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# The Jews of the Soviet Union: Greater Freedom, Increased Emigration, but an Uncertain Future

by Deborah Lipson

(WZPS) The situation of the estimated 1.7 million Jews of the Soviet Union (unofficial estimates put the figure higher than two million) has remained in the consciousness of the free world and on the agenda in meetings between heads of state. Just before Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Washington last December, a massive rally of an estimated quarter of a million people demonstrated their dissatisfaction with Soviet policy on the question of the right of Soviet Jews to live freely as Jews within the USSR and to repatriate to Israel if they so wish. Yet despite this awareness, the situation for the Jews of the Soviet Union remains ambivalent and unsure.

## Jewish Culture

The facts of Jewish life within the USSR today have remained essentially unchanged: the majority of Soviet Jews know nothing of their heritage or of Jewish religious ritual and traditions; there are no Jewish schools, centers of Jewish culture or official access to modern Israeli culture or the Hebrew language.

The past year has seen a growth in ultra-nationalist right-wing groups within the Soviet Union, whose doctrines clearly include anti-Semitic elements. While such groups (most active among them is *Pamyat*, "Memory") are not official, they have, to a degree, been officially sanctioned.

Unofficial attempts to develop a Jewish culture have met with less active suppression than in the past. An unofficial Museum of Soviet Jewish Culture was opened in Moscow in a private home last January; the city now possesses an unofficial Jewish library and Jews in several Soviet cities performed *Purimshpiels* to mark the festival of Purim. Hebrew lessons are available in a number of Soviet towns and cities, and a new Hebrew *ulpan* was openly advertised in a local newspaper in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku in November 1987.

These and many other small-scale activities, however, are far from constituting a fully-fledged culture. Equally important, it must be remembered that they reach only a small percentage of the Jewish population.

## Emigration

In 1986, the number of Soviet Jews permitted to leave the USSR on visas for Israel was, at 904, one of the lowest annual figures since the modern wave of emigration began in the early 1970s. The figure for 1987, however, was considerably higher—8,155 Soviet Jews left, and the 1988 total promises to be higher still. In the first six months of the year, just over 6,000 Soviet Jews left on visas for Israel, and the monthly figure has risen steadily from a little over 700 in January, to nearly 1,500 in June.

However, the rise must be seen within a historical perspective, which covers more than just the last two or three years. Under the leadership of the supposedly liberal Mikhail Gorbachev, the annual figure is only a fraction of the peak year, 1979, when, under the more conservative Leonid Brezhnev, 51,331 Soviet Jews left on visas for Israel. Emigration and applications for exit visas are still highly problematical as the Soviet government still only recognizes the

right of Jews to leave for Israel in order to be reunited with first-degree relatives.

While the past year saw the granting of exit visas to many veteran refuseniks, among them the families of Vladimir Prestin and Vladimir Slepak, who applied in 1970, and Yosef Begun, Ida Nudel and Pavel Abramovich who all applied in 1971, others are still being denied permission to leave. Most notable among them is Yuli Kosharovsky, who has now been waiting over seventeen years for an exit visa for Israel.

As of March 1988, some 2,500 Soviet Jewish families, about 9,000 people, were known to have been refused exit visas at some time and still to be in the Soviet Union. This figure of 9,000 does not include people about whom no details are available in the West, and it is estimated that the true refusenik population of the USSR is two to three times that figure.

Many refuseniks continue to be refused permission to leave on the grounds that a member of the family has access to classified information—a ruse, in most cases, to avoid giving an exit visa to a certain person or family.

Others are denied permission to leave because of their inability to obtain the necessary financial waiver from family remaining in the USSR. The mere fact that there are no outstanding material claims against the applicant is not sufficient.

For several months now, senior Soviet officials have been talking about new legislation, currently under preparation, which will resolve both these problems. As yet, there is no firm date when this legislation will actually appear on the statute books, or exactly what its provisions will be.

## Drop-outs

One of the most troubling aspects of the current emigration movement is the high percentage of Soviet Jews who leave the USSR on visas for Israel but choose to settle elsewhere. Since the late 1970s, the drop-out rate has fluctuated between 70 and 80 percent. In June 1988, it reached an all-time high of over 90 percent, spurring the Israeli government to toughen its stance on the issue. The Israeli cabinet recently voted to oblige all Soviet Jews who have applied with invitations from Israel, to come to Israel, irrespective of when they first applied for an exit visa. In the future all entry visas to Israel will be issued not by the Dutch Embassy in Moscow, but by the Israeli Embassy in Bucharest.

There can be no guarantee that the increase in the number of Jews allowed to leave the USSR and the more relaxed attitude to unofficial Jewish activities will continue. Soviet Jews, as a minority within the USSR, suffer from severe discrimination. Those who apply to leave, run the risk of losing a good job and security, to be replaced by years of a meaningless existence in refusal, harassment and possible arrest. While the past year has seen the release from imprisonment of all the remaining prisoners for Zion, the future for those Jews living in the USSR or wishing to leave is very uncertain.

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"Inspiration from the Book of Daniel" by G. M. Fine. Dr. Fine, known as "Yannai," is a 37 year old Minneapolis artist. His traditional religious beliefs coupled with a keen awareness of Jewish history and Torah are projected into his original Biblical paintings which are bright and colorful, and exude a stained-glass window effect. The reproduction pictured here shows Daniel, found at prayer at his window, being sent into a den of lions. Window inscription taken from the Book of Daniel reads in English, "My G-d sent an Angel and closed the Lions' mouths."

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## UJA Announces 50th Anniversary Jubilee Plans

The United Jewish Appeal (UJA) announced plans for its 50th Anniversary Jubilee, a series of events including missions to Israel and Europe that will culminate in a two-day celebration in New York City, December 11-12.

William Rosenwald, a New York Jewish community leader and UJA Honorary National Chairman who signed the document fifty years ago establishing the UJA, is Honorary Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Jubilee; Robert Loup of Denver, a past UJA National Chairman and former UJA Chairman of the Board of Trustees, serves as its General Chairman.

Announcing the Jubilee Year observance, Mr. Rosenwald said, "Since its creation fifty years ago in the aftermath of *Kristallnacht*, the United Jewish Appeal has become the preeminent Jewish philanthropic organization in the United States. In close partnership with Jewish federations and communities around the country, UJA humanitarian assistance has been extended to more than three million Jews throughout the world, including some two million immigrants who found refuge and safety in Israel. It has provided not only the funds for these life-saving endeavors, but leadership and inspiration, serving as an example of responsibility to the Jewish communities around the globe and, in a broader sense, to the world community of nations."

The 50th Anniversary Year observance will culminate in the Jubilee Celebration, December 11-12, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. The celebration will begin with a gala dinner on Sunday, December 11, and will be followed by symposia on *The Future of the American Jewish Community* and *The Future of Israel* with major international personalities participating.

The United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign is the major American Jewish fund-raising instrument supporting social services in Israel;

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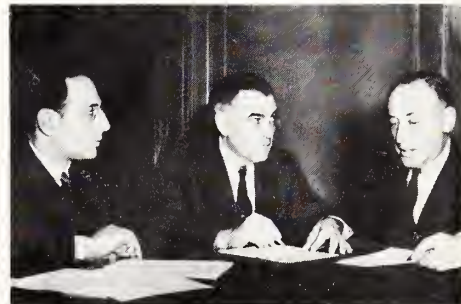
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UJA was established in 1938 after *Kristallnacht*. Signing the UJA charter on Jan. 10, 1939 were (L. to R.) William Rosenwald of the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of the United Palestine Appeal and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of the American Joint Distribution Committee. Photo by UJA Press Service.

# Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)

## CAJE Conference Reports Part One of a Series

by Lenora Stein

Where does a Jewish teacher go to have his/her "batteries recharged"? To an electronics store? an auto repair shop? NO! Jewish teachers "recharge" their professional, pedagogic "batteries" at the annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, held every summer on a major university campus within a Jewish community somewhere on the North American continent!

The annual CAJE Conferences, sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education, are attended by well over 2000 participants: Jewish teachers, principals, scholars, authors, rabbis, cantors, artists, publishers, musicians, entertainers, community leaders, central agency personnel, librarians, resource people, lay leaders, etc., representing every denomination on the American Jewish scene.

Originally and lovingly called "the Jewish Woodstock," CAJE Conferences have become legends in their own time. Also referred to as "summer overnight camp for Jewish teachers," the Conferences are great equalizers: everyone who attends is housed in dormitories, shares a communal bathroom, eats dorm cafeteria food (strictly kosher), and is immersed in one of the most intense Jewish educational experiences that a Jewish teacher is likely to encounter—until next year's Conference.

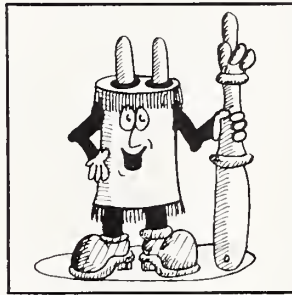
This year, the 13th, the "bar mitzvah" year of CAJE Conferences, was a departure for the organization. As many families do, in celebration of a child's bar or bat mitzvah, CAJE chose to go to Israel to hold a "bar mitzvah" year Conference, the first Conference not held in North America, and also to host two simultaneous Institutes within the United States.

## Institute in Milwaukee

I had the opportunity to attend the CAJE Institute in Milwaukee. Other articles in this series will be written by those who attended the Conference in Israel, as well as the Institutes in Milwaukee and San Diego.

If I had to choose one trend in Jewish education upon which the CAJE Milwaukee Institute focused, it would be Family Education. First a definition in terms: family education is loosely stated as the traditional process of Jews learning and sharing together as *mishpochah* within families (parents, children, grand-

parents, siblings, extended families) and with other families. It is really a trend of returning to the basics of how Jewish customs, practices, knowledge and history have been transmitted over the centuries. Jewish education revolves around the interactions and resultant learning that families experience together. "Give us your kids and we'll send you back Jews" ("us" being the school, camp, youth group, etc.) is replaced by a philosophy and interactive process of involvement in Jewish education as beyond "just the kids."



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I attended many sessions on Family Education—innovative programming, successful curriculum, games families play, experiential, hands-on Judaism. Many of the hand-outs, program descriptions, supplementary materials and philosophical articles are available in the Carolina CAJE Resource Center and may be borrowed by contacting me at CAJE in Charlotte.

One more note about CAJE Conferences—a fringe benefit, really: CAJE is famous for the most fantastic, *ruach*-filled evenings of Jewish entertainment to be found in North America. Everybody who is anybody on the Jewish entertainment circuit “plays” CAJE and proudly touts it among his/her credentials. Playing (free of charge) to CAJE audiences is tough. But the Conference is the largest showcase of its kind of quality Jewish performance. In addition, there is always a premier Jewish film festival and a marketplace of Jewish books, music, jewelry, art, crafts, toys, games, ritual objects, etc. The Conference organizers are definitely not kidding when they say ALWAYS bring your checkbook and credit cards!

CAJE belongs to the teachers: as the national organization bumper sticker proudly states: “Jewish educators give *dor l'dor* service.”

### CAJE at San Diego

by Elaine Markmann Chernotsky

The CAJE Institute at San Diego State was an exciting gathering of nearly 500 Jewish educators from throughout the U.S. This group, from Orthodox to the unaffiliated, shared one goal—the advancement of Jewish education. As part of this group, I had the opportunity to learn more about the status of Jewish education and the creative instruction, methods and materials that are available.

The Institute offered several formats including Machon for intensive study; 3 hour Modules or 1½ hour Lehrhaus. Participants could choose Machons in Prayer, Hebrew Language, Spirituality or the Community. Evening programs included films, plays and concerts. The biggest dilemma was choosing from so much.

As the parent of a preschooler, I was particularly interested in programs and materials for this age child. Cantor Sharona Feller of Phoenix described “Mishpocha,” a monthly Shabbat program for preschoolers and their families designed to increase children’s familiarity with a synagogue. Karen Ringel, a Phoenix preschool Director, discussed storytelling techniques which included puppetry, flannel and magnet boards and various props. Lauri Wolff of Everett, Mass. led a workshop on “Davening for Children.” Although a proponent of traditional prayer, she urged the group to use games and experiential activities to encourage children’s participation in a service.

Perhaps my most joyous moments

at CAJE were the music workshops led by Cindy Paley and Debbie Friedman. With tape recorders in hand, we learned both traditional and contemporary holiday and Shabbat songs. Imagine learning a Chanukah cantata or new ways to sing “Shalom”!

The last Module I attended was entitled, “Women Speak to G-d” with Marcia Cohn Spiegel, author of a book by the same name. Ms. Spiegel has spent many years accumulating prayers written by women. Our group analyzed selected prayers and discussed the lives of the women who created them. As with every other workshop, the time passed too quickly.

CAJE San Diego was an inspirational gathering of dedicated professionals. I urge educators, parents and lay leaders to learn more about this organization and to explore the possibility of attending a conference. The future of Jewish education depends on it.

**ED. NOTE:** Other participants in CAJE conferences will report on their experiences in future issues of the **TIMES OUTLOOK**.

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# Sam Margolis Promotes Recognition of Haym Salomon

Through the efforts of Sam Margolis of Durham, N.C. a resolution has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Tim Valentine, asking that a statue of Haym Salomon be erected in the nation's capitol. The monument is to be privately funded.

Sam Margolis was born in Chicago, July 8, 1910, to parents who immigrated from D'Vinsk, Latvia. The family moved to Durham when Sam was eleven months old. He was graduated from Durham High School in 1929 and attended Duke University. He operated a pawn shop for many years. Mr. Margolis is a member of B'nai B'rith, an honorary vice president of the Beth-El Synagogue of Durham, and a member of the *Chevra Kadisha*.

Sam Margolis has been an admirer of Haym Salomon since early youth and has studied the role of Salomon in the Revolutionary War. Salomon was second only to Robert Morris in financing the war, and was never repaid. Sam Margolis, aged 77, has been trying to gain for Salomon the gratitude he deserves as a Jewish patriot whose generosity and financial assistance were crucial in the War of Independence. His name has been too often neglected in the history of that struggle.

Margolis has twice sponsored an essay contest on the subject of Haym Salomon and has enlisted the support of others in achieving for Salomon his rightful place in history.

The following story of Haym Salomon was given in a speech delivered by Sam Margolis to the Durham Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Speech given by Sam Margolis

In distant Lissa (Leszno), Poland, in 1740, three years before Thomas Jefferson was born, a male baby was born. In later life in America, during our Revolutionary War, he was to become well known for his absolute honesty, financial ability,



Sam Margolis

and human kindness unmatched in American history. Yet, this remarkable man has remained unsung and unrewarded for his exploits.

During the partition of Poland in 1772 by Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary, Kosciuszko, Pulaski, Haym Salomon and others revolted against Russia, who had taken over the city of Warsaw. These few freedom-loving Poles were soundly defeated and they had to run for their lives. This was Poland's loss and America's gain, as they all later migrated to America.

Haym Salomon escaped to Holland. Having a bright mind, he soon learned to read and write French and German. After a short stay in Holland, he sojourned in London where he learned to read and write English.

Landing in New York during the latter part of 1772, he became known for his honesty, astute business ability, and his knowledge of several languages. Many ship captains and ship owners flocked to his office and gave him their business. The word had spread that Haym Salomon was an honest agent with a heart. When

the Revolutionary War broke out, he was in the thick of our fight for freedom from British tyranny.

Soon after the British occupied New York in 1776, he was arrested for spying, but his knowledge of German caused the British to turn him over to the Hessian General, Heister, as a linguist. This gave him more freedom of movement and he was instrumental in helping American prisoners to escape and Hessian officers to desert.

However, in 1778, the British General, Sir Henry Clinton, charged that Haym Salomon had received orders from General George Washington to burn the British fleet and warehouses in New York. He was again imprisoned, and after suffering inhuman hardships in Prevoist Prison, he was sentenced to death. Fortunately, he was put in a cell by himself, guarded by a Hessian. Haym Salomon, having concealed a small gold nugget in his clothing, was successful in bribing his guard. Both the Hessian and he escaped.

Since the Americans were well entrenched in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Haym Salomon made his way there. He arrived penniless and exhausted, but happy—happy that he could once again actively support our fight for freedom and independence. It was not long before Haym Salomon again established himself as an active patriot and as a truthful broker with a heart, with the result that he became one of the greatest financiers of his adopted city.

Here are some of the highlights of his services.

He was entrusted with loans advanced by Louis XVI of France, loans from Holland and Spain. Because of his own integrity, he received only a modest commission of one-fourth of one percent.

He was appointed broker to the officer of finance of the United States on July 12, 1782, by Robert Morris, Superintendent of the Office of Fi-

nance of the United States. He endorsed all French and Spanish notes which had been brought down in value by greedy merchants. This maneuver caused the notes to become par. Thus, the United States Treasury could reap the true value of the notes.

He was appointed paymaster-general of all French armed forces in America, which post he filled free of charge. As the little broker at the coffee house on Front Street in Philadelphia, he financially befriended many of our Revolutionary leaders—Judge Wilson, Thomas Jefferson, William Randolph, and above all, James Madison, twice president of the United States

In Robert Morris' journal there are 75 entries of money loaned to the U.S. Treasury by Haym Salomon of well over \$500,000 with no interest charges. The debt was never repaid to him or his heirs—an enormous sum for those days.

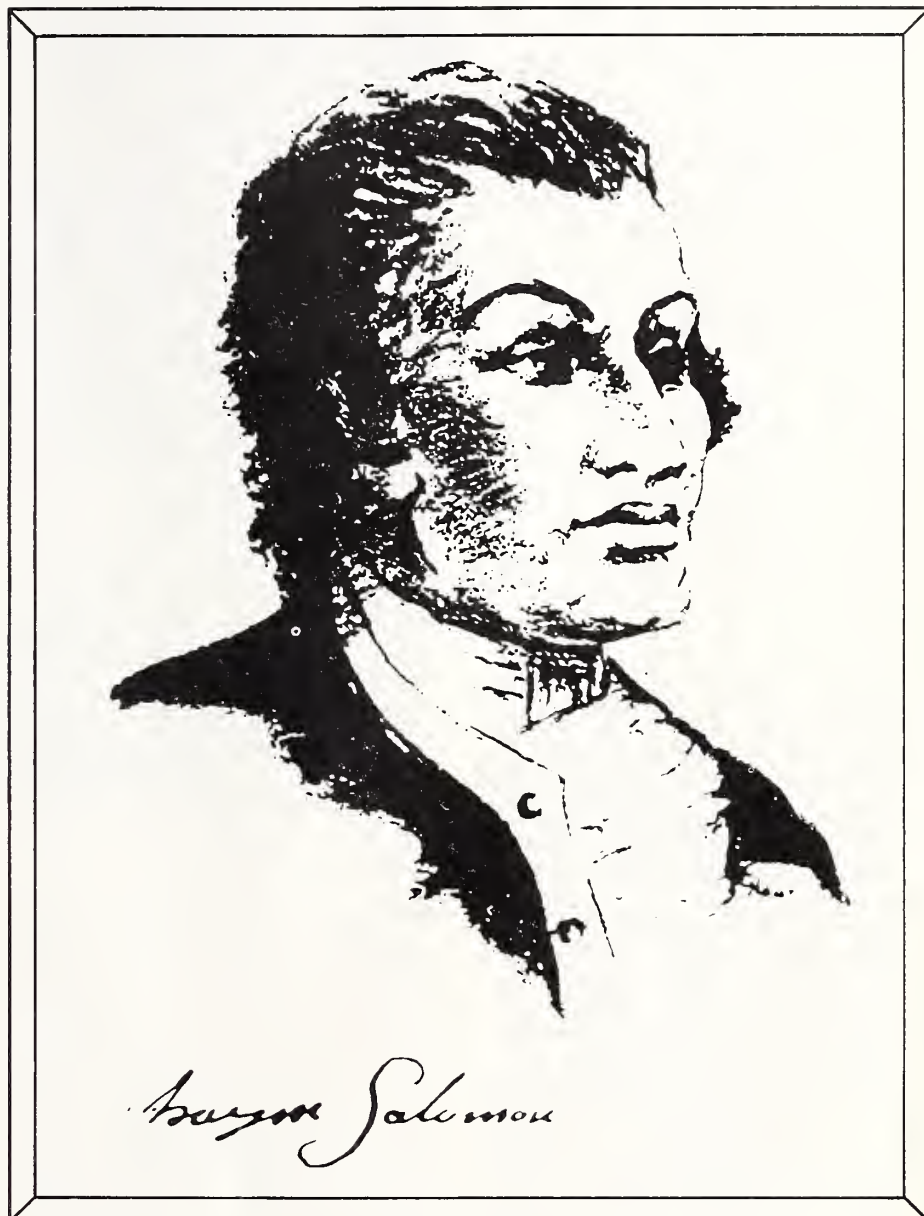
Haym Salomon died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 6, 1785, at the age of 45.

Quoting from the book, *The Jews Who Stood by Washington* by Madison C. Peters:

"America has honored these patriotic men and justly so, by high places in her history, and as we sing their praises we are inspired with the invincible determination to give our country to our children as we got it from our fathers, a free and independent nation, but this man, Haym Salomon, who, renouncing the maxim of wordly wisdom which says, 'Get all you can and keep all you get,' gave all he had to the cause of America, gave it in a crucial moment, when money alone saved the day, and which, had he kept it, could have made millions. It is only just to ask that future writers of American history acknowledge 'The Little Jew,' the real financier of the America Revolution, shall not the people of this peerless, unrivaled, unapproached and unapproachable republic, now in the days of their prosperity, erect to this early benefactor a monument in Washington, a

memorial to this ardent lover of human freedom, who did in his little office on Front Street, Philadelphia,

for the nation's credit, what Washington did on the field of battle for the people's freedom?"



*Haym Salomon*

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**Morris B. Abram and  
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Dialogue in Statewide Forum**  
by Ruth Goldberg

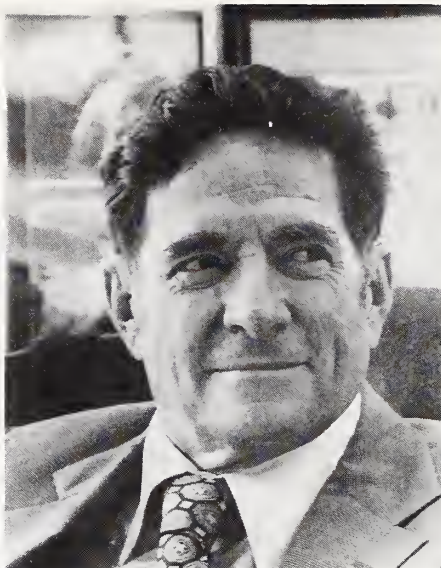
About 600 people heard prominent Jewish World leaders, Morris B. Abram and Edgar M. Bronfman, present a dialogue in a Statewide Forum, *FRIENDSHIPS UNDER PRESSURE: The World Jewish Community and Israel*. The meeting took place at Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro, September 6. The Forum, chaired by Adam Abram of Chapel Hill, Herman Blumenthal of Charlotte, and Arthur Cassell of Greensboro was sponsored by the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, and the Jewish Federations of Charlotte, Durham-Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Wake County.

Adam Abram introduced his father, Morris B. Abram, and a close family friend, Edgar M. Bronfman.

As President of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar M. Bronfman is the spokesperson for Jews all over the world. In this role, he has contacts with the Kremlin where he has negotiated the release of thousands of Jews. He informed the audience that even if all the Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union emigrated, there would still be two million Jews remaining.

Mr. Bronfman and Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the National Conference of Soviet Jewry, are negotiating with Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to secure religious freedom and the rights of first-class citizenship for all Jews in the Soviet Union. Mr. Bronfman felt that this is the opportune time when Gorbachev's policies of *Glasnost* and *Perestroika* prevail to convince the Kremlin that being good to the Jews is good for Soviet Union.

Mr. Bronfman discussed Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria. He referred to Waldheim as an amoral careerist, an empty shell of a man who for ten years had been Secre-



Morris B. Abram



Edgar M. Bronfman

tary General of the United Nations. The Austrians who welcomed the *Anschluss* in 1938 are still demonstrating their Nazi sympathy and anti-Semitic attitude by supporting Waldheim.

American support for Israel is not as strong as it used to be, according to Mr. Bronfman. Television has blown the *Intifada*, the Palestinian uprising in the territories, out of proportion influencing American Jewish opinion. It is the responsibility of American Jews to understand the dilemma that the Israelis face and to be supportive of Israel. Bronfman stated that all Israelis want peace. The big issue of the upcoming election in Israel focuses on the occupied territories. Fifty percent of the people are willing to give land for peace, but "to accuse [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Shamir of not wanting peace is to slander him."

Morris B. Abram continued with the discussion of the election in Israel. He reminded the audience that there have been eleven elections in the Middle East in 4,000 years. All eleven occurred in the State of Israel and the twelfth is scheduled for November 1, 1988.

There is no partner with whom

Israel can make peace, stated Morris Abram. Every Arab leader who has tried to make peace with Israel has been slain. Since 1964 the PLO has wanted the destruction of Israel. Until such time as the PLO accepts United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, the PLO also cannot be a negotiating partner. If Israeli troops left Gaza and the West Bank, Mr. Abram felt there would be chaos. Under international law Israel is obliged to keep order and safety in the occupied territories until such time as there is a peace treaty. No decisions will be made in Israel until after the election.

We should not try to run Israel from the United States, admonished Mr. Abram. Israel does not need moral lessons from us. 200,000 Israelis (the equivalent of 40 million Americans) demonstrated in Tel Aviv protesting their government's failure to stop the slaughter in Lebanon's Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps.

Both speakers confirmed that Israel is a vital cog in Middle East defense. It is in the best interest of the United States for Israel to be militarily strong and a free democratic nation.

# Summer Institutes at Wildacres

## GCAR at Wildacres

by Steven Sager

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis (GCAR) held its annual kallah at Wildacres from August 11-17. The purpose of the gathering is to sustain rabbinic fellowship for colleagues and their families. It was, as always, a week of spiritual and intellectual renewal. This year's scholar-in-residence was Robert Goldenberg, professor of rabbinic literature at SUNY, Stonybrook. Dr. Goldenberg explored texts from the Mishnah, Talmud and Midrash in an effort to discover—along with dozens of interested participants—something of the nature of those ancient documents. How were they used? For what audience were they intended? What can we learn from them about the ways in which their authors lived, thought, believed and taught?

The dialogue, the study, the friendship and prayer brought the kallah participants to heights matched only by the mountains themselves!

*Rabbi Steven Sager is president of GCAR and Rabbi of Beth El Congregation of Durham, N.C.*

## GCAR-Interfaith Institute at Wildacres

by Estelle Hoffman

The 6th annual GCAR-Interfaith Institute at Wildacres was held August 8-11. The subject was *One God, Two Faiths: Rethinking the Relationship between Judaism and Christianity*.

Director of the Institute is Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman. The planning committee consists of Dr. Carl Evans, Fr. Wilbur Thomas, Fr. Oscar Burnette, Maurice A. Weinstein, Rev. Arthur Korthauer, Rev. Peter Wuebbens, Rabbi Israel Gerber, Dr. Clifford Jones and Rev. James Ferree. Among the participants were clergy

and educators of these faiths: Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Moravian, Unitarian and Greek Orthodox.



Dr. Norman Beck

Keynote speaker was Dr. Norman Beck of Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Tx. He is author of *Mature Christianity: The Recognition and Repudiation of the Anti-Jewish Polemic of the New Testament*. He is rewriting the New Testament, omitting defamatory statements. In teaching Biblical Studies and in his book, this is the basis of his agenda.

It is a common phenomenon in the history of religions for a new religious community to break away from its parent community, often with scorn and rejection. But in the case of Christianity and Judaism, anti-Jewish polemic in the sacred scriptures of the newer religious community has provided for later generations the theological basis for oppressive and dehumanizing treatment of those who have continued to adhere to the old religion. Now that the new religion has itself attained maturity, the time is ripe for sincere and responsible self-criticism, and *Mature Christianity* is a

contribution to this important theological agenda. Norman A. Beck carefully identifies the anti-Jewish polemic within each New Testament document, discusses reasons for the development of that polemic, places the anti-Jewish polemic of the New Testament into specific classifications, and suggests ways in which mature Christians can repudiate the defamatory anti-Jewish polemic of the New Testament without damage to their theology.

Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel, Charlotte, responded to Dr. Beck's talk, dealing with some of the realpolitik. Admitting that Jews have some of their own teachings of contempt, he said the distinction is that in Christianity the teaching of contempt is in the scriptures. In Judaism, it is found mainly in folktales.



Rabbi Marc Wilson

Rabbi Wilson voiced a skepticism of Dr. Beck's position, questioning whether there is room in authentic Christianity for Dr. Beck's goals. The question arises from the Holocaust and the stance of exclusivity. Though we cannot say the Holocaust was born of Christianity, when a rhetoric was needed to incite the masses, it was found in centuries of church-bred anti-Semitism, as

stated by many church theologians. As to the second, "Our way is the only way" is the dominant message in American Christianity, contrary to what Dr. Beck and others like him are saying. Are the evils of the Holocaust and the fallout of exclusivity derivative of church teachings? Is Christianity evolving away from those things and is there an impetus we can give it? The answers must be given years, perhaps centuries and will depend on whether Christians are willing to see Christianity as evolving or static. Is there enough substance in Christianity for the message to be heard? Who reads the church statements? Who reads Norman Beck's books? How much trickles down?

When will these voices become the dominant voice in shaping Christianity? Answers are important because attitudes may be ingrained in political as well as religious thought. What is needed is more willingness to conduct projects and programs as equals, hearing the prophetic call and acting on it.

Dr. Beck ended by recalling developments nobody believed could happen, like Vatican II, and he hopes a future Pope will act against exclusivistic thinking, noting the Roman Catholic Church comprises 65% of all Christians. He believes there is a current erosion of Fundamentalism. He said that 95% of seminarians are exclusivist when they enter school, but only 5% are that way when they leave.

Dr. Carl Evans, Dept. of Religion, University of S.C. at Columbia, was moderator of the opening session.

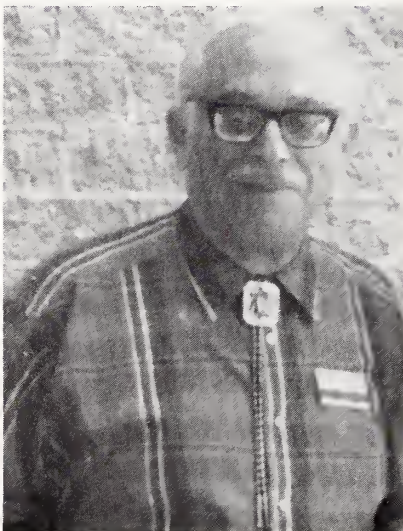
Moderator of the 2nd Session on Roman Catholic Statements was Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman. Speakers were Fr. Oscar Burnette, Belmont Abbey, and Rabbi Robert Seigel, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Charlotte. Father Oscar spoke on Vatican II's *Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions* and *Guidelines* published in 1974 for implementing the *Declaration* and a 1982 document. On the



Rev. Oscar Burnette



Rabbi Robert A. Seigel



Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman

*Document* of Vatican II, 1965, he cited the statement, "the Jews still remain most dear to God because of their fathers, for He does not repent of the gifts He makes nor of the calls He issues." It repudiates all persecutions and deplores the hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews at any time and from any source.

*Guidelines* of 1974 called for implementing the *Declaration* by better knowledge on the part of Christians of Judaism and Jews, a call for dialogue and teaching of Hebrew Studies with collaboration of Jewish scholars. There was a call for joint social action.

The 1982 *Document* issued *Notes on the Correct Way to Present the Jews and Judaism in Preaching and Catechesis in the Roman Catholic Church*, referring to Judaism as "a present reality." Understanding the roots of Christianity is to be pursued by reading the Bible together, Christians and Jews. Damaging statements to the Jews in the liturgy are to be avoided carefully and Christians are to be reminded of the Jewishness of Jesus. This document aims to uproot the remains of anti-Semitism and to teach the bond which joins the Church to Jews.

Rabbi Seigel in response quoted Fr. John Pawlikowski. "Catholic-Jewish relations have moved from tea party ecumenism to forthright statements of differences." Rabbi Seigel noted two unresolved problems. Pope John Paul II's words fall short of recognizing the State of Israel, which is surrounded by hostile states pledged to destroy it. Non-recognition plays into the hands of a potential second Holocaust. Israel is a religious issue for Jews and the symbol of contemporary Jewish vitality.

Was the beatification of Sr. Teresa Benedicta an attempt to universalize or Christianize the Holocaust? Referring to the Pope's meeting with Kurt Waldheim, Jesus taught that evil must be confronted to be healed. Judaism teaches one must acknowl-

edge sin before being forgiven. From the Jewish perspective, unresolved issues are the apparent Catholic separation of religion and morality from politics. Israel and the Holocaust are two of the most important Jewish events of all time. To ignore them is to misunderstand us.

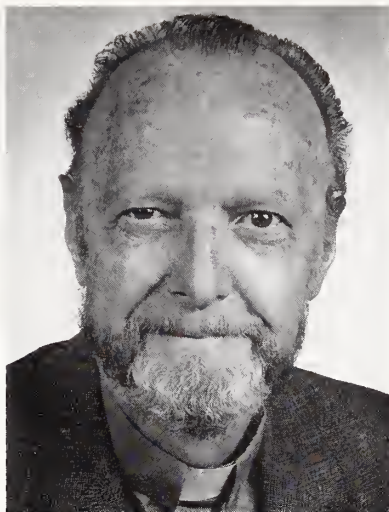
Nevertheless, more progress has been made in the past two decades than in the preceding two millennia.

The 3rd Session was moderated by Maurice A. Weinstein. Bible Study on *The Shema and the Golden Rule* was led by Rabbi Hoffman and the Rev. Arthur Kortheuer. The 4th Session was Bible Study on *Covenant to Jews and Christians* led by Peter Wuebbens and Rabbi Israel Gerber. Rev. Wuebbens stressed the validity of diverse beliefs in the one God. Rabbi Gerber agreed, noting the importance of avoiding supersessionist attitudes.

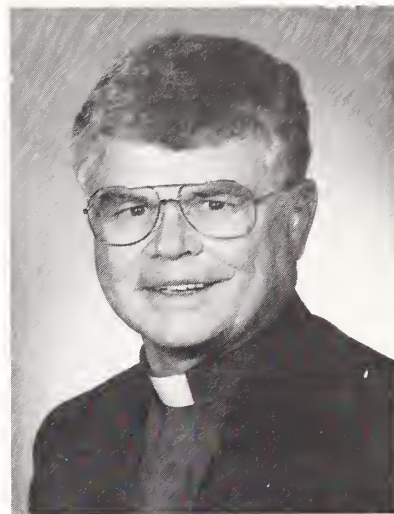
Dr. Loy Witherspoon of UNCC introduced the speakers of the 5th Session. Dr. Beck spoke on statements from Protestant churches and various views of God and divinity in monotheistic religions. Rabbi Seigel in his response said the process of learning can be difficult, judging Dr. Beck's talk brilliant.

Rabbi Seigel cited three difficulties; *chosenness, proselytizing and anti-Semitism*. The Jews are a *choosing* people, rather than *chosen*, as they were the only ones who agreed to accept the Covenant from God. On *proselytizing* he said the object of dialogue must be discussion rather than conversion. Repudiation of anti-Semitism is essential.

Important in Rabbi Seigel's response is the emphasis that the new "battleground" between Jews and Christians is the State of Israel and the new issue is religio-political. A cry for Palestinian Arabs is heard in some recent Protestant Statements, including a call for an end to Israeli occupation of the territories and an end to U.S. subsidy. There has been no condemnation of 40 years of terrorism, nor of Arab unwillingness to talk to Jews. He closed by reading a



Rev. Arthur Kortheuer



Rev. Peter Wuebbens



Dr. Clifford Jones



Rabbi Israel Gerber

statement from *We Jews and You Christians* by Samuel Sandmel.

The 6th Session, moderated by the Rev. James Ferree, Supt. of Winston-Salem District United Methodist Church, opened with Dr. Clifford Jones, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte. His discussion of *Implications of Illness and Affliction: Blaming God* called both conflict and suffering a part of the life process. "All of us will confront death and major illness. Are there exceptions? God is all powerful, yet infants die. Does it mean God is weak? If we are afflicted, is there an afflictor? Do I afflict myself? Should we let God escape? Some-

times an answer comes and often it does not. "All of the above couldn't give a hoot whether we are Christian or Jewish." After he raised questions provocative of deep thought, he summarized by saying that rather than blaming, we should learn to appreciate everything through our affliction and to affirm instead of blame. "Often we have to get near the deadline to appreciate life."

On the same subject, Rabbi Wilson said Jewish tradition has equated punishment with wrongdoing, but later rabbinic predilection evoked profound understanding and considered the role humans might play in thwarting the divine way.

Illness is like poverty. Who thinks poverty is God's punishment? One tradition says, "Everything is controlled by God's providence, except for coughs and colds (Talmudic) and the choices we make to live ethical or destructive lives."

When God promised He would not again "afflict you as I did the Egyptians; I am the Lord who heals you," did he mean He will not cause illness which cannot be cured, or that we should seek the vehicles of cure? If society chooses paths of righteousness, that will be a healthy society. The relationship between priorities is to be found in the mental and physical health of a society.

The idea of ill emanating from God is good; the demonic theory is not. Rabbi Wilson prefers to say both good and evil emanate from God, who demands our partnership only in doing good.

In the group interaction, often heard was the statement that in this Institute participants felt at ease, with none of the tensions of previous years. It was agreed the "tea party" aspect of dialogue is over and concerns are being voiced that lead to understanding.

## **B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism - District Five** by Estelle Hoffman

The first Institute of Judaism sponsored by B'nai B'rith in 1948 was held at Wildacres, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland, N.C. Wildacres began its operation as a conference center dedicated to the betterment of human relations in 1946, and B'nai B'rith has continued to have annual Institutes ever since.

The organization now holds institutes in several places in the U.S., all following the 1948 model. Ten years ago, a second Institute was created, due to the growing number of participants who could not be accommodated in the facilities. This year, both were oversubscribed, and the



*Shabbat services at B'nai B'rith Institute II, led by (L. to R.): Dr. A. J. Kravtin and Richard Melenson.*

enrollment completely filled the capacity of Wildacres in District Five B'nai B'rith's Institute held August 18 to 21 and N.C. B'nai B'rith Institute which followed.

The District Five Institute was headed by Dr. A. J. Kravtin of Columbus, Ga. and he has remained its inspiration, assisted ably by members of the group. Richard Melenson of Charlotte was chairman of the Wildacres Institute for 1988, assisted by Todd Savitt of Greenville, N.C. Planning and leadership were excellent and efficient, contributing to a rewarding and pleasant seminar.

Speakers on the program were Dr. Kenneth Stein and Dr. Avner Yaniv. Kenneth Stein is a scholar and lecturer of note, now serving as Associate Professor of Near Eastern History and Political Science at Emory University, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1977. He is author of *The Land Question in Palestine—1917-1939* and collaborated with President Jimmy Carter in writing *The Blood of Abraham*. He is Executive Director of the Carter Center and is the Director of Middle East programs and Middle East Fellow of the Carter Center.

Dr. Stein is a conscientious student of the history of the Middle East, and his lectures on the *History of Modern Israel: 1882-1948* and *The Middle East Peace Process: Arab World and Israel* were a thorough analysis of the history and present situation in the area. His presentation was factual, honest and unemotional, a rare instance of an unbiased historian's view of a turbulent, disturbing area which receives the attention of much of the world. Much of his reporting was discouraging, but in summation, his logic created hope that a point has been reached from which events may proceed towards a settlement of the long conflict.

Dr. Avner Yaniv was born in Jerusalem and served in the Israel Defense Forces. He was educated at Hebrew University, The London School of Economics and Oxford University where he completed his doctorate. He has served as a visiting scholar at Tel Aviv University, Hamburg University, Oxford University, the University of Maryland and Georgetown University. He has published three books concerning the politics of Israel and he is a re-

nowned lecturer.

The topics of Dr. Yaniv at this B'nai B'rith Institute were *Israeli Political System: Ben Gurion to Begin and Their Disciples, Continuity and Changes in Israeli Society* and *Israel: Domestic Element & Constraint in the Peace Process*. Dr. Yaniv revealed a great deal of the contemporary politics in Israel, much of which is unknown by American Jews. He spoke of strengths and weaknesses of the Israeli government and its system, of achievements and failures.

With the advantages of hindsight, Dr. Yaniv explained decisions of the past which contributed to present difficulties. He spoke of choices to be made and possible outcomes. Disavowing any prophetic talents on his part, like Dr. Stein, Dr. Yaniv in his summary, voiced optimism about the possibility of a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian demands currently the source of greatest concern.

Religious services were held outdoors in view of the inspiring panorama of the Blue Ridge Mountains by day, and Havdalah Services outdoors were impressive. The committee provided Havdalah candles and wine for all the members of the group. Die Yiddische Bande, a group of musicians, played for the entertainment and accompaniment to dancers on Friday and Saturday nights. Sunny Landsman had "Fun with Yiddish" before Friday's Oneg Shabbat.

Moderators for the sessions were Dr. A. J. Kravtin, Rudolph Cohen, Arnold Ellison, Joe Hanchrow, Harry Rulnick and Sol Neidich. Religious services were led by Richard Melenson and Todd Savitt.

This witness is happy to report that this year's two B'nai B'rith Institutes evinced remarkable vitality and enthusiasm. Much credit is due to planning committees who devoted their efforts to successful seminars.

The next District Five Institute will be held at Wildacres Thursday-Sunday, August 10-13, 1989.

## North Carolina B'nai B'rith Institute

by Sarah Ackerman

The excitement of our arrival at Wildacres for the 41st Annual North Carolina B'nai B'rith Institute, August 22-25, was heightened by the warm reception of the committee members. They were: Phil Datnoff, Stan and Sandy Deckelbaum, Bill and Retha Jasper, Audrey Madans, Jack and Edna Yellis.

The theme of the Institute, *Lore, Law and Lyrics*, was developed by our speakers and musicians.

110 people participated in the study sessions, and enjoyed music, dancing and socializing. We spent three evenings with the Charlotte Viva Klezmer Troupe, led by Gene Kavadlo. He and his wife, Alice, Leo Bjorlie and Mike Mosley are all gifted musicians who perform with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. Steve Haas, music director of Temple Beth El V'Shalom of Charlotte, sang with the Klezmers. Original arrangements were presented for the theme, *Lyrics*.

Dr. Abram Kanof used slides to illustrate *Lore*. He pointed out the similarity of all humanity through their religious art. By directing our attention to certain art forms used by many religious groups from ancient times to the present, we were made aware that every person is searching and reaching for the world to come.



*Institute committee (L. to R.): Stan and Sandy Deckelbaum, Audrey and Jerome Madans, Retha and Bill Jasper. Not shown, Edna and Jack Yellis, Phil Datnoff.*

Dr. Abraham Holtzman lectured on *Law*. He reminded us that anti-Semitism arrived in this Land with the coming of the first Jews in 1654. However, because Jews have been active in politics, they have petitioned and fought for legislation that would give equal rights to all. Dr. Holtzman recalled that the "All Christian" requirement for voting was abrogated in the late 19th century by most states. Jews now vote in higher percentages than any other group. The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, adopted in 1787, established that this country is an *American* nation, not a *Christian* one.

Israeli Folk Dancing was a treat with our young teacher, Adam Holtzman. He taught us with great patience, and he closed his last session with, "Remember, dancing is just for joy."

The Institute filled us with knowledge, new and renewed friendships, and happy times. We look forward to gathering at Wildacres again next summer for the 42nd Annual North Carolina B'nai B'rith Institute, Monday-Thursday, August 7-10, 1989.

**ED. NOTE:** DR. ABRAHAM HOLTZMAN, professor of political science at N.C. State, is one of 10 gold medalists honored in Sept. in a Professor of the Year national competition sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.



*Institute faculty (L. to R.): Klezmers, Alice and Gene Kavadlo, Steve Haas, Mike Mosley, Leo Bjorlie; Dr. Abraham Holtzman, Adam Holtzman, Dr. Abraham Kanof.*

## 11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations

Churches and synagogues in North and South Carolina have joined to host the 11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, March 27-30, 1989 at the Omni Hotel and Convention Center in Charleston, S.C. The oldest and most prestigious interfaith event in North America, the National Workshop is held every 18 months, and attracts scholars, theologians and religious leaders from around the world. Among the speakers will be Mayor Sue Myrick of Charlotte, N.C., and Rabbis Marc Wilson, Robert Seigel and Israel Gerber, all of Charlotte.

The Carolinas Workshop, first ever held in the Southeast, will take place in historic Charleston, a city that lays claim to the oldest Reform Jewish Congregation in North America, and some of the oldest Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Southern Baptist churches in the United States. It is a community with a unique history of religious tolerance.

The theme of the 11th National Workshop will focus on our common heritage and the challenges we face as Americans. *With Liberty and Justice For All? Jews and Christians*

*in the American Experience* will explore the interplay of religion, culture and society in the American story.

Plenary sessions will bring together distinguished Jewish and Christian scholars to probe: "Religion and the American Experience"; "Religion and the Shaping of America"; "America and the Shaping of Religion"; "Scripture, Tradition and Justice in the American Experience"; "Religion, Power and Powerlessness in Today's America"; and "Jews and Christians in Search of a Just Society".

National sponsors for the Workshop include the National Council of Catholic Bishops, the National Council of Churches, the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Locally, the event will be sponsored by more than twenty religious bodies and educational institutions in North and South Carolina.

A Steering Committee chaired by Dr. Russell B. Norris, Jr. of Columbia, S.C., representing churches and synagogues throughout the Carolinas, has been involved in planning the National Workshop for more than three years. A meeting of the

Committee was held at Wildacres in August.

Among those having accepted invitations to speak at the Workshop are Rabbi Albert Vorspan, Vice President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Dr. Henry Levinson, Professor of History at UNC-Greensboro; Father John Pawlikowski of Chicago, internationally recognized scholar in Christian-Jewish relations; Dr. Henry Feingold, Professor at Baruch College (CCNY); Sister Nadine Foley, O.P., Prioress of the Adrian Dominican Sisters in Adrian, Mich.; Dr. Susanna Heschel, daughter of the late Abraham Heschel and Professor at Southern Methodist University; Dr. Timothy Smith, Professor of History at Johns Hopkins; Rev. Nancy Hastings-Sehested, minister of Prescott Memorial Southern Baptist Church in Memphis; Dr. PHEME Perkins of Boston College; David Saperstein, Executive Director of the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C.; and noted holocaust scholar, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt of Los Angeles.

In addition to the plenary lectures, the National Workshop will include some two dozen topical seminars and five academic symposia. More than 60 scholars and religious leaders have been invited to lead small



*Committee members meeting at Wildacres (L. to R.): Rev. Latta Thomas, Dr. Russell Norris, Sister Susan Kresse, Estelle Hoffman, Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman, Peggy Sookikian, Chuck Sookikian, Rev. Charles Hull, Dr. Carl Evans, Rev. Sam Fleming, Rev. Gregory Hein, Robert Dreyfus, Benjamin Goldberg.*

*Photos by T. K. Russell.*

group sessions on issues ranging from peacemaking in a nuclear age to the psychological roots of prejudice.

Several special events are also planned, including a multi-media celebration of America's religious traditions; a major banquet speaker (yet to be announced); and a symposium led by Southern writers on religion and the South.

Recent Workshops, held in Boston, St. Louis, Baltimore and Minneapolis, have attracted hundreds of scholars and religious leaders of national and international reputation. Between 1,000 and 1,200 participants are expected to attend the Charleston event.

### Arts Festival to Salute Jewish Heritage Greensboro, N.C.

The Beth David Synagogue will host the Greensboro Jewish Cultural and Arts Festival, Sunday, October 30 from noon until 5 p.m. The public is invited to the festival which will feature artists and their work, ethnic foods, Israeli folk dances, music and craft activities for children.

Bob Levin, one of the coordinators of the event, hopes this will be a chance for the entire community, Jewish and non-Jewish, to have an entertaining afternoon while enjoying the color and excitement of today's Jewish traditions.

One of the most impressive features of the festival is the more than fifty artists who will be on hand to display and sell their work. The artists come from North Carolina, Virginia and the surrounding areas.

The festival will be held in the social hall at Beth David Synagogue, located at 804 Winview Drive, Greensboro. For more information call (919) 294-0007.

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# Kibbitzing—Community News

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

by Susan Bruck and Peggy Gartner

Dr. Yechezkiel "Chezzi" Cohen, Director of the B'nai B'rith Women's Residential Treatment Centers since 1962, will be the honored guest of Charlotte and HaLailah Chapters of B'nai B'rith Women on Tuesday, October 25 at an event culminating their Personal Giving Campaign. A cocktail reception will be held for Gift Club members contributing \$100 and up. In addition to this special event, the entire community will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Cohen speak about the unique treatment used at the "Home" which has received worldwide acclaim. He will also address the current problems in Israel and how they affect Israeli society and family life.

Dr. Cohen was born in Germany in 1932 and emigrated with his family to Palestine in 1938. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University where he received his Ph.D. in psychology. Dr. Cohen presently serves as President of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society.

The B'nai B'rith Women's Residential Treatment Centers in Israel for emotionally disturbed boys are one of the organization's outstanding contributions to the State of Israel. Started in 1943, as an outgrowth of the Youth Aliyah movement, this home provided professional care for orphans of the Holocaust who were severely disturbed. The Children's Home has emerged as a Center for boys who have been judged hopeless by the State of Israel, but through the unique drug free environment, hopelessness has been turned into a 75% success rate. Through the years since its inception, the "Home" has grown to include the Children's Home for boys 8-14, the Group House for boys 14-18, who require additional treatment, and most recently the addition of "The Apartment" which provides the



Dr. Yechezkiel Cohen

final stepping stone for independent living.

B'nai B'rith Women unites Jewish women to promote social advancement through education, service and action. Nowhere in the country will you find two better examples of the fulfillment of B'nai B'rith Women's mission than in the Charlotte community. HaLailah and Charlotte Chapters have received national recognition for their extensive community volunteer service, development of outstanding leadership, and their ability to raise funds to perpetuate the future of B'nai B'rith Women's worldwide programs and guarantee the continuation of the Jewish family and its values.

B'nai B'rith Women's development of its leaders has provided outstanding women who have taken on additional leadership roles not only in the Jewish community but in the Charlotte community as a whole. These women serve on various boards, coalitions and task forces which help improve the quality of life for all.

This organization offers unlimited opportunities for leadership development and personal growth. The South Atlantic Region, of which the Charlotte Chapters are a part, cov-

ers an eleven state area. In the thirteen years since B'nai B'rith Women's Regionalization, three members of the Charlotte community have served as Regional Chairman; they are: Joan Gordon, Susan Bruck and Peggy Gartner who is now serving her second term. (Peggy is a native of Asheville, N.C. and the daughter of Lore and Herbert Schifftan.)

Other women from the Charlotte community who have or are presently serving in Regional leadership roles are: Ann Langman, Barbara Bernhardt, Rozanne Sklar, Vicki Hopkins, Sue Brodsky, Patti Weisman, Meryl Elko and Terri Cathcart who is now serving as Vice Chairman.

Miriam Wallace, formerly of Charlotte, and Susan Bruck have served as elected members of the National Executive Board. Susan has recently been elected as International Vice President of B'nai B'rith Women serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

B'nai B'rith Women in Charlotte needs no introduction. During the past 13 years the Chapters in Charlotte have won the national Community Volunteer Service Award nine times, competing against 750 chapters throughout the country; Joan Gordon and Sally Schrader have received the National Volunteer of the Year Award.

Through programs on subjects such as *Parenting with a Purpose*, *Women's Financial Planning*, *Awareness of the Plight of Soviet Jewry*, *Creating Jewish Memories*, *Teen Suicide*, and *Candidates Forums*, B'nai B'rith Women has heightened the awareness of the women in the Charlotte community. B'nai B'rith Women has further improved the quality of life by providing many ongoing projects which serve the needs of people from all walks of life. Involvement in *Safety Awareness Programs at local elementary schools*, *Amblyopia Screening of*



Peggy Gartner (left) and Susan Bruck at B'nai B'rith Women Convention.

preschoolers, work with the Florence Crittendon Home, Tay Sachs and other genetic counseling, Mental Health Fairs, Holiday Baskets for the Jewish needy, the loan of hospital sick room equipment, and the adoption of an elderly Jewish family, are just a few of the many services B'nai B'rith Women provides. Between the two chapters well over 150 community volunteer service projects provide services to people in need and give B'nai B'rith Women's members an opportunity to find fulfillment in the volunteer arena. Don't let anyone tell you that *volunteerism* is a thing of the past.

Because of the high visibility of B'nai B'rith Women's diverse programs and projects, and the involvement of its leadership, the image of the Charlotte Jewish Community as a whole has been greatly enhanced.

If you would like to unite with other Jewish women who share your values, consider joining B'nai B'rith Women or forming a chapter in your

area. For further information contact: Peggy Gartner, Chairman, South Atlantic Region, 227 Chillingworth Lane, Charlotte, N.C. 28211, (704) 366-2100.

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

by Lisa Pharr

This year's Personal Giving meeting on October 11 will be a special event. HaLailah will be celebrating its Bat Mitzvah! Admission to this festive evening will be a Chanukah gift for a Refusenik. Appropriate gifts include new clothing in its original package, nonreligious books/magazines, toiletries, household articles, nonmilitary toys, etc.

HaLailah and Charlotte Chapter will be co-hosting a reception on October 25 for Chezzi Cohen, Director of the Children's Home in Israel.

The Second Annual Great Pumpkin Festival will be Saturday, October 29 in Uptown Charlotte. HaLailah and the Chamber of Commerce are planning a fun, safe holiday. Volunteers are needed to work at booths. Call Wendy Rosen, 364-9765 or Maddie Joffe, 554-6705.

HaLailah will begin its support of Rachel House in November. Anyone interested in cooking a meal for Rachel House's residents can call Rachel Rosenfeld, 535-1955.

November 9 at 7 p.m. will be the next membership tea. For more information call Lauren Lassman, 846-3310.

## Wish-I-Could of N.C., Inc. Helps Sick Children

Wish-I-Could of North Carolina, Inc. is a locally formed non-profit, tax-exempt organization that will try to grant a wish to any child between the ages of 1 and 18, who is suffering from a chronic or terminal illness. The child must be under the care of a North Carolina medical doctor.

Dr. Barry Golembe, Pediatrician at the Nalle Clinic in Charlotte, is the advisor to a volunteer board.

For information, call or write Wish-I-Could of N.C. Inc., P. O. Box 220563, Charlotte, N.C. 28222-0563, (704) 554-9477.

## The Fort Bragg, N.C. Jewish Congregation

by Chaplain Irwin M. Lenefsky

The Fort Bragg congregation has dedicated our new chapel as well as having our Torah repaired. The program consisted of a Torah processional, affixing a Mezzuzah, and a presentation by a scribe, Sofer, as well as writing in the Torah by the participants. The dedication took place August 7.

A week later, on Rosh Hodesh, we had a Bar Mitzvah, at which the bar mitzvah boy read from the Torah and led the services. Close to 200 people were present for this occasion.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were held in the new chapel, and the congregants built and decorated the Sukkah.

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**Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah**

by Evelyn Osborne

Audrey Madans, President, Diane Schwartz, President-Elect, and Linda Gottlieb, Membership Vice-President, attended the 74th Annual Convention of Hadassah in Chicago, in August. One of the highlights was the presentation of the Henrietta Szold Award to Claude Lanzmann. Mr. Lanzmann was the producer of the movie "Shoah" which captured the triumphs and tragedies of the struggle of European Jews during the Holocaust.

Another matter of great importance discussed at the convention concerned the Jewish National Fund. ISRAEL'S FORESTS ARE UNDER ATTACK! Arsonists intend to erase generations of cultivation. Hadassah and the Jewish National Fund are determined to replace every tree destroyed by arson and they need your help. Only you can ensure that the symbols of Jewish rebirth will stand eternally. For further information on how you can help, please call Estelle Goozner at 399-8639.

The Hadassah Donor Luncheon will be held on October 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the Marriott City Center. Gail Leib of Columbia, S.C., a National Board Member, will be the speaker. Ivey's of Southpark Mall will present a fashion show. Co-chairing this event will be Berta Kaplan and Tanda Rifkin.

ATTENTION! Reserve December 11 on your calendar for an exciting evening on Soviet Jewry. More information to follow.

**OMITTED IN ERROR from Blumenthal Jewish Home News, Sept. 1988:**

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## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

With the new year beginning, we are happy to report that our religious school is growing and we have had to add another teacher to our staff.

The organ rehabilitation is in the hands of real experts, and we feel confident that this historic instrument will continue to serve the Temple for many more years.

### Ellyn Bache, Author

Every once in a while a congregation discovers that it has some person in it who is doing wonderful things. Such a case is that of our chairperson of the religious school, Ellyn Bache, the author of the novel, *Safe Passage*, just released by Crown Publishers. It has been chosen as an alternate book club selection by The Literary Guild. At the initial book signing hosted by the Bookery book store in Wilmington, Temple members showed up in force to have Ellyn personally sign the books for us. It is not only gratifying to be part of this initial effort but our regard for her being able to write this while being the very successful mother of four makes it even more amazing! We all await her next book and know that it will be as successful as this, her initial work.

*Safe Passage* is the story of Mag Singer and her family who are suddenly pulled into the tragedy of the bombed Marine barracks in Beirut in October 1983. One of Mag's sons is a possible victim. The heroine is also a mother who feels the conflict between caring for her children and having her own life.

The author, a native of Washington, D.C., earned her B.A. degree in English at UNC-CH and a master's at the University of Maryland. She is married to Terry Bache, a builder who served with the Marines in Vietnam. They have a daughter and three sons, and have lived in Wilmington since 1985.

Ms. Bache had a short story published in *McCall's*, has edited a liter-



Ellyn Bache

ary magazine, and contributes book reviews to *Encore*. She has taught fiction writing classes for the N.C. Writers Network and novel writing at Wildacres Writers Workshop.

Ms. Bache will appear at book readings and/or signings in the following North Carolina locations: Oct. 1, Wellington's Books in Cary, and Books at Quail Corner, Raleigh; Oct. 8, Malaprop's Bookstore & Cafe, Asheville, 4:30 p.m.; Oct. 22, The Book Shoppe, Rocky Mount, 2-4 p.m.; Oct. 25 Kinston Library, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 30, The Hardback Cafe, Chapel Hill, 5-7 p.m.; Feb. 19, 1989, Poplar Street Books, Charlotte. In addition, she will teach a workshop on fiction writing in Asheville on Oct. 8 for the Writers Workshop, 9:30-3:30.

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The new Board of Directors for 1988-89 includes the following chairmen: Education-David Gaynes; Grounds-Arlene Schandler; Ritual-Shirley Kayne; Membership-Dr. Steve Miller and Ellen Carr; Cemetery-Phil Rosen and Dr. Joseph Schandler; Finance-Sheldon Winick; Social Action-Abe Freedman;

House-Morris Fox; Community Relations-Dr. Bruce Ribner; Youth-Alan Payne; Men's Club-Richard Laibson; Sisterhood-Cynthia Savell and Carol Deutsch; and Liaison-Céline Lurey. The Members-at-Large are: Dr. Norman Sollod, Jack Feingold and Dr. Eric Wellisch.

Mazel Tov to Harry Lerner whose daughter Vivian gave birth to a girl. Thank you go to Roberta Stone who donated a table to the Synagogue and to Lee and Robin Berger and Larry and Jane Burrows for their contributions of books to the Synagogue library.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members. Lawrence and Shirley Savell, Leonard and Shirley Cohen, and Stan and Sue Greenberg have recently joined the Beth Israel Synagogue.

On August 2, the Jewish Community of Asheville rejoiced with Rabbi and Mrs. Eliot Pearlson at the Bris of their new son Samuel David. Mazel Tov!

The following slate of officers for Sisterhood has been announced by Cynthia Savell and Carol Deutsch: Treasurer-Barbara Lewin; Secretary-Liz Nigrosh; Fundraising-Liz Nigrosh, Barbara Ribner and Cynthia Savell; Oneg Shabbat-Helen Benninga and Shirley Savell; Gift Shop-Roz Freedman and Sheila Schapira; Torah Fund-Ruth Baer; Sisterhood Shabbat-Isabel Shulimson; Flower Donations-Roz Freedman; New Members-Ellen Carr and Lillian Wellisch; Bereavement-Lyn Dunn; Special Events-Marilyn Friedman and Sandy Slosman; and Community Relations/Cooperation-Lillian Wellisch.

Congratulations to David Kayne who received Boy Scouting's highest award, the Rank of Eagle, presented by the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at services August 5.

The Men's Club held a bagel and lox breakfast on August 7.

On August 12, Morris and Ruth Fox led the Shabbat services, and David Seidenberg, the new Jewish Community Center Director, was the guest speaker.

## **Temple Israel Kinston, N.C.**

by Pearl Schechter

Gerald Kanter was honored recently by the Kinston City Council and the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners for his 16 years of service as a board member and chairman of the Kinston-Lenoir County Airport Commission. He was presented with a resolution on behalf of the governmental boards at a special ceremony. Congratulations, Jerry!

Dr. Joe and Esther Goldwasser, Sol and Pearl Schechter, Harriet Chused and their cousin, Phyllis Steinberg, from Allentown, Pa., attended the B'nai B'rith Institute at Wildacres. The speakers, Dr. Kenneth Stein and Dr. Avner Yaniv, were excellent. The Institute was stimulating and provocative.

A hearty Mazel Tov to Ida Brody whose daughter Jo gave birth to her second child, a girl, on August 16. Ida and Jake visited the Dr. Andrew Lawtons in San Antonio, Tx. to celebrate the new addition to the family with them.

## **Hospice Program at Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.**

by Laura Knight

All of us sometimes find ourselves harried as we prepare for the various holidays—shopping for Passover foods, decorating for Chanukah, or just getting the home ready. Imagine how much more difficult such tasks can be if you're caring for a terminally ill patient. These considerations, and more, have led to Temple Israel's Hospice program.

The program's purpose is to incorporate a Jewish aspect into the care of terminally ill patients who are living at home. Volunteers visit at various intervals, sometimes as often as once a week, to help patients and their families. Tasks may include running errands, caring for the patient for a few hours to provide a

respite for the family, cooking Shabbat dinner, or making sure the family has everything necessary for holiday observances.

"Since the Jewish concept of death differs from the Christian concept, Jewish families tend to have a more difficult time dealing with death and dying. We hope this program will enhance the services already provided by Hospice at Charlotte," says Linda Binnick, a Temple Israel member who is coordinating the new program.

Seven volunteers have completed three training sessions led by Hospice at Charlotte, Inc. The sessions stressed topics such as confidentiality, how to listen to the patient and the family, and how to recognize and deal with the stages of dying. Videotapes were filmed to make future training more convenient, and prospective volunteers may borrow a videotape to become better acquainted with the program.

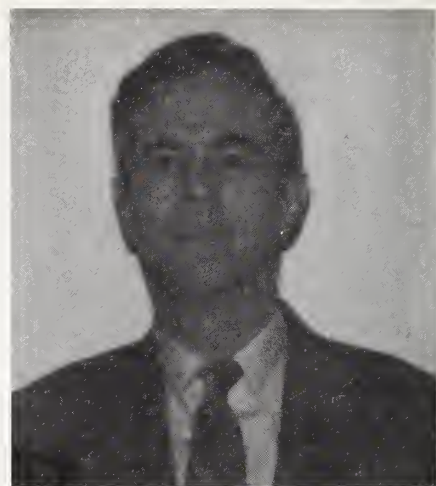
Charlotte-area residents desiring more information or interested in volunteering are invited to call Linda Binnick at 552-1435 or the Temple Israel office at 376-2796. For information on Jewish hospice programs throughout the Carolinas and the United States, please call the National Institute for Jewish Hospice, 1-800-446-4448 (in California, 1-213-HOSPICE). The latter two are 24 hour numbers.

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

by Patti Winters

Our First Vice-President, Jim Montag, originally from Atlanta, Ga., has been in Charlotte since 1963. He and his wife Ethel moved here to establish the first Casual Corner store in N.C., in downtown Charlotte. In 1986 they sold the thirteen stores to U.S. Shoe.

Jim has been active in Temple programs, projects and services for over 20 years. He has served on the board for many years. As First Vice President, Jim's responsibilities encompass representing the Temple at various Jewish and civic meetings



Jim Montag

and activities, filling in for Bill Grifenhagen, TBEV's President, as needed, and preparing eventually to serve as President. Jim has served as Treasurer, and last year he and Ethel co-chaired Vice President of Membership.

Jim and Ethel are now investment counselors and planners under the name of Montag Management. They have two children, Emily and Lee. Emily has recently returned to Charlotte after a year at law school. She is attending UNCC as a graduate student. Lee is finishing his doctorate in physics at Stonybrook in N.Y.

In addition to the major responsibility of First Vice President, Jim is currently Chairman of the Advanced Planning Committee. (He asks for and welcomes suggestions from members on what "we" want to look like in our next stage of development.) He has also been devoting a great deal of time to raising money for the building of our new Temple.

Jim's motto is "you get twice as much, personally, from a charity when you put forth that little extra effort."

### **Wildacres Retreat**

Our annual Wildacres Retreat as always, was wonderful, despite rain a second year in a row.

Marvin Bienstock, former Executive Director of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, and his wife Gail were guest facilitators for the weekend. Marvin and Gail drove in from their home in Columbia to lead two dis-

cussion groups, "A Special Oneg Shabbat Program" and "Legacy." In "Legacy," two groups were formed—one to discuss what legacy we would like to leave from the Temple and what legacy we'd leave from Wildacres. The results were applicable for today and fifty years from now.

Rabbi Seigel led Shabbat services, morning service and Torah Study; "Ask the Rabbi" and "Let's Talk about God" adult discussion groups; midnight Selihot services; and the Critique and Suggestion Sessions. The most surprising feature of the weekend was the intelligent, perceptive and deep questions asked by children of all ages at his "Ask the Rabbi for Children" session.

Children are always a delight, and thanks to our Director of Education, Roz Cooper, and Nina Haas, Director of Preschool, the children were entertained and kept busy during the rainy days and nights with creative crafts and projects designed for each age level.

Roz Cooper led "Archaeology—a Hands-On Family Experience." Her personal experiences with her family on digs in Israel were reflected in the slide show she presented. Her knowledge was shared with participants as they made and painted plaster-of-paris coins from about 300 C.E. After they were completed, participants inspected the coins for clues about the civilization they came from. Then they discussed the Jewish symbols and their relation to our past.

Sisterhood and Men's Club members prepared and provided food for the Onegs, and the Blumenthals extended their gracious hospitality at a Socio! Hour at their home.

Marvin Bienstock and Steve Haas led a sing-along after services Friday. Enthusiastic singers participated until almost 2 a.m. Meanwhile, both late nights were filled with the tension of over twenty people in fierce Trivia Pursuit competition. For late nighters not interested in those activities, there were seven different movies with Jewish themes avail-

able for viewing.

The "Big Show" was the concluding event of the weekend. In past years, it had been organized and coordinated by Vivian Mallins. This year Vivian served as associate to Steve Haas who assumed responsibility for the production.

#### CORRECTION

In the Temple Beth El V'Shalom article on p. 15 of the July-August issue, we incorrectly listed the name of Rabbi Janet Liss' mother, who is Evelyn Floresta. We regret the error.

## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Shofar Factory

"There is no one wiser than the experienced," our sages say in *Ethics of the Fathers*. This adage is even more significant when it comes to Jewish education.

For many Jewish children in Charlotte, this past Rosh Hashanah had a new and deeper meaning. This was because of the successful Shofar Factory presented by Lubavitch of North Carolina on Sept. 5 at the Chabad House. At the Shofar Factory the children learned how to transform a raw sheep horn into a genuine working shofar.

Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, Program Director at Lubavitch, began with a model demonstration. First, he boiled the horn in water, then removed the marrow and sanded the outside surface. After cutting the tip and drilling a wide hole for an opening, he lifted the completed horn to his lips and blew the shofar.

The children were then given a chance to work on their own shofar. With the help of Lubavitch staff and volunteers they succeeded in producing about fifty shofars.

Chanie Weiss directed the children's arts and crafts program. They made their own individualized honey plate for Rosh Hashanah artistically decorated with the blessing for a New Year. It is customary to dip an apple in honey on the first night of

Rosh Hashanah to signify that the New Year should be a sweet year.

## Lubavitch Day School and Preschool

The new kindergarten and preschool at Lubavitch began successfully as children met their new teachers.

Susan Doobrow teaches Kindergarten-1. "She has managed to stimulate their minds and expand their imaginations in just a short time," according to Mariashi Groner, School Administrator.

Chanie Weiss, who heads the Judaica Program, taught the children about all the important holidays in the month of Tishrei. She also introduced a new concept of charity to the children. Every day "Pinky the Pushke" makes his round in the classroom. The unique feature about Pinky is he has a hole in his head just beside his *Yarmulke*, and he just lves it when the children drop in a coin for *Tzedakah*. Pinky is constructed of durable cardboard and wears a *Talit Katan*.

Fern Sanderson, our morning teacher, works with two classes, the 3 and 4 year olds. The children are now learning about colors and the change of season.

Terry Tucker is afternoon teacher. She excels in music and dance. She also has brought many exciting arts and craft projects to her children.

### Virginia Retreat Center

Chabad-Lubavitch of Virginia has made its recently completed Retreat Center in Richmond available to the general public. The facility features 16 motel style rooms with private baths, and kosher dining room. Travelers to the Richmond area desiring such accommodations can call or write for prices and reservations: Lubavitch Center, 212 Gaskins Rd., Richmond, Va. 23233, (804) 740-2000.

### Rebbe's Address

In a special address to Jewish women before Rosh Hashanah, the revered world Jewish leader, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, launched a new campaign which adds a new

meaning to the kosher kitchen.

The Rebbe requested that a *Pushke* (charity box) be installed in every Jewish kitchen. "The act of charity while preparing food for yourself symbolizes our concern for the ones who are in need. Since the kitchen is the place where we prepare our meals, it is only fitting that we express our concern in a practical way, which is given to the hungry," the Rebbe said



*Chanie Weiss helps children decorate honey plates.*



*Children listen to Rabbi Binyomin Weiss explain shofar-making.*



*Children finish their shofars.*

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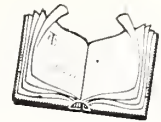
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# Book Reviews



## The Night of The Weeping Women

by Lawrence Naumoff

Atlantic Monthly Press 239 pp.

\$16.95

by Alan S. Goldberg

Charlotte native Lawrence Naumoff has just published his first novel, *The Night of the Weeping Women*, and his debut has been triumphant! A recapitulation of some of the literary reviews will show you the impact that Naumoff's book has produced nationally.

"This book is Lawrence Naumoff's debut as a novelist, and it is a remarkable one. *The Night of the Weeping Women* is one of the most endearing books about family life ever penned. Funny, sad, heartwarming, it tickles like the fizz of a peanut-spiked Dr. Pepper."

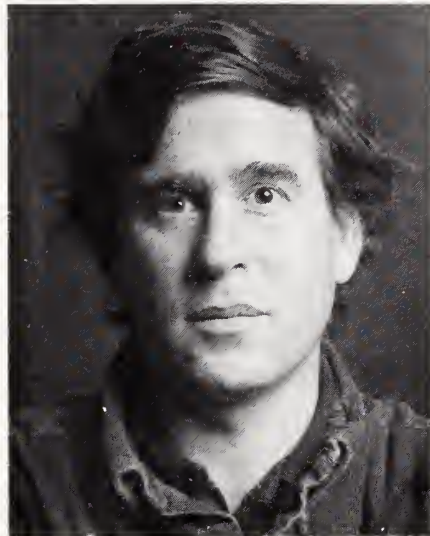
—*The Washington Post*,  
June 5, 1988

"And what a bizarre first novel this is. A roller-coaster ride for the emotions, the story plunges into most of the hidden-away corners of a pair of marriages. It prompts, by turns, shrieks of laughter and profound sadness at revelations so troubling one is tempted for an instant not to read on—the truths, exposed can hurt just that deeply.

"Lawrence Naumoff has the courage to say things about human behavior that others would skirt with a clouded flourish of romantic drivel. . . (It) is exhausting reading—and well worth the price of its ups and downs.

—*Robert Johnson, San Diego Magazine*, July 1988

Lawrence Naumoff is now a national literary figure who grew up in Charlotte, N.C. He is the son of Dr. Philip Naumoff and the late Esther Naumoff, and the grandson of the late Charles and Sophie Zuckerman



Lawrence Naumoff

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of Durham. He graduated from Myers Park High School and UNC-Chapel Hill. He now lives in Orange County, N.C. with his wife and son.

In the early '70s, he won a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, the Carolina Quarterly Fiction Award and a Thomas Wolfe Memorial Award. Finally, in 1988 he has published a very distinctive first novel, well worth the long wait. And now we anxiously anticipate his second novel that is based on one of the most memorable characters in *The Night of the Weeping Women*.

## For the Land and the Lord: Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel

by Ian S. Lustick

Council on Foreign Relations

244 pp. \$9.95 paper; \$19.50 cloth

Ian Lustick presents a thorough and often startling explanation of how Jewish fundamentalists in Israel see the world, what it is they want, and how they think they can get it. At the center of the Violent struggle over the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip are thousands of these Jewish settlers who see themselves

as modern Maccabees waging a holy struggle to protect the Land of Israel from foreign rule and the people of Israel from the neo-Hellenizing influence of Western civilization. Their relations with Palestinian Arabs are bitter, often violent. Their political clout in Israel, and their threats to disrupt normal political processes should the government move toward territorial compromise, have led many observers to see them as the single greatest obstacle to Arab-Israeli peace.

CONTENTS: Introduction; The Emergence of Jewish Fundamentalism in Historical Perspective; The Evolution of Gush Emunim and Related Groups; The Worldview of Jewish Fundamentalism; The Range of Disagreement within Jewish Fundamentalism; Present Trends and Future Implications; Conclusion.

APPENDICES: Glossary; Polling Data Illustrative of Israeli Attitudes on Pertinent Questions; Biographies of Selected Gush Emunim Activists.

## Bible Legends Volume Two: Exodus

by Lillian Freehof

UAHC Press 133 pp.

\$6.95 paperback

This book of *Bible Legends* is the second volume in a series which is an introduction to Midrash. Introductions and commentaries are by Howard Schwartz; illustrations by Phyllis Tarlow.

Legends from the Talmud and Midrash in this book go back more than 1500 years. They are suitable for readers aged 9 to 12 years. Questions left unanswered in the Torah are answered in these tales by rabbis of old, who somehow explained some of the Bible's mysteries.

The stories are beautiful, and the author suggests exercises to challenge the mind of the young reader.

E.H.

