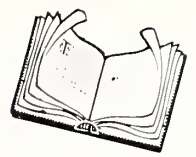
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Book Reviews



Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

ELI EVANS: IN SEARCH OF JUDAH P. BENJAMIN

Eli Evans has a lot of curiosity. Not enough to kill a cat, but enough to bag one: a big one. The cat he's bagged had about nine lives, all of them filled with enigmas. For the past nine years, Evans, the chronicler of Southern Jewish life in *The Provincials*, has been in pursuit of the most elusive Southern Jew in American history, Judah P. Benjamin, known as "the Brains of the Confederacy." What Evans found out would fill a book. Indeed, it has filled a book. His superbly written biography *Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate* (The Free Press of Macmillan, \$24.95) has not only just appeared but it has quickly gone into three printings.

Up to now, Benjamin has always been something of an embarrassment to the American Jewish community. One of the first Jews ever to be admitted to Yale University, he left under a cloud of suspicion. Moving to New Orleans, he did not avoid but also did not seek any contact with its Jews. He married a Roman Catholic daughter of the Creole aristocracy, and kept the marriage intact despite a lifetime of abuse and humiliation from a wife whose chose to live apart from him, engaging in what was apparently an extensive string of scandalous adulteries. No nice Jewish girl for him! No Yiddishkeit. He built Belle Chasse, a showplace in its plantation setting, where he kept many slaves. A Jew with slaves can hardly be countenanced in any era. It was no wonder he has been an embarrassment. What did he feel, what did he think? What was in his private heart?

The absence of answers to these questions has led to the creation of an enigmatic legend fueled by spec-

ulation. There were other questions long left unanswered by the fact that Benjamin meticulously destroyed his personal papers. Self assured, confident, brilliant, possessed of a positive image of himself, one not lacking in ego, what, we wonder, did he have to hide. What was he running from?

Finding the answers was the task Evans set for himself. It was complicated. The public record was easily come by: all of Benjamin's speeches as a United States senator are extant as are some of the reminiscences of those who knew him—no doubt the best account survives in a long letter written by Varina Howell Davis, Jefferson Davis' wife, a remarkable woman who was devoted to Benjamin—but even the constant stream of letters he wrote to his inconstant wife living in Paris have disappeared. To make matters worse, the documents accumulated by Benjamin's first biographer, the Tulane historian Pierce Butler, went up in flames when Butler's country home burned. Like Butler, whose biography of Benjamin was published in 1907, Robert D. Meade, Benjamin's second biographer in 1943, was not Jewish, and neither of these historians made any effort to understand Benjamin as a Jew.

Now, for the first time, a sensitive, perceptive Jewish writer, with a style that is articulate, engaging and charming, with a command of history and a knowledge of public life, has produced what is already regarded as a definitive life story. It answers many of the questions and resolves most of the enigmas—some will probably always be there. Benjamin, "the dark prince" as Stephen Vincent Benet called him in *John Brown's Body*, emerges as a Jew after all, not a traditional one but certainly one in whom the American Jewish community can take pride. He was reared in an enlightened

Jewish home. His father was one of the original founders of American Reform Judaism, and when young Benjamin went off to Yale, he took his prayerbook with him. His treatment of his slaves was humane, and he was among the first to urge their emancipation, to the extent that he enlarged upon his full cup of enemies in the South when he already had plenty in the North. As for his leaving no personal records, Evans convincingly explains that Benjamin, as astute as he was, clearly understood that he would be made into history's scapegoat, by the South for its loss of the war, and by the North as a renegade Southerner who, so it was widely believed, was involved in the conspiracy to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. To prelude that possibility, Benjamin obliterated his image wherever he could.

The story is intriguing and fascinating. Evans' recapturing of it is nothing less than spectacular. He has given Judah P. Benjamin back to the Jews. That, in itself, is a substantial accomplishment. But even more importantly, Evans has restored Benjamin to his significant place in American history.

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A Mirror to My Life

by Perle Hessing

Henry Holt & Co. 120 pp.

9½ x 11 \$29.95

by Estelle Hoffman

A Mirror to My Life is a source of interest and delight. The author, Perle Hessing, acclaimed naive artist, tells the story of her life in the introduction to the book. It is a remarkable story of an admirable woman.

Born in a small town in Galicia in 1908, she experienced both World Wars, moving with her family as the

exigencies of war required of Jews. She married a philosopher, and ultimately they moved to Australia. Between 1945 and their move to that distant continent, they lived briefly in Israel and in Paris, where their son studied art with Fernand Leger. Influence of those years is evident in her painting, which she did not begin until her middle age.

This book is a collection of reproductions of her paintings, accompanied by her commentary on each. Her lively style, *naïve*, depicts her views of biblical stories and folk tales recalled from her youth in small towns in the area of the Dniester River. Obvious influences include the Impressionist school of art, the vegetation of Australia and her Jewish heritage. Most of the pages in her *Mirror* reflect a multitude of dazzling colors and a charming portrayal of people and animals.

Also reflected is Perle Hessing's splendid philosophy, which she developed to cope with the horror and tragedy she witnessed in her early life. Asserting that enough people preserve the sad memories of those years, she chose to make her work "a spiritual autobiography in pictures," as her publisher describes it.

In this autobiography is revealed her method of surmounting serious physical ailment and considerable hardship she had to endure. On the threshold of her eightieth year, she quoted an old Hasidic blessing: "For the unlearned old age is winter. For the learned it is the season of harvest." She feels she has overcome obstacles, and hopes her work may help others to do so.

Her writing matches her paintings, appealing, bright and revealing the artist's outlook on life in this world with no trace of bitterness or anger. She lives now in Britain, where this book was first printed by Cameron Books of London.

Aleppo Chronicles

by Joseph A.D. Sutton

Thayer Jacoby, 1432 E. 9th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230
576 pp. \$19.95

Aleppo Chronicles is The Story of the Unique Sephardeem of the Ancient Near East—in Their Own Words with an introduction by Raphael Patai.

In a long interview with *The New York Times*, November 12, 1980, Joseph A.D. Sutton remarked that he had begun a new book which would include oral biographies, the life-stories of people from Aleppo and Damascus "told in their own words." Now, seven years later the book has been completed, a superb, enlightening work.

Almost 50 such biographies form the principal part of *Aleppo Chronicles*, the 600-page new work. They uncover details of everyday life not only in Syria and the United States, but in each of the cities where Sephardeem set roots. We are given fascinating details of their lives there, in Egypt, Manchester, Mexico, Beirut, Israel, Buenos Aires and Panama. You may perhaps know some of the women and men who tell their touching and sometimes exciting life-stories, whose names are given.

To provide the background for the varied biographies, an historic overview of Aleppo, Damascus and early immigrant life in New York forms one of the sections of *Aleppo Chronicles*.

Yet another section deals with the history and 'adventures' of the awesome *Aleppo Codex*; *Pizmoneem* (non-ritual Oriental Jewish songs), their development, writers and singers; how in 1795 men from Aleppo founded the important Jewish community of Calcutta, India; differences between Sephardeem and Ashkenazeem; differences between Sephardeem and other

Sephardeem are studied.

There is more than latent interest by many in preserving the ethnic culture brought to America, to Aleppo-in-Flatbush. Accordingly, 150 Judeo-Arabic proverbs, witty, wise and sometimes wickedly cynical, form part of the book (somewhat abashedly referred to as "an Appendix"). In this chapter we find some simple conversational Arabic phrases, easy-to-read travel stories and more than 500 words of basic vocabulary. All are given in transliterated Judeo-Arabic and are carefully translated into English. Particularly individuals with a smattering of Arabic and/or a knowledge of Hebrew, as well as curiosity, will find delight in this section. Everyone will be entertained, enriched.

From the Maccabees to the Mishnah

by Shaye J. D. Cohen

Westminster Press 251 pp. \$20.95

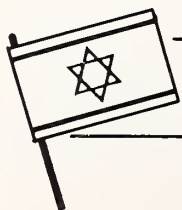
The author of *From the Maccabees to the Mishnah* is Shaye J. D. Cohen, professor of Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The book's goal is "to interpret ancient Judaism: to identify its major ideas, to describe its salient practices, to trace its unifying patterns, and to assess its relationship to Israelite religion and society."

Beyond this specific description, subjects such as the Diaspora, sects, the synagogue and the compilation of the Bible are discussed.

Although the material covered is vast, the text is concise, embodied in 230 pages plus notes. This book is intended to be a history of the era of early Christianity and the years leading to the birth of the new religion. Students with little religious background will learn from the combination of historical background and the author's viewpoint.

Cohen's book will serve as an introduction to the study of the two religions in the Hellenistic and Roman eras.

E.H.



40th Anniversary of Israel

The Murder of Little Mary Phagan

by Mary Phagan

New Horizon Press 316 pp. \$18.95

This is the story of the Leo Frank case, from the perspective of the victim's family. "The American Dreyfus Case" has been retold many times with Leo Frank's trial, conviction and lynching, since the event in 1913. It was the first time in Georgia that a white man was convicted of murder on the testimony of a black man.

Repercussions resulted in the rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan, the formation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and a continuous stream of writing about the Frank case. In 1982 a posthumous pardon was issued to Leo Frank.

This book reveals the records of the Phagan family which had been held in secrecy. The author is the great niece of the murder victim. A teacher of the blind in Atlanta, she has collected evidence for ten years in order to write this definitive account of one of the famous crimes of the century and its aftermath.

E.H.

The Miracle of Intervale Avenue

by Jack Kugelmass

Schocken, Distributed by Pantheon

240 pp. paperback \$7.95

The Miracle of Intervale Avenue is the subject of a widely acclaimed BBC documentary by the same title. Urban anthropologist Jack Kugelmass tells the story of a community of elderly Jews who have chosen to remain in their homes in the South Bronx, in a neighborhood dubbed "Fort Apache" by police because of its high crime rate. Kugelmass attended services at the Intervale Jewish Center one Friday night and discovered that his presence completed the *minyán*. He continued attending services there for over five years, where he learned first-hand about the quest for dignity and independence among these fiery octo-

genarians.

30 photos by the author give a vivid portrayal of these people and their neighborhood.

Biblical Studies: Meeting Ground of Jews and Christians

by Lawrence Boadt, Helga Croner and Leon Klenicki

Paulist Press 220 pp. Paper \$7.95

Reflections by notable thinkers of Christianity and Judaism are con-

tained in this collection which is edited by the noted editors. Three major issues are treated in detail: how modern biblical study affects the dialogue; the relation of the Hebrew Scriptures to the New Testament; and the idea of God's revelation from both Jewish and Christian perspectives.

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Tradition in the Kitchen

The Yemenite Cookbook

by Zion Levi & Hani Agabria
Seaver Books 225 pp. \$22.95
by Estelle Hoffman

Exotic is the word to describe this cookbook. However, it is well suited to current requirements in many of its recipes, but not all of them. Although the editor, Patricia Korten, claims the Yemenite cuisine is low in cholesterol and calories, many dishes are fried or sauteed.

The recipes come from biblical times, and cuts of meat from the entire animal are used. This would not cause a problem in kosher cuisine, as substitutions may be made. Butchers on the other side of the globe know how to remove the *ghid ha-nosheh* (the forbidden vein of the thigh), so that the complete animal is used. Somehow, in our Western wastefulness, it was never deemed necessary to learn the art here.

Many ingredients used in the recipes will not be found in the average pantry. All of them may be found in specialty shops, if not in the usual supermarket.

Zion Levi is owner and renowned chef of Zion Exclusive, a four-star restaurant in Tel Aviv. He is about to open another in New York City.

It is claimed that this kind of diet is responsible for the excellent health of Yemenite Jews, who boast of low cholesterol and blood pressure levels. It is an interesting cookbook, probably different from anything published recently. It includes dishes for the various courses of a meal, from soups to desserts. Desserts, by the way, contain no sugar, using the sweetness of fruits, and often combining vegetables with fruits. Used in many recipes is the standard *zhoug*, also used as a sauce:

Zhoug

Small green chili peppers
1 cup chopped parsley
1 cup chopped fresh coriander
1 1/2 Tbsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 Tbsp. olive oil

In a blender, puree enough chili peppers to measure 1 cup. Puree parsley and coriander together and blend well with pureed chili peppers. Add the garlic, seasonings and olive oil. Again blend well. Store in a jar in refrigerator. It will remain fresh for many months. Yields 1 1/2 cups.

Sounds a bit spicy, as do some of the other recipes.

There are recipes for beef, veal, lamb, poultry and fish, all of them unusual, for example: carrots with date sauce, persimmons stuffed with vine leaves and mushrooms, cucumbers stuffed with rice and nuts. How about potatoes with raisin and date sauce or radishes with a sweet date sauce? You are bound to be intrigued by some of these dishes and eager to experiment with a new kind of cuisine.

The recipes are interspersed with interesting bits of legend and quotations from the Middle East.

Istanbul Salad

3 medium zucchini squash
2 Tbsp. chopped onion
1/4 cup finely chopped almonds
1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts
1 Tbsp. pine nuts
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley
1/2 large tomato, peeled and mashed
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Cook squash in boiling water 10 minutes. Cool and split lengthwise. Scoop out pulp and seeds, reserving 2 Tbsp. pulp; save the rest for another use. Mix together with rest of ingredients. Divide mixture into 6

portions and stuff the vegetable shells. Allow the stuffed squash to rest for 2 hours before serving, so flavors can develop. Serves 6.

Breast of Veal Stuffed with Fruit and Nuts

1 3-4 lb. breast of veal
6 cups cooked rice
1 1/2 cups seedless raisins
3/4 cup almonds
2 cups chopped peaches
2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. pepper
3 tsp. curry powder
2 tsp. zhoug

With sharp knife, open breast of veal. Combine rice, raisins, almonds, peaches and seasonings. Stuff the mixture inside the breast, packing tightly. Sew closed. Place stuffed breast of veal in baking pan and cook in preheated 350° oven for 40 minutes. Remove and let cool. Slice into serving portions and reheat before serving. This method will prevent the stuffing from coming apart.

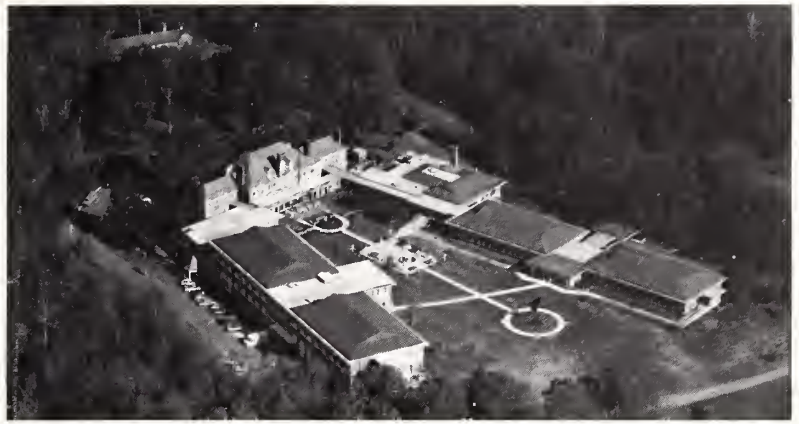
Apples Stuffed with Mushrooms and Ground Meat

6 medium-sized green apples
2 Tbsp. oil
2/3 c. chopped onion
1 1/3 cups sliced mushrooms
1 3/4 cups ground beef
1/3 cup chopped parsley
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper

To prepare apples for stuffing, remove stems and cut a small slice off the top of each apple. With melon ball scoop, remove the meat, core and seeds, leaving a wall 1/4" thick. Heat oil in large skillet. Saute the onion till soft. Add mushrooms and saute for 2 minutes. Add beef, parsley and seasonings and cook until meat is browned. Preheat oven to 325°. Stuff apples to the top, place in a baking pan and bake for 30 minutes.

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FAIR OAKS DEDICATION: A DAY OF THANKS-GIVING AND CELEBRATION

The people make the party and what a grand party the FAIR OAKS Dedication was! When the newly expanded parking lot was filled 30 minutes before the appointed hour for the ceremonies to begin and two bus loads were still in route, we knew that this was to be a "standing room only" event.

The Auctioneer Chorus energetically opened the program in barber shop harmony, and soon had the audience engaged in sing-a-longs and clapping to the beat. The real winner came with their rendition of the "Hava Nagilah," prepared especially for the occasion. (It may interest our readers to know that their performance was a donation, and that when they left the room, they headed to the Home where two performances were given for those BJH residents who were unable to attend the dedication.)

The program zipped along with one speaker after another quickly but thoughtfully expressing appreciation to all those who

had given tirelessly to bring FAIR OAKS to fruition.

Arthur Kurtz, Chairman of the Building Committee, summed up the general consensus, saying that the committee shares a profound sense of fulfillment in knowing that a project which was crystallized by years of plan-



Arthur Kurtz

ning, countless evaluations and re-evaluations, and more than a few passionate discussions, into the goal of building a strong, secure structure, pleasant to look at, — with love and care, has now become a home!

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Following a reception in FAIR OAKS dining room, guests were taken on guided tours to see a model room, furnished by Hendricks Furniture, the Synagogue, Friendship Room, Gift Shop, Lounge and entry featuring the Wall of Honor by Norman Schulman, and the Craft Shop.

By 4:30 p.m., the guests were gone, (except for a few who remained to watch the NCAA basketball game on the large screen TV donated by the NCAJW), and staff was busily

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in March (*), April (**) and May.

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Izora Moore, *Cook* (**)

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Linda Pinnix, *LPN A-Wing* (**)

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Esther Feay, *Dietary*

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Patsy Staley, *RN A-Wing* (**)

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7 YEARS

Judy Howell, *LPN B-2* (**)

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Anne Craver, *Nsg. Asst. B-1* (**)

3 YEARS

Patsy Petree, *DON*

2 YEARS

Dot Draughn, *Housekeeping* (*)

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Paul Mehaffey, *Dietary*

Scott Shannon, *Dietary*

1 YEAR

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Michael Redding, *Dietary* (**)

Debra Renegar, *Nsg. Asst. B-1* (*)

Teresa Robertson, *Nsg. Asst.*

B-2 (**)

Robert Smith, *RN B-2*

Diane Tackett, *Nsg. Asst. B-1* (*)

Dedication (continued)

preparing to serve dinner to the residents.

It was a good day! If you missed the big introduction to FAIR OAKS, plan to drop in for a visit any FRIDAY when tours are scheduled regularly for 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please let us know if you plan to be here any other weekday so that we can arrange for a tour guide.

IN APPRECIATION FOR THIS ISSUE

Many thanks to the following who contributed in some way to this issue:

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Wayne Silverman

Sue Clein

Emmett Furrow

Darrell Mandelstamm

Ellen White, Editor



Above: Norman Pliner cuts the ribbon, formally signifying the opening of FAIR OAKS.

Below: Auctioneers leave the auditorium after a crowd-pleasing performance. At left is Jack Levin. Foreground are Alice Fruh and Sarah Mackler, A-Wing residents. On the piano bench are Arthur and Esther Frank; standing behind them is Steve Mackler. Chairs were then moved into place to accommodate some of the 425 guests.



A Glimpse at FAIR OAKS Dedication

Throughout this issue are pictured samples of those events and people who played a part in this significant event. Space does not allow it, but if it did, we would have a picture of each one who attended every Board member, staff, resident, contributor and workman. To each: Thank you.



Above: Guests sign the book as Audrey Madans and Esther Frank, Co-chairs of the event, greet Lewis and Rosa Eisenstadt in front of the "Wall of Honor."

Below: Bill Totterow of the Dietary Dept. puts the finishing touches on the reception food. He and Emmett Furrow, Director, and the Dietary Staff kept the food coming – even with the overflow crowd!



Below right: Music for the reception was provided by Michael Thompson, guitarist, who frequently performs for the residents as part of the Brenner Series.





Gail and Tom Ruthfield. Gail is a frequent volunteer, but also works part-time in Resident Activities.

SUE'S NEWS

— by Sue Clein

Coming and going was the order of the day in February and March for volunteer services. Coming to BJH on a regular basis are those volunteers who make activities happen and residents' lives brighter. We are blessed with a small but dedicated corp. Special events provide us with the volunteer or visitor whose presence is always a treat.

Students from Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem and B'Nai Shalom Day School brought Purim to BJH with their joyful visits. Songs by all, a play by Temple Emanuel students and beautiful Purim baskets from B'Nai Shalom were each gifts for our residents.

Sharing the joys of childhood were mothers and little ones attending Toddler Time. We

TRY OUR KOSHER COMMISSARY

In Stock —

Beef, (Roast, Steaks, Ground Meat)

Turkey,

Chicken (All Sorts)

Lox

Gefilte Fish

Baked Goods . . .

For Complete Listing and Prices Contact

Emmett Furrow, Director of Dietary

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PASSOVER 1988

Pictured on facing page, in center, Mimi Levin.

From upper right and clockwise: Mary Cohen (G'boro), Fannie Benson (NY), Rose Posner (Ashe'vl), Dora Sutker (G'boro), Pauline Berdy (Fla & Durham), Yvette Pearlman (G'boro), Anna Hersch (Pinehurst), and Jane Rosenberg (G'boro). (Photos by Jack Levin)

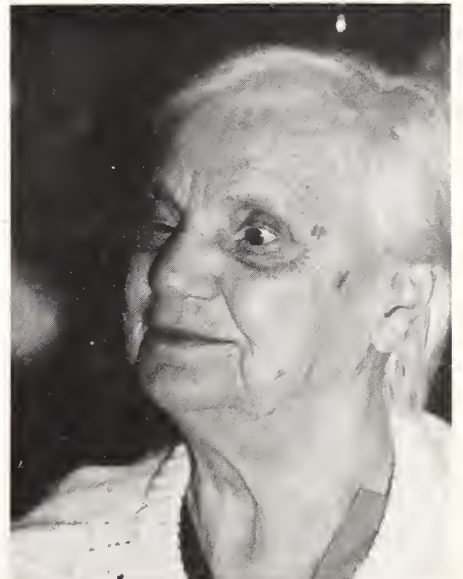
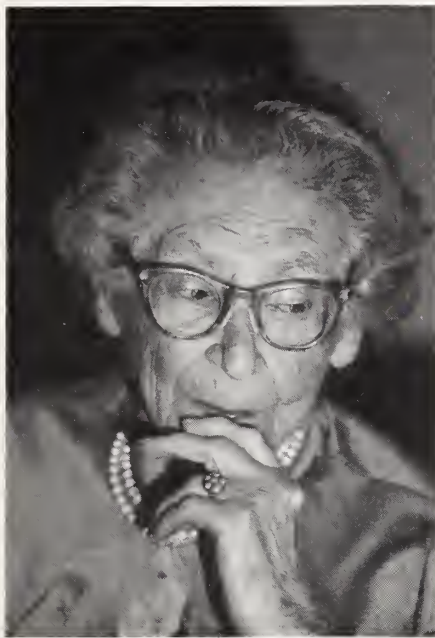


Arlene van de Rijn, volunteer, and Linda Beerman, Board member, look over instructions for tour guides.

invite parents to span the generation, join with others and visit at our monthly Toddler Time.

The event of the month was certainly the dedication of FAIR OAKS, and a special thank you goes to those volunteers who helped to make this day so enjoyable: the tour guides, Linda Beerman, Leonard Clein, Marcia and Jerry Epstein, Glen Herbst, Gail Ruthfield, Arlene van de Rijn; hostesses, Pat Herbst and Suzy Kurtz, gift shop personnel, Ellen Berlin, Ann Clein and Rose Clein, and grateful appreciation to the co-chairman of the dedication, Audrey Madans and Esther Frank.

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The Capital Campaign

A complete listing of contributors to the FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign was published in the March issue of the *TIMES OUTLOOK*, and a list of all honoraria and memorials appeared in the April issue. From this issue forward, we will update these lists to include those who have given since the previous issue.

Please contact Wayne Silverman (919-766-3035) in the Development Office if you wish to contribute or participate in the Campaign in your area.

(This list includes gifts made to the Campaign from February 6 through April 6, 1988. Every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of this information. We like to apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.)

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Lee Chase

Greensboro/High Point Area

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Dear Parents

Ethel and William V. Abrahams
Anna and John E. Eros
by: Maryann and Stuart Abrahams*

In Memory of Arthur Karp
from his children

by: June, Richard and Renee Karp (Levy)*

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Raleigh Area

Dr. Abram Kanof*

Wilmington Area

Shirley and Albert Levine

MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
May 6	Reception for Nursing, 10:00 a.m., (Craft Shop)
6	Mother-Daughter Tea, 2:00 p.m., (B-2 D.R.)
6	Services – Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m., (Lv. for Winston-Salem)
May 8	Winston-Salem Symphony Concert, 2:00 p.m. (Lv. for Winston-Salem)
May 9–13	“Rock and Roll Jamboree Week,” Events to be announced
May 10	Clemmons Sr. Citizens Lunch, 9:45 a.m. (Lv. for Clemmons)
10	“The Right Choice Band” Concert, 7:00 p.m. (L.R.)
May 15	Brenner Concert – Community Youth Symphony, 3:30 p.m. (Commons Aud.)
May 18	Birthday Parties, 2:00, (A-Wing lobby), (B-1 DR), 3:00 (B-2 DR)
May 20	Shopping Trip, 9:30 a.m. (Lv. for Hanes Mall)
May 24	“Out to Lunch,” 11:15 a.m. (Lv. for Winston-Salem)
May 25	“Anne Frank in The World: 1929–45” Exhibit, 9:00 a.m., (Lv. for Greensboro)
June 2	“SPRING CELEBRATION!,” 9:30 a.m., (Lv. for Groves Stadium)
June 3	Services – Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m., (Lv. for Winston-Salem)
June 5	Brenner Concert – “Razz-Ma-Tazz,” 3:00 p.m., (Commons Aud.)
June 10	Shopping Trip, 9:30 a.m., (Lv. for Hanes Mall)
June 14	Clemmons Sr. Citizens Lunch, 9:45 a.m. (Lv. for Clemmons)
June 15	“SPRINGFEST,” 10:00 a.m. – noon (Courtyard)
June 19	Music at Sunset, 6:00 p.m., (Lv. for Tanglewood)
June 22	Fishing Trip – Men’s Club, 9:00 a.m.
June 26	Music at Sunset, 6:00 p.m. (Lv. for Tanglewood)
June 28	“Out to Lunch,” 11:15 a.m. (Lv. for Winston-Salem)
June 29	Birthday Parties, 2:00 p.m. (A-Wing and B-1) 3:00 p.m. (B-2)

Winston-Salem Area

Elaine and Alan H. Davis*
Drs. Bert and Dorothy Kalet

Other Areas

Mollye N. Freedman, Palo Alto, CA

In Honor of Henrietta Meltsner’s
85th Birthday by: Barry R. Kantar,
Newark, DE

In Honor of Leon and Edith Shinberg’s
50th Wedding Anniversary by:
Lewis and Ruth Myers, Boca Raton, FL

Speedy Recovery for Bruce Brenner
by: Lewis and Ruth Myers

*Indicates a FAIR OAKS Campaign
Commemorative

... Annual Membership Drive a Success

The 1988 Annual Membership Drive exceeded our established goal of \$15,000 for standard Memberships. Over 630 people renewed standard Memberships totaling \$20,425. When combined with Life Membership payments, we reached a total of \$27,225. Thank you for your participation in this Drive.

What's Developing?

...A Boost for the Campaign

The Campaign received a tremendous morale boost at the Dedication for FAIR OAKS, although there were no solicitations. This boost was the result of permitting our friends and supporters to get a first-hand look at the FAIR OAKS Complex. Everyone was pleasantly surprised by what they saw. Those who participated in the early stages of the Capital Campaign were proud of the results of their contributions.

During the dedication Herman Blumenthal, the Chairman of the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS, addressed the progress and future of the Campaign. Below are excerpts of his comments:

At this moment, you are sitting inside of a dream. If you pinch yourself, it will hurt, however. What I mean is that you are sitting inside of the 23-year-old dream of those who had the long-range vision to see the possibilities that this site could bring for future generations. You are sitting inside of the 6-year-old dream of those who set us on a steady course toward a new era. You are sitting inside of the 2-year-old dream of those who had the intestinal fortitude to bite the bullet and say "let's do it!" And you are sitting inside of the dream of those who, over the past 18 months, have so generously given to help physically create this beautiful Home!

There is a difference between the dreams we have at night and the dreams we have that result in fantastic projects like FAIR OAKS. In the quiet of our bedrooms we usually don't have to contend with contractors and bankers. In the "real world" of dreams we

have obligations to meet, deadlines to keep and bills to pay. It was for this reason that we started the first capital campaign in our 23-year history. For the first time, we realized that we had to go out and ask our friends to go way beyond the usual support needed for operating expenses and small projects.

... One of our initial goals was to have at least half of the goal by this dedication. As of today, we have a total of almost 3.6 million dollars in gifts and pledges.

A large part of this total comes from the generosity of many who sit here today. The overall total is composed of many forms of giving. From the \$2 child's tzedakah can to the recent gift of \$200,000 from The Duke Endowment. For the first time we have requested grants from businesses and foundations. Some have been very generous, including First Union National Bank, North Carolina National Bank, The James G. Hanes Foundation, and The Duke Endowment. Others are still pending. We have received direct and in-kind support, including assistance for construction, furniture, door locks, artwork, religious articles, and other areas. As you can see, many people are participating in many ways.

... I am up for the challenge in the months to come and hope you will joint me. I would like to thank all of those who gave shape to this dream, and thanks to God for giving us this beautiful world within which we have the ability to dream. Thank you very much.



Herman Blumenthal

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy and happy life:

Beatrice Bennison
Greensboro, N.C.

Ella Gunzberger
New York City, N.Y.

Anna Hersh
Pinehurst, N.C.

Moe Mandel
Charlotte, N.C.

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Charlotte, N.C.

Dwight Moore
Mount Airy, N.C.

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Raleigh, N.C.

Pauline Berdy
Miami Beach, FL



Analgesics – Aspirin, Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen

by Teresa Jackson, R.Ph.
Director of Pharmacy

The analgesic drug class is most often used to relieve pain associated with but not limited to headaches, neuralgia (“jaw pain”), myalgia (skeletal muscle pulls or strains); arthralgia (joint pain), and bursitis. This article will briefly review the three most commonly used OTC analgesics: aspirin, acetaminophen and ibuprofen.

Aspirin is considered the prototype for the group of drugs that contain anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antipyretic (fever reducing) properties. It is reported that 10–20 thousand tons of aspirin are used annually in the U.S. In the treatment of pain it is the most effective in the area of low to moderate intensity pain. As an antipyretic it will reduce body temperature in most febrile states and as an anti-inflammatory is very effective in treating musculoskeletal disorders (rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis) providing symptomatic relief.

Although aspirin is used routinely and without harm in most individuals there are certain undesired effects associated with aspirin. Problems connected to the inappropriate use of aspirin include salicylate intoxication (over 10,000 cases seen in U.S. annually), gastrointestinal effects (epigastric distress, nausea and vomiting, or G.I. ulceration) and prolonged bleeding time. It has also been reported to produce a hypersen-

sitivity reaction including skin rash and/or anaphylactic symptoms in some predisposed individuals. This allergic reaction is most often seen in persons with a history of allergic disease especially asthma.

Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) has analgesic and antipyretic properties that are similar to aspirin but its anti-inflammatory properties are weak. It is often chosen over aspirin in patients with septic ulcer disease because it does not cause gastric mucosal erosion and does not affect platelet function. Hypersensitivity reactions have occurred with acetaminophen but the chance of triggering an asthma-like reaction is much less than with aspirin.

Ibuprofen (Motrin®) has anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antipyretic properties. It also alters platelet function and prolongs bleeding time to some degree. Although Ibuprofen has been used successfully in patients with peptic ulceration, it also causes G.I. side effects in 5–15% of patients including epigastric pain, heartburn, abdominal discomfort and sensations of fullness. Ibuprofen has recently been approved for the treatment of menstrual cramps and is available over the counter in 200 mg strengths. The 300 mg, 400 mg and 800 mg strengths are available by prescription only.

There are many factors to consider when choosing an analgesic agent including the nature and origin of the pain or fever, history of asthma or allergy, past hypersensitivity reactions and peptic ulcer or clotting disorders. Also taken into consideration should be the proven efficacy of the product for the condition being treated, how soon relief will occur with a certain product and which drug will have fewer side effects or adverse reactions on the patient.

Remember that even though a drug can be purchased without a prescription, it does not always mean it is a safe choice for all situations. Be sure to consult your physician or pharmacist with any questions or concerns when choosing an over-the-counter analgesic.

Last in a series by the BJH staff pharmacist.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Charles Collier, Helen Fisher, Martha Paley, Velva Yokely, Ruth Folkner, Wilbur Van Dillen, Sherry Reynolds, Dwight Moore, Annie Mendelsohn, and Mary Zalburg.

May their cherished memories bring comfort to his loved ones.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Sarah Sherry

JUNE

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Rose Halpern

Bertha Lippman

Ruth Petty

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Clara Genovese

Sophie Isley

Geneva Neal

Sadie Parmet

Evelyn Small

Florence Swirsky

Irving Weisman

Ernest Whitehead

Jane Rosenberg

Mildred Gates



Hendricks Furniture of Mocksville furnished the model room in FAIR OAKS residence which was on the tour. Designed by Kathy Allen, it was done in shades of mauve, celedon green, aqua, and off-white.

SUE'S NEWS (continued)

Going out from the volunteer program were delightful visits with Greensboro's Friendship Club, Charlotte's Chai-Lites and Raleigh's Chai Society.

Goodbye's were sad to say to Susan Otradovec, General Store Volunteer, who will soon be moving to Arizona. We will miss her dedication, friendliness and enthusiasm; we wish her well.

We are deeply grateful to the following who made donations during the months of December '87; January, February and March '88.

ENDOWMENT FUND December '87

M/M Ellis Berlin
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Norman Hekler
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February '88

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March '88

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Estate of Ethel Bernstein

MORRIS BRENNER FUND December '87

M/M Ellis Berlin



At left, Elizabeth Small of the Home Store in Charlotte, descends the Common's central staircase - one of the many interesting architectural features employed in FAIR OAKS.

Donations to Blumenthal Jewish Home

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Mr. & Mrs. William Schwartz

Happy Birthday:

BECKY BERMAN'S 85th
BIRTHDAY:
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MRS. RUTH GOLDBERG:
By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Madans

MRS. BLANCHE JAFFA'S 85th
BIRTHDAY:
By: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Frank
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Madans
Roberta & Jack Sosnik

MRS. SOPHIE MADANS:
By: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Frank
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Madans

MRS. HARRY MELTSNER'S 85th
BIRTHDAY:
By: Mr. & Mrs. Alan Blumenthal
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Happy Birthday (cont.):

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By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearlman
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MRS. ALENE STRAUS:

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MRS. SAMUEL WEINBERG, 94th

BIRTHDAY:
By: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Young

Happy Anniversary:

MR. & MRS. SIGMUND DAVIDSON:

By: Mrs. Yvette Pearlman

MR. & MRS. IRVING HOCKSTAT:

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Madans

MR. & MRS. SOL JAFFA:

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Madans

Congratulations:

JOAN & LOU BATES, ON BIRTH OF GRANDSON KYLE:

By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearlman

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By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearlman
Mrs. Yvette Pearlman

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GRAY, ON THEIR ENGAGEMENT:
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ENGAGEMENT OF LANCE & DEBERA:
By: Mrs. Samuel Shavitz

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ENGAGEMENT OF AUDRY & ANDY:
By: Mrs. Samuel Shavitz

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By: Mrs. Sadye Tanner

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BIRTH OF GRANDSON:
By: Mrs. Yvette Pearlman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearlman

SALLY SWARTZBERG'S ENGAGEMENT, DAUGHTER OF MR. & MRS.

FRED SWARTZBERG:
By: Mr. Samuel Shavitz

In Honor Of:

THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN THE FAIR OAKS DEDICATION BUSTRIIP FROM

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By: Ida M. Berman

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Five Ways to Help Israel

by David A. Harris

Israel is in trouble. Even were the issues not enumerated daily for us both in the print and electronic media, our *kishkes* tell us as much. But what is not as obvious is what we can do from this end to help.

Many American Jews have anguished and agonized over the past six months. Difficult questions without apparent answers have been brought into sharp focus. Confusion and uncertainty have gripped parts of the community. But in too many cases a paralysis has resulted. People aren't certain what to do, so, as often as not, they do nothing.

Whether an individual agrees with, say, the current Labor or Likud viewpoint, there is a strong, underlying case to be made for Israel, and we need to make it. Israel is faced with, difficult, even painful choices that go to the heart of its security concerns. No other sovereign state in the region must confront such core survival issues. If the American Jewish community does not fulfill its task to interpret Israel sympathetically in this country—and this does not necessarily require agreement with every action taken in Jerusalem—American support for the Jewish State could erode.

Five specific activities where friends and supporters of Israel should be concentrating their efforts are:

(1) *Learn the facts.* If we are to be maximally effective in interpreting events, we ourselves need to be on top of the issues. Too many of us are not. The debate is becoming increasingly sophisticated and requires a good understanding of background and context. For many Americans, it seems, the Arab-Israeli conflict began on December 9, 1987, the starting date of the current wave of unrest. Obviously, that's not true. We have to be able to explain that more than four decades of significant history have brought us to this point. For example, the current picture might be very different, if the Arabs, including the Palestinians, had been at all forthcoming since 1947.

(2) *Contact members of Congress.* Perhaps uncertain of what to say, too few friends of Israel have written to their Congressmen and Senators. It is vital to write these officials and urge their continued support and understanding for Israel's unenviable predicament. Send an informative article or sympathetic editorial that you found in the press and urge the legislator to place it in the *Congressional Record*. Seek meetings with your members of Congress; be sure to acknowledge it if they publicly say something favorable about Israel.

(3) *Don't be afraid of the media.* Lots of people complain about the media's reporting, but mostly

they do it to themselves and their friends. If you think the media has mishandled a story, shown a lack of objectivity, ignored the context, used a misleading headline, presented an unbalanced editorial, etc., say something. The assumption is incorrect that nothing can change the media's mind, so why even try. Indeed, if people do nothing to show displeasure, then what will ever change? Write directly to the editor or the ombudsman, especially if you can thoughtfully document a pattern of unbalanced coverage. Submit letters to the editor and opinion pieces. Place phone calls or write letters to the networks, particularly when an especially offensive segment is shown, such as the by-now notorious ABC piece on Israel and South Africa.