## The Altruistic Personality: Rescuers of Jews in Nazi Europe

by Samuel P. Oliner and Pearl M. Oliner

The Free Press/MacMillan 419 pp.  
\$24.95

*The Altruistic Personality* is yet another book about the Holocaust. In his foreword, Rabbi Harold Schulweis calls the Holocaust our nightmare. He states that the Holocaust cannot be let alone.

Books on the history of the Holocaust reveal incredible horrors. The Oliners believe the history is not complete without the story of rescuers in Nazi Europe, rescuers who did not come forward to tell of their risks and sacrifices. Many could not do so, because they paid with their lives for attempts to save the persecuted. Efforts to find the good deeds among the evil have not been organized and financed in matching degree with the story of the onslaught.

Why do some people risk their lives and the lives of their families in times of danger to help total strangers, while others stand passively by?

Samuel Oliner was ten years old when his entire family was murdered by the Nazis in Poland. Thanks to the help of a Polish Christian woman, he found a place to hide through the war—and survive. His experience left him with a profound, lifelong sense of wonder, compelling him to search for the answer to that complex and critically important question.

By comparing and contrasting rescuers and bystanders, Samuel and Pearl Oliner discovered that those who intervened were distinguished by certain common characteristics, including a deep-seated, wide-ranging empathy for others developed in their childhood homes, where moral and ethical values were both strongly held and acted upon by their own parents. These findings dispel popular perceptions of moral heroism as lone acts of spontaneous

courage, for they demonstrate that many rescuers were influenced by the standards of behavior set by others within their social circle—relatives and friends, as well as church and community groups. Unlike their neighbors who were concerned primarily with their own survival and chose not to become involved, rescuers expressed a more extensive concern and sense of personal responsibility for the fate of others, fostered by a belief that their own actions could make a difference.

Samuel P. Oliner was born in Poland in the 1930s and came to the United States after World War II. He is Research Director of the Institute for Righteous Acts, Director of the Altruistic Personality Project, and Professor of Sociology at Humboldt State University.

Pearl M. Oliner is Research Director of the Altruistic Personality Project and Professor of Education, also at Humboldt State.

## Winter Palace

by Dennis Jones  
Little, Brown and Co.  
350 pp. \$17.95

"*Winter Palace*" is the code name, in this richly imagined thriller, for one of the most ruthless espionage schemes in the history of the Soviet Union. It is a plan that could permanently cripple the security of every Western nation. For if, as Dennis Jones postulates in *Winter Palace*, a post-Gorbachev leader were to announce the mass emigration of all Soviet Jews, there would exist unlimited opportunity for KGB infiltration of the West—by thousands of agents masquerading as Jews.

As the USSR's Jewish population is herded into "emigration centers" reminiscent of Hitler's camps, the nations of the free world are paralyzed by their dilemma. They clearly cannot permit such wide-spread KGB penetration; nor can they, by refusing the Jews, condone a second

Holocaust. As political tensions rise, the situation is fueled by a second, unexpected source: the announcement, by a Palestinian terrorist organization, that a nuclear weapon is hidden in Haifa's harbor—with its timer running.

Jones, a master of political suspense and political forecast, has created a gripping scenario peopled with vividly drawn characters.

With page-turning intensity, this provocative thriller examines such fundamental issues as modern United States - USSR relations, the legacy of the Holocaust, and the responsibility of individuals and nations faced with a political and moral crisis of unparalleled extent.

Dennis Jones is the author of several highly acclaimed novels: *Rubicon One*, *Barbarossa Red* and *Russian Spring*, which, said the *New York Times Book Review*, "joins the ranks of *Gorky Park*." He lives in Ontario, Canada.

## 23rd Annual Meeting of The Blumenthal Jewish Home

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## Jewish Perceptions of Antisemitism

by Gary A. Tobin  
Plenum Press 325 pp. \$19.95

Do Jews feel safe in America today? Gary A. Tobin, an expert in modern Jewish studies, asks Jews how they view antisemitism. The responses from across the nation are sometimes surprising, sometimes contradictory, sometimes disturbing, but always intriguing. Some Jews believe there is a great deal of antisemitism in the United States. Others attest to never having personally experienced antisemitism. Most Jews remain wary. What then is the real picture of the relationship between Jews and Christians in this country, and how does it compare to Jewish perceptions?

In light of the Holocaust, can Jews really feel safe, even in the United States? The desecration of a synagogue with anti-Jewish slogans evokes fear and rage. The virulent voices of extremist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan can be neither ignored nor dismissed. The rising vocal opposition to the separation of church and state fuels the fears of Jews that America could become a Christian state. At the same time, the continued assimilation of Jews into the mainstream of American society causes concern that this threat to Jewish identity endangers the future of Judaism. Still, many contemporary American Jews and Christians work together, play together, intermarry, and otherwise enjoy a harmonious relationship.

In the face of so much uncertainty, just how accepted and assimilated do Jews really feel themselves to be? *Jewish Perceptions of Antisemitism* probes these and other issues that weigh heavily upon the minds of many Jews and tries to determine how Jews view and approach antisemitism in a predominantly Christian society.

Gary A. Tobin is the Director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University in

Waltham, Mass. He earned his Ph.D. in city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Tobin has published extensively in the areas of urban planning, Jewish population research, and social planning in the Jewish community. He is the editor of three books—*The Changing Structure of the City*, *Social Planning*, and *Human Service Delivery in the Voluntary Sector*, and *Divided Neighborhoods: Changing Patterns of Racial Segregation in the 1980s*—and is currently writing a book on Jews in urban America.

Dr. Tobin has directed numerous demographic studies of Jewish communities throughout the nation. In addition, he has served as a planning consultant to the Council of Jewish Federations, the United Jewish Appeal, Jewish community centers, and other Jewish organizations throughout the United States.

## JBI Expands Its Cultural Programs for the Blind

A pilot Jewish Braille Institute project to provide free audiocassettes of Jewish concerts, lectures and poetry readings for the blind and visually-impaired, many of them shut-ins, has met with such enthusiasm that the JBI has determined to make it a permanent part of its program.

At its recent meeting in New York, the JBI board voted to seek an additional \$75,000 per year "so that blind and visually-impaired can share in the cultural life of the Jewish community through monthly distribution of these audiocassette programs," said Dr. Jane Evans, JBI President.

Blind and visually-impaired persons who wish to obtain these tapes should contact the Jewish Braille Institute at 110 East 30th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016; phone (212) 889-2525.

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## “We Are All Boat People”

by David A. Harris

In a very real sense, we are all boat people. Most of us in this country are ourselves or the descendants of boat people. We are the lucky ones. Whether it was the Mayflower more than three centuries ago, or the crammed steamships of the late 1800's and early 1900's that brought millions of Southern and East European immigrants and refugees to these shores, or the makeshift rafts of the Haitians, or the boat flotilla of the Cubans. We are the lucky ones. Those boats somehow proved seaworthy enough to make the perilous voyage, and we were given admittance to a country of safe haven and refuge.

As Jews, we understand very well the motivations of refugees. We understand the fear, threats, persecution, and violence based on fanatical and misguided religious, national, ethnic, and political grounds that force some people to flee their homelands in the hope of a better and more secure life for themselves and their children. Yes, we know these things all too well from the school of personal experience. I, for example, am the son of refugees from Nazi Europe. I am the grandson of refugees from Communist Russia. I am the husband of a refugee from extremist Libya.

When the first reports appeared in the 1970's about people fleeing Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, often by boat, it struck a very special and poignant chord in the Jewish community. Images of boats being turned back from safe haven, of people dying at sea reminded many of us of our own tragic experiences just 35 years before.

In 1939, a ship carrying 930 Jewish refugees from Germany—the St. Louis—was refused permission to disembark all but a few of its passengers in Cuba, its first port of call, even though all held Cuban landing certificates. Subsequently, the United States, Chile, Argentina, Colombia and Paraguay refused permission for the refugees to enter.

Believe it or not, the ship was actually compelled to return to Europe. Finally, four European countries agreed to accept the refugees. In the following years, three of the four were overrun by the Nazis. Many of the original passengers were among the victims of Hitler's death camps.

And one other tragic example. In 1942, the Struma, carrying 769 refugees from Romania bound for Palestine, stopped in Turkey for badly needed repairs. Turkey refused to assist because of Arab pressure not to cooperate in facilitating immigration to Palestine, and because of a British refusal to issue permits for the refugees to proceed to Palestine. The ship sank off the Turkish coast. All but one of the passengers died.

That's why we raised our voices, calling first on the Ford and then on the Carter Administrations to respond generously to the crisis in Indochina with increased admissions numbers. And we were pleased they did.

And it's why, in 1980, the American Jewish community sponsored a full page ad in *The New York Times*. It read “Do A Mitzvah”—“Save a Life.” And with the money raised we were able to construct a school to serve the needs of children in one of the refugee camps in Thailand.

And it's why we called on synagogues throughout the country to join with Catholic and Protestant churches and aid those refugees seeking admission that had no other sponsor. . . and many responded. The Jewish migration agency, HIAS, has helped thousands of refugees from Indochina to come to this country and be resettled. And I am very proud that my family and I sponsored a husband and wife—an ethnic Chinese people—who had fled Saigon.

And it's why in June 1977 tiny Israel welcomed the entry of 66 Vietnamese refugees to that country after they had been rescued off the Vietnamese coast by an Israeli ship, and in January 1979 admitted another 101 Vietnamese refugees.

Israel's capacity to absorb large

numbers is understandably very limited, but Israel wanted to make an important gesture of solidarity and understanding, and at the same time, perhaps, challenge other countries, often more capable of absorbing large numbers but seemingly indifferent to this human tragedy, to do the same.

And it's why [recently] our organization's president, Theodore Ellenoff, joined with Mr. Khoa, the distinguished president of the Indochina Resource Action Center, in publishing in *The New York Times* a letter appealing for increased refugee numbers for the current year to accommodate the unexpected exodus of refugees from Indochina and the Soviet Union. And, in a joint letter sent to both the President of the United States and the Secretary of State, we made a similar appeal.

And it's why we have urged the Thai Government to take additional steps to insure that Thailand remains a country of first asylum and safety for refugees. But we also understand that the Thai Government needs the assurance of the U.S. and other receiving countries that refugees will be permanently resettled.

We note with pride the warm welcome our country has extended to hundreds of thousands of refugees in recent years. We believe that a generous refugee admissions policy is an act of humanitarianism and generosity. . . a reaffirmation of the strength and appeal of nations like our own. . . a recognition that our society respects and welcomes pluralism and seeks to practice tolerance. In so doing it proves the point that all Americans benefit. We become a better society for our diversity. . . a richer society.

And let's be clear. Advocates of a generous refugee policy need not be defensive. Every study has shown that refugees give back to their adopted country much more than they have ever taken. That's why we stand with you and lend our support to the call for an additional 15,000 refugee slots for the current year.

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## Israel's Kaleidoscopic Climates

by Yitzchak Dinur

(WZPS)-Scandinavians, young and old, fill up the planes that bring them straight from their cold climes to the warm water and hot weather in Eilat and the mineral-water baths at the Dead Sea. Israelis pack the Eilat area during the school holiday season (July and August) and during Jewish holidays such as Passover and Succot, but they also enjoy bathing and water skiing at the Sea of Galilee and the winter skiing on Mount Hermon.

Tiny Israel has a variety of climates comparable to the variety enjoyed by much larger countries such as the USA or Australia that cover entire continents. Crossing from Tel Aviv via Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, a traveler passes through five different climatic zones in a distance of about 100 kilometers.

Eilat has a tropical climate ideal for swimming and sunbathing all year round, while Mount Hermon has snow in winter and attracts skiers from all parts of the country. The Sea of Galilee is very warm for most of the year, bringing swimmers and water-skiing enthusiasts to its fresh waters. The Dead Sea's dry heat and medicinal waters are an excellent cure for psoriasis, a skin disease. The southern town of Arad is a climatic haven for asthma sufferers. Dwellers in the coastal plain love to come to Jerusalem, adjacent to the dry Judean Desert, for its atmosphere which is bracing in summer, brisk in winter, but rarely humid or muggy. Many Jerusalemites, on the other hand, love to spend their holidays in the heat of the Dead Sea.

### Climatic Structure and Crop Growing

Such a kaleidoscopic mixture of climates in one small country and the almost complete absence of smog explain why Israel is able to produce such a large variety of vegetable and fruit crops. Some of these such as tomatoes are now

produced all year round, at different times in different parts of the country. The varied climates enable crop plantings to be staggered in different regions, so that their ripening season is extended. The heat in areas such as the Western Negev and the southern continuation of the Jordan Valley enable special early crops of peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes to be grown for export to European countries to Israel's financial advantage. Flowers also ripen at times that complement those in Europe without competing, and some semi-tropical fruits such as avocado and mango are not grown there at all. Israel's climate makes her a back garden for the tables of Europe.



*Kibbutz members tending roses for export in plastic-covered hot-house.*

Israel's climatic structure is closely connected with its location and physical structure. Fittingly for its geographical position at the eastern extremity of the Mediterranean, Israel has an extreme Mediterranean-type climate: winter is short and rainy and the rest of the year is clear and sunny, and temperatures are generally mild to semi-tropical. The



*Psoriasis sufferers find comfort and relief in the mineral waters of the Dead Sea.*

coastal plain is warm and moist, while the hilly areas parallel to the coast and including Jerusalem are cooler on the average and have a drier atmosphere. The Jordan Valley, including Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and its continuation, the Arava down to Eilat, is hot and dry. Eilat and the Bet Shean Valley south of the Sea of Galilee have semi-tropical climates. The rainiest place (and one of the coldest) in Israel is Safed, which is only a short distance from balmy Tiberias.

Because the rainy winter season is short, it is important that sufficient rain fall in a short time. There can be strong winds, but there are no hurricanes or typhoons, though rare incursions of air from Siberia and Middle Asia are biting cold. Some snow falls most years in Safed, Jerusalem, and the peaks of the Judean hills, with heavy snow fall on Mount Hermon in the north.

Israelis sometimes suffer the effects of occasional stiflingly hot winds from the direction of the Red Sea. This phenomenon is called a "sharav" and is the result of air subsiding over the country becoming compressed and heated.

No one has seriously suggested that different climates create different temperaments, but most agree that a good climate is a definite advantage in life. Israel's generally balmy climates are a major contributing factor to the quality of life it offers its residents, and one of the main attractions for people coming to spend time in the Holy Land.

## Israeli Women Compared to American Counterparts

In a session during the 82nd Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Committee, a discussion was held entitled *Israeli and American Women: Comparison and Contrasts*.

Principal speakers at the session were British-born author-journalist Lesley Hazleton, author of *Israeli Women: The Reality Behind the Myths*, and attorney Michele Lord, acting public-policy director of The Older Women's League and former executive director of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. The meeting was conducted by AJC's National Women's Issues Committee.

Assessing the position of women in Israel, Ms. Hazleton, who lived there for more than a dozen years, said that Israeli women, "while they are highly respected as mothers and potential mothers, are not respected in any other way, and they have no power, and no equal rights, opportunities or obligations."

Most Israeli women work outside the home because of economic necessity, said Ms. Hazleton, but, she stressed, the society believes that a woman's chief concern should be her home and family, and women are not encouraged to develop real careers or given much opportunity to do so.

"There are no women in the cabinet," she said, "no women mayors, no women in high corporate positions, no women in any major positions of power, influence and responsibility. There are many underlying reasons for this, but one pragmatic reason is that the military is the main training ground for high positions in industry and politics, and women don't get this training because they don't get top posts in the military."

As for "average" working women, said Ms. Hazleton, "they are paid far less than men and they frequently receive less pay for exactly the same work."

"Both women and men accept this situation and this view of women," said Ms. Hazleton, "and one basic reason is that when a national situation is perceived as being insecure, people tend to seek security wherever they can find it—and there is great security in sexual stereotyping."

Other key reasons for Israel's traditional view of women, she said, are the strong influence of the religious political parties, and "a particularly Israeli form of macho that is very persistent and widespread."

As for feminism, she said, "it is a dirty word in Israel, and there is great anger directed against even moderate feminism, for the feminists are seeking to expose the myth that there is sexual equality in Israel."

Nevertheless, she said, "very slowly, very cautiously, and with great fear and trepidation, a very small but increasing number of Israeli women are beginning to realize that all is not what they were taught it was—they are *not* equal—and they are not working for change."

The women's movement in the United States, where she now lives, is far ahead of the extremely tiny women's movement in Israel," said Ms. Hazleton, but "Israeli women are better off than Americans in one significant way: Israel provides excellent child care facilities, and it is a wonderful place to bring up children."

American women have made much progress in the last decade, said Ms. Lord—"we have a far greater consciousness about being women, we are entering professions we've never entered before, there are many more women elected officials, especially at the state and local levels"—but, she cautioned, much of this progress has been felt only by women in the upper middle class.

"Poor women's lives have changed very little, she said, "and middle-class women's lives are often much more stressful, because now they're working outside the home but they're still doing all or most of the housework and child care."

And while women "are still expected to be the primary caretakers of society," she said, "this work is not valued by society, not given credibility, and not even counted in the Gross National Product even though it is critical for the economy."

American women have the power to effect greater changes in their lives, continued Ms. Lord, but they have so far failed to use their full power "because real change can come only through the ballot box, and women have felt disconnected from the political process."

"And we must elect more women to high political office."

Presiding over the sessions was Ruth Septee, chair of AJC's National Women's Issues Committee, who noted that AJC's interest in the status of women in Israel stemmed from "our concern about the issues that still impede the progress of all women as well as from our particular regard for our sisters in Israel."

"We know from our American experience," continued Ms. Septee, "that although issues such as pay equity, parental leave and child care affect both men and women, nevertheless, it was only when women became active advocates on these issues that progress began."

"We hope that the linkages that have begun between Israeli and American women can enable us to share some of our experiences and expertise in these areas."



Nobel Laureate Elie Weisel (left) and Professor Harry James Cargas were honored by the Jewish National Fund at a gala dinner in St. Louis, Sept. 29. They both received JNF's Tree of Life award, presented in recognition of outstanding humanitarian and professional leadership.

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## **KRISTALLNACHT**

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# Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Kristallnacht

by Helmut Kohl

Mr. Kohl is Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. This article was prepared by him for the November issue of *Dimensions*, published by the International Center for Holocaust Studies of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

This year we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the pogroms which took place on November 9, 1938—that terrible milestone on the road to the genocide perpetrated on the European Jews in the name of the Germans. We Germans are filled with shame by the events of that day. We mourn the victims.

Hundreds of synagogues were burned down or destroyed in one single night. Thirty thousand German Jews were arrested, thousands of them were cruelly maltreated, many were murdered. Countless German Jews were forced to look as their homes and businesses were destroyed.

On November 9, 1938, the campaign of terror against the Jews in Germany took on a new dimension. The so-called "Reichskristallnacht" was a forewarning of the deliberate, systematic and merciless persecution of the Jews to come. The events of that night made plain once and for all how hopeless the position of German Jews in the Third Reich had become.

However, at that time only very few people sensed that National Socialist racism would soon wreak even greater havoc. It was completely unimaginable that the terror witnessed on November 9th was only a harbinger of the genocide to come.

The Holocaust itself was perpetrated in secret in the remoteness of the death camps. But the crime committed on November 9th happened in public for all to see; it was committed against friends and neighbors. At that time most Germans chose to remain silent, either because they were paralyzed by fear and lacked the strength to resist when resistance was called for, or because they were indifferent. This silence makes us feel deeply ashamed right up to the present day.

We Germans will neither forget, nor dismiss from our minds, nor play down the darkest chapter in our history. The unspeakable suffering inflicted in the name of the Germans and by German hands in those years, primarily on the Jews, is ever-present in our memory. We know that the Holocaust is without parallel in the history of mankind, in its coldblooded, inhuman planning and its deadly effectiveness.

For this very reason the message of this genocide will not be lost. It is an appeal to all of us to remain untiringly alert, above all to the dangers which may pave the way for totalitarian rule. We must guard against cynical ideologies, and against indifference to any violation of human rights and human dignity. Our policy must be a policy for peace. Our political and

social action must be measured in terms of the values of a free democracy.

These basic values have their roots in biblical teachings according to which every human being is created in God's image—a lesson that the Jews have upheld despite defamation and persecution over thousands of years. From this lesson we can derive hope for a better future.

The Germans who, after 1945, rebuilt a community committed to liberty, human dignity and the rule of law had the strength to shoulder their responsibility in history. They prepared the ground in our country on which justice, freedom and peace can thrive. They, and we, have taken the lessons of history to heart.

One of our most moving historical experiences is that German Jews, who lost their homeland during the terrible Nazi persecution, returned to our country and participated in the reconstruction of a democratic state based on the rule of law. The greatness they displayed in fostering understanding and reconciliation played a considerable part in restoring respect and recognition throughout the world to the German name, which is linked irrefutably to the memory of a terrible injustice. We are deeply grateful to them for helping to dispel distrust and to win support for the young German democracy.

Of invaluable and unforgettable assistance to the newly created German democracy was the generous aid and, eventually, the friendship of the United States. The American people were prepared to reach out the hand of reconciliation. We are ever thankful for this.

An expression of the change that has taken place is also the solidarity that we feel with the State of Israel. It is based on the experiences of the past for our two peoples and will determine our policy in the future. Differences of opinion in everyday politics will not call this into question.

Change presupposes that we pass on what we learned from our past to future generations. We owe this to the victims whose suffering must never be forgotten. Therefore, we in the Federal Republic of Germany are making every effort to ensure that in our schools and universities, and in developing a sense of citizenship, our young citizens are informed about the calamitous past and come to realize their duty to treat our history in a responsible manner.

It is not by forgetting but by remembering the past that we can muster the courage to resist the forces of evil in history and together pave the way to a better future.

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KRISTALLNACHT—"The Night of Shattered Glass," November 9, 1938. Jewish homes, stores and synagogues were vandalized in Nazi Germany and Austria.

Photo by UJA Press Service.

## Letter to the Editor

This is an open letter to our Jewish Houses of Worship, Temples and Synagogues:

We want the young families and their children to come and join and be active, but we never seem to welcome them and make them feel at home in their new city, nor do we welcome a visitor who comes to Temple for the first time.

We have had the privilege of being in three congregations in three different cities during the past holidays. No one came over to welcome us or even talk to us. They could see we were new faces. They did not know if we moved to the city or were just visiting. How sad to be given an opportunity to welcome perhaps a new member or most of all a good friend.

Our Jewish people have committees for everything; why not one that seeks out and cultivates a new member. Invite the wife to a Sisterhood meeting, introduce her and, most of all, pick her up and take her as a guest and make her feel at home and welcomed by your members.

What a wonderful way to start the new year, a true *mitzvah*.

Happy New Year.

"Anonymous"

## From the Editor

November 9 marks the 50th anniversary of **Kristallnacht**—the night the Holocaust began in 1938 with the smashing of Jewish shop windows, attacks on homes, the burning and demolition of synagogues, and the beating and arrests of Jews across Hitler's Germany and Austria. On that night the seizure of Jewish property by the Nazis began in order to pay for Germany's huge and, at that time, secret rearmament program.

Jewish communities all over the world will be holding commemorative ceremonies for **Kristallnacht**. Check in your local areas for the details. (In Charlotte, a memorial service will be held at Holocaust Square and Temple Israel at 7:45 p.m., Nov. 9.)

It is important for us to stand together that night, to remember and to say "NEVER AGAIN!"

Ruth Goldberg

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# Rachel Oestreicher Haspel Believes Raoul Wallenberg is Still Alive



Rachel Oestreicher Haspel

Rachel Oestreicher Haspel is President/Executive Director of The Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States. That organization is dedicated to ascertaining the whereabouts and obtaining the release of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of 100,000 Jews from Adolph Eichmann in Budapest, Hungary during World War II. Wallenberg was arrested by the Russians when they liberated Budapest. There are indications that Mr. Wallenberg was alive as late as Sept. 1987.

Raoul Wallenberg was granted honorary U.S. citizenship on Oct. 5, 1981. In addition, he has been made an honorary life member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salisbury, N.C. and an honorary citizen of Greensboro, N.C. The South Carolina Baptist Convention passed a resolution at its last gathering urging that Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev release Raoul Wallenberg from imprisonment.

Ms. Haspel works closely with the Government of Sweden and the Wallenberg family in Stockholm, as well as with Sweden's representatives to

the United Nations on the Wallenberg case.

A native of Salisbury, N.C., Ms. Haspel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Oestreicher. She is a graduate of Salem Academy; she obtained a degree from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y. in 1965. After graduation, she attended Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan. She lives in New York City.

Rachel Oestreicher Haspel is the author of the monograph, *Raoul Wallenberg: A Hero for Our Time*. Following are excerpts from an article of the same title that she wrote for *N.Y. Amsterdam News*, July 29, 1988:

Our children are growing up today in a world without heroes. My generation was taught about great people—heroes. We all knew about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Tubman. Ask a child today who his heroes are. Chances are he'll say the name of a current rock star or, even worse, some movie character that was created by a script writer and isn't even a real person. Frankly, that's not good enough for me or for my children, and it's not good enough for you or your children either. We all need heroes—real flesh and blood heroes—who are willing to stand up for what they believe when circumstances demand, people like General Lafayette, Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Mother Theresa, who were willing to risk personal safety for their principles.

August 4 was the 76th birthday of one of the truly great heroes of this century. Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat with full diplomatic immunity, celebrated his 76th birthday somewhere in the Soviet prison system where he has been held illegally for 43 years. The only crime of this righteous Christian is that he saved the lives of over 100,000 Hungarians from the Nazis during World War II. Wallenberg, a polite and



Raoul Wallenberg

mild-mannered Swede, took on the notorious Adolph Eichmann in a battle for life or death.

In only six short months, Raoul Wallenberg accomplished more than any government in the free world had been able to do for the condemned Jews of Europe.

On July 9, 1944, the cattle cars carrying the last of the 450,000 Jews from the Hungarian countryside pulled out of the station bound for the death camps of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. That afternoon, Raoul Wallenberg arrived in Budapest. Within hours he was at work in the Swedish embassy. He discovered that a mimeographed document was being handed out to the few Jews who could prove that they had family in Sweden. These passes placed the bearer under Swedish protection. Using his artistic talent (he was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Architecture), Wallenberg promptly redesigned the unimpressive pass, creating instead the SCHUTZPASSE, emblazoned

with Sweden's triple crown. It was a document designed to be respected and to prevent the deportation of the bearer. In truth, Wallenberg handed out, not hundreds, but tens of thousands of these "official" documents.

In the ghetto of Budapest, where the Jews were herded while their fate was being decided, Wallenberg declared a number of large apartment buildings, "extensions of the Swedish Embassy," i.e., off-limits to Nazi soldiers. In these "safe houses," as they were called, he set up family dwellings, soup kitchens, orphanages, schools and hospitals for the Budapest Jews.

In late December 1944, as the Russian Army approached Budapest, Wallenberg heard that his already fleeing enemy, Eichmann, had left a final order for the murder of 70,000 Jews in the ghetto of Budapest. Wallenberg contacted the German general who had been left in charge, and accomplished the unthinkable: he persuaded the German general to countermand Eichmann's orders! In one night, Raoul Wallenberg saved the lives of 70,000 people. When the advancing Russian army reached the city of Budapest, 120,000 Hungarian Jews were still alive—the largest surviving Jewish population in all of occupied Europe.

The story should end in triumph, with Wallenberg returning to the nation of his birth to live out his life in honor and in dignity. Instead, on January 17, 1945 Raoul Wallenberg, a diplomat representing a neutral and non-aligned nation, was illegally arrested by Russian soldiers while attempting to negotiate with the Soviet commandment for food, medicine and blankets for survivors under his protection.

For twelve years the Soviet government denied any knowledge of Wallenberg. Then in 1957, prisoners of war released after Stalin's death reported seeing or hearing about fellow prisoner in the Gulag—a Swede from Budapest. The Soviet Ministry finally admitted to having held Wallenberg a prisoner. The Swedish government was told in a

note delivered by the deputy foreign minister that a prisoner "Wallenberg" (sic) had died of a heart problem on July 14, 1947. Raoul Wallenberg was only 35 years old in 1947. The unlikelihood of a heart attack in such a young man, combined with the many reports, some recent, of other prisoners meeting or communicating with Wallenberg in the 43 years since his imprisonment, give credence to the belief that he may be alive even today. Since 1957, the Soviet government has continued to protect the reputation of that Deputy Foreign Minister. His name is Andrei Gromyko, now President of the Soviet Union.

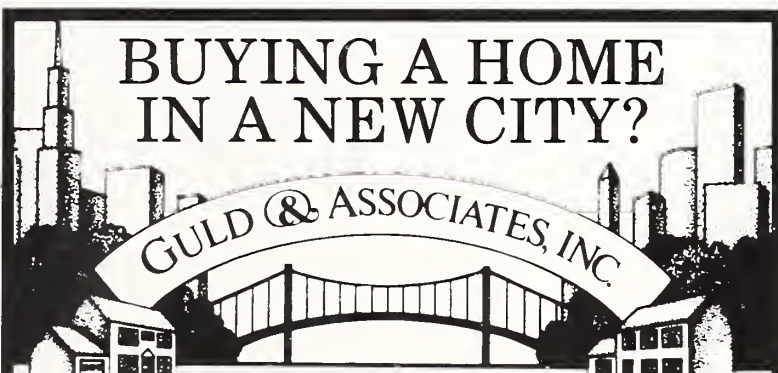
In May of 1981, THE RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES was founded, and since our establishment we have pledged to educate the American public about Raoul Wallenberg and his singular endeavors. We call on General Secretary Gorbachev to honor the spirit of "glasnost" . . . by

returning a very old hero to the land of his birth.

The British statesman Edmund Burke wrote, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil, is for sane men to do nothing." Burke would have admired the courage and humanitarian ideals of this man who did something about the evil around him. He was indeed sane, when all around him there was madness. He acted while the rest of the world watched. He was not Rambo and he was not Superman. He was a man of flesh and blood who could be hurt and who prison walls could easily contain, but those walls cannot hold his spirit. His heroism has escaped his captors, and the continued mystery that surrounds his fate has become a source of grave embarrassment to the Soviet Union.

The Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States welcomes all inquiries. Please contact us at 127 East 73 St., New York, N.Y. 10021, (212) 737-7790.

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# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Jewish Book Month Events Charlotte, N.C.

by Amalia Warshenbrot

Observance of Jewish Book Month dates back over sixty years. Its goal is to publicize Jewish books and encourage people to read them. This year Jewish Book Month is celebrated Nov. 4-Dec. 4.

The Charlotte Jewish community will hold cultural events at Shalom Park, beginning with a gigantic book sale on Nov. 16. New books were carefully chosen by experts in literature. The Waldenbooks manager at One Independence Center helped us order hundreds of recently published books of Jewish interest for children and adults. Fiction and non-fiction books will be available for immediate sale. Used books (Jewish and general) will also be on sale, with proceeds going to the Speizman Jewish Library Fund of the Foundation to buy new books.

Gladys Lavitan will review her favorite Jewish books on Wed., Nov. 16.

A full day of activities will take place on Sun., Nov. 20, including: dedication of the Becky Shulimson Children's Book Section of the library and awarding of a prize for the best Jewish Book Month poster; an art show 'sale and reception; Temples' Chanukah gift shops sale; music and storytelling for children; discount prices for lunch offered by snack bar; meet the North Carolina author Eli Evans (babysitter available upon reservation). The events are co-sponsored by the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, the Jewish Community Center and the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah.

The celebration is arranged to coincide with Chanukah. Jewish books make suitable gifts for the holiday.

For further details, call Marty Gerber or Amalia Warshenbrot at (704) 366-5007.

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## Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

by Evelyn Osborne

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, in conjunction with the JCC and the Foundation of the Jewish Community, will hold its annual Book and Author Evening on Sunday, November 20 at 8:00 p.m. in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park. The event will be the highlight of Jewish Book Week and will feature Eli Evans. Mr. Evans is President of the Charles H. Revson Foundation and the author of *The Provincials* and *Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate*.

Nancy Blacker is chairperson for this event. Tickets may be purchased at the JCC desk or by calling Barbara Herd at 365-3746, Nancy Blacker at 541-8835, or Marty Gerber at the JCC, 366-5007.

General Admission will be \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. A reception will be held at 7:00 p.m. for patrons. The cost to become a patron is \$30.00 and includes two tickets.

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## Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)

by Lenora Stein

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education is pleased to announce its affiliated schools, congregations and individual members, to date, for 1988-89. Through the ongoing support of CAJE members, a unique network continues to meet, and serve the Jewish educational needs of the Carolinas and beyond. Todah rabah to the following:

Greater Carolinas Assn. of Rabbis  
Asheville: Beth Israel, Mr. Edward Greene  
Beaufort, S.C.: Beth Israel/Rabbi David Kraus  
Bluefield, W.V.: Ahavath Sholom  
Cary, N.C.: Cary Jewish Center  
Charleston, S.C.: K. K. Beth Elohim; Synagogue Emanu-El  
Charlotte: Consolidated High School; Charlotte Jewish Day School; Lubavitch of N.C.; Charlotte Jewish Federation; The Foundation/JCC; Temple Beth El V'Shalom; Temple Israel; Temple Israel Pre-School; Rabbi Marc Wilson; Mr. Sam Eneman; Dr. Jared Schwartz; Michael & Shari-Lyn Simon; Dr. Gary Waldman  
Columbia, S.C.: Tree of Life Congregation  
Durham: Beth El; Judea Reform  
Florence, S.C.: Beth Israel  
Franklin, N.C.: Mountain Synagogue  
Gastonia, N.C.: Temple Emanuel  
Greensboro: Beth David; Temple Emanuel; B'nai Shalom Day School  
Hickory, N.C.: Beth Shalom  
High Point: B'nai Israel  
Lynchburg, Va.: Mrs. Deborah Okin  
Martinsville, Va.: Ohev Zion  
Murphy, N.C.: Mr. Morris Tenenbaum  
Newport News, Va.: United Hebrew School  
Oklahoma City, Ok.: B'nai Israel  
Princeton, W.V.: Mr. Stanley Nelson  
Raleigh: Beth Meyer; Hillel School  
Wilmington, N.C.: B'nai Israel; Temple of Israel/Rabbi Albert Gordon  
Winston-Salem: Temple Emanuel; Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz; Beth Jacob Congregation

### Rameses Exhibit

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## Drucker chosen to be a Palmetto Fellow Spartanburg, S.C.



*Debbie Drucker*

Debbie Drucker of Spartanburg, a University of South Carolina honors college student, has been named a 1988-89 Palmetto Fellow scholarship winner. The Palmetto Fellow program, sponsored by the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, bases its selection process on class rank, extracurricular activities, leadership ability and a personal statement of career goals. This \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000 annually) is designed to encourage exceptional students from South Carolina to go to South Carolina colleges. This is the first year this program has been offered.

Ms. Drucker, a 1988 honors graduate from Spartanburg High School, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Drucker. Debbie was editor of the yearbook and South Carolina's first place winner in the economics competition. She was also her homeroom president and active in the honor societies in Spanish, math and science; she attended the pre-college program at Duke University and was a security aide at the National Democratic Convention in Atlanta.

Her professional goal is to be involved with economic development in South Carolina. This coming summer she plans to visit Spain as an exchange student and would also like to spend some time in Washington, D.C. working for a government agency or in a Congressional Office.

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Welcome back to the Deutsch family, Carol, Bob, Robin and Andy, from a sightseeing trip to Israel, highlighted by the CAJE Conference (Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education).

Labor Day weekend, September 2 and 3, marked a joyful occasion, the B'nai Mitzvah of the Carr children, Dana and Teddy. Mazel tov to the Carr family and Mrs. Sylvia Resnikoff.

The evening of September 3 ushered in Selichot Services at 12:00 midnight. Cynthia Savell and Bill Beechel hosted the Oneg.

From the principal's desk, Barbara Lewin reports that the first day of Sunday School was September 11, with the next two Sundays devoted to holiday topics.

Thank you to the Cross family, Ann, Lu and Candy, for the donation of the book, *Fear No Evil*, by Natan Sharansky, to our library.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, led by our Rabbi Eliot Pearlson were meaningful experiences for the congregation. Yom Kippur was further enhanced by the participation of guest Chazzanim, William Wolff and his daughter, Ronit Wolff Allom. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Bob and Carol Deutsch organized and coordinated Children's Services and Activities. As in the past, child care was available to facilitate complete participation of the congregants. Norma Feingold and her committee prepared the Break-the-Fast.

Sunday, September 25, the Men's Club met at Beth Israel for breakfast and a "Clean Up the Grounds Workday." They later joined the Sisterhood and Sunday School in preparation of a cookout covered dish Sukkot Dinner for members of the congregation.

Ann Cross has been added to the list of Sisterhood members participating in the community service, WLOS-TV ACTIONLINE.

## Kane-Herman Wedding High Point, N.C.



*Mrs. Andrew Kane*

Audrey Lynn Herman and Andrew Joseph Kane, both of Arlington, Va., were united in marriage on Sept. 4 in a 6:30 p.m. ceremony held in B'nai Israel Synagogue, High Point, followed by a dinner-dance at The Top of the Mart.

Rabbi Robert Sandman led the couple in their exchange of vows. Sally Dugan, harpist and flutist, presented a program of wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Herman of High Point. She is the granddaughter of former Atlanta resident and now resident of Sunrise, Fla., Mrs. Harry Schreiber and the late Dr. Schreiber; and granddaughter of Ethel Herman Silver of High Point, and the late Ben Herman.

The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David Bisno of Atlanta, Ga., and the late Richard E. Kane. He is the grandson of Mrs. Irvin Kane of Portland, Or. and the late Mr. Kane, and the grandson of Mrs. Maurice Kadish of Mercer Island, Wash., and the late Mr. Kadish.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride selected Jodi Herman to serve as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Debby Bisno, Lisa Kane, Jane Pease, Emily Kane and Judy Harnack.

The bridegroom's father was best

man. Ushers included Dr. Mark Nemeroff, Dr. Paul Katz, Joseph Nemeroff, Aaron Bisno, Scott Kadish and Neil Herman.

The bride received her B.F.A. degree from the University of Georgia after having studied in Cortona, Italy. She is an interior designer for Partners in Planning in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kane received a B.S. degree from the College of Charleston, an M.B.A. degree from Augusta College and has been awarded his C.M.A. He is a financial auditor with Citicorp in Washington, D.C.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Arlington, Va.

## **Temple Emanuel Gastonia, N.C.**

by Shirley Koshak

The members of Temple Emanuel would like to welcome the following people to Gastonia and to Temple Emanuel: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Goldfarb, Dr. & Mrs. Phil Harris, Ms. Jackie Klein, Ms. Irene Schauer, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Rossman, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Katzenstein, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cohen, and Mrs. Peter Lodge. It seems as though our Temple family has been growing by leaps and bounds lately. The other new members are Patricia Ashlee Harnage, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Harnage; Abigail Susan Moskowitz, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Mark Moskowitz.

Our services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were made especially meaningful due to Fred Wyn-ton, who was our cantor, to Steven Katzenstein, who blew the shofar, and to our new organist, Ms. Carolyn Rhyne.

Our Rabbi David M. Zielonka is teaching "The Theology and Practices of Contemporary Judaism" this semester at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The course is one of 167 being underwritten by the Jewish Chautauqua Society this academic year in the United States and Canada. Rabbi Zielonka was one of four

panelists at a Christian-Jewish Conversation sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute in Winston-Salem, Oct. 18.

Mazel Tov to Joan Borchardt and Kim Brodsky for being named to Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1988-89; Scott Schwartz, a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship; Neil Horowitz, who won the Morehead Scholarship; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Safdie who now reside in Arkansas, on the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Mayer Friedman on the birth of a granddaughter; and also to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Oliff on the opening of their restaurant, *Steaks, Sub, and Suds*.

Our school year has gotten off to a good start with the return of Mrs. Cynthia Melenson. Mrs. Melenson comes to Gastonia from Charlotte to teach Middle and Upper school class and Mrs. Shirley Koshak teaches the pre-pre-first and pre-first class.

## **Southern Jewish Historical Society**

The Southern Jewish Historical Society held its thirteenth annual conference in Birmingham, Ala. November 4-6. The theme of the conference, according to its president, Dr. Samuel Proctor, was "New Perspectives on Southern Jewish History."

The Society has some 600 members spread throughout the South, the United States, Central America and the Caribbean. Its members are both Jewish and non-Jewish, and include professional historians, librarians, archivists and mostly non-professionals. The Society is interested in all aspects of southern Jewish history, the roles that Jews have played in the South from the early Colonial period to the present, and the relationship of southern Jewish history to the history of the region. The Society's purpose is to preserve and present the southern Jewish experience.

The Society has an active publica-

tion program. *Jews of the South, Selected Essays from the Southern Jewish Historical Society*, edited by Samuel Proctor and Louis Schmier, was published by Mercer University Press. A second volume of essays is in preparation. The Society has also published a bibliography of articles on southern Jewish history which have appeared in scholarly and professional journals. It was compiled by Solomon Breibart who is editor of the Society's quarterly newsletter which includes Jewish history articles as well as current happenings.

The 1988 officers are Dr. Samuel Proctor, Gainesville, Fla., president; Rachel Heimovics, Longwood, Fla., vice-president; Dr. Louis Schmier, Valdosta, Ga., secretary; and Gus Kaufman, Macon, Ga., treasurer. Members of the board are Dr. Henry Green (chairman of Judaic Studies, University of Miami), Miami; Dorothy Hamburger, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Sheldon Hanft, Boone, N.C.; Rabbi Stephen Jacobs, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. Claire Rosenbaum, Manakin-Sabat, Va., and Carol Hart, New Orleans, La.,

Membership in the Society is open to any interested persons or organizations. Membership classification begins at \$15.00 for individual members; \$25.00 for family; \$50.00 for patron; and \$100.00 for Century Club. For further information on membership, please write to Southern Jewish Historical Society, VSC Box 179, Valdosta, Ga. 31698.

## **Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, N.C.**

Temple Beth Shalom held its ground-breaking ceremony Erev Sukkot, followed by services.

Mazel Tov to Gwen and Phil Datnoff on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Daria Lina born to Lawrence and Elizabeth Datnoff of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Condolences to Madeline Guy and Debbie Taylor who both recently lost their fathers.

Members will enjoy the Broadway Musical "42nd Street" at a theatre party in Morganton, Nov. 3.

## Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

Simchat Torah was celebrated with lots of "ruach" as congregants of all ages—from babies to great-grandparents—gathered at Temple Israel. The festivities included plenty of "essen und dancen," and a wonderful time was had by all, especially by families with young children.

On September 23 Temple Israel sponsored a lively Shabbat Dinner Forum featuring Charlotte Mayor Sue Myrick. "Religion and Public Life" was the topic. Panelists were Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel and Rabbi Robert Seigel of Temple Beth El V'Shalom. Dr. Stephen Fishman served as moderator. Over 250 people took this opportunity personally to meet with the mayor and discuss Jewish concerns about certain aspects of her administration, most notably the well-publicized prayer breakfasts.

Temple Israel Board members held a special half day "retreat" in September. The purpose of the retreat was to develop, by consensus, a mission statement and to set over-all goals necessary to achieve the mission. The process enabled Board members to get better acquainted with each other and facilitated discussion of major issues which too often cannot be addressed in the limited time available for regular Board meetings.

## Zimmer-Wojnowich Wedding Charlotte, N.C.

Rose Wojnowich and Alan Mark Zimmer were married Sept. 10 at Temple Israel, Charlotte. Rabbi Marc Wilson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Simon and Mary Wojnowich of Charlotte. She is a graduate of University of Miami where she earned a bachelor of arts in public relations with a minor in marketing.

The groom is the son of William and Roberta Zimmer of Wilmington, N.C. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia, and an M.B.A. from Tulane University. He is president and chief executive officer with Reeds Jewelers Inc. in Wilmington.

Matrons of honor were the bride's twin sisters, Pearl Mann and Lyba Rousso of Charlotte. Bridesmaids were Linda Fox and Diane Rudnet of New York, Hidey Whitebrook of North Miami Beach, Fla., and the bride's cousins, Susan Wojnowich and Rachel Kaplan of Charlotte. Flower girls were the bride's nieces, Melanie Rousso and Amy Mann of Charlotte and the bride's cousin, Tali Wojnowich of Savannah, Ga. Miniature bride was Rose's cousin, Alli Arnold of Atlanta.

Best men were the groom's brothers, Jeff Zimmer and Herb Zimmer of Wilmington. Junior ushers were the bride's cousins, Howie and Jeffrey Kaplan of Florida, and the groom's nephew, Landon Zimmer of Wilmington. Ring bearers were the bride's nephew, Tommy Mann of Charlotte and the groom's nephew, Mark Schreiber of Moultrie, Ga. Miniature groom was the bride's nephew, Michael Rousso of Charlotte.

A reception was held at the Charlotte Marriott City Center.

The couple traveled to Hawaii on their wedding trip. They live in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmer gave a reception at the Hilton Hotel in Wilmington in honor of the newlyweds on Oct. 8.



Mrs. Alan Zimmer

## Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women by Estelle Goozner

B'nai B'rith Women held its annual Personal Giving Luncheon, Sept. 7. Personal Giving is BBW's only direct solicitation campaign during the year. It is these gracious contributions that ensure that philanthropies like Children's Home in Israel, the Anti-Defamation League and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will continue.

For the program, we featured "Creating Jewish Memories." We saw a slide presentation of how a Jewish family lives every day and on holidays through practicing Judaism. We also had participants who shared their personal memories of Jewish family events, home observances, ceremonies, Yiddish language and culture, Jewish values such as Tzedakah, and other recollections that made their Jewish family life special.

Participants were Linda Binnick, Paula Gentile, Linda Goldberg, Lorie Klemons, Beth Linderman and Jacob Spil.

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

by Patti Winters

### Roger Meyers

Temple Beth El V'Shalom's current Vice President of Membership Roger Meyers is a man of diverse skills. Involved in the community since his youth (Scouting, Civil Defense, Red Cross and Safe Streets) he is a graduate of the City University of New York (Brooklyn College), with a B.S. in sociology and psychology minor. He has a diverse management background with six years' experience in private industry and nineteen in State and Federal government.

He and his wife Roslyn, who was born near Sydney, Australia, have two daughters, Ruth and Rachel. Roger and Roslyn have been involved members of Temple since 1979 when the Government moved



Roger Meyers

them to Charlotte from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Roger has served on the Ritual Committee for many years and began explaining Judaism to our non-Jewish neighbors a year ago. He has taught sociology and history at the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies and is a member of the board of the Charlotte Jewish Day School. He is Chairman of TBEV'S Interfaith Committee. He would like to "see Temple Beth El V'Shalom grow into a tightly-knit extended family offering education, religion and social interaction to the community." He believes that moving into our new sanctuary at Shalom Park will help achieve these goals.

Roger, an Equal Opportunity Specialist, has extensive experience in employee-employer relations, teaching, counseling, communications and problem solving environments. His career achievements include being selected as one of four nationwide evaluators to conduct an audit of a New York district office operations for the Government. Additionally, he was chosen as one of 60 participants in a nationwide EEOC seminar.

Roger brings a wealth of experience to the position, and a quality of compassion to make all members feel welcome.

### Patti Winters

(Written by Pearl Abramsky)

As immediate past Vice President of Membership Patti Winters brought a plethora of varied leadership and life experiences to the position. Two recent accomplishments of this gregarious and talented lady include her current office as Chapter Director of the National Association of Female Executives (NAFE), and a certificate of achievement from the Charlotte Jewish Federation acknowledging successful completion of Federation's eighteen month Leadership Development Program. Each of these represents a large investment of Patti's time and energy—commodities she never seems to run short of if the cause is important to her.

Educationally, she holds an Associate of Art, two baccalaureate degrees, (career counseling and elementary education), a master's in business administration, and is presently working towards earning a Ph.D. in psychology in 1990. She will shortly complete training as both a Substance Abuse Counselor and a Neuro Linguistic Practitioner.

Patti is presently a Career and Human Resource Consultant for Winters, Peacock and Associates, her own company, and a Professional Resume Writer representing Professional Writing Services. She counsels people in exploring and fulfilling career options, self marketing, interviewing and self development. She also designs Training and Development Programs and writes professionally for corporations, as a free lance writer, and for individuals.

She and her husband, Robert, have a combined family of six children and seven grandchildren—a large family, and one of which they are very proud.

Everything Patti is or does seems, somehow, larger than life—big achievements, large capacity of work, large heart and tremendous dedication to Temple Beth El V'Shalom. Regarding her thoughts on Temple membership, Patti shared,

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Patti Winters

"Religious and cultural institutions, in our case Synagogues, must recognize that progress is not a straight line forward or a straight line of memory. It's spiral movement, incorporating what was, what is, and what should be into new, interlocking dimensions. If we Jews hope to retain or increase our membership, which decline yearly, we must address the needs of our kaleidoscopic congregations that are seeking more than just worship services from their Temples. Apathetic membership must be stimulated, and that comes with membership appreciation and communication from Temple leaders."

Patti will continue to serve on the Board as a member-at-large, will continue to write the TBEV'S column for the *Jewish Times Outlook* and will serve as a clearing house for "news" to various Jewish publications.

## Greensboro and Charlotte Federations Win Awards

The Awards for Excellence in Public Relations will be presented to Jewish Federations throughout North America during the 57th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Nov. 16-20 in New Orleans.

Members of the Committee judged the entries in nine different categories, including newspapers, newsletters, newspaper advertising, invitations, special brochures, campaign brochures, annual reports, worker training kits and posters. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, as well as Honorable Mention recognition, were bestowed upon the most outstanding material in each category.

Greensboro Jewish Federation will receive a Gold Award for "Invitations."

Charlotte Jewish Federation will be honored with a Silver Award for "Invitations."

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.

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

by Lisa Pharr

HaLailah's Personal Giving meeting on Oct. 11 was a huge success. The program celebrating our 13th year with a Bat Mitzvah was a lovely candle lighting ceremony presented by HaLailah's past presidents. Also making the evening special was the collection of Chanukah gifts for Refuseniks. Members enjoyed an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Many thanks to past presidents Maddie Joffe and Wendy Rosen for coordinating the evening, and to Eileen Darholt for planning the buffet.

The Letter Writing Campaign held Sept. 18 at the JCC was a rewarding experience. Thirty-five participants wrote 100 letters to the President, Mr. Gorbachev, Refuseniks and Congressional leaders in support of Soviet Jews. Three people also became part of the task force on Soviet Jewry. If you are interested in future letter writing campaigns, or in helping with other Soviet Jewry projects, please call Linda Spil, 846-3704, or Claire Putterman, 542-8369.

The Great Pumpkin Festival in Uptown Charlotte on Oct. 29 was a fun-filled afternoon for children and parents alike. Many thanks to Wendy Rosen and Maddie Joffe for co-chairing the committee for volunteers, and to the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks also to the BBYO who ran the games, and to the many HaLailah volunteers whose hard work helped hundreds of children celebrate a safe and happy Halloween.

The next HaLailah tea will be held Nov. 9 at the home of Lauren Lassman. If you have an interest in attending, call Lauren at 846-3310. Welcome to HaLailah's newest members: Susan Block, Roberta Malton, and Michelle Perlmutter.

HaLailah will begin its support of Rachel House in November. Anyone interested in cooking a meal for Rachel House's residents can call Rachel Rosenfeld, 535-1955.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Lubavitch Preschool and Day School will host a spectacular Children's Expo on Sunday, November 13 at the Chabad House. The entire school will be open to visitors with a variety of entertaining and educational activities. Parents are encouraged to bring their youngsters to join in the fun and learning. They will participate in challah baking, creative movement, arts and crafts, storytelling, music and much more.

Each teacher will have a full range of programs catering to the 2-year old and up to the first-grader. The latest in Jewish educational toys and tools will be on display at the school. This will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and see for themselves the unique program Lubavitch offers to its students.

Susan Doobrow, kindergarten teacher, and Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, will have their special display in the new modular building adjacent to the Chabad House

These new classrooms provide the perfect environment for the best in Jewish and secular education.

Fern Sanderson and Debbi Maslov will make use of the classrooms in the Chabad House with the best in preschool education.

The month of Tishrei saw lots of activity at Lubavitch. The highlight of the month was the Simchat Torah Celebration at the Chabad House.

Close to 150 celebrants filled the Chabad House for a grand Kiddush, and enjoyed a delicious festive meal. There was plenty of *L'Chaim* and good will. Then the dancing began with Torahs in arms and then children on the shoulders for men, and a dance for women.

Each child received a flag, compliments of Lubavitch. Many of the

Lubavitch Day School, Preschool and Talmud Torah students, along with their parents, attended the celebration. Other activities included a Sukkot program with children experiencing the Lulav and Etrog in the Chabad House Sukkah.

During the Sukkot festival, Lubavitch Rabbis visited local Jewish businesses and provided people with the opportunity to perform the Mitzvah of Lulav and Etrog.

### Columbia News

A major Sukkot party was held at the Chabad House in Columbia, S.C. with music and joyous dancing. Over 100 people attended the Sukkot festival, according to Rabbi Hesh Epstein and his wife, Chavah, Directors of the Chabad Center in Columbia.

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*Lubavitch Day School students during creative play.*



*Mariashi Groner instructing children how to dance with Torah.*

### 3 Charlotte Teens Compete in North American Youth Maccabi Games

by Harry Lerner

What a thrill it was for three teenage girls from the Charlotte JCC's Swim Team to carry proudly the Charlotte banner in the parade of over 2,500 young Jewish athletes at the opening ceremonies for the North American Youth Maccabi Games. Harry Swimmer of Charlotte had encouraged Ruthie Abel, Amy Goldman and Alexis Lerner to compete at the games in Chicago with other Jewish athletes from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Israel. Harry joined in the gala opening procession representing U.S. Committee Sports for Israel, one of the major sponsors and financial supporters for the Games.

The 18th of August began one of the most memorable weeks in competitive sports for these youngsters. Can you imagine what it was like for these young swimmers as they marched into the cavernous natatorium of the University of Illinois in Chicago to the strains of an Israeli marching tune. The large crowd of spectators stood and cheered as over 400 of the finest young Jewish swimmers from around the world arrayed themselves around the pool.

These three unheralded young girls amassed a fantastic swim record for the Charlotte JCC. Could they have been any more proud of their achievements: 4 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 14 Certificates of Merit for finishing in the top 16 in their category. In addition, they set two Maccabi swim records in the 100 butterfly at 1.08.53 and the 50 freestyle at 28.77.

The tension of competition often gave way to the fun and excitement of making new friendships with other Jewish kids who had some of the same interests and aspirations. There was a never ending round of exchanging addresses and swapping uniforms or tee shirts and pins among the participants.



(L. to R.) Ruthie Abel, Alexis Lerner, Amy Goldman at 1988 Maccabi Games in Chicago.

At the closing ceremonies all the parents and relatives shared an unbelievable burst of pride not only in our girls' accomplishments but the fantastic success of the 2,500 Jewish kids who had competed so well in a week filled with so much fun and camaraderie, some pain and disappointment, but for all of the participants a week of wonderful new friendships and glorious memories.

If you would like to join Amy, Ruthie, Alexis and their families in Israel next summer for the 13th "Bar Mitzvah" World Maccabiah Games, please contact Stu Epstein at the JCC, Shalom Park, P. O. Box 13369, Charlotte, N.C. 28211, phone (704) 366-5007.

### Iranian Jews at Risk

In the past nine years, the Jewish community in Iran has decreased from 80,000 to 20,000. Faced with human rights abuses possibly increasing as soldiers return from the Iran-Iraq war without jobs or hope, Iranian Jews are at risk.

Congressman Larry Smith of Florida has urged the Reagan Administration not to cut 1989 funds for refugees from the Near East. Congressman Peter Rodino of Rhode Island, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on which Smith also serves, has also raised the matter with Secretary of State George Shultz. The Committee has jurisdiction over refugee issues.

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# Ramesses The Great Exhibit Opens at Mint Museum in Charlotte

"Ramesses the Great: The Pharaoh and His Time" has opened at the Mint Museum in Charlotte and will be there until January 31, 1989. This exhibit was organized by the Egyptian Museum, Cairo, in cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Egyptian Antiquities Organization.

Gold, lapis lazuli, granite, limestone, wood—these are some of the materials Egyptian artisans worked with more than 3,000 years ago to create the 72 artifacts in the exhibit. Pieces range from the stunning, eight-foot granite statue of a child-like Ramesses II being watched over by the falcon god Horus to a pair of exquisitely crafted, enormous gold bracelets probably worn by Ramesses himself. Other gold objects—such as a 19-pound necklace, several vessels and huge dangling earrings—attest to ancient Egypt's

addiction to the precious metal and her willingness to plunder other nations to get it.

A "kohl" makeup pot, used to hold the dark substance Egyptians have used for millennia to blacken the area around their eyes, is one of several toiletry items. Others include a razor, a wooden comb and a hand mirror.

All the artifacts date from Ramesses II's reign (about 1290 to 1224 B.C.) or near it.

Many of the pieces were recovered from tombs. The door to the burial chamber of Sennudjem, leader of a family of great royal craftsmen, has colorful drawings that depict family members worshipping the gods of the dead. A small limestone sarcophagus was used to inter Sennudjem's viscera. A burial sledge, a casket with runners used to transport the sarcophagus to its grave site, is covered with vignettes from the famous Book of the Dead.

Another important piece is the lid of the wooden sarcophagus in which Ramesses II was re-entombed after his burial chamber was looted in antiquity. The mummy of the pharaoh lies at the Egyptian Museum, still in the lower half of the sarcophagus.

As with all Egyptian pharaohs of the New Kingdom period, Ramesses II's tomb builders began working on his funerary ensemble as soon as he became king. He had the second longest reign in Egyptian history—nearly 67 years—so it is safe to assume that Ramesses II amassed one of the largest and most spectacular burial chambers.

But like his predecessors and descendants, except for the young King Tutankhamen, Ramesses II's tomb was looted by grave robbers despite elaborate measures to hide the location.

Only a few artifacts in the Ramesses the Great exhibit, therefore, are known to have belonged to the pharaoh. Most were recovered from

others' tombs or archaeological excavations.

Ramesses II's reign was significant not just because of its length, but also because of his military activities—he fought the Hittites in the famous Battle of Qadesh and subsequently agreed on one of the first known treaties—and because of his incredible building program. He had his workmen build some of Egypt's most colossal and most beautiful temples, monuments and statues. But in many cases he simply took credit for structures previous pharaohs built by having his craftsmen erase the cartouche (signature) of the original builder and carve his own. That habit has earned him the nickname of "the great chiseler" among modern Egyptian tour guides.

Ramesses II was prolific not only in his building programs, however. He had about 100 sons and probably half as many daughters by his



*After his tomb was plundered, Ramesses II was buried in this wooden coffin.*

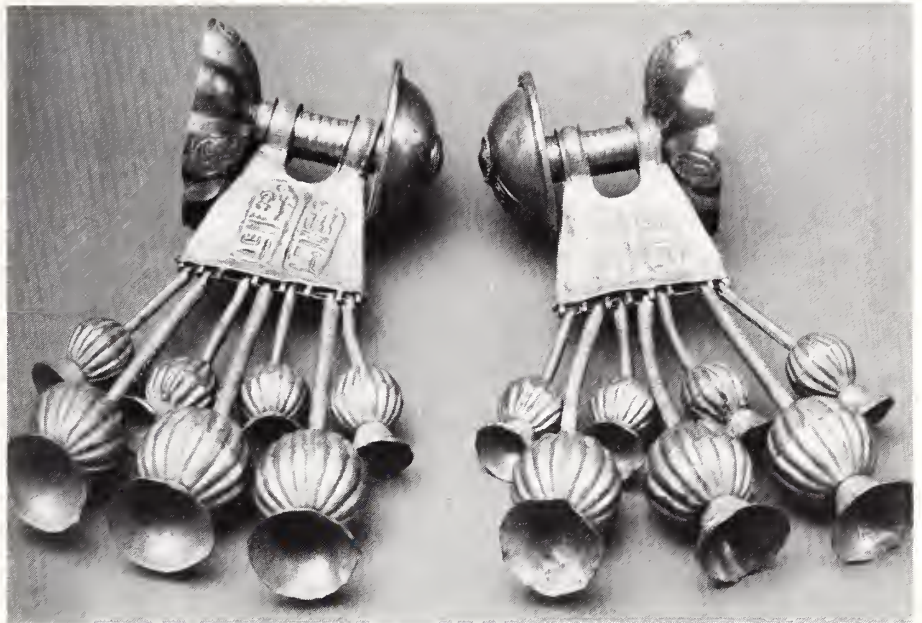


*Gold ewer of King Ahmose.*

royal wives. He outlived many members of his family and it was his 13th son, Merneptah, who succeeded him to the throne.

Ramesses II is also important because many Egyptologists believe he was the pharaoh of the biblical Exodus. The Israelites were apparently insignificant to the Egyptians and thus warranted little mention in writing 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.

Tickets for "Ramesses the Great" are available for specific day and time. For reservations, call 1-800-233-4050. Adult tickets are \$7.50 each; children (4-12), \$5.50. The exhibit is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (closed Christmas Day). The Mint Museum is located at 2730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, N.C. (704) 336-6100.



*The gold earrings of King Seti II.*

*All photos courtesy of Mint Museum.*



*The Sarcophagus of Khonsu, the son of Ramesses II's chief builder in the Valley of the Kings.*

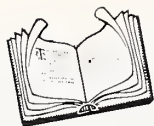
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# Book Reviews



## Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

### A. B. Yehoshua: Israel's Faulknerian Chronicler

In closing a recent letter to me, Israeli novelist A. B. Yehoshua spoke of the "deep crisis" confronting his homeland. Alarmed, I could only guess how much more Yehoshua knows than we do about the subtleties and the complexities of the critical situation in which Israel presently finds itself, a nation in turmoil, besieged from within and without, increasingly menaced by Syria, sitting in an explosive moment in the crossroads of history, knowing that another monumental drama is inevitable, a drama that could, in its worst scenario, prove catastrophic.

Reflecting upon Yehoshua's words, I reopened his first novel *The Lover*, written after the Yom Kippur War and first published in an English translation in 1978 and re-released by E.P. Dutton in its Obelisk paperback series in 1985. Readers concerned with the unfolding drama in Israel but unfamiliar with this novel will find much in it that illustrates Yehoshua's profound, long-abiding concerns for his country.

These concerns bespeak the transformation of Zionism from a universal dream of freedom into a tool of manipulative politics wielded by politicians instead of people of vision, the threat to national stability posed by ultra-right orthodoxy, the perpetual problems of pan-Arabism, the failure of Aliyah in the Diaspora, the trench mentality of a people living through four wars and the resulting frenzy and confusion of family relationships perpetually intense, verging on madness and the bizarre.

Set in Haifa during and after the Yom Kippur War, the plot involves a search by a prosperous middle-aged garage owner, Adam, for his wife Asya's young lover, Gabriel, who

had returned to Israel from Paris on the eve of the war, anticipating his grandmother Veduca's death, to collect his inheritance. She has been comatose for a year, but has refused to die. Appropriating her 1947 blue Morris, Gabriel asks Adam to put it in running condition. Adam, fascinated with the ancient automobile, then appropriates Gabriel to revitalize his stagnating marriage by providing Asya, who has moved into a dream world, with a sexual surrogate. Like Leopold and Molly Bloom in Joyce's *Ulysses*, Adam and Asya's marriage has cracked under the surface following the death of their young son years before. Adam, unable to sleep with Asya, is still as much tethered to her as Bloom is to Molly. In his frustration he wanders all over Israel searching for Gabriel the way Bloom wanders through Dublin searching for Stephen Dedalus.

Gabriel is pressed into combat, taking the Morris with him to the front. He deserts, entering the ranks of the ultra-right orthodox and hiding out in the Mea Shearim district of Jerusalem. The Morris is painted black, and used by the ultra-rightists for their own purposes. Gabriel is listed as missing in action, and Adam looks for him night after night. The Morris is the key to locating him. Interwoven into the plot are the tribulations of Adam's adolescent daughter, Dafi, a venturesome insomniac, and Na'im, an Arab youth who works for Adam and falls in love with Dafi. When Veduca unexpectedly recovers, though she dies subsequently, Adam sends Na'im to stay with her. Through an accident involving the Morris, Adam locates Gabriel and brings him back to Haifa.

Each of Yehoshua's six characters, as real and as believable as they are, becomes a symbol for Yehoshua's political and social concerns. For example, Veduca symbolizes Zionism, a once youthful

pioneering spirit, now in decline. Her 1947 Morris is the symbol of the 1948 War for Independence and the resulting freedom is brought to the Jews in Israel. The novel itself, with its emphasis upon coma, insomnia, somnambulism and escape into a dream-world, emerges as a symbolic warning to the Israelis to wake up and rediscover their true direction if apocalypse is to be avoided. The novel reflects the universal soul-searching that preoccupied Israel after the Yom Kippur War, soul-searching very similar to that which is occurring in Israel today. Yehoshua's achievement in *The Lover* lies in his capacity to transform into art all these compelling realities of Israeli life.

Pirandello-like, Yehoshua accomplishes this transformation by presenting his six characters in a series of monologues. The action in which they are all involved is thus commented upon and interpreted subjectively from each individual's point of view. This technique, while it occasionally involves some repetition, places Yehoshua squarely in the ranks of those novelists who have confirmed the flexibility which "relative" approaches provide over traditional linear approaches.

Pirandello apart, Yehoshua's more immediate model is Faulkner. His novel *As I Lay Dying* also provides Yehoshua with a modern monologual narrative structure, but it is one in which everything is relative. Beyond that adaptation, much of Veduca's commentary is in the form of a silent monologue as she lies dying. Faulkner's well-known technique of the unpunctuated stream-of-consciousness is turned by Yehoshua into a stream of *unconsciousness* and this innovative technique succeeds because, in another technique Yehoshua garnered from Faulkner, it is spectacularly lyrical.

Finally, the theme is Faulknerian. It has to do with the decline of a

tightly knit society through the ravages of war and the abandonment of love. Yehoshua sees the fabric of Israeli society shredding just as Faulkner described its happening in the post-bellum South. Yet Yehoshua's work is not derivative. On the contrary, it is inventive, imaginative and independent, a fiction richly textured and full of thematic meaning in its own right.

Yehoshua subsequently articulated this theme in *A Late Divorce* (1984) which followed *The Lover*. It, too, is a powerful book. His next novel *Five Seasons* is due from Doubleday in January. The people at Doubleday are wildly enthusiastic about it. Although normally skeptical of publishers' claims, I have to believe that there is justification for their enthusiasm. With what is happening in Israel today, I can hardly wait to read it.

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## Why Love Is Not Enough

by Sol Gordon, Ph.D.

Bob Adams Inc. 156 pp. \$6.95 paper

"People who marry only or even mainly for love very seldom have successful marriages and more often than not separate or divorce," says psychologist and best-selling author Sol Gordon in his new book, *Why Love Is Not Enough*.

Dr. Gordon, a frequent lecturer on the topic of love and sexuality, holds a view that some people will find anti-romantic. The notion that love is enough to sustain a relationship is rejected, as are other cliches. According to Gordon, a successful love relationship or marriage can be attained only if it is a pragmatic one. "For one neurotic reason or another, men and women sometimes fall hopelessly in love with people they don't even know very well, let alone like. . . If there's simply no rational component to a love relationship, the odds are pretty stiff against its lasting for any period of time," warns

Gordon. " 'Madly in love' becomes 'tragically in love.' "

If love is not enough, what, then, are the essential components of a happy relationship? According to Gordon, a basic mutual commitment to equal opportunities in decision making, including choices related to career, childrearing, and lifestyle questions is essential. Gordon suggests addressing such questions as:

- Of the two of us, who is the bigger spender? How does the other partner feel about this?
- Do we have to be together all the time? Can we have separate interests? What about occasional separate vacations?
- In addition to our mutual acquaintances, can we have friends whom the other partner does not know or spend time with? What if one of us has a friend the other genuinely dislikes?
- How much of our past have we shared with each other up to this point? Is it necessary to share everything?
- (If both of us work:) What if one of us wants to stop work, perhaps to go back to school, or to start a business?
- How important is religion in our life together?
- With whose parents do we anticipate spending most of our "in-law" time, such as holidays and family gatherings?
- (If we decide to have children:) Will we share equally in caring for the baby, including diaper changes?
- Is a prenuptial agreement appropriate?

Although some people might consider these issues to be trivial, Sol Gordon's experience reveals that they are vital to a stable and enduring marriage. "If you're not careful," cautions Gordon, "you can spend your whole life with someone who's completely wrong for you."

Sol Gordon's *Why Love Is Not Enough* is written for the general public, but it is described by the author as an essentially Jewish book with a contemporary Jewish view of marriage.

Commitment is viewed as more important than sex and love. . . and the best way to meet people is through the act of doing mitzvahs.

Sol Gordon is active in Jewish affairs and his articles have appeared frequently in the Jewish press.

## The Jewish Baby Book

by Anita Diamant

Summit Books 268 pp. \$7.95 paper

*You're going to have a baby? Mazel tov!* With the same dynamic blend of tradition and innovation that she employed in *The New Jewish Wedding*, Anita Diamant offers this companion volume for all new and expectant parents.

Planning the ceremonies that mark the arrival of a child can be confusing and intimidating for modern Jews who may be unfamiliar with the 6,000 years of rituals surrounding the birth of a baby. The only book of its kind, *The Jewish Baby Book* is a complete guide to all the customs and ceremonies for welcoming a new child to Judaism and for commemorating this momentous occasion in family life. And because names are so important in Judaism, there's a comprehensive directory tapping the rich diversity of Jewish experience, including Biblical names, modern Israeli names and American ethnic names. The book's wealth of history, commentary, stories, songs and prayers makes it easy to plan ahead and make informed choices on everything from the most ancient ritual of circumcision to the newest rites honoring the birth of a daughter or the arrival of an adopted child. Here is the perfect gift for expectant parents—and a helpful, practical and inspirational book for rabbis, cantors, Jewish educators and, of course, grandparents.

Anita Diamant's articles have appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *New England Monthly*, *Ms.*, *Redbook*, *Hadassah*, and *Present Tense*. She lives in Newton, Mass. Her parents are Maurice and Helene Diamant of Taylors, S.C.

## Some Dare to Dream

by Frieda Frome

Iowa State University Press

204 pp. \$19.95

by Estelle Hoffman

This story of the author's escape from Lithuania was one I had to read. She was born in 1925 not far from my father's birthplace, and had my grandfather not had the courage and foresight to immigrate to America in 1884, my fate would have been worse than Frieda Frome's. It would have been worse, because her strength and resourcefulness were far beyond mine.

The country of Lithuania had been friendly enough to its Jewish population, and the childhood of Frieda Frome had been a pleasant one amidst comfortable surroundings. Gentile neighbors were friendly until World War II. My own grandfather's voyage to the United States was made possible by a loan from a Christian neighbor. He came because of poverty, not persecution.

When the Russians moved into Lithuania in 1940, the good times ended. Even though conditions had varied for the Jews for centuries, their numbers were sufficient to warrant recognition, and after World War I, the 150,000 Jews of the Country had a vision of liberty. The worldwide depression had a bad effect on that, however, as disgruntled people viewed with envy the relative comforts of Jewish business people. The Soviet system encouraged increased hostility to the bourgeois sector. The poorest members continued to suffer as before.

Many Jews emigrated between 1920 and 1938. Those who remained could not believe the world knowingly allowed the events that followed.

Some Lithuanians joined the Germans who turned the terrors of the Russians into the Holocaust. Other Christians, notably the Roman Catholic clergy, did what they could to protect Jews or to help them with food, means of escape or hiding places. As the battles between Rus-

sians and Germans intensified, the horror increased. Despair took the place of hope of help.

When the tide of World War II turned, the Russian "liberators" returned. The Jews were not liberated by them. The slaughter had caused so much starvation, plunder and disease, that bare survival was a miracle.

Frieda's Frome's story is one of salvation due to a series of small miracles. Her spark of hope never died completely, though she and her sister were the only survivors of her family of six. Escape to America was her dream. After the war, with the help of American soldiers and the United Nations Relief Association, followed by the assistance of HIAS and other Jewish rescue organizations, she escaped the clutches of the Soviets, who somehow refuse to release those deemed undesirable.

*Some Dare to Dream* was written shortly after the author's arrival in America, with the events of seven years of fright and suffering fresh in her mind. The reader who lived through those years here is reminded of reports we received. We need to be reminded of more than that.

"With unity and love we must strengthen our land, for our strength and freedom must never come to an end," writes Frieda Frome at the end of her carefully written record of her nightmare. When we become disillusioned with our government and our political system, let us remember to be grateful that we may criticize and protest, while we strive to insure our civil rights. Frieda Frome leaves us feeling extremely ungrateful for our good fortune to be in the United States of America. Each of us should be doing something to preserve and protect the liberty we enjoy.

*Some Dare to Dream* may be ordered from Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, Ia. 50010 for \$19.95 plus \$2 postage and handling for the first copy, \$.75 for additional books.

## The Road to Ein Harod

by Amos Kenan

Grove Press 112 pp. \$15.95

Part political thriller, part portent, this novel is as chilling as this morning's headlines.

Amos Kenan—onetime member of the Stern Gang, fiercely eloquent activist for Arab-Israeli peace since 1948—posits an Israel heading toward fascism after a military coup, with army patrols rounding up the Arab population and hunting down domestic opponents of the regime.

One of these rebels, Kenan's narrator, makes a daring bid to reach the last center of resistance, Ein Harod. En route he encounters Mahmoud, an Arab filled with bitterness toward Jews, but also a hunted man, bound for an unspecified place "beyond Ein Harod." Needing each other to survive but hating their need, the two enemies flee together across the ravaged land they both love and both claim—a horrifying journey that finally shocks them into recognition of their common humanity. In a surreal climactic scene, the narrator confronts their pursuer, a demented Israeli Strangelove, who gleefully unveils his own supremely logical plan for Armageddon.

Ein Harod, a legendary kibbutz, was founded in 1921 by socialist Zionists who dreamed of living in peace with their Arab neighbors. In Kenan's dark vision, Ein Harod is in ruins, but the road remains. It is the only hope, the only path to the old dream and the destination beyond, and Arab and Jew must travel it together.

Novelist, journalist, playwright, Amos Kenan is one of Israel's finest writers. *The Road to Ein Harod*, published in Hebrew by Am Oved, won the first Sartawi Peace Prize and was also published in Arabic. "The day the narrator and Mahmoud 'kill' Arafat and Sharon," says Kenan, "there will be peace. And the end of the road to Ein Harod."

## **Polydoxy: Explorations in a Philosophy of Liberal Religion**

by Alvin Reines

Prometheus Books 219 pp. \$22.95  
by Rabbi James Cohen

The fact that Reform Judaism exists is clear; but what it is, is by no means clear.

This is the thrust of Alvin Reines' important new book which is itself a search for clarity. Our Reform movement has produced millions of pages about specific issues such as intermarriage, anti-Semitism, assimilation and Israel. But precious little has been written about the essence of Reform: the fundamental principles, the basic beliefs that distinguish Reform from all other Judaisms, past and present.

For decades, Reines has been exploring and articulating the interrelationship between religion and freedom as Professor of Philosophy at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Every Rabbi ordained in Cincinnati has been forced to wrestle with the unsettling questions that Reines raises. How can we know that a belief is true? How is the authority of a Reform Rabbi different from that of other, nonliberal Rabbis? Are there limits to what we may believe and do in the Reform Jewish community? Most importantly: How successful are we at meeting the needs of our constituency for religious freedom and creativity?

Reines' conclusion is that in Reform Judaism every member of the community is his or her own religious authority. We have created a "Freedom Covenant," according to which every member of the community pledges to affirm the freedom of every other member, in return for that member's affirmation of his or her own freedom. This affects how we teach our children, how we create our rituals, how we frame our moments of rest and moments of work, and what the future of our religion can be.

Reines' book pulls no punches.

Too often, Reform religious leaders have been arbitrary and superficial in responding to the interplay between heritage and freedom. All too often, we have been blaming and dogmatic rather than creative and open. But if Reines' book contains a diagnosis, it also contains a prescription. By honestly confronting the limits of our knowledge and the requirements of human dignity and

freedom, we might yet be able to create a Judaism worthy of the future. Reines' groundbreaking work on the nature of Reform Judaism is like no other. If only for this reason, it is important reading for everyone concerned about the future of the Reform Jewish movement.

*Rabbi James Cohn is spiritual leader of Temple of Israel, Greenville, S.C.*

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# Tradition in the Kitchen

The traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner usually includes turkey. This new recipe calls for turkey breast.

## Roast Turkey with Spiced Cherry Sauce

- 1 Kosher turkey breast (4-6 pounds)
- 16 oz. canned dark, pitted cherries, juice reserved
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 Tbsp. vinegar
- 1/8 tsp. ground clove
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch

Defrost turkey breast, rinse with cold water, and place in shallow roasting pan. Place in preheated oven, 325°F, and roast for 1½ to 2½ hours, or until timer pops or meat thermometer registers 170°F. While breast is roasting, combine in small saucepan: cherry juice, brown sugar, sugar, vinegar and spices. Bring to boil; reduce heat and cook for 10 minutes. Mix cornstarch with ¼ cup of cold water and add to hot liquid, stirring constantly until thickened. Add cherries and heat through. Remove turkey breast from oven and allow to stand for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove skin from breast and slice. Spoon 2 or 3 tablespoons of hot sauce over each serving of breast. Serves 8-10.

(from *The Jewish Ledger*, Rochester, N.Y.)

If you prepare a large turkey and have 2 or 3 cups of leftover meat, try this turkey tétrazzini recipe which doesn't use any dairy ingredients.

## Chicken or Turkey Tétrazzini

- 6 Tbsp. oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large clove garlic, mashed
- 3/4 lb. mushrooms, sliced
- 6 Tbsp. flour
- 2 cups chicken stock or 2 cups water plus 2 tsp. powdered chicken soup
- 1/4 cup sherry
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or white vermouth
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley (optional)
- 1/2 cup whole or slivered almonds
- 2 to 3 cups cooked chicken or cooked turkey, cut into small pieces
- 1 tsp. salt
- dash pepper
- 8 oz. tétrazzini or very thin spaghetti

Warm 2 tablespoons of oil in a 9-inch frying pan and saute the onion over medium heat until wilted. Add the mashed garlic and saute another minute or two. Add the sliced mushrooms and saute until they're soft. Set aside.

Heat the remaining 4 tablespoons of oil in a medium saucepan. Stir in the flour. Gradually add the chicken stock, sherry and white wine while stirring constantly with a whisk. Cook, stirring until the sauce comes to a boil and thickens. Stir in the mushroom mixture, parsley, almonds, chicken, salt and pepper. Taste and adjust the seasonings.

Cook the tétrazzini until done but still firm, about 6 minutes. Drain. Spread the cooked pasta in a large shallow greased casserole—cover with cooked mixture and heat in oven when ready to serve.

For a different side dish, try these stuffing balls.

## Herbed Walnut Stuffing Balls

- 1 finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup pareve margarine
- 1 garlic clove, minced (optional)
- 6 cups bread cubes
- 1/2 to 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1 tsp. dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 tsp. marjoram leaves
- 1/4 tsp. celery seed
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup chicken broth or bouillon
- salt, pepper

Melt margarine in a skillet, saute onion and garlic over medium heat till tender. Toss bread cubes, walnuts, thyme, marjoram and celery seed in large bowl. Add onion mixture to bread cube mixture, along with beaten eggs and broth. Stir until bread cubes are completely moistened. Shape mixture into balls, using about ½ cup for each. Place balls on well-greased or non-stick baking sheet, or mixture may be spooned into well-greased muffin tins. Bake in preheated 350° oven for about 20 minutes, or until firm. This may be reheated, if prepared in advance. Serves 8.

## Cranberry Souffle Salad

- 1 small box lemon jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- salt
- 1 cup whole cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 9-ounce can drained crushed pineapple

Dissolve jello in boiling water. Add mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt, ½ cup cranberry sauce. Blend thoroughly with a rotary beater. Put into ice cube tray and chill in ice cube compartment for about 15-20 minutes until firm about 1 inch from edge but soft in center. Turn into bowl and beat with electric mixer until fluffy. Fold in remainder of cranberry sauce, celery, pineapple. Pour into mold. Chill until firm.

(from *From Manna to Mousse* cookbook, New London, Conn.)

These pareve desserts are not too rich after a heavy meal.

## Raw Apple Cake

Grease and flour a baking pan approximately 9 x 13".

Mix well 2 cups sugar, 3 eggs, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1½ cups salad oil.

Sift together 3 cups plain flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. nutmeg.

Mix and add to first mixture. It will be stiff. Add 3 cups chopped tart apples, 1 cup chopped walnuts, 1 cup white raisins. Bake for one hour in 350° oven. If a tube pan is used, time will be about 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Cool and serve.

(Margaret Whitfield of Charlotte)

## Date and Nut Bars

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1½ cups sifted flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease 9 x 13 x 2 inch glass baking dish. Beat eggs, gradually adding sugars and beat well.

Add nuts and dates. Add flour, baking powder and salt. When well combined, spread in greased pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool about 10 minutes. Cut into squares and dust all sides with confectioners' sugar. Can be frozen. Yield: 32 squares.

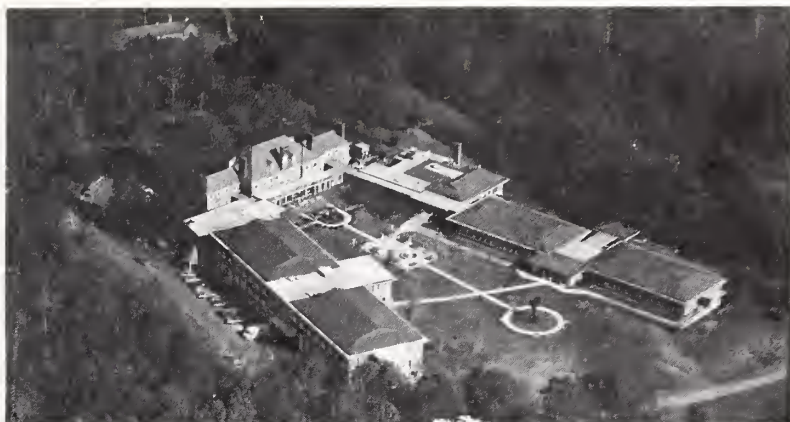
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## NOVEMBER, 1988

### A NEW YEAR IN A NEW SYNAGOGUE

High Holy Days in the new Synagogue were a dream fulfilled for residents of BJH and FAIR OAKS. Light poured through the windows on a room filled with the memories and hopes of residents and guests as they joined in prayers for a good year.

Holidays are a time for shared reminiscence and personal reflection. Residents, dressed in their finest, greet the New Year as they have done so many times before. They weep for losses they feel, find comfort in a friend beside them, taste the sweetness of honey, touch the familiar tallith.

Joining in the services, led by Sam Jacobson, residents began the New Year in the new Synagogue with the continuity of never-forgotten prayers. The sounds of the New Year strike a chord in each of us, tying our past, present and future together. Elbert Levy, the director of BJH from 1965 to 1981, shared his talent and interest as he sounded the shofar and joined in

worship and celebration with the residents. Alan Audler, a volunteer, set the tone for Yom Kippur with his beautiful chanting of Kol Nidre. Residents joined Alan's lead as they sang the familiar melodies throughout the holiday services.

The new Synagogue provides a spacious and inspirational environment for our worshippers. We hope many will join us for services throughout the year and for years to come.

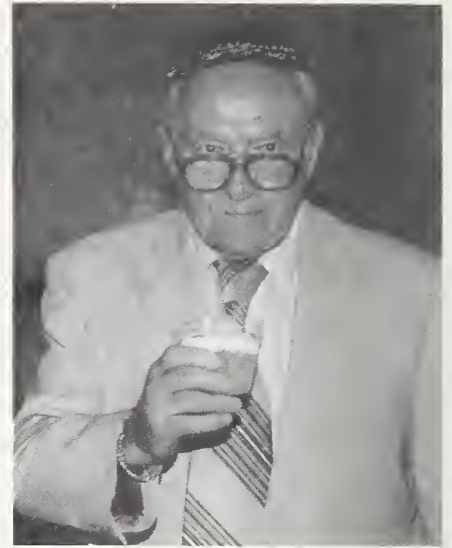


*Alan Audler, Sam Jacobson and Elbert Levy lead the High Holy Day services in the new Synagogue.*

# Holiday Moments



*The High Holy Days bring BJH and FAIR OAKS residents together for worship in the new Synagogue.*



*Karl Cahn, FAIR OAKS resident, wishes L'chaim at the Yom Kippur breakfast.*



*Hally Rankin, Greensboro, visits with her son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Crystal Simel, (W-S), volunteers during the Sukkot celebration.*



*Fay Moss & Ida Tempko enjoy the delicious treats at the Yom Kippur breakfast.*

## THANKSGIVING

**November 24, 1988**

10:30 am Ecumenical Family Services

12:15 pm Turkey Feast

Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 \$3.00

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# BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein  
Production – Barbara Brewer  
Wayne Silverman



*Bea and Moe Mandel share a special moment during lunch in the sukkah.*

# Sukkot, 1988 – A Festival of Thanksgiving



Lunch in the Sukkah began with Wayne Silverman leading the kiddush.



Above – a festive lunch in the Sukkah is enjoyed by residents & staff.

Below – Ron Clein and Stacie (W-S) visit for the Sukkot celebration.

Sukkot was a holiday of joy and festivity. Daily lunch in the sukkah was extended onto the lower terrace of FAIR OAKS and residents delighted in this week of thanksgiving. Highlighting the holiday was the Sukkot Celebration on Sunday, October 2, bringing generations together as residents, families, friends, and visitors filled the FAIR OAKS Auditorium with joyous celebration.

The rains came down but not our spirits.

Balloons beckoned children to the art booth where fanciful fruit collages were created for the sukkah, to share with a "friend" or just for fun. Music filled the air as volunteer performers – Karen Dresser, Dayle and Jonathan Lockman and Jody and David Crawford – sang and fiddled old favorites. Residents and guests joined the beat with a hand clap, a cane tap, and the words of an "old rap."

Volunteers from Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, were plentiful, escorting residents to the sukkah, guiding young artists, and serving the delicious sweets prepared by Gitel Cross and the dietary staff. We give thanks to our volunteers: Ellen Berlin and Miriam Brenner in the Gift Shop, Leonard Clein, Lorna Beck, Harriet Cooper, Don Friedman, Marcia Epstein, Eva Gelfand, Zena Kojen, Natalie and Michelle Kojen, Darrell and Patty Mandelstam, Gail Ruthfield, Bruce and Crystal Simel and Marion Sosnik, to our staff, and to our visitors who shared in making this truly a holiday of thanksgiving.

## WISH LIST

Exercise cycle for  
FAIR OAKS Residents.  
Contact LaQuietta Davis  
at BJH — 766-6401



# Gitel Cross Named Director of Dietary



Above - Gitel Cross - Director of Dietary.

Below - Audrey Madans, Char. visitor and volunteer, shares lunch in the Sukkah with Alice Fruh.



BJH welcomes Gitel Cross as the Director of the Dietary Department. Gitel brings to the Home 35 years of experience in kosher catering and food service and an enthusiasm for bringing pleasure to people through a job well done.

Gitel's career in foods began with volunteer catering for her sisterhood in Michigan and catering small parties. Her career developed to include training as the Director of Synagogue Catering and Kosher Catering for the Jewish Center in Michigan, an independent venture into "Catering by Gitel," hospital food service and nursing home experience at the Morse Geriatric Center in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Always industrious and ambitious, at age 61 Gitel returned to school to receive an Associate Dietician Degree and to increase her understanding of the dietary needs of her clients.

Gitel and her husband of 48 years, Milton Cross, enjoy living in Clemmons, N.C., a little bit closer to 2 of her 4 children, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Gitel says she finds much satisfaction in "preparing 3 meals a day that residents can look forward to."

We are enjoying having her on the BJH staff and savoring the "catering by Gitel."

Below - Anna and Sigmund Meyer, A-wing, are enjoying both the new menu items and a new spot for lunch.



# FAIR OAKS

*Fun, Food  
Friendship*



Fun, food, and friendship are some of the things that are happening at FAIR OAKS. With new residents moving in, friendships are blossoming and activities are brimming. There is something for everyone at FAIR OAKS: a card game in the activity room, a yoga class with Louisa Klein, a lecture or discussion group, and always a time for quiet reading in one's room.

Trips out are popular and have included the Morris Abram/Edgar Bronfman Dialogue in Greensboro, Shepherd Center classes in Winston-Salem, a tour of Reynolda House Museum of American Art, shopping at Hanes Mall, and taking in the opera and Little Theatre with volunteers from Winston-Salem.



*Esther Pearson, Fayetteville, prepares the crumb crust for the cheesecake during the class in the FAIR OAKS' activity room.*



*FAIR OAKS' residents, Anna Schleicher, Raleigh, intern Gail Ruthfield, and Ida Feinberg, Miami, Fla., are pleased with their cooking class product.*

Food is "serious business" but an opportunity for fun. Lunch at Clemmons Kitchen or dinner at Mr. Steak is a change of pace from gracious dining at FAIR OAKS. Make-your-own-sandwich buffets and ice cream parties on the terrace give everyone a chance to pitch in and please their own palette.

For the adventurous, a cooking class with student intern Gail Ruthfield, was a real treat! The treat extended to residents and staff who were invited to sample the successful cheesecake.

If we've whet your appetite by this account, stop by and visit FAIR OAKS. Just give us a call and we'll let you know what's "cooking."

**Employee of the Month –  
September, 1988**



**Lynn Wahoski**  
Recreation Therapist

BJH is pleased to announce the selection of Lynn Wahoski as Employee of the Month for September. Lynn's dedication to her professional responsibilities and devotion to the residents doubly qualify her for the honor of being chosen BJH's first employee to receive this award.

Lynn has worked as a Recreation Therapist at the Home since February, 1987. She has been responsible for recreational activities on B-Wing, supervising outings such as shopping, fishing, and lunches out. Lynn also assists other units, when needed.

LaQuetta Davis, Director of Resident Activities, affirms BJH's choice: "I can always count on Lynn. She is dependable, dedicated, and very professional. Lynn's compassionate nature makes her an asset to the

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

- Nov. 1** Senior Citizens Lunch, 9:45 a.m. leave for Clemmons
- Nov. 3** Bermuda Village Chorus Concert, 2:00 p.m., Auditorium
- Nov. 4** Leave for Services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- Nov. 6** Brenner Concert, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- Nov. 8** Voting – Presidential Election, 9:30 a.m., leave for Clemmons
- Nov. 16** Shopping with Muriel Wangler (Special Adaptive Clothing), 10:00 a.m. Living Room
- Nov. 18** Shopping Trip – Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m. leave for Winston-Salem
- Nov. 20** Brenner Concert, 3:00 p.m. Commons Auditorium
- Nov. 23** B-2 Birthday Party, 2:00 p.m., B-2 Activity Room
- Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Service, 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 30** A-Wing and B-1 Birthday Parties, 2:00 p.m.

Home. She visits all B-Wing residents in the hospital, taking them flowers or a present. Lynn's cheerful disposition makes her a pleasure to be around and I am proud to have her as a member of the Recreation Department."

Congratulations, Lynn, we are proud to have you at BJH.

**IN MEMORY**

We mourn the loss of Vera Bonsall, Avram Finanser, and Edward Kurtz. May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

**BJH GIFT SHOP**

Chanuka begins December 3rd

Visit us for

Childrens Toys

Mugs

Picture Frames

Baskets

Kitchen Ware

Specialty Gifts

Upper Level  
Commons

Volunteer Staff: Ellen Berlin  
Miriam Brenner

*All proceeds go to the Home.  
Call for Special Orders*

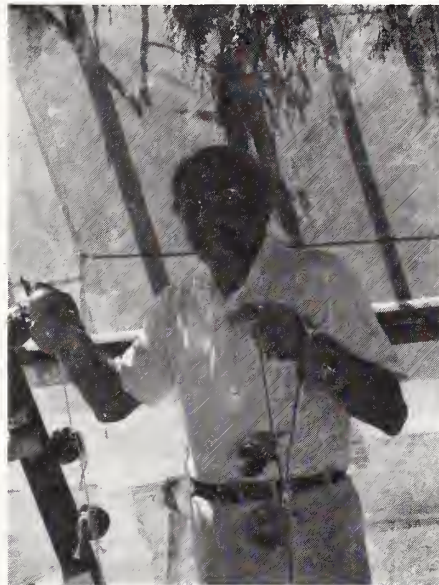
# SUE'S NEWS

## Why Do They Volunteer?

Do you read books, polish nails, play bridge, Canasta or ka-lu-ke? Do you like to shop, go out to lunch, meet new people, make friends, or make a sale? If so, then you have something you can give to others – be it time, talent, or a touch.

Is it time to make a change in your life, reach out, take a risk, learn something new, or help someone older? Then it's time for you to give our volunteer program a try.

You will enjoy getting to know our volunteers. They are a great bunch, dear to our residents and vital to life at BJH and FAIR OAKS. Why do they volunteer with us?



Above – Darrell Mandelstam, decorating the Sukkah is an all around volunteer. Why! "I volunteer because I take more out of volunteering than I put into it," says Darrel.

Left – Millie Slatkoff – is seen volunteering in the General Store, Fridays, helping to keep the books balanced.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Claire Bernstein  
Mary Cartwright  
Ella Grosser  
Frances Halbrook  
Sol Hayes  
Mae Kornbluth  
Anna Meyer  
Delia Sonnenshein

Right – Jeff McMillan – has been drawing crowds to Contemporary Issues, weekly, for six years.

Let's ask a few of them . . . or you might like to ask them yourself.

Millie Slatkoff, "Volunteering is fun! The opportunity to give a little joy to others makes you feel good about yourself."

Jean Reznick, "Meeting interesting people with so many years experience is very stimulating."

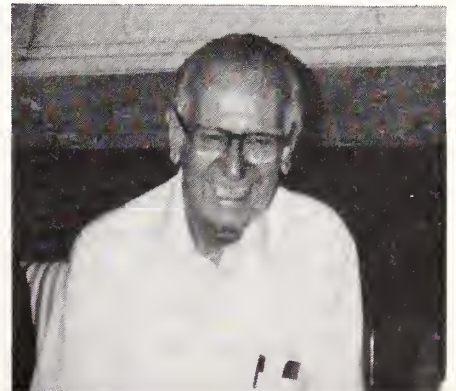
Pamela Wolfman, "I enjoy being with my special friend who is so appreciative. She gives me a feeling of doing something important . . . and it keeps me from housework and sleeping late."

Mary Siceloff, "I get enjoyment from helping others. I might be there myself someday."

Grace Allrend, "We are supposed to help one another."

Howard Friedensen, "Sue asked me and I said 'sure!'"

Perhaps you would rather discover for yourself which of our many volunteer activities suits you best. Whatever it is, we have a place for you. Why not try it? Like Howard said, just say "sure!"



# IS BJH GOING TO THE DOGS?



Above – Tiffany – new pet “therapist” lends an ear.

Right – Ruta and Moses – Mother and Son lead the parade.

Of course not, they are coming to us!! The BJH Pet Therapy Program is alive and kicking – or hopping, as the case may be. Tiffany, a seven-month-old New Zealand rabbit, is our newest member. She belongs to Ann Craver, Recreation Therapy Assistant, who brings Tiffany to the Home during the week so she is available as a regular “volunteer.” During visits, Tiffany eagerly hops out of her cage to munch on a carrot or have residents stroke her ears.

Pets do provide many benefits to residents in a long-term care setting. For example, they:

- provide something to care for
- provide something to stroke or touch
- decrease loneliness
- decrease depression
- increase a sense of being needed and purpose among older people

A study by Aaron Katcher, University of Pennsylvania, found that stroking and petting an animal lowers blood pressure and, thereby, lowers stress in both men and women.

We also have some “fine feathered friends” in the program: the Craft Shop parakeets “Tweetie and Sweetie” and FAIR OAKS parakeets “Pete and Chipper.” FAIR OAKS resident, Moe Mandel, spoils Pete and Chipper with tidbits of lettuce, keeps their cage spotless, and provides them with a bath when they need it. Our original pet therapy member, Molly the cat, receives daily treats from A-Wing residents Alice Fruh and Sigmund Meyer.

One of the most popular events in our Pet Therapy Program is the “Pet Parade.” This novel program developed when ingenuity turned a planned pet show in the auditorium into a parade. Pets, staff, and volunteers travel throughout the units, encouraged by residents who enjoy these friendly visitors. Ruta and Moses – Wayne Silverman’s dogs – led the most recent pet parade, followed by parakeets, hamsters, and Nick the cat.

The Pet Therapy Program is enjoyed by staff and residents alike here at BJH. It is a program that benefits everyone. So if a resident of the Home tells you they thought they saw a “pussycat,” they probably did!

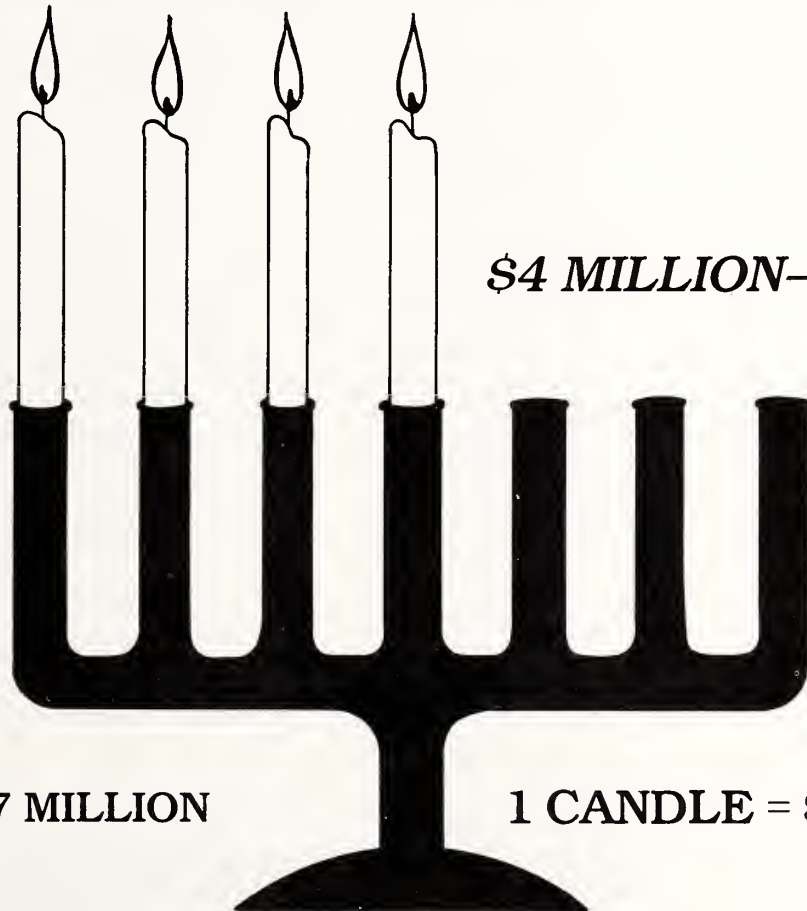
– LaQuietta Davis



# *What's Developing?*

**Let's Light The Menorah**  
by Wayne Silverman

## **FAIR OAKS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



**GOAL \$7 MILLION**

**1 CANDLE = \$1 MILLION**

The Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS is nearing the end of its second year. Much has happened over that time. FAIR OAKS has been completed, there are over 15 residents enjoying the new surroundings, hundreds of people have toured and visited the new facility and the Capital Campaign has raised over \$4 million in pledges and gifts. Four candles of the Campaign Menorah are now burning brightly.

Recently, the Annual Meeting brought into focus the progress

of the Campaign and the remaining needs. Numerous commemoratives have been selected and many attractive ones remain. Although we are into the second half of our goal, the last \$3 million will be the most difficult to secure.

By the end of the year, we will attempt to contact all who have not participated in the Campaign. Many who were contacted during the past two years are still deciding on their commitment. An important consideration needs to be kept in mind. This is

the only capital campaign we have had since the original Grand Builder's drive. This level of commitment has never been requested and is absolutely required!

For these reasons, pledges to this Campaign will need to be in a different "ballpark" than past participation. It is essential to reach the \$5 million mark by the end of the year.

The Menorah is only partially lit. Provide the spark that will kindle the lights of our Campaign Menorah!

# 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 August 10 through September 29, 1988. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. Please advise the Development Office of any errors.

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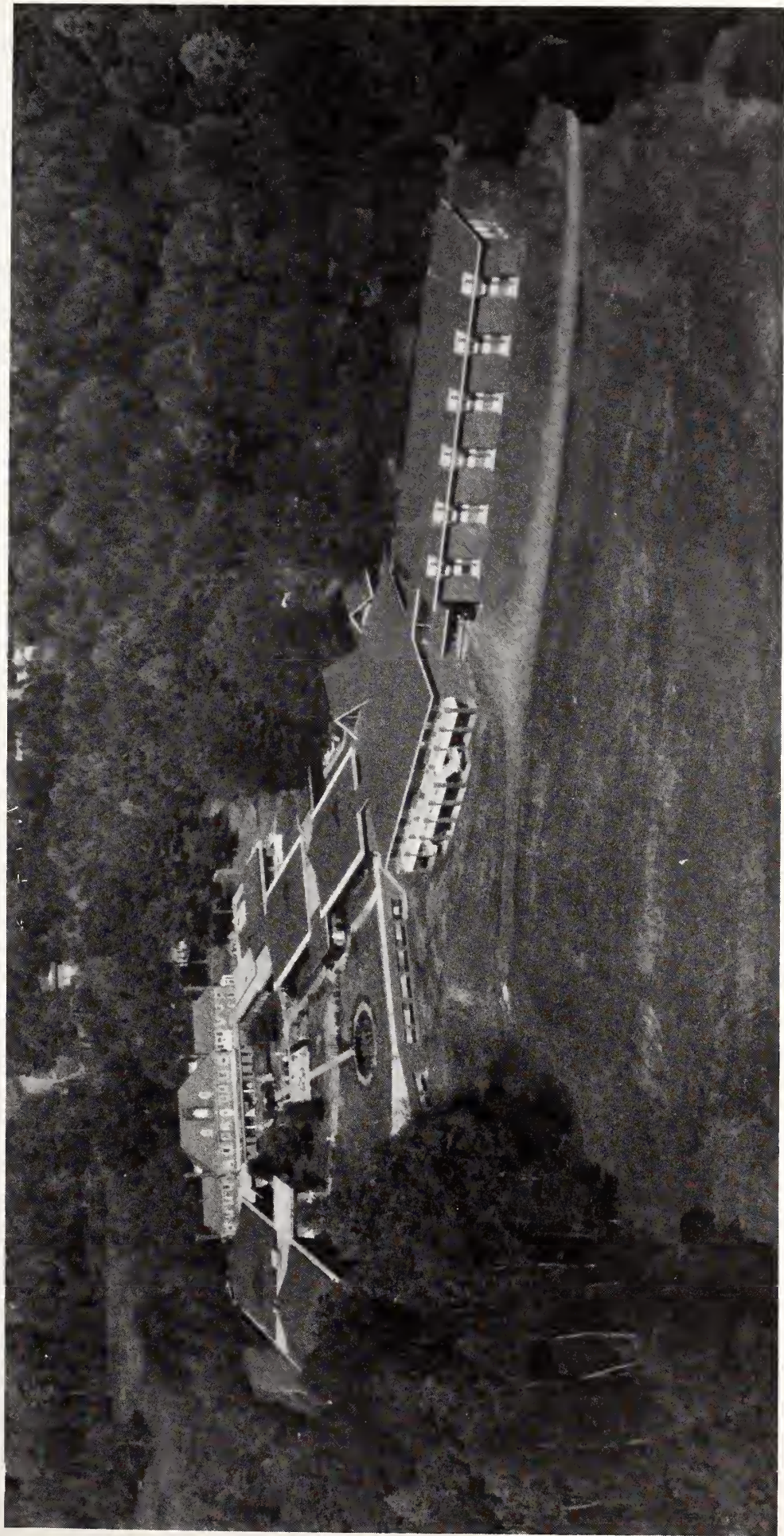
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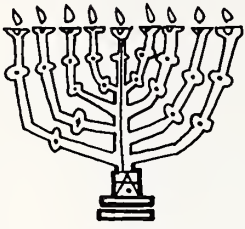
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# The Changing Meaning of Chanukah



*Dvora Waysman*

Most Jews know a potted history of Chanukah. Those with a modicum of Jewish consciousness can tell you that it is an annual winter festival, occurring on 25th Kislev, where candles are lit each night for eight days. This symbolizes a miracle which occurred in 165 B.C.E. when a cruse of oil was needed to purify the Temple, and it miraculously lasted for eight days instead of one.

Many Jews also know the story of the valiant Judah Maccabee, the Hasmonean, who led the revolt against the tyrant Antiochus IV and the Hellenistic culture which threatened to wipe out the whole Jewish tradition and heritage.

## **Renewal**

But there is much more to Chanukah even than this. For a long period it was solely a religious festival. "Chanukah" literally means "renewal," and the historian Josephus tells of the rejoicing that attended the renewal of the Temple service. . . "and they call it the Festival of Lights because, I believe, the opportunity of living according to our faith was given to us so unexpectedly, like a sudden flash of lightning."

Chanukah, in modern times, commemorates not only the heroism of the Hasmoneans, but heroic acts that have since paralleled it, signifying—as it did then—the victory of a small nation over a larger and stronger one; the few against the many; the weak against the strong. On the Sabbath that falls during Chanukah, we read the prophet Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

## **National Rising**

The Jews have been described as a "stiff-necked people," and their history is marked by episodes in which, even after centuries of oppression, they have suddenly risen in revolt. At the time of the Hasmoneans, the Jews had been subjugated for so long by the Edomites, the Persians and the Hellenists, that the latter could be excused for thinking that one more tyrant might also be accepted passively.

But Antiochus went too far when he issued decrees to defile and destroy the Temple; to order Jews to

worship Greek gods; to forbid them to study Torah, observe 'kashrut' or to practice their customs. In place of servile submission, there erupted a national awakening and many Jews, such as Eleazar the scribe and Hannah and her seven sons, chose "torture unto death" rather than to obey the unjust and sinful decrees.

## **Chanukah as a Symbol**

There is a parallel between the events of the Hasmonean wars and those of 1948 when the Haganah, despite overwhelming odds, defeated the Arab armies and ushered in the independent State of Israel.

Even before this in World War II, Jewish resistance to Hitler's brutal policies was much more widespread than is generally known. There were Jewish uprisings in the ghettos, and Jewish partisan fighters in the forests outside the cities of Poland and Russia conquered by the Nazis. In occupied countries, Jews joined the resistance movements, many losing their lives. Jews eagerly volunteered to serve in the Allied armies. It is estimated that 1 1/2 million Jewish soldiers fought in the Allied forces against Hitler, and 150,000 in European resistance movements.

The Palmach, the commando troops of the Haganah, were the most mobile spearhead and the largest units of the Jewish forces in 1948. Etzel and Lehi fought heroically. The refugees on board boats illegally bringing them from Cyprus, struggled through passive resistance until they were brought to Israel. Later, Israel's operation into Entebbe in Uganda is a magnificent example of modern heroism, as is the struggle of Soviet Jews for their right to emigrate to Israel, however great the odds against them.

From its beginnings, the Zionist movement adopted the revolt of the Hasmoneans as a symbol. Now we celebrate Chanukah not only as a religious but also as a national festival. As torches are lit each Chanukah in Israel, the story of the faith and the heroism is told once again, becoming a symbol for the whole people and a beacon to the younger generation.

*Dvora Waysman is a writer for the World Zionist Press Service in Israel.*

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## From the Editor

There are two major issues which loom on the horizon for Israel. First, the Palestine National Council has declared independence for the West Bank and Gaza. Even though the PNC recognized U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, it did not recognize the right of Israel to exist, nor did it denounce terrorism. Further, Yasir Arafat stated that the capital of Palestine would be East Jerusalem.

Second, if Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir forms a coalition government with the religious parties, there will be a strong movement to change the Law of Return. This affects Reform and Conservative Jews all over the world.

We are disturbed over the recent events and hope that as Israel has overcome serious obstacles in the past, it will face these problems with the strength and determination that the Maccabees had, so that Jews in Israel and worldwide will be united in peace.

Happy Chanukah!  
Ruth Goldberg

## Letter to Editor

**On Raoul Wallenberg, Nov. 1988**

Thank you so much for seeing that I received the additional copies of the magazine. . . It is such a nicely presented article. Thank you for all the work and care that went into its preparation.

The lady who telephoned me about her aunt is a resident of Charlotte named Mrs. Ruth Melnicoff. She was extremely nice and very open when we spoke. . . [I then called] her aunt in St. Louis [who] told me the most extraordinary story of having been saved by Raoul Wallenberg. It was one of those stories that makes the hair on your body stand up. Last night I had members of the Swedish Parliament at my home for dinner; I shared this touching story of Raoul Wallenberg with

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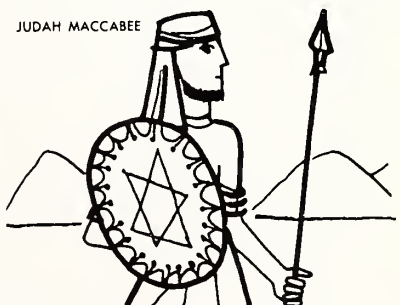
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## Violence in the Jewish Family More Common Than Was Thought

Domestic violence occurs in 15 to 19 percent of Jewish homes, reports a story in the Sept./Oct. 1988 issue of *Women's World*, the national publication of B'nai B'rith Women.

For years, the Jewish community kept silent about family violence, perpetuating the myth that a Jewish husband would never harm his wife. If a battered Jewish woman dared to confide in someone, her story was usually met with disbelief. Even rabbis, doctors and lawyers preferred to hide behind the reassuring stance that "it doesn't happen in Jewish families." The denial intensified the feelings of guilt, shame and helplessness of the victim and kept her from leaving the abusive relationship. This conspiracy of silence kept battered Jewish women isolated for years.

But lately, the almost daily assault of grim headlines forced us to listen. We listened when Elizabeth Steinberg, a 6-year-old Manhattan girl was beaten to death by her adoptive parents, both Jewish, professional and affluent. The brutal murder and the stories disclosing that the mother, too, had been a frequent victim of the father's abuse, sent shock waves throughout the Jewish community. Convinced finally that nobody is immune to domestic violence, several Jewish communities have begun mobilizing to identify and help the victims of abuse.

The *Women's World* article, "Breaking the Silence: Reaching Out to Battered Jewish Women," explores the most recent efforts to create and develop special help lines for battered women and their children within the Jewish community.

By offering a temporary shelter equipped with a kosher kitchen, the Transition Center in New York City became the first program to offer observant Jewish women a way to leave a battering relationship without compromising their religious beliefs. Similar shelters for Jewish wo-



"Break the Silence"

photo by Kris Ruckdeschel

men have since opened in Chicago, Los Angeles and Toronto. Many of these innovative programs also offer counseling and legal aid to the victims of abuse, as well as outreach and education to rabbis and other community leaders.

The Family Violence Project in Los Angeles is the most comprehensive intervention and prevention program to be sponsored by a Jewish Family Service agency in the United States. With staff devoted solely to family violence cases, offering therapy groups for both the victims and the abusers, the program has helped over 500 families since it opened its doors in 1983.

Caring private individuals and Jewish women's organizations have also offered help to victims of abuse. B'nai B'rith Women of Canada has launched an intensive campaign against domestic violence which culminated with the opening last June of the first Toronto apartment for abused Jewish women.

Legislation and education are critical in the battle against domestic violence. Women often stay in a battering relationship because they don't know where or how to get help. Teaching teenagers about violence is another priority, since the

incidence of violence among teens and college students is soaring.

B'nai B'rith Women has compiled a *Family Violence Resource List*, which includes shelters and special services for Jewish victims of domestic violence as well as a list of publications on the subject. To obtain a copy of the list write to: *Women's World*, B'nai B'rith Women, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

**ED. NOTE: Help is available for Jewish Women in North Carolina.** Call the Jewish Family Service agency nearest you for information: in Charlotte, (704) 364-6594; in Durham-Chapel Hill, (919) 929-6717; in Raleigh, (919) 781-5459.

## Defamation and "Temptation"

by Ira Gissen

Three Jewish institutions in our region were attacked by vandals recently. In Virginia, the Jewish Community Center in Fairfax had a two-foot high swastika painted on it; Rodef Shalom, a synagogue in Falls Church, was spray-painted with ob-

scene graffiti. Temple Beth-El in Rocky Mount, N.C. was the target of three incidents of vandalism. On a Thursday rocks were thrown through a stained glass window and other windows. On a Friday the evening worship service was interrupted by a loud banging on the door of the temple; the perpetrator was observed speeding away in a car. The following Tuesday obscene graffiti were discovered on a side door.

These evil incidents are but three among thousands of such acts of violence and contempt that have been suffered by our faith through the years. The defamation of our religion has provided a fertile ground for these sordid acts.

It was no current motion picture of transient concern that prompted such despicable acts.

To the contrary, we could fill a library with the defamation of our faith that has taken place through the centuries. Some of the most notorious works have been classics.

"Shylock" has become a permanent part of the vocabulary of the English language. Shakespeare created that monstrous character to perpetrate a stereotype in his immortal "Merchant of Venice."

Charles Dickens created that venal corruptor of young children, the Jew Fagin, in his masterpiece, "Oliver Twist."

Other examples abound in literature, but the defamation of our faith is not confined to that one art form. Consider, for example, Michelangelo's extraordinary sculpture of Moses, whose head he topped with two horns.

Yet another work of art, the extraordinarily beautiful, illuminated Trent Manuscript contains 614 pages of exquisite calligraphy written in 1478 reporting the blood-libel of Trent, Italy. There, the small Jewish community was falsely accused of murdering a Christian infant to use its blood during Passover. As a result of the false accusation every Jew in Trent was arrested and 17 "confessed" after 15 days of torture. One

died in prison, 6 more were burned alive and two who were forced to convert to Christianity were executed by strangulation. One year later, five more Jews were executed and four women were converted to Christianity. Property owned by Jews was confiscated and Trent banished all Jews.

The blood-libel has been perpetrated through the centuries. I saw a picture depicting the ritual murder, when I visited Leningrad's Museum of Atheism and Religion, housed in what once was the Khazan Cathedral. In the basement of that "Museum" there is a collection of anti-Semitic—a museum collection disparaging Judaism and designed to poison the minds of people today!

There is a disagreement among Christian religious spokesmen regarding "The Last Temptation of Christ," but when all is said and done, it is only a motion picture of transient interest, rather than a classic of defamation that spreads its poison through the centuries.

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

*The following article is reprinted from the NEAR EAST REPORT, Oct. 31, 1988.*

## The Message Exposed

CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" aired a segment on Oct. 23 which promised a look at pro-Israel activists in the United States, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in particular. But judging by the story's content and conclusion, its purpose was to create doubt about Israel's value to the United States and to undermine support for U.S. aid.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations recognized "60 Minutes" not-so-subtle effort to discredit pro-Israel activism. It described the segment as "filled with distortions, in-

nuendoes and inaccuracies. . ." The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith asserted that AIPAC's success stems "not so much from lobbying but the commitment of Jews and non-Jews all over the country who are dedicated to the well-being of relations between the United States and Israel."

Three leading members of Congress amplified those points just a day after the broadcast. Speaking in Los Angeles on behalf of AIPAC, Sen. Al Gore Jr. (D-Tenn.) noted that his constituents, only a tiny minority of whom are Jewish, "support Israel because it is in America's interest to be closely aligned with that country."

Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) called the "60 Minutes" story "a cheap shot at America." Stressing this country's need for a strong system of alliances around the world, he added that "We all have a stake in a strong United States and we have a stake in a strong Israel. . ."

Sen. Arlen Specter (R.-Pa.) dealt with "60 Minutes'" bogus numbers, introduced at the broadcast's end. Reporter Mike Wallace had said that in a recent CBS poll, 72% said the United States should not give Israel "more aid than it gives any other country." Specter cited a recent study which found that without Israel or the U.S. security assistance program to Israel, "it would cost the United States \$45 billion more in defense spending" to maintain American interests in the Middle East.

And major polls by the *Los Angeles Times*, Martilla and Kiley, and Penn and Schoen—which did not use CBS' loaded questions—have found this year that around 55% of the U.S. public favors the present level of American aid to Israel or an increase (emphasis added).

Among "60 Minutes'" other errors: The claim that pro-Israel political action committees (PAC's) "have given \$6 million this year to a variety of candidates," Federal Election Commission figures put the amount

at about \$2.7 million for the 18 months ending June 30. Labor PAC's, for example, have donated \$20.8 million during the same time, corporate PAC's \$34 million.

Wallace leaned on a straw man, claiming "there are many who charge that AIPAC, with its sights set only on Israel, is just too demanding of U.S. politicians." An AIPAC board member, Rabbi Israel Miller, tried to spell it out for him:

"We aren't demanding. . . We have a concern about Israel, which is understandable, particularly in this generation. Had you and I been in certain parts of Europe, we would have walked to Auschwitz together. We're very sensitive about the security, about the future of Israel."

As a counter, "60 Minutes" uncrated George Ball—20 years out of his Under Secretary of State job and one of the original "save-Israel-from-itself-by-appeasing-the-Arabs" crowd.

The show did not quote Secretary of State George Schultz, who had said, "I think that we have to get out of the habit of calling this 'foreign aid' because. . . this money goes for our security first of all. It helps us that Israel is strong."

Nor did "60 Minutes" cite President Reagan, who commented recently "Our relationship with Israel is in our mutual self-interest."

"60 Minutes' " misfires were no surprise. In December 1982, Wallace did a mini-hatchet-job on Israel, airing the views of one critic, leaving those of two supporters on the cutting room floor.

In January 1984, Wallace and "60 Minutes" aired what was essentially a free commercial for Syria's dictatorship.

And in March 1987, the CBS team returned from the Soviet Union with a video whitewash of Moscow's treatment of Soviet Jewry.

The Oct. 23 show now is added to that list. It will only stimulate more activism on behalf of strong U.S.-Israel relations.

*Eric Rozenman, Editor*

## **11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, Charleston, S.C. March 27-30, 1989**

Three South Carolina religious leaders have been named Honorary Chairs of the 11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, to be held at the Omni Hotel and Convention Center in Charleston, March 27-30, 1989.

The three—Roman Catholic Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler, African Methodist Episcopal Bishop Frederick Calhoun James and Rabbi William A. Rosenthal—were chosen for their leadership in ecumenical and interfaith relations.

The National Workshop is the oldest and most prestigious interfaith event in North America. It attracts hundreds of Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Jewish participants from around the world. Recent Workshops have been held in Boston, St. Louis, Baltimore and Minneapolis.

The Charleston Workshop, sponsored by academic and religious institutions in North and South Carolina, is the first ever to be held in the Southeast. Charleston was chosen because of its history and its long tradition of religious tolerance.

The Workshop theme, "With Liberty and Justice for All? Jews and Christians in Search of the Just Society," will explore the American experience and its impact on our religious traditions. More than a dozen major speakers and nearly a hundred seminar leaders have accepted invitations to attend.

Bishop Unterkoefler, a native of Philadelphia, holds degrees in Theology and Canon Law from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He served as a priest in the Diocese of Richmond for twenty years, before being installed as the tenth Bishop of Charleston in 1965. He is popularly known for his role as host Bishop for the pastoral visit of Pope John Paul II to Columbia, South Carolina, in September 1987.

Bishop James is a graduate of Allen and Howard Universities, with post-graduate study at Union Theological Seminary in New York. In 1972, he was elected the 93rd Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and served churches in South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana and Mozambique. He returned to the United States in 1976 as Bishop of Arkansas and Oklahoma. From 1982-1983 he served as President of the AME Council of Bishops, and in 1984 was elected Bishop of South Carolina. An active ecumenist, he has been strongly supportive of interfaith cooperation in South Carolina.

Dr. Rosenthal is Rabbi of Congregation K. K. Beth Elohim in Charleston, the oldest Reform Jewish synagogue and the oldest continuing Jewish congregation in North America. Prior to being called as Rabbi in 1976, Rosenthal was Executive Director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism in New York. As director, he coordinated the activities of congregations in two dozen countries and administered the organization's rabbinate, programs, publications and international conferences.

A graduate of Syracuse University in New York, he earned B.H.L. and M.H.L. degrees at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he was ordained in 1956. He has been active in the International and Latin American commissions of the American Jewish Committee, and the Latin American Committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He is past president of the Christian-Jewish Council of Charleston and the Ministerial Association of Greater Charleston.

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## Summer Youth Programs In Israel

### BBYO Opens Israel Summer Trip to Non-Members

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stitute (ISI) to non-member Jewish high school students, ages 15 to 18.

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For more information on the ISI program, contact BBYO, Israel Summer Institute, 1640 Rhode Island

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### Bronfman Youth Fellowships

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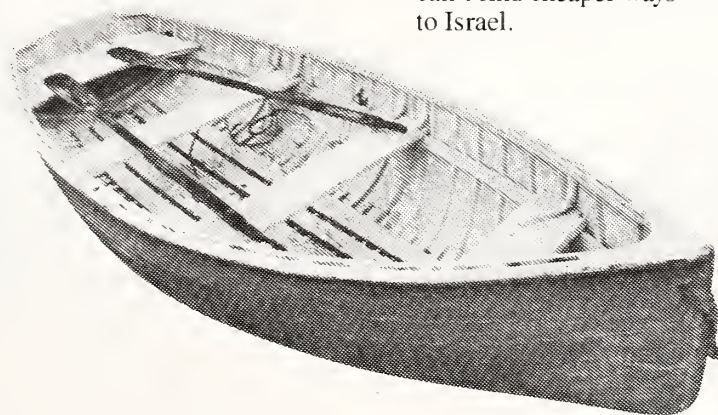
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## Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein

Sunday, November 6 was a day designed to make a difference in the Carolinas, Jewish educationally speaking.

Joel Lurie Grishaver, nationally known Jewish author, cartoonist, master teacher and educational personality, was in Charlotte leading programs for families, teachers and community leadership.

Over 150 Jewish parents and children packed the I. D. Blumenthal Hall at Temple Israel, in the morning, to be active participants in an experimental Jewish family learning experience called "Oneg Shanah," a hands-on celebration of the cycle of the Jewish year. Joel Grishaver, who designed and created the activity was all-at-once facilitator, storyteller, cheerleader and cartoonist, as the family teams created cheers, performed creative dramatics, took on physical challenges, were ritual participants, and became impromptu

songwriters and hora dancers as they advanced around a large-scale Jewish year game board to be the first to celebrate "Oneg Shanah." Rabbis Marc Wilson and Robert A. Seigel joined educators Arthur Tirsun and Roz Cooper to be enthusiastic "judges" for the morning's activities. Steven Haas lent his musical talents for *ruach* singing which was interspersed along the way. Joel concluded the morning with a fun Torah Toons *sidra* of the week lesson, complete with his cartooning sidekick "Tommy Torah," the trademark of Joel's publishing company, TORAH AURA Productions. Kids and parents continue to "bubble" over the morning's activities.

In the afternoon, at Shalom Park, 55 Jewish teachers from across the Carolinas, representing 11 Jewish schools, attended a workshop with Joel entitled "Teaching Biblical Texts." Schools represented included: Beth El, Durham; Beth David, B'nai Shalom & Temple Emanuel, Greensboro; Temple Emanuel, Gastonia; Beth Israel, Asheville; Aha-

vath Shalom, Bluefield, W.V.; Consolidated High School, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple Israel and its preschool, Charlotte. Many innovative approaches for teaching Torah for preschoolers all the way on to adult study were presented and examined in the 3-hour workshop. There was an emphasis on text study at various levels. Following the workshop, a mini-CAJE resource center, showcasing the best and the newest materials in the CAJE library, was available for browsing and borrowing by workshop participants.

That evening, at Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Joel Grishaver presented a community forum on Jewish education for leadership focusing on the subject "Re-inventing the Jewish School: Future trends in Jewish Education." Fielding questions from the audience at the outset, "English-style," Joel went on to survey practical, realistic, working solutions to the challenges and concerns of educating Jewish children into the 1990s. In the coming months, Joel's consultative suggestions and ideas will see implementation on many levels in the local community.


For those unable to attend the day's activities in Charlotte with Joel Grishaver, the following materials may be borrowed from CAJE to be shared in your community:

- An audiotape of the community leadership forum on Jewish education "Re-inventing the Jewish School" (1-1/2 hours).
- Copies of the design and directions for the "Oneg Shanah" family learning activity.
- Workshop hand-outs.
- TORAH AURA publishing company catalogs and other promotional materials.

Contact CAJE at 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207, or call (704) 366-1948.

Joel Lurie Grishaver's programs in Charlotte were made possible by a consortium of CAJE, Charlotte Jewish Federation, and the Consolidated High School, Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel, all of Charlotte.

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# Kibbitzing—Community News

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

by Lisa Pharr

HaLailah invites the community to a very important event, *Light Freedom's Way—Soviet Jewry Rally* co-sponsored by Charlotte Chapter BBW, Hadassah and the Federation's Task Force on Soviet Jewry. This special evening will be Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m. at Shalom Park. Entrance to the event is a gift for a Refusenik. Highlights of the evening will be keynote speaker, Linda Fleishman, a video about Ida Nudel, a candle-lighting ceremony with music by Steven Haas, a special presentation to Kathleen McClain, religion editor of the *Charlotte Observer*, and a proclamation claiming Dec. 11th as Soviet Jewry Day in Charlotte. Please bring your children and join HaLailah for this night to remember.

Once again HaLailah brought Thanksgiving to the older adults in our community on November 10. The Chai group dined on turkey with all its accoutrements. Many thanks to Jane Abel for chairing this fun event.

The Chai group will also be treated to a Hannukah luncheon on December 5 at the JCC. The traditional latkes will be served. The meal will be a nice beginning to the festive holiday.

Hannukah will again be brought to 27 shut-ins, needy and elderly members of our community. Under the leadership of Karen Rasenberg, HaLailah members gathered at the home of Penny Eisenberg to fill baskets with potatoes, oil, apple-sauce, menorahs, candles and gifts. These decorated baskets were delivered with the help of Jewish Social Services.

On November 20th The Becky Shulimson Memorial Children's Library at the JCC was dedicated. This memorial was established in memory of Becky Shulimson, a charter member of HaLailah. Donations

of \$5 or more were collected for purchase of books for the library. Donations in honor or in memory of a loved one can be made to this ongoing fund by calling Penny Eisenberg, 847-4037.

HaLailah's Hunter House Project continues with a program meeting on December 8. Larry Gerber will discuss budgeting and managing finances with the new mothers. The annual Baby Shower will occur in March. Donations are appreciated. Call Laura Reich, 542-2788 or Becky Goodman, 845-2758.

More than 20 HaLailah members have already volunteered to cook for Rachel House. HaLailah is providing dinner to the residents every Tuesday night. To volunteer call Rachel Rosenfeld, 535-1955.

## Jewish Community Services Raleigh, N.C.

by Jackie Eisen

### Ramesses Trip

A full busload of 49 people sang and ate their way from Raleigh to Charlotte one Sunday in October, en route to the Ramesses Exhibit at the Mint Museum, a visit to the Morcroft House (listed on the National Historic Register) and a tour of Shalom Park facilities.

Sponsored by Jewish Community Services and arranged by "tour guides" and hostesses Retha Jasper and Laura Singleton, the trip had everyone harmonizing, snacking, chatting, making new friends (Chapel Hill and Durham JCS members as well as newcomers from the Y attended also), and finally devouring expertly prepared box lunches before reaching the museum to enjoy the beautifully arranged exhibit.

Later, waiting for the bus at their wonderful home were the Müller family who generously opened their doors to the JCS group, sharing the history of former Governor Morrison's 44-room mansion with every-

one. Hospitality was the word of the afternoon.

After drawing for fun prizes on the bus, the group made its way to Shalom Park, where there was another opportunity to stretch their legs and find out about their sister community.

A truly tired, but very well informed bunch left Charlotte after dinner, arriving back at the JCS offices already planning for another great adventure soon.

### Health Services

JCS held a Health Fair at Temple Beth Or where members of the Jewish community could have free check-ups for blood pressure, glaucoma, mouth cancer, cholesterol, Tay Sachs and diabetes screening. Physicians, dentists and other health care specialists offered this service.

## Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah by Johanna Lurie

The next meeting of the Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1989, at Beth Meyer Synagogue, 504 Newton Rd., Raleigh. The topic is "Nourish Your Mind and Body: Book Review and Lunch." For further details, call Anne Bander, chapter president, at (919) 848-0507.

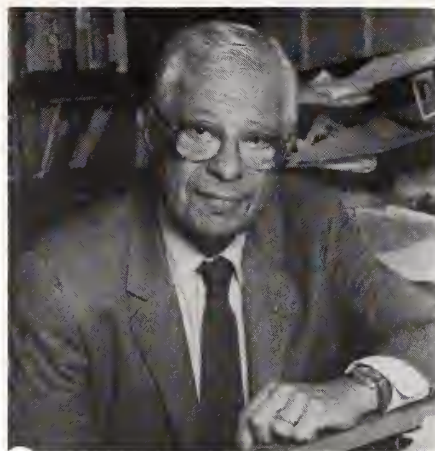
Leah Silverstein, a member of the Hadassah National Board, spoke at a Big Gifts Dinner of the Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah on Oct. 23 at the home of Dr. Beth Freidland and her husband Robert Rosenthal.

Mrs. Silverstein of Highland Park, Ill. is chairman of Hadassah's national service committee and is a past national vice president of the organization. Monies raised at the dinner will be used at Hadassah Hospital to aid in the expansion of the Children's Pavilion which serves both Jewish and Arab children in Israel.

"Raising a Jewish Child" was the program for the Nov. 17 meeting.

The panel discussion was helpful to Jewish parents who learned some effective techniques for bringing up children with a love and pride in their own traditions and faith, and with the courage to "be different."

Featured were James Bleiberg, Rabbi of Temple Beth Or, and Roz Heiko, a child psychologist. Ilana Janovich demonstrated some Israeli games that parents could teach their children. Following the meeting, there was a children's book fair where books could be ordered for Chanukah.



Daniel Schorr

photo by Paula Darte

## **Veteran Broadcaster Daniel Schorr Featured At Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.**

Daniel Schorr, Senior News Analyst for National Public Radio, will make two presentations during Temple Israel's Scholar-in-Residence weekend, January 28-29, 1989. He will speak at a Havdalah service and dinner at Temple Israel at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday evening, Jan. 28 and again on Sunday morning, Jan. 29 at 10:00 a.m., at Gorelick Hall in Shalom Park. The entire community is invited to both events.

Although Schorr has covered national and international news since 1946, he is perhaps best-known for his coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings, which earned him three Emmy Awards. He unexpectedly found himself part of his own story when the hearings turned up a Nixon "enemies' list" with Schorr's name on it. The hearings also disclosed evidence that the President had ordered Schorr investigated by the FBI.

Following the Watergate hearings, CBS assigned Schorr to cover investigations of CIA and FBI scandals. In 1976, the House of Representatives voted to suppress the final report of its investigating committee. Schorr arranged for the publication of an advance copy he had exclusively obtained, leading to his suspension by CBS and to an investigation by the House Ethics Committee. Al-

though threatened with jail for contempt of Congress, Schorr refused to disclose his source.

Schorr subsequently wrote his account of the Watergate experience in a book, *Clearing the Air*. He served as Regents' Professor of Journalism at the University of California at Berkeley and for two years wrote a syndicated newspaper column. In 1979, Schorr was asked by Ted Turner to help create the Cable News Network, serving in Washington as its senior correspondent until 1985, when he left in a dispute over an effort to limit his editorial independence.

Having done occasional commentaries for NPR, Schorr was asked to expand his role there, participating in weekend programming as well as weekday commentaries and "live" events such as the Iran-Contra hearings.

## **Beth El Synagogue Durham, N.C.**

by Charles van der Horst

One hundred and ten Beth El Synagogue members ages 6 months and up traveled to Wildacres from Durham on October 7. This annual family event is dedicated to a religious and intellectual exploration of issues facing our synagogue as well as the simple pleasures of sitting down as a community to eat, sing and daven.

This year we discussed the role of parents in the religious education of their children and how Jewish ritual can be more effectively brought into our homes. These are no idle discussions as we translate them into concrete plans to strengthen our synagogue and the community.

From the passionate discussions to the glow of the Havdalah service it was a glorious weekend. We are grateful to the staff at Wildacres and the Blumenthal Foundation for helping make it a success. We are now in discussions with other synagogues to share this experience with us.

## **Camp Lejeune/Jacksonville Jewish Community, N.C.**

by Maurice E. Harris

The High Holy Days at Camp Lejeune were spiritually rewarding. The Jewish Chapel was filled to capacity during the Yom Tov services. Over sixty people attended the Tashlich Service held at the Marina at Court House Bay. Rabbi and Mrs. Apple held their annual open house, with over seventy people in attendance. The cantor for the High Holy Day Services was Mrs. Steven Snyder, a coloratura soprano. Her chanting of "Kol Nidre" was spiritually and emotionally uplifting. The president of the Jewish Chapel Advisory Council, Jeanne LaBour, made a plea for Tzedakah at the Rosh Hashanah Eve and Kol Nidre Services. Over one thousand dollars were donated to the Jewish Religious Offering Fund through her two speeches!

The religious school began on September 25, with Mrs. Gail Hartzell as its Director of Religious Education. The Sukkot service this year was held during religious school. Something different was used for the Sukkah. A camouflage net helped form the roof and sides of the sukkah.

With the end of summer, new members joined the Jewish chapel community and took part in High Holy Day Services: Cee Cee Holmes, Aaron Kavack, Marla Kauff-

man, Julie Prommasit, Mark Levy, Evan Lincove, Linda DeJesus, David and Linda Meckler, and Gary and Jan Zuckerman.

Henry Roseman, Seymour Orlove and Renee Hollaway recently were hospitalized. All are now recovering from their illnesses. To help Henry recover, his granddaughter, Mitzi, is spending six months with him and Marge, his wife.

John Whitley and Maurice Harris were recently promoted to Corporal. Jack and Edie Peck donated two white High Holy Day Torah covers for two of the three Torahs in the Camp Lejeune Chapel.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Rabbi Pearlson recounts this past year's blessings at Beth Israel. Among other achievements, the following enumerated are indicative of them all.

- Four students celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- Our Sunday School increased yet another 25%
- Our Hebrew School enrollment nearly doubled
- Our nine-month Adult Education courses swelled to a consistent weekly attendance of twenty-five people
- Our social/educational young couples' "Chevrah" has grown to twenty couples
- Nineteen new families joined the Synagogue
- A Men's Club was formed and actively supported our Synagogue

The Rabbi and the Ritual Committee are pleased to announce the addition of a Shabbat Mincha-Maariv Minyan. This afternoon gathering begins with an hour of basic Judaism/Prayer Study, followed by Shabbat Mincha, "Seudat Shlishit" (the third Sabbath meal), Maariv, and Havdalah. Since this is an educational oriented Minyan/Study Group, any and all members are welcome. The classes began Oct. 8.

On Friday evening Oct. 14, Phil and Evelyn Rosen were honored with a tribute from the congregation for all their past service and involvement with the Beth Israel Synagogue, presented by Dr. Joseph Schandler. The Rosens are leaving the community shortly to be nearer to their family. They will be sorely missed by the congregation.

Barbara Lewin, principal of the Sunday School, gives special thanks to Lynne Gabai, for keeping its financial records, and to Ronna Siegel for organizing and overseeing the serving of snacks to the children each Sunday. The following are chairpersons: Chanukah, Barbara Miller and Tu B'Shvat, Maggie Heller.

On Oct. 16, there was a new member reception and meeting of Beth Israel Sisterhood, chaired by Carol Deutsch. Cynthia Savell, co-chairperson, Ellen Carr and Lillian Wellisch, membership co-chairpersons, participated in setting up the meeting. The focus this year will be on four major projects: Book Fair (including other fund raising projects), Kitchen, Chanukah and Sisterhood Shabbat Service.

Welcome back to Janet Freedman who graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill, and is currently working as a fifth grade teacher at Aycock School in Asheville.

A new crown, given in honor of Milton Lurey's 75th birthday, September 1987, was presented to the Synagogue by family and friends, and was in place for Simchat Torah.

Beatrice Gullotta attended a luncheon at The White House on Oct. 17 on the occasion of the presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and met President and Mrs. Reagan. Mrs. Gullotta's brother, Irving Brown, was one of eight recipients of this award. He was the European Representative of the AFL in the late 1940s and played a crucial role in breaking the hold of international communism over post-war Western Europe. Since he was unable to be at the White House to receive the medal, an additional ceremony will be held in the Ameri-

can Embassy in Paris, where he lives, in December 1988.

Memorial plaques were presented to the Beth Israel Synagogue by Milton and Mildred Lurey, Oct. 22. One plaque was given in memory of Emanuel Ehrlich. Dr. Joseph Schandler gave the tribute in honor of the Lureys, who, after services, were hosts at a Kiddush luncheon for the congregation.

## **N. C. Hillel**

by Lauren Stone

N. C. Hillel is in the midst of a wonderful first semester. The semester began with the High Holy Days. Students participated in leading the services. Our Hazanim were David Barman of Charlotte and Jan Silbermann of Chapel Hill; both are music majors at UNC. Our Break-Fast was a great success. Many thanks to the Durham-Chapel Hill

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Federation members who contributed. Both UNC and Duke had a Sukkah on campus.

Once the holidays were over, our regular programming resumed. Our programs include week night socials, Shabbat services and dinner, and lox and bagel brunches.

Our week night socials are usually food-oriented. We've had an ice cream social, all you can eat spaghetti, pizza night, a Mexican Fiesta night. We've also had a movie night. At least once a month we've had a guest speaker. We have heard Brian Schmidt, a visiting lecturer at UNC, who spoke on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—An Alternative American Jewish Perspective. Gary Shapiro and Ellen Spector, Duke students who spent their last semester at Hebrew University in Israel, spoke on their experiences and encouraged students to go to Israel either for school or just to visit. Thomas Friedman, Pulitzer prize winning journalist of the *New York Times* and former Middle East correspondent, gave two lectures at Duke. He spoke on the position of Lebanon and Israel in the Middle East.

Shabbat services and dinner are held every week. Twice a month Duke students come to UNC to share Shabbat. Services are usually student led. We give any student who wishes to lead services the opportunity to do so. We occasionally will have discussions after dinner and singing of songs. The discussions range from Israel to religious questions.

We hold monthly lox and bagel brunches on Sundays. We've decided to add an occasional guest speaker to the brunches. Our first guests were the Durham-Chapel Hill Friendship Circle (the women's senior citizen group). We also hold monthly Duke-UNC professional and graduate student lox and bagel brunches. This gives them an opportunity to socialize with each other.

We also have a Women's study group, a Mishnah Study group, and Hebrew classes. Our women's group

consists mostly of discussions concerning Jewish women's lives today. The group is also reading and discussing *Jewish Woman in Jewish Law* by Moshe Meiselman. The Mishnah group is studying the laws of prayer and liturgy.

The Hebrew classes offer modern Hebrew. Beginners and intermediate levels are taught weekly.

Some of our upcoming events include Rabbi Steve Sager of Durham who will speak at Hillel on the Reconstructionist Movement in Judaism. Tzion Evrony, the Consul for Academic Affairs of the Israel Consulate in New York, will be spending a day with students giving a formal presentation and leading discussion groups.

We have worked very hard to make the 50th Anniversary of Kristallnacht a very memorable and educational evening for all students.

We have been very pleased by our attendance and participation in all our events and are looking forward to the rest of the semester's calendar.

### **Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C. by Patti Winters**

Betty Rosenbaum has been financial Secretary of Temple Beth El V'Shalom for 3 years. Since 1985, Betty has been sending all dues statements for both membership and religious school, depositing all monies and sending out High Holy Day tickets. Only someone who has held this position, in any congregation, can empathize with the monumental public relations work she does. Just prior to the High Holy Days, the number of phone calls and questions she answers and the enormous responsibility of assuring that everyone's tickets arrive on time. Betty's work in tracking new members and changes in memberships in our transient area is significant with a membership of almost 500 names and a turnover of almost 10% yearly.

Betty and her husband, Bud,



*Betty Rosenbaum*

moved to Charlotte in 1958. They have been active members of the Temple for 30 years, and have three children consecrated and confirmed at Beth El—Julie and Mel, who live and work in Charlotte, and Peggy, who lives and works in Atlanta. They also have a granddaughter, Amy, who is five.

She served, too, as part of a presidium, as vice president of services, and corresponding secretary.

Betty is and has been active in the community-at-large as well as in the Temple, serving as a volunteer with the Red Cross, Cancer Society, on PTA's and Parents' Councils, and as a Voter Registrar.

### **Temple News**

Rabbi Robert Seigel will be leading a Jewish Parenting Series dealing with difficult issues and the Reform Jewish Response. The first group discussion and question and answer session will be Sunday, Dec. 18. The first topic in the series will be "Explaining Christmas to the Jewish Child." The concept and subject matter for the series were conceived and designed by Nina Haas.

There was a double Sisterhood MOM award in November (Member of the Month) to vice presidents of programs, Lia Sandor and Faye Goldstein, and vice presidents of membership, Fran Lyons and Merle Purvis, for their outstanding production of the Paid Up Sisterhood Luncheon and Fashion Show.

In December, Sisterhood will conduct its yearly three day attic sale fund raiser, as well as holding the annual Chanukah dinner for the congregation.

Dr. Bob Rieke, professor emeritus of UNCC, was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Social Club. It will wind down its yearly events with a big Chanukah party and dance on Dec. 10 and a super New Year's Eve party.

Temple will present a Forum Series, "What a Jew Ought to Know About Christianity," on Sunday evenings beginning January 1989. Dr. Gene Owens of Myers Park Baptist Church will be the first speaker and his topic is "Liberal Christianity and Ecumenity." In February, Rev. Henry Parsley of Christ Episcopal Church and Rev. John Haughey of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church will speak on "Sacramental Christianity: Text and Tradition." In March, Rev. Joseph Chambers, Paw Creek Church of God, and Rev. Karl D. Coke, Garr Memorial Church, will address "Evangelical Christianity: What Is It and How Does It Relate to Jews?"

## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

The Concordia Society (Temple Sisterhood) conducted the entire service on Friday, Oct. 28. This was an outstanding Sabbath service. Not only were the women very proficient in the way they handled each part, but they gave clear renditions of all facets of prayer.

It is difficult to select from such a fine array of talent, but one of the most moving parts of this service was when Eleanor Maxwell chanted the entire Torah portion. It had been her ambition for years to be able to do this, and at the end of the portion, there was not a dry eye in the Temple, including hers. We all knew how much this meant to her.

Helen Solomon, Concordia president, gave the sermon which was

complementary to the service. Her message contained thoughts that were a means of understanding our lives.

Being a progressive group, the Concordia Society has scheduled Eleanor Rosenthal Hirsh as guest speaker for its meeting on Dec. 7. Mrs. Hirsh will speak on the NFTS project, "The American Jewish Experience." This is an evening meeting and will celebrate the 113th anniversary of Concordia at Temple of Israel.

**ED NOTE:** We had the pleasure of meeting Ira Kersh and his wife, Lillian, when they were in Charlotte recently to see the Ramesses Exhibit. We would like to share some background on the reporter from Temple of Israel:

Ira and Lillian Kersh are from Chicago where they lived, worked, and raised two daughters who are now married and have two children each. After retiring from business in 1968, Ira and Lillian have traveled extensively the world over.

In the course of their travels, they began collecting musical instruments and tape-recording the sounds of the native people wherever they went. After several trips, Ira decided to return to college. He attended Northwestern University where he studied ethnomusicology. He has written several books about his studies and developed curricula for teaching different levels of school children about cultures of the world through the music of their people. Lil and Ira took their instruments into classrooms and let the children



Ira and Lillian Kersh

play them to the accompaniment of their taped music.

After one of their daughters and her family moved to Wilmington, N.C., Ira and Lil decided they would like to live there. Even though the children moved to another state, the Kershes settled there and became active in the Wilmington community and Temple of Israel. Ira has given courses at UNC-Wilmington, and exhibits his instruments and artifacts in the university showcases.

Last year, he prepared a series of thirteen half-hour broadcasts for WHQR, public radio in Wilmington. "Ira Kersh's World of Music" contained narration and folk music from diverse cultures, including Chinese, Slavic, Polish, Peruvian, Australian, African, Yiddish, Caribbean, Greek, Scandinavian, Italian and German.

Ira's current project is taking him back to Chicago to interview his and Lillian's high school classmates (Manley, 1935) and to record the

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stories of the "Great West Side" of Chicago from 1930-1950. Ira expects to spend the next few years gathering the tales and writing a book on the collective memories of this period in his life.

## 50th Anniversary Celebration Charlotte Jewish Federation

The Charlotte Jewish Federation celebrated its 50th anniversary with a tribute to the organization's founders and their families.

Herman Blumenthal served as the honorary chairman of the community wide event held October 30 at Shalom Park. Over 200 people attended including Congressman and Mrs. Alex McMillan to hear Martin F. Stein, National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, deliver a stimulating keynote address.

The UJA and the Charlotte Jewish Federation both came into existence in 1938 in response to Kristallnacht, the actual beginning of the Holocaust. There was a need for Jewish organizations to unite their efforts to aid the victims of the Holocaust, and to "federate" Jewish communities for efficient fundraising for local and overseas needs.

Adolph "Sonny" Melasky, one of the founders of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, which was originally named the Charlotte Federation of Jewish Charities, reflected on the history of the Charlotte Jewish community with a number of heartwarming and humorous anecdotes. Tributes were given to the founders who were active in the development of the Federation 50 years ago. Honored were: Herman Blumenthal, Eli Cohen, Paul Fligel, Dr. Jacob Freedland, Katherine Goodman (in

memory of Arthur Goodman, Sr.), Annie Gorelick (in memory of Israel Gorelick), Blanche Jaffa (in memory of Ben Jaffa, Sr.), Hilda Kirsner (in memory of Hattie Malever), Dr. M. J. Lavitan, Sidney Levin, Wilson Le-with, Adolph Melasky, Hannah Nabow (in memory of David Nabow), Judy Neiman (in memory of Maurice Neiman), E. E. Packard, Minnie Sutker (in memory of Nathan Sutker), and Ida Smith (in memory of Alfred E. Smith).

### Shroder Award

The 1988 William J. Shroder Award was presented to Charlotte Jewish Federation for the "Task Force on the Physically Disabled," a project of Jewish Family Services. Adrienne Rosenberg, director of the agency, received the honor at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations held in New Orleans, Nov. 17.

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*Committee leaders, Bill Gorelick (L.) and Harry Swimmer (R.) talk with guest speaker, Martin F. Stein.*



*Richard A. Klein, 1989 Campaign Chair, presents certificate to his aunt, Blanche Jaffa.*

*All photos by Alan S. Goldberg.*

## Greenville, S.C. News

by Florence Rosenberg

Belated congratulations to Bob Ross on the marriage of his son Bill to Dr. Betsy Fay from Maryland, and to Allen and Ellen Weinberg on the marriage of their daughter Collyn to James Alford on June 26. Max Heller was given a surprise observance at Furman University on the anniversary of his fifty years in Greenville. He was honored at a reception where, in addition to personal speeches, he was presented with two books of letters written by many people from all over, as a tribute to him. A brunch to honor Max was also held over the same weekend. Congratulations to Jack Yellis whose watercolor paintings were selected for exhibit at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston.

Beth Israel Sisterhood's opening meeting was a brunch on Oct. 9, with a delightful "Getting To Know You" program presented by Shirley Sarlin. The brunch arrangements were made by Amy Brenner and her committee. The Temple of Israel Sisterhood held a brunch meeting that same day with a program on the Ronald McDonald House now being constructed in Greenville.

Susan Lasser recently participated in the Greenville Civic Chorale concert. Sue Shager serves on the board of the Civic Chorale as ways and means chairman. Cecelia Murray starred in the recent Warehouse Theater production, "The Art of Dining."

Trude Heller is the first vice president for fundraising on the Metropolitan Arts Council.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Hyman Fishman on the birth of a grandson, Nathan Daniel, born Sept. 19 to David and Anita Lichtman; to Harry and Cheryl Gleich on the birth of their son, Alex Edward, born Aug. 26; to Jayne and Jon Wasserstrom on the birth of Lauren Whitney, born Sept. 29; to Barbara and Harold Rabhan on the birth of a granddaughter, Jenna Shira, born to Abby and Daniei Vines, Oct. 7.

Condolences go to those who have lost dear ones: to Adolph Diamonstein on the death of his wife Pia; to Hedy Dreskin on the death of her mother Gertrude Marlowe; to Barbara Rabhan on the death of her mother Shirley Chardkoff; to Joyce Abrams on the death of her husband Stanley.

Mollie and Howard Brand are happy that their son Eric Steven passed the Florida Bar exam and was married on Nov. 26 to Cynthia Renee Culp of Greenwood.

Happy 45th anniversary to Bob and Anita Rovner who celebrated this special anniversary with a beautiful Oneg Shabbat on Sept. 30 at Temple of Israel.

Ari Tuckman was the recipient of the Joel Harris Shimlock Memorial Scholarship which paid towards a six week trip to Israel last summer. He and all members of United Synagogue Youth planned the sub-regional convention of U.S.Y., held Oct. 21-23 in Greenville.