Experts indicate that the media seldom will openly acknowledge error or imbalance, but well-reasoned protests by viewers or readers may nonetheless have a beneficial impact. One example: A colleague met with the editorial board of a leading newspaper that had published several editorials chiding Shamir for his alleged intransigence on the "land-for-peace" question. "I don't deny your right to make such statements," said my colleague, "but I assume you are also writing editorials calling to task Arab leaders for their failure to be forthcoming." The editors shamefacedly admitted they had not but would now consider doing so.

(4) *Travel to Israel.* This is not a time for us to hold back on visiting Israel. To the contrary, it is an opportunity to underscore our close links with Israel, to share impressions with Israelis, to learn more about the current situation, and to assure Israelis that they are not being abandoned. Recent travellers report that life is continuing normally and peacefully in most parts of the country.

(5) *Talk about Israel with non-Jews.* America's support for Israel has always been drawn from a broad spectrum of this country's population, who have understood the fundamental ethical, strategic and historical ties that have bound the U.S. and Israel for four decades. It is vital we find opportunities to meet with representatives of Christian, civil rights, ethnic, labor and other civic groups to explain our perspectives and hear theirs, and to answer their questions. But again, to do so effectively requires a good grasp of the issues.

Simply put, if we don't undertake these tasks, who will?

David A. Harris is Washington Representative of The American Jewish Committee.

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A little girl plays in the field at Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar, Israel.
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Letter to Editor

Jewish National Fund Resolution on Unrest in the Territories

Since its inception, the Jewish National Fund has considered itself a non-political organization, solely dedicated to the afforestation and reclamation of Israel's land. Our historic projects reflect the national consensus among the Jewish communities in Israel and the United States that the Land of Israel belongs to the entire Jewish people and that we

have a sacred mission to redeem our homeland. Our work, which has provided for the needs of the people of Israel in terms of housing, agriculture, industry and recreation, has always transcended the controversial political issues of the day.

The current wave of unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, however, has presented such a threat to the security of Israel and its image abroad that we feel compelled to put aside our customary reticence on controversial events and take a stand in support of our brethren...

We recognize the necessity of negotiations to bring about a resolution of the conflicts between Israel and the Arabs. Until the Arabs demonstrate a willingness to accept a Jewish state in the Middle East, however, Israel has no other choice but to repulse any threat to its survival, whether from conventional wars or terrorism in the form of rocket attacks from northern Lebanon, or riots in the territories.

We view with concern the common, deceptive media portrayal of the rioters as "Davids" struggling with mere stones against the "Goliaths," the armed forces of Israel. Those instigating and carrying out mayhem in the streets, armed not only with rocks but with fire bombs and knives, are fully capable of murder, and it is the duty of the IDF not only to defend itself, but also to prevent the conflagration emanating on the steps of the mosques from spilling over into Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. We trust that, in fulfilling their duties, the IDF forces will employ all necessary restraint while quelling civilian rioters, and we are confident that any irregularities will be subject to Israeli military codes of conduct.

What must be understood is that whatever grievances the population in the territories may harbor, chaos, often fomented by radical and fundamentalists elements, will not bring about any change in the status quo. Israel will not be brought to its knees through violence and intimidation. Until a political process starts, the IDF is duty-bound to maintain law and order in the territories, not only for Israel's sake, but for the sake of the moderate Palestinians in the territories who have consistently been threatened by the violence of the PLO.

Based on our understanding of Israel's security needs and the centrality of Israel to Jews throughout the world, we at JNF hereby strongly affirm our soli-

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The Land of Cain and Abel

by Mortimer B. Zuckerman

The core of the Middle East conflict is a struggle between two peoples, two communities and two nationalisms that cannot be resolved to either party's satisfaction. It is also one in which the best of intentions can lead to the worst of results, and that is precisely where the muddled good intentions of Secretary of State George Shultz are likely to lead in the proposed international conference.

The Israelis and the Palestinian Arabs are two peoples without common bonds of faith, tongue, sentiment, thought, aspirations, culture or values and with opposing views of the history of the land. Each claims a legitimacy that is mutually exclusive; in the land of Cain and Abel, only one child has birthright to the soil. The Jews see Israel as their home, established by right, not just by force. The Arabs see Israel as an intruder. The Arabs will have to settle for something less than perfect self-determination and the Israelis for something less than perfect security. The question is: What balance can be struck between these natural but unrealizable aims of both sides after 40 years of bloodshed?

Today, the Jews rule in Jerusalem and Israel for the same reason that the British ruled before them and the Ottoman Turks before them and others before them—because they fought for and conquered land. Without their power, no one doubts that the Israelis would be wiped out by the Arabs. The paradoxes are many. If the Arabs had accepted the original state of Israel proclaimed on May 14, 1948, they would have plenty of land for the Palestinian state envisaged by that U.N. partition. Instead, they chose to fight three wars and lost them all. Perversely, they see Israel now not simply as an intruder that grabbed half of Palestine but as an expansionist power.

And Israel, which accepted its original boundaries, is now obliged to prove the Arabs right: It knows today that, even with recognition, it could never return to the pre-1967 boundaries and must retain a substantial portion of the West Bank, having returned to Egypt 90 percent of the land it conquered in the Six-Day War. Security for Israel's borders must run beyond its narrow pre-1967 frontiers into the 30-mile-wide occupied zone of the West Bank. But this is not expansionism for its own sake. Even now, Israel's population lives vulnerably in a small, L-shaped corridor only about 7 to 10 miles wide, an area narrower than most U.S. cities.

Land is time: Israel, if attacked, needs 48 hours to mobilize its citizen Army of 500,000 to defend itself, reducing the ratio of Arab to Israeli forces from 10 to 1 to 3 to 1. History, geography and the need for time, not

simple expansionism, compel Israel's Army leadership to regard the Jordan River, with the hills to the west of it, as a minimum defense line.

The Camp David agreements were easier because in Sinai, unlike the West Bank, distance could make demilitarization an effective buffer. An Egyptian Army would have to cross 120 miles of easily observable desert, then face an additional 60 miles—much of it defensively populated by Jewish settlements—before reaching Tel Aviv. Crossing the West Bank, an unimpeded tank force could be at the heart of Israel within 2 or 3 hours.

What if the Arabs promised to live in peace and to recognize Israel in exchange for the return of the occupied territories? Peace in the Middle East cannot rely on signatures on paper and declarations of peace. Iran and Iraq are legally at peace today. In the 1980s, various Lebanese factions kept none of the 10-plus peace agreements they signed.

What guarantees peace in the Middle East is only what has endured historically—land. On the West Bank, the Israelis need land for security as much as the Palestinians need land for self-government. The aspirations of the Palestinians who live on the West Bank are understandable. The Arabs' economic lot has improved, but their self-respect and their hopes were lowered. Not only have they endured an occupying force—and no occupying power is ever welcome—but they have seen Israel sprinkle the West Bank with settlers, so that there has been a creeping *de facto* annexation. And the Palestinians have been betrayed by the wilder dreams of the PLO. Its dedication to the destruction of the Jewish state has led only to the destruction of Lebanon, and it has failed to gain an inch of disputed land for a Palestinian state. The key question is whether any compromise on the West Bank can avoid ending up in the creation of the state dominated by the PLO.

Understanding the PLO is crucial to the equation—especially since many in the West question Israel's refusal to deal with Yassir Arafat and his minions. Most of the PLO members live in refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan and Gaza—not on the West Bank—and belong to the PLO for a simple reason: They seek to return to their homes before partition—to places like Haifa and Galilee in what is now Israel proper. Making peace would preclude their dream of returning home; if Arafat accepted such a peace, he would no longer be their leader. Were Israel to negotiate with the PLO, that would be immediately construed as recognition in principle of a PLO-dominated Palestinian state in the West Bank—a magnet for refugees

and, inevitably, a terrorist base more dangerous to Israel than anything that has previously existed.

Is there any hope in diplomacy? America has demonstrated an ability as mediator to produce settlements in the Middle East, capped by the Camp David agreements. But direct Israeli-Egyptian talks were initiated originally by Anwar Sadat as a way to scotch an international conference involving the Soviets. Secretary Shultz, in resurrecting such a conference, has failed his history course. Both Eisenhower and Nixon acted to keep the Soviets out and avoided an international conference. As Nixon said, "The Americans want peace in the Middle East. The Russians want the Middle East."

Shultz's conference is a trap for the United States. It legitimizes the Soviets' role in the Middle East and gives them a platform to support their extremist Arab clients (Syria and the PLO), therefore making it much more difficult for a moderate like King Hussein to compromise on the sensitive issue of land for peace. Then it brings in China, which is so fanatically pro-Arab it makes the U.S.S.R. look moderate. Finally, it stacks the international conference with Britain and France—two countries that believe Israel should withdraw to the pre-1967 armistice lines, raising the prospect of "piling on" Israel with overwhelming international pressure. This would leave Israel with a choice of caving in on vital national-security interests or being forced to bear the worldwide onus of walking out of the conference.

What is the U.S. doing in promoting such a conference? Its role can only be to bring pressure on Israel—or to object to pressure on Israel by walking out. But where would that get us all? It would leave the Soviet Union as the champions of the Arab cause and isolate America. It is all very well for Shultz to insist that the conference is simply the launching pad for bilateral negotiations and that the U.S. will not allow the conference to make decisions of its own. But by giving each party the right to refer disagreements in direct negotiations back to the international conference, it would eliminate any incentive to reach agreements between the parties directly involved. And, of course, any conference with the five permanent members of the Security Council could hardly be expected to be silent, passive and mute.

Nothing can or should happen before the American and Israeli elections, both scheduled to take place in November. Then the time will come not just to react but to take a thoughtful initiative in the Middle East. The Arab leadership must know that improving the lives of Palestinian Arabs is more important than taking the lives of Jews. The Jews must know that they must allow their lives to be defined not only by their fears and their memories but also by their hopes and their deeds.

The American approach should be to go back to a

dialogue with Israel in which an agreed position can be worked out—one that may not meet Israel's desire for perfect security but one that will also not meet Palestinian demands for perfect self-determination. The beginning of an understanding with Israel must be a firm American recognition that the Israelis can never give up the Golan Heights, because Syria is never to be trusted, and that Israel will always hold fast to Jerusalem because it is the soul of the country. But the West Bank is amenable to dialogue. The focus must be on what portion of the West Bank and what sovereign powers can be yielded in association with Jordan to form a Palestinian entity. The Israelis cannot wait for negotiations to begin before offering more self-determination than they previously have.

America should bring this blueprint for the West Bank and Gaza to the Arab countries. Such a blueprint as Israel and America might work out could satisfy America's doubts about Israel's willingness to compromise, as well as unify Israel. An Arab rejection of this plan would underscore why Israel must do the unpleasant things necessary to survive as a good country in a difficult region. The Israeli goal cannot be the Promised Land but a secure land.

Mortimer B. Zuckerman, Editor-in-Chief and Chairman of U.S. News & World Report, has given us permission to reprint his editorial published April 4, 1988.

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Setting Priorities for the Soviet Jewry Movement

by Marc Schneier

At the Moscow summit beginning May 29, President Reagan has promised to press the Soviets on the issue of Jewish emigration. From the very beginning of the Soviet Jewry movement, the highest priority has been given to this basic human right. But when activists in the West relegate to secondary status efforts to train Russian rabbis, supply kosher food, provide Russian-Hebrew Bibles and make available other educational materials, I must disagree.

Such a shortsighted policy miscalculates the dimensions of the Soviet Jewry dilemma. And it does our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union a disservice by ignoring the great majority of Soviet Jews who have not expressed interest in emigrating.

In many cases, their decision to stay is a consequence of religious ignorance and spiritual lethargy. Indeed, if Mikhail Gorbachev were to open the gates tomorrow, a majority of Soviet Jews would most likely choose to remain. And that is the potential tragedy of an "emigration only" approach. It ignores the possibility of a Jewish future for nearly two million Jews in the Soviet Union who know little of being Jewish beyond the word "lvrei" stamped on their internal passports.

The reality of the problem was underscored for me personally earlier this month when I was privileged to become the first rabbi from the West to officiate at a major holiday observance in the Soviet Union. I conducted Passover services and led the communal Seder in Moscow's historic Choral Synagogue during the first two days of Passover. Joining me was Dr. Joel Selter, a member of my congregation who chanted the services and the Seder, and our cantor, Moshe Geffen, who conducted services during the last two days of the eight-day holiday.

Our group was substituting for

the Moscow synagogue's two regular clergymen, Rabbi Adolph Shayevich and Cantor Vladimir Pliss, both of whom are currently enrolled in an intensive study program at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University in New York.

The opportunity to conduct services in Moscow was an emotional experience, permitting us as it did to meet Soviet Jews whose strong sense of Jewish identity and synagogue orientation reflected spiritual courage and determination. Equally significant was the opportunity to meet many Jews who were bereft of any sense of religious identity and who declined to recognize their Jewish heritage because they were brought up in a state where opportunities for religious training have been virtually unavailable for more than half a century. These Soviet Jews are, simply put, the victims of spiritual starvation. Yet I could not help sensing, even among the most apathetic, an unrequited curiosity—perhaps even a deeply-sublimated need—to understand more about themselves by learning more about their Jewish roots.

We went to Moscow bringing with us two tons of kosher food and other Passover supplies contributed by our synagogue in New York to Moscow's Jewish community. The shipment marked the first time that kosher food had been shipped directly to the Soviet Union from the U.S. The food was a source of wonder among the Jews of Moscow; the matzoh and wine and other ceremonial foods led in many cases to long and animated discussions of the meaning of Passover.

On our first night in Moscow, some 20,000 people crowded into the synagogue and overflowed into the street. For many among the religiously ignorant who, out of simple curiosity or a deeper need, came to the Moscow synagogue that evening to mingle with those who came to worship, there seemed to be a new sense of awakening, a sense of solidarity with other Soviet Jews

never felt before. I believe this experience may turn out to be their first step on a journey toward understanding their Judaic heritage.

One leaves with the conviction that Soviet Jews must be provided with the opportunity to learn about Judaism and the means, even on a token basis, to quicken their sense of Jewish identity.

Some things are already being done. Prayer books and Bibles have been sent to the Soviet Union, as have Hebrew language materials. Through negotiations with Soviet officials, the Appeal of Conscience Foundation—an ecumenical organization dedicated to advancing freedom of religion around the world—has arranged for the recent opening of a kosher take-out restaurant in Moscow. Other projects aimed at building awareness and understanding of the Jewish cultural and religious heritage are being planned.

These are small but remarkable gains. The age of glasnost has already seen advances in the religious sphere that would have been unthinkable during previous regimes. I returned from Moscow persuaded that opportunities will soon arise to bring Judaism to a community that knows little if anything about what it means to be a Jew.

By taking advantage of these opportunities, we can help trigger a spiritual awakening among the third largest Jewish community in the world.

Rabbi Marc Schneier of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue recently returned from the Soviet Union.

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Christian-Jewish Dialogue

by Estelle Hoffman

On April 14 at Shalom Park in Charlotte, three noted speakers engaged in a dialogue sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University and Belmont Abbey. Oscar Burnette O.S.B. is coordinator of this ongoing interfaith experience, now open to the entire community.

The subject discussed was *Diversity and Unity in the American Experience*. Rabbi James Rudin, International Director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committees, came from New York City, and the Rev. Thos. H. Graves, Ph.D. of St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, and the Rev. Kenneth A. Steinhauser, Th.D. of Belmont Abbey represented the Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths.

An aim of interfaith dialogue stated by the Rev. Graves is to see differences, to conduct a meeting "of pure souls," to offer mutual confession in the knowledge that all have sins, as well as faiths to express, and to offer mutual involvement. He referred to statements of Baptists in the year 1610 in England that their desire was for a free conscience in a free state and that they refused to support any tax for a state church. Small in number at that time, the Baptists are now the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.

Speaking next, Rabbi Rudin reminded the gathering of James Madison's assertion that "No man's right is to be abridged in civil society." He told of the trap door in the historic synagogue in Newport, R.I., which is now boarded over, but was there to provide for escape by early Jewish settlers whose experiences in Europe still caused them to feel insecure. In Federalist Paper No. 51, we find the foundation for pluralism of sects: *In a free government, the security for all rights must be the same as for civil rights.* Modern visitors to America who remark on the vital religious life here are told that our government has been benignly neutral to religion, never anti-religion. Without religious doctrine, religion nevertheless has played a role in shaping the society of the United States.

The Rev. Steinhauser spoke of tension which has existed in the United States between Catholics and other Americans. The situation has frequently been critical. The oath of assuming public office was an affirmation of the Protestant faith. Belief existed that all Catholics make common cause under the Pope, and that Catholics in the United States were not really American but held allegiance to the Vatican. Some in the Church thought public office was held contrary to law of the Church. In 1836, a Judge under attack was eventually vindicated. In our time an elected official was excommunicated, only to be exonerated later.

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In summation, Dr. Steinhauser asserted that there is no consensus among Catholics in America. They are not politically united; each votes as he pleases, and they are led to question both Church and country, to keep both under scrutiny. Each has influenced the other. "In America the Church is free to criticize. Therefore, the American Catholic is twice blessed."

The question period which followed the talks was lively. Many clergymen of the Charlotte area were present.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education Awards Creative Teaching Prizes

by Lenora Stein

Eight inventive Jewish teachers were awarded prizes during May for their outstanding entries in the 1987-88 "Creative Project of the Year" competition sponsored by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education in Charlotte. The contest, designed to recognize and reward the most successful teacher-generated classroom projects produced among the CAJE network of schools and congregations, was an exciting challenge, reported those who participated.

Projects were judged on Judaic content, adaptability, age-appropriateness, completeness, presentation and, of course, creativity.

We are delighted to announce the cash prizes awarded to: First Place—Judith Carle, K.K. Beth Elohim Religious School, Charleston, S.C., "The Golem—a creative slide program." Second Place—Stanley Nelson, Ahavath Sholom Religious School, Bluefield, W.V., "Tu B'Shevat tree bank." Third Place (tie)—Wendy Rosen, Temple Israel Preschool, Charlotte, N.C., "Preschool construction paper kippah"; Maurice Galoob, Temple B'nai Israel Religious School, Oklahoma City, Ok., "Purim screen play video." Honorable Mentions—Tami Bernat, Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies, Charlotte, N.C., "Biblical monopoly game" and "Creation story ethics play"; Sue Brodsky, Temple Israel Religious School, Charlotte, N.C., "Second grade prayerbook"; Patti Weisman, Temple Israel Preschool, Charlotte, N.C., "Preschool Tu B'Shevat fruit tree"; Carol Burgess, Beth Meyer Religious School, Raleigh, N.C., Keeping sane while teaching Hebrew; easy, creative classroom ideas."

In addition to the cash awards, all entrants received a custom-de-

signed certificate in recognition of the important work which Jewish teachers perform in the transmission of Jewish values and tradition to their students.

Kol ha-kavod to our creative Jewish educators!

We look forward to this competition's becoming an annual event to recognize the best, most creative Jewish teaching in our religious schools.

Sincere thanks are extended to our three judges: Ruth Goldberg, Roberta Malickson and Beverly Montezinos, of Charlotte, who reported difficult deliberations to pick our CAJE winners. Educators themselves, collectively representing many years of Jewish teaching experience, the judges gave thorough consideration to their interesting creative task.

Thanks to all our competitors. We know you will begin to prepare NOW for the 1988-89 Creative Project of the Year Award competition.

All winners and their projects will be highlighted in future issues of the *CAJE PAGE*, the CAJE newsletter.

The CAJE Resource Center in Charlotte will be open by appointment through the summer months in anticipation of the new religious school year. Call or write us at: 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207, (704) 366-1948.

CAJE is a project of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, the Blumenthal Foundation and is member-supported.

North Carolina Association of Jewish Women by Esther Frank

NCAJW Charlotte volunteers were honored at a luncheon on April 19. This was a special THANK YOU for the assistance with the yearly mailings for membership. It is a real pleasure to be able to rely on these gracious ladies for their help.

Esther Frank, Rhoda Gleiberman and Audrey Madans, membership chairpersons, thank the following women: Ilse Bergen, Seena Binder, Lillian Bienstock, Ethel Binnick, Sylvia Birke, Anita Blumenthal, Sandra Deckelbaum, Doris Edelstein, Ethel Firestone, Doris Fligel, Fay Green, Gail Green, Peggy Grifenhagen, Estelle Hirsch, Vivian Jacobs, Florence Jaffa, Bonnie Kornboder, Bea Katz, Lina Levine, Sophie Madans, Margo Moritz, Lucille Plakun, Peppy Polk, Helga Rosenberger, Hushie Silverstein, Elizabeth Small, Minnie Sutker, Eleanor Turk, Miriam Valenstein, Rose Weisman and Sally Winokuer.

Also, we give special thanks to Herman Blumenthal and Ruth Goldberg for their extra help and advice.

The meal was begun with a Motzi recited by our guest, Fritzi Abrams from New York, Ruth Goldberg's mother.

Audrey Madans announced that there are over 900 members of NCAJW for the current year.

Minnie Sutker, Remembrance Chairman, gave a check for \$6,200 for contributions made since December 1987. There is a beautiful new card for donations of \$25 or more.

NCAJW was able to give a \$5,000 gift to the Home for three televisions which have been placed at Fair Oaks in the common areas.

Herman Blumenthal talked about the growth of the Home in the past ten years, especially the new development, Fair Oaks. About \$3.5 million of the \$7 million goal has been raised for the Blumenthal Jewish Home campaign. The Home's motto for fund raising is, "Give until you feel good."

The North Carolina Associations of Jewish Women and Jewish Men were established to serve the Jewish communities in the State. They have been raising money to support the Home. It was suggested at a recent meeting of NCAJM that the men and



Audrey Madans

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah installed its 1988-89 officers at a luncheon, May 18. Officers are: Audrey Madans, President; Diane Schwartz, President-elect; Deane Boxer, VP Fundraising; Linda Gottlieb and Lynda White, VPs Membership; Margi Goldstein, VP Education; Evelyn Osborne and Marla Brodsky, VPs Communications; Merle Purvis, Corres. Secretary; Pearl Kier, Rec. Secretary; Linda Segal, Fin. Secretary; Lillian Bienstock, Treasurer.

An Evening at the Mint

"Israel at 40—A Celebration" was the theme of the Education Day event held at the Mint Museum of Art, April 20.

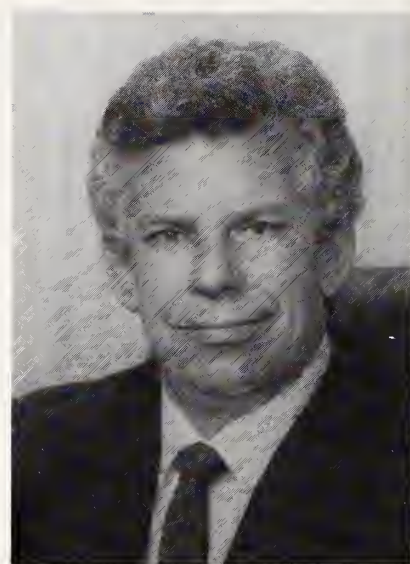
Honoring Hadassah's Associate Members, the program included a candle-lighting ceremony commemorating Israel's 40th birthday.

Special guest for the evening was Rose Dannay, a well-known artist and writer, who presented an illustrated lecture on Jewish art and painters. Ms. Dannay, widow of the late mystery writer, Ellery Queen, has conducted tours and lectures at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Sheila Kritzer and Margi Goldstein were co-chairpersons of the gala event; Vera Mendel and Barbara Levin, decorations; Gloria Goldberg and Shirley Silverstein, reception; Linda Segal, invitations and tickets.

Annual Region Conference

Charlotte Chapter and the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah hosted the 28th Annual Region Conference, May 1 and 2. Guest speakers at the Conference were: Muhamed Massarwa, Consul General of Israel in Atlanta for the Southeastern Region; Schley R. Lyons, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, UNC-Charlotte, and former Chair of the Department of Political Science. Conference Advisor and Scholar-in-Residence was Leah Stern Reicin, Chairman of the Board of the Zionist Federation.



Consul General Massarwa

Israeli Consul General Addresses Hadassah Conference

by Ruth Goldberg

The Honorable Muhamed Massarwa, Consul General of Israel for the Southeastern Region, spoke at the banquet of the 28th Conference of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah held in Charlotte, May 1.

Born and educated in Israel, Mr. Massarwa is the first Moslem Arab to have a diplomatic appointment by the State of Israel. A graduate of Hebrew University and its Law School, Mr. Massarwa practiced law in Hadera where his clients were both Arabs and Jews.

The Consul General commended Hadassah for its Medical Center in Israel which benefits all people. He pointed out that in its 40 years of statehood, Israel has accomplished great achievements not only in health care, but also in agriculture, technology and social welfare. "The main goal which will give meaning to all these achievements. . . is the goal of having peace—Israel with our neighbors in the Middle East."

Israel has not been accepted as an integral part of the Middle East since 1948. Through several wars, he said, Israel has fought the nations of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and others.

women consider merging the two Associations. It was decided at the luncheon that a letter would be sent to the entire membership of both Associations asking members to vote for or against the proposal.

Sandra Deckelbaum, President of NCAJW, stressed that "The Association needs a new focal point. While our interests are still maintained in social efforts, we need to make the Blumenthal Jewish Home the center of our Jewish interest in the State. NCAJM would strengthen us if we merge. In smaller communities there are no other Jewish organizations, and the Association could be a meaningful activity."

Audrey Madans announced that "The Friends of the Home" will be having three or four meetings a year in Charlotte to inform people about what's happening at the Home.

The officers and chairpersons of NCAJW for the current year are: Sandra Deckelbaum, President; Rhoda Gleiberman, Vice President; Bea Katz, Secretary; Esther Frank, Treasurer; Audrey Madans, Immediate Past President and Membership Chair; Minnie Sutker, Remembrance Fund Chair; Roslyn Pliner, Chair of Contributions from N.C. Organizations to BJH.

The conflict since 1982, however, has been a *Palestinian-Israeli* conflict, rather than an *Arab-Israeli* one. United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 is the basis for the peace agreement with Egypt. "242" could be negotiated with other Arab nations. "Israel needs security and peace, and the Palestinians need to live their own life *beside* Israel." The Rabat Summit of Arab nations decided in 1974 that the PLO is the sole representative of the Palestinians.

Mr. Massarwa stated that Israel cannot keep the status quo with one and one-half million Palestinians in the occupied territories without giving them civil rights. Negotiations need the cooperation of President Assad of Syria, the strongest leader in the Arab World, and the Super Powers. It is important for the Soviet government to encourage the Syrians and Palestinians to negotiate with Israel.

As for the territories, Mr. Massarwa is of the opinion that no country wants the Palestinians. Jordan probably wouldn't want to have control of the West Bank after seeing the uprising of the last five months. Egypt has always rejected having control of the Gaza Strip with its poverty stricken population of 700,000 crowded into a 75 square mile area. Therefore, if Israel were to return the occupied territories, to whom would she give them? Another impossible situation would be if Israel were to annex the West Bank and Gaza. Then Israel would become a bi-national state like South Africa. Mr. Massarwa continued by stating that a territorial compromise is needed by Israel *without* establishing a separate independent state between Jordan and Israel. Perhaps this could be a *confederation* of the territory with Jordan.

In order for the PLO to be partners in the negotiations, it must accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

The Israeli people as well as the Israeli government hold differing views on how to settle the problem. This issue will be a critical point in the coming elections in November.

Roz Segerman Honored



Barbara Tirschwell, Chairman of the Major Gifts Department of Hadassah, (right) stands at the Founders' Wall of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, together with Roz Segerman, of Jacksonville, after a ceremony honoring Mrs. Segerman for becoming a Founder of Hadassah. The ceremony took place during the Founders' Tour of Hadassah. Founders are major donors to Hadassah. Mrs. Segerman is Chairman of Wills and Bequests of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah.

Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz Invited to International Conferences

Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz of Charlotte, N.C. who has just returned from lecturing at the State University of New York at Courtland, N.Y. and Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. has been invited to participate this summer in two very important International Conferences.

In June, she will be part of a symposium in Vienna, Austria. The event, *Life with Austrian Literature, An Encounter with American Germanists of Austrian origin, 1938-1988* will be held under the auspices of the Austrian Society for Literature as part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Austria's annexation by Hitler's Germany.

Then in July, she will be travelling to England where she will participate in *Remembering for the Future*; an International Scholarly Conference to be held in Oxford with the participation of the World's most renowned writers and researchers of the Holocaust, such as Elie Wiesel, Yehuda Bauer, Frank Lytell and others.

Dr. Cernyak-Spatz has been specifically invited to this event in order to present her paper, *To Teach A Captive Audience*.

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Agudas Israel Congregation Hendersonville, N.C.

by Lee Lewin

After a quiet winter here in the mountains, while many of our local people sojourned for various periods of time in the warmer climates, our season came to life with a beautiful Seder at Pesach time. It was one of our largest Seders with over 90 people in attendance, and we thank the committee of the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary, headed by Toby Heller, for a lovely affair. Our thanks also to our lay leaders, Morris Kaplan, Morris Kalin and Bert Sud for a beautiful service, and to Susan and Fred Salatin for their reciting the Four Questions.

As for vital statistics, we extend a hearty Mazel Tov to great grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Fischer who proudly announce the birth of their great grandson Andrew Steven Ward. The parents are Mr. Richard and Dr. Amy-Jo Ward, grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Martin J. Fischer of Asheville. Also, a hearty Mazel Tov to great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kramer on the birth of their great grandson Matthew. The new parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lyda and the new grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schimek. And Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gottlieb, one of our newer members, on the birth of their new grandbaby.

Our condolences to Thelma Uhler on the death of her father Barney Sherman, and to Jacob Shumsky on the loss of his wife.

We're off to Israel. Hope you all have a happy summer.



Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women's outgoing President, Beth Linderman (left) and 1988-89 President, Jody Pinjon.

HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Lisa Pharr

Once again HaLailah brought Passover to 23 shut-ins, needy and elderly members of our community. Baskets filled with matzoh, wine, candles and other Passover necessities were delivered with the help of Jewish Family Services.

Many thanks to those members of HaLailah who participated in the March of Dimes Walk America on April 23. Members walked or registered walkers to help this worthy cause.

The annual installation dinner was held April 19. Heartfelt thanks to outgoing co-presidents, Maddie Joffe and Wendy Rosen. Newly installed officers are: President, Penny Eisenberg; CVS VPs, Linda Spil and Claire Putterman; Programming VP,

Merridith Blazer; Fund Raising VP, Jackie Stutts; Membership VPs, Lauren Lassman and Mindy Mescon; Communications VP, Lisa Pharr; Fin. Sec., Carol Klein; Rec. Sec., Colleen Epstein; Corres. Sec., Debbie Rosenberger; Treasurer; Lizzann Taylor; Counselor, Maddie Joffe.

CONGRATULATIONS to all HaLailah members for the fine showing at this year's BBW Biennial in Miami. HaLailah may be proud of the following honors:

1st place: Most Outstanding Single Project (Barrier Awareness)

1st place: Most Effective Membership Campaign (HaLailah Bucks)

1st place: (tied) Best Chapter Meeting with a Fund Raising Focus (Personal Giving)

2nd place: Best Comprehensive Overall Community Service Programming

2nd place: Best On-Going Project (Great Pumpkin Festival)

2nd place: Best Chapter Meeting with a Membership Focus (Spin-A-Winner)

2nd place: Most Effective Fund Raising Idea (Personal Giving)

2nd place: Best Overall Chapter Meeting

3rd place: Most Original Fund Raising Activity (Pine Needles)

3rd place: Best Individual Chapter Meeting (Glasnost and Soviet Jewry)

Many, many thanks to all the HaLailah members who worked so diligently to make this a very successful year.

HaLailah participated with Charlotte Chapter in a Leadership Seminar, June 5, conducted by Sue Brodsky and Sue Bruck.

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Susan Bruck Elected Vice President BBW

Susan Bruck of Charlotte, N.C. was elected vice president of B'nai B'rith Women at the 120,000 member service and advocacy organization's Biennial Convention in Miami Beach, May 1-4.

Mrs. Bruck, who joined B'nai B'rith Women in 1969, most recently served on BBW's Executive Board and was a member of the national fundraising/development and biennial convention committees. She also conducts leadership training for the organization and last fall was one of 23 leaders selected to participate in BBW's first Leadership Seminar in Israel.

In Charlotte, Mrs. Bruck served as BBW's Operation Stork chairman, overseeing a program designed to educate teenage expectant mothers about prevention of birth defects. She also served on the board of the Teenage Parents Service.

Mrs. Bruck was chairman of the Women's Health Task Force for "Blueprint for Charlotte Women in the 1980s," which helped coordinate the efforts of women's groups in the community. She has also served on the Mayor's Women's Issues committee.

Beth Meyer Synagogue Raleigh, N.C.

by Carol Burgess

On April 27, Beth Meyer Synagogue held its 113th Annual Meeting. Many things were discussed and a new Board was elected, as follows: Pres., Howard Margulies; 1st VP, Mindy Oberhardt; 2nd VP, Mark Sokol; Rec. Sec., Morty Jayson;

Corres. Sec., Carol Burgess; Treas., Dan Satsky; Trustees, Ken Kramer and Stanley Gantman, Past Presidents; Les Pensler, Harold Lichtin, Honey Kirsbaum, Al Friedrich, Sharon Mayer, Barry Blick, Herman Richmond and Susan Brownstein.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the congregation was entertained with Israeli folk tunes performed by Amy Thropp on piano and Kim Kitterner on flute.

Sisterhood held its annual donor dinner, April 30, followed by a great play, "Tarras' Follies."

The Beth Meyer Religious School held its second annual Balloon Day, May 8, as a school fundraiser. The May 13 family service included Teacher Recognition.

Beth Meyer again hosted the annual Jewish Community Religious School Picnic to mark the beginning of summer vacation.

Mazel Tov to our confirmation class which had its service on Shavuot, May 21: Mark Brachman, Karen Brownstein, Jason Emanuel, Ricky Horwitz, Debbie Jaeger, Steve Kurtic and Rachel Lowey.

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Beth Israel Synagogue Greenville, S.C.

by Florence Rosenberg

Many of our congregants hold office in community organizations. Marsha Strong is the president of the Greenville Chapter of the American Cancer Society; Rosa Eisenstadt was recently elected President of the Greenville Council of Architects Auxiliary; Sue Shager chaired an Art Auction to benefit the Greenville Chorale on April 9.

There were several Bar/Bat Mitzvah's celebrated at Temple of Israel: Caryn Weinberg, daughter of Alan and Ellen Weinberg, March 25; Jill Mannino, daughter of Ray and Terry Mannino, April 8; Nicole Stein, daughter of Howard and Judy Stein, May 6. Matthew Dorfman, son of Marty and Betty Dorfman, became Bar Mitzvah at Beth Israel Synagogue on May 6.

Confirmation services were held at Beth Israel on May 20. The confirmands are: Matthew Dorfman,

son of Marty and Betty Dorfman; Joshua Hertz, son of Jerry Hertz of Greenville; Joseph Kahn, son of Martin and Betsy Kahn; Stuart Kirsh, son of Robert and Roslyn Kirsh; Yair Schlein, son of Martin and Edith Schlein; Matthew Shapiro, son of Joel and Ilene Shapiro.

An excellent musical program coordinated by Esther Aronoff was presented at the combined meeting of the sisterhoods of Temple of Israel and Beth Israel, April 21. The program commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the State of Israel. Taking part were narrators Sue Shager and Marcia Goldman. The Sisterhood Players and Singers were Sue Aaron, Carol Zellman, Esther Aronoff, Sue Lasser, Natalie Rosenbloom, Elie Greenspoon and Fran Wertheim. The reception following the program was provided by Cheryl Gleich, Bobbie Jean Rovner, Edith Schlein, Lil Simon, Esther Aronoff and Florence Rosenberg with the assistance of several members.

On Friday, April 22 a joint service honoring Israel's 40th birthday was held at Beth Israel Synagogue. Rabbi Hyman Fishman conducted the service and Rabbi James Cohn joined in a dialogue on the timely subject of the way Israel is handling the situation on the West Bank. The Oneg Shabbat was sponsored by Steve and Sally Gold, Harold and Barbara Rabhan, Sol and Barbara Shimlock, Alan and Susan Shaw, Marvin and Nan Wishman and Richard and Berry Zander.

Condolences to Martin Aronoff whose father Samuel Aronoff passed away on April 9; to Helen Proser on the loss of her sister, Augusta Poliakoff; to Sylvia Dreyfus on the loss of her father, Karl Kohn; to Sondra McIntyre on the loss of her mother, Tess Palmer; and to the family of former Greenvillian George Abrams.

Mazel tov to Susan Rosenberg and Robert Wittenstein who were married April 17 at Beth Israel Synagogue, and to Carol Leak and Brian Shore who were married at Temple of Israel on April 24.

Florence Rosenberg received a 30 year membership pin at the annual

recognition dinner of the Old Ninety Six Girl Scout Council.

Mazel Tov to Shirley and Ralph Sarlin on the birth of their new granddaughter, Hilary, born to Janet and Lewis Duncan.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

Children of Temple Israel, Temple Beth El V'Shalom and the Charlotte Jewish Day School conducted the Community-Wide Shabbat Service in honor of Israel Independence Day at Beth El V'Shalom, April 22. Temple Israel held an Israeli style brunch and "Seder L'Yom Ha-atzmaut," April 24.

The annual congregational meeting was held May 15 and the following officers were elected: Pres., Steven Hockfield, 1st VP, Robert Abel; 2nd VP, Barnet Weinstock; Sec., Elliot Sanderson; Treas.-Administration, David Miller; Treas.-Finance, William Ashendorf.

The Social Club held an all day "Mystery Bus Ride" to celebrate Mother's Day.

Temple Israel Sisterhood has enlisted men and women who are being trained in the H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Endure) Program, sponsored by Mercy Hospital. This enables those who volunteer to know what to say and do when they visit the sick, the aged and the lonely members of the community. For more information, call Ilse Bergen, coordinator, 366-0300.

In order to help the hearing impaired, the temple has recently installed a sound system that will provide amplification with earphone units. Interpreters for the deaf are available on request for lifecycle events like bris, weddings, funerals and unveilings. Further, there are large print prayerbooks for the visually impaired who need them.

National Bible Contest Participants

Ever since last October, eight Temple Israel children have been preparing diligently for competition in this year's National Bible Contest. They focused on the Books of Genesis and Esther.