National Council of Jewish Women held its opening luncheon meeting at the Poinsett Club featuring a fashion show from a local dress shop. Betsy Kahn arranged the program and modeled along with Edith Schlein, Matty Israel, Linda Krause, Terry Mannino and Susan McGeehan. The group's annual dinner and auction were held at the Hyatt Regency on Nov. 5.

Greenville Federated Jewish Charities gathered for the 1989 major donor kickoff dinner Nov. 1 at the Marriott Hotel. Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Wishman, Mrs. Richard Zander, Mrs. Martin Wertheim and Mrs. Boris Kantzer were co-chairpersons.

The third event in the 1988 Community Education Series featured a lecture by Dr. Abraham Holtzman of Raleigh on "Constitutional Issues and the 1988 Election," Nov. 6. The lecture was planned by Richard Berger.

### Temple of Israel

The officers of Temple of Israel are: Robert Rosenfeld, pres.; Russell Kenin, vice pres.; Mike Shankle,

sec.; Robert Rovner, treas.; Dan Einstein, asst. treas. Board of directors are: Mark Berman, Beth Yokel, Nelly Hecker, Dan Einstein, Shari Naman, Rick Dreskin, Dorothy Gold, Kaylene Schoenberg, Irving Abrams, Leroy Robins, Charles Reyner, Phil Effron.

The officers of the Sisterhood are: Shari Naman, pres.; Lynn Friedman and Shirley Lehr, vice presidents; Linda Cohen, rec. sec.; Dorrace Benbassat, corr. sec.; Sue Hellman, treas.; Bea Sacks, parliamentarian; Margot Murray, past pres. on board; Dorothy Gold, pres. S. E. Federation; members-at-large, Sonya Goldford, Cecelia Murray and Anita Freilich.

Temple Youth Group officers are: Heather Geisberg, pres.; Michael Freidman, vice pres.; Lisa Milstein, sec.; Sandi Friedman, treas.

Brotherhood officers are: Milton Marke, pres.; Marvin Sacks and Jerry Hecker, vice presidents; David Dyenson, sec.; Ken Fedder, treas.; members-at-large, Robert Rovner, Dave Rovner, Robert Ross and Howard Gold. At its meeting Oct. 16, former Governor Dick Riley spoke and members of Beth Israel were invited to attend.

### Congregation Beth Israel

Beth Israel officers are: Leonard Greenspoon, Ph.D., pres.; vice presidents, Fred Leffert, M.D., Barry Nocks, Ph.D. and Martin Aronoff; Larry Kessler, Ph.D., rec. sec.; Bobbie Jean Rovner, corr. sec.; Ralph Sarlin, treas.; Alex Davis, fin. sec. Board of directors are: Robert Alexander, Robert Kirsh, Lillian Bloom, Sue Shager, Mike Ungar, Stanley Turitz, Joe Israel.

Sisterhood officers are: Esther Aronoff, pres.; vice presidents, Betsy Kahn, Susan Shaw and Julia Smith; Linda Levy, rec. sec.; Cheryl Gleich, treas.; Lillian Simon, fin. sec.; Blanche Turitz, corr. sec.

Officers of U.S.Y. are: Ari Tuckman, pres.; Karen Rovner, vice pres.; Robin Brenner, sec.; Orly Schlein, treas.

## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### New Modular Building at Lubavitch Day School

As the programs at Lubavitch are increasing, the needs for adequate space increase as well. This prompted Lubavitch of North Carolina to add a new modular building to the Chabad House. The building houses the kindergarten/first grade. There are two large classrooms equipped with restrooms and sinks.

The year saw an expansion in the Day School and Talmud/Torah Program. The new facility will give the school the much needed space.

Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, and Susan Doobrow, kindergarten teacher, are equally excited about the new building. "It is beautiful, just what we need for our new kindergarten," said Mrs. Doobrow.

The Talmud/Torah also uses the new building. A special Judaica Room has been set up in one of the new classrooms. Over 50 students have been enrolled in the Talmud/Torah. The students' enthusiasm for

learning Judaica has been spectacular. Parents have an easy time bringing the children to school, but they have a difficult time taking them home. One parent said, "This program has totally changed my child's attitude towards Judaism."

Mariashi Groner, Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss teach the various age levels and have succeeded in instilling a love for knowledge in their students.

#### Other News

Rabbi Yossi Groner and Rabbi Binyomin Weiss from Charlotte attended an international conference of Lubavitch emissaries held at Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y. They were joined by Rabbi Doron Aizenman from Myrtle Beach and Rabbi Hesh Epstein from Columbia. Over 500 Lubavitch delegates from all over the world attended this special conference.

The conference began with a special address by the revered world Jewish leader, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitch Rebbe. The Rebbe stressed the importance of Jewish education.



*Susan Doobrow teaches words to kindergartners.*



*The new modular building at Lubavitch Day School.*

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## LUBAVITCH PRESENTS: CHARLOTTE'S FIRST JEWISH MUSIC RADIO SHOW.

"The Jewish Sound" is a weekly one hour radio show featuring Israeli and contemporary Jewish and Chassidic music sprinkled with lively commentary about Jewish customs, holidays and historical personalities.

"The Jewish Sound" is produced by Lubavitch of North Carolina. The show airs every Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on WSOC-AM 930.

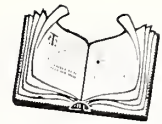
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*Chanie Weiss leads children in song.*



# Book Reviews



## Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

### Amos Oz's *Black Box*: Exotic Realism

How times change. In the nineteenth century and before, writers went to the Levant to bring to their Western readers the romance of the exotic Middle East. Today, the writers of the exotic Middle East, the Israelis, bring to their Western readers not the romance but the realism of the Levant. In an irony that Flaubert, the father of literary realism, would have appreciated, the realism coming out of the Middle East is far more exotic than the romance ever was.

Amos Oz's recently published novel *Black Box* (translated by Nicholas de Lange in collaboration with the author, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95) is a good example. Its principal characters possess none of the attributes we associate with romanticism: they are not idealists, there is nothing glamorous or transcendent in their lives, and they do not seek the infinite. They are earth-bound pragmatists. Though they may be intensely emotional, they are presented to us with cool detachment. Yet they are transformed into exotics, made into giants by the enlarging of their fierce egos set against the miniaturization of their landscapes. Like Gulliver in the land of the Lilliputians—the exotic realism here is nothing if it is not Swiftian—they loom larger than life but are held captive by their own pettiness. Their exoticism is defined by various extravagances of self-indulgence, exploitation and fanaticism.

The central character of the novel is Ilana, once married to and subsequently divorced by Alec, an Israeli political scientist, a former war hero, internationally renowned for a book on fanaticism, now teaching at a midwestern American university.

Theirs was a marriage made not in heaven but forged on Mt. Olympus, for they disport themselves like gods, trading mainly in caprice and treachery. All the elements of Greek tragedy, especially its fatalism, are present here. After nine years of marriage and the birth of a son, Boaz, the marriage comes apart, following six years of Ilana's frequent cuckolding of Alec with his colleagues and friends, strangers, the electrician and the milkman, to reduce his superhuman ego to shreds. Subsequently, Ilana marries Michel, another tyrant, this one masked and equally ruthless, a Sephardic Jew from Algeria, via Paris, a right-wing Orthodox zealot. They have a young daughter, Yifat, whom they idolize. Michel is a worthy match for both Ilana and Alec who, though their marriage has been sundered, are forever locked into a love-hate relationship that continues to be nurtured by past infidelity and present cruelty.

Because Boaz is wild and beginning to get into trouble with the police, Ilana writes to Alec for help, despite his having never acknowledged his paternity. Inordinately rich, Alec begins to shower all of them with money. Boaz receives paternal advice from Michel and enough of Alec's money to restore the abandoned family estate at Zikhron, turning it into a Hippie commune, based however not on drug-related exploitative escapism but on humane principles. He eases the hard lives of those around him through decency, hard work and a love of all living things.

Alec uses his vast wealth to obtain vengeance on Ilana and destroy her second marriage by co-opting Michel. But Michel is wily enough to co-opt Alec instead, obtaining ever larger sums of money from him to build a Greater Israel. Motivated by orthodox fanaticism, he is no different and no better than Alec. One

would wrest total control of the occupied territories by irresistible real-estate offers, the other by taking the land with a gun.

Alec and Michel also have in common the love of a woman whose spirit neither can tame and who can never belong to one man. The reason Alec is giving his money away so freely is that he is dying of cancer, and when he comes to Zikhron to die, Ilana takes Yifat and goes there to nurse him through his last days. Michel, convinced the couple has resumed conjugal relations, an impossibility, removes Yifat and institutes divorce proceedings. Ilana explains the situation fully to Michel, but he is unmoved by her appeals to take her back when Alec dies.

The ultimate exoticism of the novel is expressed in two ways. One is the verbal power invested lyrically in Ilana's role and dynamically in Alec's role. Nowhere has Oz written more brilliantly than in the exchanges of letters between these two. They are filled with dazzling similes and metaphors, with soaring prose poems of great beauty, detailing on the one hand the anguish of the human heart in Ilana's remarks, and, on the other hand, the cruelty of a proud and powerful man's extended wrath following his years of sexual humiliation. In the end, as they begin finally to understand one another, there is some softening, some tenderness.

Power-laden as Oz's language is, the most graphic manifestation of exoticism is in Ilana's characterization as a goddess. She carries out all of the functions of the fructifying feminine spirit. Not hemmed in by patriarchal concepts of dominance, she has freely bestowed her favors on scores of men so that the whole earth might be enriched. Like the women in ancient times who gave themselves to strangers on the pagan temple steps, she expects to find a god in them, and it is to that god she

pays her respects, not the mere mortals she services. She gives birth to a boy and a girl, lives close to the earth, celebrating its seasons, its turns and returns, waits patiently for renewal, nurturing with her maternal strength all who come within her sway. And, traditionally, she fulfills the woman's role in readying the male for his burial by tending to Alec's needs, washing and dressing him, feeding him, cleaning him when he no longer can control his functions.

Clearly, she is the positive, fructifying mother in one aspect, but she is no less the destroying goddess in her negative role, deceptive, raging and treacherous. She is not likely to be a favorite of women readers and many men will view her with one-dimensional contempt. Mary Gordon in her review of *Black Box* in the *New York Review of Books* (April 24, 1988) criticizes Oz for his portrayal of Ilana, observing that she "seems to have appeared out of a libidinous fog" and charges the author with attempting to "render the inner life of a woman who spends her days lurching from swoon to swoon." What Gordon fails to perceive is that Oz intends to give us a modern incarnation of an ancient Mediterranean earth-goddess in full dress. She is primal, archetypal, universal.

This, I think, is the main point to be made in assessing the worth of this new novel. Other critics, both in Israel and America, have pondered the meaning of *Black Box*, arguing that it is more political than literary, that it is, for example, Oz's protest against the land-expansionist policies of the Likud government. But Oz has repeatedly disclaimed being polemical in his fiction, and we should take him at his word. Times do change, but some things like the elusive complexity of the human psyche remain constant and any insight a sensitive and perceptive author like Oz can contribute is as welcome as the recovery of a black box—an airplane's flight recorder—after a crash for what its contents

can reveal about the disaster. Ilana, Alec and Michel have "crashed," and in probing the psyches of these exotic pragmatists the *Black Box* explains their disaster and makes it understandable to us in a new Israeli parable about the frailty of human relationships.

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## **Ralph Lauren: The Man Behind the Mystique**

by Jeffrey A. Trachtenberg  
Little, Brown & Co. 312 pp. \$19.95

Ralph Lauren is the Creator of the most successful apparel Company in America, a great success story of the 1980s. His fortune is valued at \$400 million. He is a celebrity phenomenon.

But Ralph Lauren is also Ralph Lifshitz, the youngest son of Russian immigrants, his father a house-painter, his mother a devout Jew, who grew up in hand-me-downs in the Bronx.

Jeffrey Trachtenberg, a senior editor at *Forbes*, who has covered the fashion industry for nearly twenty years, reports in candid detail the life of Lauren, from his childhood in the Bronx—his first girlfriend, his education at Jewish schools, summer camp in the Catskills, his first job at Brooks Brothers—to the creation of Polo fashions and the internationally known world of Ralph Lauren. Based on interviews with Lauren himself and over 200 friends, former employees and competitors, Trachtenberg delves behind the mystique which surrounds Lauren, revealing a remarkable drive, an obsessive nature, and deeply felt insecurities.

Having never finished college nor received training in design, his road to success was not an easy one. Although Lauren was always fascinated by fashion and had a keen sense of traditional style and taste,

he lacked the business savvy necessary to successfully launch his ideas on his own. In the early seventies, his newly formed company was constantly plagued by mismanagement, late deliveries and a repeated lack of cash flow. In 1970, having been in business for himself not even two years, Ralph Lauren won his first Coty Award for best menswear designer. That same week, he was unable to meet the payroll. However, due to his relentless determination he succeeded in overcoming these obstacles and continued to expand upon his dream. He presented his first womenswear line in 1971 and in 1973 received his first real national exposure when he was chosen to provide the costumes for the film, *The Great Gatsby*.

Today, Ralph Lauren is quite possibly the most important shaper of popular taste in the consumer market. His reach extends beyond shoes and evening gowns, bath towels and rugs. It is an entire image—a way of life.

## **Jewish People's Almanac**

by David C. Gross  
Hippocrene Books 608 pp. \$14.95

Now re-issued in paperback, the almanac was greatly acclaimed on its hardcover publication. The *Publishers Weekly* said, ". . .compendium of Jewish lore contains a little of everything—humor, anecdote, even some important historical information about the Jewish people, especially the history of Judaism in America. The period covered is vast. The main focus of the book is people, and wonderful stories abound: Sammy Davis (tells) why he became a Jew, and we hear from the Jewish man who provided a bed for George Washington during a Philadelphia epidemic. . ."

*Jewish Week* called it, "A superb kaleidoscope of Jews and Judaism in the twentieth century."

David C. Gross is the author of *1,001 Questions and Answers about Judaism*, and lives in New York.

## Rescue

by Milton Meltzer

Harper Junior Books 168 pp. \$12.95

For ages 12 and up

The continent-wide Holocaust the Nazis brought through occupied Europe bred a terror and hatred that has long been known to have evoked the worst in human nature in every country it struck. Yet, in the face of this time that functioned outside the realm of morality, there were those who offered hope, who had the courage to risk their lives and all they had in an effort to save Jews from the claws of Hitler's "final solution."

In his award-winning novel *Never to Forget: The Jews of the Holocaust*, noted social historian Milton Meltzer documented the horrors of Nazi extermination. In *Rescue*, he moves through Europe, country by country, chronicling a more neglected side of the Holocaust—that of the thousands of "righteous gentiles" who defied the madness around them and helped Jews escape or hide in order to survive Nazi persecution.

Drawing upon biographies, memoirs, journals, letters and interviews, Mr. Meltzer tells the incredible story of a bricklayer who risked mine fields and SS guards to feed an inmate at Auschwitz, of a consul who lost his job by disobeying orders and issuing thousands of visas to Jews, of a countess who smuggled Jews out from under the Nazis in Berlin and dozens more. He records the legendary stories of Raoul Wallenberg and Oskar Schindler, and the unknown tales of washerwomen and farmers. Each story bears its own poignant account of the same message—that there is always hope and there are always those who are testimony to the goodness in us all.

Award-winning social historian Milton Meltzer has authored more than 70 books, including, for Harper, *Never to Forget*, an ALA Notable Children's Book of 1976, and one of five of his books that became National Book Award nominees. His

most recent book for Harper, *Ain't Gonna Study War No More*, was an ALA Notable Book for 1985, and the recipient of the Jane Addams Children's Book Award. He lives with his wife in New York City.

## American Jewish Committee Annual Meeting

In the Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Committee held in Boston October 27-30, issues of vital importance to Americans and the American Jewish community were discussed.

A policy statement was issued by the AJC Task Force on Religion and Society, which conducted hearings in five major cities, meeting with public officials, religious and community leaders, educators, scholars and experts in the field of religion and society.

Jewish and Christian teachings on the historic relationship of religion and society were analyzed, as well as the role of religion in influencing public policy, the role of religion in the American political process and policies and positions over the years.

The task force recognized that Americans are a religious people who are not neutral in matters of faith, but committed to the separation of church and state. Religious liberty "is an active process that sees each faith as free and not merely tolerated, and affirms...the right of people to express their religious beliefs without government coercion or control and without injury to others."

Religious pluralism "is a positive good that challenges the various religious communities to view with respect and understanding those who do not share their religious expressions." The report stressed that "religious liberty and religious pluralism are indispensable supports for American democracy."

Recommending that public schools need to educate students in values acquired from the Constitu-

tion and the shared American experience, the rights of all religious groups to participate in shaping public policy was stressed.

"World religious extremism has arisen and constitutes a challenge to basic human rights and concepts of pluralism which are essential to human rights. Declarations such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the international human rights covenants and the recent UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief should be supported.

The task force concluded: "The population of the United States is becoming more multi-religious, multi-ethnic and multi-racial. Increasingly, religion is becoming a divisive as well as a decisive element in many public policy debates. If left unexamined and uncritiqued, the current situation could erupt into a series of ugly confrontations resulting in a highly polarized society."

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

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cover travel, room and board and incidentals, and are awarded solely on the basis of merit to young people with proven qualities of character and leadership.

In Israel, the Fellows will be led by a team of educators and counselors from various branches of Jewish life and will themselves come from a broad range of Jewish backgrounds. The group will depart for Israel July 12 following a three-day orientation seminar in New York, returning home August 16.

High school students in the United States and Canada who will be seniors next year (September 1989) may obtain application forms and detailed information by writing or calling the Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, 375 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10152; telephone (212) 766-1526, or (518) 465-6575.

# Tradition in the Kitchen



## Chanukah

This is a newly tested recipe to use during the eight days of Chanukah this year. It is delicious served with fruit for lunch.

### Apple Latkes

2 eggs  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup matzo meal  
dash of cinnamon  
1 cup water  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 apples  
oil for frying

Beat together eggs, salt and cinnamon. Add matzo meal, water and vanilla. Peel, core and grate apples and add to mixture. Heat oil. Drop by spoonful into heated oil 1/4 inch deep and brown on both sides. Keep warm in oven till serving.

For your family Chanukah celebrations, if you are serving dinner, the potato latke is traditional.

### Potato Latkes

3 cups grated russet potatoes  
2 eggs  
salt & pepper  
1 small onion, grated  
2 Tbsp. flour

Grate potatoes coarsely. Lift liquid from surface. Add eggs, salt and pepper, flour, and onion, if desired. Fry in heated oil about 1/4 inch deep in heavy frying pan. Drain on paper towels.

If you need to avoid cholesterol, this is a suggestion for latkes which are baked, not fried, from *Jewish Reporter* of Framingham, Mass.

### Low-Cholesterol Latkes

2/3 cup safflower oil  
5 medium potatoes, peeled  
4 egg whites  
1/2 cup minced onion  
1/4 cup flour  
1/4 tsp. black pepper

Preheat oven to 450°. Pour oil into 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1" jellyroll pan; set aside. Coarsely grate potatoes into a bowl of cold water; set aside. In medium bowl combine egg whites, onion, flour and pepper. Drain potatoes in a colander; place in a towel and squeeze dry. Stir potatoes into egg mixture. Shape into eight 4 inch patties; place in prepared pan. Brush tops with safflower oil. Bake, turning every 10 minutes until both sides are golden brown, about 30 minutes. Drain on paper towels.

If you don't object to spending a little time on a meat dish, try a savory beef stew (call it "ragout," pronounced "ragoo"). It is excellent with potato latkes.

### Beef Ragout

1 1/2 lbs. cubed chuck or beef shoulder  
1 cup beef broth  
1 1/4 cup dry red wine  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1 tomato, seeded & chopped  
1 bay leaf  
1 tsp. basil  
pepper  
1 tsp. parsley  
1 bay leaf  
1 tsp. basil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 stalk celery, sliced  
1 tsp. parsley, chopped

In a large, heavy pan, brown beef lightly. Add beef broth, tomato and seasonings. Cook until almost tender, adding water, if necessary to maintain liquid to cover. About 20 minutes before meat is done, add onion, celery and parsley. Cook until vegetables reach desired softness. Thicken slightly with flour or cornstarch, so that gravy will not soak the latkes which will share the plate with the beef stew.

Applesauce and cookies for dessert complete this Chanukah meal. Now, light the candles, sing the songs and spin the dreidel.

## Is There a Hannukah Tree?

by Yosef Ben Shlomo HaKohen

(WZPS) There is an ancient connection between Hannukah and the olive tree. It was olive oil that was used to light the menorah of the Temple—a tradition that began after the exodus from Egypt. For it was in the Sinai desert that the people were commanded to light the menorah of the Tabernacle with "pure olive oil of pounded olives." Centuries later, when the Maccabees entered Jerusalem to rededicate the Temple, they found a small jar of pure olive oil to use in the lighting of the menorah.

It was this small amount of oil that burned for eight days—an event that became known as the miracle of Hannukah.

## Zechariah's Vision

Our ancestors saw a link between the menorah and the olive tree, as expressed in the vision of the prophet Zechariah: "I saw a menorah of gold. . . There were two olive trees beside the menorah, one on each side of it" (Zechariah 4,2). For it is not only the olive oil which gives forth light, but also the olive tree itself.

And so, perhaps it was only natural that the prophet Zechariah saw two olive trees standing either side of the menorah. His vision became part of the passage read by Jews in synagogues around the world on the Sabbath of Hannukah. Yet despite this vivid image, Jews never developed a custom of putting olive trees next to their Hannukah menorahs. One reason may be because Jewish tradition opposes the cutting down of trees, especially fruit-bearing trees, for any reason other than the need for fuel or shelter.

However, while the Jews were encouraged to respect trees and plant life, they were forbidden to deify any aspect of nature—perhaps in order to discourage the people from emulating the nature worship of their pagan neighbors. For while the prophets saw the wisdom of the Creator reflected in nature, they strongly opposed the worship of nature. And this could be another reason why Jews do not put trees next to the menorah.

## Olive Oil

Therefore, only one part of the olive tree became part of the celebration and lore of Hannukah, and that was the oil of the olive.

And so it became a Hannukah custom for Jewish men and women to light the menorah with the oil from olives. For in this small fruit of the Land of Israel lies a great message—the promise of an enduring light to those who struggle in the search for truth and freedom.

# BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED, INC.

North Carolina Jewish Home  
P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, North Carolina 27012  
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## DECEMBER, 1988

### CRAFT SHOP PRODUCES ARTISTS, CRAFTSMEN AND ENTREPRENEURS

"Where's the Craft Shop?" is a common question visitors and new residents ask. Once there, visitors will find a variety of items for sale: paintings, embellished sweatshirts, ceramic flower pots, trapunto pillows, yarn turkeys, boo boo bunnies, sock dolls, and the list goes on. Residents may join classes in beginning painting, ceramics, crafts, sewing, or have clothes altered. Visitors may place orders for their favorite pièce de résistance.

As a result of their hard work, 22 residents entered their artwork in the Dixie Classic Fair. Nine ribbons were awarded and all entries were on exhibit during the Fair. The winning articles were also a part of the BJH display at the Jewish Arts and Cultural Festival in Greensboro.

With the move to the new Craft Shop, instructors Catherine Smith and Lena Wall are delighted to have more room to prepare for those special events. The installation of the kiln has increased participation in the



*Ida Temko is proud of "Teapot Floral," a prize winning entry in the Dixie Classic Fair Arts & Crafts exhibit.*

ceramics program. Lena usually has an average of 12 to 15 residents in the ceramics class.

More space also provides us the opportunity for visiting community art programs. The Sawtooth Center of Visual Arts in Winston-Salem presented a series of special projects which included clay and fiber during the month of November.

The cheerful, spacious and sunny Craft Shop has proved to be a mecca for inspiring creativity, developing skills, making friends and producing entrepreneurs. Rose Halpern and Fay Moss now have the space needed to increase their alteration work, a very popular service with staff and residents.

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*Who can resist the beautiful new craft shop? It invites residents, staff, and visitors to stop in and explore their creativity.*

*Craft Shop continued*

Painting continues to be a favorite class and new projects such as trapunto pillows, decorated gourds, knit trimmed sweatshirts, and sock dolls keep residents coming back to hone their skills or learn a new craft. Several residents may be involved in one project at once. For example a sock doll may take five people to complete: one to cut out the pieces, one to sew the pieces together, one to stuff the doll, one to sew the clothes, and one to embroider the face.

Why so many busy hands for one project? Different abilities of the residents lend themselves to each step. One resident may be able to stuff but not sew, and someone who can embroider may not be able to cut the material. Through this cooperative effort, residents find a comradery and the result is a delightful doll to be enjoyed by someone's grandchild. Matching projects to a resident's ability is an ongoing challenge for our creative Craft Shop staff.



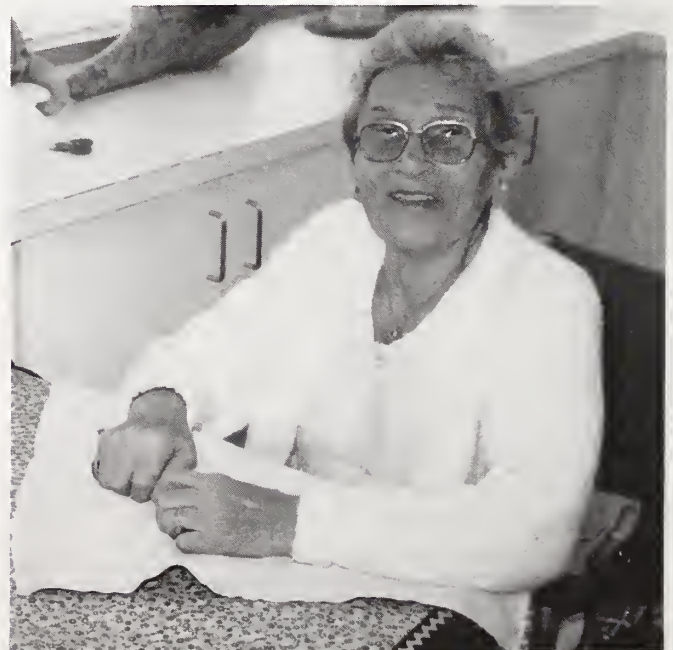
*Sara Blau is in her favorite spot; yarn turkeys were the result of her busy hands in November.*

Busy hands and creative minds are always at work in our Craft Shop. The Craft Shop is located in the link between FAIR OAKS and B-Wing, overlooking the Yadkin River. We have a lovely view and a lovely time so be sure and visit when you're at BJH!

LaQuietta Davis



*Jane Rosenberg, budding artist, seeks advice from Catherine Smith, instructor.*



*Alice Fruh enjoys this cheerful new space practicing her skills and creating gifts.*

## BJH RESIDENTS WIN NINE RIBBONS AT 1988 DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR



Above: Faye Moss, multitalented resident, won ribbons in two categories this year.



Above Right: Clara Steiner is proud to point out the 1st place winner, her oil painting "Fruit Basket and Candle." Congratulations Clara!

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 Senior Citizens Division of arts and crafts. Congratulations to each and everyone whose creations were entered!

Below Right: Rose Halpern keeps those needles clicking to fill orders for her creative sweatshirts.

Following are the prize oil paintings:

**First Prize:**

Clara Steiner –

"Fruit Basket and Candle"

**Second Prize:**

Elsa Heller –

"Mountain View"

**Third Prize:**

Henry Kern – "Antique Shop"

**Fourth Prize:**

Bertha Marrus –

"Covered Bridge"

**Fifth Prize:**

Ida Temko – "Teapot Floral"

Other categories:

**Third Prize** – Faye Moss – Apron

**Fourth Prize** – Faye Moss – Painted Gourd

**Fifth Prize** – Rose Halpern – Knitted Yoke Sweatshirt

**Fifth Prize** – Clara Steiner – Ceramic Frying Pan

Doing us proud with other entries this year: Sara Blau, Paula Cahn, Alice Fruh, Anna Lefkowitz, Moe Mandel, Jane Rosenberg, Naida Tyo.



# FAIR OAKS

*The Commons:  
Do You Know What It Is?*



*Jerry Epstein, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, and Marcia Epstein (W-S) relax at dinner following the Board retreat.*



*Sandy Decklebaum, (Raleigh) takes notes during a working session.*

The beautiful new Commons is the connecting link between the well-established BJH nursing wings and the new FAIR OAKS Personal Care Unit. FAIR OAKS residents are enjoying the many facets of the Commons, the elegance of the lounge for visiting with family and friends, the gracious dining, the view from the terrace, and the variety of programs presented in the meeting rooms.

BJH and FAIR OAKS residents often join together for services in the Synagogue, discussion groups in the Friendship Room, and concerts in the Auditorium. Board members, guests, and visitors have had the pleasure of enjoying meals and events held in this multi-purpose facility.

The design of the Commons provides a perfect setting for

social, educational, and cultural activities, not only those sponsored by the Home but also those sponsored by the community and outside groups. The variety of recently held events attests to the capabilities of both the facility and the staff in hosting community programs.

Two Northwest Area Health Education Center Conferences, well attended by state-wide health professionals, were held in October with another planned for December. Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, arranged for BJH to cater two social events held in the Commons Auditorium and the Greensboro Federation has planned a Board meeting in December.

The BJH Board of Trustees Retreat on Saturday, October 29, and the Annual Meeting held on

October 30 exemplified the fine use of this facility. We encourage community organizations and individuals to visit and to consider FAIR OAKS Commons as a center available for their programming.

BJH has been a link to the Jewish communities in the Carolinas for 25 years. Now, with the establishment of the FAIR OAKS Commons, we can strengthen that link as we strive to connect people who live in many communities as well as those who call this place their home.

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For information about using FAIR OAKS facilities or admissions, contact Sue Clein at (919) 766-6401.

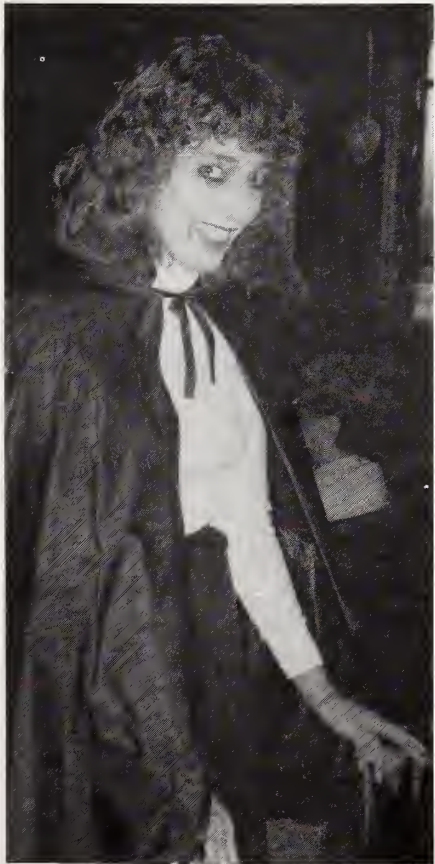


Recognize these gals? Our quick-stepping recreation staff kept us on the move during the visit to the N.C. Zoo.

## BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- **Dixie Classic Fair** – 19 residents attended the Fair on October 6 with assistance from volunteers and staff. Everybody enjoyed the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes.
- **North Carolina Zoo** – A picnic and a walk in the park gave 12 residents and their volunteer assistants plenty of exercise.
- **Old Salem** – 7 FAIR OAKS residents enjoyed a guided tour and lunch in this quaint village on a lovely autumn day.
- **Hurray for Hollywood!** – Holy Family Catholic Church presented a Vaudeville program for BJH residents on a sunny Sunday afternoon in the commons auditorium.
- **Autumn Leaves Trips** – Pilot Mountain and W. Kerr Scott Dam were the destinations for three ventures to view the fall colors. Twenty-three residents enjoyed the scenic tour and lunch out.
- **Halloween Party** – Last but not least, a wild time was had by all during the annual Halloween party. Prizes were awarded to Vikki Donley, prettiest as a Southern belle; Butch Grier, funniest as a pregnant woman; Vivian Wise, scariest as a "vampiress;" Rory Blackwell, most original as a lifeguard; and Brooke Jackson, best children's costume as a little old lady.

A special thank you to Teresa Jackson and Wayne Silverman as the MCs and judges Lorraine Hetrick, Libby Carter, Sigmund Meyer, and Sylvia Pressman.



It's hard to be frightened by the pretty smile of this "vampiress."



Recognize these gals; easier to keep up with and last seen enjoying the view at the N.C. Zoo.



It was just another routine day for Danny Furr, charge Nurse A-wing and Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing.

### WISH LIST

Ping Pong Table  
Contact LaQuietta Davis  
at BJH 919-766-6401

# Annual Meeting Begins a New Era

The Blumenthal Jewish Home's 23rd Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, October 30. This was the first Annual Meeting to be held in the FAIR OAKS facility. Over 125 people (a record attendance) were treated to a delicious brunch and a full agenda. The meeting was planned by Audrey Madans, Sue Clein, and Wayne Silverman.

Items of new business included the nomination of new Board members, the committee reports and, of course, the Cadillac Raffle. Including receipts from the Cadillac Raffle, the profits from the Home Store in Charlotte, the BJH Gift Shop, the NCAJW and the CAJWM, the Home received \$32,900 in contributions.

The day was sunny and beautiful, the food was delicious and all who attended were very pleased with the outcome.



*Newly elected president of the Board of Trustees, Dan Horvitz (Raleigh) and his wife, Shirley enjoy the Saturday night festivities. The evening of delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner, catered by "Gitel," followed by musical entertainment was a highlight of the weekend.*



*Ron Ruthfield, Marketing workshop leader, and Gail, a popular and familiar face at BJH, relax after a busy and productive afternoon.*



*Bobby Damsky, President and Larry Segal, President elect, represented the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men at the Annual Meeting weekend.*

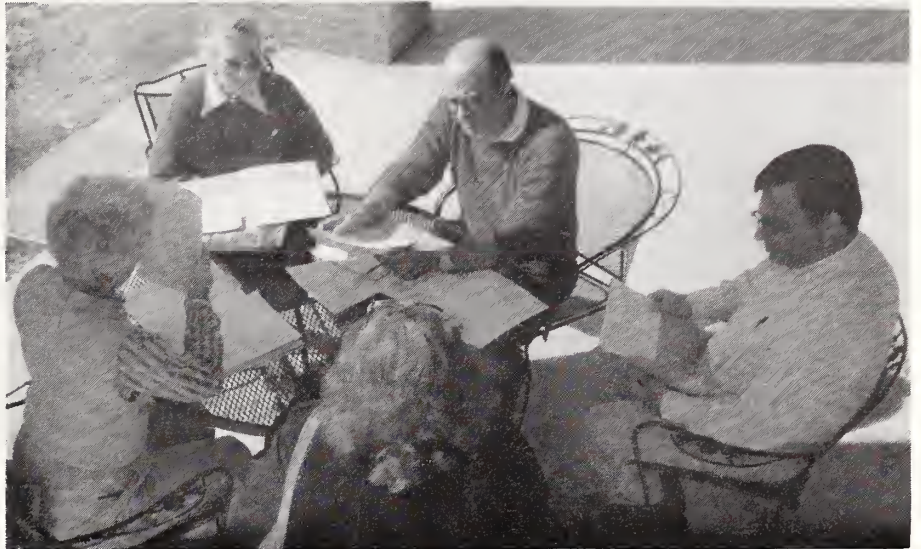
# Board Retreat a Real Work Session

The meeting was preceded on Saturday, October 29, by the Annual Board Retreat. Almost 40 individuals participated in a working session including members of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Board, the Board of CAJWM, and interested staff of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The purpose of this meeting was to move forward on two topics by creating a think-tank of "great minds." We hoped that the outcome would be an "advance" rather than a "retreat."

Topic One was entitled "Public Relations and Marketing for the Blumenthal Jewish Home and FAIR OAKS." The program was designed by Ron Ruthfield, Sue Clein, Wayne Silverman and Aaron Rose. As a starting point, a suggested marketing plan was presented. This plan was examined, dissected, and re-assembled. The group considered numerous aspects of this plan including advertising, publicity, special events, direct mail, brochures, audiovisual production, TIMES OUTLOOK, and Annual Report. Smaller groups worked on detailed suggestions in each of these areas.

Topic Two was "Implementing Profit Center Ideas." This workshop was designed by Al Herman, Ellen White, and Wayne Silverman with the assistance of staff and volunteers including Patsy Petree, Ellen Berlin, LaQuietta Davis, Katherine Smith, and others.

Last year, at the Board Retreat, potential ideas for having side businesses associated with the Home were developed. These are referred to as "Profit Centers." This year's workshop concerned means for develop-



*The FAIR OAKS terrace was a pleasant spot for Board members and staff to gather for a small group work session.*

ing and implementing some of these selected ideas. Four possible "Profit Centers" were discussed in detail, and initial business plans were developed for implementing these centers.

**The Gift Shop/Craft Shop.** Expanding the Gift Shop, increasing sales through advertising, and more volunteer assistance were discussed. An interesting idea was to print reproductions of resident artwork on blank note cards and sell them throughout the region.

**Commissary.** For many years, the BJH kitchen has offered kosher food for sale to the public. Many families across the region avail themselves of this service. Numerous ideas were discussed for expanding this service. At this time, the Director of Dietary, Gitel Cross, who is doing a fine job in her first weeks in the position, needs more time to acclimate herself to this position. Once that occurs, expansion may be examined.

**Bingo.** Among the advantages of Bingo is the vast money making potential of this activity. It is, however, an extremely labor intensive activity. The Board will have to decide the appropriateness of this activity and whether it presents any problems for our image in the community.

**Outpatient Therapy.** The Home recently contracted with an outside vendor to provide physical therapy within our facility. The idea is to advertise this service to individuals in surrounding communities who would come here for therapy on an outpatient basis. No other homes in the region are engaged in this kind of activity.

The Annual Meeting and Board Retreat were uniformly successful because of the participation of those who attended and the ownership taken in the work accomplished. Board members, supporters and volunteers clearly demonstrate strength and commitment to the mission of the Home.

— W.S.

**Employee of the Month  
October, 1988**



**Jean Garland**  
Nursing Assistant

BJH is pleased to announce the selection of Jean Garland as Employee of the Month for October. Jean has been a dedicated employee, working as a Nursing Assistant for nine years. When the Personal Care Unit opened its doors on February 9, Jean began a new experience with a move from B-2 to the new facility.

Lucile Shaw, PCU Unit Manager, praises Jean's work now as well as when they worked together on B-2. "Jean is a super employee, her work is excellent, her attendance perfect; she hasn't missed a day since FAIR OAKS opened." Jean's warmth and her calm nature evoke a great deal of affection from the residents.

Moreover, Jean was chosen to receive this honor because her dedication went beyond the call of duty. Jean's consideration for the entire Home was evident in her willingness to fill in during critical periods. Following her

**CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER**

- 2 Leave for Services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 3-10 Chanukah Candle Lighting, 4:45 p.m.
- 4 Chanukah Concert featuring "Vive Klezmer" sponsored by the Brenner Series, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 9 Temple Emanuel Preschool Chanukah Visit 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Children's visit for Chanukah, 4:00 p.m. each unit
- 13 Senior Citizens Lunch, 9:45 a.m. leave for Clemmons
- 14 Senior Citizens Christmas Party, 2:30 p.m. leave for Reynolda House
- 16 Shopping trip — Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem at 9:30 a.m.
- 21 B-2 Birthday party, 2:00 p.m. in B-2 Activity Room
- 22 Lovefeast, 10:00 a.m. in Friendship Room
- 23 Residents' Christmas Party with Stepping Stones Day Care Children
- 28 A-wing and B-1 Birthday parties at 2:00 p.m.
- 30 "Year End" Party with the Stardusters Band sponsored by the Brenner Series, 2:30 p.m. in Commons Auditorium

11:45 p.m. to 8:45 a.m. shift on PCU, Jean would come to work at 3:00 p.m. on A-Wing or B-2 when needed.

Nursing is Jean's career choice because she enjoys working with older people, especially in a job that means helping others. "I love all of the residents and I am enjoying this new experience being with the residents in FAIR OAKS."

Congratulations, Jean, your positive attitude confirms a well-deserved choice.

**VISIT  
THE GIFT SHOP**

Cards      Toys  
Picture Frames  
Mugs      Baskets

**UPPER LEVEL  
COMMONS**

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

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

**11 YEARS**  
Jerome McCloud, *Nursing B-1*  
Bonnie Ayers, *Dir. of Personnel*

**9 YEARS**  
Martha Shinault, *LPN B-1*

**8 YEARS**  
Susie White, *Accounting*

**6 YEARS**  
Peggy Winfrey, *RN B-2*

**5 YEARS**  
LaQuetta Davis, *Dir. of Res. Activities*  
Angela Moon, *LPN B-1*

**3 YEARS**  
Don Morris, *Exec. Vice President*

**1 YEAR**  
David McClamrock, *Maintenance*  
Lucile Shaw, *RN Unit Mgr. Fair Oaks*

# What's Developing?

## Help The 1988 Campaign Go Out With A Bang!

by Wayne Silverman

Many of you must be waiting until the end of 1988 to make your big pledge to the Capital Campaign. We are waiting for your calls and pledge cards to arrive in our office. Perhaps in the next issue of the *TIMES OUTLOOK*, we will be able to "light another candle on the FAIR OAKS Menorah" as a result of your pledge.

You may be receiving a telephone call or a letter requesting your participation in the Capital Campaign. One important way to participate is to buy a "brick" on the Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor is a beautiful ceramic relief that adorns the main wall of the central entrance to the new Commons Building. Three levels of "bricks" can be commemorated over a 4-year period.

Regardless of your level of giving, your reasons for giving or the commemorative you select, your participation is essential. You are giving to the Home that has provided quality care for almost 25 years; you are giving to our expanded and renovated nursing facility; and you are giving to the future to provide a dignified environment for generations to come.

Please respond generously before the first of the year. If you wish to take the initiative, contact us directly in the Development Office at (919) 766-3035 or send your contribution to the Blumenthal Jewish Home, P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, N.C. 27012, and specify the FAIR OAKS Campaign.

Let's light another candle!



Werner and Margo Moritz, dedicated Campaign volunteers, were a part of the spirited crowd attending the retreat dinner.

### WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Anni Frankl

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Flora Frey

Durham, North Carolina

Bertha Jones

Kernersville, North Carolina

Miriam Kanter

High Point, North Carolina

Pauline Kartus

Salisbury, North Carolina

Morris Resnick

Bay Harbor, Florida

Willie Floy Vieira

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

### IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of  
Alice Swanson,  
Laura Leiberman,  
Margaret Padgett,  
Ruth Dudley, and Henry Kern.  
May their cherished  
memories bring comfort  
to their loved ones.

## BJH NEWS

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# The Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS

We would like to thank the following individuals for establishing or renewing their commitment to the Capital Campaign. The listing below includes those supporters who have made a new commitment or have increased their pledges to the FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign from September 30 through November 3, 1988. (We will no longer report payments on existing pledges.) Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. Please advise the Development Office of any errors.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER

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## Introducing FAIR OAKS

At the Blumenthal Jewish Home



### Where new life begins . . .

FAIR OAKS is a residence for older adults who seek an independent, yet supportive living environment where they will find companionship, security and a wide range of health and social services. Recreational, cultural, and spiritual needs are addressed on campus also, yet the emphasis on independence encourages residents to continue with activities and interests that have long been important in their lives.

Continuing a tradition of caring that began in 1965, FAIR OAKS is an extension of the commitment to provide the highest quality of care for older adults of all religious faiths.

Health services include: 24-hour call bell system, staff physician and registered nurse; short-term support in case of illness; pharmacy, clinics in dentistry,

podiatry, and ophthalmology; physical therapy; staff social worker; and priority access to the nursing facility.

From the moment you enter the tree-lined drive, you will know that FAIR OAKS is an extraordinary place to live.

It is situated on a rolling, lightly wooded, 113-acre site overlooking the Yadkin River. Surrounded by lovely grounds with magnificent vistas, the complex offers a pastoral setting enhanced by gardens and courtyards. Stately oak trees quietly guard the entrance and typify the strength and serenity of the residence.

FAIR OAKS enjoys the best of country living and easy accessibility to an urban shopping and cultural center — the ideal place to begin a new life in a caring community.



For more information, write or call the Admissions Coordinator, FAIR OAKS At the Blumenthal Jewish Home 7870 Fair Oaks Drive (P.O. Box 38) Clemmons, NC 27012 (919) 766-6401

Please send me the FAIR OAKS brochure.  
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# American Pluralism

by Estelle Hoffman

All American Jews, whether or not they are deeply involved in the activities of their Jewish communities, should be keenly aware of the importance of American pluralism. The society of a country may be pluralistic without resembling American pluralism, which is unique.

There are countries which have pluralistic societies made up of different ethnic or religious groups. The traditional pluralistic nation provides a formula either for services to each group, representation for each group, or sometimes dividers between groups. One example is India, where castes have been confined to certain kinds of work and marriages have been confined to persons within each caste.

Some governments allot official jobs proportionately to their various religious denominations. Israel has separate schools for Jews and Arabs and separate appropriations for Arab religious activities.

In the United States, pluralism is voluntary. This is something which was impossible to understand elsewhere, and probably is not yet understood by any other peoples, with the exception, perhaps, of some students of American society.

Although it is mathematically impossible to be 100% American and at the same time 100% Jewish, it is, in fact, a reality of American life. The idea of cultural pluralism has recently been labeled "civic culture." This civic culture was perceived by two French writers early in our history, Crèvecoeur late in the 18th century and de Tocqueville in the early 19th century.

Lawrence H. Fuchs in a publication of The American Jewish Committee has written in *Implications for the Jewish Community* that our civic culture was based on "the myth that the United States was created as an asylum for individuals seeking freedom and opportunity, and reward for their individual labor." The civic culture also embraces certain values and symbols. It has sometimes failed, as in the case of Blacks, but it allows hope for remedy. A requirement is commitment to representative self government.

Failures of the civic culture have also been evident by assumptions and statements claiming this to be a country dominated by white Anglo-Saxons, by the Protestant Ethic, or by calling this "a Christian nation." However, the American Constitution and our political system were designed to protect individual freedom and to allow unlimited diversity. The key word is *voluntary* in describing American pluralism.

It is true that this society permits easy assimilation. On the other hand, something has occurred in America which is unprecedented in Jewish history. There has been an enormous influence of Jews on American life, especially in this century and particularly since World War II, during my lifetime.

In localities where many Jews live, there is much knowledge of Jewish customs and tradition. Jewish words have been adopted in American language. Jewish holidays are recognized and explained in the public media. Celebrations formerly held behind closed doors have come out into the open and often include Gentile friends and neighbors.

Of great importance is the fact that more than 600 American colleges and universities offer courses in Jewish studies. I cannot help but feel that the large proportion of Jewish comedians and others in the entertainment field have contributed to educate Christian leaders, as well as other individual Americans. In our time, many American writers are Jewish, and they are increasingly writing about Jewish people and Jewish concerns.

Lawrence Fuchs reminds us that the civic culture makes it possible for Jews to live Jewishly if that is what they choose, and even for Gentiles to learn about Judaism and even to become Jews, as many are doing.

As there are increasing contacts between Jews and Gentiles, more extreme segments of the groups have been forming, imposing greater problems on decision making civic bodies. Public policy is required to be sensitive to demands and sensibilities of religious and ethnic groups, and it is also necessary to protect the principle of equal rights and to avoid discrimination. American Jews should support and participate in intergroup activities to strengthen anti-bias in American society.

In our public discourse, American Jews should follow strict rules of civility. Not only does our civic culture allow for differences of opinion, but there is probability of gaining listeners and acceptance of our positions, if we remain sensitive to the feelings and rights of opponents to our views.

There is a civil religion within our civic culture which is non-sectarian, and must indeed remain so. Jewish experience and American roots combine to make us unyielding in our support of separation of church and state. The concept of a state religion is frightening and inimical to democracy.

When we contemplate rivalries between the denominations within Judaism, we must appreciate the delicate nature of American pluralism and the co-existence of all ethnic and religious groups within our borders. All Americans who wish to maintain our culture which is based on voluntary pluralism must remain vigilant to prevent violations of our fundamental rights. Each of us has the responsibility to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

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## Letter to Editor

The news that the two major political parties in Israel have agreed to form a coalition government was welcome.

This coalition of Likud and Labor comes at a time when Israel needs a united government that can speak with one voice. By forming a broad-based government, Israel has removed an irritant—one that has divided World Jewry as well as Israel—the threatened amendment of the Law of Return as a bargaining chip. Now, with a government in place, Israel can face the challenge of helping to develop a successful peace process in the Middle East. We compliment the Israelis for bringing an end to an internal problem that served only to complicate the country's position in international affairs.

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### UJA Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The United Jewish Appeal culminated its celebration of its 50th Anniversary December 11-12 in New York, with a gala dinner attended by over 1,100 persons from communities throughout the United States. A specially created show starring Milton Berle and panel discussions featuring prominent thinkers were included in the two day gathering. One panel focused on "Israel among the Nations" and featured former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Shown above, are, from left, UJA National Chairman Morton A. Kornreich, Dr. Kissinger, Ambassador Eban and former State Department Spokesman Bernard Kalb who served as moderator. UJA photograph by Robert A. Cumins.

# Tu b'Shevat 5749

## In Celebration of Trees

by Estelle Hoffman

Trees lead the list of my favorite things. Our first impression of Charlotte was the beauty of its trees, and the forests of North Carolina reinforced our decision to retire here.

The Jewish holiday of Tu b'Shevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat) is the New Year of Trees, a time for planting and celebrating the prosperity which trees signify. This holiday goes back to the time of the Temple, when Jewish law prescribed permission for gathering fruit at maturity, which was after the trees were four years old.

Our traditional observance of Tu b'Shevat includes planting trees and eating their various fruit, and generally expressing thankfulness for fertility of the good earth. The holiday has increased in significance since the reestablishment of the State of Israel, because of the importance of its agriculture and restoration of the fertility of the land.

When I was a small child, Arbor Day was celebrated in American schools. Each child received a sapling tree for one penny on the date decreed in each state, according to the climate which governed the time for planting. That custom created an awareness of the meaning of trees in our lives on our planet.

Having observed the devastation wrought by clearing trees without replacing them, I am convinced that a nation which destroys its forests will suffer the effects in soil erosion, deterioration of climate, loss of wild life and ultimate desertification. This is a condition occurring at an alarming rate in too many areas. Trees help to restore our atmosphere.

Since beginning its program of planting trees at the beginning of the 20th century, the Jewish National

Fund has planted 180 million trees in Israel. Although planting trees is encouraged in the Bible and our holy writings, and destruction of trees is forbidden, even during war, the extent of success accomplished by JNF could hardly have been foreseen.

Since the Jewish calendar reckons without regard for the seasons of our Gregorian calendar in general use, this year Tu b'Shevat occurs on January 21. This will probably be a bit early for planting trees, even in our temperate climate, but we can contribute to planting them in Israel.

We can also enjoy foods prepared with the fruit of trees, in order to pause in recognition of one of our joyful holidays.

On Chanukah, my guests were pleased by the accompaniment served with my potato pancakes. It's a good dish for Tu b'Shevat.

### Fruity Applesauce

2 qts. applesauce, the chunky kind  
1/4 lb. dried apricots, cooked and quartered  
1/4 cup raisins  
1/2 cup pineapple tidbits

Prepare applesauce by cooking apples which have been cored and sliced, allowing some pieces to remain undissolved. Add remaining ingredients. Serve hot or at room temperature.

### Tu b'Shevat Chicken

1 lb. cooked chicken  
1 cup seedless or seeded grapes  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1 Tbsp. finely diced onion  
1/8 cup chopped walnuts  
1/3 to 1 cup mayonnaise  
salt and pepper to taste

Cut chicken into small pieces. Combine chicken, grapes, celery, onions and walnuts in a large bowl. Add mayonnaise as desired and blend gently until well combined. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate until serving. (*Jewish Reporter*, Framingham, Mass.)



## The Jewish Holiday Kitchen

by Joan Nathan

Schocken Books 352 pp.

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This is a new and expanded paperback edition of a classic Jewish cookbook. Recipes come from around the world, from Algeria to Russia, from Italy to Mexico, and although they are recommended for the major Jewish holidays, they need not be saved for special occasions.

The accompanying text is descriptive historically and geographically. Modern women will be pleased to find that modern time-saving devices and the kosher food products now available are used. International Jewish cuisine that is truly traditional is presented here in a most attractive manner.

You will be delighted to read and use this excellent cookbook.

### Tu b'Shevat Salad

1 orange, peeled and cut into round slices  
1 avocado, sliced  
1 endive, separated  
1 bunch watercress  
1/2 head romaine lettuce  
2 pitted dates, diced small  
Seeds of 1/4 pomegranate or 1/4 cup cranberries

Combine all ingredients. Just before serving, mix in following:

### Salad Dressing

2 Tbsp. balsamic or red wine vinegar  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
Dash of salt  
Dash of sugar  
1 egg yolk  
1 tsp. Dijon mustard  
Freshly ground pepper to taste  
5 Tbsp. olive oil or vegetable oil

Combine all ingredients except oil. Slowly whisk in oil and pour over salad. (*Jewish Holiday Kitchen*)

## JNF Proclaims Tu b'Shevat 5749 As Shabbat Ha'Aretz

In response to the unprecedented number of forest fires which plagued Israel this past year, the Jewish National Fund has proclaimed Tu b'Shevat, which falls on Shabbat, January 21, 1989, as Shabbat Ha'aretz, as part of an ongoing effort to reforest the devastated areas.

Rabbi David Warshaw, director of the JNF National Organizations Department, stated that Jewish educational and religious leaders are playing a significant role in ensuring the success of this vital endeavor. "Jewish organizations, synagogues and schools throughout the country have reaffirmed their commitment to our homeland by joining with us in proclaiming this day as Shabbat Ha'aretz," stated Rabbi Warshaw. Shabbat Ha'aretz will be the official culmination of JNF's Fire Emergency Campaign.

Rabbi Warshaw noted that in conjunction with regular Tu b'Shevat festivities, synagogues, schools and other Jewish organizations will include a Fire Emergency Campaign special event, in a nationwide show of support for Israel and the life-sustaining work of JNF. "Shabbat Ha'aretz presents a unique opportunity for American Jews to assert their determination to redeem and beautify the land our enemies are trying so hard to destroy," stated Rabbi Warshaw.

During the summer and spring of 1988, 1.2 million trees planted by the Jewish people through JNF have succumbed to the flames of destruction. Arsonists have set over 1,200 fires, ravaging over 40,000 acres at a cost of over \$40 million. Police officials have confirmed that most of the fires were deliberately set by hostile elements. JNF has vowed to replant ten trees for each one destroyed.

For further information, contact Rabbi David Warshaw, Jewish National Fund, 42 E. 69th St., N.Y., N.Y., 10021, (212) 879-9300. JNF is the agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel.

## Technion-Israel Institute of Technology Develops Artificial Intelligence for Farming

Artificial intelligence (AI) for defense and high technology is old hat by now. But to grow potatoes?

If Professor Ilan Amir, of the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology has his way, artificial intelligence will be at work down on the farm in the next two to three years.

With a graduate student, Professor Amir has developed an AI computer program called CROPLOT. Based on particular farm data fed into the program, it can recommend what and where on his land a farmer should plant for maximum profit.

CROPLOT is known as an "expert system." It contains voluminous data on agricultural crops—the water they need, soil conditions best for their growth, the time they require to mature and many other factors.

The farmer types into CROPLOT such data as soil characteristics in different parts of his field, weather conditions, comparable market value of different crops, and CROPLOT does the rest.

It tells the farmer whether to plant cucumbers, tomatoes, onions or something else that will bring him the most profit, and where on his acreage to plant them.

Prof. Amir says that his program has advantages over an agricultural expert.

"CROPLOT interprets data with more consistent good judgment than do humans. If a wrong decision is made, it is because of the farmer's evaluation, not the program."

Any farmer with access to a personal computer can have the software always at hand, Prof. Amir pointed out.

The project is one of few being conducted in Israel in AI farming. Once in use in Israeli agriculture, farmers, academicians and farming advisers will work together more closely and productively than in the past, Professor Amir predicts.

## Texas-Israel Exchange

The Texas Department of Agriculture released an update in October about the Laredo Blueprint Farm, which is the result of an agreement signed by the State of Israel and the State of Texas in 1985.

Jim Hightower, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, believes that the project is "the single most important agricultural project that is underway in this state, if not in the United States." Since the latitude of Texas and Israel are the same, it is reasonable that the same farming techniques apply. Due to conditions of climate and soil, Israel has developed successful methods of operating small farms.

In the United States, we have lost 650,000 family farms since 1981, and the loss continues at the rate of 2,000 farmers a week. Because this situation exists throughout the world, the problem of world hunger grows even greater. If the Laredo Blueprint Farm experiment conducted in cooperation with Israeli experts succeeds, it will undoubtedly be copied. Texas has dealt with governments and business leaders in Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and South America, but the greatest promise is in the Texas-Israel Exchange.

The farm in Laredo is a model of diversified agriculture. It produces off-season vegetables and fruits and plans to produce cutting flowers, herbs and apples. It uses computer-driven drip irrigation developed and marketed by the Israeli firm Netafim.

Jim Hightower is excited about the venture. He said, "The Texas-Israel Exchange... is making a significant contribution to the relations of people. It ties family farmers of Texas directly to the kibbutzim of Israel. It is a program of diplomacy at the grassroots that is ultimately much stronger than the whims of successive government administrations."

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# Jewish Education

*The following article is reprinted from The Federation News, Greensboro, N.C., Nov. 1988. It was written by Cookie Cohen, principal of Beth David Synagogue Religious School:*

## Educators Share Ideas at CAJE Conference

Imagine having to choose two study-topics for a whole-day field trip in Israel from titles such as: "Gaza Through Arab and Jewish Eyes," or "Yuppies, Yemenites and Yiddishkeit," or "Reappraising the Myth of Masada," . . . It was a tough choice, even tougher than it seems, because so many appealed. In addition to these choices, those of us attending the 13th annual conference of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) also had to choose among 15 outstanding Israeli scholars with whom to study for a morning. And then, we had to choose from literally hundreds of learning sessions led by world-renowned Jewish scholars and educators for the remaining two-day period. The catalog was an inch thick. And the choices were so difficult.

For my field trips, I chose "Beit Hatefutsot: Perspectives on Jewish History, or Is the Cup Half-Empty or Half-Full?" The morning was spent getting to know this unique museum, the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv. The afternoon was spent learning how to use the museum as an educational tool, examining how it presents Jewish history, both thematically and methodically. The second field trip was entitled "The Synagogue and the Community." We spent the morning visiting various synagogues and museums in the Old City, and in the afternoon we visited a number of communities and their synagogues in the New City.

Approximately 1,800 North American, European, South African and Israeli Jewish educators met in Jerusalem, July 31 to Aug. 5, at the 13th

annual CAJE conference. The 1988 conference was, according to its chairman, Seymour Rossel, "a unique opportunity to forge links in a chain of understanding between Jewish educators in North America and Europe and their counterparts in Israel." For me, it was a week of enthusiasm, a sharing of ideas and an intense emotional experience. We were exposed to the ideas of the leaders of Jewish education, to the feelings of Israeli leaders in these times of tension and turmoil, to the hopes of Yosef Begun, an ex-prisoner of Zion from Russia. Each evening was spent listening, sharing, dancing and singing, arguing, discussing, learning and learning more and more.

The conference program, developed by a committee of Americans and Israelis, was two and a half years in planning. It was designed so that educators could share ideas, methodologies and materials, as well as expose themselves to the historic, political and societal factors that have shaped Israel as a nation and as the Jewish homeland. Declared an official event of Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations, the conference was endorsed by Israel's Education Ministry, Teachers' Union and the Kibbutz Movement. It received grants from the Joint Program for Jewish Education, the CRB Foundation and the North American Jewish Federations, including Greensboro.

I am grateful to Beth David Synagogue and the Greensboro Jewish Federation for enabling me to attend this outstanding conference. I came back with shopping bags filled with games, posters and educational material. I came back with an address book filled with names of people to contact for program ideas. I came back with a head filled with ideas and my heart and soul invigorated by the love and joy and dedication to Jewish life and learning which was so openly shared by all of the

participants at this amazing conference on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

## Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein



Marcia Lane

Nationally known American Jewish storyteller, MARCIA LANE, "rides the rails" (literally) to Charlotte on Sunday, March 5, 1989, when the 1989 *Amtrak Storytelling Odyssey* comes to town. The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education and the Charlotte Jewish Federation are pleased to announce Ms. Lane's programs for the Jewish community in her only North Carolina appearances.

Marcia Lane travels the U.S. by train for two months each year, whistling cities and presenting her programs of Jewish story, song and mime for both children and adults. While in Charlotte, she will present 4 programs—all free and open to the public.

Sunday morning, at Shalom Park, Ms. Lane will present two separate programs of Jewish storytelling and songs for children (grades K-3 and

grades 4-7) in both Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel religious schools. Other religious school students, teachers and parents are cordially invited to join with them. Just let us know you will be there.

Sunday afternoon, noon-2 p.m. at Shalom Park, a workshop for teachers (lunch included), entitled "Jewish Storytelling—How to Get Started," will be presented by Marcia Lane. No charge for the workshop and lunch for all teachers or CAJE member schools and congregations. Advance registration is required.

In the evening, also at Shalom Park, the Sisterhoods and Men's Clubs of Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel join with the Charlotte JCC to present Marcia Lane in an "Adult Evening of Jewish Storytelling and Song" at 7:30 p.m. in Gorelick Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. Dessert will follow the program.

Plan on joining us in Charlotte on Sunday, March 5. For further information and registration for the teachers' workshop, contact Lenora Stein at CAJE (704) 366-1948, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

This program is made possible by CAJE and the Charlotte Jewish Federation; the evening performance is sponsored by the Sisterhoods and Men's Club of Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel, and the Charlotte JCC. Local arrangements are courtesy of Waldenbooks and Holiday Inns.

CAJE is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), funded through grants from the CAJWM, the Blumenthal Foundation and the Charlotte Jewish Federation, and is supported by member fees.

#### **Jewish Archives**

CAJE announces the creation of the Charlotte Jewish Archives, a project to preserve local Jewish history. "A Day for History" will take place on Sunday, February 26, 1989, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Shalom Park, when oral and video histories of Jewish

Charlotteans will be recorded and photographs and other historical materials of Jewish significance will be collected.

If you have photographs to share (originals will be copied on the spot and returned to you), or have a story you'd like to tell about living in Jewish Charlotte—your own story or about the community—plan on joining us on Sunday, February 26. For further information, call CAJE at 366-1948.

This is a wonderful project for other communities to consider and CAJE could help you with the process.

### **UAHC to Help "Differently Able" in Reform Synagogues**

A new approach to help "differently able" children and adults participate more fully in the life of the Reform Jewish movement was launched by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Autistic, mentally retarded and physically disabled religious school students and congregants, as well as those with impaired sight or hearing, will benefit from the program, which is also designed to help exceptionally gifted learners.

The plan was put into effect with a resolution passed by the UAHC's board of trustees at its semi-annual meeting in Atlanta in November. The resolution calls for a new council to further the work of the Reform movement's Lehiyot ("Becoming") program for the "differently able."

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism, is composed of 820 congregations in the U.S. and Canada.

The goals of Lehiyot, according to Rabbi Howard I. Bogot, who heads the UAHC religious education department, are:

1. To make Judaism and Jewish education accessible to all Jewish learners.
2. To stimulate and inspire differently able learners to develop their

identities as enlightened, involved and committed Jews.

3. To establish a supportive synagogue environment in which the differently able person can take increased responsibility for participation.
4. To establish a national network focused on the needs of differently able people and their families—as related to their Jewish identity—so as to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.
5. To encourage feelings of adequacy and enthusiasm among differently able people—related to Jewish life activities—by establishing realistic educational and programming goals.

The resolution was initiated by the UAHC's department for religious education and the leadership of the UAHC Committee on the Jewish Family, Task Force on the Disabled and Department of Synagogue Management. A new group, to be called the UAHC Lehiyot Advisory Council, will be responsible for coordinating and consolidating all activities for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Lehiyot program was the subject of a national conference at Temple Chai in Phoenix, Arizona October 28-30. That conference, sponsored by the UAHC's Department of Religious Education and the National Association of Temple Educators, was attended by delegates representing Reform congregations across the country.



*An Israeli soldier plants a tree in memory of a fallen comrade. Photo by WZPS.*

# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Our Trip to Israel

by Marvin Zerden  
Hickory, N.C.

We decided to go to Israel to celebrate its 40th anniversary and our 40th wedding anniversary. On October 26, we boarded an EL AL plane for Israel. It was 6,280 miles from New York. The plane was full of all types of people—rabbis, non-Jews and Jews, all going to Israel for its 40th anniversary.

We landed at Ben Gurion Airport at 10 a.m. Israel is 7 hours ahead of us. After taking a bus to Tel Aviv, we arrived at the Hotel Basel where we checked in and then went to the tour office. This was our fourth trip to Israel. We selected the tours we wanted to go on.

Our first tour was to Haifa, Akko and Caesarea which took all day. Saturday evening, Elaine's cousin was having a reception on the birth of their son at a hotel across from ours. We met all of her cousins and friends and you would have thought it was a wedding reception.

The next day we toured Ein Gedi and Masada, a fortress King Herod built. We took the tram to the top of the mountain fortress in the Judean Desert and saw the excavations and partial restorations of buildings that were thousands of years old. Jewish zealots had occupied Herod's winter palace in a heroic last stand against the Romans. In 73 C.E., rather than be captured, the Zealots committed mass suicide. The desert is hilly and rocky, not flat as one would expect.

We spent two days and one night in Jerusalem where we visited Yad Vashem, a memorial to the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. You don't want to forget what happened because the past is what makes the future. We visited the Old City of Jerusalem with its Arab, Armenian and Christian sections, as well as the Jewish Quarter which has been completely restored after

the Jordanians destroyed it during the occupation. We went to the Western Wall (no longer called the Wailing Wall) and saw the Dome of the Rock and other sites in the walled city. We toured Hadassah Hospital.

Our guides were excellent and knew the history of Israel. While we were there, the National Election was taking place. On our bus to Masada, there were two young ladies riding 140 Kilometers each way just to vote at the Kibbutz Ein Gedi, since Israel doesn't have absentee ballots. They took time off from Tel Aviv University to go vote. We visited the Weizmann Institute and the home of Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel, where he and his wife are buried. From there we visited Kibbutz Bremer which has the largest dairy farm in Israel. We went to Tel Aviv University to see the Museum of the Diaspora which was done in excellent taste and depicts the history of the Jewish people.

After visiting the downtown area of Tel Aviv, we toured the Great Temple and the Carmel Marketplace which is a sight to see with all the vendors selling their wares, mostly food products. We took a bus to

Beer Sheva where friends of Mort and Bernice Lerner of Salisbury met us and took us through Ben Gurion University and explained what was being done in the Negev. The University Hospital serves people all the way south to Eilat. The Lerner's gave a chair for research to the Ben Gurion University Medical School.

We visited Ben Gurion's home in Tel Aviv, the wine cellars of Rishon Lezion, the Golan Heights, the Sea of Galilee and Kiryat Shmona and didn't see a thing to scare us as you see on TV. We were on the West Bank and felt as safe in Israel as we would in our own hometown.

While visiting the Bahai Temple in Haifa we saw three women from Australia, New Zealand and Cook Islands who were making their pilgrimage to the Temple.

On our last day we toured a diamond factory in Netanya. Israel's first industry is diamonds; the second is tourism.

The weather was excellent and the people were warm and friendly. Public transportation in Israel is convenient and inexpensive. We had a great trip and recommend that everyone go to Israel to see the beautiful Land and its people.



*Marvin and Elaine Zerden in Jerusalem.*

## Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah Holds Luncheon/Book Review Meeting

The Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah will hold a lunch and book review general meeting on January 24 at Beth Meyer Synagogue, 504 Newtown Road, Raleigh. A discussion of the meaning of the first novella "The Rebbetzin" from *Rabbis and Wives* by Chaim Grade will be led by Sylvia Holtzman, Vice President of Education (Raleigh Chapter).

## Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

### Daniel Schorr to Speak

Temple Israel invites everyone from the Charlotte area and throughout the Carolinas to attend the I. D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence program featuring broadcast journalist Daniel Schorr, January 28 and 29.

Schorr will speak on "America in the Post-Reagan World" at the Temple on Saturday, January 28 following Havdalah services and a buffet supper at 6 p.m. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m.

Schorr's topic on Sunday, January 29 will be "America, Israel and the Middle East in the Post-Reagan World." The lecture will begin at 10:45 a.m. preceded by breakfast at 10 a.m. at Gorelick Hall in Shalom Park.

Reservations are required for each meal, but are *not* required for the lectures. Fees are as follows: buffet dinner: adults \$6.75, children \$4.75 Saturday evening; breakfast: \$3.00 per person Sunday morning; no charge for either lecture. Please send your check payable to Temple Israel to the Temple office, 1014 Dilworth Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28203. For further information, call (704) 376-2796.

### United Synagogue Award

United Synagogue of America, the nationwide organization of Conservative congregations, awarded Temple Israel its Community Partic-

ipation award for the Temple's sponsorship of Rachel House, a shelter for homeless families. The award was presented during United Synagogue's Southeast Regional Biennial Convention held in Miami in November. Temple Israel President Steve Hockfield accepted the award on behalf of the congregation. Jerry and Barbara Levin and Hugo and Helga Rosenberger also served as delegates to the convention. Steve subsequently presented the award during the Temple's December board meeting to Linda Binnick, who has led the development and operation of Rachel House since its inception in 1986.

Rachel House is staffed entirely by volunteers from Charlotte's Jewish and non-Jewish community. If you would like to help, please call the Temple office at 376-2796.

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

by Patti Winters

### Susan Helbein

Social Action is an integral part of Jewish life, and Susan Helbein, chairperson of the TBEV'S Social Action Committee has initiated an ambitious program with many visible and practical results.

Among the numerous projects and ideas in the works for Susan and her core group are strong support for Women's Rights, working closely with Woman Reach in Charlotte, assisting displaced homemakers. The SAC has also established a Food Bank, endorsed and helped with a direct mail campaign for Planned Parenthood, and was present at a recent press conference. SAC has four volunteers in literacy training who will soon begin teaching adults reading skills. Volunteers have also attended School Board meetings to support Planned Parenthood's educational programs. Other projects included participation in Crop Walk to combat world hunger and a walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. SAC members

plan to volunteer time at a homeless shelter, and plan, later in the year, a program on substance abuse.

Susan is an English major graduate of UNCC and has been a member of TBEV'S for over 15 years.

In addition to her position as a Sales Coordinator and Customer Service Representative and her Temple activities, Susan is a Group Facilitator and Counselor for Woman Reach, is mother of Buffy, 14, and Benjy, 15, and participates in the Leadership Development Program sponsored by Federation.

### Temple News

Temple Beth El V'Shalom is presenting a WINTER SERIES of talks and discussions on difficult issues and Reform responses.

The first series, JEWISH PARENTING WITH RABBI SEIGEL, includes "But Where Does God Live? Explaining God to the Jewish Child" on January 29; "Where is My Grandma? Explaining Death to the Jewish Child" on March 5. All sessions will be held at Temple Beth El V'Shalom at 7:30 p.m. Sunday nights. All sessions are open to the public; there is no charge.

Another series, WHAT A JEW OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT CHRISTIANITY, will cover "Liberal Christianity and Ecumenity" led by Dr. Gene Owens, Myers Park Baptist Church on January 8; "Sacramental Christianity: Text and Tradition" with Rev. Henry Parsley, Christ Episcopal Church and Rev. John Haughey, S.J., St. Peter's Catholic Church on February 26; "Evangelical Christianity: What it is and How it Relates to Jews" with Rev. Joseph Chambers, Paw Creek Church of God and Rev. Karl D. Coke, Garr Memorial Church, March 12.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Spectacular Chanukah

Activities at Lubavitch of North Carolina this Chanukah season were exciting and spectacular. On the second night of Chanukah a large crowd of over 300 people gathered near Southpark Mall to participate in the kindling of a giant Chanukah Menorah.

As Rabbi Binyomin Weiss kindled the last candle, the crowd broke into applause and joined Rabbi Weiss in festive Chanukah melodies. One of the highlights of the program was a special performance by the students of the Lubavitch School and Talmud Torah. The students delighted the audience with joyous Chanukah songs.

Ephraim Novak played the role of Judah the Macabee, outfitted in a wonderful Macabee costume. Judah entertained over 100 children in attendance. Every child received Chanukah gelt and chocolate shaped Menorahs.

The program entitled "Menorah

On The Town" was a spectacular event which brought Jewish pride to the entire community. The lights of



Judah the Macabee entertains the crowd.

Chanukah illuminated the Carolina sky in more ways than one. Each night of Chanukah saw the menorah appear at a new location.

On the third day of Chanukah, students at Lubavitch Day School and Preschool presented a grand musical performance to parents and visitors at the Chabad House.

The preschoolers led by their teachers entertained the audience with lively Chanukah songs. The children were dressed as different Chanukah players representing various holiday symbols.

The kindergarten students presented a delightful Dreidel play in which the story of the Dreidel was told in a meaningful way.

Tzivos Hashem youth group held a grand Chanukah rally at the Chabad House on the last day of Chanukah. The giant Menorah with all eight flames kindled stirred the hearts of the children as it welcomed them to the fantastic program.

The children were treated to many delicious Chanukah goodies and exciting prizes. The main attraction was Mika the Magician who pre-

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Jonathan Melerson and Sarah Spangenthal perform in a school play.

sented a Chanukah magic show with Dreidel shaped balloons.

### Annual Board Meeting at Lubavitch

Lubavitch of North Carolina held its annual board meeting on December 11 at the Chabad House. The board members discussed the growth of Lubavitch activities during the year of 1988.

Among the new projects reviewed was the new school with its new modular building which was added recently to the Chabad House at Shalom Park.

The board which is chaired by Senator Marshall A. Rauch of Gastonia resolved to increase Jewish educational programming throughout the State of North Carolina. Dr. Harvey Tilles from High Point together with Arny Pickholtz from Charlotte are preparing a new program which will make it relatively easy to receive Jewish holiday needs anywhere in the State.

### Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women held an open board meeting at the home of Helen Rosenbaum at which time members decorated styrofoam pumpkins for area hospitals' pediatric wards. This annual Halloween project brings a little sunshine to sick children who can't go out to "trick or treat."

Students from area high schools participated in a panel discussion, "Students Against Drunk Drivers." The event was co-sponsored by BBW and the Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, in association with "Let's Talk Month," in Oct.