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We are pleased to announce that two of our students, Heather Binnick, daughter of Linda and Warren Binnick, and Mara Jacobsohn, daughter of Rose-Ellen and Bruce Jacobsohn, qualified to represent Charlotte in the National Finals in New York on May 15. In addition to participating in the competition, Heather and Mara were invited to a Shabbaton Weekend that brought together young Bible scholars from all over the United States and Canada.

The other young Bible scholars who participated in this year's competition were: Danny Berzack, Micah Cooper, Geoffrey Gartner, Shira Melenson, Julie Schneider and Ory Warshenbrot. All the students will be honored at a special Shabbat service on Saturday, June 11.

Mazel Tov to the following Bar Mitzvah celebrants and their families: Michael Gurion, son of Danielle and Zev Gurion, on May 7; Geoffrey Marc Gartner, son of Peggy and Elliot Gartner, who was twinned with Aleksey Achildev of the Soviet Union, May 14; Peter Kaye, son of Susan and Barry Kaye, May 21; Marc Gross, son of Annette and Richard Gross, May 28.

Several new babies have been born to congregational families. Congratulations to Bobbie Pollard on the birth of her grandson, David Joseph Konter, son of Roslyn and Darryl Konter, April 10; to Lottie and Ed Mottzman on the birth of their grandson, Jonathan Seth Glasman, born April 11 to Harriet and Michael Glasman; to Celia Scher on the birth of her granddaughter, Amanda Scher, born April 12 to Connie and Carl Scher; to Faye and Bert Fleishman on the birth of granddaughter, Alison Coley Purinai to Deenie and Tom Purinai, April 9; to Cindy and Howard Levine on the birth of their son, Brian Jordan, and to the grandparents, Sandra and Leon Levine, May 2.

Mazel Tov to Jean and Jeffrey Guller on the marriage of their son, Richard to Lori Scherping, May 8.

Mazel Tov to Evelyn and Samuel Krieger on the engagement of their daughter, Lisa to Michael Scott

Steinberg. An October wedding is planned.

Mazel Tov to Mary and Simon Wojnowich on the engagement of their daughter, Rose to Alan M. Zimmer, son of Roberta and Bill Zimmer of Wilmington, N.C. The wedding will be in September.

Condolences are extended to the following: to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lerner and Family and Mrs. Lynn Lerner and Family on the passing of Dave Lerner; to Phyllis Woolen on the loss of her father, Louis Blumenfeld; to Herman Polaikoff on the passing of his sister, Augusta Poliakoff; to Barbie Weiner on the loss of her mother, Bernice Pinchuk; to Alan Gordon and Ron Gordon on the passing of their father and brother, Arthur Gordon.

Confirmation

Confirmation Services were conducted by the Confirmands on the first day of Shavuot. Participants were: Kevin Besnoy, David Brenner,

Stephanie Brousky, Julie Daumit, Michael Goldman, Joshua Goldman, Rael Gorelick, David Greenman, Herbert Greenman, Carrie Lambert, Alexis Lerner, Michael Liebstein, Shelly Oxman, Richard Rosenfeld, Stephen Schneider, Jonathan Tepper and Jodi Wittlin. Parents of the Confirmands hosted a kiddush luncheon for the congregation following services.

Ginger Snitz was presented with the "Light of Torah Award" for her excellent dedication and service to Sisterhood. This award was given by the Southern Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Lorri Barman received a \$500 Liqutex Arts Material Award in a national competition in recognition of her outstanding creativity and technique in use of the media.

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Lubavitch of Columbia

Lubavitch of Columbia announces its relocation to a new home in Columbia. The new address is 6338 Goldbranch Road, Columbia, S.C. 29206.

Since July 1987, Rabbi Hesh Epstein and his wife, Chava, have been operating with a wealth of activities from an apartment. Now that they have moved to a new and large home, they expect to increase with many more programs and activities.

The Adult Education classes have attracted many to explore the hidden secrets of the Torah. Rabbi Epstein offers weekly Torah sessions and weekly Talmud lectures.

Special events in Columbia, like Kosher Week, menorah lighting at local malls, traveling Sukkahmobile, and many other exciting activities have made Chabad-Lubavitch a major force for Jewish education in the community.

Since the move to the new Chabad House in Columbia, Lubavitch has expanded its Shabbatons to include more guests at the Shabbat table. These Shabbatons have inspired many of the participants.

Lubavitch also conducts special children's programs which have enriched their level of Jewish education. In addition, Chava Epstein, who is an experienced teacher, tutors many of the local children with a supplementary Jewish education beyond the Hebrew school level.

Lubavitch Women's Group

Lubavitch Women of Charlotte have held a series of educational and social gatherings. The group, led by Mariashi Groner and Chanie Weiss, meets in private homes to discuss various topics in Jewish life.

Over 25 women gathered at the home of Cheryl Spangenthal on April 26. The meeting was a pre-Shavuoth social discussion about the significance of the holiday and the many Jewish customs connected to Shavuoth.

Women sampled cheese blintzes, cheese cake and other delicacies. In addition to customs and food, the participants shared good moments and talked about meaningful experiences.

"The outstanding feature of this meeting was the special positive atmosphere created by the participants," said Mariashi Groner.

The meetings will continue every month at a new location.

Lubavitch Preschool and Talmud Torah

Spring months bring a lot of joy to children, especially for children at Lubavitch Preschool. It is a time when outdoors is appreciated with the many recreational activities that come this time of the year.

In addition, there are the Jewish spring holidays which emphasize

the outdoors to an even greater extent. One holiday in particular is Lag b'Omer. This is day 33 of the counting of the omer which was designated as a holiday in Talmudic times.

Traditionally, children and adults take to the outdoors. Parades and picnics are held at local parks. In Israel people dance around bonfires and sing lively songs.

Lag b'Omer marks the anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai who was a co-author of *The Mishnah* and also author of *The First Book of Kabbalah—The Zohar*. This year, Lag b'Omer came on May 5 and the children at Lubavitch experienced the holiday to the fullest extent. Children started the day with a trip to the park. Chanie Weiss, our Judaica teacher, led them in Lag b'Omer melodies. Fern Sanderson, our morning teacher, explained to the children various aspects of nature which are related to spring.

In the evening of Lag b'Omer there was a huge picnic for the preschoolers who were joined by the Lubavitch Talmud Torah children and the Tzivos Hashem group. The picnic was held at the playground at the Chabad House. During the picnic the children listened to stories of the life of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai and his teacher, Rabbi Akivah.



Some of the members of Lubavitch Women's Group: (L. to R.) Chanie Weiss, Cheryl Spangenthal, Carol Waldman, Helene Nathanson, Mariashi Groner and Shari Simon.

The Talmud Torah children made little caves out of homemade clay. The caves were a replica of the cave in which Rabbi Shimon and his son hid for twelve years from the Romans.

The Lag b'Omer activities were in response to the special call from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson Shlita, to celebrate the day with major festive outings and parades.



Participants have supper at Lag b'Omer cookout.



Parents and children enjoying warmth of Lag b'Omer around the bonfire.



Fern Sanderson shows children objects during a nature walk.

Moe Mandel of Charlotte Moves to Fair Oaks

by Estelle Hoffman

Moe and Bea Mandel were among our first friends when we retired to Charlotte fourteen years ago, after a lifetime in Chicago. They came from New York at about the same time. At a Temple Israel Sisterhood Meeting Blanche Jaffa seated me next to Bea, and soon after that meeting, they visited us in our apartment and beat us badly at Scrabble.

Notwithstanding that defeat, our friendship continued. Much of our time was spent during our first five years in Charlotte in exploring the Carolinas. Our northern education had left us either ignorant or misinformed about the South, and we devotedly studied the history, geography and natural sciences of the region. The Mandels joined us on some excursions, and Moe usually did the driving, which he enjoyed.

Late in 1987, Bea entered the Blumenthal Home. Moe was one of the first occupants of Fair Oaks, so that he can be her companion still.

For the years he lived in Charlotte, his service to individuals and the community was outstanding. I remember his face when we first met, with an expression so lively, so amiable, that no trace of hardship or stress was discernible.

Working as a volunteer at the Charlotte Rehab Hospital, he assisted strangers, some of whom were victims of extreme suffering. His devotion to Bea and his daughter Deanna extended to his friends and acquaintances in acts of running errands and making repairs and installations. He is skilled in a variety of abilities and uses his talents for the benefit of all. The loaves of bread he baked and rides he provided will be long remembered by the recipients.

Elizabeth (Chick) Small, who operates the Blumenthal Home Thrift Shop, declares, "If we had a Man of the Year, our unanimous selection would surely be Moe Mandel. Included in Moe's many volunteer activities are service to the Charlotte Rehab Hospital, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Beth El V'Shalom

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and the Blumenthal Home Thrift Shop. His other acts of good will are too numerous to mention. Anyone in need of help always found Moe available."

All of us who have known Moe in Charlotte regret his absence, but as always, he made the sensible decision. Moe has characteristically been intelligent, wise and well informed, and one of his highest achievements is to have done the best he could throughout his life. Not everyone deserves such praise.

All who know Moe feel that Fair Oaks will be blessed by his personality and attributes. Not only will he

"cultivate his garden," but he will use his talents and creativity to enhance the value of life of all who are associated with him. The community of Charlotte extends to Moe Mandel our wishes for continued vigorous longevity and serenity.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

The confirmation class—Jeff Diamond, Julie Renee Goodman, Todd Adam Joffe, Rachel Tamar Klein, Sean Lucas, Seth N. Rosenberger, Deborah Seeman, Brian Siegel and Lorin L. Silverman—gave an interesting production during their service. The confirmands left the pulpit, donned "costumes" and reenacted the controversial Oprah Winfrey show on "Prejudice." They were quite imaginative in involving the congregation in their creative service.

Our religious school year ended with a special surprise picnic for the children. The Ruach Club (for service attendance) had an ice cream social, and teachers were honored at a special roast beef appreciation dinner prepared by Robert Winters, a member and retired executive chef.

For Shavuot, after the Tot Shabbat, during the Oneg the Children shared mini-cheese cakes and fresh fruits they brought to Temple. Of course the synagogue was decorated with spring fruits, leaves and flowers.

We have new babies! Jeffrey and Gwen Frushtick welcomed a son; Steven, Nina and Laila Haas, a daughter and sister, Alexis. Ethel and Allen Gordon had their first grandson, Jacob Seth Gordon, son of Andrew and Eva Gordon.

Recently installed Sisterhood officers for 1988-1989 are Honey Kridel, President; Merle Purvis, Fran Lyons, V.P.'s Membership; Lia Sandor, Faye Goldstein, V.P.'s Program; Gladys Lavitan, Pat Fearon, V.P.'s Education; Peggie Rovman, V.P. Fundraising; Pat Shapiro, Treasurer; Selma Lebold, Corresponding Secy.; Aline Lorber, Financial Secy.; Helene

Howard, Recording Secy.; Shirley Fytleson, Parliamentarian.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom's board passed a resolution to thank Clarice Breitman for her fourteen years of love and care to the Tree of Life Fund. As one of the founding members in 1972, she has been the administrator, responsible for its growth, promotion and success.

We're still growing, as we tell you monthly. We recently welcomed Emery and Jacqueline Szabo, and Jeffrey and Gwen Frushtick to our congregation.

In a combined venture, the Men's Club and Sisterhood sponsored a School Board Breakfast and Panel Discussion. Twelve of the fourteen candidates for public school board were present, and over 70 people attended, including members of the community at large.

As always in May, the congregation voted on the new board. Officers for 1988-1989 are: President, William B. Grifenhagen; 1st Vice President, James Montag; V.P. Finance, Jeffrey Lyons; V.P. Building, Howard Neumann; V.P. Membership, Patti Winters; V.P. Education & Religion, Doug Gentile; Recording Secretary, Iris Friedlander; Financial Secretary, Betty Rosenbaum; Treasurer, Phillip Kridel.

Marc H. Silverman is the General Chairman of the new Temple building project. Appointed by the Temple Board, Marc will coordinate the effort to raise funds for the building as well as oversee the design and construction aspects of the project. His Campaign Staff includes: Herman Blumenthal, Honorary Campaign Chairman; Donald Bernstein, Campaign Chairman; Mark R. Bernstein, Leadership Chairman (Over \$25,000); Alan R. Gordon, James Montag and Mark Rothman, Benefactors Co-Chairmen (\$10,000-\$24,999); Alan Blumenthal and Samuel Zimmern, Founders Co-Chairmen (\$5,000-\$9,999); William Grifenhagen, Sponsors Chairman (\$2,500-\$4,999); Honey Kridel and T.B.E. V'S. Sisterhood, Contributors Chairperson (\$100-24,999).

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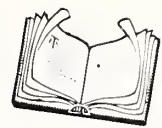
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Book Reviews



Clues About Jews For People Who Aren't

by Sidney J. Jacobs and Betty J. Jacobs
Jacobs Ladder Publications
112 pp. \$8.95

Do Jews have an instinct for making money?

If Jewish people love Israel so much, why don't they move there?

Isn't my Christian son good enough to marry your Jewish daughter?

What makes a person Jewish, anyhow?

These are a few of the more than 200 questions tackled in a new book, *Clues About Jews For People Who Aren't*, by Sidney J. Jacobs and Betty J. Jacobs, which aims to shatter myths about Jews often whispered in private.

This practical guide to understanding Jews and Judaism utilizes a lively question-and-answer format to grapple with provocative, real-life situations and questions posed by people who aren't Jewish about people who are.

The authors come to grips with tough, biting queries such as:

Why can't Jews be like everyone else?

Should I convert to please my Jewish fiancé?

Why do so many Jewish young people join cults?

Is Hanukkah the Jewish Christmas?

Many of the questions and responses have to do with etiquette and protocol by people who aren't Jewish in dealing with Jews. The volume clarifies such often-puzzling matters as sending Christmas cards to Jews, inviting them to Easter luncheon, giving appropriate gifts for a Bar Mitzvah, what to expect and how to act when attending for the first time a synagogue service, Passover seder, Jewish wedding or funeral.

Clues About Jews For People Who Aren't discusses openly questions about Jews and intermarriage, Jesus, Alcoholism, confession, salvation, divorce, conversion, Israel, holidays, and more.

122 Clues for Jews Whose Children Intermarry

by Sidney J. Jacobs and Betty J. Jacobs
Jacobs Ladder Publications
138 pp. \$9.95

Help for tens of thousands of American Jewish parents of sons and daughters who plan to marry or have already married persons who are not Jewish is the objective of a new book by a California writing team.

Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs and Betty J. Jacobs, authors of *122 Clues For Jews Whose Children Intermarry*, point out that between 30 and 40 percent of Jews who wed today are intermarrying.

Jewish parents whose children marry persons who are not Jewish need help in coping with a myriad of day-to-day problems that arise, the book's authors maintain.

"The typical couple is caught up in passion and plans for the future, thrilled by the wondrous discovery of each other, while their parents are concerned how to cope with this change of script with which they are confronted," said Rabbi Jacobs.

"These parents must grapple with interfaith wedding ceremonies, Christian in-laws, grandchildren with uncertain religious identity, conflicting religious holidays and a lot more," added the rabbi, a journalist who has edited newspapers in Chicago and Los Angeles.

Co-author Betty J. Jacobs, who is professor of communications at West Los Angeles College, said that one of the questions answered in

the book is how to respond to an intermarried daughter who says she and her husband can attend a local church for a fraction of what it would cost to join a synagogue.

"How do you answer an anti-Semitic in-law?" Jacobs asked. "Will your grandchildren be Jewish? How do you break the news of your child's intermarriage to your friends and relatives?"

"These are the types of situations we tackle in *122 Clues For Jews Whose Children Intermarry*."

The breakthrough concept of an "Intermarriage Prenuptial Pact" is recommended by the authors. They advocate that the pact, which can be adapted to a legal contract, be scrutinized by every Jew considering intermarriage as well as by those who are involved in interdating.

The pact's seven points, say the authors, include in-depth discussions by the couple about religious identity, environment of the home to be established, celebration of religious holidays, religious upbringing of the children, residence in ethnic neighborhoods, financial support of religious institutions and even funeral and internment options.

As a result of their conversations with scores of parents of children who are intermarried, intermarried couples and the children of intermarried couples, the co-authors say they realized the need for a how-to guide to help parents cope by assembling 122 of the most perplexing situations and their recommended solutions.

Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs and Betty J. Jacobs are the authors of the widely-acclaimed book, *Clues About Jews For People Who Aren't*, now in its second printing. Both books are published and available from Jacobs Ladder Publications, P.O. Box 1484, Culver City, California 90232. When ordering by mail, please add to the cost of the book \$1.50 shipping charge for one book, \$2 for two.

One and One Make Three: A Story of a Friendship

by Peter Fabrizius

Benmir Books, Berkeley 250 pp.
\$16.95

One and One Make Three is the story of two friends from Vienna who, with each other's help, extricated themselves from disaster in Nazi Europe and built new lives in a new country.

The historic events of the thirties and forties are reflected in the author's years of flight. Well established in Austria and Germany as authors of whimsical short stories under the pen name of Peter Fabrizius, Joseph Fabry and Max Knight expanded their cooperation from writing in the old world literary tradition to surviving in a world where traditional values were waning. They experienced dramatic escapes, collisions with senseless laws, and encounters with such diverse personalities as Sigmund Freud, Viktor Frankl, Lionel de Rothschild, Herbert Hoover, C.S. Forester and Thornton Wilder. From Vienna, via Belgium and China, to their new lives as writers and editors at the University of California, theirs is a story of struggle and discovery.

"This is a multi-layered book—an adventure story of two survivors in a killer world; the saga of what friendship can accomplish; and an account of how one's potential can develop under the blows of cruel reality," writes Professor Harry Zohn, Chairman of the Department of German at Brandeis University in his Foreword to the book.

Joseph Fabry is the founder of the Institute of Logotherapy. He is the author of *The Pursuit of Meaning Logotherapy in Action*, and other books in English and German.

Max Knight is a translator of German prose and poetry. Among his best known translations are *Gallows Songs* by Christian Morgenstern and *The Pure Theory of Law* by Hans Kelsen into English, and of Ogden

Nash into German. He is also the author of *Return to the Alps*.

Both are longtime residents of the San Francisco Bay Area.

1,001 Questions and Answers about Judaism

by David C. Gross

Hippocrene Books, Inc. 295 pp.
\$8.95, paper

This helpful book has an index, glossary and suggested additional readings for Jew and gentile. The author of *1,001 Questions and Answers about Judaism* is David C. Gross, author, newspaper editor and publisher. He wrote previously *Pride of Our People*, *The Jewish People's Almanac* and *Love Poems from the Hebrew*.

Chosen as a Book-of-the-Month Club selection, it is a standard item for every library, and an ideal gift. The author's intention in writing this book is "illuminating the truth and beauty of Judaism" and to encourage the reader to further study of Judaism.

Chapter headings include *Judaism: Basic Beliefs, Personal Life, The Synagogue, Holidays, Customs and Ceremonies, Israel, Jewish History*. There is a great amount of interesting, miscellaneous information that proves enlightening in offering reasons for many of our attitudes and habits.

"The object of the whole Torah is that man shall become a Torah himself." —Baal Shem Tov.

E.H.

My Jewish Home

Martin Lemelman, illustrator
UAHC Press 10 pp. \$3.95

This board book, printed in bright primary colors, is suitable for tiny children. *My Jewish Home* contains pictures of Jewish objects in the home, depicted in a manner attractive and endearing to tots at their earliest age. It is sturdy and shiny enough to withstand a great deal of handling.

Women at Prayer

by Mary Collins

Paulist Press 46 pp. paperback
Obtainable from Paulist Press, 997
Macarthur Blvd., Mahwah, N.J.
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by Estelle Hoffman

This is the third in a series sponsored by the Center for Spirituality of St. Mary's College of Notre Dame. Weighing little more than two ounces, *Women at Prayer* is weighty in its concern for the exclusion of women from western religions.

In this work, Mary Collins looks at three women of our day of the Roman Catholic tradition and one group of thirteen Jewish women "whose experiences of the living God invite us into the deep center of reality." She is convinced that people cannot bear too much reality.

Her observations about the importance of words is interesting. Words, she says, lead us on the journey to God. Reading and understanding the sacred text are the initial steps. She points out that "the ancients" read the texts repeatedly, word by word, hearing and memorizing, until they entered the heart. Thus, the message of the biblical text was savored and digested. This answers the questions as to why Jews study and pray aloud.

Miriam's Well is a group of Jewish women who meet monthly on *Rosh Hodesh* to celebrate the mystery of God. Through exploration of Jewish folklore, these women contemplate the possibility of a second Torah scroll, written by the women of Israel, perhaps recording teachings of Miriam.

Reading the book, one hears the anguished cry, "Why, when every living thing in creation is born of a female body, is the body denied and woman hovers on the fringes of biblical text, both the Bible and New Testament?"

Women in Prayer deals with the current surge of religion and feminism in today's world.

The Mystery of the Coins

by Chaya M. Burstein
UAHC Press 150 pp. \$9.94
paperback
by Estelle Hoffman

Chaya M. Burstein is illustrator as well as author of *The Mystery of the Coins*, for ages 9 to 12.

The author uses the vehicle of a discovered treasure of ancient coins and the mystery of their origin to provide glimpses of Jewish history. Two children and their grandmother solve the mystery. The history lessons are flashbacks which alternate with chapters of the progress Jamie and Sarah make in uncovering the secret, aided by the grandmother's books about coins and history.

The flashbacks are stories of people whose actions and motives are easily credible. A great deal of information is written in well palatable form. The delightful illustrations add to the pleasure of reading this book. We recommend *The Mystery of the Coins* for its educational and entertaining merit.

The American born author lives now in Israel.

Bible Stories for Little Children

by Betty R. Hollender
UAHC Press 65 pp. paperback
\$6.00
by Estelle Hoffman

This book of *Bible Stories for Little Children* is Volume 3, Revised Edition. It is illustrated by Martin Lemelman with black and white drawings.

These stories fill a need not only for children, but dramatic enough to hold the interest of parents who wish to read them to preschool children. After more than three decades, they have not merely been successfully child-tested but have withstood the even more demanding test of time.

This newly revised edition of Ms. Hollender's popular tales is intended to be used in conjunction with the UAHC's newly revised *Bible Work*

and *Play* workbook series. Together they provide a broad overview of the Bible through a delightful series of stories and activities that will make the lessons of the past a meaningful part of their lives.

The Tenth of Av

by Kenneth Roseman
UAHC Press 127 pp. paperback
\$6.95
by Estelle Hoffman

This is the fifth book in *The Do-It-Yourself Jewish Adventure* series written by Rabbi Kenneth Roseman of Temple Shalom, Dallas, Texas. The book is intended for readers aged nine to twelve and into the teens.

It is a book of adventure in Jerusalem in the year of the Roman destruction of the Temple, 70 C.E. Each page offers a situation and a choice to be made by the reader, who proceeds to the designated page describing the ensuing circumstances. The narrative addresses the reader directly, thereby involving him and making it seem as if he were there.

The aftermath of the Roman conquest is explained, including the story of the captives, the escape of Yochanan ben Zakkai and the means by which the Torah and Judaism survived. There are descriptions of communities of Jews who remained in the land of Israel and important maps of Jerusalem, Israel and the entire Mediterranean area at the time.

The Tenth of Av is easy and interesting reading, and it contains information on the history of the event with explanations of laws and observances which followed, resulting from the loss of the Temple and the dispersion of Jews. By enlisting the participation of the young reader, the innovative author makes history live.

Social Research on Jewish Ethnicity in Israel 1984-1986

by Sammy Smooha
Haifa University Press, The American Jewish Committee and International Sephardic Education Foundation
277 pp. paperback

A leading Israeli sociologist asserts that the ethnic division between Oriental Jews, mainly those from the Middle East and North Africa, and Ashkenazim, largely Jews from Eastern and Central Europe, is shifting, with the erosion of traditional Ashkenazi dominance and the deepening of divisions within the Oriental Jewish population itself along lines of class and religious observance.

This is among the conclusions of a new book, *Social Research on Jewish Ethnicity in Israel, 1984-1986*, by Prof. Sammy Smooha.

According to Professor Smooha, Jewish ethnicity should be of wide concern for three reasons: 1) the inequalities and latent tensions among Israel's ethnic communities have surfaced in occasional disruptions that have weakened the Israeli

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fabric and image; 2) the fact that most Ashkenazi Jews vote for the Labor Camp and most Oriental and Sephardi Jews tend to support the Likud bloc has created a rigid ethno-political polarization, resulting in the current stalemate in Israeli politics; and 3) the ascendance of Sephardi Jews to a majority in Israel may increase the divergence between the predominantly Ashkenazi Diaspora and the predominantly Sephardi Israel.

Professor Smooha, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Haifa and currently a Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies and Sociology at Brown University, is a specialist in ethnic relations in Israel and elsewhere. His other books include *Israel: Pluralism and Conflict* and *The Orientation and Politicization of the Arab Minority in Israel*.

Professor Smooha reveals more of his own thoughts in a new paper entitled "Internal Divisions in Israel at Forty." In this work, he contends that Israel is "a deeply divided society, but not necessarily a pluralistic one." He identifies four major "non-dominant" groups in Israeli society: Oriental Jews, religious Jews, Israeli Arabs, and "the Palestinians in the territories." If Israel could grant greater legitimacy to its non-dominant groups, Professor Smooha contends, it would be on its way toward democratic pluralism. "The transition to the model of a pluralistic society will make it easier for the regime to handle non-dominant groups," he adds.

Social Research on Jewish Ethnicity in Israel is available from the American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56 St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

The Jokes of Oppression: The Humor of Soviet Jews

by David A. Harris and Izrail Rabinovich

Jason Aronson Inc. 275 pp. \$22.50

Question: How do Soviet Jews diffuse some of the hostilities and tensions they feel living in a society

of discrimination and second-class status?

Answer: By keeping a good sense of humor, how else?

The significance of Jewish humor in the Soviet Union is chronicled in a just published collection of jokes entitled *The Jokes of Oppression: The Humor of Soviet Jews*, co-authored by David A. Harris, Washington Representative of the American Jewish Committee and national coordinator of the historic 1987 rally for Soviet Jewry, and Izrail Rabinovich, a native Soviet who now teaches Russian at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California.

Over a ten-year period the authors collected hundreds of jokes from Soviet Jews living in the USSR, Israel, the U.S. and Western Europe in an effort to provide insights not only into Jewish life in the Soviet Union but also into Soviet society in general. The jokes are divided into four categories: Jewish political humor, general political humor, eternal Jewish humor, and true stories.

The book was chosen as the main selection of the Jewish Book Club for the month of May and as an alternate selection for the Psychology Today Book Club.

"Nothing illustrates Jewish psychology as well as Jewish humor," says Mr. Harris. "In the absence of an open press in this kind of claustrophobic, stifled society, where publicly people wear one type of face and privately an entirely different type, these jokes take on great significance."

"For Soviet citizens," he adds, "humor is a private way of coping, criticizing, distancing themselves.

The Jokes of Oppression is available from the American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56 St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Aleppo Chronicles by Joseph A. D. Sutton, reviewed last month, had an incorrect price listed. The cost is \$26 plus \$1.50 shipping and can be ordered from Thayer Jacoby, 1432 E. 9th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230.

Community News
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Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

The highlight of this past month was the celebration of the 40th birthday of the founding of the State of Israel. The dinner and program were the joint enterprise of both the Temple and B'nai Israel Congregation, as well as their sisterhoods, Hadasah and B'nai B'rith. The guest speaker, our own Rabbi Albert Gordon, talked on the subject, "What Israel Means to Us." In a meaningful presentation, he stressed how far Israel has come despite the many hardships that continue to be troubling her. The Zim Brothers, singers of Yiddish, Chassidic and Israeli selections, had the entire audience of 160 singing and/or "kveling" at the old time songs and stories.

Temple membership is growing as many people are finding out that the Wilmington area has a lot to offer. One of the most pleasant parts of this is the almost immediate participation these new members are taking in the work of the congregation. We can only grow and serve our Jewish community with such attitudes. Thank you!

In the final Friday service on June 3, the teachers in our Sunday School will be honored. The students look forward to Sunday, June 5 when right after the last lessons they all go out for a big lunch with the teachers and the Rabbi.

The Ladies Concordia Society, which is a real supporter of the needs of the Temple, is busy selling the wonderful bulbs from Holland and doing a volume business. Even some of the professional landscapers in the area have come to depend on them for their supply of bulbs. This spring the beautiful tulips added color to our gardens and at the same time we knew that the money was doing our congregation's treasure chest a world of good.

A Modest Proposal for Jewish Unity

by Rabbi Marc Wilson

The hope that one day Jews will put aside the petty differences that divide us and unite with singleness of purpose and conviction strikes most of us as unattainable. In a literal sense, we have a hard time “getting it together.” There is a belief that pervades classical Jewish teaching that when Jews are disunited, we provide the opening through which our enemies penetrate and besiege us, and conversely, that the most potent weapon we have is a posture of shoulder-to-shoulder, arm-in-arm Jewish solidarity.

That belief is somewhat controversial and debatable and has had its critics in every generation, but it pervades classical Jewish teaching, and it is an assumption under which we have functioned from earliest times. It is a lesson we have learned well, in the abstract. In the real Jewish world, actions speak louder than abstractions.

Even the ideal of Messiah breaks down when we realize that given the present state of affairs, there would have to be a Chassidic Messiah (one per dynasty), a modern Orthodox Messiah, an Agudas Yisroel Messiah, a Conservative Messiah, a JDL Messiah, a Reform Messiah. I can imagine that when, if ever, the Messiah comes and a certain potato pudding is put down before him (her?), the entire Jewish world will hold its breath anxiously waiting to hear whether he calls it *kugel* or *kigel*, at which point half the Jewish world will puff out its chest in vindication, while the other half starts the search for another boy. (By the way, it's *kugel*!)

Things look pretty hopeless, no? NO. NO, not at all. Formidable, but not hopeless. Let us acknowledge that Jewish diversity is a good thing, that the last thing we want is for each Jew to be a clone of the next and for Judaism to be a towering, forboding monolith. There should be Chassidim and Misnagdim. There should be Orthodox and Reform. There should be Litvaks and Galitzianer. There should even be a few Jewish atheists. Diversity is healthy. But, let us also sign a pact amongst ourselves that there will be some things, elementary but substantial things, upon which all Jews from one end of the spectrum to the other can agree and feel good. That's where the hope is that we can find an agenda to which every Jew can pledge allegiance, one that gives us enough unity and strength of conviction to prevent our little differences and healthy diversity from overwhelming us.

I have given such an agenda much thought and propose it only in utter humility, knowing fully that I might be indicted for the arrogance of thinking that my agenda for unity is the one we ought to follow. But we've got to start somewhere, and I don't know of

anyone else who has yet actually put his mind and his pen to the task. These are my seven principles upon which all Jews should agree:

1. All Jews have a special, privileged, familial relationship with each other. All Jews are brothers and sisters, and all our dealings with each other are to be conducted in that context. We must have boundless *mishpochedik* (familial) love, even when we disagree, even when one of us really does something bad, not a love that blinds us or that prevents us from chastising or denouncing the wrongdoer, but a love that knows that a different, deeper tug pulls at our heart when a Meyer Lansky or a Meir Kahane does wrong than when a Jesse Jackson or a Yasir Arafat does wrong.

The idea of hatred between Jews should be a lurid, obscene contradiction in terms. When one hurts, we all must hurt. When one succeeds, we must all rejoice.

2. All Jews have a commitment to the wellbeing of the *entire human family*. The same Torah that commands us to keep kosher and observe Shabbat and love our brother and sister Jew commands us with equal strength, “Do we not all have one Father; did not one God create us all? Why then do we deal treacherously with each other?” It is the same Torah that commands us on thirty-six separate occasions to love the stranger, more times than any other single Torah commandment. Jews are obliged by God's law to be universalists; it is not an optional add-on. It's part of the sticker price. The rest of the world cannot be summarily lumped into a basket as *goyim* and *schvartzes* undeserving of our concern. We must have a kindred spirit to all of God's creation. Upon this we *must* agree.

3. Israel must survive and flourish. As all our dealings with individual Jews must be conducted in the context of *mishpachah*, so our relationship with Israel must be within the same context of boundless love, love that sometimes even transcends strict rationality. We have long spouted the cliché that if Israel, God forbid, were to go down the tube, the rest of world Jewry would shortly thereafter follow suit. We can quibble academically as to whether that would necessarily be true, but we must live and act from day to day as though it were absolutely axiomatic. There is a special new zeal we feel when our actions are motivated not by a compulsion to save *them*, but to save *us*. In Israel's case there is no distinction.

When I said “survive and flourish,” I meant flourish not only economically, but as a nation

unlike others. Our commitment must be not only to sustain a land where Jews live, but to sustain a land where the special distinctiveness of Jewish values has its proudest showcase. Upon this we *must* agree.

4. A strong Diaspora must survive and flourish. This, on an elementary level, means that we must devote our energies to helping Jews who live in lands of oppression. But it also means something else for Jews like us who enjoy the privileges of Diaspora living. I don't believe that every Jew should go on *aliyah*, nor do I believe that the only redeeming quality of Diaspora Jewry is to pump much needed dollars into Israel. In fact, Diaspora has been a very creative experience for our people. It is no coincidence that the greatest academies of learning and scholarship, the greatest contributors to Jewish thought and philosophy, the finest prototypes for Jewish community structures and institutions have all been products of Diaspora.

There is something almost Darwinian in the idea that the challenge and the tensions and threats to continuity we have faced for 2,000 years in the laboratory of Diaspora have, along with a lot of bad stuff, generated a type of Jewish fitness and vitality that being left alone might never have stimulated. Even though we say, "Out of Zion shall come forth instruction," it is equally true that out of Diaspora shall come forth Jewish models that might even be the salvation of Judaism. A strong Diaspora must flourish. On this we *must* agree.

5. We must look before we leap. Jews must always be conscious not only of the immediate impact, but of the long term effects of the things they say and do. When we choose to be publicly critical of Israel or Jewish institutions or Jewish leadership, we need to ask ourselves whether we are making things better, or merely playing into the hands of our enemies. When Jewish organizations slug it out with each other over issues of turf and communal dollars, they need to ask themselves whether they are promoting the lofty goals to which they pledge allegiance, or whether they are contributing to further Jewish fragmentation and disunity. When individual Jews are about to treat each other with malice and ill will, they need to ask themselves if the point they are trying to make is really worth driving a wedge between one Jew and the next. To all of these things sometimes the answer will be "yes," and sometimes the answer will be "no," but let's at least think about it first in terms of what it might mean for all of us not just now, but down the road. On this we *must* agree.
6. We will not embrace the tactics and rhetoric our enemies have used against us as we pursue, or think we are pursuing, our own Jewish goals. It is sometimes just plain hard to feel the shoe on the

other foot, but we must. If we revile against the volatile combination of religious fanaticism and ultra-nationalism when it is dished up by the Ayatollah or Jerry Falwell, then we need to revile against it when it is dished up by brother and sister Jew here and in Israel. Intolerance is still intolerance. Terrorism is still terrorism. Paranoia is still paranoia. If Meir Kahane spews the selfsame venom in the name of Judaism that Hitler spewed against us fifty years ago, it makes no difference whether the object is Arab or Jew. Genocide is still genocide. The Hitler mentality is still the Hitler mentality, whether it is used for us or against us, and it needs to be pointed out as such.

We must not embrace the rhetoric and the tactics our foes have used against us, even when we think we are furthering Jewish interests. Jewish interests cannot be furthered through slander and proposals for genocide. On this we *must* agree.

7. We are all in this together. Better to learn it while we can enjoy it than to wait until the Hitlers of the world tell us there is no escaping. The things that unite us as Jews must overwhelm the trivial things that divide us. On this we *must* agree.

All Jews are brothers and sisters. We are committed to the wellbeing of the entire human family. Israel must survive and flourish. A strong Diaspora must survive and flourish. We will look before we leap. We will not embrace the tactics and rhetoric of our enemies. We are all in this together. For all that we might not agree on, let us at least agree on these.

This may not say it all, but at least it is a start. We have enough things that pull us apart. We need to start finding things that bring us together. It is a proposal, a plea, for Jewish unity. There is hope that one day we shall all be one, and the hope can start becoming a reality little by little, right now. Benjamin Franklin said it best: "We must all hang together or else assuredly we will all hang separately." Judaism deserves a better fate. Jews deserve a better fate. Our fate will be better if we start forging a different path, a new and better path together, right here and now. *Yesh tikvah! There is hope!*

Ed. Note: With permission of Rabbi Wilson, this article has been abridged because of our limited space.

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JUNE 1988

LISTOKINS TO PERFORM BALDWIN DEDICATORY RECITAL JUNE 12

The long-awaited grand piano is now a reality. A generous donation from Barbara and Bertram Levy (G'boro), and Jane and Richard Levy, and Renee and Paul Levy, in honor of their families, has made possible

the purchase of a Baldwin grand piano.

On Sunday, June 12th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commons auditorium, there will be recital to officially dedicate the piano. Ann Listokin is the featured guest artist.

Sponsored by the Morris A. Brenner Memorial Fund, this recital is our special thank-you to the Levy Family for their thoughtful gift.

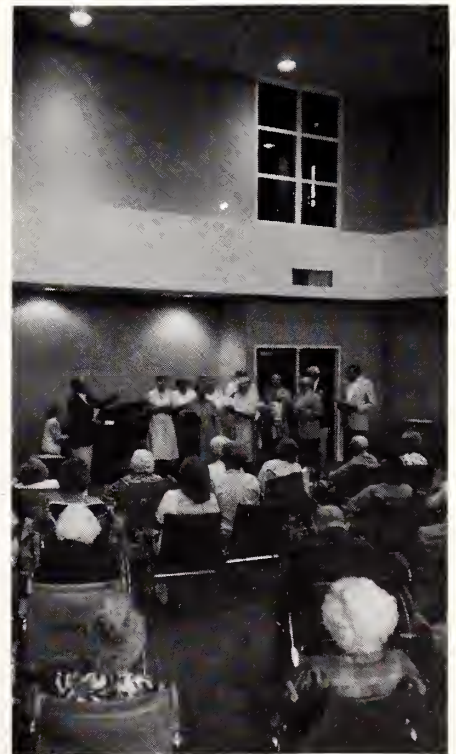


Alice Schaum (W-S), B-1 resident and an accomplished pianist, tried the keyboard recently.

A musician of broad experience and versatility, Mrs. Listokin is a staff pianist at Wake Forest University, teaches at Salem College Music School, and is a composer of choral music, chamber works, and solo instrumental works.

Assisting her on the clarinet will be her husband, Robert Listokin. Mr. Listokin is the clarinet professor at North Carolina School of the Arts and principal clarinetist for the Winston-Salem Symphony.

We are delighted to have a fine piano to enhance the performances of guest artists of the Brenner Concert Series. BJH residents and their families have discerning ears. They will appreciate the difference this instrument makes!



Residents from BJH and FAIR OAKS filled the auditorium in May to hear the Bermuda Village Chorus, our neighbors across the highway.

***The honest life
Is the only life.
Sister, brother,
Only fools choose another.
- David Merrell (A-Wing)***

Nurses on the Go, Need Special Care, Too

*Crisp and white walking down the hall,
Hastening to answer every call,
Medication carts rolling to and fro,
Watchful Nurses on the go.
Writing notes on charts piled high,
Letting go an occasional sigh.
Wondering if the shift will end,
And just how soon the next begins.
Feeling down and plain worn out,
Nurses face a total burn-out.
Angry families protest the care,
And claim the system's just not fair.
Nurses need special care, too.
It's really not hard to do.
Remember to say these last few lines
When that special Nurse gives you her time.
Thanks for staying that extra shift,
Thanks for giving my spirits a lift,
Thanks for showing me that someone cares,
Thanks for little things like brushing my hair,
Thanks for being my closest friend,
When times look like it was the end,
Thanks for helping me make that call,
Thanks for the walk down the hall,
Thanks for being that special one,
Who gives it all for a job well done!*

By Kathy Williamson, RN

*(Presented at National Nurses Week Luncheon,
May 6, 1988 in FAIR OAKS Dining Room.)*



Some of those attending the luncheon honoring our "Nurses on the Go"; L to R – Patsy Petree, Margie Sheets, Lorena Durham, Don Morris, Lucile Shaw, Linda Bean, Betty Gentry, Leisa Lamarr, Patsy Staley, June Sealey, and Joan Lennon.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of
Louie Carter, Percy Johnson,
Marie Merry, Jacob Pugh,
Norma Redman, and
Rose Spire.
May their cherished
memories bring comfort
to his loved ones.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in June:

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4 YEARS

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Mother/Daughter: Lois Sharp/Elaine Gilbert at B-2 Tea in May. Mrs. Sharp is from Mocksville.

JUNE CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
June 2	"SPRING CELEBRATION!", 9:30 a.m. (Lv. for Groves Stadium)
3	Services – Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m., (Lv. for Winston-Salem)
5	Brenner Concert: "Razz-Ma-Tazz", 3:00 p.m. (Commons Aud.)
12	Dedicatory Recital for the Grand Piano – Ann Listokin, guest artist. Sponsored by the Brenner Series, 3:00 p.m., (Commons Aud.)
14	Clemmons Sr. Citizens Lunch, 9:45 a.m. (Lv. for Clemmons)
15	Fishing Trip – Men's Club, 9:00 a.m.
17	Shopping Trip, 9:30 a.m. (Lv. for Hanes Mall)
23	"Beach Bash," 2:00–4:00 p.m., (Courtyard)
28	"Out To Lunch," 11:15 a.m. (Lv. for Winston-Salem)
29	Birthday Parties, 2:00 p.m., A-wing and B-1, 3:00 p.m., B-2

Be sure to check with us about 4th of July activities.

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SUE'S NEWS

— by Sue Clein

Spring has blossomed at BJH. The courtyard gardens, under the T.L.C. of volunteer Tony Swertfager, beckon us to enjoy their beauty. Our "Volunteer Garden" also has been putting forth buds, with beautiful "perennials" whom we can always count on for the joy they bring, and the new "annuals" whom we encourage each year for the brightness they bring.

A delightful selection from our early spring garden were: students from the Charlotte Hebrew Day School, singing in celebration of Israel Independence Day; mothers and children visiting for "Toddler Time"; and West For-

WELCOME

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

Frances Carder
Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Beth David Synagogue Sisterhood (G'boro) volunteers.

syth High School Key Club members, who joined residents in playing scrabble and bingo, or for a chat.

A special bouquet was the shopping trip sponsored by the Beth David Sisterhood. Members and residents shared a wonderful morning at Hanes Mall. We thank Sharon Kaiser, Sisterhood President, Esther Leder, Chairperson, and the other women who graciously shared the day with us: Eileen Bergman, Sylvia Brown, Ruth Hoffman, Sonya Lucas, Ellen Nelson, and Lynn Rosenthal.

We would love to have more "annuals" join our garden for special activities.

Included in our "perennial" garden are residents who provide service to BJH and to other organizations through their membership in the United Way's RSVP. They were among those honored at a brunch and seniors talent show held at Hanes Mall recently.

BJH RSVP members are: Claire Bernstein, Rose Halpern, Ruth Menins, Alice Fruh, Karl Cahn, and Sigmund and Anna Meyer.



BJH RSVP members at the Mall: L to R, Alice Fruh, Karl Cahn, Anna Meyer, and Sigmund Meyer. Mr. Cahn recently moved to FAIR OAKS. Mr. & Mrs. Meyer celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in April at BJH.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: WORST PILLS/ BEST PILLS

Ever wonder what makes older adults more likely to have adverse drug reactions? Ever suspect that someone you know is taking too many prescription drugs, or over-the-counter drugs? Are you at a loss as to what to do about it, or how to determine if there is some connection with sudden memory loss, disequilibrium, or sleeplessness and a mixture of pills that someone you care about is taking?

A non-profit public health organization has published a book for consumers that focuses on drug interactions in older adults (everyone 50 years and older!). What makes this different, is that it lists "do-not-use drugs" with safer alternatives, talks about drug-induced preventable diseases and symptoms, and rules for safer drug use.

Written for the layperson, WORST PILLS/BEST PILLS may be the best \$10 investment you've ever made to protect yourself or someone you love. To order:

Make \$10 check payable to: "Pills" Send with instructions to whom a copy is to be sent, and mail to

Worst Pills/Best Pills
2000 "P" St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

This book is not available in bookstores. It was the topic of the May 13 Donahue Show.

At right: Anna Lefkowitz chats with Rachel Liebschutz and Natalie Kojen of W-S, after the "Temple Emanuel Players" presentation of a Purim Play.



Rose Halpern at lunch in the Mall with Ester Leder of the Beth David Sisterhood.

Visiting a relative or friend in the Home or FAIR OAKS and needing a place to stay?

There are a few rooms available on campus. Rate is \$40 per night. To reserve a room, call (919) 766-6401.

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Dr. Avner Yaniv

Dr. Kenneth Stein is a scholar and lecturer of note. He received his B.A. degree from Franklin and Marshall College, and two Master's degrees from the University of Michigan (one in Near Eastern History, and the other in Near Eastern Literature and Languages). He also received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan. He has been a member of the Emory University faculty since 1977 and now serves as an Associate Professor of Near Eastern History and Political Science at the same institution.

He is author of *The Land Question in Palestine 1917-1939* (North Carolina Press), now in its second printing, and he collaborated with President Jimmy Carter in the writing of *The Blood of Abraham* (Houghton-Mifflin, 1985). In addition, he has authored more than three dozen articles, papers and book reviews.

Dr. Stein established the International Studies Center in 1979 and served as Director for five years. In February of 1984, he was appointed Executive Director of the Carter Center, and in September 1986, he became the Director of Middle East programs and Middle East Fellow of the Carter Center.

Dr. Avner Yaniv is a native Israeli, born on Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem, in 1942. He was schooled in Israel and served in the elite paratroop unit of the Israel Defense Forces. He obtained his higher education at the Hebrew University, The London School of Economics and Oxford University. Since completing his doctorate at Oxford, he has been a Professor of Political Science at the University of Haifa.

Dr. Yaniv has served as a senior consultant to the Strategic Political Planning Division of the IDF General Staff, as a guest lecturer at the Israeli National Defense College, and as a visiting scholar at Tel Aviv University, Hamburg University, Oxford University, the University of Maryland at College Park and Georgetown University (1982-1983, 1986-1988).

He has published three books: *Dilemmas of Security: Politics, Strategy and the Israeli Experience in Lebanon* (Oxford University Press); *Deterrence Without The Bomb: The Politics of Israeli Strategy* (Heath & Co.); *Syria Under Fire* (New York, St. Martins).

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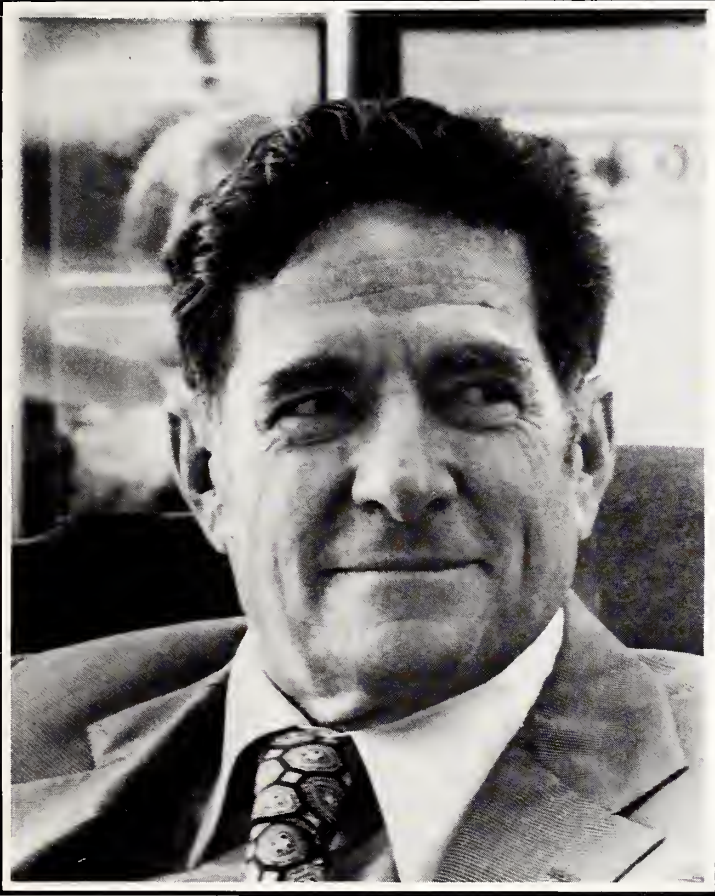
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What America Is All About

by Abraham H. Foxman

It's a Presidential election year again and with it come inevitable questions about the "Jewish Vote." Is there a "Jewish vote"? *Should* there be a "Jewish vote"? *What* are Jewish concerns?

Often, I get the feeling that this subject is dealt with too simplistically. The issue of the Jewish vote is as complicated as the American society of which the Jewish community is an integral part. Americans are people with a multitude of identities -- a special blend that makes America unique as a society.

Jews reflect this multiplicity -- as do all Americans, including those who are Catholic, Protestant, Black, Hispanic, Oriental, Italian, Irish, etc. We are concerned with such weighty public issues as the budget, the trade deficit, the instability in Central America, apartheid in South Africa, our fragile environment. We are also concerned with issues that hold a special emotional factor for Jews -- Israel, the plight of Soviet Jewry, anti-Semitism, the fight against discrimination and extremism.

Do Jews care more about the broader or narrower issues? This is not the right question. *Both* matter to us. We don't look at issues in an either/or context.

While historically there has been a strong liberal tradition in the Jewish community, today it is inaccurate to characterize Jews as having one political

philosophy (though liberalism remains strong). Attitudes are diverse toward government's role, military spending, taxation, etc.

On issues such as Israel, Soviet Jewry and anti-Semitism, however, there has been a community consensus, at least on basic philosophy. Thus, we have been able to identify candidates who seem "good for the Jews" and we have been able to convey to all the candidates that consensus on issues important to the Jewish community.

Jews have had impact on candidates and Presidents precisely because of the perception of a united political posture vis-a-vis these issues. It is in this context that recent signs of public division within the Jewish community with regard to Israel are so disturbing. Should these signs of division continue and grow, then the ability to influence politically will diminish drastically. An ominous sign, indeed.

But to conclude on a more upbeat note -- Jews should take pride in the sense of responsibility that has characterized their attitude toward the electoral process. It is, to coin a phrase, what America is all about.

Mr. Foxman is national director of Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Does Might Make Wrong?

by Mortimer B. Zuckerman

The following are excerpts from Mr. Zuckerman's editorial published in U.S. News & World Report, July 4, 1988:

For Arab and Jew, the Middle East conflict has historic dimensions. Outsiders, faced with contending assertions of truth, tend simply to react to the previous night's TV images. The problem is compounded by the television's sheer emotional power: Even given the best of intentions, the TV lens confers morality—a sense of right and wrong—without perspective. There's the rub. Memory and history are generally absent from TV reporting, but they are crucial to understanding Mideast complexities...

Until quite recently, the image of Israel as the beleaguered democracy surrounded by enemies has engendered widespread moral support in the West—generally reflected in the media. It is the West Bank and Gaza disorders, especially as they appear on TV, that have led to a loss of moral support for Israel.

What's changed? For most Israelis, the fundamentals

remain unaltered: The Arabs are simply in a different phase of war. It is no less a war for the absence of tank forces and fighter jets; it is simply war by other means when West Bank teenagers throw rocks and firebombs and set forests on fire, or PLO agents murder or terrorize those Arabs willing to make peace. The weapons may be different, but the objective is the same—the unaltered goal of taking over "all of Palestine," the PLO's euphemism for the destruction of Israel.

Given the narrow margins for its security and the respect to which it is entitled for its conduct under siege, Israel has earned the room to maneuver to protect its very being. The media, especially TV, have the responsibility here to use words to give historic meaning to the images. History may not always reveal itself on the world's TV screens, but it must constantly be brought to bear on all our moral judgments. Must Israel be the permanent underdog to retain moral support in the West (and, for that matter, in the media)?

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Letter to Editor

The *Times Outlook's* yearly promotion of the Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres (we were featured on the April cover, with full page coverage of the information and application form) continues to greatly enhance the Yiddish Institute's visibility throughout the Southeast and beyond.

This year's early sellout of the Yiddish Institute reflects the surge of interest generated throughout the country in all aspects of the Yiddish language and culture. Celebration of our tenth season at Wildacres was an affirmation of this exciting trend.

Ah hartzickn dahnk (heartfelt thanks) for so generously publicizing the Charlotte Yiddish Institute over the last ten years. May this cooperative effort continue for many decades.

Mit Yiddishe cultur grussn,
Baila Pransky
Coordinator,
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(Ed. Note: See pp. 8-9 for feature story and photographs of tenth Yiddish Institute.)

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A water bomber joins the effort to extinguish one of the recent fires in the Jerusalem region. Since April, over 35,000 acres of Israel's forests and pasturelands have been ravaged, at a cost of over \$35 million.

NCAJW and NCAJM Merge to Form Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men

by **Sandra Deckelbaum**

As a result of an overwhelming favorable vote of the members of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women (NCAJW) and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men (NCAJM), the merger of the two organizations was made official on June 22, 1988. The combined organization will be known as the CAROLINAS ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH WOMEN AND MEN.

The goal of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men is to continue the development of an organized Jewish network throughout the Carolinas with the express purpose of benefiting every Jewish community and individual through activities, both social and educational, which will deepen religious life, and to administer funds for charitable and educational purposes. The projects of the organization will continue to be the Remembrance Fund with proceeds going to the Blumenthal Jewish Home; the Cadillac Raffle for the benefit of the Blumenthal Jewish Home; Fair Oaks; the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE); Student Loan Funds; Judaic Studies programs at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill. There are plans to reactivate the Association of Jewish Youth.

Applications for membership in the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men will be mailed to you shortly. Dues will be \$10. for a single person and \$18. for a couple.

The new officers and board will be introduced in the next issue of the **Times Outlook**, and new ideas and programs will be reported as they develop.

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by **Lenora Stein**

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is a unique model Jewish educational venture. Through workshops, teacher training, consultation, curricular materials, model projects, outreach, newsletters and an ever-expanding multi-media resource center library, CAJE has, since 1983, provided the best and the brightest on the Jewish educational scene to its members.

It is through the ongoing interest and support of CAJE members in creating a cooperative network, that CAJE has been able to continue to meet and serve the Jewish educational needs of congregations, schools and individuals in the Carolinas and beyond.

Plans are already underway for the 1988-89 school year. In the coming months you will be hearing

much about our new programs, services and materials.

We are asking for your support so that CAJE may continue to stay on the forefront of every new development in Jewish education.

The new membership year runs July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989. The institutional annual membership fee covers all affiliated rabbis, educational directors, principals and teachers, and includes unlimited use of CAJE materials, facilities, consultations, etc. as currently available. The fee for congregations/schools over 150 members is \$50, and for under 150 members, \$25. Individual membership is \$10.

Please send your name, address and check, payable to CAJE, to CAJE, 1727 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

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Morris B. Abram & Edgar M. Bronfman Dialogue in Statewide Forum, September 6

Prominent Jewish World leaders, Morris B. Abram and Edgar M. Bronfman, will dialogue in a Statewide Forum, *FRIENDSHIPS UNDER PRESSURE: The World Jewish Community and Israel*, Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue, 804 Winview Drive, Greensboro, N. C. The Jewish community is invited to this educational event at no charge, and there will be no solicitation.

Morris B. Abram is Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and the National Conference of Soviet Jewry. Edgar M. Bronfman is President of the World Jewish Congress.

The Forum, chaired by Adam Abram of Chapel Hill, Herman Blumenthal of Charlotte, and Arthur Cassell of Greensboro, is sponsored by the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, and the Jewish Federations of Charlotte, Durham-Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Wake County. For further information, call the Greensboro Jewish Federation office, (919) 272-3189.

Morris B. Abram

Morris B. Abram, attorney, is a partner in the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, New York City. He is past President of Brandeis University and of the American Jewish Committee. A native of Fitzgerald, Georgia, Mr. Abram holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia, a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Chicago Law School, and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he earned bachelor and master's degrees. During World War II he was an Air Force Intelligence Officer, after which he was a member of the American Prosecution Staff, International

Military Tribunal, Nuremberg, Germany

Mr. Abram was appointed First General Counsel of the Peace Corps in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy; U.S. Representative, United Nations Commission on Human Rights, 1965-68, by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and Vice Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1983-86, by President Ronald Reagan. Morris Abram wrote his autobiography, *The Days Short* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1982), contributes articles to numerous publications, and lectures frequently on Civil Rights.

Edgar M. Bronfman

Born in Montreal, Canada, Edgar M. Bronfman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University in that city, and has received honorary doctoral degrees from Pace University, New York; Williams College, Massachusetts, which he had attended; and Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur (of the French government). He joined the business firm, Distillers Corp.-Seagram Ltd. (now The Seagram Co. Ltd.) in Canada in 1953. Two years later, he moved to New York as Chairman, Administrative Committee of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., and currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of both companies. He became a United States citizen in 1955.

President of the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, he is a Trustee of the Bronfman Fellows of Columbia University and the Bronfman Scholarships at New York University. Mr. Bronfman is widely recognized as a visionary philanthropist. Under his leadership as President of the World Jewish Congress, the bonds between the various Jewish communities have been greatly strengthened.

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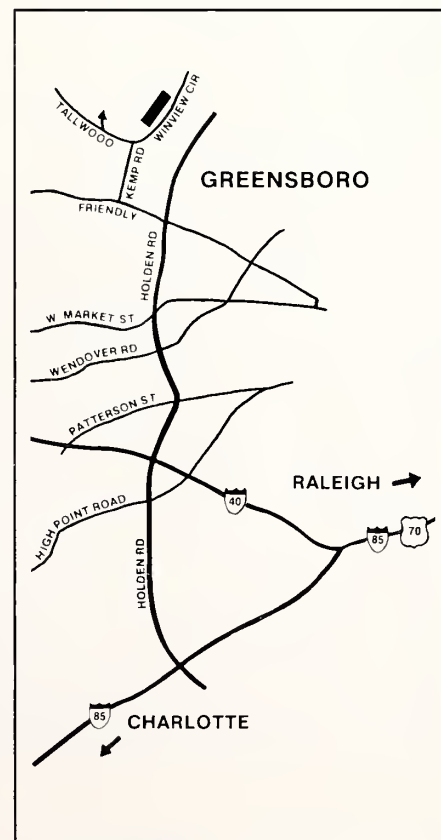
There will be buses from Charlotte, departing Shalom Park at 4:45 p.m. and arriving at Beth David Synagogue in time for the Forum, and returning to Charlotte immediately after the program. Cost is \$10 per person, including a box supper. Reservations must be made by September 2 by phoning Charlotte Jewish Federation office, (704) 366-5007.

Directions

Beth David Synagogue, 804 Winview Drive, Greensboro, N.C., is located in the northwest section of Greensboro, 2 miles west of Friendly Shopping Center and east of Guilford College. For further information, call Beth David Synagogue office (919) 294-0007.

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DAVE LERNER

(1896-1988)

by Eric Lerner

In a videotape interview made a few years ago, Dave Lerner said, "If I could live over, I'd read all the books in the world that I could." He also stated in a newspaper article that "a man is never lonely with a good book."

Dave Lerner was born in 1896 to Shimshon and Tova Rivkah Lerner in Uskowice, Przemyslany, Austria-Hungary, later to become Poland. He was the youngest of 10 children. His father had two or three milk cows and sold their milk for his income. He carried the milk to the next village in order to get a little more money. The children milked the cows. Another "Home Industry" in which the children participated was the manufacture of shoe dye.

As a child, Dave learned Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish, Russian and German. Dave's father hired a tutor to teach the boys Hebrew and Judaic studies. His father insisted that a Jewish education was much more important than a secular education.

Dave's brother Isaac, who had immigrated earlier, brought Dave to America in 1913. After landing at Ellis Island, Dave went to his brother Isaac's home at 13 Pitt Street on the Lower East Side of New York City. Dave's first job was as a busboy in a restaurant on Christy Street for \$12 a month. Then he became a night watchman there and was given a cot of his own to sleep on at the restaurant. His second job was as a tailor, where he worked for 10 hours a day, 6 days a week (not on Shabbos).

The Leinwands, cousins of Dave, came South from New York and invited Dave to work in their stores: Philip Leinwand in Rowland, N.C. and Isaac Leinwand in Branchville, S.C. (Philip's family is now in Whiteville and Isaac's is in Elizabethtown.) Dave worked in Rowland for six months, then moved to



Dave and Ann Lerner, 1931.

Charleston, S.C. where he worked for Sam Banof.

Dave wanted to go into business for himself in Lake View, S.C. He had saved up to \$100. In Lake View, he rented a store from a man named Ford who was a police officer. Mrs. Ford was a teacher and helped Dave speak English correctly. He bought merchandise from Sam Solomon and other Jews in Charleston. The boll weevil destroyed the cotton crop in that region, and retail business was affected badly. After five years in business in Lake View, Dave moved on.

He traveled to several towns in South and North Carolina looking for a vacant store. He found one in Lincolnton, N.C. where he opened his clothing store in 1924 and remained in business for 56 years. Mrs. Lewis Ruth was his first clerk and she worked for him until the store closed in 1981. Dave Lerner said that ladies shoes were the best item in the store, then came men's work shoes. "I made a living...I was my own boss...I was eating three meals a day...I didn't have to work as hard as I did in a factory in New York."

In 1931, Dave went back to Europe to visit his family. His sisters took him to meet some girls in the village of Przemyslany, Poland where he grew up. He liked



Ann Lerner, Sam (on lap) and Harry, 1934.

the "thin" one. She was tall, thin, 22 years old, and the daughter of a miller. Her name was Ann Pfeffer. Dave and Ann were married three months later. He returned to the United States and applied to bring his wife over. Ann arrived in Lincolnton with feather beds and pillows for her new home. Their first son, Harry, was born in 1932, and Sam followed in 1933.

Dave brought his nephew Max, Isaac's son, to Lincolnton to go into business with another nephew, Leon Lerner, whom Dave brought over from Poland just before World War II. Max later opened his own store in Taylorsville, N.C., and Leon operated and owned a retail business in Lenoir, N.C. Both men are now retired, but still reside in those communities and were very close to their Uncle Dave.

FAMILY CHRONOLOGY

Ann Lerner died in 1969.

Dave became blind in 1963 and died April 3, 1988.

Sam married Lynn Rosenberger in 1962.

Their children are Mark, 25 years old; Gary, 23; Eric, 21; and Julie, 19. They live in Charlotte, N.C. Sam died on June 3, 1987.

Harry married Gloria Katzen in 1967.

Their children are Alexis, 14 years old and Reid 11.

My Grandfather-- Dave Lerner

by Eric Lerner

Until you realize and accept death as a part of life, you will not know how to live.

Some of us called my grandfather Pops, but most people knew him as Mister Dave. My grandfather, a prominent small town merchant, passed away on April 3, 1988. Failing health brought him to Charlotte, the home of his two sons, my Uncle Harry and my father Sam, *alav hashalom*. Born in Poland in 1896, he operated his clothing business in Lincolnton, North Carolina for 56 years. He was widely known throughout the community and operated his business for 20 years after losing his sight.

I have learned from my grandfather the values of family, perseverance and humility. The toils of his life taught me to appreciate the many aspects of life that we often take for granted. Pops was a shy and humble man who had a subtle sense of humor. He was self-educated and deemed a good education one of the most important achievements for his children. Bar Mitzvah, according to our grandfather, was the beginning of learning, not the end.

He was instrumental in bringing many relatives over from Poland right before and after the onslaught of Hitler and the Nazis. His greatest source of pride was the high esteem with which he was regarded by all who knew him and got to know the honesty and integrity of this man.

One of my grandfather's great nephews recalls the fact that Pops would not go to see a 25 cent movie, but would send hundreds of dollars overseas to help his family in Europe. Few relatives can recall Pops' ever turning down someone in need. We, of the later generations, often fail to realize the value of money as we ignore the sacredness of *tzedakah*.

To Pops, a good name was to be

prized over fine possessions. He reminded us that "...a long life ends soon, but a good name endures forever. A happy man is the man who has acquired a good name, and retains it when he departs this world." Pops often repeated that a happy man is he who has a spoon, a fork and a pillow.

He was always upbeat, smiling and never complained in spite of his blindness. He regarded his blindness as a blessing because it allowed him to slow down and enjoy life, although he continued to work for twenty years as a blind man. Although he had never seen any of his six grandchildren, Pops knew us well. He was alert and sharp almost to the end, but the death of his younger son, my father, had a profound effect on Pops. Sam and Pops seemed to share the same subtle sense of humor and laid back style.

One cannot truly understand the love and appreciation that these immigrants had for the wonderful opportunities that were presented to them here in America, the land of hope and opportunity for many European Jews and political refugees.

Above all, Pops taught his children and six grandchildren what it meant to be Jewish. My grandfather and my father were wise not only in words, but more importantly in deeds. They were men of action actively participating in such *mitzvahs* as bringing family out of Nazi Europe or supporting the State of Israel.

Pops was an inspiration to all of us. He always had a smile on his face. If he were asked what he would like, he'd reply, "My name is Jimmy; I'll take anything you gimme." Despite his adversity, he found true contentment in listening to the radio and educational tapes or reminiscing with his grandchildren.

He did make one small request of his six grandchildren. Pops asked that each of us marry a nice Jewish girl or boy and raise a Jewish family.

Fortunately, Pops was blessed with a death free of agony and pain. As Pops bade me farewell for the last time, he said, as he had said for years to all family and friends, "*Gay gezunt, fuhr gezunt, kumt tzurik gezunt*. Go in health, travel in health, return in health."



The Lerner Family, taken in 1931 in Poland when Dave went back to visit. He is on far right end of second row from bottom.

Charlotte Yiddish Institute — Tenth Anniversary

by Bobbie Pollard

From registration in the gaily decorated office at Wildacres, with its sign in the window saying "Shalom -Welcome," to the last notes of "Shalom Chaverim, L'hitra-ot," sung on Sunday morning, the 10th Annual Charlotte Yiddish Institute was a constant whirl of singing, dancing, learning and laughing.

The Institutnicks had come from near and far: from the Carolinas, New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Illinois, Massachusetts, Florida, Virginia, Georgia, Texas, Connecticut and Rio de Janiero. Twelve of them plus our host, Herman Blumenthal, had been to every one of the Institutes. From the year 1979 and 1980 when there were about fifty people, about 25 returned in 1988, having been to most Institutes in the interim. It's addictive!

The original committee who dreamed a Yiddish dream and made it come true, Moishe Bienstock, Sarah and Yehuda Goldman, Esther and Lazar Hoffman, Raizel and Abraham Luski, Baila and Yaineh Pransky, were all here for the tenth time. Part of the original committee were Sarah and Gedalia Ackerman who were in Israel at the time of the Institute. This first group was joined by Liebe Pollard, Elkie and Zalman Tulman.

A great part of the enjoyment of these Institutes is the pleasure of meeting and greeting friends not seen since the year before and getting to know the newcomers. The group this year grew to 109, but unfortunately there were many others we were unable to accommodate. The warm and haimish atmosphere is part of our success.

Abraham Luski welcomed everyone on Thursday evening and gave the keynote address. He reported the strengthening of Yiddish in America and that now it is a viable language in Israel and is taught at universities in both countries.

The coordinator, Baila Pransky, gave a history of the Charlotte Yid-

dish Institute and a report on the many Yiddish cultural activities our charity funds support. Included in these are scholarships and a worldwide Yiddish Folk Song contest. The winning song, submitted from Montreal, is featured, words and music, in the current issue of *Yung-truf*. The funds come from various sources including contribution cards. Donations can be sent to Bobbie Pollard, 6117 Creola Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226 and both donors and the recipients of good wishes will be acknowledged on attractive cards designed by Abraham Luski. Abraham also designed the ten covers for our programs, all of which were on display this year. Baila then introduced the committee members, the speakers, the workshop givers and the instructors, all of whom gave a brief description of their part of the Institute.

After the formal activities each evening, we meet in the canteen for a *kumsitz*—though here it's more like a *kumstand*—and everyone socializes, catches up with events of the past year, and discusses the events of the day, while noshing on

the goodies brought up by the participants. On Friday and Saturday evenings this is followed up by a small band of diehards who sing along until the wee hours. With Marvin Bienstock on his guitar, Sherry Perchik at the piano and the Klezmer Band joining in, it seems every Yiddish favorite is sung before we finally call it a night.

This was Pearl Lang's first visit as lecturer. Pearl is an internationally known dancer and choreographer, as well as an interpreter of Yiddish poetry.

Chayele Ash and Avram Fuhrman are old friends of the Institute, and it was fitting to have them back at our "tenth."

Our other performers were *Die Yiddisheh Bandeh*, a Klezmer group from Chapel Hill. It consisted of Riki Friedman, clarinet; Mike McQuown, accordian; Leora Horiel, visiting here from Israel, violin; and Willi Walmark, trombone. This group not only played when it was its planned program, but was always ready to join in any impromptu song or dance, and with group of Yiddishists, that was often. Mike McQuown accompanied



The Yiddish Institute Committee (L. to R.) A. Luski, M. Bienstock, B. Pollard, R. Luski, E. Tulman, M. Goldman, B. Pransky, J. Goldman, J. Pransky, S. Tulman.

All photos by Sam Wallace.



Chayele Ash and Avram Fuhrman on stage.

Chayele and Avram in the Yiddish Theatre presentation.

Adam Holtzman, who led us in Israeli dancing on two evenings, was accompanied by the Klezmer Band. Adam taught several dances and was wise enough to teach some slow and easy ones!

On the more serious side, but still with song, services were conducted by John Pransky and Julius Goldman. They led morning minyans and *Broches* at mealtime. Yiddish was used as well as Hebrew and English. There was Kabbalat Shabbat Service before dinner on Friday. At Shabbat morning service, the Torah and Haftorah had been translated into Yiddish. Samuel Wallace put a lot of effort in making the Yiddish Torah reading have the right *trop*, not an easy task. And *Havdalah* under the stars and Venus made the moment more magical. To celebrate

our anniversary, a beautiful Havdalah set was presented to Wildacres and we hope we were the first of many Jewish groups to use it under the heavens.

We even had time for workshops. Beginners of Yiddish language were taught by Abraham Holtzman, who manages to give his students a good smattering of Yiddish in two easy lessons. Conversational Yiddish was given by Samuel Wallace for those who had the knowledge to speak fairly well, and for the real Yiddishists, Abraham Luski led Yiddish readings and discussions.

Bob (Reuven) Freedman gave a workshop entitled "The Mishpocha in Yiddish Song," covering family songs of the world of the immigrants, the real world, not always through rose colored spectacles.

Marvin Bienstock, who has worked nearly all his life for Jewish organizations and causes, left Charlotte last year for Columbia, S.C. and is working with a different set of people and committees. His lecture and discussion entitled "Some of my Best Friends" pointed out subtle differences between the corporate and private worlds.

Our Saturday night dinner was more of a party: Mae Goldman had made table decorations and there was an atmosphere of celebration.

A huge decorated cake was served and of course there was more singing and dancing. This group does not need much excuse to break out into song!

A symbolic end to this really wonderful weekend was the planting of a dogwood tree outside the new auditorium. We left with the feeling we will be back to watch it grow—along with our love for Yiddish and the friends we have made.



Tree planting ceremony.

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Hickory Jewish Center Hickory, N.C. by Liz Garrick

Hickory Jewish Center sold its building to the Unitarians. The name has been changed to TEMPLE BETH SHALOM HJC. May 29 was moving day. Everything was packed and put into storage until the new facilities are completed.

There was a Sisterhood meeting at the HJC on May 3 at which time new officers were elected. They are: Judy Warren, President, and Ronnie Berndt, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sisterhood sponsored a yard sale on June 4 and raised over \$1,000. The annual pool party was held at the home of Marty and Barbara Kallman on July 17.

The congregation's officers for 1988-89 are: Al Garrick, President; Ron Berndt, Vice President; Dan Warren, Treasurer; Bob Friedman, Secretary.

The Bat Mitzvah of Mara Bauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bauman, was celebrated on May 7. The entire congregation was invited to hear Mara recite her Haftorah and join her family for a kiddish buffet at Hickory Dinner House.

Stacy Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Cohen, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on June 18 at the City of Morganton Municipal Auditorium. The congregation heard Stacy recite her Haftorah and joined the Cohen family for a kiddish after services.

Congratulations to Amanda Garrick and Ross Guttler for winning ribbons in the county-wide Art Contest held at the Hickory Museum of Art.

Best wishes to the following graduates: Steve Kurzer, UNC-Chapel Hill Law School; Elizabeth Kurzer, East Burke High School; Jenny Kurzer, UNC-Chapel Hill; Rachel Kurzer, Virginia Common-

wealth.

Condolences to the family of the late Tessie Cohen.

Tessie Lederer Cohen Died

Tessie Lederer Cohen, 85, of Hickory died June 1, 1988 in an area hospital following a period of declining health. Mrs. Cohen was born in New York City and was educated in the New York City schools and at New York City College. She was the widow of the late Harry Cohen, a Hickory merchant.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of Temple Beth Shalom in Hickory, N.C. and the Agudath Achim Synagogue of Savannah, Ga. She was a member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. Mrs. Cohen was buried in Savannah.

She is survived by three daughters, Ethel Kaminsky of Lenoir, N.C., Dena Jacobs of Tesuque, N.M., and Sara Jordon of Greensboro; and also by three sons, David Cohen of the home, Julius Cohen of Norwood, N.C., and Manuel Cohen of Moncks Corner, S.C. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Savannah on June 2. Mrs. Cohen was a resident of Hickory for 65 years.

Memorials may be made to the Blumenthal Jewish Home, Agudath Achim Synagogue of Savannah, Temple Beth Shalom of Hickory or to your favorite charity.

Glenn Zerden Remembered by Estelle Hoffman

The Dorchester Story, by Benjamin Epstein, was recalled in the *Hickory Daily Record* published in Hickory, N.C., April 19. It is the story of the sinking of the U.S.S. *Dorchester* during World War II on February 3, 1943 and the loss of life of Lt. Glenn Zerden of Hickory. Benjamin Epstein is a survivor of the disaster.

In the December 1987 issue of the *Times Outlook*, Marvin Zerden, brother of Glenn, contributed Part One of *Having Roots*, followed by Part Two in our January-February 1988 issue in commemoration of his brother and the history of the Zerden family in Hickory.

In the cold waters of the North Atlantic many American youths perished as lifeboats overturned, although a Coast Guard cutter picked up some survivors. Four chaplains perished after giving their life preservers to save the lives of others. The chaplains were Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. Lt. Glenn Zerden was the second fatality of Hickory servicemen in World War II.

Amidst the increasing publications on The Holocaust, perhaps too little recollection is given to the price paid by Americans whose lives were sacrificed in the enormous effort required to end the horror of the Nazi onslaught. Those of us who were adults at the time can remember our fear during the first two years of our participation, when it was uncertain when, and indeed *if*, we could turn the tide in our favor. The *Dorchester* was one of many ships torpedoed by the formidable German submarines, which for a long time seemed invulnerable.

Born in 1918, Glenn Zerden had lived only 25 years when he was killed. We were unprepared to wage a great war, having fought World War I in order to end all wars. Perhaps we share collective guilt, having been the generation who decided we would never need to fight again.

The Dorchester Story and the memory of Glenn Zerden weigh heavily on the hearts of his contemporaries who suffer the loss of dear ones. We would like to perpetuate the memory for subsequent generations, and appreciate efforts such as these writings to do so.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

Kinder Congregation is held once a month on the Friday evening of Family Night. At this time, children ages two to five meet in the music room with teachers, Cookie Mendelsohn and Carol Klein, for a 40 minute service and activities appropriate for pre-schoolers. Then the children rejoin their parents in the main sanctuary.

The Social Club, chaired by Larry and Lee Levy, is holding many enjoyable events: a day on Lake Norman at the home of Len and Phyllis Frushtick, on August 7; a weekend in the mountains at Sugar-Top Condominiums, August 19-21; a visit to the "Ramesses Exhibit" at the Mint Museum, October 9; a Chanukah party, December 4; an "End of the Year Weekend" at the beach.

Sisterhood is sponsoring a Jews by Choice Support Group for people who have converted or are considering conversion, but have not yet made the commitment. If you are interested in participating, call Ginger Snitz, 846-8205, or Susan Rabinovich, 365-4750.