Members cooked Thanksgiving dinner for Arosa House which provides a home for about 8 children and 10 adults. "Operation Snow-

flake," the Christmas Day substitution program, enables Christian workers to be at home while Jewish people cover their assignments in hospitals and other community services. BBW provided many workers again this year.

Bussie Goldberg and her volunteers brought Chanukah awareness to the Howell Center. Other members did yard work at MMAE's Inn which houses out-of-town families whose children are hospitalized in Charlotte. More women worked at the annual gift wrap booths. Trained workers are helping test for Amblyopia (lazy eye) at eight schools.

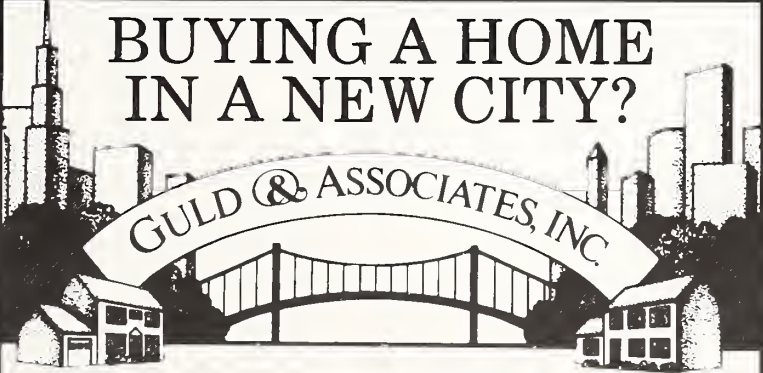
A new member social will be held Jan. 21, and the Human Relations Award luncheon is planned for Feb. 1. The honoree must be a N.C. resident who has done outstanding community service outside of his/her given profession.



Molly Rosenberg enjoys potato Latkes at school.

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## Segerman-Blaskopf Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Blaskopf

Sherry Linda Segerman and Lawrence Paul Blaskopf were married at the West End Synagogue in New York City on June 26, 1988. Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker officiated at the ceremony. Susan Mintzer, the bride's sister was Matron of Honor.

Sherry is the daughter of Roz and Jules Segerman of Jacksonville, N.C. and the granddaughter of the late Jacob and Diane Leder of New York City. Lawrence is the son of the late Lewis B. Blaskopf and Mildred Blaskopf of San Diego, Cal.

Sherry graduated from the University of Florida at Gainesville. She received her M.S. degree in education at Bank Street College in New York City. She is currently employed by the A.C.C.C. at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital of New York in its Day Care program.

Lawrence received his B.A. degree in psychology and an M.S. in social work at the University of Rochester in New York, and his J.D. degree from the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law in New York where he graduated cum laude. He is currently working towards a Master of Tax Law at the New York University. He is employed by the Office of the Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service in New York City.

## Temple Emanuel Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Hilda Pearl Solomon, daughter of Dorothy Solomon and the late Ezel "Skeet" Solomon of Myrtle Beach, has been included in the 21st edition (1988-1989) of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

The preface of the book states, "Admission for individual achievement is based on objective qualitative criteria. To be selected, a person must have attained conspicuous achievement. The biographee may scarcely be known in the local community but may be recognized in some field of endeavor for noteworthy accomplishment."

Miss Solomon, whose field is apparel, is the Southeastern District Sales Manager for Whiting and Davis Co., Inc. She is a member of the Atlanta Historical Society and also the High Museum of Art-Young Careers.

Miss Solomon majored in fine art at the University of South Carolina and is well known as an artist in Atlanta. Hilda enjoys all the arts and travel and she resides in Decatur, Ga.

## Seaboard Branch Conference Fairfax, Va., May 7 and 8

The Seaboard Branch of National Women's League for Conservative Judaism will hold its Spring Conference, Sunday and Monday, May 7 and 8 at Congregation Olam Tikvah in Fairfax, Va. Hostess Sisterhood will be Olam Tikvah.

Seaboard Branch is one of 28 branches consisting of 750 sisterhood affiliates in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Israel and Puerto Rico.

For further information, contact Esther K. Leader, board member, at 105 Erskine Dr. W., Greensboro, N.C. 27410.

## Jewish Community Service Of Durham and Chapel Hill by Leslie R. Melnick

In February 1988 the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation established Jewish Community Service of Durham and Chapel Hill. The beginning mandate of Jewish Community Service is to provide programs and services for older adults in the Durham and Chapel Hill community, as well as information and referral services for the entire Jewish community.

A "Needs and Community Resources Survey" has been sent to the entire Jewish community to assess what kinds of programs and services are needed and would be available within the Jewish community. Future development of Jewish Community Service will be determined by input from members of the community with their responses to this survey.

Jewish Community Service is currently sponsoring several programs. "Lunch with the Rabbi" meets on the first Wednesday of each month. A group of rabbis is taking turns speaking and leading discussions on a variety of interesting topics following a catered lunch. Pre-registration is required for the meal.

The "Friendship Circle," a social group of older adults, meets once a month. New members are always welcome.

JCS is beginning to develop a volunteer network to provide a variety of services for older adults. Rides are being offered through a volunteer transportation program. Assistance with home repair and filling Medicare and health insurance forms is available.

The development of Jewish Community Service has been a community-wide effort crossing all lines of affiliation in the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish community. To learn more about Jewish Community Service or to participate in its programs please call (919) 929-6717.

**11th National Workshop  
on Christian-Jewish  
Relations, Charleston, S.C.  
March 27-30, 1989**  
by Rabbi William A. Rosenthal

The forthcoming 11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations in Charleston, S.C., March 27-30, has elicited much excitement in our city. Charleston's record of interfaith activity is long and reflects the local spirit of religious diversity and mutual respect which goes back all the way to colonial times. Jews started coming to the Lowcountry in the late 1600s, and the community grew steadily because of the promise of freedom explicit in the charter written for South Carolina by the great English philosopher John Locke. For Gentiles and Jews to have lived in amity through the centuries gives proof to the high idealism of our community and thus provides a perfect and proud venue for the National Workshop.

In today's deeply troubled, violent and often intolerant world the sacred opportunity still proffered to American citizens to increase the understanding of the sundry parts of our religious culture should ensure continued advancement in our democratic structure. The ultimate purpose of the Workshop should be greater knowledge of each other's aspirations and thus a deepening of human brotherhood. Although the immediate impact of the convention sessions may well be intellectual, that which will be carried away will doubtless prove richly spiritual.

*Rabbi William A. Rosenthal is spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Elohim, Charleston, S.C.*

**Beth Israel Center  
Whiteville, N.C.**  
by Mrs. Terry Kramer

The Beth Israel Center is proud to announce the birth of its new member, Joseph Samuel Mann, on June 24, 1988. The excited parents are Sally and Terry Mann. Mazel Tov to the family.



*Dr. Elliot Engel*

**Charlotte Chapter of  
Hadassah**

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah presents "A Victorian Evening" with Dr. Elliot Engel on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Shalom Park. Dr. Engel's topic is "Dickens and the Jews." Admission fee is \$5.00 per person and the public is invited. To purchase tickets, call Margi Goldstein, 366-1084, or Sheila Kritzer, 364-7203.

Dr. Engel, an English professor at N.C. State University at Raleigh, earned his B.A. at Indiana University and his M.A. and Ph.D. as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at U.C.L.A. where he won the university's Outstanding Teaching Award.

His books have been published by Macmillan Press of London and Garland Press of New York, and his articles have appeared in scholarly and popular journals, including the "My Turn" column in Newsweek. His costumed mini-lecture series entitled "Keys to Bleak House" ran on P.B.S. stations throughout the country. For his scholarship and teaching, he has received N.C.'s Adult Education Award and the Victorian Society of America Award of Merit. Dr. Engel has lectured throughout the nation and in Europe. He has also appeared at B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism at Wildacres.

**Temple of Israel  
Wilmington, N.C.**  
by Ira Kersh

As usual, the Temple Chanukah Party on a Sunday evening was the wonderful ingathering of 70 members and their children. Food and dreidle spinning were plentiful and wild. The main feature was the School Students' Choral Group. The program of Chanukah songs and merriment was entertaining.

This Christmas Day, as in the past eleven years, the Jewish Community, backed by B'nai B'rith, took over part of the New Hanover County Hospital work that would enable hospital staff to be at home with their families for the holiday. It was very rewarding to be able to help our community in this way.

The fund for rebuilding our precious organ is growing and the hopes are to get the work completed this summer so we can use the organ for Rosh Hashanah.

On a somber note, the entire Temple has been in a state of mourning for one of our most wonderful members, David Zipser, who was a pillar of the Temple for many years. May his life serve as an example of kindness and thoughtfulness for the coming generations. We, and all who knew him, are better people for his being among us. So be it.

**Beth Israel Synagogue  
Asheville, N.C.**  
by Lillian R. Wellisch

The dedication of the Handicap Ramp to the memory of Michael Jon Wellisch, *olav sholem*, was held on Nov. 5 for the entire congregation, immediately following the Sunday School Shabbat Service. The Torah Portion leaflet information was sponsored by Ed and Joyce Greene in memory of Michael Jon Wellisch.

Eric Wellisch, who planned the program, dedicated the plaque (affixed to the outside synagogue wall) which reads: "This ramp is dedicated to the memory of Michael Jon Wellisch, November 1, 1965 - No-

ember 21, 1984. May his love, courage and determination guide us all."

David Kayne was the driving force behind the ramp, assisted by Sheldon Winick, advisor. Ed Greene helped with the cement work. Dr. Joseph Schandler, Abe Freedman and Jeffrey Slosman all spoke of their feelings of "how they remember Michael." Lillian Wellisch talked of the "flavor of Michael by his own words," by reading excerpts of his writings. Rabbi Pearlson gave his comments on life and death.

Following the ceremony, there were a lunch for the Sunday School and an Oneg for all congregants. Arrangements for the Sunday School participation were chaired by Carol Deutsch.

On the night of Nov. 9, Egon Friedlander and Eric Wellisch spoke to the youth about their experiences in Austria on Kristallnacht, Nov. 9, 1938.

The community Thanksgiving Service, including Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila, took place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, on Nov. 23.

On Saturday night, Dec. 3, Beth Israel Synagogue participated with Beth Ha-Tephila, the Asheville Jewish Community Center, the Asheville Jewish Youth Groups, Havurah, Hadassah and the UNCA Center for Jewish Studies in a community-wide Chanukah candle lighting celebration at Pack Square in downtown Asheville. The celebration included singing, dancing, a short dramatic presentation, candle lighting and refreshments.

Lee Schandler has added her services to ACTIONLINE-WLOS, a community effort in which Beth Israel Sisterhood participates.

On his return from Miami, Fla., Rabbi Pearlson reported to the Synagogue on the Biennial Convention of our United Synagogue Region. Beth Israel Synagogue was presented with four awards: our first award was for our Continuing Adult Education Group—"The Chevrah"; the second was for the content and development of their group (educational, social and religious); the third award was presented to the entire Synagogue for our commitment to providing innovative liturgical programs that integrate all age students (children through teens) on the holidays of the year; the fourth award was personally presented to Rabbi Pearlson for his support and service to United Synagogue Youth.

The Jewish Book Fair sponsored by Sisterhood Nov. 13 was a success. The following people were active in the advance and follow up team work of the community-wide affair: Debi Neimkin, Sally Katz, Marlene Joyce, Liz Nigrosh and Barbara Ribner. A special thank you to Mark Nigrosh, who spent hours at the Book Fair helping with the mountains of paper work! The workers who helped at the Fair were: Cynthia Savell, Lynne Gabai, Ruth and Morris Fox, M. J. Seidenberg, Susan Wadopian, Maggie Heller, Beatrice

Gullotta, Barbara Michalove and Laurie Teich. And finally, a BIG thank you to Kay Miller, in our office, for all her valuable assistance!

On Dec. 4, the Men's Club held a meeting and bagel and lox breakfast. Also, on Dec. 4, Barbara Miller chaired the Beth Israel Family Chanukah Celebration (a lunch). The Sunday School children performed afterwards to a very appreciative audience.

Mazel Tov to Drs. Glenn and Ronna Siegel on the birth of a son, Ezra Max Siegel.

A special thank you to Morris and Ruth Fox for their donation of a Torah Blessing plaque in memory of Manny Ehrlich.

We welcome the following new members: Joseph and Sherrill Knight, Ellen Sandweiss-Hodges, and Joel and Sandra Cuba.

Barbara Lewin, principal of the Sunday School, informs us that the children have voted to donate their Tzedakah money to the Buncombe County Animal Shelter. They will vote again in the Spring to support another worthwhile project. To add to the Sunday School news, Janet Freedman is the new teacher's aide for Carol Feingold and Connie Glassman's first and second grade class. She will also assist Barbara Lewin. Janet is a capable, certified teacher and a welcome addition to the teaching staff.

On Dec. 11, the Asheville Jewish Community Center sponsored a blood drive in coordination with the American Red Cross. Beth Israel Synagogue and Beth Ha-Tephila participated in this Chanukah Blood Drive.

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## Jewish-Black Relations

Two experts on Black-Jewish relations agreed that despite the strong coalition that developed between Blacks and Jews in the 1960's, what emerged from that era were feelings of resentment, tension and rivalry, and that today, newly thought-out solutions are required to allow the two communities to rebuild an alliance as equals.

Clarence Wood, director and CEO of the Human Relations Task Force, Chicago Community Trust, and former vice-president of the National Urban League; and Jonathan Kaufman, a Pulitzer prize winning reporter for the Boston Globe and author of *Broken Alliance: The Turbulent Times Between Blacks and Jews in America*, made their remarks at a plenary session of the American Jewish Committee's annual National Executive Council Meeting.

Mr. Wood stated in his keynote address that one of the major difficulties between Blacks and Jews today is not in accepting the reali-

ties of the problems, but in disagreeing on the solutions.

"Somehow," he stated, "we must spend more time on reducing tensions through coming to a common agreement on a remedy rather than on resolving conflicts that are the results of public statements and allegations made by our leaders.

"What we call a confrontation is often more a disagreement, and our respective leadership must learn to focus on the specifics of the disagreement rather than on the magnitude of the confrontation."

"The history of the Jewish community is obviously a critical factor in the behavior and continuing belief in the need for alliance on the part of the Jewish community, but the present condition of the African-American, rather than the history of this community, is the primary determinant factor of the behavior of the African-American community today."

He concluded: "The relationship of the past resulted in progress for both communities, but such pro-

gress was felt to be uneven. The coalitions for the future must rid this nation of the factors that continue to work against the Black community's full participation and achievement in this society."

In response, Mr. Kaufman, noting "a tendency in recent years to try and paper over the differences between Blacks and Jews, and argue that it is just a problem of some extremists or political figures on both sides," stressed that the reality of the situation is actually very different.

Mr. Kaufman added: "Though the prognosis may seem grave at times, we must not lose hope or surrender to despair and frustration. It is important for Blacks and Jews to remember just who benefits from their divisions. I sometimes feel that battles between Blacks and Jews are taking place in an arena with an audience watching—an audience that is neither Black nor Jewish, that doesn't like either side, and that gloats over our divisions."



*Some 35 Christian ministers and theologians from throughout Africa enthusiastically planted trees at JNF's Kiryat Menachem tree-planting center in Jerusalem. The participants, some of whom come from countries which do not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, attended a six-week seminar, "Agriculture in the Holy Land," sponsored by the Israeli Foreign Ministry's Division for International Cooperation.*

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## The Jewish Calendar

by Estelle Hoffman

The acquisition of knowledge by mankind is recorded in delectable fashion by Daniel Boorstin in *The Discoverers*. Many common curiosities are satisfied, and much information we do have is exposed in new light. In a section on *Time*, he writes of various calendars. His description of the Jewish calendar as "a focus of esoteric rabbinical learning" caused me to smile, and it struck me as a statement of acumen. It is not unfair to say that Jewish scholars in biblical times did not major in science; yet, they were equal to the demands of necessity.

The calendar was important, and almost from the beginning, precise calculations based on phases of both the moon and sun were formulated in a system which survives today.

Thanks to Daniel Boorstin, I learned the secret and pursued it. Once it was guarded by the Sanhedrin, the supreme court, some of whose members commanded a careful watch for the *molad*, the birth of the new moon. That committee also decreed the addition of the *leap month* to the calendar, in order to rectify it to the solar year. The total of the twelve months of the lunar calendar leaves a surplus of 11 days beyond the 354 days of the normal year.

The additional month follows Adar and is called *Adar II*. Jewish communities were notified by increasingly sophisticated means of the start of each month, *Rosh Chodesh*, and instructions were given as to which year would include the extra month. Its occurrence may seem a mystery.

Probably based on the Babylonian system, the lunar months were arranged to conform to the solar year. Otherwise, holidays would occur at varying times of the year, like those of Islam in the Mohammedan calendar, which float through seasons during a 33-year cycle. Jewish holidays have seasonal as well as religious significance, suitable to the agricultural society of our ancestors.

For example, Passover celebrates the arrival of spring, as well as The Exodus.

The secret is this formula: In a cycle of 19 years, a month is added to the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years. Adar II has 29 days. A lunar month has approximately 29½ days. The months of the Hebrew calendar have either 29 or 30 days, the prescription for which is complicated.

In the fourth century of the Common Era, after considerable dispersion of the Jews and uncertainty of the continued existence of the Sanhedrin, Hillel II divulged the secret of the calendar to the public, so that the *New Moon* and holidays could be observed at precisely the same time, wherever Jews lived. Since that time, calendars can be printed in advance. "Permanent" or 100-year calendars are available with parallel Gregorian and Jewish calendars which facilitate finding the dates of holidays, *yarzeits* or other occasions by comparison from one to the other.

Some such calendars (the Jewish calendar is called a *luach*) contain information on calculation of time from the days and weeks to the months and years and some history of the *luach*.

We are time-conscious creatures with constant curiosity about it, despite its relentless flight and the ravages it wreaks. Time is our most valuable possession, the only one that cannot be had for the asking, nor bought, stolen or recovered when it has fled, nor slowed nor hastened. Poets and philosophers have written about time throughout the ages. The best we can do is try to use it wisely.

### 5,000 Year Old Temple Found in Excavations

A 5,000 year old temple has been discovered in the Hartuv area near Beit Shemesh, southwest of Jerusalem, by an archaeological team headed by Prof. Amihai Mazar of the Hebrew University Institute of Ar-

chaeology and Prof. Pierre de Miroschedji of the French Research Center in Jerusalem.

The discovery of the temple, dating from the end of the third millennium B.C.E., and the cultic objects associated with it constitute an important contribution to the understanding of the development of religion and society in the Land of Israel some 2,000 years preceding the appearance there of Israel as a nation. The Hartuv excavations are funded by the National Geographic Society of the United States. Students from the Hebrew University and the American Institute of Holy Land Studies participated in this season's dig.

The temple was found in the center of the excavation site, which was a large settlement on the bank of the Sorek river close to Beit Shemesh. The site is referred to as Hartuv after a well known Jewish settlement (*moshava*) of the modern era, which was located nearby. The area encompasses some 30 dunams (about 7 and 1/2 acres) and existed as a settlement only during the period known by archaeologists as Early Bronze I or Proto Urban (3300-3000 B.C.E.), which was an important period in the history of the Land of Israel. During this period, agricultural villages were founded throughout the country, and their settlers were later responsible for the establishment of the urban culture which prevailed during the third millennium B.C.E.

Until recently this period was known mainly from cemeteries, and few settlements were excavated. Therefore, the discoveries at Hartuv could prove to be a unique source of information on the life of the period.

The temple, part of a complex of public buildings which has yet to be fully excavated, is the second from this period discovered thus far in the Land of Israel. The first was found some 30 years ago at Tel Megiddo. The Hartuv temple's shape is that of an elongated hall, about 15 meters long. Its ceiling was supported on a row of wooden pillars that rested on stone bases.

The ritual nature of the building is attested to by a row of standing stones ("matzevot" in Hebrew), which were placed along the southern wall of the building. Such stones are known in Canaanite and Israelite practices in much later times, and are mentioned often in the Bible. Their meaning is disputed; some think they represented various gods of the local pantheon, and others think they were used in ancestor worship, as memorial stones. In any case, the standing stones at Hartuv are one of the earliest and preserved examples of this important ritual practice discovered thus far in the Land of Israel.

The archaeologists are planning to continue their excavations in coming seasons. Preservation and reconstruction of the unique site also are being considered.

## Jewish Women

Jewish women seeking advancement in corporate America report that their progress is curbed more by their being women than their Jewishness.

This is the basic conclusion of a study by Dr. Amy L. Sales of the board leadership of top business companies and law firms in the city of Boston, done for the American Jewish Committee's Boston Chapter, and released in a booklet titled, "Women Climb the Corporate Ladder: The Boston Experience." Dr. Sales is a research associate at the Center of Applied Social Science and an assistant professor in the Dept. of Psychology at Boston University.

In pursuing the study, Dr. Sales did both a structural analysis and in-depth interviews at large utilities, insurance companies, banks, law firms and Boston's largest newspaper.

"In all major sectors of the economy," she concludes, "5 per cent seems to be the magical number for women at the top. No matter where you look, fewer than one out of every 20 people in the boardroom is

a woman." In fact, she adds, this same 5 per cent figure seems to hold both statewide, in the state of Massachusetts and nationally.

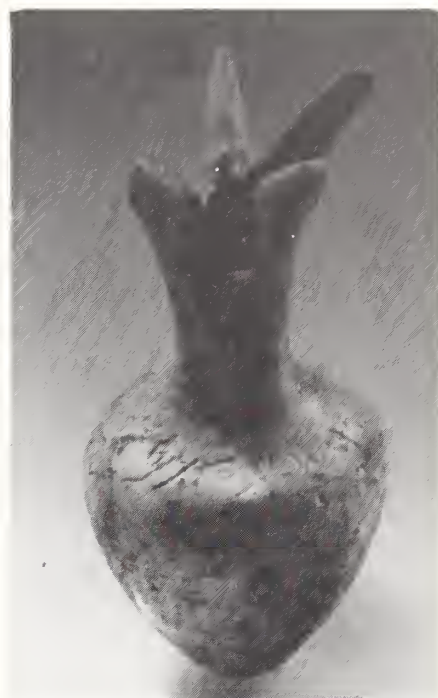
When it came to Jewish women, Dr. Sales found that they were entering the work force in increasing numbers, and were aiming for higher position. She pointed out that of the 29 companies studied, four of the companies had Jewish women directors, and that Jewish women were even more represented in law firms, with seven firms having Jewish partners.

With so few women as a basis of study, Dr. Sales acknowledged it is impossible to generalize about how Jewish women are faring in their climb to the top. But she added:

"When interviewees were asked if they thought Jewish women find it harder to reach the boardroom because of their dual minority status, they agreed that 'woman' is the stronger characteristic, representing such a major break with tradition that Jewishness becomes virtually irrelevant. As one respondent put it, 95 or 98 per cent of any discrimination experienced by Jewish women is directed toward them as women, not as Jews."

Dr. Sales wrote of one top woman executive who said she had considered early in her career whether she should use her "really identifiable Jewish married name" or her maiden name. The question was put to a non-Jewish male friend, who is quoted as having responded: "Well, Jewish and a woman, they'll cancel each other out. Because you're Jewish, they'll assume you're very smart." In other words, there was the implication that if "woman" evokes a negative stereotype, "Jewish" evokes a positive image.

Many women noted, Dr. Sales concluded, that while sex and race are highly visible, "Jewishness is not," and that since Jewish men have gained acceptance into many of Boston's higher circles, women feel that Jewish women are not blocked from advancement any more than other women are.



*Ivory pomegranate, first relic of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem (built 3,000 years ago) was donated recently to the Israel Museum. It is thumb size from mid-8th century B.C.E. and is thought to have topped a scepter carried by a Temple priest.*



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# Book Reviews



## Response to Modernity

by Dr. Michael A. Meyer

Oxford University Press 494 pp.  
\$39.95

*Response to Modernity: A History of the Reform Movement in Judaism*, the first comprehensive study of the modern Reform Movement in more than 80 years has been written by Dr. Michael A. Meyer, professor of Jewish history at the Cincinnati Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Dr. Meyer's work has been published by Oxford University Press in New York City as part of its Studies in Jewish History Series.

Based on a thorough and probing study of the relevant primary sources, *Response to Modernity* follows the Movement's history and changing configuration from its European origins and development to its greatest success in America.

"The book contains numerous new interpretations that will be of interest to Jewish and general scholars," commented Dr. Meyer. "But I have also tried to write in a way that will hold the attention of lay leaders and will enable Reform Jews to gain a better understanding of the Movement to which they belong."

Tracing the spread of religious modernization in Jewish thought and practice from its beginnings in the Jewish community of the eighteenth century, *Response to Modernity* also assesses such external influences as Protestant Christianity, biblical criticism, and Darwinism. It analyzes the major disputes that divided the Movement, especially the issue of Zionism. Sympathetic but not partisan, it dwells on the inner conflicts and weaknesses of the Reform Movement as well as its significant achievements.

Dr. Meyer presents the history of Reform Judaism not only as a Movement of liturgical reform combined with religious ideology, but as di-

rectly related to its changing social and political milieu.

The book includes an appendix, which contains the three Platforms of American Reform Judaism, and a descriptive bibliographical essay.

Scholars and religious leaders asked to comment had high praise for Dr. Meyer's work. "At long last, a superb, lucid, panoramic history of the Reform Movement from its beginnings to the present. Professor Meyer is in complete command of the sources and continually weaves the details into their larger contexts. This is narrative history of a high order and will be read with profit by anyone interested in the modern Jewish experience," said Professor Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi of Columbia University.

"A fair and comprehensive history of Reform Judaism has long been awaited. Michael Meyer has provided a masterly history, based on broad knowledge and critical sympathy.

The book's author, Dr. Meyer, was graduated with a B.A. degree with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles. He received his B.H.L. and Ph.D. degrees from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Dr. Meyer is the author of *The Origins of the Modern Jew: Jewish Identity and European Culture in Germany, 1749-1824*, and the editor of *Ideas of Jewish History*. He has published numerous articles on the religious and intellectual history of Jews in modern Europe and America.

## Love & Sex: A Modern Jewish Perspective

by Robert Gordis

Hippocrene Books  
256 pp. \$8.95 paperback

Sexual attitudes and practices have recently undergone a radical transformation. In *Love & Sex* Robert Gordis, noted Biblical scholar and

Jewish leader, presents a fair-minded and solidly researched consideration of the "new morality"—its goals, its achievements, its weaknesses. He then brings to bear on this controversial subject the most vital and significant elements of the Jewish tradition, the wisdom and insight of which transcend any ethnic or sectarian boundaries.

Dr. Robert Gordis is Professor of Bible and Rapaport Professor in the Philosophies of Religion at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and lives in New York City.

## Learning About God

by Norman Kotker

Henry Holt & Co. 200 pp. \$18.95  
by Estelle Hoffman

Chaim Fogel, the leading character in *Learning About God*, is a survivor of the Holocaust, who has lost his belief in God. He is intensely real, and although the book deals with serious and sometimes troubling matters, there is much lively humor and just a touch of sex.

In the novel, there are flash-backs to his suffering in Bergen-Belsen. Even with a supportive wife who tries to understand him, Chaim has difficulty in coping with the violent headaches which bedevil him. His physician, unfortunately, fails in his diagnosis and sends Chaim into group treatment as a psychosomatic.

Deemed an elegant novel by Daphne Merkin for *New Republic*, it is easy to read. The tale is spun without wasted words. The theme is deeper, and on completion the reader is left to contemplate "the nature of God, and how it is manifested in history, by the Holocaust, and in the life of a survivor," as stated by Hugh Nissenson, author of *The Tree of Life*. It cannot be stated more descriptively.

## The Encyclopedia of Talmudic Sages

by Gershom Bader  
Jason Aronson 876 pp. \$50.00  
by Estelle Hoffman

Translated from the original German by Solomon Katz, this *Encyclopedia of Talmudic Sages* contains biographies of "spiritual masters of Jewish Civilization." This edition is a compilation of three volumes first published in 1940.

The book is divided into three parts: Mishnah, Jerusalem Talmud and Babylonian Talmud. Since Gershom Bader gives the historical background of the lives of our Talmudic Sages, delving into the politics of their times, he brings understanding to the words they spoke.

In explaining the thinking of those who insured the survival of Judaism by preserving the Oral Law, he enables the reader to understand the spirit of those "framers" who were truly Jewish heroes.

Gershom Bader invested years of research in gathering information which enabled him to provide this compilation for us. It may well serve as a source of inspiration in a time when many look in vain for leadership.

## A Treasury of Jewish Humor

Edited by Nathan Ausubel  
M. Evans and Co. 735 pp.  
paperback \$14.95

This classic anthology of Jewish humor was published in 1951. This new edition is welcome in its paper cover and affordable price.

It defines the culture of Jewish humor as it entertains. Ausubel's selection illustrates the many facets of Jewish humor—it is laughter through the tears; it is jesting philosophy; it is born out of adversity; it comforts and it teaches. And is it funny!

From contemporaries such as S. J. Perelman and Dorothy Parker to great writers of the past such as Sholom Aleichem to the sermons of anonymous rabbis from the *shtetlach* of Eastern Europe and Russia, *A Treasury of Jewish Humor* captures the spirit of the unique heritage of Jewish humor.

Nathan Ausubel wrote the critically acclaimed *Superman: The Life of Frederick the Great*, and edited *A Treasury of Jewish Folklore*. Many of the selections in this book which appear in English for the first time are his translations.

From *A Treasury of Jewish Humor*:

"If you want to get a reputation as a wise man, agree with everybody."

"Life isn't more than a dream, but please don't wake me!"

"What's the most important thing a writer's got to have? A small appetite."

Everyone needs a copy of this book. It will, in a few moments, evoke many a smile. If you own a copy of the original edition, buy it for a gift for any occasion.

## From Jesus to Christ

by Paula Fredriksen  
Yale University Press 256 pp.  
\$22.50

by Estelle Hoffman

In writing *From Jesus to Christ*, Paula Fredriksen, associate professor of Religious Studies at the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh, describes the "Origins of the New Testament Images of Jesus."

She attempts to explain the different images by placing them in the civilization of the time in the Mediterranean world. The background is that of both Hellenism and Judaism, their characteristics and principles. The author begins by proposing to address two questions: 1. What are the different images of Jesus, and 2. How can we account historically for the development and diversity of those images, without specific records?

By examining the views of the Greeks and the Hebrews of the era, the soil which nourished the growth of the new religion, so to speak, she offers new insights and many which are not so new, but still helpful. She examines and compares Hellenism and Judaism, which were mutually attractive cultures at the time. The writers of the gospels are discussed, with the beliefs which were part of Jewish tradition, and new interpretations of the role of Jesus.

Judaism was two thousand years old when Christianity was beginning, and when its adherents challenged the legitimacy of the claims of the new faith, great competition was created. The author stops at that point.

In closing, the importance of the search for history by the modern church is noted. In writing this book, Paula Fredriksen contributes to the efforts in that direction.

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### NORMAN SCHULMAN, CREATOR OF A VISION

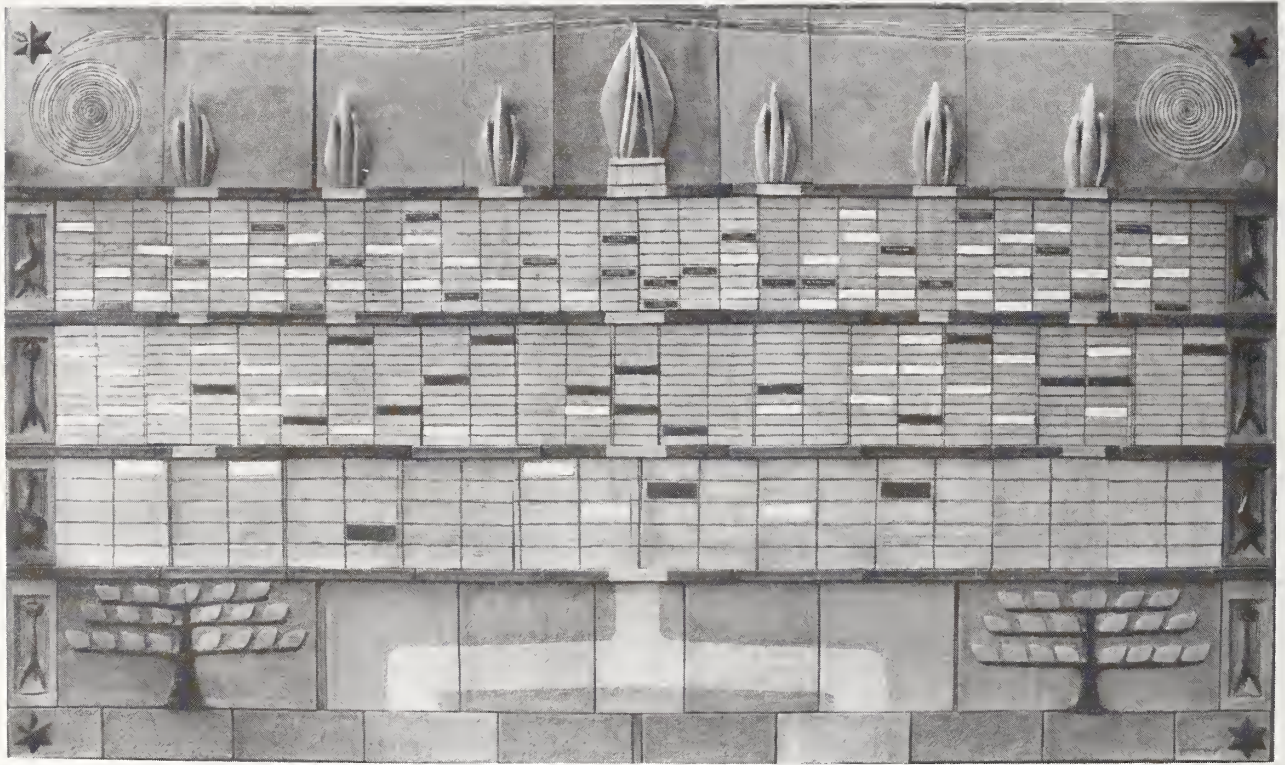
If you are lucky enough to walk past the Wall of Honor at just the right time of day, the flames of the Menorah seem to flicker and glow as they catch your eye. "That's exactly how I designed it," said Norman Schulman, "so light reflects from the glass doors and illuminates the flames."

This striking ceramic relief is also designed as a visual welcome, greeting visitors and residents with glowing color as they enter the FAIR OAKS Commons Building. The Menorah was one of four designs presented by Norman Schulman when he was commissioned to create a wall honoring contributors to the FAIR OAKS Campaign. The design visually represents the generosity of contributors. Three different levels of giving are represented by "bricks, blocks, and

*Continued on next page*



*Norman Schulman is a Jewish artist whose work is universal. His ideas, inspired by the human experience, find expression through imagination and fantasy in clay. (Photo by Gloria Schulman.)*



*Glowing shades of blue, mauve, yellow and orange define the Menorah on the Wall of Honor, an 8 x 14 foot ceramic relief, welcoming visitors as they enter FAIR OAKS Commons.*

*Norman Schulman, continued*

stones" that shape the Wall and financially "support" the Home.

Mr. Schulman chose the flaming Menorah as a "symbol of enlightenment." "We are here to improve life. To do so, one must act in an enlightened way. I want the freedom of the design to create a sense of liberation and a sense of warmth for those who are living with it."

The free flowing relief images on the wall belie the sculptural strength and the technical challenges inherent in its creation. The 8 x 14 foot ceramic relief is constructed of more than a ton of specially developed lightweight clay and glaze. The Wall was created one-fifth larger to allow for shrinkage after firing.

Having always refused large-scale wall pieces before because of the time involved, Norman spent six months creating the Wall of Honor. Why? "It is rare that I have a chance to do something truly personal," he said, "but I have strong feelings about the Home. I am grateful for the care my family has received at the Home. It was important for me to do it."

For inspiration Norman has been "looking at nature seriously all his life and at art for forty years". He studied art at Parsons School of Design, New York City; Architectural Design at New York University; and received his MFA in Ceramic Design from Alfred University.

He has taught ceramics at numerous colleges and universities; his works have been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the country. Since 1978, Norman and his wife, Gloria, have made their home in Penland, N. C., where his private studio overlooks the South Toe River.

When Norman is moved by a concept or a feeling, he expresses it in visual tones. When we look at the Wall of Honor, the light of the Menorah can lift our spirits; we can be moved by the expression of the artist's feelings about the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

# FAIR OAKS

## Stretching In New Directions



*LaQuietta Davis, Gitel Cross, and Rose Halpern share a laugh during FAIR OAKS "Happy Half-Hour," a special time of day.*



*Flora Frey, FAIR OAKS resident and expert pianist, enjoys bringing the sound of music to our ears. The pianos in BJH and FAIR OAKS, as well as the organ in the Friendship Room, are all given their turn by Mrs. Frey.*

Spend a month, a week, or a day in the FAIR OAKS Personal Care Unit and you will find ample opportunity for new experiences. The residents who have moved to FAIR OAKS from near and far are pioneers. Being the first to live in this beautiful new home, they are enjoying their new friendships and their new environment. There is always time for quiet browsing through library books, chatting with staff members, seeing a video on television, or playing the organ or baby grand piano.

More often, though, you will find residents joining together and stretching in more ways than one. Minds are being stretched with visiting lectures and programs. In November one could

learn about Medicare and tax shelters from Smith Barney Investors, Senior Adult Services at First Union Bank, Wise Investment Opportunities from Interstate Securities, or relax those brains cells and "Work With Clay" taught by the Sawtooth Center for Visual Design.

Stretching those waistlines is a popular sport, with lunch out at Susie's Diner or dinner at the New Market Grill, to vary the nutritious meals served in the dining room. A necessary sport is stretching those arms and legs at the weekly yoga and exercise classes. They are fun and provide a positive channel for emotional energy. Evening games of rummy cube and Ka-Lu-Ke

are just for fun and are also stimulating.

FAIR OAKS attracts pioneers and people willing to stretch in new directions as they begin a new life together.

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# SUE'S NEWS

## Volunteers Celebrate a Miracle



Students from Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Religious School light up the A-Wing dining room with songs as they bless the Chanukah candles.

November brought "thanks" for food, friends, family, and our fill of turkey. But we never have our fill of volunteers; they are truly something to be thankful for. We welcome new Winston-Salem volunteers who have joined our program in the past few months, assisting with activities both at the Home and on outings: Harriet and Lou Cooper and Marian and Moe Sloan (Shopping and Outing Volunteers), Dr. Brian Stone (In-Home Visitor), Debbie Kovalak, (Dental Assistant Volunteer), Dr. Mike Pollack (Outing Volunteer), and Don Freedman and Bruce and Crystal Simel (Special Event Volunteers).

December brought Chanukah; Chanukah brought festivities, children, and radiance to

the Home. Eight days of candlelighting with entertainers, visitors, and volunteers included: Viva Klezmer, Jewish folk singers from Charlotte; Rabbi Arnold Task and Sarah Strulson, Temple Emanuel, Greensboro; Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Hebrew class students; Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Preschool Shabbat and Chanukah sharing; Rabbi Wilson and Temple Israel, Charlotte, Volunteers; and, as always, the staff, family, and friends who participated. The miracle of Chanukah was truly expressed as candlelight illuminated the shining eyes of youth, the indomitable spirit of the mature, the sharing of generations, the giving hearts of our volunteers.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### JANUARY

Eleanor Altshuller  
Helen Bloch  
Ethel Dickson  
Solomon Greenberg  
Anna Hersh  
Minnie Klein  
Anna Levine  
Sigmund Meyer  
Julius Neumarkt  
Helene Patton  
Morris Resnick  
Alice Schaum  
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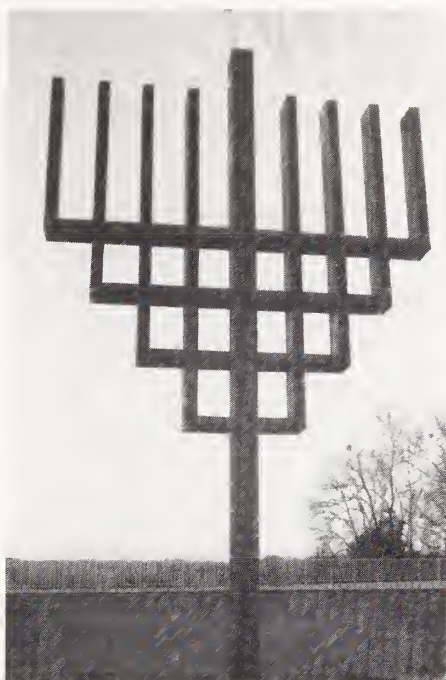
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# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- **Presidential Election** - A record turnout of 30 residents went to Clemmons to vote. Everyone appreciated the effort made by the polling staff to make their votes count!
- **A Shopping Spree** - Representatives of Comfort Clothing visit BJH twice a year to give residents the opportunity to purchase adaptive clothing, made with the special needs of older people in mind. Residents enjoy this opportunity to "shop at home."
- **Thanksgiving Service** - An interfaith Thanksgiving service was led by the Reverend Robert Fiedler. Residents and staff had the opportunity to share their thoughts on Thanksgiving together.
- **Chanukah Concert** - Viva Klezmer, Jewish Folk Musicians, delighted residents with their music Sunday, December 4, and began a week filled by Chanukah festivities.



Ann Craver, recreation therapist, participates with Reverend Fiedler during the Thanksgiving Service.



The lights of Chanukah glow in the evening sky lit by the 20 foot menorah sculpture in the BJH courtyard.

- **Reynolda House** - The Annual Holiday Party for Older Adults was worth the trip. All enjoyed the decorations, music, and treats.
- **Christmas Celebrations** - The traditional Moravian Love Feast set the mood for December 22. Children from Stepping Stones Day Care set the spirit with songs on December 23.
- **Year-End Party** - Residents and staff helped ring in 1989 with a swinging good time, featuring the Stardusters Band.

## A Time for Sharing Together

So, at this Thanksgiving, you want to know what I'm thankful for. As a matter of fact, I'm thankful for many, many things that they are almost too numerous to mention.

I'm truly thankful for the gift of life — that I'm alive and active.

For heaven and earth and everything therein.

For this wonderful, beautiful, and marvelous nation of ours.

For liberty, freedom and the right to pursue happiness and whatever religion I choose.

For my wife and the thousand things she did for me, my caring family, and my friends and acquaintances.

Indeed, I'm thankful for every second, every hour and day, and every month and year that I've lived and may live.

In fact, everyone, I'm truly thankful for all and everything that the Great Architect has given and blessed me with.

-Sigmund Meyer

*(Thoughts shared at the Thanksgiving Service)*



Mary Cohen gives a big greeting to Rabbi Wilson and the Charlotte volunteers.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE  
MONTH  
November, 1988**



**Susie White**  
Accounting Department

BJH is proud to announce the selection of Susie White as November's Employee of the Month. Susie began work in the Accounting Department in September, 1980, and since then, the Home has been the recipient of her excellent performance. Being a perfectionist in her work, Susie watches every invoice, keeps account of every penny and has a dual control system, one on paper and one in her head. After years of manual accounting, the move to computerization was a welcomed challenge by Susie. This seems to epitomize Susie's attitude regarding both her work and her life.

Lydia Sparrow, controller and accounting supervisor, says she has learned a great deal from Susie, who is always ready with an answer or willing to research any question. "She always has

**WELCOME**

May you have a long, healthy,  
and happy life.

Mary Barrett  
*Winston-Salem, N. C.*

Mary Bennett  
*Winston-Salem, N. C.*

Theresa Goldstein  
*Lodi, N. J.*

Deborah Jaffe  
*Pfafftown, N. C.*

Celia Kosch  
*Charlotte, N. C.*

Alfreda Shaw  
*Winston-Salem, N. C.*

a positive attitude, does her work cheerfully and is always ready to do for others without expecting anything in return." As co-chairman of BJH's United Way Campaign, Susie brings recognition to the Home and results for United Way. Last year BJH received an achievement award for a 273% increase in employee participation. "Her energy is boundless," says Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing.

Susie's positive attitude is conveyed best by her own words. "I am happy to be here and always want to be of help when I can. I love people and enjoy the personal contact. I am grateful for this honor and want to thank my fellow staff members for the acknowledgment."

Congratulations, Susie, you are a friend to the Home and especially deserving of this honor.

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in January and February:

**13 YEARS**  
Cathy Chilton, *RN Unit Manager, A-Wing*

**12 YEARS**  
Carolyn Bright, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

**11 YEARS**  
Betty Gentry, *RN, B-2*  
Ruth Howell, *Dietary*

**10 YEARS**  
Sue Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

**8 YEARS**  
Joan Lennon, *RN, B-2*  
Catherine Smith, *Craft Shop*

**6 YEARS**  
Jack Hardy, *Dietary*

**2 YEARS**  
Bonnie East, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*  
Denise Goodwin, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*  
Cherie Howard, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*  
Ray Hull, *Housekeeping*  
June Ireland, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*  
Lynn Wahoski,  
*Dir., Res. Activities*

**1 YEAR**  
Reginald Archie, *Housekeeping*  
Linda Bean, *LPN, FAIR OAKS*  
Judy Hicks, *Dietary*  
Karen Money, *Dietary*  
Yolanda Phelps, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*  
Doris Stroud, *Accounting*  
Brenda Tilley, *Housekeeping*  
Karen Wyatt, *Business Office*

# Lynn Wahoski Appointed Director of Resident Activities

Lynn Wahoski, newly-appointed Director of Resident Activities, is excited about this new opportunity. A recent recipient of the Employee of the Month award, Lynn has been a dedicated recreation therapist at the Home since February, 1987. In 1982, Lynn received a B. S. in Therapeutic Recreation from the University of Illinois. Before coming to BJH, Lynn's experience included work with infants, children, handicapped, mentally retarded and psychotic adults.

Her favorite aspect of her work at BJH, Lynn says, has been the time spent with the residents. "They have become like my own grandparents. I enjoy learning about their past and I take their advice seriously."

We are looking forward to having Lynn in this new position. Her office is in the FAIR OAKS Commons and, as she says, "my door is always open."



*Lynn Wahoski welcomes new BJH resident Pauline Kartus from Salisbury, N. C.*

## Calendar January/February

### January

- 3** Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 6** Leave for Services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 8** Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 10** Senior Citizens' Lunch, leave for Clemmons 9:45 a.m.
- 20** Shopping Trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem 9:30 a.m.
- 22** Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

### February

- 3** Leave for Services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 5** Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 7** Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 14** Senior Citizens' Lunch, leave for Clemmons 9:45 a.m.  
Valentine's Dance, Commons Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 17** Shopping Trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 19** Brenner Concert, Commons, Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

## IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of  
Mae Cartwright  
Phoebe Emmons  
Marian Kanter  
Abe Sack  
May their  
cherished memories  
bring comfort to their  
loved ones.

# What's Developing?

## Membership Time Is Here

by Wayne Silverman

As we enter the new year, we receive that gentle reminder of our BJH membership. "Why," you might ask, "is there a membership program at the Blumenthal Jewish Home?" There are a number of reasons for and benefits of membership.

- **Annual Membership in BJH helps you feel a permanent part of our family.** Even if you have no family members here, do not volunteer, or have not even visited, membership keeps you connected to those who depend on us and helps maintain the only Jewish Home in the Carolinas.

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# The Great Debate

## A Purim Shpiel for Three Acts

by Rabbi Robert J. Eisen

(Beth Meyer Synagogue, Raleigh, N.C.)

### Background:

In the spirit of the recent electoral process in the U.S. as well as Israel, it has been decided, once and for all, to resolve the issue of how best to survive into the future as a people. Set in the format of a debate, the question at hand concerns that food item which both symbolically and nutritionally will insure that there is a future to/for the American Jewish community. Videotapes of the debate will be distributed to all Synagogues for presentation EREV ROSH HASHANA. . . with a vote by secret ballot on KOL NIDRE. Results will be tabulated during SUKKOT. And, the winner will be proclaimed as the "chicken soup" for the 21st century—from that point on, it will be required in every kitchen (and any other place Jews gather—if there is any!).

### The Setting:

A well lit room with a round table (preferably a table with a top which rotates so no one party has precedence over another). Three place settings should be set around this table; each to include similar plates, napkins and cutlery. If using disposable place-settings, please insure that they are new.

### The "Acts":

*The Latke:* Symbolic of HANUKKAH, this food item should present itself as the rebel. Though the questions of cholesterol and/or starch content could be raised, the latke should be prepared to stand up for its rights as the sole legitimate spokesperson for the Jewish people. Time and again, the latke has warmed our hearts to what it means to live as Jews, especially in this modern era. The "December Dilemma" is much more widespread than we could care to admit. . . finally to recognize the *latke* as the perpetual reminder of HANUKKAH (which it is) would help us keep the spirit of the MACABEES burning brightly throughout our lives.

*The Hamantaschen:* Symbolic of PURIM, this food item should present itself as the seducer. The merry-making, feasting and masquerading, characteristic of PURIM have served as a much needed respite from the all too serious way in which we approach life during the greater part of the year. Just as the masquerading can be viewed as a means of hiding from evil in order to cope with it, so can it serve as a technique for dealing with any other problems which might come our way. Don't worry, be happy. . . and have a bite of a HAMENTASCHEN. The various fillings remind us of the pluralistic nature of the American Jewish community. . . the three corners standing

for the pillars of our existence: G-d, Torah and Israel. As Esther worked within the system (she was on the King's "staff") so should we allot our greatest efforts in a similar vein.

*The Cheeseburger:* (preferably made with soy burgers or imitation cheese in keeping with the dietary laws): Symbolic of nothing particularly Jewish (except perhaps our reputation for invention, innovation and marketing/business acumen), this food item should present itself as the assimilationist. Why is it so important to be different? If we became like everyone else, we would all be the same, and therefore, the whole world could be considered Jewish. . . now that is what I call survival! Properly prepared with the right garnish and condiments (especially if we dispose of Kashrut), the cheeseburger contains elements of all of the basic food groups and is thus nutritionally sound.

### The rules:

Very simple. . . we will make them up as we go along! Each food item will have a few minutes to prepare, after which we will call for opening statements. The floor will then be open for questions, comments, recipes and/or counter arguments. Though we are not looking for a "food-fight" (common courtesies will be expected), creativity in thought and presentation are encouraged.

### Things to consider:

1) What does your food item symbolize? Is it associated with a particular holiday? Why? What is the theme of that holiday?

2) What is the significance of your food item? Why should we eat it? What will your item help us recall? What are the sociological implications of your item (i.e. if all Jews were to eat \_\_\_\_\_ at least on \_\_\_\_\_ we would be reminded of \_\_\_\_\_ and inspired to \_\_\_\_\_).?

3) Why is your food item more significant than any of the others? What do they really have to offer us (especially as symbols)? Are the others just agents for indigestion and assimilation?

4) When the month of ADAR comes, we are, according to the rabbis, to be happy. How can our celebration of PURIM (better: the way we live our lives as Jews) help us discover the joy that can be ours when as Jews we live Jewish lives.)

Good luck and "B'TAI-A-VON"

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ters can be published.

## From the Editor

Purim reminds us of all the Hamans  
throughout history who have wanted to  
destroy the Jewish people and their  
institutions. Unfortunately, there are in-  
dividuals and hate groups today which  
are threatening Jewish life again in the  
"land of freedom"—the United States of  
America.

The following report of *ADL Audits  
1988* was sent to us by Ira Gissen, Direc-  
tor of the North Carolina/Virginia Region  
of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai  
B'rith.

We need to be aware of these anti-  
Semitic incidents when we whir the  
*groggers* on Purim.

## To the Editor

### ADL Audits 1988 Anti-Semitic Incidents

Anti-Semitic incidents in 1988 reached  
their highest levels in more than five  
years, according to the annual nation-  
wide audit conducted by the Anti-Defa-  
mation League of B'nai B'rith. The audit  
revealed an increase of 18.5 percent in  
anti-Jewish vandalism, including arson,  
bombings and swastika daubings, and a  
41 percent increase in harassment,  
threats and assaults against Jews, Jew-  
ish institutions or property over the fig-  
ures for 1987. In North Carolina there  
were five anti-Semitic incidents in 1988,  
whereas there were none reported in  
1987.

The findings were made public Jan.  
26 by Ira Gissen, Director of the North  
Carolina/Virginia Region of the ADL.

The audit reflects incidents reported  
in 40 states, the District of Columbia and  
Puerto Rico, as gathered in the two  
separate categories by the League's  
regional offices and by law enforcement  
officials. The results showed:

- 823 vandalism incidents in 1988 as  
against 694 the year before.

- 458 incidents in the harassment  
category compared to 324 reported in  
1987.

- More than twice the number of  
serious crimes—from 12 in 1987 to 28 in  
1988, the highest total in the last five  
years.

- A sharp jump in the number of col-  
lege campuses on which anti-Jewish  
incidents ranging from vandalism to  
harassment occurred—38 campuses  
compared to 14 in 1987.

The audit, compiled by the Research  
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vision, revealed that the highest number  
of anti-Semitic incidents occurred in  
New York State with 208 in the vandal-  
ism category and 115 in the harassment,  
threats and assaults category. Califor-  
nia was next with 121 vandalisms and 49  
harassments, followed by Florida with  
89 vandalisms and 40 harassments and  
New Jersey with 67 vandalisms and 30  
harassments. As in previous years, ap-  
proximately 90% of those arrested were  
under 21 years of age.

The ADL cited the following as major  
factors in the 1988 upsurge in anti-  
Semitic incidents:

- The 50th anniversary of Kristall-  
nacht.

- An unusually large number of inci-  
dents in the South. For example, in ad-  
dition to the increase in Florida, vandalism  
in Texas was up from seven incidents in  
1987 to 23 in 1988; in Georgia, the  
number jumped from 15 in 1987 to 22 in  
1988 and in the harassment category  
from 13 in 1987 to 23 in 1988; Alabama  
and Tennessee, which had no incidents  
of vandalism in 1987, had eight each last  
year and Tennessee went from no ha-  
rassment incidents in 1987 to nine in  
1988.

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## Purim

by Estelle Hoffman

The Book of Esther in the Bible, known as *Megillat Esther*, tells the story of Purim, which occurs on the 14th day of the month of Adar in the Jewish calendar. Since this is a leap year in the Jewish calendar, there are two months of Adar, and Purim will be celebrated the 14th day of Adar II, corresponding to March 21, 1989.

The *Megillah* is read on the evening preceding the day of Purim and again the following morning. Thanks to American Jewish comedians, the word *Megillah* has slipped into the English language spoken here, describing a long, intricate procedure commonly illustrated as the U.S. Income Tax form.

*Purim* means *lots*, which were cast to determine the day on which the Jews were to be slaughtered in the kingdom of Ahasuerus, Media/Persia. Tipped off by her Uncle Mordecai, Esther, who was a favorite in the King's court, revealed her Jewishness and saved the Jews. Haman, the King's prime minister, who had hatched the anti-Semitic plot, became the target of his own plan, and the Jews celebrated in unrestrained victory. The decree was issued that the date be observed thereafter by feasting and jollity, and so it came to pass until today.

Meanwhile, the story served as a reminder to Jews during long years of persecution that it is possible to triumph over a wicked tyrant. The villain of Purim was not King Ahasuerus, but Haman, and it is the sound of his name during the reading of the *Megillah* which signals a call for noise to block it out. Children twirl their *graggers*, stamp their feet and prolong the reading of the Scroll, which cannot proceed until there is silence until the next mention of *Haman*.

Besides carnival and parade, feasting is a tradition of Purim. Through our long history, special foods have become customary in many lands. Best known to us are

*Hamantaschen*, which literally translates into Haman's pockets, but which are generally regarded as Haman's ears. No doubt they were called pockets because they are filled pastries. Commercial *Hamantaschen* are usually large triangles made of yeast dough, filled with very sweet poppyseed or prune mixtures. Home made pastries of cookie dough, flaky pie crust, or cream cheese pastry can please different preferences.

Whatever kind of dough is used, the finished shape should be triangular, like the shape of Haman's tri-cornered hat, or, if you wish, the three corners may represent the three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was Esther's heritage from them which gave her the strength for her heroic act in approaching the formidable King.

In *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook*, Gloria Kaufer Greene tells the interesting fact that Jews from Persia, the scene of the first Purim, do not eat any kind of *Hamantaschen*, but instead a rich cookie which is fried in deep oil. This year we offer an easy, tasty cookie dough from *Jewish Holiday Kitchen* by Joan Nathan, for a traditionally western variety.

### Hamantaschen

2/3 cup pareve margarine or butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
2-1/2 - 3 cups sifted flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
dash of salt

Cream shortening with sugar. Add egg and continue creaming until smooth. Add vanilla. Stir in sifted flour, baking powder and salt until a ball of dough is formed. (A food processor is excellent for this.)

Chill for 2-3 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375°.

Taking 1/4 of the dough, roll out on a lightly floured board to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Cut into 2-inch circles. With your fingers put water around the rim of the circle. Fill with 1 tsp. poppyseed, nut or commercial filling and fold into three-cornered cookies. Press two sides together, and then fold the third side over and press the ends together.

Bake on well greased cookie sheet 10-16 minutes, until the tops are golden.

Another filled three cornered pastry which is traditional for Purim, as well as the Eve of Yom Kippur and Simhat Torah, is *kreplakh*. I cannot resist suggesting *kreplakh* for a Purim menu, because a pasta machine was my exciting Chanukah gift. *Jewish Holiday Kitchen* has a wonderful introduction to Joan Nathan's recipe. She discusses the possible origins of the food and explains the word *kreplakh* comes from the French *crepelle*. We are reminded that although they are usually served in soup, they may be fried after they are boiled, and then they are Chinese *wonton*. I found this paragraph especially intriguing:

The meat of the *kreplakh* symbolizes inflexible justice; the soft noodle dough denotes compassion. The *kreplakh* are, then, a metaphor, a suggestion that the attribute of God's strict justice will be mellowed on the side of mercy.

### Meat Kreplakh

#### Filling:

1 small onion, chopped  
3/4 lb. ground meat (at least half-cooked) or leftover brisket, chopped  
1 egg  
salt and pepper to taste

Saute the onion with the ground meat. Remove excess fat. Combine with egg and salt and pepper to taste.

#### Noodle Dough

3 eggs  
3/4 tsp. salt  
2 Tbsp. water  
2 cups all purpose flour

Beat eggs slightly. Add salt, water and enough flour to make a medium soft dough. Knead well by hand or in the food processor. Divide the dough into 2 balls. Cover with a moist towel. (Let stand 20 minutes.) Working quickly, roll out 1 ball of dough very thin with a rolling pin (if you have no pasta machine) and cut into 6 strips, each 1 1/2 inches wide. Then cut into pieces 1 1/2 inches square. Place 1/2 tsp. meat mixture on each square. Fold into a triangle and press edges together firmly, using flour to bind. Repeat with second ball of dough.

Drop into boiling water and cook, uncovered, 15 minutes. Makes about 60. *Note:* After being formed, the *kreplakh* can be placed on a cookie sheet, frozen, and then transferred to plastic bags for freezer storage.



## Purim: Humor in Jewish Religion

by Rabbi Irving Greenberg

One of the most surprising elements in Judaism is the salience of humor within the sacred realm. The classic example is Purim, the holiday with a sense of humor. The central feature of the holiday is the reading of the Book of Esther in the form of a rollicking historical picaresque story with reversals, unmasking of characters, dark depressions and 'Perils of Pauline' escapes. On this day, we are commanded to get drunk, says the Talmud, tongue in cheek. In the synagogue, the tone of levity is set by the booing and hissing of Haman, and, in many services, the burlesque of the traditional *Nusach* (melodic line) by mixing in high holidays and other inappropriate melodies into the evening service. At home, there is the parody *Kiddush*—a pastiche of bits of verses, which run on, one into the other, without real meaning (example: *Aleynu le-shabeach la'adon/Adon olam asher malach*, etc.). There are also folk traditions of carnivals, Purim *shpiel*, and Purim mummers—all designed to create a riotous and laughing situation. What is the connection of humor and holiness?

Behind the humor are some very serious affirmations. Laughter is a unique reflection of Judaism's conception of life and reality. One of the Torah's central positive teachings is that there is no God. The obverse implication of this teaching is that there is no other God. This means that Jews not only teach monotheism, Jews teach against idolatry. If you believe in the infinite One God, then everything else is relative. No other deity, no other value source, no other power, has the right to claim that absolute status.

If others claim that they are God, *i.e.*, if they decide what is right and wrong, if they demand absolute loyalty, then they are idols. To be a Jew is to fight idolatry. The *Midrashim* about Abraham's earliest years des-

cribe him as a child smashing the idols in his father's shop; this is his introduction to becoming a Jew. Thus, the existence and the witness of the Jews is a challenge to absolutes everywhere—which is why so much anti-Semitism has been directed against Jews by other faiths and other political systems that demanded absolute loyalty to themselves.

But how shall we fight idolatry? One of the real dangers is that if we try to refute and argue with the absolute claims of the idols, that very argument gives them dignity and significance. The presumptuousness of the demand for absolute loyalty on the part of human systems is best undermined by mockery and laughter, which puncture pretensions without giving weight to the other. Nothing is more appropriate than humor, then, to destroy the claims of idolatry.

Just as idolators absolutize their deities, so do people tend to give infinite weight to their own contemporary situation and conditions. We are obedient to the norms of our society; we stand in awe of the authority claims addressed to us in our own lives. In a way, this is our idolatry. When people will sacrifice all ethics and religion for the sake of making money, then money has become god. When people kill or drop all their values because of a totalitarian system that demands it, then this is the contemporary idolatry. Humor comes to the rescue by 'debunking' the present situation. The desperate humor in Purim is poking fun at the awful power of evil in a world where a hateful individual (Haman) can consign a whole people to genocide, and a drunken king can remove his ring and endanger the survival of a whole people. Humor and satire tell us that this structure of the world is not absolute; there is something beyond it.

One of the amazing things about the record of the Holocaust is how Jews were able to use humor in the face of the most absolute evil of all



time in order to reassert their human values.

In Auschwitz, they told the story of a pitiful freezing band of Jewish prisoners being marched in the coldest winter, gradually expiring from exhaustion. Their guard had them maintain military precision as they walked on the muddy, swamplike paths which passed for streets in Auschwitz. Taunting them, he ordered them to repeat after him and call out with military smartness the location they were at. The guard called out, "Goering Strasse!" The prisoners replied, calling, "Goering Strasse!" On the next path, the guard called out, "Goebbels Allee!" The prisoners replied, "Goebbels Allee!" They reached the open field where they stood for roll call, and the guard shouted out, "Hitler Platz!" The prisoners replied: "Amen!"

This relativization of the absolute authority of humans is the affirmation that every Jew—even the most secular and most atheist—can make. "You *can* kill us but you are not absolute," was the message.

But why do we satirize our own traditions and not just those of the evil ones? The answer is that the ultimate Jewish claims of faith are truly dissonant with the world as we know it. Judaism affirms that this is a world in which life will overcome death. Yet everywhere people die. Judaism affirms that the ultimate truth is justice and human dignity. Yet everywhere people die of hunger and oppression and sickness and neglect. Judaism affirms that God has created a good world, and someday this will be manifest in every aspect of life. Yet, in this interim

world, there is cancer and persecution and slavery.

How, then, do we make our affirmations? Are we ignorant of the facts? Do we have a certitude that denies the truth of reality? The Jewish answer is that we are expressing faith. Faith is a vision of a truth that will yet come into being, backed by a commitment to make it happen. Faith is trust in the divine promise that ours is not a quixotic mission but that the situation of redemption can be attained and realized in this world. Humor is the most appropriate way to express this faith. Humor simultaneously affirms and admits the present limitations. Thereby, it shows that ours is true faith—neither oblivious to the facts that contradict nor afraid to affirm that the vision will finally triumph. Through humorous affirmation, Jews admit that we follow God not because our truth is a fact, yet, but because we have trust in the Divine. Humor, then, balances and gives integrity to our faith affirmations.

The ancient prophet Isaiah promised that in the day of final redemption, the lion will lie down with the lamb. A modern Jewish commentator, Woody Allen, pointed out: When the lion lies down with the lamb, the lamb doesn't sleep very well at night. The prophet's dream fires the unyielding Jewish determination to bring the world to lasting peace. But to act on this dream totally now—*i.e.*, to disarm now—would be suicidal. The contemporary humorist reminds us that we must have armies and states and political power and engage in the day-to-day morally ambiguous policies that will bring us to the final redemption. Thus, laughter preserves our integrity and our sanity together.

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## Our Loving Dominion over Creation

Excerpts from *Toward a Judeo-Christian Environmental Ethic* by Valerie S. Hinkley, *Cry North Carolina*, a publication of Land Stewardship Council, December 1988

The environmental movement has a record of igniting controversy with gloomy predictions about impending disasters, many of which are incomprehensible. While slowly gaining popularity, environmentalism still has not become integrated into the popular culture. . . Furthermore, our religious communities and institutions have also neglected the moral and spiritual dimensions of an environmental ethic. . .

Our reliance on the integrity of private property is killing us; one person's industrial or commercial use of property can be a death sentence for neighboring families, towns, states or the world. . .

Our religious communities and institutions have likewise failed to move us in that direction (of environmental prophecy). Creation suffers from benign neglect. We are complacent about our God-given teachings on a loving dominion over Creation. At the hands of our political and economic institutions, the environment suffers from inadequate protective policies. And within the mainstream culture, the environment suffers from misguided notions about the inviolability of private property rights. Meanwhile, our castles and our health are under attack by insidious pollution, both from within and without. . .

I also believe that our religious communities and institutions are overlooking their responsibility to teach, lead and guide us toward those spiritual values which inform a moral environmental ethic. As people of God, we have a responsibility to one another and to God. Praise and thanksgiving to God for the mystery and wonderment of Creation are inseparable from our theology and public forms of worship.

Yet, we are seldom urged or challenged to account, individually or corporately, to our faith for our prodigal use of God's gift. The Psalms offer some of the most splendid and moving poetry ever written about Creation. The Book of Leviticus is quite specific about how we should treat and care for the land and real property. References to Creation throughout the Hebrew Bible exemplify how to have loving dominion over the earth and honor God by its just and proper care. . .

Our faith is tested by our actions. As we journey through this life not heeding the call, we carelessly spoil the earth and shamelessly renounce God. . . the religious communities generally acquiesce and remain silent.

. . . Each congregation can and should be called to be the nucleus of an energetic environmental witness to the larger community. . . Spirituality wedded to environmentalism has the potential to transform the

earth and save us from our self-inflicted pollution.

## The Jewish Museum New York City

The Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. announces its new exhibits.

FROM SEDER TO STELLA: THE ART OF PASSOVER IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE JEWISH MUSEUM will be shown until Oct. 19, 1989. This exhibit contains over 35 works, including ceremonial objects used in observance of Passover and examples of 20th century art.

ROBERT CAPA: PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ISRAEL 1948-1950 runs from March 28 through July 5, 1989. 110 black and white photographs by Robert Capa, document the birth and early years of the State of Israel.

The Jewish Museum is open Sunday through Thursday. For further information, call (212)860-1860.

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## **11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, Charleston, S.C. March 27-30, 1989**

Rabbi David Saperstein, Co-Director and Counsel of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C., will be the banquet speaker for the 11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, March 27-30, at the Omni Hotel in Charleston.

The purpose of the National Workshop is to provide a forum for dialogue, reconciliation, and increased understanding between these two families of faith. Each of these three day national events focuses on a central theme, usually with a keynote speaker of international stature and three major presenters as well as a variety of small-group workshops. Small group topics will range from the Holocaust, to ethics, to racism, to theology, to exchanges between various regional dialogue groups. Past Workshops have attracted hundreds of participants nationally and internationally.

The history of the Workshop started in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1972. It then continued on to such major cities as: St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore and Minneapolis in November 1987. The Workshops are held every 18 months and are planned as far ahead as 1990 with the 12th National Workshop to be held in Chicago, Ill.

Charleston was chosen for this year's National Workshop because of its great wealth of religious history. Charleston is the site of the oldest Reform Jewish Congregation in North America, and home of some of the oldest Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Southern Baptist churches in the United States. Charleston was also chosen for its noted history of working dialogue between Christians and Jews.

The Workshops will begin Monday evening, March 27, and run through Thursday morning, March 30. The cost of an entire workshop registration will be \$80 and one day registration can be purchased at the

Workshop registration table on the Mezzanine level of the Omni Hotel, 140 Market Street, Charleston.

For further information and a brochure, please write Rev. Dr. Russell B. Norris, Jr., P. O. Box 3663, Columbia, S.C. 29230, or phone (803) 786-7115.

## **Summer Tours Planned For the Disabled**

Imagine praying at the Western Wall and swimming in the Dead Sea. Imagine hopping onto a San Francisco trolley and laughing on the rides in Disneyland. Many developmentally disabled young adults don't have to imagine anymore. These young adults have, during the last few summers, shared these experiences as participants in the YACHAD Summer Tours, a special feature of YACHAD/NCSY for the Developmentally Disabled. And what's more, they shared these travels, b'YACHAD, together, with their non-handicapped peers reflecting YACHAD's mainstreaming design.

YACHAD/NCSY is pleased to announce that the YACHAD Israel Summer Seminar, its three week tour of Israel, will once again take place this summer. Participants will depart on July 11 and will return on Aug. 1. The cost is \$2000. The YACHAD Cross Country Tour will depart for the West Coast on July 16 and will return on July 30. The cost of YACHAD Cross Country Tour is \$1500. Both tours are open to high functioning developmentally disabled teens and young adults ages 18-30. All participants are subject to an interview.

For more information and for applications for YACHAD Summer Tours or for more information about YACHAD's network of social, recreational and Jewish educational programs write: YACHAD/NCSY, 70 West 36th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018 or call the YACHAD office (212) 244-2011.

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## **Jewish National Fund Honors Senator Terry Sanford**

The Jewish National Fund honored N.C. Senator Terry Sanford at a gala tribute dinner, Feb. 26 in Chapel Hill.

Chairmen of the dinner committee included J. Adam Abram, partner, The Adaron Group; Arthur Cassell, chairman of the board, Casard Furniture Manufacturing Corporation; Emanuel J. Evans, former Mayor of Durham, N.C.; Joel Fleishman, senior vice president of Duke University; James B. Hunt, partner, Poyner & Spruill; William Joslin, partner, Joslin, Culbertson & Sedberry; Lee M. Marcus, past president of Durham/Chapel Hill Jewish Federation; Prezell R. Robinson, president, St. Augustine's College; James Semans, chairman, Mary Duke Biddle Foundation; Mary Semans, chairman, Duke Endowment; Woodrow C. Teague, senior partner, Teague, Campbell, Dennis, and Gorham; and Leroy T. Walker, chancellor emeritus, North Carolina Central University.

At the dinner, Senator Sanford received JNF's most prestigious tribute, the "Tree of Life" Award, presented in recognition of outstanding professional and humanitarian leadership. The award also acknowledges Sanford's concern and support for the betterment of American-Israeli relations. Former recipients of JNF's "Tree of Life" Award include Bob Hope, Donald Trump, and Ted Turner.

Senator Sanford has held positions of public trust, including Governor of the State of North Carolina, president of Duke University, and United States Senator from North Carolina. An author of three books, he has also written and lectured on topics of regional and national concern.

JNF is the agency responsible for afforestation, land reclamation, building roads and highways, and the greening of the Negev Desert in Israel.

# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Hadassah Members Hold Hunger Strike March 8

Members of the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, will join Jewish women *refuseniks* of the Soviet Union to protest Soviet emigration and human rights policies.

Roz Cooper, the Charlotte chapter's Soviet Jewry chair, said the local hunger strike set for March 8, International Women's Day, is part of a nationwide Hadassah effort to focus public attention on the continuing plight of Soviet Jewry.

The national event is the fulfillment of a promise made to the protesting women *refuseniks* by a group of Hadassah leaders during a visit to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev last spring.

"We vowed that we would not let the world forget their courage in the face of repression that is still a fact of Soviet life," Mrs. Cooper said. "Our action on March 8 is a modest symbol of the enormous hunger for freedom and justice that Soviet Jews must live with every day."

Local Hadassah members are also joining in a national letter writing campaign to let Soviet *refuseniks* and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev know of the American women's solidarity with the Jews of the U.S.S.R.

"We urge all women to join with us in this effort," Mrs. Cooper added. "We are expressing our support not only for Soviet Jewry, but also for the cause of freedom and justice everywhere."

## Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Superintendent Peter Relic will be the featured guest during Temple Israel's Dinner-Dialogue on Friday,



Dr. Peter Relic

March 17, 1989. Dr. Relic and Rabbi Marc Wilson will discuss "The School as Teacher of Values: Whose Values? Which Values?"

The evening will start with a Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:15 p.m., followed by Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m. The dialogue will begin at 8:30 p.m., and Kaddish/Yahrzeit will be recited at the conclusion of the program. Supervised children's activities are available.

No reservations are required for the dialogue. Dinner reservations are \$9.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children, and may be made by calling the Temple office at 376-2796. Please join us for a stimulating discussion on a controversial and timely subject.

### People Power Weekend

A special Staff Appreciation service on Friday evening kicked off the "People Power" weekend, Jan. 27-29. Our secretarial, bookkeeping, custodial and kitchen staff were honored for their competent and caring service to the Temple. The Saturday morning Shabbat service was conducted entirely by congregants and was followed by "Cholent a la (Rabbi) Wilson." That evening, Temple Israel hosted Daniel Schorr's first presentation as the 1989 I.D. Blum-

enthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence.

Veteran broadcaster and National Public Radio news analyst Daniel Schorr commented on the Reagan legacy and possible developments in the Mideast.

Saturday evening Schorr addressed an audience of about 325 people on "America in the Post-Reagan World." Schorr outlined three factors emerging from the Reagan administration. On the domestic front, new programs that might creatively address continuing problems are not being proposed due to our massive budget deficits. In foreign affairs, Reagan moved from a "good guys vs. bad guys" posture to peacemaker. Bush's challenge will be to substitute the traditional U.S. view of a bi-polar world with the recognition that most world problems are now shared by the U.S. and Russia.

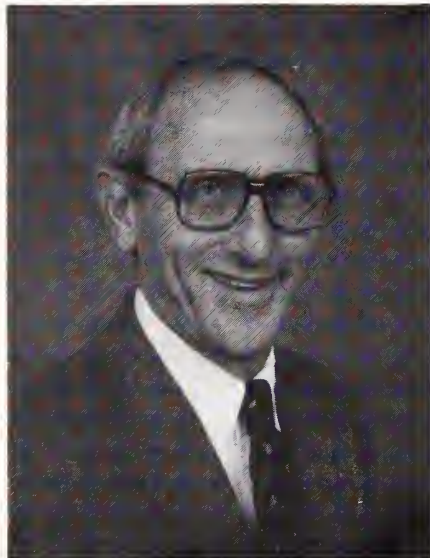
One of Bush's most difficult assignments will be to govern following Reagan, a president who, in Schorr's opinion, did not govern but who did inspire a large segment of the nation with his vision of "Morning in America." Schorr was also concerned that Bush has not yet set an agenda and may therefore react to events rather than initiate them.