Mazal Tov to the following Bar/Bat Mitvah celebrants and their families: Peter Kavadlo, son of Ali and Gene Kavadlo, on June 4; Harry Tepper, son of Cathy and Sam Tepper, who was twinned with Kirill Altman of the Soviet Union, on June 18; Lauren Weisman, daughter of Patti and Dr. Harold Weisman, on June 25.

Mazel Tov to Pearl and Ralph Kier on the birth of granddaughter, Melanie Kier, born to Drs. Stephanie and Ruben Kier of New Haven, Ct.; to Judy and Milton Tager on the birth of grandson, Ross Louis Draluck, born to Bonnie and Ronny Draluck of Atlanta, Ga.; to Bertha and Boris Wojnowich on the birth of grandson, Gili Wojnowich, born to Shefe and Dr. Leonard Wojnowich of Savannah, Ga.; to Pam and Stuart Segal on the birth of daughter, Stephanie Michele, granddaughter of Dorothy

and Al Segal; to Laurie and Jack Leader on the birth of their son, Benjamin Philip; to Judy and David Miller on the birth of their son, Matthew Adam.

Engagements have been announced for Doris Fligel's son, Robert to Rachel Scherer of Larchmont, N.Y.: Raphael Goozner and Renee Schacher will marry on September 24. Their parents are Estelle and Sidney Goozner and Mrs. Jerrie Schacher, and grandmother is Mrs. Joe Cohen.

Congratulations to Leigh Anne Freeston and Brett Goodman, son of Shirley and Eddie Goodman, who married at Temple Israel, May 29; to Deborah Bober, daughter of Bette and Abe Bober, who married James Hamilton at Temple Israel, June 26.

Deepest sympathy to Judi Rosenberg and Paula Klein on the passing of their father, Joseph S. Tannen; to Dr. Leonard Fox on the loss of his father, Melech ben-Pesach Fox; to Mrs. Frances Vener on the passing of her daughter, Rhoda Vener Salazar; to Nettie and Ralph Smith on the loss of their grandson, Frank Pettus; to Joan and Emil Goldsmith, Mrs. Marian Glasser, Judy Ratcliff, Mark and Scott Goldsmith on the loss of their son, grandson and brother, Michael Goldsmith.

CAJE Winners

Temple Israel is proud to announce that Wendy Rosen, of Temple Israel Pre-School, was awarded third place in the 1987-88 Creative Project of the year competition, for her outstanding entry of "Pre-School construction paper kippah project." This national competition was sponsored by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education.

This was a school-year long contest, designed to recognize and reward the most successful teacher-generated classroom projects produced among the CAJE network of schools and congregations.

Honorable mention went to Tami Bernat of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies, Sue Brodsky of Temple Israel Religious School and Patti Weisman of Temple Israel Pre-School.

Hamilton-Bober Wedding Charlotte, N.C.



Mrs. James Hamilton

Deborah Ann Bober and James Lowell Hamilton were married June 26 at Temple Israel, under a *chupah* made of *talit* and flowers. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Marc Wilson and William Hamilton, the groom's brother who is studying to be a rabbi.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bober of Charlotte. She earned a B.A. degree from Duke University and an M.B.A. from Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. She was a retail supervisor for Gulf Products Division of British Petroleum in Jacksonville, Fl. and is relocating in Chicago.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Hamilton of Highland Park, Il. He holds a B.S. degree from Vanderbilt University and an M.B.A. from Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. He is a tax associate at Price-Waterhouse.

The bride carried a white bible given to her mother by her great grandfather.

Maid of honor was Tina Koopersmith of Durham. Bridesmaids were Laura Ellis of Nashville, Susan Hamilton of Highland Park, Rochelle Myers of Greensboro, and Stefanie Warren of Irvine, Ca.

Best man was William Hamilton of Highland Park. Groomsmen were Dr. Mark Dubin of Chicago, Thomas Rose of Nashville, Richard Gertler of Evanston, Ill., and Richard Weinberg of New York. Ushers were Mark Feldman of Chicago and Adam Myers of Greensboro.

A reception was held at the Adams Mark Hotel.

After a trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Chicago.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom Bluefield, W.V.

by Susan Sapinsley

While not exactly in the Carolinas, Congregation Ahavath Sholom of Bluefield, W.V. has served a 40-mile area since the turn of this century. A Reform congregation of some 85 families, the synagogue now includes third and fourth generation members.

Having the only full-time rabbi within a hundred miles, and the only religious school within the same area, the congregation meets the needs of Jewish families from as far north as Beckley, W.V. and as far south as Wytheville, Va.

For 1988-89, the congregation board is being led by Harold Fineberg, president; Patricia R. Lasker was elected president of the Sisterhood, affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods since 1929.

Other adjunct organizations in the Jewish community are B'nai B'rith, the president of which is Samuel Laufer, and Hadassah, whose new president is Vickie Epstein. Leading the Sisterhood sponsored Temple Youth Group is Erin Platnick, whose mother, Mar-

cia Gordon Platnick, acts as TYG advisor.

Some 25 children attend Sunday morning religious school classes which are taught by congregants and Rabbi E.L. Sapinsley who also teaches Hebrew students during the week, either on a one-to-one basis or in small, individualized classes. Rabbi Sapinsley has been with the congregation since December 1975 and will begin a new three-year term in August.

The synagogue's present structure was built shortly after World War II in a Bluefield residential neighborhood. Previous homes had been in various Bluefield locations; until after World War II, an affiliate group maintained services in the neighboring town of Princeton, being served by the Bluefield rabbi as well.

As it approaches the hundred year mark, Congregation Ahavath Sholom can look with pride to successful efforts of giving a positive Jewish identification for members coming from Europe, the United States and Canada to this rather isolated, but visually beautiful, area bordered by five states, including North Carolina to the south with a short hop, skip and jump over southwestern Virginia.

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Camp Lejeune/Jacksonville Jewish Community, N.C.

by David P. McKee

Spring has been a very busy time for the Camp Lejeune/Jacksonville Jewish community. The Passover Seder was held at the El Mex Restaurant for the second consecutive year. A capacity crowd attended the Seder and watched David Muller find the afikomen. Sandy Apple taught the El Mex chef her personal recipes for potato kugel, apple kugel, passover bagels and matzo brie. El Mex had a Passover brunch on Sunday, April 3 which had in its menu Passover bagels and matzo brie.

To raise money for the Staff Sgt. Soifert Camp Scholarship Fund, an auction was held at Bob and Vicki Margulies' home. Over \$300 was raised. The community is sending Stacy Hollaway and Matthew Finger to Camp Coleman, Cleveland, Ga. on full tuition scholarships.

A weekend retreat was held on May 13-15, with Rabbi Abraham Karp, professor of Jewish history at the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y. being the scholar-in-residence. Rabbi Karp conducted four workshop sessions. The retreat concluded with an Israeli Independence Day Picnic hosted by the religious school.

Springtime also brought orders for the following families. The David McKees are going to Hawaii; the Ken Barracks are going to New York City; the Robert Magnuses are going to Washington, D.C.; Jeff Greenwald is off to New Brunswick, N.J.; the Bob Margulies are going to Cherry Point, N.C.; Marc Hartzell is going to Okinawa for one year; and the Jeff Kramers are off to Washington, D.C.

In the local public school systems, the following children were commended for their academic excellence: Selma Allen; Margo, Naomi and Lorann Creel; Roy Dank; Matthew Finger; Brian Farmer; Jonathan and Jeremy Hartzell; Stacy Hollaway; Beth and David Magnus; Melissa Martinez; Françoise and Sean

McKee. Matthew Lawson will attend N.C. State School of Engineering; Selma Allen will attend Mary Baldwin College, Stanton, Va.

Newcomers to the Camp Lejeune area are Lisa and John Whitney, Jim Hahner, Bethany Gold, and Joseph Allen.

Congratulations are in order to: Alan and Esther Finger on the Bar

Mitzvah of their son Matthew on Shavout. The Apples are also delighted with the engagement of their daughter, Rachael, to Alex Yasevich. An August 1989 wedding is planned. Michael Roseman is spending the summer working for Senator Terry Sanford. Joseph Allen was graduated from UNC at Wilmington with a Masters degree in English.

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Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The year's end is marked with congratulations, hellos and good-byes.

Mazel Tov to Ronnie and Deana Goldstein who have a new baby girl named Macy.

Mazel Tov to Joseph and Gina Doloboff on the birth of a son, David Benjamin, and to the proud grandparents, Jack and Arlene Doloboff.

Congratulations to Lyn Dunn who was given a National Presidential Award from the Southeast Region of Hadassah at the Southeast Regional Conference in Charleston, S.C.

Congratulations to David Schandler on receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Congratulations to Lauren Lisa Schandler who graduated from the University of Georgia School of Journalism. Lauren has started her job at the Del Mar Race Track in Public Relations.

Congratulations to Dove Feinberg who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Congratulations to Danny Wellisch who received his Master's Degree in Computer Science at North Carolina State University and is working at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Chicago.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates: Melanie Pesin, Adam Laibson and Lindy Friedman from Asheville High School; and David Kayne from Enka High School.

Congratulations to Joy Kayne on her 3.8 grade point average at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and on her election as Vice-President of Omicron Nu (The National Honor Society for Home Economics Students). Joy is doing an internship this summer, helping with the operations of the new Charlotte Apparel Mart.

In the Sunday School current events news department, thank yous go to Cynthia Savell, who coordinated a lovely Shavuot reception, to Barbara Miller and Rick Slosman, for taking the students to the Anne Frank Exhibition in Greensboro, and to Bob and Ellen Carr for co-chairing the end-of-the-year picnic. Barbara Lewin will be the new principal of the Sunday School.

At a Sisterhood meeting, the following were proposed to be on the Board for this coming year: Carol Deutsch, Administration; Cynthia Savell, Coordinating Events; Liz Nigrosh, Coresponding Secretary; Barbara Lewin, Treasurer; Sylvia Epstein, Oneg Shabbat Coordinator; and Ruth Baer, Torah Fund Chairman. Phyllis Sollod will be the Advisor. The remainder of the Board will be determined at a future meeting.

The Men's Club will meet Sun-

days at 8:00 a.m., with the meeting dates to be announced.

The Handicap Ramp is now a reality. The Synagogue Board voted to dedicate the ramp to the memory of Michael Jon Wellisch, son of Dr. and Mrs. Eric Wellisch, at a ceremony to be held later this year.

On June 12, the Annual Meeting, Cocktails and Dinner were held at Beth Israel. Entertainment featured Eliot Wadopian and his orchestra, the trio of Ellen Sandweiss-Hodges, Susan Wadopian and Deborah Hull, and included an original song presented by the teachers of the Sunday School: Carol Feingold, Barbara Laibson, Barbara Lewin, Steve Miller, Rick Slosman and Laurie Teich. The song was dedicated to Carol Deutsch, outgoing Principal.

Rabbi Pearlson dismissed the present year's officers and installed the following people: President, William Lewin; First Vice-President, Sheldon Winick; Second Vice-President, Robert Deutsch; Third Vice-President, Cliff Feingold; Secretary, Larry Casper; and Treasurer, Norma Feingold.

Following the installation, Céline Lurey, outgoing President, gave an introduction to the Man and Woman of the Year Awards. Milton Lurey presented Harry Lerner with the Man's Award, and Barbara Laibson presented Carol Deutsch, outgoing Sunday School Principal, with the Woman's Award.

A tribute to both people with poignant remarks concluded the gala evening. As the Congregation left the social hall, feelings were reminiscent of a lovely poem, which could touch and stimulate all (from an Installation script, *I Have Today*, by Women's League for Conservative Judaism):

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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters



Bill Grifenhagen

Temple Beth El V'Shalom's new president, Bill Grifenhagen, has an excellent cross section of experience in business, community and Temple activities. A former Peace Corps volunteer and teacher in the Philippines, where he met his wife, Gloria, Bill is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and has received numerous achievement awards during his twenty years in business. Bill is a financial planner with The Lyons Agency in Charlotte. He and Gloria have three children: Laura, Shara and Jonah.

Bill has been a board member at Temple Beth El V'Shalom for five years. He served on the Finance Committee for three years, was Financial VP for a year, and First VP last year.

Bill's involvement in the Jewish Community has really come to the forefront in the last two years, with the opening of Shalom Park. He is "committed to working toward getting Temple Beth El V'Shalom into its new sanctuary by High Holidays 1990." His overall objective is "to do everything I possibly can to promote greater harmony and a more acute focus within our Temple. The realization of these objectives will, as a natural corollary, bring about an even stronger congregation than we now have."

Rabbi Seigel's Birthday Surprise

After our year-end service, Rabbi Robert Seigel was more than surprised—shocked!—to find himself the star of his 50th Surprise Birth-

day Party arranged and staged at the oneg.

Orchestrated by his leading lady and wife, Faye Seigel, the production was an overwhelming success! The bright lights were dimmed and the audience of almost 300 members and friends enjoyed a show stopping feature, "Rabbi Seigel, This is YOUR Life," a slide presentation, highlighting Rabbi Seigel's life and career, produced and directed by Faye Seigel. She also wrote and narrated the poetic dialogue.

Ms. Pat Fearon, as emcee, led the audience in singing "Happy Birthday," and made the humorous presentation of the usual gag gifts that accompany "significant" birthdays.

Props and scenery supporting the scenario included balloons, streamers and a Cabbage Patch Rabbi Doll as the featured centerpiece. Rabbi Seigel's name appeared "in lights" on a 34-foot stage banner.

Happy 50th Birthday, Rabbi

Seigel!

Other Temple Happenings

Although the summer months are usually quiet, Temple Beth El V'Shalom is busy and growing. We recently welcomed Paul and Debbie Paskoff, Morgan and Joan Makley, and Renee Schacher as our newest members; Sally Schrader hosted a cookout and pool party for our 7th and 8th graders; the Social Club announced its Comedy Night Out evening; and Sisterhood held a Wine and Cheese Party to initiate its Temple Building project. Jerry Howard and Allen B. Saxe presented their photographs at a month long exhibit at the Speizman Galleries, Shalom Park.

Special congratulations to Ron and Sue Liss whose daughter, Rabbi Janet Liss, was recently ordained at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati. She will be the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Am in Tampa, Florida. Their son Larry, was graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in both psychology and religion.

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The Festival is a celebration of Jewish art and culture, featuring Jewish Artwork or Artwork created by Jewish Artists. Works will include jewelry, paints, sculpture, calligraphy, woodworking, pottery, quilting, weaving, needlework, Judaica, papermaking, enameling, decoupage, glassblowing, stained glass, mixed media, printmaking, dollmaking, and models. Displayed works may be sold (not required).

Artists who are interested in exhibiting should contact Beth David Synagogue Arts Festival, 804 Winview Dr., Greensboro, N.C. 27410, or call office (919) 294-0007 (Daytime only). Application deadline is September 15.

UNC/Duke Hillel

by Lauren Stone

N.C. Hillel ended its school year just as strongly as it began. Our successful programs were the result of very active student leadership.

Israel continues to occupy our minds and our hearts. The Honorable Muhamed Massarwa, Israel's Consul General in Atlanta, spoke to the Jewish Law Students' group at Duke and as part of the Great Decisions series at UNC. Our Shabbaton, at the conclusion of Pesach, was devoted to the theme of "Israel at Forty." Our resource person was Robert Satloff, a Duke alumnus now associated with the Institute for Near Eastern Policy in Washington, D.C. Students from the extension campuses at N.C. State and Greensboro came to share in the program. A number of students from South Carolina and Virginia participated as well.

Passover was fittingly observed with a Community Seder for 175 students. We also assisted a number of students in conducting Sedarim with friends in the dorms or arranged for home hospitality for those who desired to have Seder with a family.

This spring we initiated a Reform Student Outreach program. We invited several of the Reform Rabbis in the area to participate in a Discussion/Dinner series. The topics were suggested by a group of students and the various congregations sponsored the dinners. Rabbi John Friedman of Durham/Chapel Hill spoke on "Interdating"; Rabbi Arnold Task of Greensboro led a discussion on "How to Deal with Evangelical Groups on Campus"; and Rabbi Robert Seigel of Charlotte discussed the topic "Jewish Sexual Ethics."

We are already working on new and exciting programs for the fall and are looking forward to the return of the students. Our Reform Student Outreach Program will be continued. We will also attempt to have an auction that will be organized and run by the students to raise money for future Hillel programs. Another major area we will be focusing on is Israel. Our aim is to offer programs that will educate students about the current situation as well as provide a place for them to air their personal feelings. We plan to include the campus ministry and faculty in Israeli programs.

Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Camp Gan Israel

Campers at Gan Israel day camp in Charlotte had three action packed weeks in June. Judaism mixed with pleasure and fun makes Gan Israel the most exciting camp in the Carolinas.

This camp season was perhaps the best because of quality programming and excellent counselors. Over eighty children were enrolled in the Lubavitch camp, many of them first timers.

Campers were divided into four

groups according to their age, and each group was assigned an educational name: *Torah*, *Tzedakah*, *Mezuzah* and *Shabbat*. The names represent fundamental principles in Judaism.

Since the campers take many field trips, the counselors use bus time for teaching songs and telling stories to the children. Special song books contained many new melodies like "Puff the Kosher Dragon" and "I Am Popeye the Sailor Mensch Who Makes Kiddish because I Am Yiddish."

Every morning the campers started the day with Jewish calisthenics to the music of Gan Israel camp songs. Children also had the opportunity to lead the camp in songs and dances.

Programs included sports, educational trips, swimming, arts and crafts, challah baking. The children enjoyed visits to Carowinds, Buffalo Ranch, horseback riding and Asheboro Zoo. Boating on Lake Norman and a tour of Duke Power Company's Energy Explorium provided the children with information on electricity and water safety.

Challah baking was a wonderful experience for campers. In addition to baking delicious challah for Shabbat, the children learned about the *mitzvah* of separating challah which is a biblical commandment.

A new project this year was discovering your Jewish birthday and observing it with proper celebration. Every child registered in the National Jewish Birthday Club. This entitles him/her to a surprise gift on his/her birthday from the club's headquarters in New York.

Another special project that was introduced this year was a Shabbaton for the senior campers. At the invitation of Mariashi Goner, camp director, the campers spent the entire Shabbat at the Groner and Weiss homes with their counselors. This allowed them to experience a traditional Shabbat with services at the Chabad House. Friday night after Shabbat Dinner the campers and counselors enjoyed songs and

stories late into the night. Parents were amazed at the success of the Shabbat experience and expressed hope it will be repeated again next year.

Special thanks go to Elizabeth and Walter Klein and Mary and Simon Wojnowich for providing their beautiful swimming pools for the campers of Gan Israel.

The counselors who attend the Beth Rivka Teachers' Seminary, a Lubavitch School in New York, brought with them enthusiasm and true camp spirit. They were Dinah Abeshouse, Chanie Pinson, Soshie Rimler, Esti and Bassie Shemtov. Local staff included Karen Bernat, Debbie Maslov, Stuart Gordan and Roger Levine. Last but not least, Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss of Lubavitch in Charlotte who not

only participated and were involved in camp, but also shared many creative ideas with the counselors and staff.

Kosher Week in Charlotte

On June 17, Lubavitch of North Carolina in cooperation with Harris Teeter Super Markets launched a special project, Kosher Week. It was held at the Cotswold branch, and included a full display area of Kosher foods that are already in stock at the store.

Most prominent at the display was a model Kosher Home, tastefully decorated by Debbie Burks, office manager at Lubavitch. The Kosher Home is a miniature display of a Kosher kitchen with separate counters, sinks and dishes for dairy and meat products; a Kosher dining

room with table set for Shabbat, including candles, challah and wine; a sitting area with a collection of miniature Jewish books. The upstairs section of the house contains a master bedroom designed for family purity, and a children's bedroom which displays sacred Jewish books and a *tzedakah* box.

Free samples of Kosher food were available. A Kosher video informed shoppers of how to set up a Kosher kitchen. The famous *Lubavitch Women's Cookbook* was also available.

According to store manager, Nelson Plyler, "The response was extraordinary. Many people thanked me for the program. I was really overwhelmed by the support of the local Jewish community."

The store also attracted many newcomers who were amazed to learn how many products are actually labeled Kosher. The management agreed to expand Harris Teeter's Kosher inventory to accommodate the growing demand for Kosher foods in Charlotte.



Camp Gan Israel Day Camp 1988-5748.



Rabbi Binyomin Weiss at Kosher Week display.

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Beth Israel Synagogue Fayetteville, N.C.

by Col. (Ret.) Casper Berger

To celebrate his Bar Mitzvah, David L. Woodring conducted Friday evening and Saturday morning services on June 18 and 19 at Beth Israel Synagogue.

David's grandparents, Colonel (Retired) and Mrs. Casper Berger, hosted the Oneg and reception in the Synagogue's Social Room.

Rabbi Manuel Armon, who was David's teacher and mentor during the past year, deserves many thanks for inspiring and guiding David for this special occasion.

The Sisterhood and many of the congregants were especially cooperative and supportive during this celebration.

HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Lisa Pharr

PICNIC AND PONDER on August 30 will kick off Halailah's 1988-89 year. The covered dish dinner will be held at the home of Penny Eisenberg. For details, call (704) 847-4037.

A tea for prospective new members will be held September 7 at 7 p.m. at Lauren Lassman's home. If you are interested or want more information, call Lauren at (704) 846-3310 or Mindy Mescan at (704) 846-4658.

To order pine needles for an early October delivery, call Jackie Stutts, (704) 364-8360 or Penny Eisenberg, (704) 847-4037.

Halailah is beginning to prepare

Holiday Baskets for the High Holidays. A festive assortment of holiday necessities and gifts are distributed through Jewish Family Services to shut-ins, the elderly and the needy to help them celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Donations are appreciated and may be sent to Karen Rasenberg, 4612 Deanscroft Dr., Charlotte, N.C. 28226.

B'nai B'rith Lodge Charlotte, N.C.

by Eric Sklut

The Charlotte Lodge of B'nai B'rith Men ended its program year on a very high note. The annual installation gala was held at the Guest Quarters Hotel with a Wine and Cheese reception followed by installation, awards and presentations. The evening was completed with a tremendous array of fine desserts. The event was well-attended and everyone had a great time.

The new Board for 1988-1989 is: Steve Menaker, President; Jim Meadow, President-Elect; Sam Bernstein, VP-Fundraising; Jeff Turk, VP-Membership; Peter Levinson, VP-Programming; Jeff Fisher, VP-Publicity; Morris Spil, VP-Youth Services; Scott Menaker, Secretary; Stuart Cohen, Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Eric Sklut, Past President.

The North Carolina State Association Convention was held in Myrtle Beach this year with the South Carolina Delegation in attendance. The highlight of the convention was the installation of Ken Stern of Charlotte as the new President of the State Association.

Additionally, the Charlotte Lodge received top honors in two categories: Outstanding Lodge for N.C. and Outstanding Lodge President for N.C.

Coming events for the Charlotte Lodge include Baseball, Bowling, Blood Drives and Dinner/Speaker events. In order to receive the Lodge's monthly newsletter, contact Jeff Turk in Charlotte, 563-2603.

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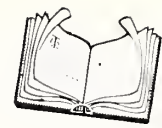
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Book Reviews



The Boats of Cherbourg

by Abraham Rabinovich

Henry Holt & Co. 322 pp. \$19.95

In October of 1967, after the Six-Day War, the Israeli destroyer Eilat was patrolling in international waters off the Egyptian coast at Port Said, northern entry-way to the Suez Canal. Towards evening, a cry from the bridge shattered the quiet of the Mediterranean sunset: "Green rocket to starboard."

The first missile left the Eilat dead in the water. With the second hit, the ship listed fifteen degrees to port. The third missile, fired like the others from a boat in the harbor thirteen miles away, laid the ship on the bottom. That day Israel knew it must develop and deploy its own missile fleet and anti-missile arsenal.

With the high suspense of an international thriller, *The Boats of Cherbourg* tells the dramatic story of the flight of five Israeli missile boats from Cherbourg harbor and the French embargo, reaching Israel after dodging the international police all the way. They made port in Haifa in time to enter the Yom Kippur war, during which they took part in the first missile-to-missile sea battles in history. "During the Yom Kippur War, the Israeli navy, outnumbered and outranged by Arab Missile boats, succeeded in clearing the eastern Mediterranean of the Syrian and Egyptian navies, prevented attacks on Israel's vulnerable coastline, sank at least eight Arab warships without a casualty or damage to its own vessels and eluded 54 Soviet-made homing missiles plus thousands of shells fired by coastal batteries. . . These actions represent a major turning point in the history of naval warfare" (*Publisher's Weekly*).

Abraham Rabinovich is a senior feature writer for *The Jerusalem Post* and a foreign correspondent. The Israeli navy and Israel's military

industries provided him access to hitherto highly classified information. He similarly gained access to previously untapped sources in France. He currently resides in Jerusalem with his two daughters.

The Enchantments of Judaism

by Jacob Neusner

Basic Books 224 pp. \$15.95

by Estelle Hoffman

"To be a Jew is to live both as *if* and also in the here and now. By *as if* I mean that we form in our minds and imaginations a picture of ourselves that the world we see every day does not sustain. We are more than we seem, other than we appear to be. To be a Jew is to live a metaphor, to explore the meaning of life as simile, of language as poetry and of action as drama and of vision as art. For Scripture begins with the judgment of humanity that we are 'in our image, after our likeness'; and once humanity forms image and likeness, we are not what we seem but something different, something more. And for Israel, the Jewish people, the metaphor takes over in the comparison and contrast between what we appear to be and what in the image, after the likeness of the Torah, we are told we really are."

The above paragraph is in Jacob Neusner's Epilogue to *The Enchantments of Judaism*. I have quoted it in the beginning, so that it may be understood that it is difficult to review this book. In it Jacob Neusner writes of the *Rites of Transformation from Birth through Death*. To say that the author explores the rites of circumcision, bar mitzvah, marriage, Grace after Meals, the Passover Seder, the Sabbath, the High Holy Days and death is too prosaic for the interpretation of the occasions which are presented in this work.

The language of *The Enchantments of Judaism* is poetic literature, from the mind of a profound scholar.

There is emphasis on the arts and the involvement of Jews in the arts, which Neusner believes enables them to live their Jewish identity "by reason of the power of creative arts."

He writes of Jews in the western world, in Europe, the Americas and Australia, where Judaism differs from that in Israel, because of our backgrounds and present environments. His thinking in this work of his seems to be original, and it is undoubtedly profound. It is not an ordinary explanation of Judaism. This reader believes that Jacob Neusner approves of American Jewry, that he wishes to inspire us to rise to higher levels, that he understands and appreciates our society. Readers of his articles in various periodical publications will find an entirely different note struck on *The Enchantments of Judaism*.



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Witnesses to the Horror

by Cecile Holmes White

Published in cooperation with
North Carolina Council on the
Holocaust

139 pp. \$17.95

by Estelle Hoffman

Cecile Holmes White, a native of Columbia, S.C., researched and wrote this book while working as the religion writer for the *Greensboro News & Record* in Greensboro, N.C. She now works as a religion writer for *The Houston Chronicle* in Houston, Tx.

The recollections in *Witnesses to the Horror* are verbatim tales of individual experiences of survivors of the Holocaust who now reside in North Carolina. Throughout the book there is the haunting question, "Why?"

Readers will be impressed by the intense interest of the author, who by her own assertion is a southern "Wasp." She expresses the will to perpetuate the history and make people realize the possibility of the occurrence of the unbelievable event. In her introduction and prologue, she describes the background which enabled the perpetrators of "the final solution" to wage the Holocaust.

Final chapters offer further explanations of circumstances of victims, of concentration camps and their atrocities, and of the Allies as liberators.

Finally, in an epilogue, Cecile Holmes White writes of her motivations and reactions of some of the survivors she approached for testimony. She expresses the hope of response from readers rewarding her years of effort. In an appendix she outlines *Exercises for Studying the Holocaust* to inspire sympathy and understanding for its victims.

The evil past cannot be undone. The best we can do now is what this author has attempted to do in writing *Witnesses to the Horror*.

The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust was established by the state General Assembly in 1985. Its purpose is to prevent atrocities

like the genocide committed by the Nazis. It develops educational materials, sponsors programs and memorial observances, and its members speak to school classes and other groups.

Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought

by Arthur A. Cohen and Paul Mendes-Flohr

The Free Press 1163 pp. \$22.50
paperback

From Arthur A. Cohen, the late renaissance man of Jewish thought and letters, and Paul Mendes-Flohr, professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, comes this remarkable volume. *Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought* contains 140 original

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The essays are written by world-renowned figures. *Jewish Books in Review* wrote, "It deserves the simple and ultimate literary compliment—to be read and reread." "The publication of this scintillating book is a major achievement. . . these essays, which sparkle with freshness (break new ground," was the evaluation of *The New York Times Book Review*.

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Mature Christianity

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Norman A. Beck

Texas Lutheran College

"a heroic assault on the roots of Christian anti-semitism within the New Testament, asserting that Christians must repudiate the anti-Jewish polemic within the texts, not only because of the damage it inflicts on Jews but for their own integrity."

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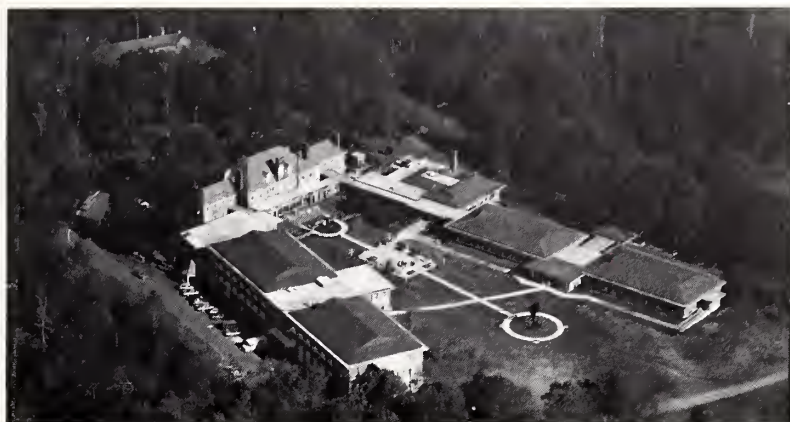


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SUMMERTIME AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE

“Quality of Life.” What is it? Who can describe it? Is it different for each person according to ability, values, and perceptions? Does any of this matter?

You bet it does. While a clear definition evades me, I know that “quality of life” is a level of measurement in healthcare used to explain, justify, or attract.

It is what the founders of the Home were looking for when they committed to provide a place where older adults could live with dignity. It is the guideline that motivates the actions of the Board to create policies that assure continuity of care at a standard of excellence. It is what administration oversees daily to assure that the total campus environment enhances.

Wendy Smith, Recreation therapist, clowns it up at Groves Stadium, scene of Community Summer Celebration for older adults.

It is what staff provide in the WAY they interact with residents – the manner in which each service is presented, the skills, personal attitude, a facial expression, a tone of voice, or



with full attention – all the ways that indicate CARING.

It is what happens because a community person cares enough to contribute time or money to assist. Both enrich. Visiting relatives and friends bring news of other family members and remind that caring transcends time and place.

And it is what each resident brings to the community – the unique qualities that make them special in the way they relate to one another and the staff.

It is what each of us wants or needs to feel enriched. Who we are, what we do, and how we relate to one another all contribute to defining BJH/FAIR OAKS quality of life. When looking at the pictures of summertime activities, see what you think.

— Ellen White

HOW DO FAIR OAKS AND BJH DIFFER?

Q: What is the difference in admissions requirements?

A: Fair Oaks applicants must be in reasonably good health and be able to walk unassisted. Use of a cane is O.K., but walkers and wheelchairs would be too difficult to use on the carpet, and therefore are not allowed. The Fair Oaks lifestyle requires that residents be moderately independent; that means as a minimum, it is for those who can bathe, dress and feed themselves and make decisions. Fair Oaks residents are self-determining, and are free to come and go with friends.

BJH is a nursing home, and as such offers full care for the chronically ill (varying degrees) and those with physical and/or mental impairment. It speaks well for our residents that they are up and dressed and do not appear to be "ill" in the eyes of visitors. Staff constantly encourages them to participate in life enhancing activities and decisions about their own care as much as possible. Arrangements must be made for visits away from the Home so that medical considerations may be taken into account.

Q: What are the meal arrangements?

A: Fair Oaks residents are served in the dining room on the lower level of the Commons. If they wish to sleep late, they may fix breakfast in the kitchenettes located in the activity room on each level. A full supply of breakfast and snack foods are available 24 hours a day. Regular mealtimes are observed for noon lunch and 5 p.m. dinner. Guests are welcome. We ask that reservations be made 24 hours in advance. A small fee per guest is charged.

Each Unit has its own dining room and pantry, and receives food service from the central kitchen. Because of medical conditions, most residents require nourishment at regular intervals. Therefore, regular mealtimes and snack times are observed. Guests are welcome (same as Fair Oaks), and arrangements may be made to go out for meals. Visitors are welcome at any hour, but are asked to respect the rights of those who retire early. (It is not unusual for residents who arise as early as 5:00 a.m. to retire at 6 p.m.)

Q: What happens if a resident becomes ill?

A: Fair Oaks: For minor illnesses (ie., flu), residents are cared for as they would be at home, in their own rooms, but by our medical staff. Should a chronic condition develop or a medical need for intermediate or skilled nursing care arise, a transfer process would then begin so that the resident would move into the first room available at BJH. Routinely, however, nursing staff are available 24 hours daily to assist with medications and minor difficulties, and should a medical emergency arise, our staff physician will assist.

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We are deeply grateful to the following who made donations during the months of May and June:

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Mildred Gates (W-S) at Summer Celebration.

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BJH AND FAIR OAKS DIFFER

(continued)

BJH offers nursing and medical care 24 hours daily. A full time staff medical director is assisted regularly by two other physicians. The Director of Nursing oversees a staff of 18 RNs and additional LPNs and Nursing Assistants, approximately 85 nursing staff in all.



Sharon Snead, Janet Kindred, and Ruth Wharton (L-R), are the Social Services Department. Janet was recently appointed Director, and is social worker for B-1 and FAIR OAKS. Sharon joined the department in June and is social worker for B-2 and A-Wing. Ruth is Admissions Coordinator, working with applicants (and their families) as they plan to enter either FAIR OAKS or BJH.



Alice Fruh (Ashev'le) and Bea Mandel (Char.) enjoy walking on the grounds during the cool of the early morning. Residents of A-Wing, these two friends frequently take the trek to the Craft Shop in the Commons where their creativity is stimulated.

WELCOME

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Volunteering in Grand Style

Above left: Howard Friedensen encourages Maurice Rogovin at horseshoe match.

Above right: Tony Schwertfager's efforts have brought beautiful results on the grounds and immeasurable pleasure for all of us.

At left: Arlene Fonorow points out an item in the Anne Frank Exhibit to Jane Rosenberg, B-1 resident. Mrs. Fonorow was one of the community and staff volunteers accompanying residents to the exhibit in Greensboro in June.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of
Ida Aronowitz,
Elizabeth Carder, Florence
Coblentz, Sylvia Weinstein,
and Leah Zimmerman.

May their cherished
memories bring comfort
to his loved ones.

SUE'S NEWS

by Sue Clein

BJH/FAIR OAKS VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT COOKOUT

The FAIR OAKS terrace was the scene of the annual Volunteer Recognition on Wednesday evening, June 29th. A crowd of eighty – volunteers with their families – attended.

Don Morris, Exec. V-P, Leonard Guyes, Board Pres., and Jeff Bortz, Asst. Adm., served as chefs, and Leonard Clein as bartender for the celebration. Good food and drink, congeniality, and a beautiful setting provided a special thank you to our volunteers.

We are indeed grateful for dedicated volunteers who share time, knowledge, enthusiasm, talent, and concern with BJH. Each volunteer makes a difference, whether it is a board member concerned with policy, a weekly or monthly community volunteer, a staff volunteer, or a volunteer who assists once or twice a year for a special event.



Above: Leonard Guyes and Don Morris "do the honors" at the cookout. Below: Leonard Clein helped out, serving Linda Beerman, Arlene Van de Rijn and Tony Schwertfager.



Recorded volunteer hours increased from 1204 hours last year to 2336 in '87/88, thanks to all those who have become involved.

Special recognition was given to Ellen Berlin and Miriam Brenner for the hours they have devoted to operation of the Gift Shop and the opening of the new Shop in FAIR OAKS. David Lipsitz, Past President of West Forsyth High School's Key Club, was honored in recognition of the Club's service project at the Home.

Volunteers receiving "Over 100 Hours" (for this year), were: Arlene van de Rijn (140 hrs. – General Store and special events), and Edna Temples (190 hrs. – playing the piano for Friendship Circle). The "Outstanding Service Award" was presented to Tony Swertfager who donated 330 hours to beautify the gardens.

Darrel Mandelstam, with approximately 500 hours, and with an immeasurable amount of devotion to service, was presented with the "Volunteer of the Year" award. Darrel participates in many activities weekly, bringing joy, enthusiasm, and a great deal of caring to our residents.

In his or her own unique way, each volunteer brings beauty to BJH. I hope that next year more of you will join our ranks and the celebration in honor of those very special people called VOLUNTEERS.

What's Developing? The Campaign Needs You

by Wayne Silverman

We are at a very critical point in the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS ... we still need \$3.2 million of the \$7 million goal. Many friends of the Home must come forward and commit to 4-year pledges that go far beyond their past generosity. The Blumenthal Jewish Home has never had a need so great, nor a project of this magnitude.

Although the halfway point of the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS has been reached, it was anticipated that we would have a greater portion of the goal at this time. Numerous individuals have been working hard to secure pledges from our strongest supporters around the state, and some excellent pledges have resulted from this effort. Other supporters have yet to make their commitment.

The initial stages of the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS involved personally visiting as many generous individuals as possible. We greatly appreciate those who have pledged, and the volunteers who have given precious time. We realize that many of our friends have not yet been contacted. Herman Blumenthal, the Development Office and our dedicated volunteers cannot do it all. We need more volunteers to make personal contacts, phone calls and accomplish other tasks on a local basis.

When the Board of Trustees made the decision to proceed with FAIR OAKS through a bond issue and a loan, reliable studies showed that sufficient resources were available to retire the debt. A Campaign strategy based on

this forecast was established. Now that FAIR OAKS is built, "the rubber has finally met the road."

At the end of this column I have always requested that those wishing to participate in the Capital Campaign contact my office. Response to this request has been sparse. I urge you to call and make a 4-year pledge or offer to help in your community. How about 30 calls in response to this column? When you call say, "I am taking you up on your challenge to help with the Campaign." It is not a cliché to say that it will take *all of us* to reach our goal. Let's reach it together! I really look forward to hearing from you soon.

If you wish to support the Campaign either financially and/or through assisting in your community, please contact Wayne Silverman in the Development Office at the Home (919-766-3035).



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Barry Blick (Raleigh) and Sam Jacobson, the Home's Religious Services Coordinator, at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DEDICATION MUGS AVAILABLE

The turnout at the FAIR OAKS Dedication last March far surpassed our expectations. All guests were to receive a beautiful FAIR OAKS coffee mug. Unfortunately, the supply could not meet the demand of the 450 guests attending. If you attended the FAIR OAKS Dedication and did not receive a mug, please come by the Development Office (in the mansion at the Home) and receive your complimentary mug.

If you received your complimentary mug and would like another one or did not attend the dedication, these mugs are available in the Gift Shop in FAIR OAKS.

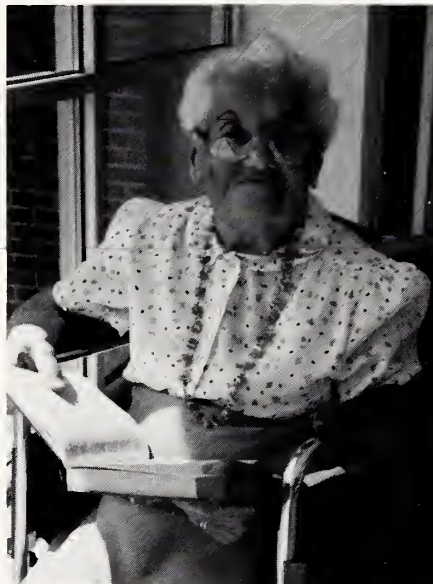
**1988
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 30TH**



Three sisters celebrate a birthday: Minnie Sutker, left, and Majorie Bazar, right came for sister Sarah Sherry's birthday party held in FAIR OAKS recently.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mollie Brewer
 Helen Dula
 Edward Fields
 Charles Rosenfeld
 Therese Serxner
 Emily Thomas
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Bertha Lippman (A-Wing) has found the ideal reading spot in the solarium leading to the Commons. The view is great from there, too; both across the Yadkin and down the drive.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in July and August.

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Lena Wall, Resident Activities

11 YEARS

Betty Petticord, Allied Health Coor.
 Marie Doty, Dir. Hskpg./Lndry.

10 YEARS

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9 YEARS

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8 YEARS

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6 YEARS

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AUGUST CALENDAR

- August 2** Leave for "out to Breakfast", 8:30 a.m.
- 2** FAIR OAKS Birthday Party, 2:00 p.m.
- 5** Leave for Services – Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 7** B-2 Birthday Party, 2:00 p.m.
- 7** Brenner Concert – 3:00 in Commons Auditorium
- 8** FAIR OAKS Cookout – 11:00 a.m. on lower patio
- 9** Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch – 9:45 a.m.
- 16** FAIR OAKS residents tour Reynolda House – 9:15 a.m.
- 18** Leave for Baseball Game – 6:15 p.m.
- 19** Leave for Shopping – Hanes Mall – 9:30 a.m.
- 21** Brenner Concert – 3:00 p.m. in Commons Auditorium
- 24** B-2 Ice Cream Social – 2:00 p. m. in B-2 Activity Room
- 26** A-Wing Birthday Party – 2:00 p.m.
- 30** Leave for "Out to Lunch" – 11:15 a.m.
- 31** B-1 Birthday Party – 2:00 p.m.

Children's Hour

Above left: Marie Stultz (W-S) with LaQuietta Davis, Dir. Res. Activities, trace Josh's hand. Above: Dora Sutker (G'boro), with Alison. These weekly visits with young children and their mothers are filled with music, fun, and joy.



Amanda shakes hands with Dolly Waggoner (Anna Meyer is beside her.)

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Rabbi Leo Hoffman of Charlotte blows the Shofar for the High Holy Days.

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From the Editor

Rosh Hashanah is a time for *introspection* and Yom Kippur is a time for *remembrance*. As we reflect on our thoughts and deeds, we remember those people we loved who are no longer with us.

When we recite *Yizkor* this year, we will also remember the people who perished in the Holocaust (see page 10); we will be mindful of the Syrian Jews who have died or are suffering in their land (see page 8); we will pray for the safety and release of the Soviet and Ethiopian Jews who want to emigrate; we hope for peace in the Land of Israel.

Our New Year's wish for our readers is that all of you will be written and sealed in the *Book of Life* for a healthy, peaceful year 5749.

Ruth Goldberg

Letter to Editor

Christians and Jews in the United States are urged to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Nazi anti-Jewish pogrom known as *Kristallnacht* (Night of Glass) during the weekend of November 11-13, 1988.

The call for the special commemorations was jointly announced by Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, Executive Secretary for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; Dr. Jay T. Rock, Director of Christian-Jewish Relations of the National Council of Churches; and Rabbi A. James Rudin, National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee.

Throughout Germany on November 8 and 9, 1938, synagogues, Jewish businesses and community institutions were destroyed by Nazi Storm Troopers. Seven thousand Jews were arrested and placed in concentration camps, and nearly 100 Jews were killed. During *Kristallnacht*, fires were started all over Germany, and the huge amount of shattered glass has given the pogrom its name. This violent govern-

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ment-sponsored assault on the Jews of Germany has been called the prelude to the Holocaust, the destruction of six million Jews, that took place in the six and half years following *Kristallnacht*.

It is vital that American churches and synagogues remember *Kristallnacht* in their religious services and in their schools. To assist in this important effort, we are developing a set of special resources, including appropriate prayers, teaching aids, sermons, historical documentation, and other material. Requests for materials may be sent to: Interreligious Affairs Department, The American Jewish Committee, 165 East 56th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

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Rosh Hashanah— A Time To Take Stock by Dvora Waysman

(WZPS) - Once a year, most businesses prepare a balance sheet. They make a profit and loss account, do a stocktaking and estimate what kind of a financial year it has been. Then they examine the weaknesses and try to make projections so that the coming year will be more profitable.

We are given the same opportunity. Every year, during the Hebrew month of Ellul, Jews begin a period of spiritual stocktaking. It is a time for examining the state of our soul, and of *returning* or making *teshuvah*. Even before Rosh Hashanah, devout Jews begin saying special penitential prayers called *Selihot*.

Period of Introspection

Although Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, it is very different from the gentile new year which is marked by parties and merrymaking, although new year's resolutions are

common to both. Rosh Hashanah is an ambivalent holiday; in one respect it's very solemn and in another it's festive, "Yom Harat Olam," the birthday of the world. The ten days that begin with Rosh Hashanah and end with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, mark a concentrated period of introspection when we are meant to ask forgiveness of anyone we may have hurt during the year in order to be permitted to ask pardon for sins against God.

Many Jews who do not attend synagogue throughout the year make an exception on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For many the dramatic blast of the shofar stirs memories of childhood and beloved parents or grandparents to whom heritage and tradition were important. They participate in the oral confession of transgressions which are recited in unison and somehow feel cleansed at the awe-inspiring ritual.

Common Destiny

For me, Rosh Hashanah is a very special festival, more so since I have

come to live in Israel. The holiness and purity of the day seem to envelop all of Jerusalem. There is almost no traffic on the roads, so that the usual noises of the city are muted. People walk solemnly to synagogue wearing new clothes in honor of the day. But the physical aspects of the holiday are dwarfed by the spiritual significance. I find Rosh Hashanah a wonderfully optimistic festival. We give expression to our belief that God exists; that things do not happen by mere chance but are part of a Divine plan. And, no matter how morally lax we may have been in the past, we are given another chance to improve ourselves through acts of repentance, prayer and good works. At a time when pessimism and despair seem to reign throughout much of the world, it is very comforting to be given this opportunity to wipe the slate clean and begin anew.

So, like Jews everywhere, we pray. We draw together as families. We eat apples dipped in honey for a sweet new year. The extra dimension felt in Israel is that we are living in our own land. We are all one people, a family sharing a common destiny. No matter how polarized our society may be, we know that what will be a good year for one will be good for all, because we have a common goal. It is this shared destiny that binds Israelis together, no matter how different the ethnic and cultural background may be.

Roses and Thorns

When we made aliyah 17 years ago, the poster in our ulpan classroom stated: "We never promised you a rose garden!" True, there have been thorns and the past year has had its share of scandals, bitterness and violence. But when I make my annual balance sheet, I place on the credit side all the assets of living in my own land, among my own people.

Then I realize how much I personally have profited and that Israel has survived another year. Finally, there is always the hope and prayer that more Jews will come home—making good their Passover pledge "Next year in Jerusalem!"

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Yizkor A Prayer of Remembrance For Yom Kippur

by Dvora Waysman

(WZPS) - The Day of Atonement is the most awesome of the Hebrew calendar. . .from sunset to sunset Jews pray and abstain from food and drink, until the blast of the *shofar*, the ram's horn, announces that the Scrolls have been shut for another year. By then it will have been decided who will live and who will die, who will wax rich and who will be poor, who will rise in the world and who will be brought low, who will live in peace and who will not.

There are many impressive prayers included in the Yom Kippur ritual, but there is one that is unique. About half-way through the Morning Service, after the Reading of the Law, you will notice that the synagogue is suddenly filled to capacity. Suddenly, not only is every seat filled, but people are standing in every space at the back and between the aisles, as with a single thump on the *Bima* a voice announces one word: *YIZKOR*.

A Chance to Mourn

The sound of weeping can be heard from some parts of the synagogue and people rock back and forth intoning the *Yizkor* prayer in memory of close relatives who are no longer with them. The prayer book calls this the "Memorial of the Departed," but the literal translation of *Yizkor* is "He shall remember." This special prayer is said on only three other occasions during the year—*Shemini Atzeret* (the last day of *Sukkot*), the last day of *Passover* and on *Shavuot*.

Excessive mourning is not part of the Jewish tradition, which is perhaps why the *Yizkor* prayer is said rarely. It is written in *Jeremiah* 22:10: "Weep ye not in excess for the dead, neither bemoan them." But on *Yom Kippur* it is permitted to give vent to one's true feelings of despair and loss as one recalls beloved parents, brothers and sisters, children, husbands or wives, who once added a



Yahrzeit (memorial) candles in a Safed Synagogue. Photo by Alan S. Goldberg.

dimension of joy to our lives but are no longer with us. We also remember the victims of the Holocaust and those who died in Israel's wars.

Historic Origin

It is believed that the custom of *Yizkor* dates back to the Hasmonean wars (165 B.C.E.) when Judah the Maccabee and his men prayed for the souls of their fallen comrades and brought offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem as atonement for the sins of the dead (11 Macc. 22:39-45). Today it has become a custom to donate charity on behalf of loved ones so that their souls may enjoy eternal life. Historically, *Yizkor* gained in significance through the Crusades and severe persecutions that took place in Eastern Europe during the 17th century when thousands of Jews died as martyrs. They were all inscribed in the death rolls (*yizkor-bukh*) of their communities and commemorated in memorial prayers on the four annual occasions to which we still adhere today. In time, the death rolls included not only the names of martyrs, but other members of the community and the custom of *Yizkor* evolved.

The prayer is not only heart-rending, but serves to remind us of how short a time we are on earth. Before we ask for remembrance of the souls of loved ones, we recite the

words:

"Lord, what is man that thou regardest him? Or the son of man, that thou takest account of him?"

Man is like to vanity; his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

In the morning he bloometh afresh, in the evening he is cut down and withereth.

So teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom. . ."



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Jonah and the Jews of Today

by Joseph Telushkin

Jonah has had the unhappy fate of having his biography—or at least one detail of it—survive, and his message ignored. People generally have but one association with the book of Jonah—a man who flees God and is swallowed by a fish, in whose belly he survives for three days. Jonah's story generally stimulates more merriment than reflection, and leaves many Jews wondering why the rabbis chose the book as the central prophetic reading on Yom Kippur.

The overriding reason for the rabbinic choice is due to the central theme of the book: repentance. After the prophet warns the citizens of Nineveh that God will destroy them for their wickedness, they do three things. They fast—as we do on Yom Kippur, they pray—as we do on Yom Kippur, and they turn from their evil ways—as we are expected to do on Yom Kippur. “The repentance of the people of Nineveh,” Bible scholar Uriel Simon has noted, “can be considered a model of what repentance is to be.” What is remarkable is that the biblical model chosen is the *non-Jewish* city of Nineveh.

The book of Jonah makes another significant point about repentance. That the central issue involved is an *ethical*, not a *ritual* transformation. “God saw what they [the people of Nineveh] did, how they were turning from their evil ways” (3:10). The Talmud comments: “The verse does not read, and God saw their sackcloth and their fasting, but God saw what they did, how they were turning back from their evil ways” (*Ta’anit* 16a). This biblical and talmudic emphasis on ethical transformation might come as a surprise, for nowadays when we hear that someone has become religious our sole assumption is that the person has started observing more Jewish rituals.

Jonah has more lessons to yield, which are even less frequently acknowledged.

1. *Jonah* underscores that the Jewish people have a universal mission. God has commanded us to go into the world and bring the message of God and of ethical monotheism. This is what we were *chosen* to do. And however one regards the issue of Jewish chosenness, it is historically indisputable that it is through the Jews that God has become known to the world. Given the history of anti-Semitism, our impulse might be to resist this obligation of spreading the news about God and His demands, and to flee like Jonah. But historical experience reveals that just as God did not allow Jonah to evade his task, so too will He not allow us. Repeatedly, whether we have wanted to or not, we have found ourselves playing the often dangerous role of being God's messengers.

Hermann Rauschning, an early associate of Hitler who later broke with him, reports that the Nazi leader saw the very existence of the Jews as a challenge to his message of atheist moral nihilism. His mission in life, Hitler declared, was to destroy the “tyrannical God of the Jews,” and His “life-denying Ten Commandments.”

Strangely too, even at the very moment Jonah was refusing to carry out God's mission to Nineveh, his very being was bearing testimony to God's rulership over the world. “Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard,” the book reports. And when the raging seas calmed down, “the crew were filled with the fear of the Lord and offered sacrifices and made vows to Him.” A non-Jewish Bible scholar, John Watts, has noted: “. . . despite his firm intention, [Jonah] is forced to fulfill a prophetic role in

identifying the Lord as the source of the storm, in interpreting what He is doing, and instructing the sailors how they can do His will.”

2. The book conveys that Judaism's central wish from non-Jews is ethical behavior. Think how differently the book would have been written had it appeared in either the New Testament or the Quran. Would not the proof of the repentance of the Ninevites have been their conversion to either Christianity or Islam? Throughout most of Christian history—and among Fundamentalist Christians to this day—God's central demand of non-Christians has been that they become Christians, and express faith in Jesus who died for their sins. Indeed, it is this issue of emphasis on faith vs. emphasis on deeds that has been the central dividing issue between Judaism and Christianity—and not whether or not Jesus was the Messiah.

Over the years, while studying various commentaries and essays on Jonah, I have been pointed to several other unusual features of the book. Let me touch on just a few of them.

The book opens with God commanding Jonah to arise and deliver a message to the sinful city of Nineveh. The prophet doesn't want to do so, presumably because he is afraid the message will be heeded, and he would prefer to see the Ninevites punished. It would appear that while both God and Jonah want to see an end to Ninevite evil, the prophet wants this to come about through an end to Nineveh, while God wishes to see an end to its evil. It is this desire to see punishment inflicted that distinguishes Jonah from other prophets.

Rabbi David Shapiro points out a literary device through which the Bible shows that fleeing from God leads man into descent. “Instead of heeding the divine call to *arise* and go to Nineveh (1:2), Jonah rather *goes down* to Jaffa, *goes down* to the ship, and finally *goes down* to the innermost part of the ship, fleeing from God in a continuous state of descent” (*Studies in Judaism*, p. 236).

Strangely enough, though both a religious Jew and a prophet, Jonah needs a lesson in religion from the non-Jewish captain of the ship on which he flees. When the ship starts to be buffeted by stormy waters, Jonah goes down into its hull and falls into a deep sleep. Chapter 1 verse 6 reports: “And the captain went over to him and cried out, How can you be sleeping so soundly! Get up and call upon your God. . . .”

“What a scene,” non-Jewish Bible scholar Julius Beyer writes. “The heathen sailor admonishes the Hebrew prophet to pray.”

That God can indeed choose anyone, including a heathen ship captain, as his messenger is emphasized by yet another Christian commentator, Leslie Allen. “*Kum Lekh—Get up and call upon your God,*” the captain yells at the prophet. “Jonah must have thought he was having a nightmare; these were the very words with which God had disturbed his pleasant life a few days earlier.”

The forty-eight verses of Jonah both remind and teach us many things; most importantly, what God wants of human beings. But it also reminds us that we Jews have a mission to the world, “*I'take'n olam b'maikhut shaddai*—to perfect the world under the rule of God.

“Jonah and the Jews of Today” appeared in CLAL's Perspectives. July 1988.

Tradition in the Kitchen



Rosh Hashanah begins the Ten Days of Awe, (Sunday evening, September 11), but meals for the holiday are festive. It is customary to include sweet foods, symbolizing the wish for a sweet year. Traditionally served is sliced apple dipped into honey, but an elegant dessert is cheering on this special occasion.

Orange Honey Date Cake

2/3 cup vegetable shortening
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
3 eggs
3/4 cup honey
1 package (8 oz.) pitted dates, finely cut
2 Tbsp. grated orange rind
3-1/3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2-1/4 tsp. baking powder
3/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ginger
1/2 cup orange juice

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Gradually add honey, stir in dates and orange rind.

Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices. Blend into creamed mixture alternately with orange juice, beginning and ending with dry ingredients.

Turn into greased and floured 9-inch tube pan or two 9-inch loaf pans.

Bake in 350 degree oven 65 to 75 minutes for tube pan or 40-45 minutes for loaf pans, or until cake tester comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes and remove from pan. Cool completely. Frost top of cake with Orange Glaze (optional).

Orange Glaze

2 Tbsp. orange juice
1-1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar

Stir orange juice into conf. sugar; mix until smooth.

(from *Charlotte Observer*)

This Chocolate Rum Pave will serve countless portions, and it can be prepared well in advance, then returned to the freezer for additional servings.

Chocolate Rum Pave

2/3 cup strong coffee made with 2 Tbsp. instant coffee
1 Tbsp. rum
30 ladyfingers

Mocha Cream

3/4 cup margarine (1 1/2 sticks)
1 1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
4 egg yolks
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
1 level Tbsp. cocoa
1 Tbsp. rum

Line 9x5x3" loaf tin with strip of foil. Beat margarine till like mayonnaise, then beat in conf. sugar, a heaping tablespoon at a time. Beat in yolks, rum and cocoa. Add melted chocolate.

Divide ladyfingers into 3 sets of 10. Dip the first lot in and out of the rum-flavored coffee, then arrange on bottom of tin. Spread one-third of chocolate cream on top, then repeat with second layer of ladyfingers and cream. Cover with final layer of both and pipe or swirl remaining chocolate cream on top. Freeze for at least 24 hours.

To serve, turn out of tin onto serving dish, then decorate with cherries and chopped nuts. Serve chilled but not frozen. Slice as desired. (from *Jewish World*, Long Island, N.Y.)

Having prepared your holiday dessert, you will undoubtedly cook the required pot of chicken soup to serve with or without kreplach. Making kreplach is a job, and they should be prepared and frozen days before by placing them on foil or shallow tins, spaced so they don't stick together, and putting them into freezer bags after they are frozen. You can remove as many as you wish to cook in the chicken soup.

Kreplach

2 eggs
1/4 cup water
2 cups plain flour
1 pound cooked beef or chicken
1 small onion, chopped
1 egg
Salt and pepper, to taste

Beat together 2 eggs and water. Add flour to make a soft, flexible dough that can be rolled out 1/8-inch thick on a floured board. (Add more water if dough is too stiff.) Cut into 3-inch square pieces.

Grind meat and onion. Mix with 1 egg and seasonings.

Place 1 teaspoon of the filling mixture into the center of each square dough. Pinch together opposite corners and sides of dough to form a triangle. Drop into boiling chicken soup, cover tightly and boil 30 minutes.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

From *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook* comes the suggestion for this "Fancy Chopped Liver."

Chicken Liver Pate

The alcohol in both the sherry and wine cooks away in this delicious spread, leaving behind only their wonderful flavors. If the sweeter type of wine is used, this pate, which is smoother than traditional Jewish style chopped liver, will have a subtly sweet flavor that is in keeping with the spirit of Rosh Hashanah.

1 lb. chicken livers, cleaned
3 Tbsp. margarine
1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 large apple, peeled, cored & chopped
1/4 cup dry sherry
1/4 cup dry red wine or sweet holiday wine
4 hard boiled eggs, coarsely chopped
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Put chicken livers on a piece of aluminum foil and broil them close to the heating element just until the outsides are seared, about 3 minutes. Set aside. In large skillet, over medium high heat, heat margarine with oil. Saute onion until lightly browned. Stir in chicken livers, apple, sherry and wine. Cook, stirring constantly, until most of the liquid has evaporated and apple is soft, about 10 minutes. Stir in chopped eggs. Remove from heat. Puree mixture in food processor, meat grinder or blender. Season with salt and pepper. Chill pate until firm. To serve, mound pate on lettuce lined platter or small lettuce lined plates. Garnish with red pepper strips and/or parsley. Makes about 3 cups.

Whether you choose meat or fowl for the main dish of your Rosh Hashanah dinners, you will consider your boundaries of time governing preparation. Brisket or baked fowl is good reheated, so that it may be cooked completely in advance. Foods requiring serving from oven to table may be prepared by use of automatic time controls.

We hope to have been of help in planning meals for the High Holy Days and extend our wishes for good health and peace in the year ahead.

Betsy Lewis

The Editors

International Conference Focuses on Plight of Syrian Jews

by George E. Gruen

"Every time there is a knock on the door, mothers and fathers shake with fear for their children. Will the agents of the Mukhabarat (secret police) take us to jail or to some even more horrific fate? We are constantly spied upon by the authorities and our whole life is one big question mark." This was part of the testimony of "Esther," a young Jewish mother from Damascus, whose husband "Yaakov" and their daughter managed to escape from Syria a few weeks ago. (These are not their real names.)

Despite the possible risk to their families remaining in Syria, they came to Paris at the end of May 1988 to appeal to participants in the second International Conference for the Freedom of Syrian Jewry to "do

as much as you can as quickly as possible." The conference, under the chairmanship of Roger Pinto, brought together some 400 persons, including officials, parliamentarians, human-rights activists, writers, artists, and representatives of the Jewish communities from 18 countries around the globe. The first conference, in 1984, filled the Syrian Jewish community with hope and expectation, Esther said, "yet much more remains to be done until our struggle is successful." Turning to the members of the press in the audience, she urged them to write about the conditions of the Jews in Syria. "Your work is extremely important," she said, "because it has a big impact on the Syrian government."

The Syrian authorities still employ Draconian measures to enforce the ban on Jewish emigration. Even those permitted to go on brief trips abroad must generally leave a substantial monetary deposit and immediate members of their family behind as security for their return. The estimated 4,500 to 4,800 Jews, who are concentrated in Damascus, Aleppo and Qamishly, are in effect a hostage community.

Most Syrian Jews don't know what life in freedom is, Esther said. "They were born in shackles, they are like birds in a cage." Having lived all their lives in a police state, it is hard for them to imagine life in a free society.

Theo Klein, the President of CRIF (Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions), emphasized that the struggle for the rights of Syrian Jewry—including the freedom to choose whether to leave or to remain—was also related to the struggle for peace in the region. Stressing that the Jews of Syria have led a completely exemplary life, he declared that a positive attitude on the part of the Syrian government to this community could help lead to peace between Arabs and Jews. A message from the American Jewish Committee read by Dr. Gruen underscored this point: "Syria is an

important country in the region and it can either advance or a sabotage the efforts for peace and reconciliation." The Committee expressed the hope that the concerted humanitarian appeals by prominent personalities throughout the world world finally convince President Assad "that it is in Syria's own enlightened self-interest" to end the restrictions upon the Jews and permit them to emigrate and join their relatives and coreligionists in the United States and other democratic countries. "By promptly taking such action, President Assad would send a dramatic signal to the world that Syria seeks to be a member in good standing of the family of civilized nations and is genuinely prepared to play a constructive role in international affairs."

At the conclusion of the conference on May 29 the delegates approved an "Appeal to World Conscience" which called on the heads of government of the free world not to make an official visit to Syria so long as the Jews were not permitted to emigrate freely. An amendment from the floor was accepted to add the provision that no economic assistance be provided to Syria until the discriminatory measures against the Jews of Syria were lifted. Madame Nicole Fontaine, a member of the European Parliament, reported that the European Parliament had unanimously adopted resolutions condemning the Syrian violation of human rights and had decided not to give economic assistance to Syria under present circumstances. Dr. George E. Gruen, Director of Middle East Affairs of the American Jewish Committee, noted that Syria was still classified by the United States as a state supporting terrorism.

George E. Gruen, Ph.D. is Director, Middle East Affairs, The American Jewish Committee.

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EDITORS NOTE: Add-on fares from other U.S.A. cities available. Prices above are from New York.

Claims Against Germany

Dr. Israel Miller, American Jewish leader and President of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), revealed recently that 71,500 survivors of the Holocaust in 23 countries have received grants aggregating over \$200,000,000 from

the special Claims Conference Hardship Fund. Dr. Miller made the announcement at the Biennial Meeting of the Claims Conference Board of Directors at the Tarrytown Hilton.

The Claims Conference Hardship Fund was established to provide onetime grants primarily to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who emigrated from Eastern Europe after 1965, the year that the filing period for claims under the German Federal Indemnification Law expired. For this purpose, the German Government committed DM 400 million.

The Hardship Fund has received 133,000 applications for payment from Holocaust survivors. The Claims Conference is currently negotiating for additional funds needed to complete the processing of the pending applications and to cover the anticipated influx of new claims.

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First International Conference Organized for Holocaust Survivors' Children

by Simon Griver

(WZPS) The children of Holocaust survivors represent the failure of the Nazi's "Final Solution." But, due to their parents' traumatic past, these children face special problems, and many feel that they are charged with a personal responsibility to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

The Issues

These delicate issues and many more besides will be discussed at the upcoming First International Jerusalem Conference of Children of Holocaust Survivors, which will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel from December 18 to 23, 1988. The organizers are expecting hundreds of participants from all over the world and several hundred more from Israel itself.

The conference will revolve around three themes: the Holocaust; Jewish existence; and human dignity. Topics that will be formally discussed will include: the Holocaust in historical perspective; anti-Semitism in the wake of the Holocaust; pursuit of Nazi war criminals; the psychological impact of the Holocaust on the second generation; education for the third generation; and combatting denials of the Holocaust.

Billie Laniado, chairperson of the organizing committee, stresses that the conference will be less an academic affair which reflects on a tragic phase of Jewish history than a practical attempt to grapple with the contemporary problems confronting the second generation.

"The psychological problems confronting us, our parents and our children," she says, "and the best way to interpret the significance of the Holocaust and its meaning for future generations while ensuring that it is neither forgotten nor distorted, will be the items highest on the agenda."



Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial and Museum.

Personal Story

Laniado is a leading member of the Israeli Second Generation Organization and her personal story is typical of its members. Her parents were born and grew up in Poland. Her father escaped from the Nazi invasion by fleeing eastward to the Soviet Union where he was imprisoned in Labor camps. Her mother, a young girl of 12 when the Nazis invaded Poland, survived Auschwitz.

"But beyond these historical outlines," she explains, "I know very little of what really happened to my parents. They are unable to talk about the subject and I am unable to ask them. I learned about the Holocaust at school and through books and films. That makes it worse. All the most terrible things that happened at Auschwitz I imagine happened to my mother."

Laniado's story is characteristic of the children of Holocaust survivors. She hopes that discussing the subject at the conference will provide her with the courage to seek psychological help to enable her and her parents to overcome this problem.

Discussing Problems and Feelings

But Laniado insists that, this aside, psychological studies in Israel have shown that children of Holocaust survivors are as emotionally well adjusted as the population at large. On the other hand, studies in the Diaspora have shown that children

of survivors suffer abnormally from guilt and other insecurities passed on to them by their parents' traumatic experiences.

"I'm afraid I don't know enough about the Diaspora to explain why this is so," she says. "But the very atmosphere in Israel is therapeutic. I grew up in an environment where many of my friends had the same background and we could share our problems. And of course, the Zionist solution to the Holocaust, that we should be strong and build our own state, has given us further security."

Laniado feels that one of the most important aspects of the conference is that Jews from both Israel and the Diaspora will be able to talk to each other about their feelings and experiences. She also emphasizes that everybody is welcome to attend the event, even if their parents did not survive the Holocaust. "In a sense, all Jews are Holocaust survivors," she asserts, "because Hitler wanted to destroy us all."

She points out that there were even Jews from Tunisia in Auschwitz, in answer to some Israelis who feel that Hitler only sought to destroy Ashkenazi Jewry. Moreover, delegations of non-Jews from throughout Europe who were in concentration camps, have been invited to attend the conference. A dispute is still raging among the organizers as to whether a delegation of Germans should participate.



Fifty years ago: Flames take hold of a synagogue near Berlin on Kristallnacht in Nazi Germany. Photo by WZPS

tranged people who originated from the same communities. As well as discussions and lectures, the program will include visits to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial and Museum, and the Museum of the Diaspora, Kibbutz Lohamei Hage'taot (set up by the survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto) and Kibbutz Yad Mordechai (on the front line in the War of Independence). There will also be a tree planting ceremony in the Negev in memory of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto.

The conference has been timed

so that it will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Organizers are also trying to arrange programs for the third generation—the grandchildren of the survivors. "My own children have been fascinated and horrified by the Demjanjuk trial," say Laniado. "My 15 year old son has made sure that all his class has gone along to see the trial. It seems that the third generation has already taken upon itself the burden of seeing that the Holocaust is not forgotten"

The Conference

The conference will be dedicated to Avi Erlich, one of the leaders of the Israeli Second Generation Organization, who conceived the idea of the conference, but died tragically last year. The principal sponsoring organization is the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, though individual participants will be asked to pay their full share of costs.

The World Zionist Organization's Department of Information is among a number of those organizing the event. Department of Information Chairman Uzi Narkiss sits on the International Advisory Board along with Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, Minister of Absorption Yaakov Tzur, and UN Ambassador Binyamin Netanyahu.

There will be a special liaison office to help people locate missing relatives, and activities will be designed to help bring together es-

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Renowned Cantor to Perform in Raleigh

Noted Washington, D.C. area cantor Robert Kieval will perform this fall in Raleigh. Kieval and his wife, Gayna Sauler, are scheduled to render a concert of Jewish music on Sunday, November 20, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at Raleigh's Beth Meyer Synagogue, 504 Newton Road.

Kieval is currently cantor, or "Hazzan" for B'nai Israel Congregation of Rockville, Maryland. He has served in this capacity for eleven years. Kieval has been performing throughout the United States in programs of Jewish music. Kieval has served for the past two years as international vice-president of the Cantors Assembly and is a past international treasurer for the group.

Gayna Sauler has been active in both secular and Jewish music productions. She has portrayed a vast array of opera roles including performances in John Gay's *Beggars Opera* and Benjamin Britten's *Turn of the Screw*.

The concert is sponsored by Beth Meyer Synagogue and is being held especially in honor of Mr. Asher Edelstein. Asher, a long time resident of Raleigh, is known not only through his professional capacity as a representative of Zep Manufacturing Company, but also because of his deep involvement in Beth Meyer Synagogue and the Jewish community at large. Having served as President of Beth Meyer (1964-65), Asher continues to remain involved by serving as Hazzan at our Sabbath, Festival and High Holy Days services, and helping us introduce our children to the joy and meaning of our liturgy.

The Raleigh concert will feature liturgical, folk and classic Jewish music. Tickets for the event that is open to the public begin at \$10 and are available by mail or in person (M-F 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) at Beth

Meyer Synagogue. Donor, Sponsor, and Patron tickets are \$18 dollars, \$50 dollars, and \$100 dollars respectively.

Temple Israel Kinston, N.C. by Pearl Schechter

Our congregation was very saddened when they were informed that our beloved Rabbi Robert Shafran was leaving to assume a pulpit in Jackson, Mich. A farewell party was held at the Kinston Country Club. The members presented him with a gift and wished him Godspeed.

We have been very fortunate to have a new Rabbi assume the pulpit, August 1. Rabbi David Rose served previously in Cleveland, Ohio and Winston-Salem, and is familiar with North Carolina. He and his wife, Vivian, are the proud parents of three children. We wish them well in their new surroundings.

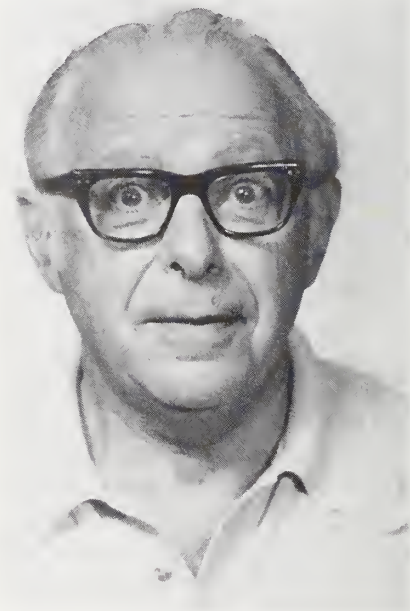
The following are the new Hadasah officers, elected at our last meeting: Barbara Zicherman, President; Phoebe Nover, Vice President; Ethel Ertis, Secretary; Nan Page, Treasurer. Committees have been appointed for the various portfolios. We are looking forward to another successful year.

Congratulations to Debra and Paul Chused who were married in a beautiful garden on April 24. Relatives from all over the United States were present to celebrate with them. May God grant them a lifetime of happiness and good fortune.

Mazel Tov to Amy Kaler, daughter of Sylvia Kaler and granddaughter of Ida Kanter. Amy was married to Fred Webster in Atlanta on June 26. The reception was held at the home of Brenda and Stanley Daniels, Amy's aunt and uncle. We hope good luck will be their con-

stant companion.

Esther and Joe Goldwasser's granddaughters, Molly and Ellie Rose, from Champaign, Ill., and Suretta and Aubrey Bronstein's granddaughter, Anna, from Chicago, Ill. enjoyed a visit with their doting grandparents. Incidentally, the parents of these children, Laurie and Michael Goldwasser and Terry Bronstein Ratoff, were here, too.



Dr. Maxwell H. Goldberg

Spartanburg, S.C.

At Commencement ceremonies on May 22, the University of Massachusetts awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Dr. Maxwell Henry Goldberg of its class of 1928. He is Emeritus Commonwealth Professor of Humanities, one of three alumni who were recognized for their contributions to the University and their professions. Max and Ethel Goldberg are active members of the Spartanburg community.

Cohen Family Reunion Charlotte, N.C.

by Anita Cohen Grey

"We recall our parents, Myer and Sarah Cohen, our brothers, Harry S. Sidney, Saul, and Morris. . . all of blessed memory. . ." So began the first reunion of the Cohen family, a truly remarkable group of people, the weekend of July 22-24, 1988. Eli Cohen, the oldest living brother was speaking, and in a beautiful, sometimes touching, often humorous address he paid tribute to two marriages, that of his parents who were responsible for the gathering that night of 94 family members, and to that of his sister Rose and husband Abe Slutsky who on August 21 would celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. In honor of that anniversary a donation was made to the Blumenthal Jewish Home by the Cohen Family and friends.

Sarah Nevitsky married Myer Cohen in Manchester, England at the end of the nineteenth century. In 1900 they gave birth to their first child, Harry, followed by ten others: Sidney, Saul, Eli, Hersh, Lazarus ("Doc"), Jimmy, Jack, Rose, Celia and Morris. In 1917 Harry came alone to the United States and settled in Nashville, Tenn. By 1923 he had been joined by Sidney, Saul and Eli. These older sons brought the rest of the family over from England.

As a travelling salesman, Harry found a store in Belmont; his two brothers, Sidney and Eli, opened Cohen's of Belmont and ran it until Sidney left to go to Lincolnton to open a store with his brother Saul. Gradually, the family migrated to North Carolina. At one time they had, in addition to the stores in Belmont and Lincolnton, Cohen's in Shelby, owned by Harry; Cohen's in Gastonia, owned by Rose and Abe; the Children's Shop, Celia and Saul Mandel; Melville's in Hickory, Hersh; Sidney's in Gastonia, Sidney; the Children's Shop in Columbia, Jimmy; Kiddie Korner in Spartanburg, Jack; Kiddie Korner in High Point, Morris; Cohen's in Forest City, Lazarus.

Sarah and Myer settled in Charlotte, first on Baldwin Avenue, then later on Grandin Road, and became charter members of Temple Israel. The legacy of Sarah Cohen was that on Sundays the entire family—brothers, sisters, spouses and grandchildren—gathered at her home. Fight as children might, their mother would never let them leave her home unless they were on speaking terms. After her death in 1943 the gathering continued at our home in Shelby; my dad, Harry as the oldest son, and Rose, as the oldest daughter seemed to take up the role of preserving family unity. After the grandchildren were married and had

children of their own, the family became too large to meet in anyone's home. The feeling of closeness among siblings and cousins endured, and everyone looked forward to seeing each other at family *simchas*.

The reunion weekend was a joyous celebration; we danced and ate and caught up on goings-on from Pompano Beach, Fl. to Mission Viejo, Cal. and points between; but the aunts and uncles told me that they most enjoyed seeing two new generations meet and form new relationships.

Another special aspect of the weekend was the presence of an entire other branch of the family tree. Faye and Freda of California and Hettie of London, England—the three daughters of Sender Nevitsky (Sarah's brother) and three of their children, Reba Cohen from Israel, Beryl Mann and Shirley Rudolph of California, were in attendance.

In this mobile time when we have scattered, it was wonderful to reaffirm family. We watched videos of Rose and Abe's wedding and saw again Sarah and Myer and their children as they had been in 1938. It was a reach back to people who had meant so much to us, a chance to laugh at past experiences shared, and an opportunity to wonder at the future for the youngest among us. Being at this reunion was really a present we all gave ourselves.