On Sunday morning, Schorr spoke to an audience of about 400 people on "America, Israel and the Mideast in the Post-Reagan World." *The Charlotte Observer* reported that Schorr is convinced that the U.S. government will soon begin discussions with the PLO, that Schorr has questions about the future of Soviet President Gorbachev, and that he has concerns about a replacement for George Shultz as an inside advocate for Israel.

Temple Israel celebrated Sisterhood Shabbat weekend on Feb. 10-11. Sisterhood members and other women of the congregation conducted the Friday and Saturday services.

## Mark Bernstein's Play Premieres in Charlotte March 4

by Andrea Cooper



Mark Bernstein

Few theater performances revive a distinguished tradition and heard a new playwright at the same time. But the renewed Golden Circle Theatre, one of the city's oldest companies, will create that theatrical event with the debut of Charlottean Mark Bernstein's historical drama, "A Scroll from Bar Kokhba."

Produced by Golden Circle Theatre Artistic Director Judy Simpson Cook, directed by Terry Loughlin, and co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, the saga of Jewish-Roman conflict will be presented in a gala premiere on Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. will follow.

Tickets for the Saturday night Patrons' gala, which features hors d'oeuvres, desserts and wines following the performance, are \$100 per couple (\$75 of which is tax-deductible). Tickets for the Sunday matinee are \$10 each, general admission. Both performances will be staged in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park; both benefit the Golden Circle Theatre and the Jewish Community Center.

"A Scroll from Bar Kokhba," set in 132 C.E., explores one rabbi's powerful emotional conflict during a time of vast political strife.

The conflict begins when the Jews rebel against Roman Emperor Hadrian for his decision to build a Roman capitol on the ruins of Jerusalem. Rabbi Elisha opposes the rebellion, refusing to participate in it.

But Elisha must re-examine his commitment to the rebellion, to his people, and to Judaism when Hadrian asks him to translate a captured scroll. The scroll contains a message from Jewish leader Bar Kokhba to his army. If Elisha translates the scroll, he will provide the information Rome needs to trap and destroy the Jews. If Elisha refuses, he will be killed.

Elisha's dilemma is as compelling and pertinent today as it was during ancient times, according to Producer Judy Simpson Cook. She says that Elisha's choices throw him into discord with his wife, his fellow rabbis, and virtually his entire community. "I think the story's particularly appropriate now, because there is so much conflict in the world," Cook says. "What's it like to be the person caught in the middle, trying to make things work?"

The playwright adds that he sought to "balance the case" for both the Romans and the Jews. "It's not a one-message play," Bernstein says. "It's really a play about how to achieve peace" in oneself and for one's people.

To reserve tickets for "A Scroll for Bar Kokhba," theatergoers may call the Jewish Community Center at (704) 366-5007.

### Arts Advocate turns Playwright

Mark Bernstein's name is synonymous with leadership of the arts in Charlotte. Currently Secretary of the N.C. Performing Arts Center at Charlotte Foundation, Bernstein was chairman for the Mayor's Citizens Committee, first established in 1983, to research the possibilities for a new center for the performing arts.

Past president of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Board, Bernstein also serves on the national board of the American Symphony Orchestra League. The Jewish community enjoys the benefits of his skills as he is a past president and

board member of the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community which operates Shalom Park. He is also a past president of Temple Beth El V'Shalom.

When did this volunteer arts leader find time and inclination to become a playwright? He first developed his theatrical interests in college, but couldn't pursue them until fairly recently. "I've been working on the play for the last five years," Bernstein says, "just writing and editing. The first edition was 250 pages. It was more like a novel than a play."

Bernstein admits that the most difficult part of the process was learning to cut his own prose.

"It's the tendency of an amateur playwright to overwrite," he admits. "After I heard the play read, I took the long-winded speeches out. I had to use a surgical knife on it," he says with a laugh.

When he's not creating or administering art, Bernstein helps manage his business. The Yale Law School graduate is a managing partner with the law firm of Parker, Poe, Thompson, Bernstein, Gage & Preston. He and his wife Louise have six children and one grandchild.

## Inner Lives of Auschwitz Inmates Now Revealed in Photos Durham, N.C.

by Sharon Halperin

Ann Weiss, one of the discoverers of an unknown archives of photos brought to Auschwitz by its inmates, will talk about her experience and the archives at Judea Reform Congregation on May 1, 1989 at 8:00 p.m.

When Ms. Weiss visited Auschwitz late in 1986 with a Federation sponsored group under the leadership of Mark Talisman and Art Palkowsky, a Polish guide showed her group a collection of photographs that until then few people from the West had ever seen or known about. These were the pictures that the inmates brought to the camp from their homes: pictures of lovers,

spouses, children, parents and friends. As they left the cattlecars, the inmates had to leave behind their suitcases; in these suitcases were the photographs. Millions of such photographs brought into Auschwitz were destroyed. This small collection was saved by the extraordinary efforts of the Jewish underground.

On a subsequent trip, Ms. Weiss obtained special permission from the Polish government to reproduce these pictures. These pictures will be exhibited in major museums in America, Europe and Israel.

A screening of the documentary, "Eyes from the Ashes," based on the Auschwitz archives, will accompany Ms. Weiss' presentation.

Her presentation will be part of the Durham-Chapel Hill Yom Hashoah Commemorative Service, honoring the memory of the six million Jews who were slaughtered in the Nazi Holocaust. The service will be

sponsored by Generation to Generation: Triangle Sons and Daughters of Holocaust Survivors, and the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation.

The service will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1. Judea Reform Congregation is located 100 yards east of the Cornwallis Rd. exit off 15-501 bypass in Durham, at 2115 Cornwallis Rd.

For further information, contact Rose Shalom (919) 490-5856, or Sharon Halperin (919) 933-9089.

### News from Greensboro, N.C.

Women's Education Day will be held on April 4 from 9 a.m. through lunch. The topic is "The Evolving Jewish Woman: Struggles Within and Without." For details, contact the Federation office (919) 272-3189.

Dr. David Ellenson will be

Scholar-in-Residence the weekend of April 7-9. The Greensboro Jewish Federation, Beth David Synagogue and Temple Emanuel are coordinating this event. Dr. Ellenson is Director of the Jerome H. Louchheim School of Judaic Studies, Associate Professor of Jewish Religious Thought at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and a visiting faculty member with the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Rabbi Arnold S. Task of Temple Emanuel is teaching "Contemporary Judaism" this semester at Greensboro College. This course is one of 167 across the U.S. and Canada being underwritten by the Jewish Chautauqua Society this year. Chairman of the Greensboro Human Relations Commission, Rabbi Task is former president of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis. He serves on the Board of Governors of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and is co-chairman of the N.C. Council on the Holocaust.



Members of Hadassah's National Board from the Southern Seaboard Region meet two students at the Youth Aliyah village of Neurim during the Board's Midwinter Meeting in Israel. They are (left to right) standing: Jacqueline Woodland, of Raleigh, N.C., Southern Seaboard Region President; Amy M. Krombein of Richmond, Va., National Service Committee member; Emma Retchin, of Wilmington, N.C., National Board member; Betty Myers, of Norfolk, Va., National Associate; and Linda Fleishman, of Greensboro, N.C., National Service Committee Chairman. Kneeling in the foreground are Neurim students Erez Sofaer and Simi Asulin.

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## Temple of Israel Greenville, S.C.

by Cecilia Murray

The holiday season began in Oct. at Temple of Israel with our ground breaking ceremony. The new temple, now under construction, has a projected date of completion in Sept. 1989. The ground breaking committee livened the spirits with a ditty to the tune of the Super Bowl shuffle. After the "ground was broken," the clear blue sky was filled with blue and white balloons released by the congregants.

To start the Chanukah season, the Sisterhood not only held a successful Chanukah Fair, but also a *latke* party serving 125 people. Our thanks go to Estelle Ross and Anita Freilich in charge of the Chanukah Fair, and Ellen Weinberg, Terry Mannino, Karen Tannenbaum, and their volunteers for coordinating the *latke* party. The Greenville Savoyards provided entertainment with music and scenes from their recent production.

For the rest of Dec., the brotherhood held its monthly brunch with a guest speaker. The youth group learned how to make bagels with the help of David Goldsmith, and began archiving the Temple history with Marsha Goldman.

Temple of Israel and Beth Israel got together again to bring in the New Year with a dinner dance.

## Congregation Beth Israel Greenville, S.C.

by Florence Rosenberg

Greenville Federated Jewish Charities held a Super Sunday Phone-A-Thon on Dec. 4 from the offices of Drs. Michael Ricoff and Richard Zander. Mollie Bland, Sandy Leffert and Berry Zander made successful calls to prospective donors.

On that same day at noon Beth Israel Sisterhood had a covered dish

Latke Chanukah Party. Chairpersons Betsy Kahn and Julia Smith recruited Grandfather Richard Berger to tell the Chanukah story to those attending.

On Dec. 9, Rabbi and Mrs. Hyman Fishman hosted a beautiful Oneg Shabbat in honor of their 44th anniversary. It culminated a family night service during which Religious School principal Marty Shapiro consecrated the following kindergarten students who were presented with certificates and miniature Torahs: Jeremy Golden, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Golden; Abby Ricoff, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Ricoff; Matthew Shapiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Shapiro; Rachel Zander, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Zander; Tara Zepel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Zepel. Their teacher Linda Levy led them in songs at the beginning of the services. Also participating in the service was the pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah class taught by Rabbi Fishman and Martin Silberman, consisting of: Jonathan Gold, son of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Gold; Gallit Greenspoon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Greenspoon; Jennifer Kahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kahn; Brian Keane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Keane; Russell Kirsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirsh; Karen Zander, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Zander.

On the shelves of our better bookstores is the newly published book written by Dr. William Lasser entitled *The Limits of Judicial Power—The Supreme Court in American Politics*.

Mrs. Shirley Sarlin recently starred in the Warehouse Theater's production of *A Woman Without a Name*.

Ben Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Levy, is a member of the Riverside High School concert choir which recently sang at Carnegie Hall.

At a reception honoring the work done for the Family Services of Greenville, it was noted that Mrs. Hedy Dreskin serves on the board.

Mrs. Estelle Ross is a member of the Devenger Homemakers Club

whose project was to furnish a room in the Shelter for Battered Women.

Mrs. Sylvia Dreyfus was honored at a State Conference of the American Association of University Women. She was one of five women whose work was rewarded by a gift to the Educational Foundation Program of AAUW.

Mr. Hy Brand recently attended the United Synagogue Southeastern Convention in Miami, Fla. Congratulations to Janet and Hy on the birth of a granddaughter, Mary Franklin, born on Nov. 29 to Cathy and Alex Harbin of Summerton, S.C.

Mrs. Jeanet Dreskin was one of the winners in the Greenville Artists Guild's 52nd annual exhibit.

Mrs. Susan Shaw and her committee had a successful Jewish food booth at the annual Holiday Fair as a fund raiser for Beth Israel Sisterhood.

An enjoyable New Year's Eve dance was held at the Synagogue by the Brotherhood of Temple of Israel and Congregation Beth Israel.

Beth Israel Synagogue and Northside United Methodist Church held their 18th annual interfaith services for Thanksgiving on Nov. 20 at the Synagogue. Participating in the services were Rabbi Fishman, Mrs. Natalie Rosenblum, Dr. Fred Leffert, Mrs. Esther Aronoff and the Synagogue Youth Singers. The social following the service was hosted by Beth Israel Sisterhood chaired by Mrs. Florence Rosenberg, Mrs. Matilda Israel and Mrs. Sandy Leffert. The collection was donated to Meals on Wheels.

Mazel Tov to Mrs. Matilda Israel on becoming an American Citizen.

Condolences to Mrs. Natalie Rosenblum on the loss of her sister, Berth Garzman; to Carl Proser on the loss of his brother, Israel Proser; to Sandra Katz on the loss of her mother, Diane Silverboard.

Gallit Greenspoon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Greenspoon and Nicki and Karen Zander, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Zander, danced in the Dance Elite production of the *Nutcracker Ballet*.

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

As an aid, "How to Beat the Winter Blues," Rabbi Eliot Pearlson and Dr. Ami Feldman, a licensed and certified hypnotherapist, announced the winter adult education series, "Jewish Meditation and Kabbalah," which began Jan. 24. Their topics in four weeks covered: States of Consciousness—an Introduction, The Spiritual Ascent, Gates of Light and Color, and The Way of Prayer.

The Ritual Committee, and especially Rabbi Pearlson, would like to thank the following persons for leading services in the Rabbi's absence: Dr. Noah Benninga, Bert Bronstein, Dana Carr, Teddy Carr, Jill Friedman, Joseph Gullotta, Shirley Kayne, Erika Laibson, Harry Lerner, Aaron Ribner, Dr. Hal Rotman, Dr. Joseph Schandler and Isabel Shulimson.

Shabbat Simcha took place on Friday, Jan. 13.

The Men's Club was in charge of a program on Jan. 15. Roger Gregg, CPA, gave a talk on Federal Income Taxes. Refreshments were served and the program was open to the congregation and community.

Barbara Lewin, Principal, reports that the Sunday School Tu b'Shevat Activity Day was Jan. 22. Beth Israel hosted a joint celebration with Temple Beth Ha-Tephila's Sunday School. Maggie Heller was Beth Israel's chairperson for the event.

On Jan. 28, the Chevra Group met at the home of Bruce and Barbara Ribner.

January began the monthly recognition of students who made special efforts to attend and participate in the Shabbat services. The Ritual Committee and Rabbi Pearlson gave special recognition to the following students for their superlative Shabbat attendance: Jamie Feingold, Adam Feingold, Mandy Lewin and Rachel Lewin.

Carol Deutsch, President of Sisterhood, reported that our annual Chanukah Celebration was a tremendous success, thanks to the

incredibly hard work of so many people. She wishes to express a special note of appreciation to Barbara Miller, who made the whole luncheon possible.

Barbara Miller says, "Todah Rabah," to the many people who helped make the Sisterhood Chanukah Celebration a success: Maxine Yellen, Laurie Teich, Marlene Joyce, Susan Wadopian, Carol Feingold, Maggie Heller, Barbara and Richard Laibson; The Youth Group (for setup and entertainment) with Ken Schapira, Steven Heller and Steve Miller; Lynne Gabai for collecting the money; Kay Miller for taking the reservations; Carol Deutsch who made time to decorate before going out of town for the weekend; David Gaynes and the Sunday School children for an energetic performance; Barbara Lewin for helping with the program; and Betty Sharpless for the delicious cookies.

The Sisterhood President also states that our library is now organized and catalogued, thanks to the many hours of work of Noah Benninga. She also gives an ongoing

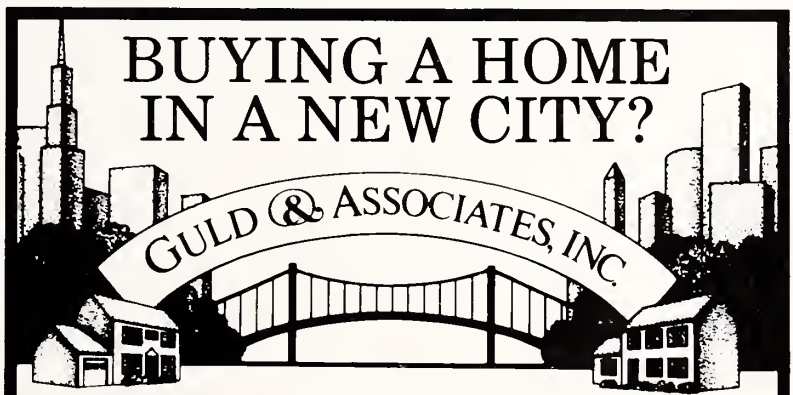
thanks to Helen Benninga and Shirley Savell for keeping the Onegs operating for us. And she sends a thank you to Roz Freedman and Kay Miller for handling the Chanukah shoppers for the Gift Shop.

Upcoming events for Sisterhood will include a unique Shabbat Weekend Experience and a kitchen show-er to help stock and complete our kitchen.

## News from Winston-Salem, N.C.

Rabbi Thomas P. Liebschutz lectured at The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University on Feb. 15. His lecture titled "Jewish Medical Ethics" was sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Rabbi Liebschutz, spiritual leader of Congregation Emanuel, is a graduate of the University of Rochester and was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati. He is a doctoral candidate at Boston University School of Theology and is pursuing a degree in counseling.



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## Lubavitch in the Carolinas by Rabbi Yossi Groner



Miriam Schoenes with daughter Chanie.

### Miriam Schoenes Of Blessed Memory

Miriam Schoenes of Charlotte has been described as a dedicated and courageous woman. Miriam was involved in the activities of the Lubavitch preschool where her daughter Chanie is a student. There she gave of herself and her artistic talent, creating the most colorful posters of Jewish art.

Each room at the Chabad House contains her work which include the Hebrew *Aleph Bet* characters and Hebrew blessings charts. Her cut-outs and colorful drawings have added a special touch to the decor of the school.

To her last day she was a devoted mother and wife, always caring and giving to everyone in need. Being a Shabbat observer, she and her husband Boruch and their daughter Chanie stayed regularly at the Chabad House for Shabbat and holidays. It was her greatest pleasure to host guests at the Chabad House. "A Shabbat table just is not a table without a Shabbat guest," Miriam used to say.

On Sunday, December 25, Miriam returned her pure soul to her Maker in the presence of her family. Miriam was 38 and was placed at the Lubavitch cemetery in New York.

### Shevat Activities

The Hebrew month of Shevat was a busy one for Lubavitch in the Carolinas. Shevat 10 (which came on Jan. 16) is the *Yahrzeit*, anniversary of passing of the previous Lubavitches Rebbe of blessed memory. This day also marks the anniversary of the beginning of the present Rebbe's leadership 39 years ago.

The event was marked on the Shabbat before the anniversary with a festive celebration at the Chabad House in Charlotte. A full *kiddush* was served with the traditional *cholent* accompanied with a hearty *l'chaim* toast. The many participants heard Rabbi Yossi Groner and Rabbi Binyomin Weiss relate tales about the Rebbe's many accomplishments.

On the 15th of Shevat comes another glorious Jewish holiday, Tu b'Shevat, known as the *Rosh Hashanah*, new year, for trees. It is customary to eat fruits for which Israel is praised in the Bible, and there were plenty in the Chabad House on Shabbat, Jan. 21, at the festive *kiddush*. Participants learned about the similarities of trees and humans, as the Torah says, "For man is like the tree in the field."

Shevat 22 was the first anniversary of the passing of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's wife, of blessed memory. Lubavitch Women's group of Charlotte held a special program in memory of Rebbetzin Chayah Muska Schneerson at the home of Lynda Calabrese. *Mitzvot* of women were examined as Mariashi Groner spoke about the relevance of family purity and *mikvah*. Chanie Weiss and Mariashi Groner then led the participants in a *challah* baking workshop.

### Children's Activities

On Sunday, March 12 an exciting Purim rally and program will be held at the Chabad House in Charlotte for children of all ages. Each child will receive a free Purim packet to use on the most joyous day of the year. A full schedule of fun activities are planned for the day, including a special show. Please call Rabbi Binyomin Weiss for more information, at (704) 366-3984.

### Preschool and Day School

Children at Lubavitch Preschool were busy learning about transportation. All methods of transportation were incorporated in the specialized project taught by Fern Sanderson, morning teacher at the preschool. The children created paper trains to learn about the rail system and even took a group city bus ride to experience public transportation.

On the medical front, the preschoolers took a trip to Charlotte Memorial Hospital/University Center to learn more about practiced medicine. The children were given a full tour of the hospital and were shown some of the sophisticated equipment used in modern medicine.

Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, helped the children plant parsley plants in honor of Tu b'Shevat, the new year for trees. Chanie also baked a birthday cake in the shape of a tree and decorated it with the colors of trees and fruits. The children feasted on cake and fruits in honor of the holiday, Jan. 20.

Afternoons have been full of art, music and games under the guidance of Terry Tucker. Some of the art work included making bubble gum machines and finger painted pictures of the sun. Terry has excelled in her musical program and special dance class for the children.

Lubavitch kindergarten and first grade were invited to tour the pharmacy at Eckerd-SouthPark. The invitation was extended to the entire class by Eckerd Drugs after Hadas Dimentstein wrote them with a suggestion to change the word "drugs" to pharmacy on their name. The pharmacist explained the procedures at the pharmacy. The highlight was receiving an Eckerd's bag filled with goodies.

### Chabad of Myrtle Beach

A special luncheon was held in Myrtle Beach honoring Shaul Levy for his support of Chabad activities in that community. Mr. Levy is a partner in Wings department stores and is a prominent business leader in Myrtle Beach.

Mayor Robert Grissom joined

Rabbi Doron Aizenman in presenting Mr. Levy with a plaque as a special thanks for his involvement with Chabad. The Mayor commented that it is indeed a privilege for Myrtle Beach to be home to such a wonderful organization which has done incalculable good for the entire Jewish community. Also present was Hugo Schiller who is a prominent board member of Chabad.

### Lubavitch in Columbia

Sheina Konigsberg, the heroine of the best selling book, *Holy Days*, will speak in Columbia on Sunday, March 12 at the Spring Valley Country Club. Her presentation will be the first in a series of Guest Lecture Breakfasts sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch of South Carolina.

A continental Kosher breakfast will be served from 9:30 to 11 a.m., followed by the lecture and a question period.

*Holy Days—The World of the Ha-*

*sidic Family* (Summit Books), written by Liz Harris, drew national attention as it surprisingly climbed the best seller list. Its popularity has continued to increase with its recent publication in paperback (Collier Books/Macmillan Books).

Originally featured as a series in *The New Yorker* magazine, where Harris is a staff writer, the book plunged thousands of Americans right into the middle of the Hasidic world of Crown Heights in Brooklyn. Harris achieved this by bringing the reader into the home of Sheina Konigsberg, a dedicated Hasidic woman, where Harris spent more than a year experiencing the depths of the Lubavitch Hasidic lifestyle.

Mrs. Chavi Epstein the coordinator of this lecture series said, "Konigsberg is an interesting representative of the *baal teshuvah* movement, return to Judaism, having traded a typical upper class suburban lifestyle for a Hasidic one." It

was predominantly from her experiences in the Konigsberg home that Harris collected the rich wealth of information for her book.

In her talk, Konigsberg will discuss her relationship with the author. She will also share thoughts about herself as a wife, mother, successful graphic artist and Hasidic Jew.

There is a \$10 per person/\$18 per couple charge. For information and reservations, please call Mrs. Chavi Epstein at (803) 782-1831.

### Shabbatones

The aroma of chicken soup, fresh gefilte fish, baked chicken and delicious *kugels* fills the home. Feelings of warmth, closeness, family and nostalgia fill the heart. The Shabbat experience is best described in terms of smells, tastes and feelings.

Every Friday night, the Chabad House opens its doors and invites you to enter a secret island in time and discover the most amazing gift of all, Shabbat. Sharing this with other members of the Columbia community, Rabbi and Mrs. Epstein have developed close and personal relationships with families who graced their Shabbat table.



Hadas Dimentstein showing prescription medicine to classmates.



Mayor Robert Grissom (center) presents plaque to Shaul Levy (right) of Myrtle Beach. Rabbi Doron Aizenman looks on.

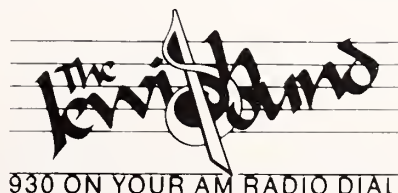
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## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

Since Temple of Israel is the oldest Jewish house of worship in North Carolina, the records of the life of the congregation need to be organized and preserved. The Concordia Society (Sisterhood) has taken on the task of sorting out the old papers and filing them in special acid free folders—the method used by libraries and museums.

In the files are volumes of handwritten sermons by Rabbi Samuel Mendelsohn dating from 1873 on. The calligraphic style of his writing is wonderful to see. Interesting titles of the sermons included: "Tell Thy Son on That Day," "In God Shall Our Heart Rejoice," "The House of God." The wisdom of those years is still interesting to ponder. There are also books filled with the grades of the school children with all the comments by the teachers; bookkeeping records of Temple expenditures for material and services that, with today's prices being what they are, almost seem ridiculous.

There are also many pictures and brochures about the 50th, 75th and 100th anniversaries of the founding of the Temple. Most unique is the well preserved full front page of the local newspaper which describes how the entire town turned out for the cornerstone laying of the Temple, with all the dignitaries of the town and country being present.

The Concordia Society women intend to give this project top priority. We know that when they have completed all of the filing work they will more than likely write a definitive history of the Temple.

On another note, our Hebrew School classes spent part of one Sunday afternoon planting a tree in the garden next to the Temple in honor of Tu b'Shevat. They sang songs, dug earth and danced around the tree. They promised to nourish it not only with water but also with the joy of love for our trees that mean so much to all of us here and in Israel.

## Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women

by Estelle Goozner

We have been honored for the third year in a row as recipients of the 1988 Sidney G. Kusworm Award for being an outstanding International B'nai B'rith Chapter in community volunteer service.

We were cosponsors of the Soviet Jewry Rally at Shalom Park. The highlight of the evening was a film of Soviet Refusenik Ida Nudel who endured eight years of Siberian exile before being allowed to emigrate to Israel in Oct. 1987. The guest speaker was Linda Fleishman of Greensboro, a national board member of Hadassah, who lectures throughout the country on the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Community service activities these past few months included: Christmas substitution project; "Tape-a-Tale" for children in local hospitals; birthday cakes and gifts for children at Thompson Children's Home; helping at Children's Mental Health Fair; cooking for Rachel House shelter.

Ellen Rhyne, executive director of the Charlotte Exchange Student Program, received the BBW Human Relations Award, Feb. 1. Mrs. Rhyne has been working on this volunteer program for 26 years. Over twenty Charlotte students have been sent abroad. Many more students from all over the world, of all races and religions, have lived with Charlotte families and attended local schools. This student exchange builds bridges and promotes understanding between people in Charlotte and foreign countries. Mrs. Rhyne is mother of three children and has five grandchildren.

### Alive Class

Rose Naiman, chair of the Alive class, announced that the Spring 1989 session begins March 1. The program is jointly sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women and the Jewish Community Center, and is coordinated by Sister Mary Thomas Burke, chair of Human Services at UNCC.

The Alive group continues its

study of international affairs. Guest speakers will focus on "Our Interrelationship with the Far East," specifically the five Pacific Rim countries (Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore) and the three Emerging Nations (Korea, Thailand and China), with emphasis on the cultural aspects and social situations in these countries and their involvement and interdependence with the United States and with each other.

As part of this series, the group will travel to Raleigh for an informal interview with Governor James Martin to learn his views on the involvement of North Carolina and the city of Charlotte in global economic, cultural and political affairs as they now exist and might in the future. Mrs. Martin will join the Governor at a tea for the group in the Governor's Mansion.

Enrollment in the course is limited to fifty people. For further information, call Rose Naiman, (704) 846-2190.

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

by Lisa Pharr

On Sunday, April 2, HaLailah is sponsoring its second letter writing campaign to Refuseniks and government officials. This event will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Shalom Park. Kathleen McLain, religion editor of *The Charlotte Observer* will again be present at the campaign to lend her support and expertise. All supplies will be furnished along with a light refreshment. Contributions to help defer the cost of mailing will be greatly appreciated. Please plan to drop in and support this worthy effort.

Pine Needle order forms are now available at the JCC. The cost is \$4.50 a bale. For more information call Jackie Stutts, 364-8360.

HaLailah's next business/program meeting will be on March 21. The purpose is two-fold. The business aspect of the evening will be Election of new officers. The featured speaker for the program will be Ellen Bernstein whose topic will be "Diet and Nutrition." The meeting will be at the home of Randi DeFilipp, 4411 Wycombe Court at 7:30. For more information call Meredith Glazer, 365-3242.

This year's Installation will be held on April 11 at 7 p.m. at The Country Inn in Matthews. The cost is \$12.00. RSVP to Wendy Rosen, 6427 Morven Lane, Charlotte, N.C. 28226, 364-9765.

Two of HaLailah's programs need your support:

1. Hunter House Baby Shower on March 22: Donations of baby clothes, baby items, and books are appreciated. To donate items or for more information call Laura Reich, 542-2788, or Becky Goodman, 374-4695.

2. Foster Family: Our foster family has many medication needs. We would be grateful for monetary donations to help meet this family's crucial need.

April 30 will be the Older Adult Luncheon at the JCC at 12:30. Contact Eileen Darholt, 364-3897, to volunteer, for more information, or to RSVP.

HaLailah proudly announces the first purchase of books for the Becky Shulimson Memorial Library. We look forward to the addition of many more new books. Thank you to the community who have helped support this effort.

HaLailah would like to welcome its newest members: Marcia Saltz, Stacy Vines, Cheryl Landis, Nicki Levine, Rosalind Taranto, Susan Block, Roberta Malton, Michele Perlmutter, Jan Goldfarb, Emily Chatham, Randy Defilipp, Renata Major, Jacqueline Freedman, Jenny Snyder and Leigh Anne Goodman.

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

by Pearl Abramsky

Jeffrey Lyons, financial vice president of Temple Beth El V'Shalom for the past two years, brings a wealth of experience to the job. A Certified Life Underwriter, his company, Lyons Financial Group, deals in insurance, financial planning and securities, thus making his board position a natural fit.

A Charlottean for the past 17 years, Jeff has served as president of several local business organizations, including the N.C. General Agents and Managers Association and the Charlotte Downtown Optimist Club.

A proud father of four, the children keep Jeff and his wife, Fran very busy. Andrew, the oldest, is eleven. Nancy and Allison are five and one-half year old identical twins, while Elizabeth Kyle, the baby, is 20 months. Jeff, a racquetball player, enjoys doing things with his family and has been actively involved in coaching sports for Andrew's teams.

Jeff's business requires travel as he has 53 employees in three states. This allows him to indulge in his favorite avocation, flying his own plane. Owner of a six-seater Piper Lance, Jeff has recently been certified to fly with IFR (Instrument Flight Rules).

### Temple News

This past year has seen tremendous growth in Temple's congrega-

tion. Since we still wish to foster a close, family-like atmosphere, we are forming a number of Chavurah groups to encourage greater closeness. Patti Winters and Pearl Abramsky are administering this effort. The Chavurah groups will each consist of ten to twelve people who share a common interest. They will meet periodically in members' homes for the dual purpose of fellowship and exploration of their common interest. Currently, seven groups have been identified. They are: Discussing Contemporary Jewish Issues, Creative Learning and Worship, Jews by Choice, Partners in Interfaith Marriages, Parents of Children Who Have Interfaith Marriages, Newcomers, and Unmarrieds Over Fifty Years of Age. We anticipate the formation of more groups as new areas of interest emerge.

In recognition of our Jewish history, sermons at two March services will focus on aspects of our Jewish roots:

On March 3, following a short presentation, Rabbi Seigel and Jerry Howard will co-chair an audience question and answer session.

On March 10, the same chairpersons will moderate a congregational discussion concerning the flowering and fate of German Jewry.

As a further commemoration of our heritage, a historical booklet about Jewish history will be distributed to the congregation. This booklet has been made possible by the Tree of Life fund of our Temple.

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# Book Reviews



## Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

### A. B. Yehoshua's *Five Seasons: The Throes of Orpheus*

For a long time I have been astounded by the razor-thin line between life and literature. Poetry and fiction have long been a sustained passion for me, but it was not until I entered my middle years that I had experienced enough of life to realize, as a professor of literature, just how easy it is to slip consciously and unconsciously back and forth between the human experience of life and that of books. That is why sensitive readers, on finishing a first-rate novel by a perceptive writer so often have the urge to write the novelist and say "You have written my story, your book is about me and my life"

As it turns out, A.B. Yehoshua, the brilliant Israeli novelist, has in his new novel *Five Seasons* (translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin; Doubleday; \$19.95) captured absolutely and precisely the intrinsic essence of a crucial episode in my own life: the loss of a wife through terminal illness after nearly three decades of marriage, the all encompassing devastation of the sick spouse's prolonged physical decline, the trauma of death, and the ensuing complexities, marked both by pathos and humor, as the surviving spouse puts his life back together.

Nearly a decade has passed now since the traumatic event which changed my life, but with the passing of time and a happy second marriage I have acquired, I think, some objectivity in dealing with the subject matter of Yehoshua's book. Its emphasis is not on the grimness of ravaging disease and certain death so much as it is on an exploration of (1) the inter-personal dynamics of a married couple whose marriage is being wiped out by disease; and (2)

the ways the protagonist learns to deal with the loss in terms of subsequently moving his life forward. Without having gone through it himself, Yehoshua captures every nuance, tone and distinction of the experience. That is to say, the book is impressively remarkable in its accurate reflection of its subject matter.

More than that, it reflects a new, more mellowed sophistication in Yehoshua's fiction than in his previously published short stories, novellas and novels. His earlier heavy reliance on symbolism and the bizarre is moderated here, there are no obvious Faulknerian or Joycean structures, and the temporal and spatial patterns are familiarly linear rather than relative. The plot glides smoothly along the changing temperatures of the five successive seasons into which are set the protagonist Molkho's travels from his home in Haifa to Jerusalem and the Galilee, to Paris, West Berlin, Vienna and East Berlin in his quest for a new life.

Yet the mellowed prose and the less complicated structures of *Five Seasons* do not mean that the depth, profundity and humor that pervade Yehoshua's work are not present here. They are, indeed, and in abundance. If anything, the humor is greater and is handled with an assured sensitivity and charm. The vicissitudes poor Molkho experiences as he gets back into circulation again will fill every reader with warmth, because we can all respond to the universally human need for romance and companionship, and with sympathy, because there are fewer situations more absurdly ridiculous than a sexually hungry, deprived middle-aged long married widower's having to start all over again by engaging in what are basically adolescent dating patterns which are awkward and intimidating.

As if this were not subject enough, Yehoshua's story is enhanced by

the articulation of the major themes and concerns which mark all of his earlier work: generational conflict, the decrepitude of old age, the sterility of an outmoded Zionist idealism, the aimlessness and indirection of contemporary middle-class Israeli life, the competition, tension, despair and malaise of marriages coming apart, the destructiveness of right-wing orthodoxy, the trench mentality of the Israelis in perpetual conflict with the Arabs, sexual separation and impotence, and the failure of Aliyah. For all his superb literary craftsmanship Yehoshua is a man with a political message, and he makes his points deftly without impeding in the least the flow of his art.

Though writing is his art, it is music in this novel that fuels the text. *Five Seasons* is an operatic tragicomedy, a cross between *Don Giovanni* and *Orpheus and Eurydice*, two operas Yehoshua invokes in a wonderfully funny sequence to indicate symbolically how poignant Molkho's passage is from the past to the future. On one occasion he travels to Berlin with a woman colleague from his office—he is an accountant, she an attorney for a government ministry—with whom he hopes to have an affair. The attorney sprains an ankle on their first night in Berlin and takes too much of a painkilling drug which keeps her asleep for most of the trip. Molkho goes alone to the opera house the second night, looking forward to *Don Giovanni* only to find that it has been cancelled and replaced by *Orpheus and Eurydice*.

After Molkho returns to their hotel room, the attorney awakens sufficiently to go to dinner during which time she blasts Molkho for what she believes to be his inadequate care of his deceased wife. It amounts to castration: "The legal adviser bent toward him, leaning so far across the table that he felt her hair brush

his face, in her eyes, a cold intellectual glitter. 'And so,' she whispered, 'you killed her little by little—I only realized that today.' For a second he felt his blood curdle." The romance curdles too. Instead of becoming a renewed Don Juan, Molkho is torn to pieces by the furies, and the resumption of his sexual life is effectively precluded. He will have to be pieced back together again over time before he can resume a normal existence.

*Five Seasons* is a rich and rewarding novel in its combining music and literature, its psychological insights into human loss and need, its view of contemporary Israeli life, its lyricism and its symbolism. In my view, it is Yehoshua's best work, a new triumph for him and for all of us who find life and literature inseparable.

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### Issues in Black History Reflections and Commentaries on the Black Historical Experience

by Melvin Drimmer  
Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co.  
308 pp. paperback \$24.95

by Leo L. Hoffman

Melvin Drimmer is Professor of History at Cleveland State University. *Issues in Black History* brings together 25 years of his writings, reflections and commentaries on the Black experience. Through summer institutes in America and Africa, he has trained more than 2000 teachers in Black and African History. He has lectured widely and has written many articles which have been published in historical publications.

Dr. Drimmer, who is Jewish, introduced a Black History curriculum at Spelman, a college for Black women in Atlanta. He has lived in all Black neighborhoods. "I'm very secure in being Jewish and this allows me to deal with Black history. . . ."

you're secure in yourself, you can reach out to others," he states. Explaining his activism in civil rights during the 60s, he says, "There's nothing special in being Black or being Jewish. I just saw that other *human beings* were being mistreated and I wanted to help. . . ."

This book covers Black History, African Roots, Slavery in the Americas, Black Responses to Slavery, White Responses to Slavery through the Civil War and until our time. There are interesting chapters on Alternative Voices: the Black Muslims, Malcolm X, Roy Wilkins and the American Dream.

Of especial interest to our readers is the chapter on Blacks and Jews. It contains letters to the Atlanta Jewish Community (1964); Letter on Shirley Chisholm's Candidacy (1972); Letter on Andrew Young (1979); Letter on Sickle Cell Anemia and Israeli Scientists; Letter on Thomas Sowell; and Thoughts on the Agenda for the 80s.

Drimmer goes into the problems between Blacks and Jews and offers his suggestions to both Jews and Blacks on how to begin dialogue and how to reduce the tensions.

I recommend this book to all who are concerned about Black-Jewish relations.

### The Jewish Home

by Daniel B. Syme  
UAHC Press 130 pp. paperback  
\$10.00

Published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, this book is subtitled *A Guide for Jewish Living*. Rabbi Daniel B. Syme, author, is a graduate of Hebrew Union College and earned a doctoral degree in education from Teachers College of Columbia University.

This book attempts to explain symbols and rituals of the observance of the Jewish religion in the home. It is a guide for adults, written in question and answer form, and is especially useful for college students seeking information on our customs, origins and traditions.

Included are the meanings of Jew-

ish holidays, information about Jewish ceremonies and explanations of some common superstitions. In its answers to a wide range of questions, a great deal of Jewish history is recalled.

This book is valuable as a reference source in the Jewish home, or as a volume filled with information for people of any background who are interested in the practice of Judaism.

*The Jewish Home* may be ordered from UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.

### Jerusalem on Earth: People, Passions and Politics in the Holy City

by Abraham Rabinovich  
The Free Press 225 pp. \$19.95

*Jerusalem on Earth* is a living portrait of this fascinating city over the two decades since its reunification in the Six Day War—one of the most remarkable periods in its long and eventful history.

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As Rabinovich conveys through numerous vignettes, it is not only Arab and Jew who have had to learn to live together in post-1967 Jerusalem, but ultra-Orthodox Jew, secular Jew and Christian, as well as contemporary man with an ancient city and his own past. Running through all of these extraordinary true stories is the strength of personal passion and conviction against the backdrop of the intensified dreams of disparate cultures struggling to coexist peacefully. A fascinating montage, *Jerusalem on Earth* presents the people behind the political, military, religious and architectural battles shaping Jerusalem today.

Abraham Rabinovich feature writer for *The Jerusalem Post*, was born in New York City and worked as a reporter for *Newsday* and other newspapers before arriving in Jerusalem on the eve of the Six Day War. He has remained there, covering the city for *The Jerusalem Post* during

much of the past two decades. Rabinovich is also a correspondent for the Toronto *Globe and Mail* and the London *Daily Express*, and has written several books, including *The Boats of Cherbourg*.

#### ADL (continued from page 3)

- The Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

- Skinheads. Responsibility for 41 anti-Semitic incidents in at least 15 states was claimed by or attributed to the young members of the neo-Nazi Skinhead gangs whose violent activities continued to spread across the country. According to the most recent ADL report on the movement, "Young and Violent," more than 2,000 Skinheads are active in 21 states.

Two of the most serious anti-Semitic incidents described in the audit took place in New York:

- A synagogue in Brooklyn was attacked in September by young vandals who burned six Torah scrolls, spray painted swastikas on the walls and set fires around the building.

- A 19-year-old Yeshiva University student was beaten, robbed and stabbed in November by teen-aged attackers.

The audit also contains charts and breakdowns of the 1988 incidents by areas and states, and a section entitled, "A Decade's Perspective: 1979-1989," which shows that over that period more than 6,400 acts of anti-Semitic vandalism were reported. In the same period, there were more than 3,000 episodes of harassment, threats and assaults tabulated, an average of 340 a year or almost one a day.

The 1988 audit, Mr. Gissen said, underlines the ongoing need for vigorous counteraction efforts by law enforcement officials and community, educational and religious leaders. He called for:

- Increased efforts by law enforcement authorities to apprehend perpetrators:

- Strict enforcement of anti-bias crime statutes which have now been passed in 43 states;

- Community counteraction and informational programs to alert the public to the dangers of racially or religiously motivated crimes;

- Expanded educational efforts in the nation's schools to combat prejudice and discrimination.

- Strengthened security measures by Jewish institutions.

Mr. Gissen noted that of the 43 states which have legislated against hate crimes, 33 have statutes against institutional vandalism and 31 have statutes against bias-related intimidation or harassment. Thus far, legislation in 17 states is based on an ADL model statute against bias crimes.

The report cited two important legislative developments at the federal level in 1988. The first was passage of a federal religious vandalism statute establishing criminal penalties for damage to religious property. The second was passage by the House of Representatives—but not the Senate—of a hate crimes statistics bill requiring the U.S. Attorney General to collect and publish such statistics annually. The bill is expected to be reintroduced in the House and Senate and ADL will support its enactment in the new Congressional session.

Mr. Gissen added that while ADL's annual audit provides a useful yardstick for measuring certain aspects of anti-Semitism in this country, "it is by no means the only one for evaluating threats to the security of American Jews."

He cited the following examples:

- The activities of organized hate groups, including the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi groups.

- Anti-Semitic propaganda activities, including attempts to deny the reality of the Nazi Holocaust.

- Anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda emanating from the United Nations and from organizations that support the Palestine Liberation Organization.

- Activities of radical leftist groups which engage in anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda.

In an introduction to the audit, U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh called it "an invaluable tool" for those who prosecute bias crimes and for informing the general public of the nature and volume of incidents of bias and prejudice. Mr. Thornburgh pointed out that the League's audit "was specifically cited by Congress in establishing the need for a new federal law relating to religious violence which was strongly supported by the Department of Justice."

For further information, write to Ira Gissen, Director, N.C./Va. Region ADL, Suite 326, 6330 Newtown Rd., Norfolk, Va. 23502, phone (804) 455-9002.

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### What Do We Like About Shabbat?

"What do we like about Shabbat?" sang the preschoolers visiting from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. "I like the wine," and "he likes the challah" and "she likes the candles" responded the young voices to each other. Waving hands and smiling faces indicated these children liked a lot about Shabbat, especially sharing it with the "grandmas and grandpas" at Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Residents, children and teachers began the visit by gathering quietly in the FAIR OAKS dining room for an early Shabbat celebration. Candles were lit, blessings sung, challah shared and "wine" sipped. Exuberance soon took hold; everyone was ready for Shabbat songs, making friends and playing games.

Fran Thull and Amy Ehrens, teachers at the Temple preschool who plan the monthly visits, say the children eagerly look forward to seeing their BJH friends.



*Bertha Lippman, A wing resident and David Morris from Temple Emanuel preschool, share a moment during the bingo game.*

We know what we like about Shabbat at the Blumenthal Jewish Home and FAIR OAKS

and we include special moments like these.

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A bingo game is a lot more fun when shared with new FAIR OAKS friends: Above left, Sylvia Pressman

Above right, Sigmund Meyer

Below, George Lewin

With children from Temple Emanuel Pre-school Winston-Salem



## A Morning Walk in the Countryside

I love to take a walk before breakfast along the road to the entrance and back to our Home. I like to watch the awakening of all the little creatures on the side of the road. It seems like there are thousands of ants, busy, busy, busy, carrying pieces of wood and food, building roads for their housing and helping each other in many ways. It looks so peaceful with loving care.

Hush . . . there are little squirrels and chipmunks running along the ground and up the trees. I see colorful birds flying around and hear them whistling and chirping their morning greetings.

Of course, most people pay no attention to the beauty nature displays.

On both sides of the road trees stand in a long straight row. They might be 50 to 100 years old.

On the left side of the road is the old dairy barn farm buildings, surrounded by woods and decaying stables; horses and sheep still live there.

On the right side of the road is an old caretaker's house. Fenced in, I can see a herd of cows enjoying whatever they like to do, watching cars and trucks go by. I see woods and open spaces, the Yadkin River and Interstate 40 in the background with endless strings of cars and trucks passing by.

I see behind the slowly mounting Blue Ridge Mountains.

It all looks like a fairy tale.

Before going back indoors, I give thanks to G-d for the peace and contentment I feel, for wonders and beauty, daily to see.

—Alice Fruh  
BJH Resident



# FAIR OAKS

## FAIR OAKS Residents Dance in the New Year



FAIR OAKS at the Blumenthal Jewish Home will be celebrating its first birthday this month. The people who have made FAIR OAKS their home have had the good fortune to celebrate quite a few birthdays of their own. They are a special group of people who have brought a new dimension to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Almost at 50% capacity, with 21 residents now living in FAIR OAKS, the Personal Care Unit has become more than a beautiful facility; it is now a community filled with friends, activities, companionship and care. It is also a perfect place to have a good time and to discover good times to celebrate. New Year's Eve was just such an occasion as residents danced in the New Year.

Excerpts from an article by Andy Matthews in the WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL on January 5, 1989, highlight the good feelings found at FAIR OAKS.

The years have been kind to George Lewin.

At 92, he still entertains the ladies with a little song and dance.

Last weekend, Lewin practiced his fox trot at a New Year's Eve party in the FAIR OAKS Complex of Blumenthal Jewish Home.

He's lived at the rest home only a few days, but he's already made a lot of friends.



*New FAIR OAKS friends, Morris Resnick and Flora Frey enjoy the February sunshine on the terrace.*

"My wife passed away three or four months ago, and I felt very lonesome," Lewin said. "That's why I came to the Blumenthal Home. The people here have been very nice."

Other residents at the party enjoyed reminiscing while The Stardusters, a local band, performed some memorable tunes from the Big Band era.

A few residents sported party hats for the occasion.

Sigmund Meyer, 84, was thinking about his 55 years of marriage to his wife, Anna Julia. "I reminisce about the many years that we danced together," he said.

Meyer and his wife said that they were thankful to have made it through another year and look forward to spending more time together.

Two other residents, Flora Frey and Esther Pearson, celebrated the new year with champagne.

"We're just a couple of young grandmothers," Mrs. Frey said. "I won't tell you our age. We're 39 plus."

As the band struck up the traditional "Auld Lang Syne," volunteers cut loose the helium-filled balloons to signify the end of 1988.

It's a time when some of the residents grow nostalgic.

Lewin, however, was thinking more about the next dance. "Can you tell the band to play the fox trot so I can dance with the elderly ladies," he asked.



*Celia Kosch helped to ring in the New Year in her new home.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### MARCH

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## BJH NEWS

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## BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- **Senior Citizen's Lunch.** The first Tuesday of each month, residents from BJH and FAIR OAKS get together with senior citizens in Clemmons for a program and pot luck luncheon. This is a favorite outing for many residents.
- **Rabbi's Hour.** Rabbi Liebschutz (Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem) and Rabbi Wilson (Temple Israel, Charlotte) both visit BJH monthly. Residents are able to spend time with the Rabbis and celebrate special holiday observances.
- **Bermuda Village Chorus.** The Bermuda Village Chorus returned to BJH at the end of January. The audience was treated to a singing tour across the United States. Several old favorites were sung, including "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Carolina Blue".
- **FAIROAKS Outings.** FAIR OAKS residents have been keeping very busy with daily outings. Shopping in Clemmons, going out to lunch, and watching first run movies are some of the most popular trips. Four residents enjoyed an outing sponsored by the Brenner Fund to the Little Theatre's performance of "Brighton Beach Memories".



*Fannie Benson enjoys a visit with Josie Swirin during the Birthday Bash.*

- **Temple Israel Teens.** Students from Charlotte presented a delightful program for BJH and FAIR OAKS residents on Sunday, January 29. Everyone enjoyed hearing their favorite Jewish songs and watching the young people dance the Horra.

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# SUE'S NEWS

## Volunteers Host a Birthday Bash

What is a Birthday Bash? It's the new homewide monthly birthday party held in the FAIR OAKS Commons at BJH the first Tuesday of the month and it is a new project for a group of Greensboro volunteers. "It may not mean much to you gals but we will be talking about it for days," were the words of one resident to a volunteer. Watching the exuberant volunteers in action told the real story, the party meant a great deal to both residents and volunteers. Volunteers came with both their hearts and hands filled, with flowers, gifts and decorations; with enthusiasm, joy and loving care. They blew up balloons, escorted residents, served cake, took pictures, sang songs and held hands. Everyone had a good time, a wonderful beginning for a new year.

Thanks to the organization of Polly Strasser and Corky Segal and their committee - Sylvia Berkelhammer, Sylvia Samet, and Barbara Colchamiro - and the gracious volunteers who joined them - Esther Leader, Barbara Falbaum, Josie Swirin, and Debbie Schandler - we are off to a good start. We invite you to join in during the year for the monthly celebrations.

A special day at the Home can also be your day. Individuals or organizations interested in being volunteer hosts for an event may call Sue Clein at 766-6401.



*BJH & FAIR OAKS residents celebrated January birthdays with the help of the Greensboro volunteers: Left to right, seated: Anna Hersh, Ethel Dickson, Morris Resnick and Eleanor Altschuller. Standing: Sylvia Berkelhammer, Polly Strasser, Barbara Falbaum, Sylvia Samet, Esther Leader, Josie Swirin and Barbara Colchamiro.*

## BJH Concert Series Open to Guests

Residents of BJH and FAIR OAKS need not venture far from home to enjoy top quality performances.

Sunday afternoon concerts, sponsored by the Morris Brenner Memorial Fund, provide a wide variety of entertainment. Recent concerts have brought: Viva Klezmer, Jewish folk musicians; Sid Hellier on the accordion; Greg Smith, popular singer and dancer; Christina Gustafson, flutist; and Larry Almeida, classical guitarist.

Sunday afternoons in March

promise a classical theme:

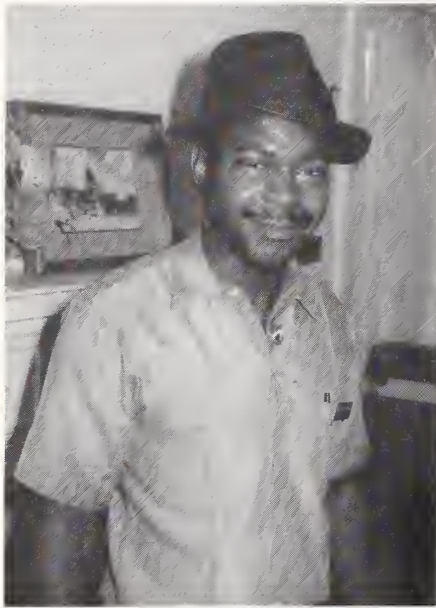
March 5 - Lisa Sykes, opera, and Ann Listokin, pianist

March 9 - Yumi Ishiguchi, pianist

BJH extends an invitation to visitors to attend the Sunday concerts with our residents. Concerts are at 3:00 p.m. in the FAIR OAKS Commons. A reception follows.

Visitors who are also willing to be volunteers may assist BJH residents to the Commons Auditorium beginning about 2:15. Please contact Sue Clein or Lynn Wahoski for information. Your help is needed before and after the concerts.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE  
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**Rory Blackwell**

Housekeeping Department

BJH is happy to announce the selection of Rory Blackwell as December's Employee of the Month. Rory has been working at the Home since July, 1984, and his work in the Housekeeping Department has benefited everyone living and working at the Home.

Marie Doty, Director of the Housekeeping Department and Rory's supervisor, calls him her "lead person" with responsibility for the floors. She says Rory has an excellent work record. Being conscientious, he works every day, attends staff in-service education programs, and performs his job responsibilities efficiently.

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well, but a quiet hello and bright smile add a nice touch to everyone's day. Rory's pleasant personality and good humor are a bonus for both the staff and the residents.

Excitement shows on Rory's face when he is congratulated for this honor. He likes his job at BJH and we like having him here.

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# What's Developing?

## A Fond Farewell

by Wayne Silverman

It is with strong emotional feeling that I say good-by to my many friends at the Blumenthal Jewish Home and throughout the Carolinas. I have decided to accept a position as the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Austin, Texas. Lynn and I (and new baby) will be leaving in April for new challenges. This will be my last column.

For almost 2 1/2 years I have had the pleasure of serving the Blumenthal Jewish Home in many capacities. I have traveled thousands of miles around the Carolinas meeting hundreds of supporters of the Home. I have learned the family connections in small towns and large cities, and have enjoyed educating myself on the Jewish history of the region.

My greatest love has been the residents and staff of this wonderful facility. I have had the most incredible feeling of "family" in my many contacts and projects. I have grieved through the passing of many close friends and have had the pleasure of meeting many new ones.

I feel that my time at the Blumenthal Jewish Home has been successful, not because of the numbers, results, facts or figures, but because I personally received more from the experience than I gave. I will always treasure my life at the Home. Thank you for the honor of serving you.



Wayne Silverman  
*Director, Development & Marketing*



## A Salute to Senator Rauch

The Blumenthal Jewish Home offers its congratulations to Senator Marshall A. Rauch (Democrat, Gastonia), the recent recipient of the Legislative Award of the North Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging.

John Diffey, President of NCANPHA and Executive Director of Carol Woods Retirement Community, presented the award to Senator Rauch for

"significantly and positively influencing legislation that benefits the aging population of North Carolina."

Senator Rauch, a devoted supporter of BJH, was the key speaker at the FAIR OAKS Dedication Ceremony in March, 1988. We are grateful to Senator Rauch for his advocacy, not only of BJH, but of the many issues affecting the elderly of North Carolina

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- 3** Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 5** Brenner Concert - Lisa Sykes, Opera Singer, and Ann Listokin, Pianist - Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 7** Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 14** Senior Citizen's Lunch, leave for Clemmons 9:45 a.m.
- 17** Shopping Trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem 9:00 a.m.
- 19** Brenner Concert - Yumi Ishiguchi, Pianist - Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 20** Purim Service, FAIR OAKS Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 21** Purim Service, reading of the Megilah, 9:15 a.m.
- 22** Temple Emanuel Preschool Program, living room, 10:00 a.m.
- 24** Good Friday Service, Friendship Room, 2:00 p.m.

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# Sinai Revisited

by Estelle Hoffman



The history of the Jews is approximately 4,000 years long, and its people have lived in many lands, during many notable events. My generation has witnessed two outstanding events in that history. One was the Holocaust; the other was the establishment of the State of Israel.

The Holocaust was a horror of unprecedented extent, and its effects wrought an impression which caused many Jews to return voluntarily to the tradition and religion which they had not felt important to them. Subsequent events in Israel, including triumphs and disappointments, have reinforced the sense of identity for many.

Nevertheless, it was not the Holocaust which was the most important event in the history of the Jewish people. In his book, *Where Are We?*, Leonard Fein reminds us of this fact. It was *Sinai* which was most important, and the course of the history of the western world was changed then and there.

Each Passover we read the story related in the *Haggadah* of the Jews' sojourn in Egypt, welcomed by invitation of Joseph's Pharaoh, and of the changed, bitter lives they led some dynasties later, under the hardhearted Pharaoh for whom they toiled and suffered. Under the leadership of Moses and his intercession with God for his people, ten grievous plagues were made to afflict the Egyptians, and finally, after the last, the death of all the first-born Egyptians, they were sent out of the land.

They left in haste, taking with them their flocks, their dough for the bread which would become the *Matza*, the unleavened bread which we bake and eat until this day, in order to commemorate their departure from slavery in Egypt. We remember that we celebrate "that He passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses." They took with them also some valuables in the form of jewelry and tokens of gold somehow earned or obtained from Egyptians, which would later make possible the sin of The Golden Calf. They surmounted the punishment for that, again due to the power of Moses to influence God to give them another chance.

The children of Israel who enacted that first Passover numbered "about six hundred thousand men on foot, beside children." We do not know if the women

were also additional, but that is probable, which would have doubled the number, at least. This was a swarm of people so large that it is hard to envision. During the forty years of life in the desert, most of those who set out for the Promised Land would be replaced by a new generation.

Only about three months had passed when they reached Sinai. Were they free? Free from Egyptian tyranny, but bound by the necessities of the harsh life by which they were constrained, in order to survive. We know almost nothing of their inner lives in Egypt, only that they lived together, apart from the Egyptians.

Then, at Sinai, Moses was called by God and he received the Ten Commandments. After the Ten Commandments, God spoke additional laws to govern the people and their dealings with each other and laws to govern their worship of God, laws which would become both the written and the unwritten law. The incident of the Golden Calf followed, but the survivors received the laws, and the Covenant was made between them and their God, forever.

It was only then that Israel became a people, bound at last by the Covenant for all time, and in spite of deviations and setbacks, they have survived as this immortal people of which we are members.

The Exodus was the necessary prelude to the event at Sinai, where the gift of The Ten Commandments created this people who were to carry the message to far reaches of the world.

During much of ensuing history, compulsory isolation prevented Jews from becoming the destined "light unto the nations." Occasionally, they enjoyed a measure of freedom which enabled them to serve society in some measure. Basic Jewish law is embodied in legal codes of the western world. Throughout most of their history, they were not free, and still today there are Jews in lands which do not allow them freedom of choice, speech or action.

In America we are free as never before to celebrate Passover without fear. We are in a position to influence the government of the United States and our society, if we have the will. We need the will to exercise our ability to advance good causes, to refuse to surrender to apathy. We are free to follow our consciences, to make good choices, in accordance with the guidelines we received at Sinai.

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Illuminated page from the **Sarajevo Haggadah**, produced in Spain nearly 500 years ago and now in the National Museum in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Courtesy of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

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## From the Editor

On Passover we recall the story of our ancestors' transition from slavery to freedom about 3300 years ago.

In recent years, we have included during the *sedera* reading, "The Matza of Hope," for the Jews of the Soviet Union who were denied religious freedom. This year, with the advent of *glasnost* and the lifting of restrictions on the practice of Jewish faith and culture (see "A New View of Soviet Jewry" on page 9), the millions of Jews in USSR may now experience religious freedom.

Happy Passover!

## To the Editor

### Vatican Rejects Old Lies

by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

Two religious myths — lies, in fact — which have wrought much havoc in Western civilizations were powerfully repudiated recently.

One religious lie is that the apartheid, which has resulted in terrible oppression of Black people in South Africa. More than 300 years ago, the Dutch Reformed Church there declared that God cursed Noah's son, Ham, father of Black people, and his children. That false Biblical teaching was used to justify the enforced segregation of South Africa's Blacks.

The other religious lie was that of deicide, the canard that the Jewish people are collectively responsible for the death of Jesus. That absurd teaching became the engine for nearly 2,000 years of anti-Semitism which helped destroy millions of Jewish lives.

Now the Vatican Secretariat for Justice and Peace has issued a major document on "The Church and Racism." The declaration rejected apartheid and racism in all its forms as a "sin" and urged that it be uprooted.

The document termed anti-Semitism "the most tragic form that racist ideologies have assumed in our century, with the horrors of the Jewish Holocaust," and called for its complete elimination.

Significantly, it added that today "anti-Zionism" often serves as a screen for "anti-Semitism."

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Pope John Paul II, this latest Vatican instruction to the entire Catholic world could go a long way in countering the racist ideologies of both apartheid and anti-Semitism.

The Vatican Secretariat on Justice and Peace, which drafted this far-reaching document, is headed by His Eminence Roger Cardinal Etchegaray of Marseilles. This warm-hearted cardinal helped save Jewish lives during the Vichy regime in France, and since then has been a steadfast and loyal friend of the Jewish people and Israel.

At the last World Synod of Bishops meeting in the Vatican a year ago, he unexpectedly called on the Catholic Church to confess its sins of anti-Semitism and ask forgiveness of the Jews.

He was ably assisted in drafting this text by Bishop Jorge Mejia, formerly secretary of the Vatican Secretariat on Religious Relations with the Jews. Bishop Mejia of Argentina is also a long-standing friend of the Jewish people.

Cardinal Etchegaray's personal stature lends great credibility to this major Vatican declaration.

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“Rabbi, teacher, essayist, Ohev-Israel—Jack Riemer’s approach to life and words is both inspired and inspiring. To read him—is to read with him. To follow him—is to share with him his thirst for knowledge and friendship,” so says Elie Wiesel about our speaker.

Rabbi Riemer did graduate studies at Brandeis University. He received his Rabbinical degree from The Jewish Theological Seminary. He is presently spiritual leader of Beth David Congregation in Miami, Florida.

Rabbi Riemer is the editor of *New Prayers for the High Holidays* which is used in hundreds of congregations all around the continent. He also edited *Jewish Reflections on Death*, and co-edited *Ethical Wills: A Modern Jewish Treasury*, both published by Schocken Books.

Rabbi Riemer has led seminars for the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, New England, New York, Chicago and other regions. He has also taught in the Adult Education programs of many synagogues, and on college campuses. He has led study missions to the Soviet Union, Eastern and Western Europe, and Israel. His oratorio, “In The End,” was premiered recently at Lincoln Center.

He is an exciting and inspiring person.

**RABBI GILBERT KLAPERMAN**

- The Evolution of Jewish Law and a Comparison with American Law
- What Is a Jew?
- False Messiahs in Jewish History



Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman is a noted educator, writer, Jewish legalist and pulpit Rabbi.

He received a B.A. and his *semicha* as a Rabbi from Yeshiva College. He holds a Master’s Degree from State University of Iowa, a Doctor of Hebrew Literature from Yeshiva University, and a D.D. from Yeshiva University. In 1978 he received a J.D. degree from Hofstra University Law School.

In the early 1940s, he lectured at the University of Iowa. For 13 years he was an Assistant Professor and lecturer at Yeshiva University. He was also Adjunct Professor of Judaic Studies at Herbert Lehmann College and a special Professor of Law at Hofstra University.

He was the author of many books, the most important being *The Story of the Jewish People*, published by Behrman House and translated into Danish, Persian and German. He regularly wrote articles for *Jewish Life* on a variety of subjects, and has done many reviews for the same publication.

He had the distinction of being President of the Rabbinical Council of America and the Jewish Book Council of America. He has also served as Chairman of the Board, the World Academy in Jerusalem. He is now Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom, Lawrence, New York, where he has served since 1950.

A discussion on the significance of Tishah b'Av will be held Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m.

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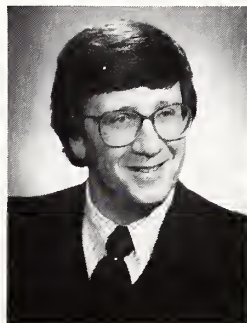
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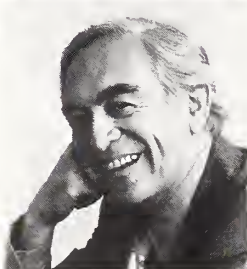
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## THE HAGGADAH

Second Only to the Book of Books  
by Dr. David Geffen

Next to the *Bible*, more copies of the *Haggadah* are produced than of any other Jewish book. Printed or handwritten in practically every language spoken by Jews, it has become a unique volume in world literature.

The basic text of the *Haggadah*, as we know it today, was formulated by Rabban Gamliel in the second century C.E. The first complete text is found in the 10th century *siddur* (prayerbook) of Sa'adia Gaon. As its recitation became an integral part of the *Seder* in the home, it was felt that it should be separated from the *siddur*, and become a book on its own.

### Translations and Illustrations

To be used properly, it was essential that the *Haggadah* be not only read but understood. Translations of the Hebrew text into the various languages of the Diaspora began to appear very early, so that Jews in every country could follow whoever was conducting the *Seder* ritual. But it was several hundred years before illustrations were added, not only as an art form, but also to engage the interest of the old and the young around the table.

The transformation of the *Haggadah* into an illustrated and illuminated manuscript was possible because it was not bound by any religious restrictions. The beginning of *Haggadah* illustrations can be dated back to the beginning of the 14th century and resulted in the creation of a new form of Jewish pictorial art.

There are two types of medieval illustrated *Haggadah* manuscripts—the Sephardi or Spanish version and its Ashkenazi or Franco-German counterpart. Those coming from Italy display some of the characteristics of both schools.

### Earliest Examples

The earliest surviving illuminated Ashkenazi *Haggadah* is the *Birds'*

*Heads Haggadah* in the Israel Museum. Produced around 1300, it substitutes birds' heads for the human face, thus circumventing the prohibition of the second commandment. All the figures wear the famous medieval "Jew's hat," so even those who could not read could not mistake their identity.

The second great revolution in the production of the *Haggadah* came with the invention of printing in the middle of the 15th century. What is believed to be the first printed *Haggadah* was produced in the Spanish city of Guadalajara in 1482. This is a rather modest *Haggadah* containing no illustrations or decorative initial letters.

More than 3000 different versions of the *Haggadah* have been produced in various parts of the world over the centuries. One of the most interesting is the 17th-18th century Chinese manuscript of the Jewish community of Kai-Feng-Fu. The text includes instructions in Parsee written in Hebrew characters, which indicates that the Jews of China derived their religious teachings from Persia. Written with a reed pen on rice paper, the letters have a somewhat Chinese look.

A *Haggadah* was produced for the Indian Bene Israel community in Bombay in 1846. It is in the local language Mahriti, with the Hebrew text alongside. A second edition printed in Poona 28 years later has illustrations showing women in typical Indian dress baking *matza* in specific shapes for the three *matzot* used in the *Seder*.

### Treasures

During World War II even the Nazis showed respect for one of the greatest medieval gems of Jewish art, the *Darmstadt Haggadah* produced in the 15th century in southern Germany. They kept it hidden in the Offenbach Leather Museum so that it did not share the fate of thousands of other Hebrew books and manuscripts, which were burned or destroyed.

Another precious treasure, the *Sarajevo Haggadah*, one of the best known Sephardi *Haggadah* manu-

scripts of the 14th century, was saved for posterity by the initiative of a local school principal. A German officer was sent to Sarajevo to pick up the *Haggadah* from the school in which it was housed. The principal had a quick copy made and hid the original in a nearby cave, where it lay until the end of the war, when it was placed in the Bosnian National Museum.

### Developing the Haggadah Concept

Because the *Haggadah* stresses the idea of freedom and the liberation from bondage, many different groups have utilized its format and that of the *Seder* service itself as a means for transmitting their own ideas. Best known in this category are the *Haggadot* produced by the *kibbutzim*. There, an effort was made to formulate a *Haggadah* which would express the striving and yearnings of the *Halutzim*. Hundreds of these *Haggadot* have appeared, and through them one can better understand the history and outlook of the various *kibbutz* movements.

In the United States in recent years, the struggle for equal rights by all oppressed groups like blacks reflected itself in a *Freedom Haggadah* produced by Arthur Waskow. Originally it appeared in the magazine "Ramparts" and was later produced as a separate text, founded on concepts of peace, freedom and equality. A very meaningful *Haggadah* reflecting the struggle of Soviet Jewry was produced in the 1970s by Mark Podwal, with the Russian commissars in place of the officials of Pharaoh's Egypt. Moreover, Jewish feminists have produced a *Haggadah* of their own in the U.S.A.

The *Haggadah* then, is a book which permits each individual Jew to add his own interpretation to it. It is never really complete because its theme, oppression and tyranny, still exists. When persecution forever ceases, when every trace of bondage disappears, when right rules over might, then perhaps the ideas of the *Haggadah* will reach fruition. That really is what the *Haggadah*, perhaps our greatest Jewish book, is all about.

**The Passover Feast II**  
**Revised Edition**  
**West Orange Chapter of**  
**American Mizrahi Women**  
 Editors: Selma Daner, Rachel Turk,  
 Susan Lando  
 367 pp. Order from Amy Feldman,  
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This popular cookbook was first published in 1978, and American Mizrahi Women of the West Orange Chapter have now released a revised edition. It covers all needs for preparation for Passover and the *Seder*, complete with explanations.

Following the first chapter on the *Seder*, there are several pages of useful hints. The book is then divided into chapters of recipes for Appetizers and Beverages, Salads, Meat, Poultry, Fish, Vegetables, Matza Kugel & Stuffing, Breakfast, Dairy & Eggs, and Dessert.

The variety is endless, including traditional dishes and some which might not be considered for use on Passover, such as Italian or Oriental dishes, but which adapt well to foods which may be used. Scores of cooks have contributed favorite recipes in the compilation of *The Passover*

*Feast II*, resulting in a numerous selection of recipes in each category.

The book is available to individuals or in bulk orders for fund raising. Write for prices to above address.

Planning the *Seder* menu is pleasant, and suggestions for this important holiday meal abound. The week that follows the *Seder* may present problems and one longs for something to help use leftovers or just something new. The following recipes from *The Passover Feast II* may lift the spirits of your family during Passover week.

**Matza and Fruit Charlotte (p. 235) Rachel Turk**

3 1/4 matzot or 2 cups farfel  
 1 cup cold water  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/2 cup raisins  
 2 tbsp. vegetable oil  
 1 cup sliced apples  
 3/4 cup chopped walnuts  
 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Moisten the farfel (or broken matzot) with cold water; drain immediately. Combine with the beaten eggs, salt, sugar, oil, apples, walnuts, raisins and cinnamon. Mix thoroughly. Pour into a greased 2 1/2 qt. baking dish. Bake in a 350° oven for 35 minutes, until the top is browned. Serve with jam or plain.

**Fried Turkey Cakes (p. 163) Edith Wolf (from leftovers)**

1/2 lb. cooked turkey  
 1 lb. mashed potatoes  
 1 small onion, grated  
 1 tsp. parsley, chopped fine  
 salt, to taste  
 pepper, to taste  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 potato starch, as needed

Mince turkey. Combine turkey, mashed potatoes, onion, parsley, salt and pepper. Bind with most of the beaten eggs. Shape into 8 cakes, coat lightly with potato starch, then dip in remaining beaten eggs. Fry in oil until brown.

**Strawberried Beets (p. 194) Fagie Horowitz**

1 lb. fresh beets  
 1/3 cup water  
 2 tbsp. lemon juice  
 2 tbsp. oil  
 1 tbsp. potato starch  
 1/4 cup strawberry jam  
 1/4 tsp. cloves or ginger

In covered saucepan cook beets in small amount of salted boiling water until tender (about 35 minutes). Drain, pare and slice beets. In same saucepan, combine potato starch, jam, water, lemon juice, salt and spices. Cook, stirring constantly over medium heat until mixture thickens and bubbles. Stir in sliced beets and oil and heat thoroughly.

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## From Seder to Stella: The Art of Passover at The Jewish Museum

Over 40 works, including ceremonial objects used in observance of Passover and examples of 20th-century art, are on view in the exhibition, *From Seder to Stella: The Art of Passover in the Collections of the Jewish Museum*, until October 19. Drawn from the Jewish Museum's renowned Judaica collection, these ceremonial objects represent artistic production from the 17th through 20th centuries in Austria, Czechoslovakia, England, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Poland, Russia and the United States. Included are silver, brass and porcelain *seder* plates, as well as containers for special foods eaten during the festival meal, silver or handblown glass cups for *kiddush*, cups for the prophet Elijah, and ornately embroidered ritual textiles such as covers for the *matza*. Also on view are works by the Russian avant-garde artist El Lissitzky (1890-1941) and the noted American artist Frank Stella (born 1936), inspired by the *Had Gadya*. The *Had Gadya* is an Aramaic poem chanted at the conclusion of the *seder* service which has often been interpreted as an allegory of the fate of the Jewish people.

Highlights of the exhibition include fine examples of late 19th-century Bohemian handblown glass; 18th-century German, engraved pewter plates; a 1930 silver, ebony and glass Passover set which is a major example of the work of Ludwig Wolpert (who successfully adapted Bauhaus philosophy to the production of contemporary Jewish ceremonial art); selections from the Jewish Museum's important collection of ritual textiles; small, silver 18th and 19th-century dishes resembling wheelbarrows (created to hold charoset).

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028. For information, call (212) 860-1888.



Wall Decoration with scenes from *Had Gadya*, made by Ze'ev Raban, Bezalel School, Jerusalem, early 1900s, The Jewish Museum.



Passover Plate, made by L. Q. R., Vienna, c. 1900, The Jewish Museum.



"The Fire Came and Burnt the Stick" from *Had Gadya* suite, by El Lissitzky, Russia, 1919, The Jewish Museum.

## A New View of Soviet Jewry by Estelle Hoffman

Lately, I have adopted the concept that forever is a long time. To put it another way, there is nothing permanent in our world. It is hard to relinquish the pursuit of causes for which we have long labored, but what if things change? What are we going to do now?

When the battle against poliomyelitis was won, the March of Dimes redirected its cause to attack birth defects. That did not demand a great change in attitudes. It appears that we now face a more difficult change.

From the World Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith International and even The Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry come eye witness reports of changes in the Soviet Union which affect the lives of its Jews, and speedily, in our day.

To my knowledge, the news releases began to emerge in December of 1988. Edgar M. Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, Seymour D. Reich, International President of B'nai B'rith, and Isi Leibler, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, vice president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the Asia Pacific Jewish Association, participated in Moscow in talks with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and other Soviet officials. The information from developments there are most concisely expressed in a news release of the World Jewish Congress.

In the words of Edgar Bronfman, "We must acknowledge the positive response to our demands that have been made by Soviet authorities under the leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev. There has been a sharp and continuing rise in the numbers of Jews permitted to emigrate, the backlog of long-time refuseniks has been all but eliminated, the Prisoners of Zion have all been freed and Jews are no longer barred from emigrating because they allegedly knew Soviet 'secrets.'

"Equally important are the new opportunities to practice the Jewish



*Following an historic agreement negotiated with Soviet officials in Moscow in February by Dr. Jerry Hochbaum (2nd from right), executive vice president of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Foundation awarded its first grants to three Soviet Jews. The grant recipients (L. to R.) are Cantor Vladimir Pliss of Moscow's Choral Synagogue who will go to Israel to study cantorial and choral work and research the cantorial tradition of Russian Jews; Michael S. Gluz, artistic director of the Jewish Musical Theatre of the U.S.S.R., who has been commissioned to write an opera on Bar Kochba; and Zev Kuravsky, a teacher at the yeshiva associated with the Choral Synagogue, who will undertake advanced talmudic studies outside the U.S.S.R.*

faith and express Jewish culture that the Soviet regime has recently made possible. The law against teaching Hebrew is no longer being enforced, and Jewish religious instruction and cultural expression is now permitted."