The children of Myer and Sarah Cohen and their spouses. Top row: (L. to R.): Estelle Cohen, Ethel Cohen, Gussie Cohen, Rose Eber Cohen, Gertrude Cohen, Shirley Cohen, Rose Cohen Slutsky, Celia Cohen Mandel, Anne Cohen, Gloria Cohen, Jean Cohen;

Bottom row: (L. to R.): Hersh Cohen, Jimmy Cohen, Saul Cohen, Sidney Cohen, Harry Cohen, Jack Cohen, Abe Slutsky, Saul Mandel, Eli Cohen, Morris Cohen, Lazarus "Doc" Cohen. Circa. 1965.

Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Ronald Bluming on the birth of their son, Micah, April 16, 1988. Micah is their second child, brother of Heidi.

The Sisterhood is engaged in a joint project with the Junior League and the Beth Israel Sisterhood on behalf of community consumer relations and in conjunction with the local ABC affiliate WLOS-TV. We have compiled a resource directory for our ombudsman efforts and will be a major part of the volunteer corps that will staff the service beginning September 1988.

The members currently active in this effort are: Gloria Schultz, research chairperson; Rose H. Rose, office chairperson; Ann Solomon, Shirley Rapoport, Fran Aaron, Helen Faden, Muriel Marks and Barbara Jarmel.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Before the beginning of another school year, we'd like to conclude our congratulations to Lindy Friedman, who graduated from Asheville High School in June, and will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall; Carey Friedman, who made the Dean's List at the University of Georgia this past year and Adam Laibson, who won the Memorial Mission Hospital Science Award for Asheville High School. Adam also recently won the Civitan Good Citizenship Award for the Asheville City Schools.

We welcome our new members: Joe and Susan Karpen, their children, Simon and Lucy; Susan McKnight; and Lundy Hartis and her son Jered.

From the desk of the Principal of the Sunday School, Barbara Lewin reports the faculty is as follows: Barbara Ribner, Pre-School and Kindergarten; Carol Feingold and Connie Glassman, Grades 1 and 2;

Liz Nigrosh, Grade 3; Ruth Gaynes, Grade 4; and Rick Slosman, Seniors. Carol Deutsch will advise the faculty concerning curriculum. Bobby Deutsch and David Gaynes will teach our music program.

The Men's Club held a bagel and lox breakfast honoring all the new members of the synagogue from this past year. Those who were honored were: Bert Bronstein, Eliot Wadopian, Ron Winston, Dr. Glenn Siegel, David Gaynes, Dr. Ron Neimkin, Alan Payne, Mark Nigrosh, Bill Beechel, Larry Burrows, Alan Laibson, Rob Levin and Joseph Karpen.

The Chevra Group is made up of Beth Israel adults who meet once a month to learn more about Judaism and to get to know other members of the Synagogue on a personal basis. Some meetings are oriented to include families.

Lillian Wellisch, Sisterhood and Women's League Branch Cooperative Services, reports that Sherrill Barber of ACTIONLINE, a public service of WLOS-TV, highlights a consumer's dilemma and attempts to help him solve the problem. Because of the overwhelming response, the Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila Sisterhoods have been asked to help out in a joint community effort. Members of our Sisterhood who have volunteered to help are: Elaine Bronstein, Lyn Dunn, Lynne Gabai, Beatrice Gullotta and Lillian Wellisch.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Judy Pearlson and family on the birth of their third child, a boy born on July 25.

Greenville, S.C.

Jack Yellis will have a one person Art Exhibit of his watercolors from October through December at the Carolina-Georgia Blood Center, 515 Grove Road, Greenville, S.C. There will be an opening reception on October 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call (803) 255-5000.

Agudas Israel Congregation Hendersonville, N.C.

by Lee Lewin

After a two months' stay in Israel, we returned home and plunged into a busy summer season. Our congregation's ranks swell with summer people and there is much going on. Our Friday evening services are overflowing, and we have no trouble with a minyan on Saturday morning. It is a pleasant change from our winter routine.

To keep up to date we extend a Mazel Tov to Ann and Morris Kaplan on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lara, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel David Kaplan and wife Lisa. Mazel Tavs to Eva and Reuben Heit on their 50th wedding anniversary and Reuben's 75th birthday; to Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cantor on the birth of their tenth grandchild; to Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Uhler on the birth of two new grandchildren. Good wishes to Mr. Mac Provda on the occasion of his 70th birthday; to Mr. Irving Seid on his 80th birthday, as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Seid on their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Our condolences are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kaplan on the passing of sister-in-law, Molly Kaplan, in Jerusalem; to Mr. and Mrs. Al Kramer on the passing of brother-in-law, Barney Rappaport; to Col. and Mrs. Arnold Blitzer on the passing of sister, Dorothy.

In June we had the pleasure of celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Sevin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sevin, and the niece of Arthur and Stu Rubin. There was a lovely affair in our social hall with a large attendance.

Also in June we honored Evelyn and Jack Schulman who, after forty-two years of membership in Agudas Israel Congregation, and being in business in Hendersonville, are retiring to Atlanta, Georgia. There they will enjoy the proximity and companionship of their daughter, Toni, and grandson, Shawn. Both Evelyn and Jack were active members in the general community as well as in

our congregation. Jack was a past chairman of our U.J.A. drive and was a liberal supporter of the State of Israel from its very inception. We wish them happy retirement.

Another function in June was a Brotherhood Breakfast meeting where Mr. Herman Blumenthal reported on the Fair Oaks project in Clemmons. Many people were interested in his presentation.

In July we hit the highlight of our summer with the return engagement of "Viva Klezmer" presented by the Brotherhood. The group performed to a full house and was greeted with much enthusiasm. On this occasion the Brotherhood took the opportunity to honor Mr. Harry Fritz with a plaque reading in part, "...with appreciation for his untiring leadership in fund raising projects."

One more Mazel Tov to Ann and Morris Kaplan, parents of David Kaplan, who are pleased to report that David was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army. David was a 1969 graduate of the Military Academy at West Point. He has served in Vietnam, West Point and Germany, and is presently stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J. with his wife, Elissa, son, Jeffrey, and daughter, Lara. Also Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan are presently enjoying a visit from brother Louis, who has been living in Jerusalem for the past 19 years. He is here with his eldest grandchild, Talia Gabbai, who is 14 years old and having a wonderful time here in the U.S.A.

As we closed this report, we had word of the death of Alice Becker. She was an active, well-liked member of the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary and was serving as our treasurer. We extend condolences to husband George and the family. She will be missed.

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

by Evelyn Osborne

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 11:15

a.m. This will be a Paid-up Membership Luncheon and will be held at Raintree Country Club.

The guest speaker will be Susan Hansell, who holds the portfolio of Young Leaders for the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah. She is a dynamic, young speaker who, in addition to being a practicing attorney, is co-owner of a boutique in Chapel Hill.

Babysitting will be available. Please call Linda Gottlieb, 846-1588, if you need this service. Reservations for this luncheon are being taken by Seena Binder, 541-8050.

HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Lisa Pharr

On September 18 HaLailah begins its focus on Soviet Jewry with an important letter writing campaign. Letters will be written and sent to Soviet Refusniks and government officials. This event will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Jr. Congregation room at Shalom Park. The community is encouraged to join us.

The date for this year's Personal Giving Campaign is October 11. Invitations will be mailed in mid-September. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women won the following awards at the International Biennial Convention in Miami Beach:

FIRST PLACE-Best chapter meeting with a fund raising focus; highest percentage Gift Club members; greatest percentage oversubscription; highest amount oversubscription; best ongoing project by a chapter--"The Alive Class"; best comprehensive community service chapter program; best bulletins. SECOND PLACE-Best individual chapter meeting program--"Mayoral Debate."

THIRD PLACE-Most effective membership acquisition campaign.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT-Best chapter meeting with a membership focus; best overall chapter meeting programming.

The fall session of the "ALIVE" series will begin Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the JCC. The topic for this year's series is: "The Effect of the Global Economy on Our Lifestyle." The first speaker is Ambassador Jack Perry, Director of the Dean Rusk Program of International Studies at Davidson College. For further information, call President Jody Pinion, 821-6811.

During the summer, members participated in Children's Miracle Network Telethon and heard Carol Troy Interiors present a home decorating seminar. A picnic for senior citizens was held at the home of Mickey and Avery Waldman. Chapter members volunteered assistance for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Bowling Games.

Yiddish Vinkl Charlotte, N.C.

by Elkie Tulman

Have you ever felt "lost" when a Yiddish word is injected into a conversation? Have you ever had to rely on a willing interpreter to get the punchline to a joke? Suffer no more—a remedy is at hand—join the Charlotte Yiddish Vinkl!

30 to 40 people meet once a month at Shalom Park for an informal learning experience, social hour and program. Members are loosely divided into three groups, based on their familiarity with the Yiddish language. Our talented group leaders are Baila Pransky, Rose Luski and Abraham Luski. There is no fee for the Vinkl.

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Junior Congregation Room of Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte. The dates are as follows: Sept. 7, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 7, 1988; Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 12, May 3, June 7, 1989.

For further information, call Elkie Tulman, coordinator, (704) 541-1803.



Zan Bunn meets Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Israel.

Zan Bunn of Durham

Zan Bunn of Durham was North Carolina's delegate to the National Political Leadership Mission, a project of the North American Jewish Students' Network. A group of eleven conducted a fact-finding mission in Israel recently.

Its purpose was to expose these future politicians and leaders to the intricacies of Middle East politics, to provide a detailed picture of Israel's position in the Middle East, so that they may formulate educated opinions concerning the role of the United States in the region.

Zan Bunn is the chairman of the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans. She is enrolled at N.C. State University, working on a Master's in public administration. She is the daughter of C.H. and Betty A. Bunn of Durham.

The Mission is sponsored by Network, the North American affiliate of the World Union of Jewish Students. Assisting in organizing the trip were the World Zionist Organization, the Anti-Defamation League, World Jewish Congress and the Jack Mondlak Defend Israel Fund.

For more information contact Network at 501 Madison Ave., N.Y. 10022, 212-755-5770, or New York Network Chairman Jacob Davidson at 516-374-5081.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Patti Winters

Temple Israel's warm invitation to join them for this year's Selichot services was appreciated and accepted by many of our congregation who were not at Wildacres over Labor Day weekend. "Opportunities for cooperation and mutual helpfulness," to use Rabbi Wilson's words, are certainly reflective of the Charlotte Jewish community.

Honey Kridel, Sisterhood president, has announced an exciting program for the first half of the coming year. Sisterhood will host the Rabbi's reception after Rosh Hashanah, as well as the Yom Kippur Break Fast, jointly with the Men's Club. These activities are followed by the Paid-up Membership Luncheon, joint Sisterhood evening meeting with Temple Israel, the yearly fundraising Attic Sale, and annual Chanukah Dinner. Sisterhood again held a successful Food Raffle in August.

Faye Seigel, working on a Master's at Queens College, made the 1987-88 dean's list.

Good wishes went with Amy Goldman, Temple member, and Ruthie Abel and Alexis Lerner of Temple Israel, as they participated in the Maccabiah games in Chicago.

Harry and Sophie Robinson recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Mazel Tov!

Our youngest new members are Joanne Grace LaRowe, daughter of Anita and Bruce LaRowe, and Michael Scott Pearce, son of Ted and Mindy Pearce.

Mazel Tov to Brian Exelbierd. He was the first recipient of the Sam Lerner Award as outstanding student of the Consolidated Hebrew High School.

Congratulations to Matthew Sanders, son of Barry and Karen Sanders, on his Bar Mitzvah, August 6.

After a year of frustration and aggravation, Arnold Kridel, president of the Men's Club, has finally completed all the necessary paperwork to implement Bingo as a fund-

raising project. He deserves our thanks.

The Social Club Picnic will be held at Latta Park Plantation on September 25, 1-5 p.m. Members are invited to bring their fishing poles, beach chairs and blankets, and enjoy the afternoon.

The New Member Picnic Dinner was held at the home of Jim and Lynda White. The Membership Committee not only welcomes newcomers, but works on member retention, orientation and integration into the congregation.

The Social ACTION Committee (SAC), chaired by Susan Helbein, wants to do something about problems facing homeless shelters, drug addiction, illiteracy and teen trauma. SAC needs volunteers who can contribute creative ideas, artwork and writing for ads, news releases, editorials and promotional flyers. For more information, call Susan Helbein at 554-6173 (home) or 588-2120 (office).

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

New officers were elected and outgoing officers recognized at the Congregational meeting held in May. Judi Strause, Temple Israel's first woman president, was awarded a plaque in honor of her contributions to the Temple. Judi plans to remain active as a Past President and has already demonstrated that commitment through her activities during the summer.

Temple Israel's new President, Steve Hockfield, is a Durham native who attended Beth El Synagogue during his youth. His parents, Joe and Hannah Hockfield, continue to reside in Durham. Steve's wife is the former Sharon Rose of Charlotte, and they have two daughters, Rebecca, 11, and Rachel, 7.

Steve is an attorney specializing in business and corporate matters. He has been in practice in Charlotte since 1972, and has taught on the accounting faculties at UNC-Chapel

Hill and UNC-Charlotte. His community activities have included the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Hebrew Cemetery Association, Charlotte Jewish Federation, and the county and state Democratic Party.

During his term as President, Steve hopes to enhance Temple Israel's religious school program. He also anticipates providing more opportunities for all congregants to become involved in Temple affairs, perhaps by expanding the activities available to specialized groups such as singles.

The following members are serving as officers this year: Bob Abel, 1st Vice President; Barney Weinstein, 2nd Vice President; Elliot Sanderson, Secretary; Dave Miller, Treasurer, Administration; Bill Ashendorf, Treasurer, Finance.

Seven previous Board members—Fred Bergen, Linda Binnick, Helen Friedman, Shelton Gorelick, Douglas Mann, Chuck Meltsner and Dr. Joe Steiner—were elected to serve for the 1988-89 term. Fred Bergen is heading up the Memorial/Fine Arts Committee, which assesses arts and memorial needs and solicits the necessary funds. Linda Binnick is in charge of the Social Action Committee. Linda was instrumental in establishing Rachel House, a temporary winter shelter for homeless families, which will begin its third year of operation this fall. Helen Friedman will continue her involvement with the Women's Chevra Kadisha (funeral and burial preparation) Committee as well as continuing to serve as hostess and guide to groups visiting the Temple. As chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Chuck Meltsner will be working on a revision of these documents. Douglas Mann is again ably serving as chairman of the Ritual Committee, which successfully recommended that the Temple adopt the *Sim Shalom* prayerbook.

Alan Kronovet, Wendy Kweskin, Jerry Madans, Allan Oxman, Leslie Winner and Laura Knight are new Board members. Wendy Kweskin

and Jerry Madans are co-chairing the Membership Committee. Incidentally, Jerry is not a neophyte to the Board—he was an active member in the 1970s prior to moving to Salisbury. Wendy has been active in forming Chavurot (Couple's Clubs) since last winter. Alan Kronovet will head the Ushering and Greeting Committee. Allan Oxman, who has been active in a number of community organizations, is in charge of the Youth Committee, while Leslie Winner is co-chairing the Adult Education committee with Dr. Jay Jacoby. Laura Knight is in charge of Public Relations.

Temple Israel welcomes out-of-town and local guests to attend our daily Minyan as well as our Friday night and Saturday Shabbat services. We are located at 1014 Dilworth Road in Charlotte. Please call the Temple office at (704) 376-2796 for times of services.

Hebrew Reading Clinic

During the summer months, a group of twelve people brushed up their Hebrew reading skills at a weekly Hebrew Reading Clinic sponsored by Temple Israel. The students, ranging from grandparents to parents of pre-schoolers, were tired of reading transliterations of Hebrew prayers. Working with their instructor, Amalia Warshenbrot, the students' goal was to develop the ability to read individual words and phrases of prayers from the Friday Night Service.

The Clinic text was *Shalom Aleichem* by Noah Golinkin, which teaches a mastery of the Aleph-Bet through familiar prayers and hymns.

The graduates of the Clinic will be recognized at Shabbat Services, Saturday, September 10, at Temple Israel. Graduating students are: Jeannie Beasley, Martha Brenner, Leigh Anne Goodman, Sharon Hockfield, Barry Klemmons, Ann McKee, Elissa Meadow, Al Pensky, Margie Rolnick, Nettie Smith, Ralph Smith and Ruth Solomon.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grey

Grey-Sinkoe Wedding Charlotte, N.C.

Beverly Mona Sinkoe and Michael Howard Grey were married at Temple Israel on June 19. Rabbi Richard Rocklin officiated at the ceremony and Marlene Fuerstman sang before the ceremony and the "Seven Blessings" at the end of the ceremony.

Beverly is the daughter of Fay and Gerald Sinkoe of Charlotte, N.C., and the granddaughter of the late Hattye and E.I. Sinkoe and the late Celia and Louis A. Gottlieb. Michael is the son of Stan Grey of Atlanta and Mrs. Bobbi Schumsky of Freeport, N.Y. Michael's grandparents were the late Ben and Betty Gropstein and the late Sam and Dorothy Levin.

Beverly graduated from East Mecklenburg High School and attended the University of Florida. She now works for the Famous Mart as a buyer.

Michael attended Buffalo University, where he received a B.S. degree in Business. Michael is self-employed.

Beverly wore the dress her mother wore when she was married 34 years ago at the same Temple Israel.

Maid-of-honor was Beverly's sister, Brenda Sinkoe, of New York City. Bridesmaids were: Robin Grey

of New York City, sister of the groom; Marci Sinkoe of Charlotte, sister-in-law of the bride; Jennifer Eanes and Adrienne Edison of Charlotte; Megan Johnson from Boulder, Co.

Best man was Michael's brother, Brad Grey, who lives in California. Other groomsmen were: Randy and Louis Sinkoe, brothers of the bride; Edward Levin from Boston, Mass.; Jason Gitlin, New Jersey; Bruce Katz of Woodstock, N.Y.; Tom Graney of Ambler, Pa.; Marvin Watson of Cleveland, Ohio.

After the ceremony, a dinner-dance was held at the Marriott Executive Center.

The couple took a trip to Portugal after the wedding. They now live in Charlotte, N.C.

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is located in Charlotte, N.C., housed at Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Shalom Park. The agency has a multi-media Jewish education Resource Center containing over 2000 individual items: audio tapes, video tapes, slides, filmstrips, games, computer software, maps, posters, learning materials, as well as books and other print materials. Materials are available on loan to member schools, congregations and individuals, either in person or through the mail. Materials may be borrowed for up to two weeks. All materials are listed in a computerized database, and are catalogued by subject, title, level, publisher and are cross-referenced. A print-out of the catalog is available to all CAJE members upon request.

The Resource Center has several APPLE IIE computers and other audio-visual equipment (2-VHS video recorders, a VHS camera, a Kodak ektagraphic audio-viewer projector, an APPLE printer, etc.). The CAJE database and mailing list are stored in a KAYPRO computer, with 2 Epson printers.

The agency also conducts workshops, provides consultation, develops curriculum, conducts teacher-training, creates and implements model projects, publishes a newsletter, the CAJE PAGE, in addition to its role as a multi-media lending library and learning center. The agency functions as a supportive and pioneering educational endeavor among the far-flung and widespread Jewish communities of the Carolinas and beyond.

The CAJE network includes the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, southern Virginia and southern West Virginia.

The CAJE staff consists of: Rabbi Robert A. Seigel, Educational Consultant, and Lenora Stein, Resource Center Director.

CAJE is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, funded through a grant from the Blumenthal Foundation, and is member-fee supported.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner
Holiday Programs

In preparation for the month of Tishri and its many holidays, Lubavitch of North Carolina is planning a series of educational workshops which are designed to enhance the meaning of the observances.

The most exciting project is the Shofar factory, where children will craft their own Shofar from a genuine ram's horn. The shofar is the instrument used to blow specific sounds according to Biblical instruction during the Rosh Hashonah service. The factory will take place on Monday, September 5, at the Chabad House. It is advisable to call and make reservations (366-3984).

There will be an array of educational programs during the High Holy Days for adults and children.

A grand Succot party is planned for the week of Succot, at Chabad House. A Lulav and Etrog will be available for use at the Chabad House during the holiday.

The culmination will be on Sim-



Rabbi Binyomin Weiss blows the Shofar for Lubavitch school children in Charlotte. Chanie Weiss looks on.

chat Torah, with the traditional lively Hakofot. A holiday meal, buffet style, with lots of singing and dancing awaits all participants at this festive service.

New Kindergarten

Lubavitch of North Carolina will introduce a kindergarten and first grade to the Charlotte Jewish community. This is in addition to the successful preschool currently housed in the Chabad House.

The new school comes as a response to the request of many parents, who were pleased with the preschool program, to continue with a kindergarten as well.

Susan Doobrow of Charlotte was hired to lead the new program. Susan has had extensive teaching experience in several school systems including Charlotte—Mecklenburg for the past five years.

Chanie Weiss will teach the Judaica program, in addition to her preschool position where she teaches Judaica in the morning and afternoon. Chanie has succeeded in a short time to establish herself as a most qualified teacher. According to many parents of previous students. Chanie has the ability to communicate with every student on

his/her level, and most of all she instills basic knowledge in her students.

The new school will be located in a new facility adjacent to the existing Chabad House.

The Lubavitch preschool is continuing with its successful program. More children have registered this year. Fern Sanderson is morning teacher, along with Chanie Weiss who teaches Judaica. Early child development for two year olds is led by Debbie Maslov.

Talmud Torah at Lubavitch has seen major growth with many more students enrolled this year. The Talmud Torah meets three times a week.

Chabad-Lubavitch of Myrtle Beach

Even Rabbi Doron and Leah Aizenman, who have been in Myrtle Beach the past two years could not believe the success of this year's Camp Gan Israel. This year 77 children registered in camp; some of the children were tourists visiting the area.

The Jewish community in Myrtle Beach is growing, and as a result, the Chabad school, preschool and camp are growing as well. This year there will be a new kindergarten class at the school.

Camp Gan Israel provides the children with a varied program with much Jewish content. The children visited the Jewish camp in Charleston at the local Jewish Community Center. They shared Gan Israel songs and spirit which left an indelible impression on the children of



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both communities.

On the last day of camp there was a goodbye party. Gifts were distributed to the campers and counselors. The counselors were from the Lubavitch School in New York and local schools. For more information about Chabad programs in Myrtle Beach, please call (803) 448-0035.

The "Drop-Out" Controversy: More Questions than Answers

The following summarizes an article by David Harris, Washington representative of The American Jewish Committee.

There are few more highly contentious or more complex issues in Israel-Diaspora life than what has been termed the Soviet Jewry drop-out question. The issue is rivaled only by the "Who is a Jew" issue. Faced with a Soviet Jewry drop-out rate of nearly 90%, the Israeli Government has developed a preliminary plan to try to increase Soviet Jewish *aliyah*.

The Israeli plan would deny Soviet Jews the chance to fly to Vienna and then "drop out." Soviet cooperation is needed if the plan is to work, as well as support from the U.S., Dutch, Austrian and Romanian Governments and a nod from the American Jewish community, not to speak of assent from Soviet Jews.

Moscow would need to fly Soviet Jews directly to Israel, which is not possible now. The role of an Israeli diplomatic team shortly to be allowed in Moscow will also have some effect.

The U.S. has traditionally supported freedom of choice for Soviet Jews, who are permitted to enter the U.S. as refugees after their arrival in Israel. Our regulations would have to be changed. If the U.S.S.R. were to grant exit permits to Jews without immediate family in the U.S., no increase in *aliyah* would result. The Kremlin knows that the Arab nations are hostile to an increased number of Soviet Jews into Israel.

The greatest question is the number of Soviet Jews who would elect

to settle permanently in Israel. If the effort of the Israeli plan only proves to be an attempt to restore the dignity of the Israeli visa by ending its abuse, it will increase tensions between Jerusalem, Washington and other governments, between Israel and segments of American Jewry and between Israel and those Soviet Jews who will feel that Israel sought to deny them their freedom of choice. If the result is a significant boost in immigration, Israeli officials understandably will deem the effort a success.

It is uncertain whether the plan will ever be implemented, and if so, if it will shift the emigration flow towards Israel.

David A. Harris is currently at work on a book on Soviet Jewish emigration and the controversy over country of destination, to be published by the Jewish Publication Society of America.

JNF and USDA Forest Service Strengthens Ties

The United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the Jewish National Fund, the agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel, recently signed a memorandum of agreement to examine all aspects of fire management in Israel.

The memorandum of understanding between the two bodies states that the USDA Forest Service recognizes that "there is an urgent need to protect Israel's forests from wildfire," and sets as its purpose the evaluation of all aspects of fire management in Israel, including forest fire prevention and suppression, communications systems and increasing public awareness, among other areas.

"This agreement solidifies the historic relationship between the forestry agencies of both nations, a relationship in which both sides will surely prosper," said Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, JNF executive vice president. He pointed out that this marks the first time that the USDA has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Jewish National Fund.

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Holocaust Aftermath Exhibit at B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum

The end of World War II brought glimmers of hope to many shattered lives, but the immediate post-Holocaust period was still a time of great tragedy and suffering for many survivors of the ghettos and concentration camps. The story of this prolonged agony, not without glimpses of the resilience of the human spirit, is movingly and vividly retold in a stunning exhibit at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in the nation's capital.

"In Spite of Everything: The Jews of Europe, 1945-1950" is an extraordinary collection of photographs, artifacts and slide presentations, on display in the museum of the world's largest Jewish organization until January 1989. The five themes of the exhibit -- Liberation, Flight, Displacement, Deportation and Homecoming -- will be brought to life during not only by means of unique visual displays, but also through lectures and discussions that will be sponsored by the museum.

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum is open Sunday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The museum gift shop is open 9:30-4:30. The museum is located at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.



Book Reviews



Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

Philip Roth Enters the Age of Meta-Fiction

Philip Roth's latest novel *The Counterlife* (Farrar Straus Giroux, \$18.95) was published early in 1987. Since its appearance, it has garnered some choice awards, having been recognized as the best work of fiction for 1987 by the National Book Critics and by *Present Tense* magazine. More recently, it has won the JWB National Jewish Book Award for 1988. Why is it so good?

To say that it is vintage Roth, mellowed and more witty than anything he has previously published is to belabor the obvious. I have not always been Roth's most complimentary critic, yet it is clear to me now that in his seemingly infinite understanding of the human animal, his astute and talented rendering in his recent books of the comedy of manners, he has placed himself in the company of such past literary luminaries as the eighteenth century wits, the playwrights Etherege, Congreve and Wycherly, the diarist Samuel Pepys, the novelists Henry Fielding and Jane Austen, and the poet, playwright and wit, Oscar Wilde. At this stage in his career, he appears to be a natural for the Nobel Prize.

But it is not the humor and insight he shares with these writers that infuses the rich texture of *The Counterlife* with so much meaning. His advantage over them, an accident of chronology, to be sure, but nonetheless a crucial one, is that he lives in an age when the most important narrative writing is rapidly moving into meta-fiction. Meta-fiction isn't simply another term for experimental, avant-garde writing; it is an approach which links meta-physics to the ordinary contingencies and exigencies of life. Put another way,

Roth, like Borges, Durrell, Nabokov, Fowles and Ozick, is post-Einsteinian. Relativity, which theoretically reduces linearity to absurdity and does away with the distinctions of past, present and future, negates the principle of causality, and permits us to interpret reality in a totally subjective way.

It is this subjectivity that structures *The Counterlife*. Like our dreams, in which time and space are always relative and cause and effect are not tied together, subjectivity makes it plausible that Henry and Nathan Zuckerman should go on with their lives after each of them has died during open-heart surgery. It provides, moreover, the credibility for the fictional characters in the book to appear as real persons engaged in commenting on the roles their author has created for them. For that reason Maria, the second of that name, has the privilege of removing herself from the action, of opting not to remain with Nathan because she disagrees with the role that he has created for her in his fiction.

Of course, one can argue that this is just a mirror trick or another set of Chinese boxes, that Maria's situation is a product of Zuckerman's fiction, that Zuckerman was a product of Peter Tarnapol's fiction (*My Life As A Man*), and that Peter Tarnapol is a product of Philip Roth's fiction, but the argument itself is dissolved by our willingness to suspend disbelief and invest each of these beings with life. Real life. As Nathan tells Henry in the letter he writes to him aboard the El Al flight where the terrorist incident did/didn't occur, "We are all each other's author." If we are capable of imagining something, the distinction between its having happened and not having happened is negated. In Isaac Bashevis Singer's "Gimpel the Fool," Gimpel says "In the first place, everything is possible." And indeed it is.

Given the infinite potential which meta-fiction provides, Philip Roth is able to draw once more on all his past themes, impotence, vulgarity, sexual excess, adultery—still after a century and a half the central subject of the great middle-classes of the Western world—Jewish mores, Jewish intensity and emotionalism, Jewish-Christian relationships, the role of the Jew as writer in contemporary America, and, far from boring us with repetition, he neatly expands this subject matter to universal proportions.

He makes it all new again. For example, the connection between lust and death, while an old theme in literature, is modernized cleverly in Henry and Nathan's decisions to undergo by-pass operations which will restore them to the sexual potency they have lost by their dependence on beta-blocker drugs. The outcome appears to be traditional: they lose their lives because the wages of sin are death. Yes, they do. Well, no they don't. Both outcomes are legitimate. The simultaneous finality of death and the continuation of life, seemingly incompatible, are simply expanded options legitimized by the simultaneity principle of relativity.

Through the meta-fictional apparatus, Roth gets beyond our ingrained dualism. He approaches every question from a multitude of angles. The pro- and anti-Zionist arguments in the Israel section is not an "either-or" proposition, it is a multi-faceted one, with as many variations as there are human beings concerned with the subject. All these variations, in fact, everything in the book (not the least of which are the veiled satiric references to the fiction of Norman Mailer and John Updike) are served up on the counter, countering each other. It is the counterlife that we, including Roth, are all living. *The Counterlife*. Notice "counterlife" is one word.

All you have to do to experience it, as Zuckerman tells Maria in the closing line of the novel, is to "use your enchanting enrapturing brains: this life is as close to life as you, and I . . . can ever hope to come."

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American Pluralism and Public Policy

by Lawrence H. Fuchs
American Jewish Committee
15 pp. \$2.00

"American Jews have found it possible to be both Jewish and American, to create an active, vital Jewish life while becoming one hundred percent American at the same time, a mathematical impossibility but a historic reality."

This is the theme of a booklet recently released by the American Jewish Committee titled "American Pluralism and Public Policy," written by Lawrence H. Fuchs, professor of American Civilization and Politics at Brandeis University.

Prof. Fuchs prefaces his observations by noting that "what distinguishes American pluralism from classical pluralism is its voluntary nature. . . which presupposes the right to choose to be as ethnic or non-ethnic as one wants to be."

This notion of voluntary pluralism, based on what he terms the American "civic culture," has important implications for the American Jewish community in areas such as immigration, acculturation, language, affirmative action and church/state issues. It is this civic culture, he asserts, that must guide the Jewish community in its political and social actions and interactions.

"The American civic culture is based on the myth that the U.S. was created as an asylum for individuals seeking freedom and opportunity and reward for their individual labor," writes Prof. Fuchs, although he admits that for Blacks and others of various religious and national back-

grounds, this was not the case.

He adds: "The notion that persons of all ethnic backgrounds have equal claims to American identity is now generally accepted. To be un-American now is to reject the civic culture—the values, institutions, symbols and language of an American constitutional and political system designed to protect individual freedom."

Prof. Fuchs claims that the civic culture, which encourages ethnic mobilization, also encourages interaction among ethnic and religious groups; a policy that "often brings conflict, but more frequently in recent years had led Jews and gentiles to mutual hospitality and cooperation."

To obtain this booklet, send \$2.00 to The American Jewish Committee, Institute of Human Relations, 165 E. 56 St., New York, N.Y. 10022-2746.

The World of Our Mothers: The Lives of Jewish Immigrant Women

by Sydney Stahl Weinberg
The University of North Carolina Press
325 pp. \$22.50

A new book chronicling the lives of Jewish immigrant women of the early twentieth century dispels the traditional stereotypes about Jewish women.

The World of Our Mothers: The Lives of Jewish Immigrant Women by Sydney Stahl Weinberg traces the experiences of Jewish immigrant women from their origins in Russia and Poland to their new lives in the United States. It tells the compelling stories of "ordinary" women who lived in extraordinary times.

The book was conceived several years ago when Weinberg listened to her elderly neighbor tell stories of her childhood in Russia and her early life in America. Weinberg was reminded of her own grandmother, who immigrated from Galicia at a young age. These stories, she says, "stirred a latent desire to learn more about my grandmother and

women like her."

Oral histories of 46 such women form the core of this book. Free to speak of what was important to them during the interviews, some women emphasized dramatic material—how mothers protected their daughters from rape by soldiers during World War I, how young girls learned about sex, how a girl was saved from abduction into white slavery on the way to America. But most told of daily events, for these women considered family, work and education the cornerstones of their lives.

The women described in the book do not fit neatly into any stereotype—one worked her way through medical school and became a doctor, another never managed to learn to read. Some came from childhoods of middle-class comfort, with servants and other luxuries, while others suffered hunger and poverty. But despite these differences, these pioneering women all shared a cultural heritage that affected their lives in this country.

Weinberg recounts these life stories as the women themselves chose to tell them. She explores what events and hardships shaped these women's lives and how they wove their homeland culture and values into a new life in America.

Sydney Stahl Weinberg is professor of history at Ramapo College. In scholarly fashion, she has added to the personal stories explanatory Notes, Glossary of Yiddish Terms, Bibliography and Index, as well as some old photographs.

Yiddish Book Center News

A new catalog featuring listings of over 300 out-of-print Yiddish translations of world literature has been released by the National Yiddish Book Center. For more information, write to the Center at P.O. Box 969, Amherst, Ma. 01004.

Tapestry

by Belva Plain

Delacorte Press 440 pp. \$18.95

by Marilyn T. Shapiro

Once again Belva Plain weaves her story-telling magic in her involving new novel, *Tapestry*.

Tapestry, set in the tumultuous 1920s to 1940s, centers on Paul Werner. Paul, scion of a great banking family, is married to one woman, but still passionately in love with Anna, the former servant girl who bore his daughter. As he wrestles with his own private demons, family and business affairs take over his life. His Uncle Dan is jailed for his ideas on social reform. His young cousin, Meg, falls in love with a colorful, power-seeking man reputed to have underworld connections.

Business interests take Paul to Europe, where Nazism is festering. There he meets two people who will play important roles in his life: his cousin, Joachim, blind to the impending horrors in Germany, and Ilse, a beautiful doctor, desperate to save her son from the Nazis.

Paul Werner is a man divided—publicly, he is sure and decisive, risking his life to help German Jews flee their country, and being the careful, reliable one who offers comfort and help to his relatives. Privately, he chases a fantasy, a woman who might have been. He is torn between the determination not to hurt his gentle patrician wife, Marian, and the emptiness which fill his soul. This book is an intimate look at the sorrows and joys of the human heart, the difficulties of blending conscience and fulfillment.

Belva Plain's warmth, sensitivity and narrative skills are abundantly evident in *Tapestry*. This internationally bestselling author wrote her first novel, *Evergreen*, at the age of fifty-nine. With succeeding novels, and *Tapestry*, her sixth one, she has earned the title, given her by *The New York Times*, "the queen of family saga writers."

Thinking in the Shadow of Feelings

by Reuven Bar-Levav, M.D.

Simon & Schuster 360 pp. \$19.95

Thinking in the Shadow of Feelings examines man's emotions and lays bare their psychological and physiological roots. Man is not the rational being he claims to be, argues Dr. Bar-Levav; adults are often little more than grown-up infants plagued by a host of hidden fears. Moving from the individual to the larger society, Dr. Bar-Levav exposes the hidden dangers of affluence and security and highlights the challenge that fear and denial pose to society. From freeing mankind of disabling hopelessness and helplessness to securing social liberty, this book is an eye-opening analysis of both human limitations and of human potential.

Drawing on years of clinical experience, Dr. Bar-Levav boldly confronts:

FEAR—Fear of Abandonment, Fear of Engulfment and Fear of Non-Being—all of which originate in infancy and may impale man throughout his life. Bar-Levav explains how man can shed his paralyzing fears and live with dignity, pride, joy and inner peace.

FEELING AND THINKING—A topic of great significance, Bar-Levav notes, . . . we repeatedly end up in trouble when our actions are stimulated by feelings without being corrected by our thinking. . . most people fail to examine carefully enough that which their heart is set on. Individuals as well as societies pay a high price for this tendency. Bar-Levav explores how confused and immature feelings often bar man from an objective understanding of himself and his personal and societal problems. . . and how they often lead to destructive emotions such as. . .

IRRATIONAL LOVE, HATE OR ANGER—All these emotions are the unhealthy opposites of real love, which evolves through trust and self-love, and wisdom, often gained through sadness and the knowledge that life is precious—even in its

flawed state.

Reuven Bar-Levav, M.D., is a psychotherapist in private practice in Detroit, Michigan, and an editor of and contributor to *Voices*, the journal of the American Academy of Psychotherapists.

Anne Frank Remembered

by Miep Gies

Simon and Schuster 252 pp.

\$6.95 paperback

The story of Anne Frank is told by Miep Gies, who worked for Anne's father and later smuggled food and clothing to the Frank family and friends who were hiding above the factory for two years.

From this story the CBS television movie, *The Attic* was made. Written with Alison Leslie Gold, the author has told the known story from her point of view. She was persuaded to tell the story, since she and her husband are the only survivors now of the events which were recorded by Anne Frank.

Born in Vienna, the deprivations she suffered during World War I damaged her health severely. In 1920 she was sent to Holland, and in the comfort and care of a Dutch family, she flourished. Fortunately, Miep's family in Vienna understood that she had become thoroughly Dutch and that she should remain with her adoptive parents.

Perhaps her early experience of having been a refugee influenced her during World War II, when refugees fled into the Netherlands from the Nazi terror. The author disclaims heroism. She was one of many who were good people, twenty thousand Dutch people who helped to hide Jews and others in need. "I willingly did what I could to help. My husband did as well. It was not enough."

In the words of Miep Gies, *Anne Frank Remembered* "is a story of very ordinary people during extraordinarily terrible times. Times the like of which I hope with all my heart will never, never come again. It is for all of us ordinary people all over the world to see to it that they do not."

E.H.

Operation Babylon

by Shlomo Hillel

Translated by Ina Friedman

Doubleday 301 pp. \$19.95

Operation Babylon is the story of the rescue of the Jews of Iraq. Its author, Shlomo Hillel, was born in Baghdad, Iraq in 1923, and immigrated to Palestine in 1934. He served in the Mossad Aliya Bet, the Haganah's agency for illegal immigration. Mr. Hillel reveals in his autobiography the events from 1947-1952 which resulted in the extraordinary air migration of 125,000 Iraqi Jews who escaped to Israel.