Mr. Bronfman disclosed that the first Jewish cultural center in the Soviet Union—to be named for Shlomo Mikhoels, the Jewish actor and cultural hero murdered by Stalin in 1948—would open in Moscow during a "festival of Jewish culture" in the Soviet capital February 12 to 22. The festival was to be held in the new center located on the site of the former Yiddish State Theatre of Moscow, which was directed by Mikhoels. Besides Mr. Bronfman and other leaders of world Jewry who negotiated the agreement to establish the Jewish cultural center, noted author and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel was to take part in the ceremonies.

In his report, Mr. Bronfman disclosed that on his two most recent visits to the Soviet Union, he took with him 22,000 Jewish books, both religious and secular. He emphasized the need of our sending books and other Jewish educational materials, to send rabbis and teachers to the Soviet Union from the Diaspora and from Israel.

"No matter how wide the gates open," Edgar Bronfman said, "most Jews in the Soviet Union are likely to remain. If we do not want to lose them as Jews, we must teach them to be Jews. And if we want to create in them the desire to emigrate to Israel, they must have an understanding and appreciation of the meaning of Israel in the history of the Jewish people."

The foregoing is a turn of events unimagined by most of us. Further details of the conference were announced by Seymour D. Reich, International President of B'nai B'rith. A full accounting of the Raoul Wallenberg case was promised, as well as judicial cooperation regarding Nazi war criminals. Officials agreed to ease the requirement that all relatives must approve emigration. Permission was granted to allow foreign rabbis to serve communities in the USSR. The jamming of radio broadcasts to the Soviet Union has been stopped, as announced by the American Jewish Committee, a sponsor of the Academy of the Air for Jewish Studies. The Academy prepares tapes which Kol Israel, the Israel Broadcast Authority, broadcasts. The subjects are non-political, by authorities on Jewish literature, religion, history and philosophy.

The discussion involved ex-

changes and visits of Soviet and Jewish teenagers. Publication of Jewish books in the Russian language, exchanges of exhibits and opening B'nai B'rith offices in Moscow and other cities were discussed. *In an historic move, 38 leaders of the Moscow Jewish community have founded the first unit of B'nai B'rith in the Soviet Union.*

All of this leads to what Isi Leibler of Melbourne, Australia, wrote in an article printed in *Jewish Post & Opinion, National* on December 28. His article is a statement of his own conclusions, based on facts which he has observed and weighed.

He deems critical the response of world Jewry to the rapid changes occurring in the world of Soviet Jewry. He reminds us of the seventy years of Soviet denial of permission of the exercise of any kind of Jewish religion, education or cultural tradition by Soviet Jews. "They are awakening," he writes, "from the long nightmare with encouraging signs of deep longing for their Jewish roots." He adds that we cannot

impose our views upon them, but that we must help them to reconstruct.

Isi Leibler believes that we Jews of the Diaspora need what he calls some new thinking, our own kind of *glasnost* in the Soviet Jewry movement. He cites these facts: There are fewer than 100 long-term refusenik families awaiting exit visas. It is dangerous self-delusion to go on pretending that there are hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews wanting to leave for Israel if only emigration were completely free. Cultural and religious opportunities for Soviet Jews are expanding at an almost bewildering rate.

Regarding Jews awaiting exit visas from the Soviet Union, he says we must continue to insist on the right of free emigration for all Jews, "But the Soviet Jewry movement is not a travel agency and the transfer of one diaspora to another. . . is not a pressing national Jewish objective. This is especially true if the overwhelming majority of Jews wanting to leave, currently over 90 percent, do not want to go to Israel, do not particularly care about their Jewish identity, and have doubtful prospects of even remaining Jews once they end up in the West."

That is a statement that may be accepted reluctantly by some who have exerted so great an effort in the Soviet Jewry movement.

Isi Leibler acknowledges some religious revival amongst Soviet Jews, and is enthusiastic about our support with resources for religious life, as well as for Jewish secular culture within the USSR. Lubavitch is already spearheading activism within the Soviet Union, and he hopes other religious groups will do likewise. He advocates our emphasis on "creating, nurturing and maintaining Jewish life in the Soviet Union."

Otherwise, he feels that Soviet Jewry will "self-destruct into complete assimilation," an ironic result of Gorbachev's *glasnost*. This will occur either within the USSR or in the West, after mass emigration of Jews who retain so little of their

heritage.

In his article, promises emanating from the talks in Moscow reported by other participants were repeated and affirmed by refuseniks with whom Leibler spoke. He added more items of the agreement. He also admitted that the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we must await the enactment of the bright promises, some of which are already in effect. However, of the approximately two million Soviet Jews, only a few thousand keep Jewish culture and religion alive. It is that segment which needs our support, because the total number survived as Jews mainly because of the persecution they suffered, preventing them from assimilating, in the absence of open encouragement to remain Jewish.

Finally, Leibler appeals to Israel to offer leadership in cooperation with Jewish organizations in the Diaspora. He calls for all of us to "get our act together." He pleads for us to act together not only to act on behalf of Soviet Jews, but to speak "to Soviet Jewish activists," and to maintain accurate awareness of realities within the Soviet Union.

The great question as to the sincerity and success of Gorbachev's changes remains. There is no alternative to waiting to see the outcome, but in closing, I refer to Jeane Kirkpatrick's statement, a portion of which was quoted in *The Charlotte Observer* from her writing in *New Perspective Quarterly*. She referred to Stalin's infallibility in the totalitarian structure of the Soviet system. She claims that questions about that infallibility have shaken that basis of power. Such questions are being posed by current changes initiated by Gorbachev's administration.

Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, not gullible towards good intentions of the Soviets, casts an optimistic eye on the future when she utters this judgment: "Once infallibility is questioned, it can't be reinstated. Even a Marxist-Leninist Humpty-Dumpty can't be put together again."

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## Land Use Ethics: A Christian-Jewish Tradition

by Robert Mulder

Why have spiritual leaders of many North Carolina Jewish and Christian congregations become involved in environmental matters, reflected in their support of The Land Stewardship Council of N.C.? Why should they bother? They are faced with an incredible number of challenges, fighting to improve the plight of the homeless, the displaced, battered spouses, unwanted children, migrant workers, a seemingly endless list. Does concern for God's creation fit into all of this, and should this concern be more than just an acknowledgement that problems exist?

Very few people are not aware of the challenges we face in cleaning up our environment. If we were to eliminate all forms of pollution tomorrow, the cost to clean up the mess we have already made would be staggering.

Why have we let ourselves get into this sad state? I think it is because we have allowed our standards of moral judgment and philosophy to become dormant as they relate to land use. These standards stem from the heritage of religious values and teachings of the Holy Scriptures. "A land use ethic is a statement of moral imperatives concerning justice, use of power, views of society and claims of privileges relating to planning, development, management, conservation and preservation of the finite land resource."

How do we practice that definition of land use ethics? On a large scale, for instance, we should not build in flood plains, even if a city council changes the definition of a flood plain, nor should we build in sensitive watershed areas. Industries should be willing to use the most up-to-date technology to reduce the toxic chemicals they release into the air and water. In turn, we, as prudent consumers, should be willing to support these companies, even if it means buying their products at high-

er cost. On a smaller scale, we should recycle our aluminum, glass, paper, etc. Our concern about air pollution and the greenhouse effect should be translated into action: drive as if your tank of gas will be your last; stick to a speed limit of 55 on major highways and use bus and rail services rather than driving and flying.

If you are in the market for a new car, reward those auto makers who produce the most fuel efficient vehicles by buying their product. Weekend mechanics should take their old oil to a recycling center, not drain it into a ditch, or send it off to the landfill in jugs. Before you change or have your anti-freeze changed, write the manufacturer and ask for advice on disposal. Investigate alternatives to the use of hazardous household chemicals and toxic pesticides.

As human beings we generally are concerned with the short term. I'm not suggesting this approach is always bad. It's not, especially in helping people whose basic needs for survival have to be met quickly. What we have to remember, however, are the dynamics involved that enable those of us who have to help those who have not.

We provide for ourselves, as well as for those who cannot fend for themselves, food, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical services. What provides us with the ability to offer these services? Land. Without it we would not have any of the above.

We are told in *Genesis* 2:15 that "The Lord God took man and settled him in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it." To *cultivate and care* for it, not poison His gifts of air, water and all those things He saw were good.

All people on this earth bear the awesome task of protecting and managing in the best manner possible God's creation. We should be doing it in a manner consistent with our Scriptural heritage. This is why many congregations have taken it upon themselves to teach land stewardship as a way of life.

Robert Mulder is president of The Land Stewardship Council of N.C. For information write the Council at 402 Carolina Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27606, phone 919-851-4211; or Route 4, Box 426, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312, phone 919-542-1077.



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# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Society Establishes Grants and Prizes

The Southern Jewish Historical Society announces the establishment of two categories of grant awards, one for student essays on the Southern Jewish experience and the other for the completion of works pertaining to the Southern Jewish experience on a funds-match grant basis.

For the B. H. Levy Student Essay Prize in Southern Jewish History, \$500 will be awarded for the best paper dealing with Southern Jewry by a current graduate or undergraduate college student. The prize honors the memory of the late Mr. Levy of Savannah, Ga., a scholar of Southern Jewish history who was closely associated with the work of the Society.

An Awards Committee will award grants in 1989. The awards, not to exceed \$2,500 per year, will support the completion of works pertaining to the Southern Jewish experience in any medium, such as books, exhibits, films or videocassettes.

Each November, the Society holds an annual conference. The next annual conference will be held Nov. 4-5 in Charleston, S.C.

For more information about the grant awards, contact Rachel Heimovics, 20 Old Post Road, Longwood, Fla. 32779; (407) 333-0532. Information about the Society may be obtained by writing Dr. Louis Schmier, VSC Box 179, Valdosta, Ga. 31698, or by contacting any officer or member of the board of trustees.

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## Yom Hashoa Greensboro, N.C.

A Yom Hashoa commemoration will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, May 1 at Finch Chapel, Greensboro College. Helen Fagin, a Holocaust survivor and adjunct professor in Judaic Studies at the University of Miami, will be the keynote speaker. The talk will address the question: "The Holocaust—What Can We Teach, What Can We Learn?"

Sponsors include: The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, Greensboro Jewish Federation, Temple Emanuel, Beth David Synagogue, Greensboro Ministerial Fellowship, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Greensboro College and The Holocaust Gathering.

## UNC/Duke Hillel by Lauren Stone

N. C. Hillel has been keeping very busy with wonderful programming.

This semester Hillel students have had the opportunity to hear many challenging speakers:

**Judith Hauptman**, Professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary spoke on "Can Jewish Law be Changed to Better Women."

**Brian Schmidt**, a visiting lecturer at UNC, spoke at a Duke brunch. Schmidt gave a lecture and follow-up discussion on the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict—An Alternative American-Jewish Approach.

**Barry Nakell**, president of the Durham/Chapel Hill Federation spoke to the Board of the Jewish law students at Duke on the importance of UJA.

**Rabbi John Friedman**, Rabbi at Judea Reform in Durham, led off our Reform Rabbi Dinner Discussion Series. His topic was "The Right to Determine Who is a Jew."

**Pat Barry**, UNC Professor of Health Policy and Administration, led a group discussion on "Jewish Men and Jewish Women Speaking to Each Other" at a UNC Lox and Bagel Brunch.

Hillel also had the wonderful experience of being a sponsor for Julius Lester, a well-known Black author and professor at the University of Mass. at Amherst, who converted to Judaism. He spoke on both campuses. He talked about his "Journey to Judaism" and "Blacks and Jews in American History."

We feel very fortunate in having been able to have so many talented speakers come to Hillel and are looking forward to others.

Besides having speakers, Hillel also has a social one night a week on both the UNC and Duke campuses. Some of our favorites this semester have been: Pizza Night, Israeli Dancing and Falafels, All You Can Eat Spaghetti, Make Your Own Chipwich (ice cream sandwich), Movie Night. We also have a Lox and Bagel Brunch once a month at both campuses.

Shabbat Services have taken on a new dimension this semester. To try to meet the needs of various constituents, we are trying a new approach by offering two services: one Reform and one Conservative. The two groups then come together for Kiddush and Dinner. We have been very gratified by how the two services are working out.

Both campuses held student UJA telephone campaigns. Duke Chairman Dawn Schoenfeld and UNC Chairman Lauren Dosik and UNC Co-Chair Max Weiss have been working very hard to ensure that both campaigns would be successful. We are pleased to announce that both campuses' goals were reached.

Following Spring Break, the Hillel Community will be celebrating Purim and preparing for our community Passover Seder.

## Rabbis' Winter Kallah

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis held its winter *kallah* in Chapel Hill, N.C., Feb. 13-15. The program consisted of four lectures and a business meeting at which new officers were elected. They are: Rabbi Jerome Fox of Roanoke, Va., president; Rabbi Tom Liebschutz of Winston Salem, N.C., vice president; Rabbi Robert Seigel of Charlotte, N.C., secretary; Rabbi Frank Muller of Roanoke, Va., treasurer.

The presentations were made by members of faculty of UNC-Chapel Hill. Professor Sheva Zucker spoke on *God's Uneasy Presence in Yiddish Literature*. Dr. Jack Sasson's subject was *What Went Wrong in Nineveh?* which was a commentary on the Book of Jonah. A current topic, *Bargaining for Identity: Men and Women in the Moroccan Jewish Community in Israel*, was discussed by Professor Rachel Wasserfall, who has had personal experience with that segment of the population. Professor Gordon Newby, who is a convert to Judaism, spoke on *The Jews of Arabia at the Onset of Islam*. All the lectures were scholarly and each speaker an expert in his/her field.

All sessions were held in the B'nai B'rith Hillel House, where meals were also served. Tickets were made available for the performance of Mikhail Baryshnikov's acting debut in Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis* and for a concert by the Budapest Symphony Orchestra at theatres in Durham on the campus of Duke University.

GCAR will hold its summer *kallah* August 17-23 at Wildacres, immediately following the Interfaith Institute, which GCAR sponsors and which will start August 14.

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

We begin our monthly saga with joy and *Mazel Tovs* to the following: to David and Louise Tell on the

birth of a daughter, Naomi Lisbeth, and to grandparents, Charlotte and Barrie Tell, and great grandmother, Mrs. Frances Tell; to David Freedman, son of Abe and Roz Freedman, who has recently been made a partner in the law firm of White and Crumpler in Winston-Salem; to Ann Cross on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Marcie Horowitz, of Orlando, Fla.; to Eliot and Susan Wadopian on the birth of a son on Jan. 23, and to grandparents, Herbert and Curry Wadopian; to Mildred and Milton Lurey on their 50th wedding anniversary which they celebrated in Boca Raton, Fla., Feb. 18-19, with relatives and friends.

On March 20, Sisterhood hosted the annual Purim Megillah Reading. Sisterhood members made the *Hamantaschen*. Purim night, the Sisterhood Membership Committee also sponsored the Newcomers Buddy System. Ellen Carr, Carol Deutsch and Lillian Wellisch were in charge of this new activity. It was fun and a fine way of welcoming new members. This year's Sisterhood Shabbat weekend will be on April 7 and 8. A special guest speaker will be featured along with many new ideas and plans. We'd like to thank our Kitchen Committee, Ruth and Morris Fox, Hilda Ehrlich and Lyn Dunn, for their continued efforts at inventory and cleaning. As a new activity at Passover time, Sisterhood will be selling Barton's Candy. The selection will be offered to the entire community.

Barbara Lewin, principal of Sunday School, reports on the special Tu b'Shevat celebration. We hosted a joint program for the Beth Israel, Beth ha-Tephila and Chavurah Sunday Schools. The activities included the creation of a mural and a "Mitzvah Tree," music and singing, and watching a video, "Grandpa's Tree." The "Mitzvah Tree" is a living apple tree (golden delicious) — which was given to us and planted by the Chavurah. Leaves labelled with *Mitzvahs* performed by the children decorated the tree during the program. A Tu b'Shevat Seder, led by Rabbis

Pearlson and Bluming, followed these activities. It was an interesting service accompanied by delicious food.

The success of this program is due to the efforts of many people. Barbara gives a hearty thank you to the following: Phyllis Bluming, Mary Ann Schrieber, the Beth ha-Tephila faculty, Debbi Miles, Wanda Levin, M. J. Seidenberg, Carol Deutsch, Laurie Teich, Janet Freedman, our own faculty, Bob Deutsch, David Gaynes, Rabbis Pearlson and Bluming, and all the parents who helped out, unasked, at the last minute. Thank you, also to Maggie Heller who coordinated this project, putting in a great amount of time and effort. In addition, the Hellers donated the foods necessary for the Seder. The entire program was a joyful and meaningful experience for all.

And last, but not least, the congregation extends its very best wishes to Rabbi Eliot Pearlson, who has accepted a position with Temple Menorah in Miami Beach, Fla. effective July 1.

## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

### Shabbat Friendship Circle

Meeting on Saturday mornings once a month at congregants' homes, the Shabbat Friendship Circle has been concentrating on Comparative Religion. Invited speakers on successive Saturdays have included the Rev. Arthur Fogarties of the First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. John Hewitt of the First Baptist Church, Cheryl and Michael Hughes who spoke on Baha'i, and Rabbi Elliot Pearlson of the conservative Beth Israel Synagogue. Besides pleasant companionship and refreshments generously provided, these mornings will result in both a heightened awareness and tolerance of other religious points of view.

### The Sisterhood

With pride and pleasure the Sisterhood reports the near completion of

the much-needed renovation of the Temple's kitchen. This project has been completely underwritten by the Ruth Janowitz Memorial Fund which, since its inception less than a year ago, has collected over \$12,000. The Fund is an on-going entity through which contributions will be used to maintain the kitchen and otherwise used at the Sisterhood's discretion.

Also under the Sisterhood's aegis are Uniongrams, the sale of which contributes to the support of the Youth Education and Sisterhood Special Projects Fund of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Traditionally the accepted way to congratulate, commemorate or otherwise communicate, Uniongrams, to quote the current Temple Bulletin, "are available at the Temple or by calling Ruth Chicurel at 274-4894. They range in price from \$2.50 for a package of 4 plain Uniongrams to \$1.50 each for a most

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#### **Adult Education**

The second of the Temple's series of four weekly lectures, starting in late February, traced the history of anti-Semitism from its beginnings in ancient Judea to its current manifestation.

A Passover Workshop is planned for Tuesday evening, April 4, featuring Henry Meyers' presentation "Passover Historical Perspective."

On April 10, Rabbi Bluming will lecture on "The Seder: from Chaos to Order."

#### **Religious School**

On Jan. 22, the Religious Schools of Temple Beth ha-Tephila and Beth Israel Synagogue celebrated Tu b'Shevat together at the Synagogue. The "Birthday of the Trees," corresponding to Arbor Day in Israel, afforded a welcome opportunity this year for the children of the Jewish community to get to know each other. Phyllis Bluming, principal of the Beth ha-Tephila Religious School, reports that the event was a great success.

#### **The Rabbi**

On Rabbi Bluming's busy schedule were his presence as moderator at the Friendship Circle's Comparative Religion series and his appearance at the annual luncheon meeting of the United Way to deliver the invocation, Jan. 27.

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

by Pearl Abramsky

Rabbi Robert A. Seigel has been elected Secretary of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis.

Plans are underway for our Temple Family Passover Seder on Wednesday night, April 19. This Seder is a wonderful way to commemorate Pesach with family and friends in an atmosphere of joy and fellowship.

Few theatre performances revive a distinguished tradition and herald a new playwright at the same time. The renewed Golden Circle Theatre, one of Charlotte's oldest companies, created that theatrical event on March 4 and 5 with the debut of our own Mark Bernstein's historical drama, "A Scroll from Bar Kokhba."

Motivated by a recent regional meeting of Reform temples, Rabbi and Mrs. Seigel and Bill and Gloria Grifenhagen returned to Charlotte with the idea of forming a Human Resources Committee. Since any temple is made up of many individuals having varied needs and talents, this group will endeavor to form a better interplay of these needs and talents between the temple and its congregants.

Congratulations to Sisterhood President Honey Kridel on her recent election to the Board of District #8, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Preliminary schematic drawings have been unveiled for Temple Beth El V'Shalom's new temple. The creative design is on display in the temple. A target completion date for the building has been set at August 1, 1990.

The newly established Chavurah groups have evoked great interest throughout the congregation. Three groups are already meeting, and the people involved are excited about this creative way to gain friendships, while exploring common interests.

#### **CLARIFICATION**

In last month's column, we neglected to state that Joan Lyons, Jeff Lyons' former wife, is the mother of Andrew, Nancy and Allison Lyons. They live with their mother, and contribute to keeping her busy schedule both filled and fulfilled.

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Howard Guld, president, finds that many Jewish families using his real estate network have been moving away from traditional population centers such as New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts to Sunbelt states such as Florida, California and Georgia.

"Because they've been comfortable in their previous homes and neighborhoods, our clients want to make certain that they're just as comfortable in their new communities. Although finding the right home is important, of equal importance is learning about the Jewish community facilities available, such as temples and synagogues, kosher butchers, JCCs and other things that are important to their religious and cultural heritage," says Michael Guld, vice president.

Relocation specialist Doris Turkel has been with the Guld's since the homefinding business was established and has become the company's resident expert in "Jewish Geography." In addition to Mrs. Turkel, clients may talk to Howard's wife, Carole, or Michael's wife, Natalie, who are real estate agents.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

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*Matzah* is the unique food eaten on Passover in commemoration of the Exodus from Egypt more than 3300 years ago. As the Israelites rushed into freedom, their dough had no time to rise. It has thus been a biblical command to eat *matzah* on Passover.

Traditionally, the hand baked *matzah*, also called "shmurah matzah," has been eaten, since it is similar to the original *matzah* the Jews ate in the desert.

Today there are many authentic *matzah* bakeries in cities like New York, Jerusalem and London. Lubavitch has introduced the **Model Matzah Bakery** to give children and adults a chance to experience the real thing in a replica bakery. Participants will mix dough, roll it flat and bake the *matzahs*.

There will be authentic New York *matzah* available to all participants. A limited amount will be for sale.

For more information, call the Lubavitch office at (704) 366-3984.

### Talmud Torah and School

Students at Lubavitch Talmud Torah have been busy preparing for the festive holiday of Purim.

In addition to learning the story of Purim, the children made costumes and Purim baskets to use on the holiday.

Lubavitch Talmud Torah has earned a reputation as a place children are most eager to be in. "Education could be fun and exciting", says Mariashi Groner, Director and a teacher at the Talmud Torah. "Children from all backgrounds come

here to learn and enjoy."

Chanie Weiss and Mariashi Groner teach the Juniors and Rabbi Bin-yomin Weiss teaches the Seniors at the Talmud Torah.

Lubavitch Preschool and Day School children prepared a unique masquerade party on Purim day where parents and children participated in *Hamantaschen* baking.

The kindergarten students also created a Purim *Megillah* under the guidance of Chanie Weiss and constructed Purim *graggers* with Susan Doobrow, the kindergarten teacher.

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Children parading in Purim costumes.



Chanie Weiss teaching Talmud Torah students.

## Temple Of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

One of the great satisfactions of watching the regrowth of a Temple School is when we are again able to have the confirmation of some of the students. Thanks to the efforts of the teachers and Rabbi Gordon, there will be a meaningful confirmation ceremony this coming Shavuot. The confirmands are James Bache, Allan Reamer and Derek Seidel. The entire congregation looks forward to this confirmation service and joins in joy with the parents of these young men who have persevered and achieved in their Judaic studies.

How can Purim at Temple be celebrated without the wild doings of our temple juniors? In addition to the singing, whirring *graggers* and *Hamantaschen*, we had a Purim play with all of the old ploys including an almost actual hanging of Haman.

As part of Human Relations month, the Temple hosted Rev. Stit of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington who spoke on the "Brotherhood of Man." It is a pleasure for us to have such fine relationships with the people who are beside us in fostering the understanding of one another's concepts of humanity.

## Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

Temple Israel has contracted to sell its sanctuary and related property to Covenant Presbyterian Church. Covenant's sanctuary is directly across the street from the temple. The church plans to build a family life center, a gymnasium and a child care center on the temple's site. Temple Israel may remain through December 1, 1991, by which time it expects to be in its new building at Shalom Park.

Pesach will be celebrated with several *Seders* at the Temple. The primary and high schools will each hold a *Seder* for their students. On

April 20, the second night of Pesach, there will be the congregation's Community *Seder*. Please call the Temple office at 376-2796 for further details and reservations.

Our monthly Trivia Judaica Show-down continues on April 21. Use your noodle! Join our teams, the *Lukschens* and the *Kugels*, during services the third Friday of every month.

The Jewish Community Center and Temple Israel are sponsoring a family Shabbat retreat at Camp Judea near Hendersonville the weekend of May 27. Mark your calendars now. More details will follow.

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

by Lisa Pharr

Preparation for Passover baskets has begun. HaLailah members assemble decorative baskets with symbolic foods for the holiday season. With the help of Jewish Family Services, the baskets are delivered to the elderly, needy and shut-ins of the community. Donations in support of Passover Baskets are much appreciated. Contributions may be directed to Penny Eisenberg, 9554 Hunting Ct., Matthews, N.C. 28105.

The Older Adult Luncheon will be held on April 30 at the JCC at 12:30. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call Eileen Darholt, 364-3897.

HaLailah members enjoyed an afternoon of children and games at the Purim Festival on March 19. Thanks to those who staffed the ring toss.

## Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women

by Estelle Goozner

Election of Officers for 1989-90 was held at the paid-up membership luncheon, March 1. The slate is as follows: Steering Committee: Margie Liebshtein, administrative v.p.; Abbe Bryan, fundraising v.p.; Peggie Rovman, treasurer. Other officers are: Nina Haas, programming v.p.; Valerie Blumenthal, membership v.p.; Paula Gentile and Lynda White, community volunteer services co-v.p.'s; Elissa Meadow, financial sec.; Seena Binder and Helen Rosenbaum, corresponding sec.'s; Lorrie Klemmons, recording sec.; Jody Pinion, counselor. Installation will be held in April.

Susan Bruck, vice president of B'nai B'rith Women International, presented a slide show and talk on "The Children's Home in Israel" at the membership luncheon. Susan has visited the Home which is an outstanding project of B'nai B'rith Women and provides residential care for severe emotionally disturbed boys.

## CAJE Update

The following is an update of the list of members of CAJE for 1988-89 published in Nov. 1988 *Times Outlook*.

Charlotte, N.C.: Faye Goldstein, Trish Golembe, Elaine Chernotsky, Ellen Dubin, Gail Pienkny, Susan Wexler. Columbia, S.C.: Beth Shalom. Fayetteville, N.C.: Beth Israel. Lynchburg, Va.: Agudath Sholom. Raleigh, N.C.: Beth Or. Statesville, N.C.: Congregation Emanuel.

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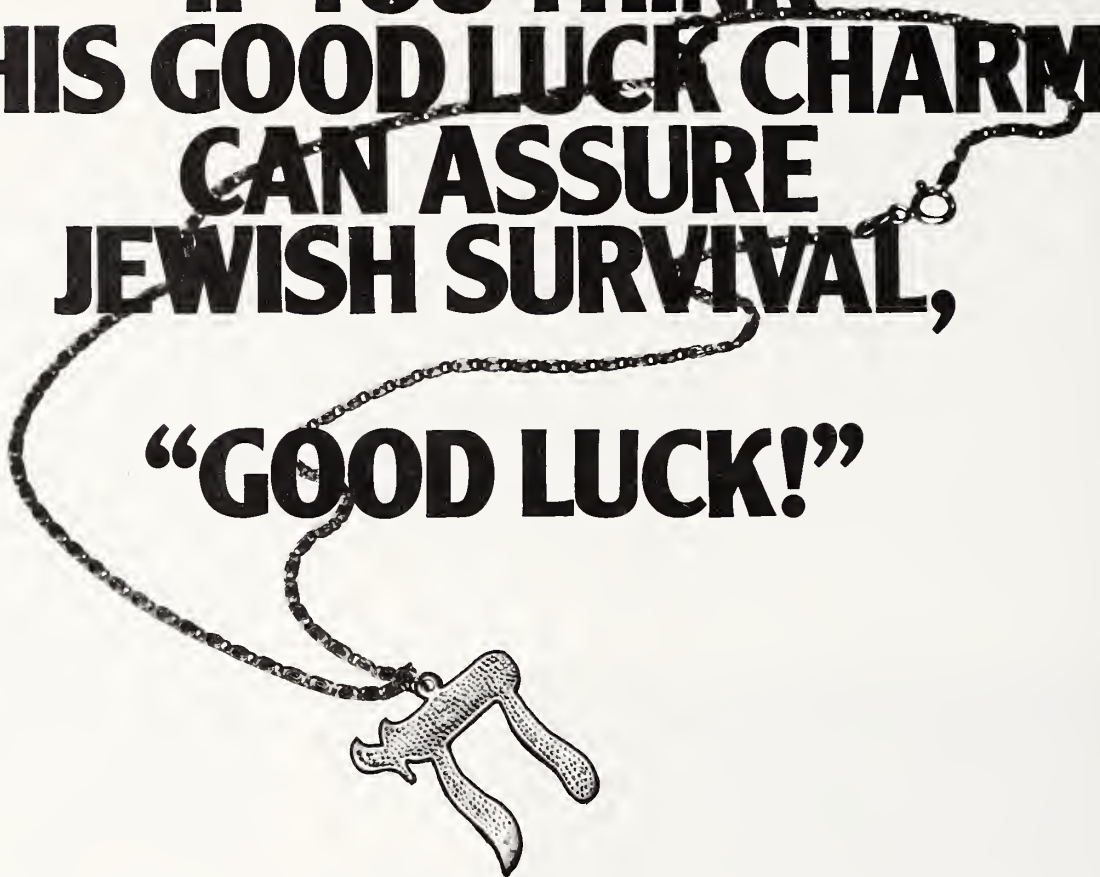
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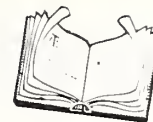
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# Book Reviews



## Where Are We? The Inner Life of America's Jews

by Leonard Fein

Harper & Row 329 pp. \$19.95

by Estelle Hoffman

As founder and first editor of *Moment* magazine, Leonard Fein enjoys a well earned reputation for his writing in the fields of Jewish history, sociology, politics and religion.

*Where Are We?* offers no single definition of the lives of American Jews, but evaluates their history since they came "in pursuit of change, in order to invent their future." Although the book discusses the plight of Jews throughout the history of the Diaspora, Zionism and the State of Israel, it is the unique condition of American Jews which is the topic the author addresses.

To prophets of doom who foretell the disappearance of Judaism in the United States through intermarriage and assimilation, he replies that we Jews have been dying for 4,000 years. Survival has become the 614th Commandment. Because America is committed to pluralism, for the first time Jews need not choose either to live a totally Jewish life, or to defect and fade into the greater society. We may assert and define our own boundaries, for our values weave well together with those of America.

What changes we have seen in America! Since the melting pot image of our country has been replaced by one of multi-pluralism, we are free to make our contribution openly. Some of our spokesmen are reluctant to relinquish our fear, the remembrance of our history. Leonard Fein asks if history must inevitably be our enemy. Can we make history our friend, by bringing our God to it here in this land? He quotes Mordecai Kaplan's opinion: "The past has a vote, not a veto." "We stand as history's most stunning example of the resistance to despair, of the tenacity of hope," Fein

offers as an answer from our history.

The fears that caused the establishment of Jewish organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, though serving worthwhile purposes, are not adequate reason for our wish to survive. Survival for its own sake is a poor motive for Jewish life, whether the threat be from outside or within, through interdenominational conflict.

The dilemma of American Jews is that we wish to be both particularist and universal. The first is an embarrassment to some of us; the second is seen as a threat to others. We want to be allowed in, while we choose to remain separate. The claim of Leonard Fein is that we are now, at long last, not required to choose. We are strengthened by the ability to live in both worlds. Thus, we have true freedom.

My favorite chapter is the tenth, *Intersections: A Formulated Meaning*. Seeking meaning results in confusion for many American Jews. "*Tikun olam* (to repair the universe) is a meaning that carried us throughout much of Jewish history." Here in America, we view ethics as our dutiful contribution to society. To repair the universe, now that this political system offers the possibility to join in that effort, is an effort that has been assumed by American Jews, disproportionately to our segment of the population.

The question posed after that theme is presented and the answers given comprise the best discussion of American Judaism I have ever read. Leonard Fein compares our religion to music. The printed notes are not the music; it is the performance by the musician that becomes the music. The text of Judaism (or any religion) does not constitute the religion; the performance, the political expression, the action make the religion.

Throughout this book, Leonard Fein makes references to Jewish sources old and new, and he admits

that it is tempting to play the game of quotation. An effort to review the book creates a strong temptation to quote from his writing endlessly. He understands all kinds of Jews and American Jews so well that he raises their questions and considers their diverse opinions.

He speaks for American Jews and to them. Of our pluralism he says, "We will not live to see the end of the game. . . so all there is for us is the way the game is played." He reminds us that we are writing the text and that we must make our interpretations in this time and place, as the prophets of old did in their time, and as Jews have done throughout their history.

This book should be required reading for all American Jews. It is a report on our maturity in the most compatible society for our values, and helps to answer the questions which confuse us. *Where Are We?* leads to more questions, like "Where is your brother?" and "Who is your brother?" American Jewry, we are told, needs a theory of its own, and Leonard Fein helps us to arrive at one.

Leonard Fein is the author of *Politics in Israel* and *The Ecology of the Public Schools*. He is Visiting Scholar at the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C.

## Friends Forever

by Miriam Chaikin

Harper & Row Junior Books

119 pp. \$11.95

Miriam Chaikin is a favorite author among junior readers (ages 8-11). Her latest book, *Friends Forever*, is the fifth in the series about Molly and her family and friends.

As news of German victories on the battlefields and Nazi atrocities against the Jews becomes known, Molly faces important decisions as she and her friends prepare to enter junior high school in Brooklyn, N.Y.

## The Iranian Triangle

by Samuel Segev

The Free Press

340 pp. \$22.50

This is *The Untold Story of Israel's Role in the Iran-Contra Affair*, a drama which continues to unfold. *The Iranian Triangle* delves into the history of the clandestine relationship between Israel and Iran.

Segev reveals how, in 1982, the U.S. supported Israel's plans to supply arms and military instructors for an ultimately unrealized coup attempt against Khomeini. Though the Khomeini Revolution led to the severance of formal ties with Israel, it did not close all channels to Tehran—nor halt Iran's interest in acquiring American arms.

*The Iranian Triangle* discloses new facts about arms shipments and never-before-reported meetings between Israeli leaders, Khomeini agents and U.S. government representatives to get to the root of the Iran arms sale operation. Combining a sharp eye for detail with a wealth of information—meeting transcripts, official records and interviews with the key participants—Segev recounts the events step-by-step.

Providing a complete scorecard of the shifting players—and documenting the lies, mistrust and discord among them—Segev exposes the web of contradictions and cross-purposes that beset policy in the U.S. and Israel, including:

- the tactical blunders committed, in particular, by Oliver North and Israel's Advisor on Terrorism Affairs, Amiram Nir, whose inexperience in the complexities of international relations and in the ways of the Iranians paved the way for the humiliation and resounding failure of the McFarlane's "chocolate cake diplomacy" mission;
- Vice President George Bush's knowledge of the arms-for-hostages deal—and how the Israeli high command, aware of Bush's misgivings about the proposed "sequential release of hostages" plan made special efforts to persuade him that it was feasible.

A provocative look at the misguided alliance that undermined the Reagan presidency, calling into

question the very tenets of our foreign policy and shredding the credibility of our hard line stance against international terrorism. *The Iranian Triangle* sheds invaluable new light on a critical chapter in U.S. international relations.

Samuel Segev is a political columnist for Israel's leading newspaper *Ma'ariv*. A frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines such as *L'Express*, the *London Financial Times* and *Hadassah*, he has written books about the Middle East and international relations.

## Peoplehood and Pluralism

The American Jewish Committee has published a booklet titled *Peoplehood and Pluralism: Relations between American Jews and Israel*.

The booklet contains three sections: a statement of AJC policy, an historical overview, and a summary report of AJC's Task Force Mission to Israel.

"This booklet is especially pertinent now," said Sholom D. Comay, chair of the Task Force, "in view of the recent elections in Israel, the reemergence of the issues surrounding the Law of Return, and the continuing tensions stemming from the uprising."

"American Jewish-Israeli relations have emerged as a priority issue for both of the world's two largest Jewish communities," he continued. "In recent years, our experience has included some tensions and misperceptions as well as a determination on both sides to improve our capacity for joint efforts. It is imperative now to enhance our mutual understanding and devise practical programs for cooperation."

Despite "the enormous diversity of groups within Israeli society and the extraordinary pressures on the state," the statement goes on, "Israel remains a vitally pluralistic society, and we identify with this aspect of Israeli reality. This principle grows out of our own experience as a minority and a beneficiary of American democracy. . .

"Pluralism also requires American Jews and Israelis to understand the deepest convictions of each community. While we might not always agree, we need to develop an understanding of each other's basic assumptions and self-perceptions, and pluralism requires that we approach each other's perceptions with mutual respect and understanding."

The concluding section of the booklet, a report by the Task Force Mission to Israel, recounts the Task Force's observations on the political and social situations in Israel, and discusses in detail a list of "points in need of further dialogue"—issues that emerged during the Task Force meetings with leading Israeli thinkers.

*Peoplehood and Pluralism: Relations between American Jews and Israel* can be ordered from: Literature Distribution Unit, American Jewish Committee, 165 East 56th St., New York, N.Y. 10022-2746. The single-copy price is \$5.00.

## Fear No Evil

by Natan Sharansky

Random House 437 pp. \$19.95

by Estelle Hoffman

It takes a long time to read this meticulously written book. From its beginning, the reader is impressed by the intelligence and dedication of the well known author, a famous *Refusnik*. Now free and living in Israel, he has written of his ordeal of nine years in the Soviet gulag.

While he describes the operation of the Soviet system in dealing with its dissidents, the book is even more the story of this formerly assimilated Jew who learned to be a Jew. Most interesting is the manner in which he resisted capitulating to the KGB, to all the means employed by the police state to tempt him to "cooperate". He decided at the start of his imprisonment that he must remain psychologically in his own world.

By clinging tenaciously to his parents, his wife, whom he married the day before his arrest, and to fellow dissidents, he never flinched in

his determination. It is amazing to read how much influence was exerted by his early contacts with western countries and by the concerted effort waged for years by journalists and sympathizers, not the least of whom was his wife who emigrated to Israel.

It is apparent that his strength of character and splendid intellect cannot be matched by many. His intensely detailed report of his struggle is an inspiration and may be of help in dealing with problems of greatly lesser difficulty. *Fear No Evil* is primarily the account of a man of remarkable integrity, with loyalty to God and blessed with clear vision of the behavior necessary to achieve his goal.

### **Jewish Life on Campus 1989-1990**

**Edited by Dr. Ruth Fredman**

**Cernea**

**B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations 122  
pp. \$12.95**

Selecting a college is a harrowing process, and for Jewish students and their parents, the choice presents additional complications. Fortunately, an invaluable resource exists: B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations' annual *Jewish Life on Campus: A Directory of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and Other Jewish Campus Agencies*. The 1989-1990 edition is available now.

This unique and detailed publication contains all available information on Jewish cultural, communal and educational life at more than 450 schools in the United States, Canada and overseas. For each school, the book lists approximate general and Jewish enrollment figures, Jewish living options, religious services, Jewish studies courses, kosher and alternative dining facilities, Israel programs, sporting and social activities sponsored by Jewish organizations, and, most important, a contact—the name and phone number of a Hillel director or dedicated faculty adviser.

Editor Dr. Ruth Fredman Cernea

believes *Jewish Life on Campus* is especially valuable for students investigating smaller and lesser known institutions. "But whether one is considering a large university or a small college," says Dr. Cernea, "this easy-to-use reference book will provide answers, save time, and ease an often difficult transition in a young adult's life."

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation's directory is the only comprehensive compendium of such information in publication. This year's edition may be ordered from B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, for \$12.95.

### **Seminary Education & Christian-Jewish Relations**

**by Eugene J. Fisher**

**102 pp. paperback**

**The National Catholic Educational  
Association**

Eugene J. Fisher is executive secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations. He serves as chairman of the national committee of the National Workshop on Jewish/Christian dialogue.

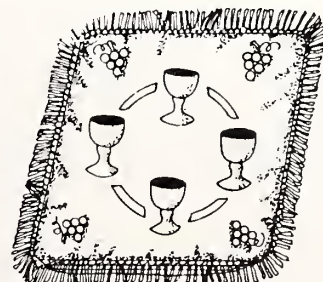
Published by the Seminary Department of the National Catholic Education Association in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee and the NCCB Secretariat, the handbook, *Seminary Education and Christian-Jewish Relations*, covers such critical areas as: Church teaching today; academic attitudes and understandings; spiritual formation; field education; presenting Jews and Judaism in theological education. The volume explores issues around the teaching of sacred scriptures (Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament), liturgy and homiletics, church history, catechetics, systematic and moral theology, and offers a model curriculum outline; it also includes a resource bibliography and source documentation.

In his foreword to the expanded new edition, Dr. Fisher, who is also a

consultor to the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism, notes that the past five years have been "extraordinarily rich in substantive (and controversial) developments in Jewish-Christian relations," with doctrinal statements and/or practical guidelines forthcoming from the Vatican, the World Council of Churches, the U.S. and Latin American Catholic Bishops Conferences and numerous Protestant denominations, including the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and the United Church of Christ. Important scholarly and popular-level works in the field proliferated "in seemingly geometric progression." In retrospect, the past five years may be "the most significant in the field since the Second Vatican Council," Dr. Fisher writes.

Ms. Banki directs the American Jewish Committee's seminary education program, which brings together Christian seminarians and rabbinical students for intensive dialogue with the aim of advancing mutual understanding and cooperation. She also welcomed *Seminary Education and Christian-Jewish Relations* as "an enormously helpful tool" to help prepare the religious leadership of the twenty-first century to overcome the burden of past conflicts and polemics, and to forge bonds of understanding and respect. "The rabbis, priests, ministers and religious educators of the future cannot afford to be immobilized by a painful history. That history must be honestly faced, understood and transcended for the sake of healing a very sick world."

This book may be obtained by writing to the Catholic Educational Assn. at 1077 30th St. N.W., Suite 100, Washington, D.C. 20007.



**"A Scroll from Bar Kokhba"**  
reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

"Zealotry can lead to disaster." Mark R. Bernstein, attorney and promoter of the arts in Charlotte, N.C., has written a play which teaches that lesson with intensity.

Performed by highly skilled actors as a premiere benefit performance by The Golden Circle Theatre, *A Scroll from Bar Kokhba* is the story of the last rebellion of the Jews in Judea against the Roman Empire. Hadrian was Emperor and commander of the Roman legions. The period was a golden era in the history of the Roman Empire. For the Jews, those were their darkest days.

After the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E., followed by the Masada martyrdom, some Jews remained in Judea. In the small town of Jabneh, the Sanhedrin survived. Rabbi Akiba Ben Joseph wielded profound influence, due to his intel-

lect and wisdom. He led a delegation of the Sanhedrin to plead with Hadrian not to desecrate the ground of the Holy Temple by building a temple to Jupiter on its ruins at Mt. Moriah. Hadrian refused, according to this script.

Bar Kokhba was already leading a band of zealots against the Roman forces. The Sanhedrin, which had previously opposed the zealots, then decided to join the insurrection. The news that Hadrian changed his mind and would not erect the temple to the Roman god arrived too late. The final battle was lost by the Jews, most of whom were dispersed.

The descendants of those courageous Hebrews wandered in the Diaspora, and there would be no State of Israel until 1948, 1,813 years later.

The eternal question comes to mind, "What would have happened, if . . . ?" When is risk of defeat which means loss of one's land preferable

to submission to a tyrant's rule, to occupation by foreign domination, to forfeit of freedom and waiting?

Even in the light of hindsight, controversy remains. Bar Kokhba does not appear in Mark Bernstein's drama. It is the translation of his confiscated scroll which betrays the position of the Jews and leads to Hadrian's conquest.

This drama, Mark Bernstein's first, is stirring. The support and sponsorship for the initial production, presented in Gorelick Hall of Shalom Park in Charlotte on March 4 and 5, assures the return of the Golden Circle Theatre to Charlotte. It will be warmly welcomed by its many past subscribers.

The community compliments Mark Bernstein on his achievement of this goal and for the excellence of his script. The thought inspired by this splendid work is nourishment for the minds of its many viewers.

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JERUSALEM—Jonathan Kuttab, Palestinian Arab spokesman and West Bank lawyer (right), engages in intense discussion with Malcolm Hoenlein (left), executive director, and Seymour D. Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations during the group's mission to Israel in February. Sixty American Jewish leaders representing the Conference of Presidents' member organizations spent four days of talks with Israeli government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, foreign correspondents and others. A central focus of the mission was an examination of the prospects for strengthening U.S.-Israel relations and advancing the peace process, according to Mr. Reich, who headed the delegation. Among the subjects covered were the uprising in the administered territories, current American talks with the PLO and the fight against terrorism. The delegation met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Finance Minister Shimon Peres and other leaders.

## Chabad-Lubavitch The Lamplighters

published by Merkos  
L'Inyonei Chinuch,  
131 pp. hard and soft cover  
by Ruth Goldberg

*The Lamplighters* is a beautifully illustrated volume with photographs and descriptions of Lubavitch people and projects the world over.

Beginning with a message from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Men-

achem M. Schneerson *sh'lita*, the book takes the reader on a journey from World Headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y., to a Lubavitch school in Australia to a residential complex for Russian immigrants in Israel. Participants in Lubavitch programs range in age from the youngest in nursery school to the oldest in Torah study classes.

Lubavitch is active in Israel where there are 130 Chabad Houses, vocational schools, soup-kitchens and

*yeshivot*. Lubavitchers serve in the Israel Defense Forces, and Chabad looks after the war orphans and widows.

*The Lamplighters* contains a listing of universities served by Chabad-Lubavitch as well as a directory of Chabad centers and a world map highlighting locations.

This informative book is available at Lubavitch of North Carolina, 6500 Newhall Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28226, phone (704) 366-3984.

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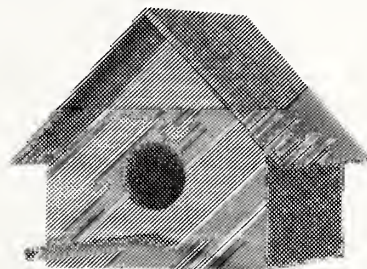
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## YOGA IS FOR EVERYONE

"The color of your day can be changed by the way you think, by the way you breathe, by your mental attitude," says Yoga instructor Louisa Klein as she brings her class to a close on a quiet, meditative note.

Louisa has been teaching Yoga to residents at BJH each week for the past eight years. Blending both the physical and mental attributes of Yoga in her class, Louisa proves that Yoga is for everyone.

As individuals join the class, Louisa seems to know each one's special need — which muscle needs exercising — whose fingers need stretching. "Affecting a change in posture can affect one's aches and pains," Louisa says. Beginning the lesson with awareness of posture, she moves on to exercises of the face, eyes, breathing and vocal chords. Chants to the word "shalom" encourage vibrations and enhance breathing. Louisa moves around the



*Louisa Klein sets a fine example as she encourages residents during the Yoga class each week.*

room, her soothing voice encouraging, her touch itself a form of therapy.

During the class, Louisa speaks of the philosophy of Yoga, the link between the mind and movement, respecting one's body and working with one's resources. Physical disability need not stop one from imagining a movement, thus a message is sent to the brain to increase circulation to the area. Being a non-competitive discipline, Yoga deals with the whole person and may be used creatively to work with the resources available to us. Focusing on awareness and attitude, it offers residents a way to discover how to feel better.

When the Yoga class is over, residents leave feeling stimulated, relaxed, inspired, encouraged, and cared about, quite a lot to carry with them until next week.

# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- Valentine's Dance – February 14th found the Commons Auditorium filled with “hearts” — residents, staff, family and friends — all swinging and swaying to the beat of Rod Rudkins' jazz combo. Rick and Debbie Meadows and Sidney and Jerie Feldman from Mirabella Dance Studio entertained with demonstrations of the Cha-Cha and the Rumba. Highlighting the evening was the crowning of the Valentine Kings and Queens, chosen by residents and staff.



*Paula Glaekler, teen volunteer, enjoys visiting with her new friend, Yvette Pearlman, during the Valentine Party.*

## KINGS

Phillip Money  
*Homewide Staff*  
Julius Neumarkt  
*B-2*  
Conard Harp  
*B-1*  
Herb Kandall  
*A-Wing*  
Karl Cahn  
*FAIR OAKS*

## QUEENS

Denise Goodman  
*Homewide Staff*  
Floy “Willie” Vieira  
*B-2*  
Anna Lefkowitz  
*B-1*  
Anna Meyer  
*A-Wing*  
Yetta Mintz  
*FAIR OAKS*

- Lecture by Eli N. Evans — Seven FAIR OAKS residents enjoyed hearing Eli Evans discuss his latest book, Judah B. Benjamin, the Jewish Confederate, at Reynolda House.
- Larry Almeida, classical guitarist — Mr. Almeida played for BJH residents on a cold and snowy Sunday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed singing along to well-known folk songs.
- Puppet Show — B-2 residents greatly enjoyed a puppet show put on by Darrel Mandelstamm, BJH's special volunteer. Residents were able to reach out and touch Darrel's special friends.

– Lynn Wahoski

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### APRIL

Sarah Blau  
John Eros  
Anni Frankl  
Flora Frey  
Robert Gerringer  
Elsa Heller  
Anna Lefkowitz  
Gertrude Levy  
Rose Pliskin  
Lois Sharpe  
Janet Wechsler  
Clarice Wooters



FAIR OAKS "Valentine Queen," Yetta Mintz, celebrates with her son, Jay Mintz, at the Valentine's Dance.

## In Honor of Our Mothers

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mother's Day with their loved one at BJH. Join us for the Mother's Day Brunch to be held 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 14, in the FAIR OAKS Dining Room. This is a special occasion for generations to come together in honor of our mothers. Don't miss this festive event, an opportunity to enjoy Jewish delicacies from the kitchen of Gitel Cross. Plan now to be at BJH for Mother's Day. Please call (919) 766-6401 for reservations. The cost is \$6.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12.

### CALENDAR FOR APRIL

#### April

- 2 Brenner Concert — Dominic Kollasch, Baritone; Ruth Thomas, Soprano, from Wake Forest — Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 4 Leave for Out-to-Lunch, 11:15 a.m.  
Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 7 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 11 Senior Citizen's Lunch, leave for Clemmons 9:45 a.m.
- 14 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem 9:30 a.m.
- 16 Brenner Concert — James Gregory, Pianist from Salem College — Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 17 Comfort Clothing — Muriel Wager, Living Room, 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
- 19 First Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Second Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.  
Services, First Day of Passover, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 26 Services, Seventh Day of Passover, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 27 Services, Eighth Day of Passover, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

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*Mocksville, NC*

May Herrick  
*Clemmons, NC*

### IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Mary Bennett

May her cherished memory bring comfort to her loved ones.



*FAIR OAKS residents set off for an excursion into town: left to right, Flora Frey, Clara Borenstein, Esther Pearson, and Addie Harris.*



*We welcome Melinda Jackson to the Social Services Department as the new social worker for A-Wing.*

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Linda Pinnik, *LNP, A-Wing*

**9 Years**

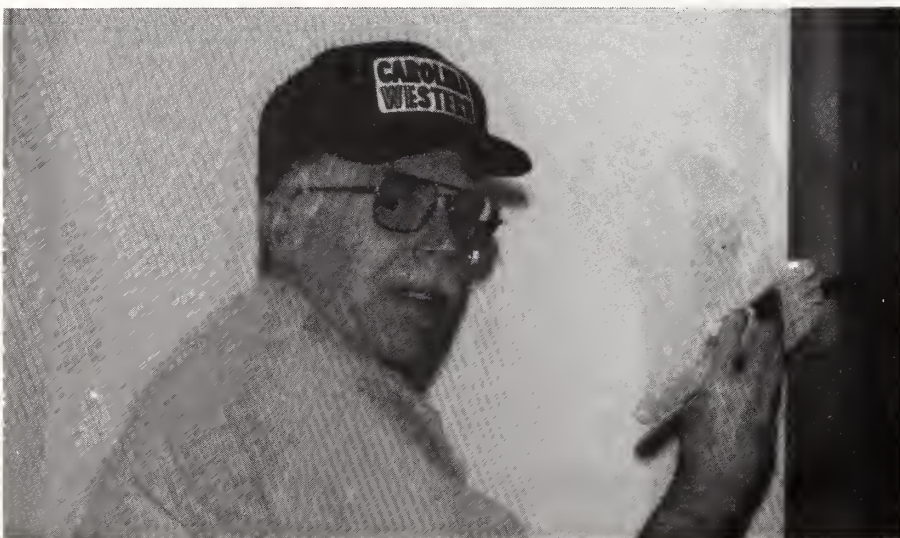
Martha Whitaker, *RN, B-1*

**8 Years**

Judy Howell, *LPN, B-2*

**6 Years**

Anne Craver, *Recreation*



*Jesse Clawson gives us a peek at the new face being put on A-Wing.*

# What's Developing?

## Year End – New Beginning

by Wayne Silverman

The year-end drive for the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS produced excellent results. It also highlighted the need for a renewal toward a new beginning.

Our efforts at the end of the year included personal solicitations by our dedicated volunteers, a major mailing to 7600 people, and requests for payment on existing pledges. The results were very pleasing.

From December 1 through February 1:

New Pledges and Gifts  
\$347,962

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We are very pleased with this response. Through your help, the Campaign reached the following level as of February 1:

Total – pledges and gifts  
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At the end of 1986, we set a 5-year goal of \$7 million. Now that we have plunged past the \$4 million mark, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the "Sukkah." We would like to thank all of our supporters and volunteers for their role in helping us reach this point.

Pledges and gifts to the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS will be listed in the May issue.



*Sugie and Nathan Einstein, loyal supporters of BJH, joined us for the Campaign dinner in Greenville. (Sugie is a niece of BJH resident, Charles Rosenfeld.)*

### FAIR OAKS Program in Greenville, South Carolina

In early March, Greenville welcomed Herman Blumenthal, Wayne Silverman and Sue Clein to a delightful evening at the new Marriott Hotel. The purpose of the evening was to inform participants about the new FAIR OAKS facility and to seek support for the Capital Campaign.

The local Chairman, Bob Alexander, planned the evening which included dinner and a slide program about FAIR OAKS. An important goal of the event was to "bring the Home back" to communities that had strong ties in years past. Developing and building these relationships are very important.

Future activities were discussed, including a bus trip to the Home in the near future. We would like to thank all who attended. Another dinner is planned for April or May. Contact Bob for details.

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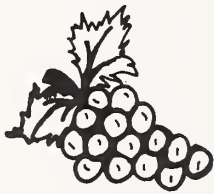
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# Holocaust Education

*by Estelle Hoffman*

Excerpts from a news release, "Holocaust Teachers from U.S. Gather in Washington, D.C." by Dara Goldberg, are presented to explain the significance of Holocaust education in America's secondary schools.

"I want my students to be angry, upset and horrified," said Barbara Grau, who teaches the Holocaust at the East Ramapo District Junior High and High Schools in Spring Valley, New York. "It's my job to awaken them and to make them think."

"The Holocaust was the most traumatic experience in human history; nothing can match it in scope or intensity," said Grau, who was in Washington, D.C. February 18-20 to attend the Second National Holocaust Teachers Conference.

"Today, you can flip on the TV and watch one live disaster after the next. Death and extermination are common; they've lost their meaning," she said. "Children are in danger of losing their sensitivity to the value of human life. They must understand how perverted human nature can become. That's why it's so important that students study the Holocaust in school."

The teachers represented 25 states and a variety of religions and age groups. They teach in both suburban school districts and inner city schools. Some teach entire courses on the Holocaust, others devote only a few days to a Holocaust program. But they are all committed to making the Holocaust part of each student's learning experience.

Grau was one of 250 participants, including survivors, teachers and Holocaust scholars, who attended the three-day annual meeting that focused on current trends in teaching the Holocaust in American secondary schools.

The teachers employ many different classroom strategies, but all try to make the Holocaust relevant to their students on an individual level. "I teach on a personal basis," said Grau. "I'll take a person or a family and teach through their eyes. The kids can't relate to the massive numbers. A 13-year-old they can understand."

"I need to find the personal buttons to push in my multinational, multiracial district so that the students realize that the Holocaust was not an isolated occurrence and that the players change but not the game," she said.

The theme of the conference was "Why the Growing Interest in the Holocaust Today?" Several prominent Holocaust scholars addressed the audience, including keynote speaker Raul Hilberg, professor of political science, University of Vermont; Philip Hallie, professor of philosophy, Wesleyan University; Jan Karski, professor of government, Georgetown University; Israel Gutman, professor of contemporary Jewish history, Hebrew University; and Michael Berenbaum, project director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The Museum, being built adjacent to the

National Mall in Washington, D.C., will serve as the central resource for Holocaust teachers throughout the nation.

Nelson Smith, representative of Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos, delivered the Secretary's greetings to the conference. In referring to the significance of Holocaust education, the Secretary said, "We must never underestimate the importance of the lessons of history and the need for a profound understanding of what it means to respect and cherish all human life."

In his keynote address, Raul Hilberg spoke about the rediscovery of the Holocaust. He called the remembrance of the Holocaust "an act of rebellion" and said that for years no one spoke about it, information died in the hands of American and British officials, and only recently have Holocaust survivors developed the psychological readiness to speak about the events that occurred.

"But in 1978 something happened in the United States," said Hilberg. "There was a docu-drama on TV about the Holocaust and suddenly, the floodgates opened. There were books, observances, courses, synagogue and church programs, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council formed. It was as if something new had been discovered called the 'Holocaust'."

"The uniqueness of the Holocaust is the crux of the issue," Hilberg concluded. "After 40 years the Holocaust is still being discovered and for our purposes it shall be discovered again and again and again."

The uniqueness of the Holocaust needs to be taught. Murderers before and after the Holocaust have slaughtered millions of innocent victims. When the reason for the onslaught was achieved, the slaughter stopped. The Jews were slaughtered for no other reason than that the Nazis wanted them dead. Only the defeat of the Nazis allowed a few Jews in Europe to remain alive, barely alive. All were marked for extermination.

Along with teaching the history of the Holocaust, the historical background of anti-Semitism must be taught, and is gradually beginning to be written about, spoken and taught. In recent years, Christian churches have issued documents admitting guilt in preparing the climate which made fertile ground for the seeds of anti-Semitism. The history of anti-Semitism also needs to be taught. The Holocaust probably will never be understood. Its stark horror must be taught. Its far-reaching effects will ripple through the future, and its lessons must be learned, so that people will be alert to prevent any similar event. The first hint of madness, threatening genocide must be recognized. If enough people care, if they have been taught the lesson well, they will act in time.

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## From the Editor

**Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Re-  
membrance Day**, will be observed  
on May 2. Local communities have  
programs planned during that week.  
(see page 6)

Last November 9, the 50th anni-  
versary of *Kristallnacht* was recog-  
nized in many German communities  
which invited its former Jewish citi-  
zens to visit. Hugo and Helga Rosen-  
berger were among those who re-  
turned. (see feature pages 4-5)

Concern for Holocaust Education  
in the secondary schools prompted  
a gathering of teachers. (see editor-  
ial page 2)

**Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Indepen-  
dence Day**, celebrates the 41st anni-  
versary of her independence, May  
10. (see features pages 8-10)

We pray for a peaceful solution to  
Israel's problems.

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*Montmorency, France 1940—Among the many Jewish children from Germany, Austria and Poland who were brought to OSE (Jewish Health Organization) homes in France in 1939 were Arthur Kern and Henry Schuster, currently residents of Los Angeles, Cal., who planned the 50th reunion of OSE children held in March 1989. After the children (pictured) were rescued from certain death at the hands of the Nazis, they were granted safety in OSE homes and later made their way to safety to the U.S. under the auspices of the Quaker organization, American Friends. Others found safe haven in Switzerland, but many perished in Nazi death camps. Pictured speaking to the children in Montmorency, France, in 1940 is Dr. Ernst Papanek, Director of the OSE homes. Photo courtesy Simon Wiesenthal Center.*

## Rosenbergers Visit Ruelzheim, West Germany

Last fall many city governments in West Germany organized expense-paid trips for former Jewish residents, inviting them to come back for the rededication of synagogues ruined during *Kristallnacht*. Hugo and Helga Rosenberger of Charlotte visited the village of Ruelzheim, near Heidelberg, October 1988.

They joined 60 Jews (including Hugo's sister, Nelly Schwarz, from New York) who escaped the Holocaust by emigrating to the United States, Israel, France, Chile and Corsica. It was an emotional reunion, attended throughout by supportive officials and townspeople.

For Hugo Rosenberger, the most important stop on the trip to Ruelzheim, which his family fled in 1934, was at a local high school. "There was an uncertainty among these young people; I would even call it a guilt complex," said Rosenberger, a retired textile executive. "They asked, 'Is the world ready to forgive the German people?'"

"I said, 'Yes, I am ready to forgive. But I am never ready to forget.' And they agreed: We should never forget."

One of the students, Melani Thurik, approached Rosenberger after the program at the high school and asked why his family, which could trace its history back for six centuries in Germany, had left. Hugo felt that the ensuing dialogue was a very positive happening. Melani had more questions for Rosenberger, and he agreed to reply if she wrote to him. The translation of their correspondence is printed below.

Ruelzheim, November 1, 1988

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rosenberger,

I hope that you had a good flight. May I introduce myself again, since you have met too many people in Ruelzheim.

My name is Melani Thurik. I am 14 years old and for the past 10 years I have lived with my parents, grandparents and my uncle in our house in Ruelzheim. My hobbies are riding, swimming, reading,



The synagogue in Ruelzheim (straight ahead) and cheder (school) on left.

hiking and stamp collecting. I love music, and play the organ, clarinet and saxophone. I performed with the youth band of the Volunteer Fire Department (Red Hussars) at the senior citizen (not so nice a word) afternoon concert. This is where I saw you for the first time. I had the honor to play again on Saturday afternoon at the music parade of the Volunteer Fire Department but regretfully only one song. The reason is that I have played for not more than three years and do not master all the pieces. It is not easy just to sit and listen instead of playing along during the whole performance. But all beginnings are hard. Well, now you know a little about me.

Before your visit to Ruelzheim I read in a magazine (*Spiegel*) about the times of Hitler. I have to admit that I was very depressed because it was hard for me to understand how such inhumanity could exist in Germany. Since I am interested in this subject and want to learn more about it, I decided to attend the discussion meeting. The experiences which Mrs. Metzger described were very touching, one could actually understand how the people felt. It was unfortunate that the other people could only talk for 5 minutes because I would have liked to know more; I am sure that the lady from Vienna could have also told a lot more. We as students felt very sorry when she almost cried at one point; we should not have asked the respective question.



Hugo converses with some students at Ruelzheim high school.

All photos, except Shabbat services, by Helga Rosenberger.

I did not know much about the Ruelzheimer Jewish population prior to your visit to our school. I had heard that times were very hard for you but not more than that. We have not yet touched this subject in our history lessons. As preparation for your visit, we have talked about the Holocaust (with my mother) but that was not sufficient. Now we have to inform ourselves, so that we do not make the same mistakes; for example with foreigners like the Turks!

Now I have some questions: I would like to know how you lived before the time of Hitler, and when Hitler came to power and your family and others were more and more separated from the other citizens. How did you feel, what could you have done against it, was there no possibility of resistance by joining forces with other persons concerned? And when did you finally make the decision to leave everything behind to emigrate. How did you then get along in America, was it very hard to regain prestige? And do you live now better than in the past, before Hitler?

I would greatly appreciate if you would answer my questions. Thank you very much.

Your Melani

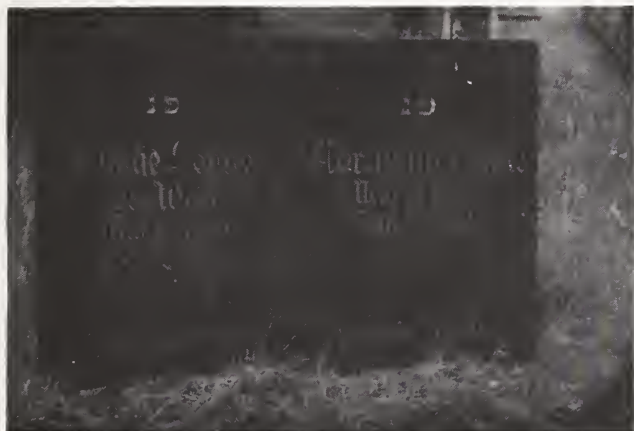
PS: I thought it was terrific that so many of you came despite the fact that some of you were quite elderly!



*Shabbat Eve services at Ruelzheim Synagogue.*



*Hugo Rosenberger's home in Ruelzheim where he was born and raised. (tallest house) His father's bakery was downstairs and living quarters were upstairs.*



*Gravestones of Hugo's and Nelly's grandparents in Jewish Cemetery in Ruelzheim.*



*(L. to R.) Hugo and Helga Rosenberger and Nelly Schwarz at Jewish Cemetery.*

December 7, 1988

Dear Melani,

Many thanks for your nice and most detailed letter which we found in our mail upon return from our 2 week trip to Florida.

Before I will try to answer your questions, let me tell you that our trip to Ruelzheim was extremely gratifying to all the participants. All the people we met were extremely nice, generous and above all extended their hands to rekindle old friendships.

Now let me try to answer some of your questions.

In the 1920s and early 1930s, about 200 Jewish people lived in Ruelzheim. The total population was about 3500. The great majority of the people was poor. I would say that economically 90% of all Ruelzheimers were in the same "boat." My father and my grandfather owned a bakery and grocery store at 66 Mittlere Ortstrasse. We had our own land where we grew vegetables, pota-

toes and also harvested some berries. When Hitler came into power in 1933, my father decided right away that we would leave Germany. My late brother was then 28 years old and lived already in the U.S.A. Since he was an American citizen, it was no problem for my parents to get a preferred visa. I was 20 years old at the time, and was allowed to emigrate with my parents because I was listed as a minor member of the family on my parents' passport.

We left Germany in April 1934 and were fortunately not there when all those terrible things happened. You asked in your letter what we could have done to defend ourselves. You have to realize that the total Jewish population was less than 1% of the total German population. Hitler was elected because of the aftermath of World War I, the consequences of the inflation, and the constant changes of the ruling parties. A man was able to gain power, first of all by misleading the population with promises. Very

soon he showed himself as a wolf in a sheepskin. I hope you know this expression. The consequences are well known.

My wife and I have been married for 49 years. We have one daughter and four grandchildren. Their ages are 19-24 years.

I sincerely hope to hear again from you, and hope that the young people in Germany will begin to learn more in school about those tragic times during the "Third Reich." Your generation should be proud of what the German people have accomplished since World War II, but should never forget what happened during those terrible years from 1933-1945.

I think this is enough for one day. My wife Helga and I would like to wish you, your parents, grandparents and your uncle a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hugo Rosenberger

PS: I am enclosing a few stamps for your collection.

## B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum Features Art of Holocaust Survivor Children

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum features the exhibition "CONTINUING WITNESS: Contemporary Images by Sons and Daughters of Holocaust Survivors" through Sept.

According to Museum Director Gayle Weiss, "Continuing Witness" features the expressive works of 12 artists, all children of Holocaust survivors. A variety of media, including painting, sculpture, prints, photography and an artist's book are represented in this powerful exploration of the human conscience.

"Through the dynamics of the creative process," explains Guest Curator Karen Holtzman, "these artists are coming to terms with their unique personal histories as children of survivors." Spiritual reconciliation is reflected throughout this moving show.

The exhibition explores Theodor Adorno's implacable dictum "No more art after Auschwitz." Yet Art Spiegelman, author of *MAUS*, and painters Mindy Weisel and Vivianne Asya Koorland evoke via their art the ways in which their lives were affected by their parents' degradation and imprisonment.

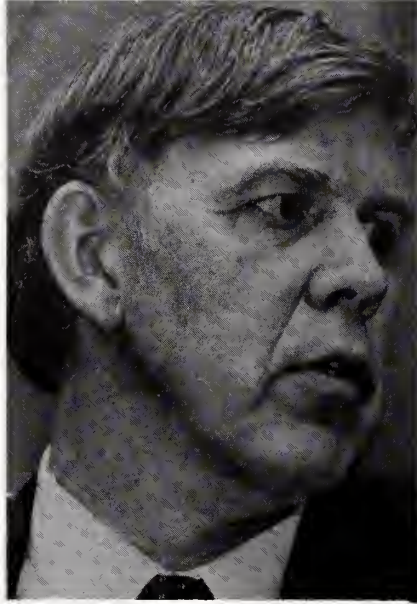
Weisel recalls, "While growing up, I was told not only about the horrors my parents endured, but also about the beauty in their lives before the war."

Through realism and abstraction, these artists have identified a mechanism for comprehending the tragedy which interrupted their parents' lives and intruded on their own. Tobi Kahn reveals that in his landscape paintings "the world is simplified into the largest, most permanent things—those that no human being, no matter how powerful, could desecrate."

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum is located at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. (Metro: Farragut North). The Museum is open Sunday-Friday, 10:00-5:00 p.m.; the Museum Gift Shop is open 10:30-

4:30. The Museum and Gift Shop are closed on Jewish and legal holidays. Admission is free; a donation is suggested.

## Holocaust Memorial Service Raleigh, N.C., May 8



Dr. David S. Wyman

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust will sponsor a Holocaust Memorial Service on Monday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Raleigh Civic Center. Keynote speaker will be internationally-known author, lecturer and commentator David S. Wyman.

Dr. Wyman is the grandson of two Protestant ministers. He is professor of history and also professor of Judaic studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Dr. Wyman is special advisor to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

He is the author of *Paper Walls: America and the Refugee Crisis, 1938-1941*, and also the book *Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust 1941-1945*.

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust is an official agency of the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

## Yom HaShoah Greensboro, N.C.

A Yom HaShoah commemoration will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, May 1 at Finch Chapel, Greensboro College. Helen Fagin, a Holocaust survivor and adjunct professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Miami, will be the keynote speaker. The talk will address the question: "The Holocaust—What Can We Teach, What Can We Learn?"

Sponsors include: The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, Greensboro Jewish Federation, Temple Emanuel, Beth David Synagogue, Greensboro Ministerial Fellowship, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Greensboro College and The Holocaust Gathering.

## Holocaust Commemorations Charlotte, N.C.

A Holocaust Commemoration Service will be held on Wednesday, May 3 at 12 noon at NCNB Plaza near the uptown square in Charlotte. The service is co-sponsored by the Mecklenburg Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Charlotte Jewish Federation.

In addition, May 6-7 has been designated as Holocaust Commemoration weekend. Each congregation in Charlotte-Mecklenburg has been asked to provide a speaker on the Holocaust or to use audio-visual and/or reading materials on the Holocaust, provided by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

## NCCJ Honors Gordon Berg

The Mecklenburg Chapter of NCCJ presented its annual award to Gordon Berg of Charlotte, April 6. Berg served as director of United Way for almost 25 years, after which he became director of the philanthropic Foundation for the Carolinas. Berg is known for his skillful work with local churches and temples.

## "Passage to Freedom" Campaign Launched by United Jewish Appeal to Resettle Soviet Jews

With an estimated 30,000 to 40,000 Soviet Jews expected to leave the Soviet Union in 1989, the United Jewish Appeal has launched a special campaign to raise \$75 million in cash by the end of the year to help pay for their resettlement in Israel and the United States.

This campaign, entitled "Passage to Freedom," was established at the request of Jewish federations across the country and will be above and beyond the regular annual campaign. Half of the funds raised will go overseas to aid Soviet Jews in transit and for settlement in Israel, with the other half remaining in the U.S. for distribution among the communities where Soviet Jews are beginning new lives in freedom.

"The exodus has begun in earnest," said UJA National Chairman Morton A. Kornreich. "Funds are urgently required to feed, clothe, educate and provide a wide range of humanitarian services for newly-emigrated Soviet Jews. They need our assistance in Israel, the U.S. and in transit in Vienna and Italy. These needs are multiplying daily," he said, adding, "We must act immediately."

UJA National Officer Marvin Lender of New Haven, Conn. has been named by Kornreich to chair the "Passage to Freedom" special campaign. Lender is also the UJA National Major Gifts Chairman.

Lender noted that most Soviet Jews leaving the USSR first go to Vienna, where they are met by representatives of the Jewish Agency for Israel and are cared for by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Both the Jewish Agency and JDC spend considerable sums in caring for these refugees, providing housing, medical and social services, classes on Israel, Hebrew and Judaism as well as religious and cultural activities. In Israel, the Jewish Agency also provides financial help in renting or buying a

place to live and a small living allowance. The Jewish Agency receives the majority of its funds, and the JDC virtually all of its funds, from the partnership campaign of UJA and local Jewish federations in the U.S.

In the U.S., these new Jewish immigrants require help with housing, medical care and social services, job counseling, English classes and Jewish education. For the thousands of Soviet Jews who settle in New York City, this is provided by the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA), also a recipient of UJA funds. Elsewhere, the local Jewish federations are facing similar challenges and heavy financial demands in providing these services to newly-arrived Soviet Jews.

UJA's last special campaign took place in 1984, when local federations raised \$60 million on behalf of the migration of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. "We are honoring an ancient Jewish tradition of shared concern and responsibility," Lender said.

### Local Campaigns

Local Federation/UJA campaigns are being held in many communities, Charlotte Jewish Federation launched its "Passage to Freedom"



The Peterborg family from Soviet Russia has landed at Ben Gurion Airport, Israel after a brief stay in Vienna. UJA Press Service Photo by David Rubinger.

campaign April 24. Co-chairmen are Rabbi Yossi Groner, Lubavitch of N.C.; Rabbi Robert A. Seigel, Temple Beth El V'Shalom; and Rabbi Marc Wilson, Temple Israel.

Please send your campaign news to the *TIMES OUTLOOK*, P. O. Box 33218, Charlotte, N.C. 28233 for future articles on the "Passage to Freedom."

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# American Jewry's Solidarity with Israel Needed On the 41st Anniversary of Her Independence

## The Prime Minister's Conference: An Occasion for Renewal

by **Burton S. Levinson** and  
**Abraham H. Foxman**

The skeptics and cynics were out in full force. It was going to be a fiasco. They weren't going to be manipulated by the government. Nothing could paper over the real differences.

We are referring, of course, to the reaction by some in the American Jewish community following the announcement by Israel several months ago that it was planning to hold a Prime Minister's Conference on Jewish Solidarity with Israel in Jerusalem.