The rescue operation began in the summer of 1947 when, in the dead of night, fifty boys and girls, led by Shlomo Hillel, huddled in the belly of a cargo plane on their dramatic flight from Baghdad to Palestine. Hillel and his young colleagues traveled back and forth for five years smuggling 95 percent of Iraq's Jews to Israel.

Played out against the chaos of Middle East politics, and with a compelling cast of Jewish agents, Iraqi secret police, British diplomats and American soldiers of fortune, *Operation Babylon* has all the power of an international thriller with its story of daring, tragedy and human triumph.

Shlomo Hillel was elected a member of the Knesset in 1953, and in 1959 he joined the Foreign Service and was one of the pioneers in establishing ties between Israel and Africa. He also served as a minister in the governments of Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, and held a leading Israeli diplomatic post at the United Nations. In 1984, Mr. Hillel was elected Speaker of the Knesset. He and his wife live in Jerusalem and have two grown children.

Operation Babylon was a national bestseller in Israel and winner of that country's most prestigious literary awards.

R.G.

To the Promised Land: The Birth of Israel

by Uri Dan

Doubleday 285 pp. \$24.95

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel, award-winning journalist Uri Dan has written *To the Promised Land: The Birth of Israel*. It includes a special chapter written by Yossi Harel, commander of the historic ship "Exodus," which carried five thousand Holocaust survivors to Palestine in 1947, only to be fired upon by British troops as it pulled into harbor.

One of the most significant events of the twentieth century, the 1948 birth of Israel is a great achievement in the tumultuous 3,700-year-old history of the Jews. *To the Promised Land* commemorates this extraordinary occurrence in vivid detail, coupling Uri Dan's historical research with a collection of more than 200 revealing photographs—many previously unpublished.

"Most Israelis remember Saturday, May 15, 1948 as the first free days of the reborn Jewish state in Eretz Israel," Dan writes. "I remember it as the day the Egyptian Air Force bombed my Bar Mitzvah."

"As we left the synagogue," he continues, "the wail of air-raid sirens was heard in Tel-Aviv. . . The tables at our house were laden with all sorts of fruit, cakes and drinks, but most of the guests never arrived. . . My parents tried to comfort me. But I remember telling them, 'There's nothing to be sorry about. I received a fantastic present: the state.' "

It is Dan's tone, full of pride and unrelenting hope, that characterizes *To the Promised Land*. Even Yossi Harel's moving, first-hand account of the "Exodus" tragedy resounds with the same irrepressible optimism: "The British thought they were dealing with weaklings. But the old people, the children, the sick were all of one mind—to get to Eretz Israel."

Filled with rich details of the stories of men and women, the Holocaust survivors and the heads of state who fought to give birth to the State of Israel, *To the Promised Land* brings to life as never before the struggle of the Jews for independence.

Uri Dan's many books include *Ninety Minutes at Entebbe* and *The Mossad*. His career as a journalist spans over three decades of Israeli history. In 1982, Dan became Media Advisor to Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and accompanied him throughout the war in Lebanon. Uri Dan is currently the Mideast Correspondent for the *New York Post*. He lives in Tel Aviv with his wife and son.

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After She Left

by Richard P. Brickner

Henry Holt and Co. 290 pp. \$18.95

After She Left, Richard Brickner's new novel, is the story of Emily Weil, a young woman growing up in the privileged Park Avenue, New York of the 1940s and 50s. Emily was just a child when her mother left for Shanghai to aide in the resettlement of Jewish refugees. Leaving before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, she expected to return within a matter of months but died in Japanese internment.

Emily learns that advantages in life do not give one an advantage over life. With a fierce desire to become more than "typical" of her class, she yearns to make herself worthy of the memory of her mother. Brickner follows Emily Weil from starry-eyed adolescence to precarious adulthood, with the spectre of her mother exercising an uncanny hold on her development. Her first love is the theatre, but her pursuit of a stage career ends bitterly with her first lesson in the risks of love.

Joining a publishing firm's publicity department after college, Emily finally marries an adoring husband. An executive in his father's toy business, he is a Mister Right with clay feet whose own romantic weakness precipitates Emily's greatest crisis, yet also the chance to become fully both her mother's daughter and her own woman.

Richard Brickner graduated from Columbia College in 1957. He is the author of the widely acclaimed *Tickets*, and an autobiographical work, *My Second Twenty Years*, as well as numerous articles and reviews. He has taught at the City College or New York and is a member of the faculty of The New School for Social Research.

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Christian Faith and the Bible of Judaism: The Judaic Encounter with Scripture

by Jacob Neusner

Eerdmans Publishing Co. 205 pp.

\$12.95 paperback

Christians tend to read the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible) as a prefiguration of the New Testament; Jews, as Neusner shows, see it in a radically different way. In this work, aimed at Christian readers, the author explains that in the Jewish tradition holy writ as interpreted by the sages forms a commentary on everyday life and may be used as a guide to doing God's will and attaining salvation. Neusner draws upon the voluminous midrashic literature, translating selections that he augments with excellent introductions. A useful book. . . *Library Journal*

A noted scholar and prolific author on Jewish literature, history and religion, Jacob Neusner believes that Jews and Christians do well to seek in their encounter with the teachings

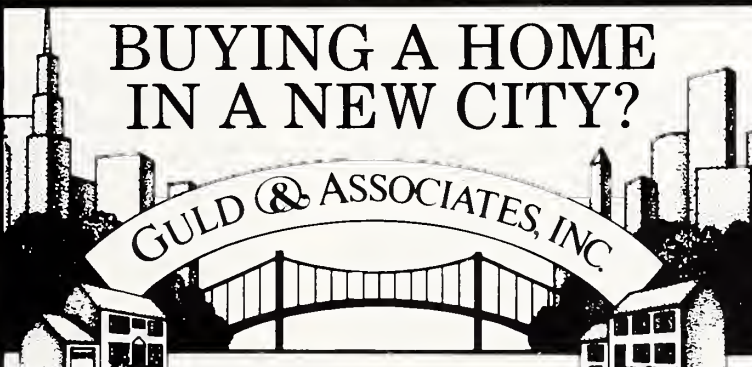
of the living God the wisdom, imagination and insight of the ages.

In this book Neusner illuminates for Christians what he considers to be the primary contribution of Jewish biblical interpretation to the Christian faith: the belief that Scripture forms a commentary on everyday life, as much as everyday life brings with it a fresh understanding of Scripture.

Stressing the rich diversity of interpretation, Neusner translates representative selections of leading Jewish commentaries on Genesis, Leviticus and Numbers, introducing each with a clear statement of what he thinks the passage means and the contemporary issues exemplified.

Jacob Neusner is University Professor and Underleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies at Brown University. He is the author of numerous books, including the recent *Enchantments of Judaism*.

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin this Jewish New Year, I want you to be aware of our exciting accomplishments at the Blumenthal Jewish Home over the past year.

FAIR OAKS, our new personal care facility at the Home, is complete in all its magnificent splendor and is presently enjoyed by twelve residents with several more signed up to join our family in the coming months.

The transition of adding 65,000 square feet to our existing facility has not come about without some adjustments in staff and programs. We really began to enjoy the fruits of our labor the end of March with a wonderful dedication of FAIR OAKS under the able and caring direction of Audrey Madans and Esther Frank. More than 450 people attended the dedication ceremony and heard Senator Marshall Rauch give an inspirational message in which he brought forth the thought that "All the Jews in North and South Carolina can be proud of this home because it is one which they, and they alone, built with a message, 'honor thy father and

mother' . . . may their lives be lived in dignity always."

Don Morris, our Executive Director, provides leadership to a dedicated staff. We are fortunate to have a resident physician, Dr. Bill Sugg, and an excellent nursing staff led by Patsy Petree. As our residents in both nursing wings and in FAIR OAKS "age in place," we anticipate an ever-escalating demand for more intensive medical service and care.

Our business office has continued to expand and, under the supervision of our Controller,



Leonard Guyes

Lydia Sparrow, we have become computerized, resulting in timely financial reports. To make you more aware, we are running a Five Million Dollar Business!

Wayne Silverman, our Director of Development, plays an important role in securing money and gifts to help run BJH and FAIR OAKS.

As we approach this New Year, we must be mindful and proud of the accomplishments we have made these past 23 years and yet, we must keep in perspective that our needs for the future have only just begun. I urge and encourage all of you to help us meet the goals of your home, The Blumenthal Jewish Home. We need both your financial support and your spiritual support. Give with the feeling of Tzedakah . . . Give generously so that our elderly will continue to live in dignity.

My sincere wish for the New Year is that each of you will be written and sealed in The Book of Life. Rita and my family join me in this wish.

L'shanah Tovah.

— Leonard Guyes

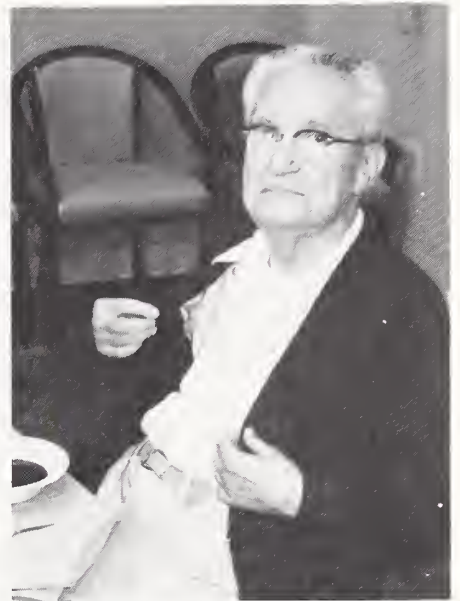
FAIR OAKS WELCOMES GUESTS

Summer is the time for touring and such was the case the past few months at FAIR OAKS. Through June, July and August, weekly luncheon tours have been held each Friday afternoon for prospective applicants, their family members and friends, and for some, just sightseeing. The more than 60 visitors from throughout the Carolinas (and other states) were resourceful individuals, concerned about the future, interested in FAIR OAKS, curious about BJH and the new addition, and investigating the appropriateness of FAIR OAKS for their lifestyle or for a family member or friend.

Not only did they delight in this beautiful setting, sample lunch in the lovely dining room, and meet with staff, but they received the added bonus of meeting and sharing this opportunity with other visitors. "A real treat!," we were told.

On hand to speak with our guests were many of our new FAIR OAKS residents, a cosmopolitan group, having moved here from as close as Charlotte and Raleigh and as far away as New York and California.

We hope to repeat these luncheon tours soon. Staff who assisted looked forward to sharing our wonderful resources with guests. We extend an open invitation to visit; if you would like a tour, please contact Ruth Wharton at BJH. She will be delighted to schedule a tour for you Monday through Friday.



Above: Leo Schwartz prepares to enjoy a meal in the FAIR OAKS dining room.



Above: For a change of pace, FAIR OAKS' residents enjoy a picnic at nearby Tanglewood Park. L-R, Bebe Bennison, Lucille Shaw, R.N. Unit Mgr., Sarah Sherry, Nona Meigs, Karl Cahn, Ella Gunsberger, Rose Schulherr, Anna Schleicher.

Below: A gaggle of Canada Geese welcomes Sarah Sherry to Tanglewood Park during a summer outing.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Don Morris

Our thoughts and aspirations for the past three years have focused on our plans to expand services at the Home and to add a facility to serve the needs of the independent elderly. We begin this New Year with many of our plans realized. We have seen the opening of FAIR OAKS, the addition of two new dining rooms in

B-Wing, the construction of a connecting corridor from B-Wing to the Commons, and a new arts and crafts area. As a community, we can take great pride in how we have utilized our resources and focused our attention to enhance the quality of life for our aged.

The Jewish population in North Carolina comprises .3% of the state's total population, one of the smallest Jewish population ratios across the country. Yet our commitment, caring, planning, and programs for the aged are distinguished not only in North Carolina but nationally. Our Home and the Jewish community in both North and South Carolina have a great tradition to be proud of and we will focus on that tradition and high expectation of excellence as we address the new challenges ahead of us.

Carol and I, David, Ruthie, and Artie extend to all of you our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. L'shanah Tovah!

– Don Morris



Above: Dinner in the FAIR OAKS Commons dining room during the 1st board meeting of the recently formed Carolinas Association of Jewish Women & Men. Pictured L to R are, Herman Blumenthal, Don Morris, Bobby Damsky, Pres., Sandy & Stan Decklebaun.

You are cordially invited to attend the

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Sunday, October 30, 1988 – 10:00 a.m.

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FAIR OAKS COMMONS
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in September and October:

19 YEARS

Lorena Durham, LPN A-Wing

12 YEARS

Verna Howell, Housekeeping
Maxine Newman, Dietary
Pearl Spellman, Dietary

11 YEARS

Bett Johnson, Nsg. Asst. B-1

9 YEARS

Judy Petty, Dietary

8 YEARS

Jim Byerly, Maintenance
Dennis Libes, Nsg. Asst. B-1

7 YEARS

Robin Beard, Nsg. Asst. A-Wing
Amy Minton, LPN B-2

6 YEARS

Libby Carter, RN Unit Mgr. B-1

4 YEARS

David Atkinson, Gen. Services Dir.
Susan Hazelwood, Nsg. Asst. B-1
Patty Whitt, Nsg. Asst. A-Wing

3 YEARS

Arlene Ammons, Pharmacy Tech.
Linda Archie, Laundry
Teresa Jackson, Dir. of Pharmacy

2 YEARS

Barbara Brewer, Development
Sue Clein, Dir. Vol. Services
Lisa Lamarr, RN B-2
Shirley Means, Nsg. Asst. B-2
Bonnie Volk, RN B-2

1 YEAR

Hazel Brock, Dietary
Jane Brown, Nsg. Asst. B-1
Evelyn Hamlin, Nsg. Asst. B-1
Olga Harris, LPN A-Wing
Phyllis Hayes, RN B-2
Vickie Lanning, LPN A-Wing
Denise Robertson, Laundry
Mildred Smith, Nsg. Asst. B-1



Pamela Wolfman, Winston-Salem volunteer and daughter Jessica, accompany Ruth Merins on the monthly volunteer shopping trips to Hanes Mall. Additional volunteers mean a day out for more residents. Join us!

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Mary Chizik, Fay Eisen, and Clara Randel. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

Board of Trustees Nominations

The following nominees are respectfully submitted for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting, October 30, 1988:

President	Dan Horvitz
President-Elect	Ellis Berlin
First Vice President	Aaron Rose
Second Vice President	Audrey Madans
Secretary	Marian Sosnik
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Herman Blumenthal	Howard Silverstein
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Arthur Kurtz	Mort Lerner
Jerome Epstein	Barry Blick
Dallas Mackey	Barry Leshin

For Two-Year Terms:

Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz	Norman Pliner, Chairman, Nominating Committee
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SUE'S NEWS

by Sue Clein

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

We greet this New Year with L'shanah Tovah. We wish our volunteers a healthy and happy New Year with our thanks for all they do to add to life at BJH. This is the season for apples and honey, for listening to the sounds of the shofar, for New Year's greetings, for remembrances, and hopes. It is a time of looking backward and looking forward.

Looking back we are grateful for a year of growth, of new friendships, new experiences, and fun. Even the hot and hazy days of summer were not lazy days for our volunteers. Weekly programs didn't miss a beat — June, July, and August still found residents and volunteers out shopping at the mall, children and mothers arriving for Children's Hour, and the General Store and Gift Shop volunteers greeting customers.

Forming our Summer Teen Corps were Amy Adkins, Jennifer Memffey, Kim Harmon, and Rosie Duggins, whose smiling faces brought cheer to our residents. Lunchtime, a Bingo game, or a trip to the Craft Shop is extra special with these young ladies giving a hand.

Looking forward, we hope for a year of new possibilities, new faces, and continued enthusiasm, a sweet year filled with the richness of our caring and giving volunteers. We look forward to special celebrations and to more of you joining in making our plans come true.

We invite you to begin the new year with a resolution to share some time with us. Come and enjoy the Sukkot Celebration and join our volunteers at the children's art booth, assisting residents or hostessing. If you care, we can use you.



Above: Amy Adkins, teen volunteer, keeps an eye on a Bingo card for Sarah Cohen.



Above: Kim Harmon, teen volunteer, shares a special moment with Dolly Wolfe.



Left: Therese Serxner, FAIR OAKS resident, keeps an eye on score keeper, teen volunteer, Jennifer Memffey.

REVIEWS and PREVIEWS

by LaQuietta Davis

Beat the heat — that's what BJH residents did this summer. How? By cooling their heels in the pool at the "Beach Bash," shopping at Hanes Mall, having a brew at a baseball game, picknicking at Tanglewood Park, or making a batch of homemade ice cream. B-Wing residents took advantage of the weather by cooking out for their famous "Lunch Bunches" and FAIR OAKS residents retreated to the cool culture of Reynolda House Museum of Art for a tour.

If it's hot it must be August — and, if it's August, it must be Lena Zimmerman's birthday! Yes, folks, Mrs. Zimmerman was 102 years "young" on August 26. Joining her in the "Centenarian's Club" at BJH is Mollie Brewer, a newcomer to B-2 who celebrated her 100th birthday on August 7. Congratulations, ladies, we'd like to know your secret.

Neither age nor heat keeps BJH folks down. FAIR OAKS residents will venture to Old Salem for a tour and lunch at the Salem Tavern on September 7. Jean Kostelich and Kindermusik students will make Grandparents' Day special by presenting a concert Sunday, September 11, at 3:00 p.m. The students, ages 2 to 4 years, will perform on piano, flute, and violin.

The High Holy Days schedule is a busy one, highlighted by the Second Annual Sukkot reception to be held Sunday, October 2.

Residents have been working double-time all summer in the Craft Shop preparing their wares to exhibit at both the Dixie Classic Fair October 1-9 and the Greensboro Jewish Culture and

Arts Festival at Beth David Synagogue on October 30.

Music, food, fun, and children are all a part of "Octoberfest" to be held October 12 in the courtyard. All this frivolity gives us the wanderlust so we'll hop on the bus and head for the mountains for a series of "Autumn Leaves" trips October 18-20.

After enjoying the festivities of the Annual Meeting (October 30), we'll pull out that Halloween costume we've been putting together in our spare time and head down to the Halloween Party in the Commons Auditorium October 31. Prizes will be awarded for the scariest, prettiest, most original, and funniest costume. Don't know "witch" way to turn for costume ideas? Your friendly Recreation Department will gladly provide consultation. Everyone's invited to join us for any "treat" at BJH!



Above: *Ida Tempko is ready to set sail as she cools her heels at the BJH "Beach Bash."*



Above: *Mollie Brewer, a new resident from Clemmons, joined BJH's Centenarian Club with her 100th birthday celebration in August.*



Above: *Lena Zimmerman celebrates her 102nd birthday with her continual "joie de vivre."*

HELP US SELECT BJH'S EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Do you know a certain BJH employee who characterizes a dedicated and caring professional?

Have you ever told them so? Here's your chance!

We now have an Employee of the Month Program so that your message of thanks can be expressed to that special employee.

Nominations must be placed in the Employee of the Month box (located in the breezeway) by the last Friday of the month. Nominations will be reviewed and winners decided by Department Directors according to established criteria. The winner each month receives \$100.00 in cash and recognition on the Employee of the Month plaque. Winners are also eligible to be chosen as Employee of the Year.

Blank nomination ballots can be obtained in each department or at the main office. This is an opportunity to have your opinion counted. Let's give praise where praise is due.

— Bonnie Ayers

WELCOME

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

Addie Harris

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Alise Panders

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Ida Feinberg

Miami Beach, Florida

Esther Pearson

Fayetteville, North Carolina



SUKKOT CELEBRATION

The second annual Sukkot Celebration will be held Sunday, October 2, from 2:30 to 4:30 at BJH. The first was such a success, we decided to do it again! We invite you to bring your family and friends and join the celebration in our beautiful, grand Sukkah. Refreshments, entertainment and a children's art booth await you. Children of all ages are invited to create a decoration to add to our Sukkah.

We hope you will take this opportunity to visit and share the joys of this season with us. Mark your calendars for a delightful afternoon.



Above: Parents and children spent a fun afternoon creating "stained glass fruit" at last year's Sukkot Celebration. Please join us this year.

L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATAVU

From Bebe Bennison:

Many happy returns of the day and many blessings from Heaven be given to all people. God bless each and every one of them and keep them safe.

From Karl & Paula Cahn:

Happy New Year to the whole family and to all our friends.

From Mollye Freedman:

New Year's Greetings.

From Therese Serxner:

Good wishes to my family and friends for the New Year.

From Anna Schleicher:

Best wishes and love to my family and friends for the New Year.

From Leo Schwartz:

Happy New Year to my whole family and friends.

From Moe Mandel:

Peace on Earth and good will toward men and women for the coming year.

From Nona Meigs:

Good wishes and good health to all.

From Ella Gunzberger and Rose Schulherr:

Happy New Year to all our relatives and friends.

From Anna & Sigmund Meyer:

Happy New Year to Betsey, Sandra, Frank, their families and our friends. May your hearts and lives be filled with love, joy, and peace always!

From Rose Halpern:

To my children, grandchildren, and my dear friends in Greensboro and elsewhere in North Carolina; I wish you all a healthy and peaceful New Year!

From Sarah Cohen:

A wish that we all could be together on this joyous occasion. Best wishes for the New Year; Love, Mother.

From Herb Kandall:

Best wishes for the New Year to family and friends.

From Eleanor Altshuller:

Best New Year's greetings to all my family.

From Fannie Benson:

Best wishes to my family and friends.

From Evelyn Small:

Best wishes to my sister, Edna, and family.

From Anna Hersh:

Happy New Year to my daughter and family!

From Claire Bernstein:

Happy New Year to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Tager and family and to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rosenbacher and family. Also to my new great-grandchild, Jessica!

From Rose Germain:

Hope you have a healthy and happy New Year for my children, nieces, and nephews!

From Elsa Heller:

To my relatives and good friends. A wish for the coming New Year, that you all have good health, wisdom, and success!

From Ida Temko:

Best wishes for the New Year to my family and friends!

From Yvette Pearlman:

Best wishes to my friends and family in N.C.

From Lena Zimmerman:

Happy New Year to my children and family!

From Janet Wechsler:

Happy New Year to my family and friends. Blessings of good health and happiness always!

From Bertha Lippman:

A happy and healthful New Year to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lippman and family!

From Dolly Wolfe:

Happy New Year to my daughter, Eleanor Turk, and family.

From Jack Tirkeltaub:

A happy and healthy New Year to Rhoda, Harold and family.

From Anna Passman:

Happy New Year to all!

From Anna Levine:

To my children and family, may God bless you this New Year!

From Bea Mandel:

Happy New Year to everyone at BJH.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Ruth Menins:

Happy New Year to Howard and Nancy Schwartz and family, Mr. & Mrs. Broms and family, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Swirnoff and family, also Mr. & Mrs. Mike Swirnoff and family.

From Abe Sack:

Happy New Year to: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sack and family, Mrs. Ida Moise, Mr. and Mrs. Spector, Mr. & Mrs. Polner, Mr. & Mrs. White, Karen and family, also the Kasofsky Boys.

From Alice Fruh:

L'shanah Tovah Kol Yisrael!

From Sara Blau:

To Stanley and Audrey Horovitz, the best of everything for the New Year.

From Delia Sonnenstein:

Happy New Year to my family!

From Florence Swirsky:

Happy New Year, Samuel and Irma Swirsky!

From Sarah Strause:

Happy New Year to Sammy and Leonard!

From Freda Hurwitz:

Happy New Year to my family!

From Ida Robinowitz:

Happy New Year to my family!

From Etya Brusillovsky:

Happy New Year to my family!

From Irving Weisman:

To Leonora, Happy New Year!

From Edward Kurtz:

Happy New Year to my family!

From John Eros:

Happy New Year, Mary Ann!

From Maurice Rogovin:

To my daughter, Audrey, all my best wishes for a Happy New Year!

From Dorothy Rosenberg:

To Barbara, Pearly and Marilyn; all my best wishes to you and your families for a Happy New Year!

From Clara Steiner:

To Abe Steiner, a Happy New Year! I wish you were here! To Judy and Esther, all my best wishes for a Happy New Year!

From Rose Pliskin:

To Mickey Hartman and her family, all my best wishes for a Happy New Year!

From Frances Stadiem:

To my son, Bernie, Happy New Year!

From Max Miller:

To my family, Happy New Year!

From Sol Greenberg:

Happy New Year to my family!

From Irving Miller:

To my wife and family, Happy New Year!

From Minnie Klein:

Happy New Year to my son Leonard's family!

From Mae Kornbluth:

To my daughter, Holly, all my best wishes for a Happy New Year!

From Millie Froehlich:

Happy New Year to my daughter and family!

From Sylvia Silbert:

To Virginia, Happy New Year!

From Samuel Lockman:

Happy New Year to my family!

From Dr. Harry Karesh:

Happy New Year to my family and friends!

From Roberta Smith:

To Dr. and Mrs. Stanton Teitelman in Virginia Beach, Happy New Year!

From Jane Rosenberg:

Happy New Year to my family and to Catherine Schell!

From "Mama" Lefkowitz:

To Bootsie, Elsie, Harriet and Zelda and brother Morris and their families, Happy New Year!



WHO DO I BELONG TO?

"Where is my owner?," said the bright blue dress. "Don't worry, I'll keep you warm," responded the new red sweater. "If only our owners had given us their names," cried the clothing chorus. If you listen very closely, you might hear these words coming from the lost and lonely clothes hanging unclaimed on a housekeeping laundry rack.

They keep each other company but would much rather be with their rightful owners. We'd like to remind residents and family members to be sure all clothes are labeled when mov-

ing into BJH or FAIR OAKS — and don't forget to label new purchases. Missing items may be waiting for you on the laundry rack; they would love to be claimed.



Our hats are off to our excellent Laundry Department for their continued, fine efforts but please don't leave your hat there!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sept. 2	Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, 6:45 pm
Sept. 7	FAIR OAKS residents tour Old Salem, leave at 9:15 am
Sept. 11	Grandparents Day, concert featuring Suzuki students of Jean Kostelich, Salem Kindermusik, 3:00 pm in the Commons Auditorium
Sept. 23	Shopping at Hanes Mall, leave at 9:30 am
Sept. 24	BJH Employee Picnic, 5:00 pm
Sept. 28	A-Wing and B-1 Birthday Parties, 2:00 pm
Sept. 29	B-2 Birthday Party, 2:00 pm
Oct. 6	Dixie Classic Fair, leave for Fairgrounds at 1:00 pm
Oct. 7	Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, 6:45 pm
Oct. 11	Clemmons Senior Citizens Lunch, leave at 9:45 am
Oct. 12	"OCTOBERFEST," 10:00 am-12 noon, BJH Courtyard
Oct. 16	Brenner Concert, 3:00 pm, Commons Auditorium
Oct. 18	Autumn Leaves Trip, B-Wing, leave at 10:00 am
Oct. 19	Autumn Leaves Trip, FAIR OAKS, leave at 10:00 am
Oct. 20	Autumn Leaves Trip, A-Wing, leave at 10:00 am
Oct. 21	Shopping Trip — Hanes Mall, leave at 9:30 am
Oct. 30	Annual Meeting — 10:00 am Greensboro Jewish Cultural and Arts Festival, leave at 10:45 am
Oct. 31	Halloween and Birthday Party, 2:30 pm, Commons Auditorium

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

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What's Developing?

CAMPAIGN NEWS

The High Holiday season brings family members together, brings back memories of High Holidays of the past, and for many, brings us to a closer relationship with God.

Tzedakah is a very important part of the season. We hope you remember that the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS is still in full swing. We are over the half-way point and have an uphill battle for the last half. Long-term pledges and large gifts are still needed to help reach our goal. Perhaps a 4-year pledge will fit into your plans for High Holiday Tzedakah.

The Campaign is now progressing on a city-by-city basis. We have assembled groups of volunteers in some cities who are helping to plan the local campaign. Volunteer teams have previously met in **Winston-Salem** and **Fayetteville**. **Charlotte** volunteers will have met by publication time.

In **Greensboro**, a dedicated core of 10 volunteers met for breakfast at Tex and Shirley's to coordinate the local campaign. A combination of personal visits, phone calls and letter writing is taking place and will continue in the coming months. These individuals are giving quite a bit of personal time and energy to assist the Home in this important effort. If a volunteer contacts you, please encourage their efforts through your attentiveness and generosity.

Herman Blumenthal and Wayne Silverman have made numerous trips to communities and have visited many individuals around the state. One Sun-



Above: Fayetteville Capitol Campaign Volunteers Gary Mendelsohn and Ruth Leder meet at the Barn Restaurant to plan the Fayetteville Campaign.

day this summer over 40 members of the Jewish Community in **Hendersonville** were delighted by a program on the Home and FAIR OAKS. Many had never been to the Home and were very interested to hear the story. Some responded with gifts to the Capital Campaign.

Other trips have taken Herman and Wayne to **Blue Star Camps, Asheville, Hickory**, and other communities in the western half of the State. We are pleased by the warm reception and interest shown by those who are visited.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE UPDATE

A recent restructuring has resulted in the expansion of the role and function of the Development Office to include Marketing and Public Relations.

The Office of Development, Marketing and Public Relations is

staffed by a team including Wayne Silverman, Sue Clein, Barbara Brewer and a new staff member. The functions of this team will include: all fund-raising functions, coordination of the Capital Campaign, the production of the BJH portion of the TIMES OUTLOOK, the marketing effort for seeking new residents for FAIR OAKS, overall marketing for the Home, and public relations coordination with the media, federations, synagogues and our many supporters.

Combining these functions within the same office will streamline the organizational structure and will make the conduit to our supporters and the general public flow much smoother. We look forward to serving and responding to the needs of all of you.

For information or to offer assistance in any of these areas, contact the Office of Development, Marketing and Public Relations at (919) 766-3035.

The Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS at the Blumenthal Jewish Home

We would like to thank the following individuals for establishing or renewing their commitment to the Capital Campaign. The listing below includes gifts or pledges to the FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign from July 2 through August 9, 1988. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. We would like to apologize for any errors or omissions. Please advise the Development Office of any errors.

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Sunday, Sept. 11

Eve of Rosh

Hashanah 6:15 pm

Monday, Sept. 12

First Day of Rosh

Hashanah 9:30 am

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Second Day of Rosh

Hashanah (Shofar is
sounded) 9:30 am

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Yom Kippur Eve -

Kol Nidre 6:15 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Day of

Atonement 9:30 am
2:20 pm

Sunday, Sept. 25

Eve of the Feast of

Tabernacles 6:15 pm

Monday, Sept. 26

First Day

of Sukkot 9:30 am

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Second Day

of Sukkot 9:30 am

Sunday, Oct. 2

Sukkot

Celebration 2:30-4:30 pm

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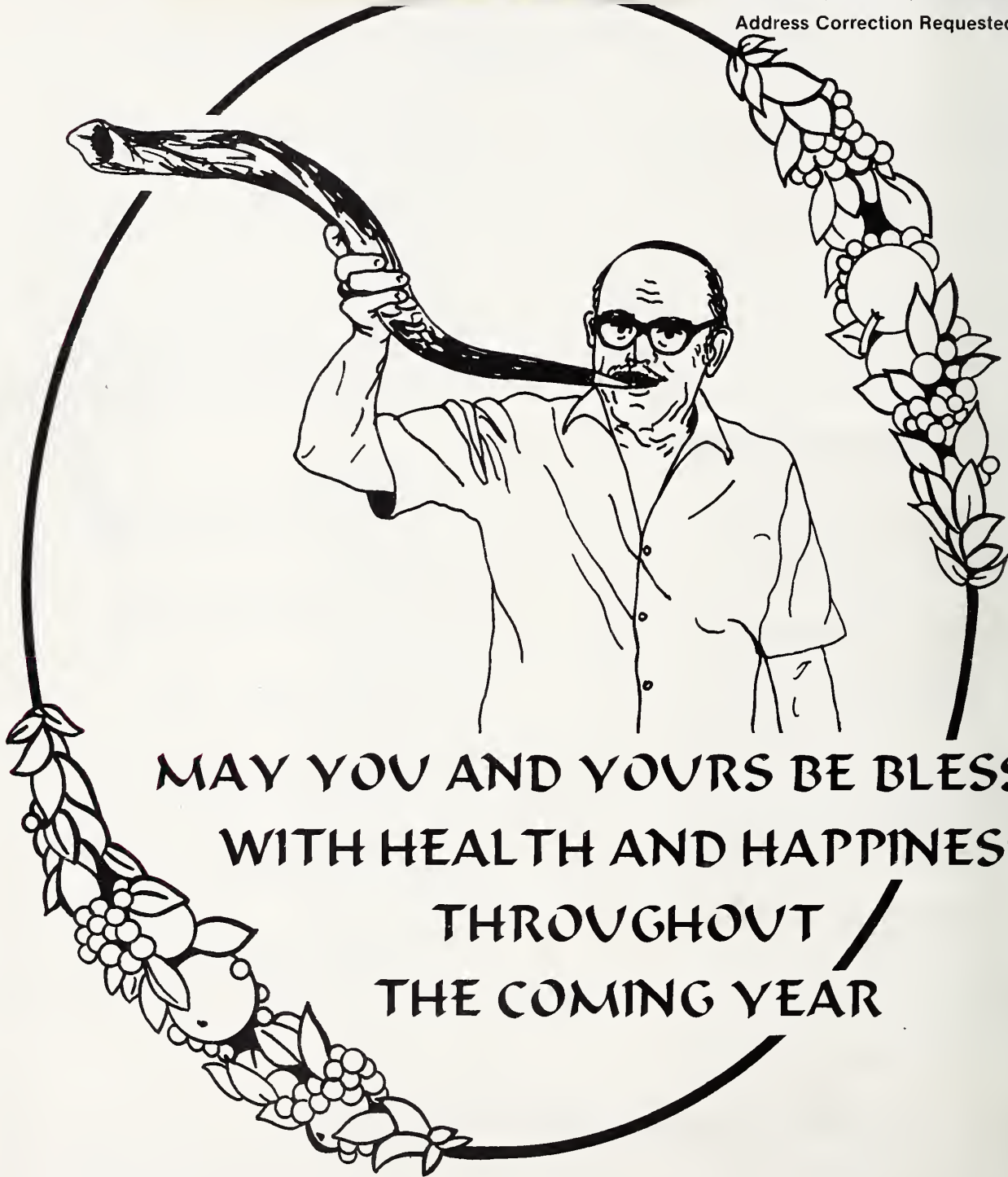
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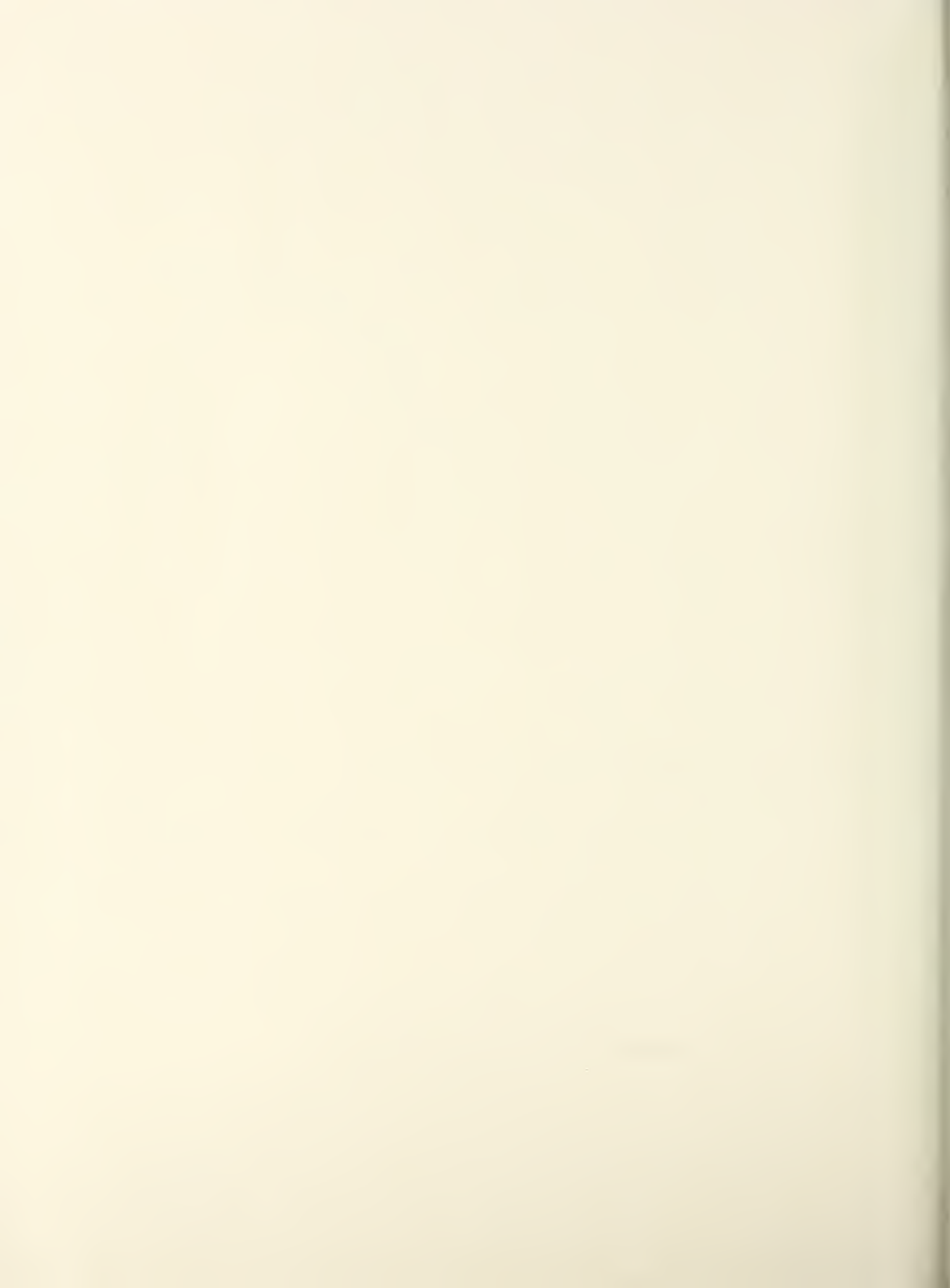
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