For the 1,700 Jewish leaders who refused to buy such cynicism, however, it was quite an experience. So many of us who went to the conference have been to Israel so many times. But participation in this conference had special meaning. Its significance did not lie in the specific, pragmatic, political ramifications of world Jewry rallying to Israel's side, though that was surely a vital aspect of the get-together. Nor was it that Israel's top leadership from both sides of the political divide—Shamir, Peres, Rabin, Arens, Gur, Olmert—actively participated in and led the conference, though that too was of immense importance.

What really was at the heart of the conference for many who attended was a sense of renewal as to what this whole miraculous enterprise, known as the State of Israel, is all about. It was as if by stepping in we were, for a change, able to step back. Listening to President Chaim Herzog at the opening ceremonies, seeing tens of Israeli youths carrying torches at the closing ceremonies, or hearing from the floor of the plenum the words of Claude Lanzmann comparing the catastrophic

powerlessness of the Jews in the Holocaust to the saving power of the Jews in Israel—all these and many other images conjured up our *history*, the history of the Jewish people and what the rebirth of Israel has meant to a people who in 1945 were at the nadir.

Even for those most fortunate of diaspora Jewry, those living in the United States, the birth of Israel meant so much and the conference reminded us again. Today we hear much in our own community hinting at and sometimes even saying directly that Israel may be hurting us in America. As we sat there in Jerusalem, however, we saw more clearly than ever the truth of what the existence of Israel for forty years has meant to the Jews of America—the hope, the confidence, the security that it gave us as Jews. It reminded us that the history of the Jewish people is not today's headline or yesterday's violence, though they are important. It is again the story of a unique people seeking to fit its unique history into a rapidly changing modern world.

We believe more than ever that if the Jewish people, wherever they are, are to experience lives of fulfillment and security in the years ahead, there must be close ties and involvement with the State of Israel as the main representation of our thousands of years of existence.

We therefore left Jerusalem re-dedicating ourselves in a more profound way than we anticipated. Not only will we be calling upon American Jewish solidarity with Israel for critical political reasons. But we also will call on Jews everywhere to involve themselves on a far deeper level than ever before, to experience the sense of renewal with our people through Israel that we experienced directly in Jerusalem. The real significance of the Prime Minister's Conference was that it was

*Jewish history* in the making.

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## In Unity — And Diversity — There is Strength

by **Seymour D. Reich**

Establishment-bashing is a favorite pastime of self-styled independent thinkers. There is more than a little ego-gratification in taking on the powers that be and, from the high moral ground of enhanced devotion to truth and unencumbered integrity, telling them off.

This fact of life applies particularly to the U.S. Jewish community. American Jews are blessed with a plenitude of organizations representing a vast range of interests and viewpoints—religious, Zionist, fraternal, women's, community relations and others. There are also self-anointed experts who don't join organizations, don't pay dues, don't go to meetings and don't take part in the democratic decision-making process that determines where the Jewish community stands and what positions it takes—but who, nevertheless, insist they know what is best for Israel and how to save Israel from itself.

Blaming Israel first, they relish criticism of Jerusalem's response to the rocks, concrete blocks, Molotov cocktails and curses hurled by young Palestinians at young Israeli soldiers responsible under international law for maintaining civil order.

Ignoring 25 years of terrorist atrocities and the P.L.O.'s continuing refusal to amend its charter calling for the destruction of the Jewish state, they rush to embrace Yasir Arafat's

sudden conversion to peace and sweet reasonableness.

Discounting the dangers inevitably posed by an independent Palestinian state, they ignore statements such as this one by Nabeel Sha'at, a close adviser to Arafat, who said on January 29: "If we will achieve independence in part of our land, we will not give up our dream of establishing one democratic state on all the territory of Palestine—one state that will be linked in a confederation with all Arab states around it."

There have been literally scores of statements like these from the P.L.O. camp, in Arabic, since Yasir Arafat managed to choke out, in English, the sentences demanded of him to open a dialogue with the United States.

And, taking particular pleasure in sticking it to organized Jewry, they impugn the integrity of the community's lay and professional leaders, painting them as just so many camp followers of Israel. The facts tell another story:

(1) Organized Jewish life in America is a democratic institution, in which officers are elected by secret ballot (I personally campaigned across the country prior to my election as president of B'nai B'rith International), policies are debated, options explored and all points of view heard.

(2) American Jews understand that only Israel, through its democratically-elected Knesset, can make the life-or-death decisions on negotiating partners, borders, security arrangements and other issues that will determine the fate of the nation and its people.

(3) The Jewish community is no monolith, but there is consensus among the 46 national agencies that make up the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the umbrella group representing the great majority of U.S. Jews. This consensus holds that, for the P.L.O., repudiating 25 years of terrorism requires deeds, not the mere mouthing of words.

One of those deeds must be repeal of the Palestinian National Cove-

nant, with its blood-thirsty vow to "purge the Zionist presence from Palestine." Even more important—the P.L.O. must demonstrate that it has in fact abandoned its strategy of terror. Yasir Arafat's threat to pump 10 bullets into the chest of any Palestinian who suggests calling off the *intifada* was, to put it mildly, no confidence-building measure, nor were the several infiltration attempts across Israel's border [recently] by a heavily armed gang belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a member of the P.L.O. (In a recent incident, on March 12, Israeli troops intercepted and killed five gunmen, preventing what might have been a carnage.)

(4) There is appreciation of the Israeli Government's evolving position and new initiatives in the search for peace. In recent weeks, Prime Minister Shamir has offered, within the context of negotiations, to withdraw Israeli troops from major centers of Arab population in the West Bank and to hold elections in the territories. The Minister of Defense, Yitzhak Rabin, has stated that elections could be held even before the *intifada* ended. Israel has also proposed that the Secretary-General of the United Nations sponsor peace talks between Israel and its neighbors. And Mr. Shamir has stated that Israel would enter into negotiations under the joint auspices of the United States and the Soviet Union.

All of these proposals have been rejected by the Arab side.

(5) There is widespread support for Washington's position that (a) an independent Palestinian state would destabilize the region and threaten the security of both Israel and Jordan; (b) there must be no return to Israel's 1967 borders because those borders are insecure and would invite war; (c) peace can be achieved only through direct negotiations among the parties, and no outside power can impose a settlement, and (d) Jerusalem, Israel's capital, must never again be a divided city.

(6) Finally, there is broad consensus that the fate of Israel is linked to the destiny of the Jewish

people, that the American Jewish community's commitment to the survival and security of Israel in dignity and peace must not waver—and that it must be there for all the world to see.

These are the fundamentals on which American Jewry's efforts in behalf of Israel rests. Our strength as a community lies not in our sameness, but in our diversity—and our unity.

*Seymour D. Reich is president of B'nai B'rith International and chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.*

## **Despite Intifada, BBW Project for Arab-Jewish Understanding Continues at Hebrew University Hillel**

As the *intifada* enters its second year, Jews and Arabs engage in confrontations of another sort on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In recent months, as they have since 1968, Arab and Jewish students have been meeting on a regular basis as part of the Arab-Jewish Project, a program sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

It is a group that can "spend an hour arguing vehemently on such topics as terrorism, the PLO, Zionism, intermarriage and prospects for Middle East peace and then casually sit down to 'schmooze' over a cup of coffee or a glass of beer," says Rabbi Yosef Goldman, director of the Hillel House. The project's goal, Rabbi Goldman explains, has always been to provide a place for Arab and Jewish students to meet and discuss how to co-exist in peace.

But the *intifada* has posed a special challenge to the project. "The students are frustrated," Rabbi Goldman says. "They have less hope that the situation can be resolved." Since the meetings resumed with the start of the 1988-89 school year, the dialogue has sometimes been stormy. The groups have continued to meet, nevertheless. The students have

concentrated on teaching each other about their native cultures through stories and songs instead of focusing on the issues that pull them apart.

The meetings enable students to get to know each other as people, not just as "Jews" or "Arabs," and to learn about each other's cultures and lifestyles. Says Ashley, a Jewish student from London, "I joined this group to break down the stereotypes I've held and to help break down the stereotypes of others."

Arab students make up some 10-17 percent of the student body at the university, closely reflecting Israeli society, which is about 15 percent Arab. Yet, unlike the university, where students of the same age often live down the hall from one another, attend the same classes or participate in the same extracurricular activities, the two groups seldom mix in Israeli society.

Orly, a Jewish student from Tel Aviv who participates in the program, admitted having had very little to do with Arabs while growing up. "I always felt nervous around them,"

she said. "I'm glad that Hillel has this kind of program so that Jews can overcome this uneasiness."

For Arab students, the program affords an opportunity to express opinions and concerns in a non-threatening environment. "Here, I can bring my point of view to those who want to meet Arabs and hear what they have to say," says Awil, a Palestinian.

The Arab-Jewish Project now comprises two groups, one conducted in Hebrew and one in English. Both groups are co-led by a Jew and an Arab under the guidance of Rabbi Goldman. The Hebrew group, now in its third decade, consists of some 50 members, one-third of them Arab and the rest Jewish.

The English-speaking group, which began two years ago, draws from English speakers and exchange students participating in the University's one-year overseas program. Many of these students are encountering Arabs for the first time.

Some students have gone on to become leaders of the Arab-Israeli

dialogue in a broader realm. Muhammad Masarwa, Israel's consul general in Atlanta, Georgia, is an alumnus of the project. This past fall, another alumna, Libby Adler, a senior at the University of Michigan, has been instrumental in setting up an Arab-Jewish dialogue on the Ann Arbor campus. Other alumni, both Jewish and Arab, have become part of Neve Shalom, an integrated Jewish-Arab community in Israel, and are active in the Institute for the Co-Existence Between Arabs and Jews.

"We are proud of what the Arab-Jewish Project has accomplished through the years," says BBW President Hyla Lipsky, and "are heartened that its work has continued despite political turmoil. It is, after all, only through an exchange of ideas, not gunfire, that either side can hope to achieve an end to hostility and misunderstanding."

B'nai B'rith Women, which has co-sponsored the Arab-Jewish project for the past two decades, unites Jewish women to promote social advancement through education, service and action.

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*Jewish and Arab students meet each week at Hebrew University in a project sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. Students learn about each other's cultures and discover ways that their peoples can live together in peace. Rachamin Israeli Photo.*

# The Eleventh National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations With Liberty and Justice for All? Jews and Christians in the American Jewish Experience

by Estelle Hoffman

Major organizations of Jewish and Christian denominations are represented on the national board which sponsors Workshops on Christian-Jewish Relations, held every eighteen months in various cities in the U.S. The Eleventh Workshop was held in Charleston, S.C. from March 27-30 at the Omni Hotel & Convention Center.

Its theme, *With Liberty and Justice for All?*, explored our past and present and offered guidelines for our future.

Charleston in azalea time is an appropriate setting for a meeting of minds. The sense of history manifest in Charleston reminds visitors of the early days of America, and the blossoms of spring are a bright symbol of hopes and dreams of its first settlers.

Dr. Russell B. Norris, Jr. was general chairman of the steering committee of about thirty people of the two Carolinas.

Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, serving as chairman of the national committee since its inception 15 years ago, reminded the 650 participants that these workshops have "the trickle up effect." Despite the prejudices imported from Europe, in America we started new things, forgetting history. Jews and Christians, Dr. Fisher said, have been building up. We have never been so bad as we might have been. He opened the Workshop, declaring its challenge to be the way we go about this third millenium of Christian-Jewish Relations.

Seven Plenary Sessions presented speakers of national repute who delivered important messages. Topics were *Religion and the American Experience*; *Religion and the Shaping of America*; *America and the Shaping of Religion*; *Scripture, Tradition and Justice in the American Experience*; *With Liberty and Jus-*

*tice for All*; *Jews and Christians in Search of the Just Society*. It was Plenary V whose panel brought the audience to standing ovations, as one by one they spoke of *Religion, Power and Powerlessness in Today's America*.

With Father George Closter of the Charlotte Roman Catholic Diocese as moderator, four panelists spoke in Plenary V of the feelings of powerlessness each one has experienced. The Rev. Nancy Hastings Sehested is pastor of Prescott Memorial Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn. Her struggles as a female in the Baptist clergy might break the spirit of one less determined. Her role as a speaker in this Workshop resulted in the withdrawal of the sponsorship by the Southern Baptist Convention of the Eleventh National Workshop.

Dr. Susannah Heschel, daughter of the late Abraham Joshua Heschel, spoke likewise of the frustrations of being a female in our society. She teaches at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, whose father was Dr. Meyer Waxman who wrote the still popular four-volume *A History of Jewish Literature*, spoke of sometimes feeling powerless as a Jew. He is rabbi of Temple Israel of Great Neck, N.Y.

Dr. Collie Coleman, president of Allen University of Columbia, S.C. spoke from the viewpoint of the Black who strives for power and equality.

This panel, whose extraordinary efforts have resulted in achievements which led to their renown, spoke with brilliance and humor demonstrating indomitable spirit which overcomes great odds.

There was a superb banquet on Wednesday evening in the Grand Ball Room of the Omni. The cuisine was excellent, featuring fresh salmon. After dinner the Morris Street Baptist Mass Choir thrilled the

gathering with splendid Gospel songs, directed by Mrs. Lillian A. Tolbert and accompanied on the piano by Raymond Williams. Joining the chorus, as they rose and held hands, the diners sang and believed the words in *We Shall Overcome*.

Keynote speaker at the banquet was Rabbi David Saperstein, director of Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism of Washington, D.C. A better person could not have been found. His evident concern for society is endowed with great intellect and perception. His perception of the assets and ills which confront us were stated clearly. He left no doubt about what must be done to save our planet and our own democracy.

His idea of the wall between Church and State is that it is a one-way wall, through which government may not enter into religion, but religion may enter into and influence government, and he believes it should. The religious community includes people of moral judgment who can make a profound difference in the power of the common people.

Among our deficits are those of moral vision and political will. Rabbi Saperstein believes the plight of the homeless warrants a government summit. The price of any deficit must be paid.

Every generation has believed in turn that it faced unprecedented dangers. In that respect, ours is no different from those before it. The difference, we were reminded, is that we are the first generation not able to learn by error, who cannot afford to make a mistake, for whom there will be no second chance. We must forge peace and cooperation.

In criticism of government, he voiced the fear that the Emperor has no moral clothes. On the issue of

privacy, he felt that if we lose that battle, we lose all the others.

As he ended his brilliant address, it seemed that he had given us all of the correct answers.

A multi-media presentation was an offering to our gathering in "Celebration of Life." *Created To Love—Called To Justice* was written by Dr. James E. Hull of Greensboro, N.C. and directed by Herman Middleton, narrated by Max Meeks, with Johnny Bradburn at the organ. This modern, inspirational program was two hours long, a highly professional presentation of combined talents. The program wove together diverse strands which form the unity for which Americans strive. The *Blowing of the Shofar* after the welcoming words by Dr. Hull was repeated at the close, by Rabbi Leo Hoffman of Charlotte, N.C.

Soloists James Weldon Johnson, James Earl Jones, Naomi Shemer, Eleanor Moskovitz, Eric Poole and Craig Richardson were among the talented performers. Also performing were Rosanne Gross, Donna Yaniglos, Louis Allen, Kitty and Gary Mitchell.

Ecumenical benediction was given in Hebrew by Rabbi William A. Rosenthal of Temple Beth Elohim of Charleston, in Latin by Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler, and in English by Bishop F. C. James of The Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church.

The Sottile Theatre was used for *A Celebration of Life* on Tuesday evening, March 28. Dr. James Hull deserves great appreciation for the

magnificent and unusual offering, with thanks to the many participants.

Special mention must be made of the General Chairman of the Eleventh National Workshop, Dr. Russell B. Norris, Jr. who is Chairman of the South Carolina Christian Action Council; Maria Camarano, Executive Coordinator; program chairman, Dr. Carl Evans, of the faculty of the University of South Carolina, and his co-chairs, Sr. Susan Kresse, O.P. of Greensboro, N.C. and Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman of Charlotte. Mrs. Peggy Sookikian was in charge of Arrangements, and her tremendous expertise and unlimited energy and motivation of countless individuals in many areas and of volunteers in Charleston made possible the final realization of the efforts of the thirty people on the Steering Committee.

Among participants and workers known to many of our readers were Ben Goldberg of Charleston, responsible for many vital arrangements and accommodations in Charleston; Meta Miller of Columbia, S.C. who handled travel arrangements and Fr. Oscar Burnett, O.S.B. of Belmont Abbey, who has led Jewish-Catholic Dialogue in Charlotte, N.C. Familiar names among speakers in Topical Seminars were Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel, Charlotte on *Translating Prophetic Ideas into Action*; Rabbi Sanford Marcus of Tree of Life Synagogue in Columbia, S.C. on *Parenting for Peace and Justice*; Dr. Eric Meyers of Duke University, Durham, N.C. on *Seeing Israel through Each Other's Eyes*; Dr. Helen Lee Turner,

Furman University, Greenville, S.C. on *Children and the American Family*; Rabbi William Rosenthal of Charleston, on *Where Is God after the Holocaust?*; Rabbi Arnold Task of Greensboro, N.C. on *The Psychological Roots of Prejudice*, also Dr. Ben Saunders of Charleston in the same Seminar. Police Chief Reuben Greenberg of Charleston, who is Black and Jewish, spoke on *Contemporary Black-Jewish Relations*, with Rabbi David Radinsky of Charleston and Dr. Latta Thomas, Benedict College, Columbia, S.C.

Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz of Charlotte, Rabbi Arnold Task and Betty Cantor of the ADL office in Atlanta spoke in the Seminar, *Teaching the Holocaust*.

Government officials attending the Workshop included Governor Carol Campbell of S.C.; Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. of Charleston; U.S. Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy of Washington, D.C. who spoke in the 1st Plenary; South Carolina State Senator Isadore Lourie and Mayor Susan Myrick of Charlotte, who spoke in the Seminar on *Homelessness*.

The Eleventh National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations was funded by generous contributions from Foundations, religious and educational organizations, other non-profit organizations, corporations and individuals.

The substance of the seven Plenaries, almost thirty Topical Seminars and six Academic Symposia is far too broad and deep to cover in one report. In future issues of the *Times Outlook*, you will find reviews of thoughts of some of the notable personalities who addressed the Workshop.

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# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Harry Louis Vatz

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*The following is the eulogy given by Lou Steinberg at the funeral service of Harry Vatz, New Bern, N.C.*

Harry served many causes to benefit the entire community and was awarded Citizen of the Year in 1970.

He served with distinction and dedication on New Bern's Planning and Zoning Board, Recreation Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, New Bern Redevelopment Commission, United Way, Swiss Bear, Attmore Oliver House Restoration Committee, New Bern Downtown Area, and many civic, social and cultural entities.

He was active in his religious life, serving as one of the chief contributors to New Bern B'nai Shalom Temple and other area temples; was associated with the Blumenthal Jewish Home, Hadassah Associates, United Jewish Appeal, Boys' and Girls' Home of N.C. at Lake Wacamac and other charitable causes.

He served well the causes of education including Craven Community College and his alma mater, University of North Carolina from which he graduated in 1930. He was a member of St. Johns Masonic Lodge, New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shrine Sudan Temple. "Harry Vatz Day" was proclaimed on March 4, 1987 by New Bern's Mayor Ella J. Bengel to honor him and show appreciation for his outstanding service to the New Bern area.

Harry was a charter member of the New Bern Civitan Club and proudly wore a 31 year perfect attendance chevron. During these years he served his club with distinction as treasurer, secretary and president, and also served many terms as a member of the Board of Directors, receiving many honors and accolades. He was the first person in New Bern to receive the

coveted Civitan International Foundation Fellowship Award in recognition for services and contributions to the ideals of Civitan through concern for youth and through participation in the Dr. Courtney W. Shropshire Memorial Scholarship Fund Program. In 1987 Civitan N.C. Eastern District Governor Roger Honeycutt presented to Harry the District Honor Key at the District Convention here in New Bern before his friends and family.

Harry Vatz had a proud military service to his country having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as Captain.

Besides his love for his wife, Isabelle, his two children, Morris Vatz and Jane Abel, his two lovely granddaughters, Naomi Abel and Alissa Abel, his love for his adopted city of New Bern, his religion and his Civitan Club, Harry will be long remembered for his love of a good joke. He dearly loved to hear a good story, and his friends on Middle Street will surely miss his face on the two blocks from the Fashion Center to the Post Office. He would never drive to the Post Office preferring to walk so he could personally greet his friends and stop and *kibbitz* with them for a minute or two.

Goodbye, brother Harry, you may be gone from our midst, but I promise you we will never forget you.

## Temple Emanuel Gastonia, N.C.

by Shirley Koshak

Temple Emanuel's Sisterhood and Men's Club have been very busy. In December a wine and cheese party was enjoyed by everyone attending. In January Dr. Karen Rubin was a guest speaker and several ladies attended the Southern Living Spring Show.

The Men's Club has had several Sunday morning breakfasts and a

group of them went to a Hornet's game.

The children in Sunday School have been learning all six of the food prayers. We are looking forward to seeing all of them earn the "b'rachot expert award." The children are also having a contest on who can bring in the most kosher labels. *Mazel Tov* to Adam Rosenberg for collecting 109 labels. The children had a wonderful time at the Purim Party. After the kids made *hamantaschen*, they performed a play written by Amanda Moskowitz and Marni Britton. The rest of the children made props and finger puppets.

Temple Emanuel would like to express our sincere condolences to Mrs. Lenora Borchardt on the death of her father and to Ms. Jan Devine on the death of her mother.

A big thank you goes to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brodksy for the new *Bimah* tables given in honor of the *b'nai mitzvah* of their children Kimberly and Keith, and to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Slutsky for the beautiful posters of Israel.

Temple Emanuel held its Big Gifts Dinner at the City Club. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all attending.

Temple Emanuel would like to welcome Drs. Andrew and Vicki Light.

## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

Rabbi Albert Gordon holds an interesting study group in which the aim is to have his adult class learn the Hebrew as used in the prayerbook. Each week a group of eight temple members meets and hones its skills in following the prayers in Hebrew and understanding their meaning. This knowledge enhances participation in Shabbat services.

The Temple *Seder* was attended by a good number of temple members on April 19.

Jay Kapner, a wonderful guitarist and singer of Hebrew songs, leads the congregation once a month in songs to supplement the services. He and Rabbi Robert Waxman of B'nai Israel Synagogue have formed a duo and entertain with Yiddish and Hebrew songs.

After years of planning and fundraising, a Chair in Hebraic Studies has been established at UNC-Wilmington in the Religion and Philosophy Department. Moshe Amon, a philosopher and Jewish studies scholar, has been appointed to hold the Chair. Professor Amon has taught at the University of British Columbia in Canada, was news editor of *Al Hamishmar*, the daily newspaper in Tel Aviv, and has been a radio and television commentator.

As keynote speaker at *An Evening in Celebration of Albert Schweitzer*, sponsored by UNCW, Dr. Amon lectured on "A New Ethic for the 1990s?" Amon believes that society's ethical responsibility is to react to the world as the prophets did in ancient times, and added that, "Today we have the means that our words can be heard."

The Albert Schweitzer International Prizes are presented every four years by UNCW to individuals worldwide who reflect Dr. Schweitzer's philosophy of "reverence for life" and who excel in his areas of expertise, namely medicine, the humanities and music. Recipients of the 1989 prizes were: for medicine, George Herbert Hitchings, Ph.D., scientist emeritus with Burroughs Wellcome Co. and co-recipient of the 1988 Nobel Prize; for humanities, Prof. Dr. med. Boris Luban-Plozza, world authority in psychosomatic medicine and national leader of the Balint Method movement toward human medicine, based in Switzerland; for music, Beverly Sills, a leading soprano whose name is synonymous with opera and activities fighting birth defects. Rabbi Albert Gordon gave the benediction at the close of the ceremonies.

The above events were held in Wilmington during the week of March 20.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The month of March festivities began with a surprise Oneg in honor of Rabbi Pearlson's birthday, March 3, sponsored by the Chevra. Rabbi Pearlson reminds us that "M'shnichnas Adar. Marbin b'Simcha—When the month of Adar begins, our happiness increases," on his return from Florida from the 50th anniversary of Milton and Mildred Lurey, and that of his own parents. To add to the joy of the month, March 19 marked the marriage of Ruth Baer to Harry Coolley in the Synagogue. The congregation wishes them much *mazel*. Purim festivities also featured the *Megillah* reading, of course, with congregants (adults and children) dressed in fantastic costumes, so unusual, that a winner could not be identified. New members attended, hosted by established members, to join in the fun. The evening was accented by delicious *Hamantaschen* prepared by a large committee. Thank you to all who participated. Liz Nigrosh was in charge of decorations.

A special treat for congregants was the presence of Cantorial/Rabbinical student David Barman, who led us in prayer, Friday night and Saturday morning, March 10 and 11. David's unique and modern melodies guaranteed a most enjoyable *Shabbat Simcha*.

Congratulations to Eddie Schapira, who recently graduated from Appalachian State University with a B.A. degree in marketing. Eddie is presently working for Advance Business Equipment in Asheville. We would like to welcome our newest member, Mrs. Rae Glickman. The Ritual Committee and Rabbi Pearlson would like to thank all persons who led services while the Rabbi was attending the USY Convention with the Youth Group. Congratulations to Robin Deutsch, who is the first place winner of the national CAJE cartoon contest. Her cartoon will be the full back cover of the April *Jewish Education News*. Robin's

cartoon was included in our December Synagogue bulletin.

In Sunday School news, Barbara Lewin reports that on March 31 we had the Sunday School's "Annual Friday Night Covered Dish Supper." Our goal was to share the experience of welcoming the Sabbath together as one large family. Sally Katz was our dinner coordinator. Also, there is one follow-up item from our Tu b'Shevat Celebration: contributions of food items brought in that day were very generous. We filled a large box and sent it to Hospitality House. Special thanks go to Robert Richmond and Ileana Grams for delivering the food.

Carol Deutsch reports for Sisterhood that the fundraising Barton's Passover Candy sale was a success, as were the Purim program in March and the Sisterhood Shabbat weekend experience in April.

Choir notes: One of our newer members has volunteered his efforts to revive the Synagogue Choir. Morry Tenenbaum is an amateur musician who has previously organized and directed three synagogue choirs, as well as a number of non-Synagogue singing groups. If the choir members' enthusiasm will match Mr. Tenenbaum's enthusiasm, we can produce a choir that will add much beauty to the services.

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

by Pearl Abramsky

Both Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom are proud to announce the establishment of the new Charlotte Jewish Preschool. A cooperative venture by both temples will begin this fall in place of the existing Temple Israel Preschool at Shalom Park. The current director, Carol Klein, and teaching staff will remain with the program. Thanks to all who worked so hard to see this Preschool become a reality!

The Passover Family Seder was a huge success, with over one hundred people attending. A great sense

of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Plans are forging ahead for the Jewish Heritage Festival to be held at Shalom Park on June 18, 1989. Irv Pepper will serve as overall chairman for the event. Food and entertainment are planned to be available between the hours of noon and 7 p.m. More details will follow in next month's issue.

#### **Iris Friedlander**

Iris Friedlander, Temple Beth El V'Shalom's recording secretary, has filled her life with many varied activities. Originally from New York City, she worked for many years as Assistant to the Director of Paul Rosenberg & Co. This is the art gallery which first brought Picasso to the attention of the American public.

Married for twenty-six years to Alan Friedlander, they are the proud parents of three children: Elise, 24 years old; Larry, 22; and Spencer, age 19.

Iris has devoted much of her time to volunteer activities for the benefit of her community and her temple—working with the public school system, MMAE's Inn and the Ramesses exhibit; teaching religious school, serving on the religious school board, helping in the temple office and holding many Sisterhood positions including president.

Truly dedicated, Iris unselfishly gives of herself wherever help is most needed.

#### **Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.**

by **Laura Knight**

We've often heard that "success breeds success." The success of the annual I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Weekend has inspired three new annual lecture programs, all sponsored by local founders or foundations.

The Luski family is sponsoring a lectureship in *Jewish Arts and Folk Culture*, the Blumenthal Foundation will be the patron for a lectureship in *Current Jewish Issues*, and the Lerner family will sponsor a lectureship

in the *Jewish Community and its Future*. All are to be annual events, and together with the I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, will comprise a series of four events throughout the year. Sponsorship will continue for a minimum of four years.

Rabbi Marc Wilson, who has enthusiastically supported the Scholar-in-Residence program and encouraged expansion of the concept to address more specific issues throughout the year, said, "We are very fortunate to have in Charlotte, families and institutions willing to sponsor these events. It is my hope that the lectureship will expand our horizons even while helping to unite our community."

Dates and program information will be announced as they become available.

#### **Israel Independence Day**

Israel's 41st Independence Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7 at Temple Israel. An Israeli-style *tefillin* service will be held at 9 a.m., followed by an Israeli-style brunch and *seder* at 10:15 a.m. There will be presentations by the children of the religious school and youth programs. American and Israeli dancing will conclude the program.

#### **HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.**

by **Lisa Pharr**

The Country Inn in Matthews was the scene of HaLailah's annual installation dinner on April 11. Using a poetic theme, Sue Brodsky and Wendy Rosen discharged and installed old and new officers. A heartfelt thanks to out-going President Penny Eisenberg for her excellent leadership this year. Newly installed officers are: President, Claire Puterman; Administrative VP, Linda Spil; Membership VPs, Jackie Stutts and Merridith Glazer; Programming VP, Debby Palefsky; Fund Raising VP, Marty Gerber; Communications

VP, Rachel Rosenfeld; Treasurer, Debby Rosenberger; Financial Sec., Michelle Perlmutter; Recording Sec., Lisa Pharr; Corresponding Sec., Eileen Darholt; Advisor, Penny Eisenberg.

#### **Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner**

Many Charlotte Jewish children paraded into the Chabad House on April 2 to prepare for the *Pesach* Holiday. The Chabad House was converted to a replica *Shmurah Matzah Bakery*, and the young participants were transformed into *matzah bakers*.

A section of the bakery was designed to hold flour and water, separated by individual booths. In between the booths stood the kneading bowl. Each child took his or her place at the long "rolling" tables. They donned baking caps and

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aprons and were each handed a thin rolling pin.

Rabbi Weiss guided the children through the procedure. Gingerly he showed the children how properly to roll the dough into a flat *matzah*. After making the required grooves in the *matzah*, to prevent it from rising, they proceeded to bake it on coal grills.

The children were fascinated with the wonderful art of baking *matzah*, especially since it incorporates the beautiful story of Passover.

Many parents came along with their children and actually participated in the baking. Of course, the *matzah* was only a replica of the real thing, which was readily available to the participants.

Lubavitch did make *Shmurah Matzah* available to many Carolina communities. Lubavitch also mailed a colorful detailed Passover brochure to over 8,000 families in the Carolinas.

#### Preschool and Dayschool

Students at Lubavitch Preschool received a real treat for a special project they were working on. The

project which dealt with learning about different foods was combined with teaching the children all about the grocery store, the different foods and their classifications.

As a hands on experience, the children had a guided tour of a Harris Teeter Supermarket. What was especially delightful was the large Passover display with many other *kosher* products.

Fern Sanderson, morning teacher at Lubavitch and co-ordinator of the special project, pointed out the *kosher* symbols found on the packaging of *kosher* food items.

The kindergarten and first grade students have learned many interesting concepts about the solar system. Toward the conclusion of the project the students and their teacher, Susan Doobrow, visited the Nature Museum and its Planetarium. The children made their own "cane-

tariums" which now decorate their classroom.

Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, taught not only the story of Passover but the many exciting observances of this special holiday.

In other activities, a special *kid-dush* was held at the Chabad House in honor of the month of Nisan. It was held on Shabbat, April 1, when the portion of "Hachodesh" was read in the *Torah*.

On April 16, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson Shlita, celebrated his 87th birthday. Many hundreds of thousands of Jews the world over marked this day as one of reflection on Jewish education. The Rebbe has declared this year as the "Year of the Child."

Many new significant children's programs are being implemented to improve the level of Jewish education.

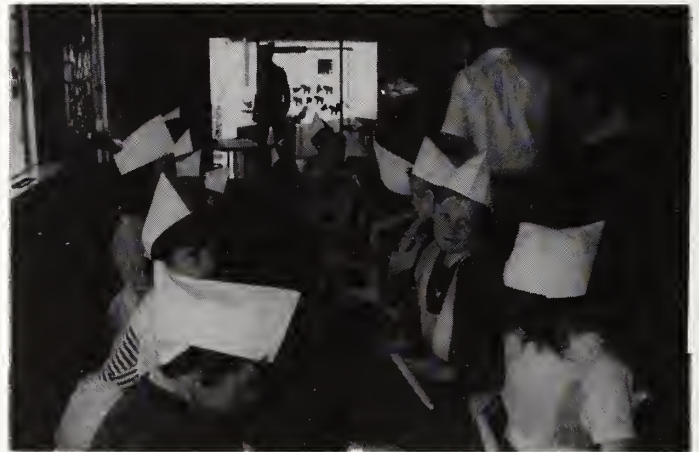
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Children all geared up with bakers' hats and rolling pins.



Children examining Passover products at supermarket. Fern Sanderson, teacher, on left.

## Camp Lejeune/Jacksonville Jewish Community

by Cee Cee Holmes

Chanukah was a fun time for the Camp Lejeune Jewish Community. A *Latke* taste-off brunch was held, with various members of the community bringing their homemade *latkes* to be tasted by the community. Erwin Patlak, Esther Finger and Renee Hollaway were judged as having the tastiest *latkes*.

Beginning in late December and carrying through February, Rabbi Apple conducted an adult education course entitled "Times and Seasons" which dealt with a Jewish perspective for interfaith couples. Attending this five session course were Bill and Jeanette Martinez, Tom Rodgers, Linda DeJesus, Gail Hartzell, Bruce and Ellen Simonds, Steven and Bonnie Flax, Cee Cee Holmes, Lucy and Bob Sherman, John and Lisa Whitney, Daniel Palay, and Sandy Apple.

Purim saw total community involvement. Jonathan Hartzell, a religious school student, wrote a one act Purim play which was put on at the March 17 Sabbath Eve Service. The religious school baked *Hamentaschen* for the Purim Oneg and challenged the entire congregation to bake a better *hamantaschen*. At the "hamantaschen taste-off" the religious school won the contest. Henry Roseman for the third consecutive year chanted the *Megillah*.

Passover was held on April 19 at the Commissioned Officer's Club. The *Kashrut* of the Officer's Club kitchen was supervised by Rabbi Apple and over 100 people attended the *Seder*.

A *Refuah Sh'Laimah* to Henry Roseman. On another note, the bridge on Old Bridge Street has been named "the Jerry Popkin bridge." Matthew Finger played guard on the varsity basketball team at Camp Lejeune High School. Matt played in almost every Camp Lejeune High School game!

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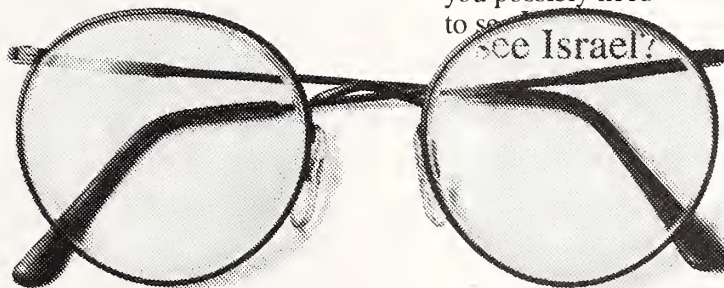
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—ALLAN SHERMAN

Three years ago, high school students in St. Pauls, North Carolina didn't know a bagel from a beagle—and they thought that lox was something people put on doors. How times change!

Today, a group of young people in this tri-racial textile town located south of Fayetteville own and operate a wonderful little New York-style Jewish delicatessen along Interstate 95. Road-weary travelers get excited as they come into the Way Off Broadway Deli, hear the showtunes playing softly, see the Broadway posters and other New York decorations on display, read a menu without burgers, barbecue or southern



The Way Off Broadway Delicatessen.



Interior view of the deli.

fried anything on it—and then eat a good meal ranging from an overstuffed, real corned beef sandwich to homemade stuffed cabbage (that's so good, my own *bubbe* would have been proud to serve it!).

So you ask, can small town Tar Heel Gentiles create a completely authentic New York deli? Well, to be frank, the answer is no. If you want to be alternately ignored and *kvetched* at in Yiddish, then you'll be disappointed by the warm, friendly and genuinely polite staff here. If you get a kick out of waiters putting their fingers in your soup bowl, or floors that tell you what meals were popular yesterday, then the cleanliness of the Way Off Broadway Deli probably will get on your nerves. And alas, if you want rye bread good enough to die for, then you'll have to wait until you're back in New York or Miami. Still, when you're 600 miles away from the Big Apple—and feel hungry—this deli's food will seem like *manna* from heaven.

First-time visitors also get excited when they learn that this restaurant grew out of a special program designed to help young people escape the cycle of poverty by becoming entrepreneurs. This deli is one of the first ventures created through the rural school-based enterprise program—a program designed to combine classroom instruction on various aspects of business with giving students the chance to incubate their own companies while still in school. This innovation is co-sponsored by North Carolina REAL Enterprises (a private non-profit organization based in Chapel Hill) and

the University of North Carolina's Small Business and Technology Development Center.

These businesses are neither simulations, nor short term demonstrations. Rather, they "graduate" from the school along with the students founding them—and become a regular part of the local economy. The Way Off Broadway Deli, for example, has created nine new jobs in this economically-distressed area, brought more than a quarter million dollars of new revenues into the town, and encouraged a renewed sense of optimism among the young people, the school and the community.

The next time you find yourself traveling along I-95, why not stop by the Way Off Broadway Delicatessen? It was a *mitzvah* for them to have created for us such an oasis of delicious *noshing* in a desert of fast food and southern cooking. And, it would be a *mitzvah* for us to keep giving them the business they need to thrive. So, y'all come visit—and bring the whole *mishpocheh*!

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## Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE)

Several teachers from religious schools in the Carolinas will be among the more than 1,500 Jewish educators who will head toward the Pacific Northwest this summer for the fourteenth annual conference of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE), to be held August 13-17 on the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle.

The meeting will be co-sponsored by The Seattle Jewish Education Council, and assisted by a grant from The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

Held each August on a different college or university campus, the conference is considered by many to be the highlight event of the year for people concerned with transmitting the Jewish heritage. Last year, in honor of CAJE's "Bar Mitzvah," it was held at The Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem.

In addition to the traditional CAJE conference program of almost five hundred sessions on Jewish history and heritage, literature and learning, teaching techniques and administrative strategies, this year's conference will feature two special interests of its host community—ecology and Sephardim.

The University of Washington Institute for Environmental Studies is helping to plan a series of courses and projects to point out the relationship between modern ecological theory and Jewish teachings and practice. In addition, the conference will put theory into practice through an extensive program of recycling paper products, aluminum cans and other reusable items.

The subject of Sephardim—Jews who trace their ancestry to Spain, North Africa and the Middle East—will be of interest because Seattle is home for the third largest Sephardic community in the United States, with an estimated population of between four and five thousand, whose

forebears came to this country from Turkey and Rhodes in the early 1900s. The conference will offer sessions, symposia and entertainment reflecting Sephardic culture, customs and traditions.

Over and above these special interests, however, the meeting will embrace a subject that has become a major emphasis of CAJE conferences over the years. It is *tzedakah*—meaning righteousness, or the doing of good deeds.

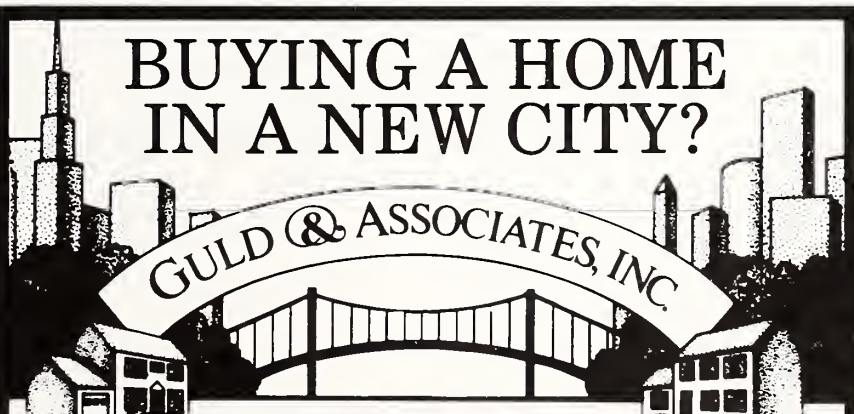
This year, each conference participant will be personally involved in an effort to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked." Each person is being asked to bring a blanket or an item of baby clothing for one of the more than two thousand homeless children in Seattle. Other *tzedakah* projects are still in the process of development.

Participants at the conference will span the Jewish educational gamut

from classroom teachers to administrators in major centers of Jewish learning, as well as rabbis, cantors, community leaders, social workers, youth directors, artists, writers, students and parents. They will come from all segments of the Jewish ideological spectrum, from nearly every U.S. state, and from other countries. Included in the group will be a number of world-renowned scholars who will lead some of the sessions and participate in a series of pre-conference events that will take place before and after Shabbat, August 11-13.

Additional information about CAJE membership and the CAJE Conference may be obtained from CAJE, 468 Park Ave. South, Room 904, New York, N.Y. 10016 or from the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, Lenora Stein, director, 1727 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28207, phone (704) 366-1948.

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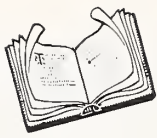
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by Joseph Cohen

### The "Kashering" of a Literary Turkey

Jewish professors of English and modern foreign languages from all over America, plus a number of their counterparts from Israel, were highly visible at the recently concluded annual convention of the Modern Language Association of America, convened this year in New Orleans at the Hilton and Marriott Hotels. Once upon a time you found nary a one attending, and a smaller number than that presenting papers, and a still smaller number—you get the idea—presenting papers on Jewish authors and books. Now the Jewish membership and presence at the meetings is substantial. In hardly more than a handful of years a new dimension has been added to the entire proceedings. While you can't exactly describe Jewish participation in the convention's activities as equivalent to "stompin at the Savoy," it's not like sitting around watching a frozen turkey thaw out, either.

The Modern Language Association of America, familiarly known as the MLA to its members, was a frozen turkey for a long time. It started out in 1883 as a staid academic gentleman's club composed of a small number of humanities scholars on whose shoulders rested the responsibility for preserving the linguistic and literary heritage of western Europe, principally that of Shakespeare's "scepter'd isle." Its task was to infuse into an American college elite the virtues of the literary arts of the mother tongues. The scholars who were members ran a tight ship.

Though some changes occurred over the years, the MLA was still staid and austere at the time I first began attending meetings in the middle 1950s. The exchange of literary ideas and the scrutinizing of young candidates for positions was

undertaken with deadly seriousness. Reputations could be made or broken in the debates that followed presentations. Few women—either spouses or colleagues—were visible, drinking was done in private, and the worst excess seemed to have been all-night poker games. Discrimination was not an issue; yet it was real and pervasive.

The discriminatory exclusion of Jews from teaching posts in the humanities, and, more particularly, from appointments in English departments from the late nineteenth century until after the end of World War II constitutes one of the darkest chapters in the history of higher education in this country. When Lionel Trilling got his appointment at Columbia—he was one of the first Jews in modern times to get a post in an English Department—he was pointedly told not to bring any of his coreligionists around. Saul Bellow turned to graduate study in anthropology because he was given to understand no appointment in English would be forthcoming. Louis Untermeyer could not get a job teaching English when his Ph.D. was awarded. Dan A. Oren's *Joining the Club: A History of Jews and Yale* (1986) details the blatant anti-Semitism in the English Department of that Ivy League bastion. Except for some of the schools in New York City, CCNY and Brooklyn College, the situation at Yale represented the status quo everywhere.

The big change came during the civil rights turbulence of the 1960s. The doors were literally forced open. Institutional academic organizations like the MLA were politicized and democratized. Women, Blacks, Jews, Chicanos, gays and other excluded minority groups exerted sufficient pressure to win equal rights. To its credit, the MLA has gone beyond the pressures to open up its opportunities to everyone with intellectual merit. Now its membership

has grown to more than 25,000 professors of whom slightly more than half attend the annual conventions.

Today, Jewish scholars in literature and language organize and present their own programs or read papers on Jewish authors and themes on the large number of annually scheduled standing programs. Increasingly, non-Jewish scholars report in these sessions on their own research into Jewish writers and works. Specifically Jewish sections or subject matter this year included "History, Historiography and Historical Events in Jewish American Literature," "Canetti in Context," "Secular and Sacred Literature of the Sephardic Diaspora after 1942," "The Uses of Yiddish in Recent American Fiction: Roth, Ozick and Bellow," "Heinrich Heine and Modernism," "The City and Yiddish," "Contemporary Literary Theory and Traditional Jewish Textuality," "French Writing About Jews," "Auschwitz in Literature and Film," "The Jew as Poet, the Poet as Jew," and "Anti-Semitism through Misogyny: Weininger in the European Context." In each session three to four papers were presented on each of the topics. Several of these sessions were sponsored by the American Association of Professors of Yiddish. A couple of sections discussed the literature and characterization of women in the Hebrew Bible. Other "non-Jewish" sessions included presentations on Allen Ginsberg, "Jews in Brazilian Literature," Nadine Gordimer, Karl Kraus, Kafka, Walter Benjamin and Woody Allen. Special sessions were devoted to Grace Paley and Tillie Olsen, both of whom attended the conference and presented readings of their works. It was, to say the least, a Jewish literary scholar's paradise.

As New Year's approached, the convention came to its end. Scholarly discussions gave way, ironically, to their exact antitheses: im-

promptu pep sessions in the halls and lobbies of the hotels led by college cheerleaders whose schools had come to play football in the Sugar Bowl. What a contrast! As the scholars left, the Hilton rapidly filled with the alumni, the bands and the followers of the Florida State Seminoles in New Orleans to play the Auburn Tigers. They *were*, you might say, "stompin at the Savoy," but their seemingly mindless joys were nothing to the satisfaction I had felt just before their arrival in observing the extent to which that old turkey, the MLA, had not only thawed out but had been "kashered" as well.

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## **The Gospels & Rabbinic Judaism**

**published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and KTAV Publishing House, Inc. 169 pp. paperback \$9.95**

"The Gospels & Rabbinic Judaism," is based on Bible study classes conducted by Rabbi Michael Hilton and Father Gordian Marshall, both Englishmen. Rabbi Hilton heads the Menorah Synagogue in Cheadle, Cheshire; Father Marshall is a Dominican at Holy Cross Priory, Leicester and Catholic Chaplain of Leicester Polytechnic.

According to the book's introduction, "every reader who approaches the texts with an open mind will learn something new about *both* traditions, for the texts will be found to illuminate each other, and give a clear understanding both of the similarities and differences between the two faiths."

Among the topics covered are the "great commandment" of loving one's neighbor, the synagogue and its function, the use of parables, the Sabbath, divorce and forgiveness. These subjects are analyzed in legal, historical, literary and theological terms.

"Reading the texts side by side, it will become clear how and why Jewish and Christian viewpoints on many issues have developed in contra-distinction to each other, while in other fields, the viewpoints show a remarkable similarity — one greater than many realize," according to the authors.

The book's preface was written by religious leaders from the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths, marking the first time interfaith specialists from these three religions collaborated on a preface. They are: Rabbi Leon Klenicki of ADL's Interfaith Affairs Department; Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Secretary for Catholic-Jewish Relations; and Rev. Jay Rock, National Council of Churches, Office of Jewish-Christian Relations.

The book "is a way to deepen our comprehension of our respective traditions as partners in God's Covenant," the three leaders wrote. "To study together is to build bridges of peace."

Copies of the "The Gospels & Rabbinic Judaism" are available through ADL's Publications Department, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017 at \$9.95 each.

## **My Enemy, My Self**

**by Yoram Binur  
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*My Enemy, My Self* is a dramatic chronicle of a bold and daring adventure, written by an Israeli Jew who loves his country. Binur holds a mirror up to his countrymen and asks them to examine their intolerance before their humanistic principles are thoroughly eroded.

The author, fluent in Arabic, disguised himself as an Arab and posed as a Palestinian. His dangerous undertaking afforded him the experience of working as an Arab on a kibbutz, dating a Jewish Israeli woman, and visiting a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

Binur served as a lieutenant in the Israeli Defense Forces, served in the

elite Parachutists' Unit and instructed soldiers in sabotage and antiterrorist combat methods. He is 34 years old, a journalist by profession, and is one of the leading experts on Arab affairs. He lives in Jerusalem.

## **American Jewish Biographies**

**by Lakeville Press, Inc.  
Murray Polner, President 493 pp.  
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Over 400 biographies of contemporary American Jews are contained in this collection. Included are noted members of American society in many professions, the business world and organizations of varied purpose.

The introduction is a reminder by Henry L. Feingold of the three waves of immigration of Jews to the United States, their characteristics and achievements. It was the receptiveness to talent of American society that accounted for the great contributions Jews have made to this country.

These biographies are more than thumbnail sketches, and make very interesting reading. The book is an excellent reference source and it belongs on every bookshelf.

## **Jewish-Christian Relations: An Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide**

**by Michael Shermis  
Indiana University Press 291 pp.  
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In recent years, the field of Jewish-Christian relations has exploded with materials developed for and about the Jewish-Christian dialogue. A definitive reference work is called for, and Michael Shermis has compiled just such a work. Shermis' guide to the last two decades of research in Jewish-Christian relations carefully annotates books, pamphlets, selected articles and journals. Also included are complete listings of congresses, media presentations, organizations and speakers in the area of Jewish-Christian

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## Facing the Future: Essays on Contemporary Jewish Life

Edited by Steven Bayme  
KTAV Publishing House, Inc. &  
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234 pp. \$19.95 hardcover or  
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The Jewish Communal Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, in memory of one of American Jewry's most devoted and innovative leaders, has just published a book of essays on various issues that challenge Jewish life and the American Jewish community.

The volume, titled *Facing the Future: Essays On Contemporary Jewish Life*, is dedicated to Yehuda Rosenman, director of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department from 1967 until his death in 1987.

Mr. Rosenman was responsible for creating many national programs

that sought to improve the quality of Jewish life. Among them: The Academy for Jewish Studies Without Walls, created in 1974 as a serious program of adult Jewish education; the William Petschek National Jewish Family Center, founded in 1979 to study, among other topics, intermarriage, divorce, youth, single parenting and grandparenting; the Academicians Seminar in Israel, an outreach program for marginally affiliated Jewish academics; and the National Jewish Religious Dialogue, a program to enhance mutual understanding and promote Jewish unity among lay leaders of the religious movements within American Judaism.

The book includes chapters on Jewish sociology, demography, education, Jewish identity, the family, communal leadership and Israel-Diaspora relations, written by experts in these areas; many specifically commissioned for the publication. Two of the articles were written by Mr. Rosenman.

In his preface to the book, Dr. Steven Bayme, director of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department and editor of the memorial volume, writes:

"The volume of essays reflects Yehuda Rosenman's lifelong concern for the creative vitality of the

American Jewish community and its capacity to deal with social change. He sought answers to difficult challenges in such areas of Jewish life as Jewish identity, culture, education, population size and family life, through careful research and analysis. In place of empty rhetoric and emotional alarmism, Yehuda responded with enlightened wisdom which led to program initiatives and focused discussion designed to enhance creative Jewish life."

Dr. Bayme adds: "The careful research, the thoughtful analysis and realistic recommendations which characterize these essays highlight the significance of Yehuda's dream of communal creativity and continuity grounded in Jewish ideas and Jewish values."

The list of contributors to the volume, which reads like a "Who's Who" of scholars specializing in contemporary Jewish studies, includes: Steven M. Cohen, professor of sociology at Queens College, City University of New York; Sergio DellaPergola, senior lecturer at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Nathan Glazer, professor of education and sociology at Harvard University; Simon Herman, professor of social psychology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Charles Liebman, professor of political studies at Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel; Deborah Lipstadt, former director of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute; Egon Mayer, professor of sociology at Brooklyn College; Bernard Reisman, professor of Jewish communal service at the Hornstein School Brandeis University; Uriel O. Schmelz, professor of Jewish demography and statistics at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Chaim Waxman, associate professor of sociology at Rutgers University; and Jonathan Woocher, executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Service of North America, Inc.

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In response to the ever-increasing demand to provide service to our growing number of senior citizens, many communities in the Carolinas are expanding their nursing homes, and hospitals are building their own long-term care facilities. This increase in availability has temporarily dissolved our waiting list.



As has been the tradition at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, we continue to provide excellent nursing care with the additional mitzvah of a Jewish environment in a location of extraordinary beauty. As has also been our tradition, we turn away no Jewish person regardless of need, and space for non-Jewish residents has continued to be

made available in all levels of care.

In this new era we turn to you, the supporters of the Home, to keep this dream nurtured. Now that we can offer immediate occupancy, we hope our supporters will think of the Blumenthal Jewish Home when friends or relatives are in need of a new living environment.

# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

by Margaret Nystrom

- **Purim** – We had a large crowd for Purim services, March 21, with Sam Jacobson. Everyone enjoyed hearing the Reading of the Megillah and learning about the Feast of Purim. That afternoon Lynn Wahoski hosted Purim Trivia to test everyone's knowledge of Purim events. We enjoyed this Yom Tov and look forward to Passover.
- **Out to Lunch** – March Lunch Out featured a trip to the Lotus Pond, a new Chinese restaurant in Clemmons. Everyone agreed that the restaurant earned a 4-star rating in service and food! Favorites included shrimp and chicken in garlic sauce, egg rolls, and moo goo gai pan. If you haven't eaten there yet, make plans!
- **Yogurt Social** – March 13 at FAIR OAKS the new yogurt machine was initiated! Residents and staff alike enjoyed the cool treat. The yogurt is fat free and comes in vanilla and chocolate. Everyone is looking forward to future socials in April. Yum!
- **Not Necessarily the News** – Don Morris is now leading a new event, Not Necessarily the News. A large group of residents attended and enjoyed listening to the lighter side of current events. We are looking forward to seeing Mr. Morris in future discussions of Not Necessarily the News.

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Temple Emanuel (W-S), preschoolers are enjoying the Hammantaschen, they brought as Purim treats for their BJH friends.

- **Brenner Concerts** – Recent favorites were Lisa Sykes, opera singer, who sang from Carmen, Gershwin tunes, and old favorites; and Yumi Ishiguchi, a student from Wake Forest, who charmed everyone with her selections on the piano. Ann Listokin, pianist, arranges the student concerts and often accompanies the performers. Everyone enjoyed these very talented performers.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

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## IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

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May their cherished  
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# SUE'S NEWS

## Wake Forest Students Bring New Faces to BJH

Students from Wake Forest University have joined our ranks as volunteers during their Spring semester. Almost everyday, one or more of the 12 student volunteers have added a cheerful presence to our home. Studying Sociology of Aging, the students have had the opportunity to gain personal understanding and knowledge of the elderly with visits to the Home. Our residents and staff have received the benefits of these new volunteers, their enthusiasm, talents and concern.

Special friendships have developed through the one-to-one visiting program; a mitzvah-in motion took place each Friday evening and Saturday morning when students assisted residents in getting to the Synagogue, as well as Sunday through Thursday with transportation to activities.

The sound of music was heard on Tuesday afternoons when two talented and vivacious young women led residents in a sing-along. Everyone gathered around the piano as these gals entertained and encouraged. Who could resist their joyful spirit? Residents soon joined in singing old favorites from Sound of Music to "Baby Face."

We will miss these students when their school year ends. They said they will miss us, too. They have given a part of themselves to us and we have shared ourselves with them, an opportunity for which we are thankful.

*Above right - Rachel Pearce leads the residents in the popular sing-along.*

*Middle right - Angela Lewellyn, takes a break from singing with Helen Block, resident.*

*Bottom right - Stephanie Patillo - tests residents knowledge with a game of trivia.*



*Sarah Cohen, resident enjoys harmonizing with Kristie White, student.*

## BJH is Happy to Announce Selections for Employee of the Month



**Jesse Clawson,**  
Maintenance Department  
January, 1989

Jesse Clawson began working in the Maintenance Department in August, 1987. Since then, the Home has reaped great benefit from both Jesse's many abilities and his friendly personality. When you walk through BJH, you are apt to see Jesse moving furniture, making repairs or painting the hall. Whatever the occasion, Jesse will greet you with a cheerful smile and friendly hello. Pleased at receiving this honor, Jesse said he likes working at BJH because it is such a friendly place. He enjoys "the great bunch of people he works with" and helping to keep the Home looking good with his current job, painting on A-Wing.

Congratulations, Jesse, your positive attitude and good works certainly do keep us looking good.



**Denise Robertson,**  
Laundry Department  
February, 1989

Denise Robertson has been a dedicated employee of the Home since October, 1987. Denise says she enjoys her work in the Laundry Department. She finds it interesting and the responsibilities more than many realize. Marie Doty, Denise's supervisor, says Denise has had an excellent work record; she is reliable, efficient, her personality is a plus and she will go beyond the call of duty when needed.

Denise was surprised and happy to be chosen for this honor. She said she likes working at BJH because the job is dependable. She can count on it and BJH can count on her. "I'll do what is needed to get the job done," says Denise.

Congratulations, Denise, BJH is proud to have you on our work force.



**Carolyn Bright,**  
Nursing Assistant, B-1  
March, 1989

Carolyn Bright's devotion to her job at BJH began 12 years ago in January, 1977. Since then she has worked as a nursing assistant for 6 years on the second shift and currently 6 years on the first shift. Her dedication to her job is apparent when she speaks to you. Shocked at receiving this honor, she said she never thought she would be chosen. "I am very pleased at this honor. I enjoy my work and try to be accommodating and do whatever I'm asked to do."

Libby Carter, B-1 nursing supervisor, says Carolyn is well deserving of this honor. She gives of herself both on and off duty to help residents and staff. If she sees a job to be done, she fills it, offering her services wherever the need.

Carolyn is more than accommodating, she is an employee BJH is proud to honor.



*BJH welcomes Margaret Nystrom (left) and Debbie Early, new recreation therapists to the Dept. of Resident Activities.*



*Ann Craver's smiling face can now be seen in her new position as Pharmacy technician.*

### CALENDAR FOR MAY

#### May

- 2** Homewide birthday party, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 3** Temple Emanuel Preschool, 10:00 a.m.
- 5** Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 7** Brenner Concert – Clarion Wind Quintet, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 9** Senior Citizens Lunch, leave for Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 10** Israel Independence Day Celebration, 2:00 p.m.
- 14** Mother's Day Brunch, 11:30 a.m., FAIR OAKS Dining Room  
Brenner Concert – Community Youth Symphony, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 16** Out to lunch, leave 11:15 a.m., location to be determined
- 19** Shopping Trip to Hanes Mall, leave 9:00 a.m.
- 22-26** Rock 'n Roll Jamboree – money raised for Alzheimer Association
- 24** Temple Emanuel Preschool, 10:00 a.m.

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#### 12 Years

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#### 2 Years

Roberta Smith, *R.N., B-2*

#### 1 Year

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# Shavuot—A Unifying Factor

by *Doora Waysman*



*Shavuot* has many names, and a double connotation. As “the Feast of Weeks” it signifies the end of the seven weeks which we are commanded to count as the *Omer* period from the second day of Passover. Seven is a mystical number in Judaism, corresponding to the seven days of the Creation, so seven weeks each of seven days is a powerful combination indeed. When we finish counting the 49 days, *Shavuot* has arrived and one of its names is “Zman Mattan Torah-tenu”—The Time of the Giving of Our Law. For, according to Jewish tradition, exactly seven weeks from the time of the Exodus, when the Jewish People fled from slavery in Pharaoh’s Egypt, God revealed Himself directly to 600,000 people. Here at Mount Sinai, the children of Israel received the *Torah*, promising to live by its commandments and in return live under God’s protection as a holy people.

Another name for *Shavuot* is “Hag haBikkurim”—Festival of the First Fruits, while yet another defines it as “Hag haKatzir”—Festival of the Harvest. This is a little more difficult to understand, as although Israel is a tiny country, its climate is not uniform. During the *Omer* period, between Passover and *Shavuot*, barley passes through the *aviv* (spring) stage of growth and begins to ripen. The Israelite farmer regarded the beginning of this period with apprehension because the ensuing seven weeks would culminate with the wheat harvest, and he was still uncertain what kind of crop the land would yield.

Israel is a land of hills and valleys, and it differs not just in landscape from place to place, but also in agriculture. In some parts the soil is normal, and in

others it is sandy or alluvial. Each of the Twelve Tribes dwelt in a different part of the country, and it is written that their fruit even tasted differently.

Because Israel is a country of diverse climates, barley does not ripen at the same time all over the country. Yet the Bible demanded that the *Omer*, the barley offering, be brought to the Temple on one specific date, during Passover. It is believed that the reason was to unify the people. . . the one people bringing the same crop on the same date to the same Temple, as an offering to the One God in the one city, Jerusalem.

During the seven week *Omer* period, the farmer always worried about the fate of the grain crop and the blossoming, pollination and early development of the fruit crop, especially the grape and the olive. But his doubts were resolved on the fiftieth day, when he was ordered to bring an offering of the new grain to the Temple from the just-harvested wheat. This day was called “the closing of Passover,” or simply “closing” (*Atzeret*, another name for *Shavuot*). On this day, the seven-week cycle of doubt, counted day by day on the *Omer* calendar, was finally over, and the farmer could rejoice in his harvest.

Today in Israel, farmers on *moshavim* and *kibbutzim* still anxiously count the days from the barley crop at Passover to the wheat harvest at *Shavuot*. Unless they are religious, they may not even realize that they are fulfilling the ancient commandment to “count the *Omer*,” but there is no doubt that if the crop is bountiful, each one will surely comply with the injunction of *Shavuot*: “He shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.”

## Fifty Years Ago

### The “Voyage of the Damned”—Bitter Memories for Israel

by *Rafael Medoff*

Fifty years ago, on May 27, 1939, the German steamship *St. Louis*, packed with nine hundred and thirty Jewish refugees, cruised into the harbor at Havana, Cuba. This “voyage of the damned,” as it has come to be known, was Hitler’s way of calling the free world’s bluff. “The entire democratic world dissolves in tears of pity, but then closes its heart to the poor, tortured people,” the Nazi leader taunted.

Unfortunately, the Führer’s accusation was well-founded. The Cuban authorities claimed that the immigration visas of the *St. Louis* passengers were ‘invalid’ and refused to let them disembark. The *New York Times* described how the refugees were “sobbing desperately,” and quoted one as saying, “If we

are returned to Germany, it will mean the concentration camps for most of us.” The *St. Louis* lifted anchor and sailed from Havana to the Florida coast, but when it came within three miles of Miami Beach, Coast Guard planes and a patrol boat confronted it and forced it to retreat. The *St. Louis* idled in a position some ten miles from the Florida Keys, in the desperate hope that the U.S. government would have pity. It did not. Anti-immigration sentiment was powerful during the Depression Years; President Franklin Roosevelt was not prepared to make a politically risky move such as letting in Jewish refugees.

American Jewish leaders were reluctant to demand

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Lower photo (L. to R.): Robert E. Spivak, president, U.S. Committee Sports for Israel; Harry Swimmer, a national vice president; Maccabiah participants, Alexis Lerner and Stacey Schefflin; Melvyn K. Miller, a national vice president; Larry Ziegler, Orlando, Fla., professional golfer who was in Charlotte donating his time to the Maccabiah at the second annual golf outing at Raintree Country Club. Photos by Terrill Hoffman

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## From the Editor

This month we are privileged to print for the first time in America a delightful short story by Rabbi Henry Zvi Ucko of Durham, entitled "Teshuvah" (Return). The background for this story precedes the text on page 7.

We are happy to report on five young athletes from the Carolinas who will be competing in the Bar Mitzvah Maccabiah Games in Israel this July. We salute each of them and wish them well. See features pages 4 and 5.

Happy Shavuot!

## Letter to Editor

The brutality and horror of the Holocaust has been thoroughly recorded so it will never be forgotten. Yet, there was more to the Holocaust than bitter tragedy. I am here and alive today because of unbelievable acts of human kindness, unexplainable and miraculous turn of events, and examples of courage and cunning which helped me survive.

Certainly, many of your readers have had similar experiences, and I want to make sure that these don't die with the people who lived them. I am preparing a book on "Miracles" of the Holocaust and would like to hear from readers who are willing to share their wonderful and extraordinary stories with their children, grandchildren and future generations.

I will send them particulars and instructions.

Arnold Geier  
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## The Bar Mitzvah Maccabiah by Simon Griver

(WZPS) This summer's 13th Maccabiah Games promise to be a Jewish sporting extravaganza and a fitting way to celebrate its Bar Mitzvah meeting.

### Participation and Program

Organizers expect more than 5,000 sportsmen to participate in the forthcoming Maccabiah which will be held in Israel from July 3 to 13, a 25% increase over the previous Maccabiah in 1985. Participants are expected from a record number of countries and the thawing of relations between Israel and Eastern Europe means that for the first time since Israel's establishment, representatives from the Soviet bloc countries will be allowed to take part in the Maccabiah.

"There will definitely be a team from Hungary coming to Israel," states Arieh Rosenzweig, chairman of the 13th Maccabiah organizing committee, "and we also hope that teams will come from Poland and the Soviet Union. In addition, Panama, Singapore and Hong Kong will be represented for the first time," bringing the number of participating nations to a record 40.

Because the International Olympic Committee recognizes the Maccabiah as the Jewish "Olympics," South Africa will again be banned from competition. However, South African Jews will be allowed to participate on an individual basis.

The 13th Maccabiah will also include a record number of 30 different sports. For the first time ten pin bowling will be included in the program, with competitions being held at a newly completed bowling alley in Tel Aviv. Boxing, once one of the most popular sports when Jews lived in the slums of New York's Lower East Side and London's East End, is again excluded through lack of competitors. Cricket, rugby union, lawn bowls, squash and sailing, on the other hand, are among the scheduled events.

### Demonstrating Jewish Solidarity

The concept of the Maccabiah Games as an Olympics for Jews worldwide was envisaged by Joseph Yekuteli in 1921. When the first games were held in Ramat Gan in 1932, 309 athletes came from 17 countries. The event was a striking success and 1,700 competitors came for the Second Maccabiah in 1935. This became known as the "Aliya Games," because many of the participants stayed on in the country, wisely preferring not to return to a Europe threatened by Hitler.

The next Maccabiah was not until 1949, and the drop in the number of entrants to 800 sadly reflected the catastrophe that had befallen the Jewish people.

Many of the world's top sportsmen have participated in Maccabiah over the years, including seven-time Olympic gold medal winner swimmer Marc Spitz. The Bar Mitzvah Maccabiah should include U.S. Olympic swimming gold medalist David Berkoff and Israeli tennis ace Amos Mansdorf. But many of the world's famous sporting stars, especially in tennis, will not attend the Maccabiah.

"We do not offer sportsmen money to attend," explains Rosenzweig. "We can only offer them the opportunity to identify with the Jewish people and demonstrate Jewish solidarity."

In addition to the sporting events themselves there will be lavish opening and closing ceremonies. The opening ceremony will be at Kfar HaMaccabiah Stadium in Ramat Gan while the closing ceremony will be held by the Western Wall. Both ceremonies will be extravaganzas with light shows and displays of singing, dancing and Jewish culture. In keeping with the Bar Mitzvah theme, the closing ceremony will include a service in which 1,000 youngsters (500 from the Diaspora and 500 from Israel) will become B'nai Mitzvah. In addition, overseas Maccabiah guests will be saluted at a folklore show in Caesarea and a concert at the Tel Aviv Museum.

### Zionism Through Sport

In total, \$5.8 million is being invested in the Maccabiah. Half of this sum will come from the participants, and the other half from the Israeli government, Jewish Agency, Israeli sports clubs and ticket sales. Rosenzweig points out that the Maccabiah is only the tip of the Maccabi movement iceberg. In the past year regional Maccabiah have been held in Europe, Latin America, North America and Australia for local participants. More important, in many Jewish communities around the world, membership of the local Maccabiah sports club is the principal expression of Jewishness for local youngsters. For example, the entire Perth Jewish community in Australia numbering nearly 500 belongs to the local Maccabi club, while more than 20,000 Jews in Buenos Aires, Argentina belong to the Maccabi movement.

Australia will be sending a team more than 300 strong, while 180 Argentineans will compete in the Maccabiah. The largest team will be the 1,000 strong Israel contingent, while the U.S.A. will be sending 500 sportsmen. Participation will be in four categories: youth, the major events, masters (over 35s) and the handicapped (who will compete in tennis, basketball and swimming only).

Rosenzweig is pleased to report that the Arab uprising in the administered territories has not had an adverse effect on the number of overseas entries and he has heard of no cancellations. So the stage is set for a very special Maccabiah celebration.

Significant sporting records are unlikely to be achieved but a memorable opportunity for Jewish sportsmen and women from all around the world to come together in friendly and spirited competition is certain to make all 5,000 participants feel like winners.



## Five Carolinians Competing In Maccabiah Games in Israel

Five athletes from the Carolinas will be competing in the 13th Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 3-13, 1989.

The U.S. delegation, made up of over 500 athletes, coaches and trainers, include: Jeffrey Abrams, Greensboro, N.C., swimming; Joshua Burston, Greensboro, rugby; Alexis Lerner, Charlotte, N.C., junior swimming; Stacey Schefflin, Charlotte, tennis; and Jill Waldman, Seabrook Island, S.C., tennis.

### Jeffrey Abrams

Jeffrey Abrams is a sophomore at Stanford University where he is a member of the Athletic Honor Roll. His swimming accomplishments in high school included: North Carolina state record holder in the 200-meter free (1:54.30); Southeast regional champion in the 200 fly in both short and long course in 1986; placed second in the 200-meter free at the '85 U.S. Long Course Junior Nationals; Captain of Greensboro Swim Association. In 1986 he was U.S. Swimming Academic All-American. His best times at Stanford are 200 Free—1:42.19; 100 Fly—50.18; 200 Fly—1:50.03.

An American Studies major, Jeff would like to become a physician. He is the son of Dr. Murray and Elaine Abrams of Greensboro.



Jeffrey Abrams



Stacey Schefflin

### Stacey Schefflin

Stacey Schefflin is the number one doubles and number two singles player for the fourth ranked University of Georgia Women's Tennis Team. A rising senior, Stacey is ranked by the Volvo/ITCA poll as third in the nation in doubles and 14th in singles.

An academic Dean's List student, Stacey was named "All American" by the NCAA in 1988, and "Most Valuable Player" at Georgia in 1988. Stacey is the daughter of Marvin and Elaine Schefflin of Charlotte.

### Alexis Lerner

Alexis Lerner, who previously competed in the 1985 Toronto and the 1987 Chicago Youth Maccabi



Alexis Lerner

Games, has been chosen as one of two junior members from the United States to compete in Israel at the Maccabiah Games.

Alexis is on the Headmaster's List as a rising 11th grader at Charlotte Latin School. She swims competitively on the Senior Team of the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club and has swum for the JCC of Charlotte as well as her Latin School Swim Team. Alexis is the daughter of Harry and Gloria Lerner of Charlotte.

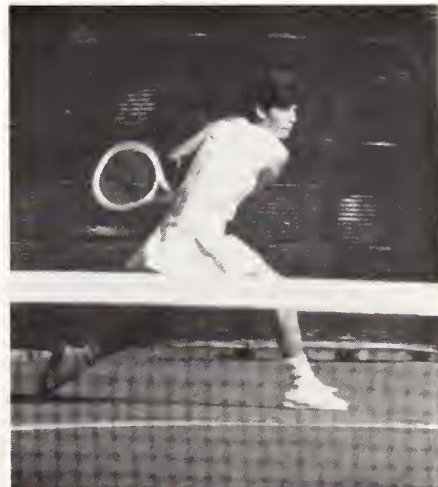
### Joshua Burston

Joshua Burston was selected to play on the U.S. Rugby Team at the Maccabiah Games. He is a 1986 graduate of UNC Greensboro. Although his family lives in Connecticut, Josh decided to settle in Greensboro where he works and plays on a community rugby team.

### Jill Waldman

Jill Waldman, a rising senior at the University of Georgia, has helped bring the Women's Tennis Team up to fourth in the nation this year by winning her singles and doubles matches in collegiate competitions. She is listed by the Volvo Tennis Collegiate Ranking at #44 in singles.

Jill is the recipient of a full scholarship from Georgia where she is an all A student. Jill is the daughter of Stanley and Sheila Waldman of Seabrook Island, S.C.



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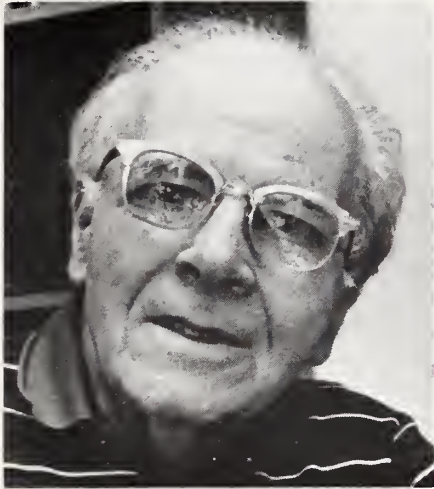
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## Teshuvah



Rabbi Henry Zvi Ucko

Rabbi Henry Zvi Ucko lives in Durham, N.C. with his wife, Lenora, who teaches at UNC-Chapel Hill. He served as rabbi in congregations in New England and the Middle West until 1959, when he assumed the pulpit of Beth Israel in Fayetteville, N.C., until his retirement.

His story, *Teshuvah* (Return), does not furnish a clue to the circumstances which caused its loss and discovery, about 50 years later.

Born in Konigsberg in Prussia, Rabbi Ucko began writing in his youth, as he studied classical philology and prepared for the rabbinate. He enjoyed the publication of his first short story when he was in his early twenties. Writing for newspapers and radio augured smooth sailing for his future, and he became rabbi in his native town, as well as principal of the Jewish School.

In 1939, the Hitler regime caused him to leave, and he booked passage on a ship bound for Central America. He took with him his belongings, which included copies of all of his published writings and his original manuscripts. The ship was sunk, either by torpedo or mine, and Rabbi Ucko was saved by his ability to swim in the cold sea for two hours. He was rescued, covered with black oil from the ship's engine.

After a short stay in England, he went to the Dominican Republic. He founded a Jewish congregation in Santo Domingo and served as its

rabbi until 1946, when he immigrated to the United States.

Berlin had been bombed, and after loss of all he had taken aboard ship, he did not expect to see any of his written work again. Once more, good fortune rewarded him. In New York a year ago, Lenora Ucko found a short story and a three-part novella written by her husband, in a collection of works by Jewish authors published before the Holocaust. They were in the Leo Baeck Institute, printed in the original German, and she copied them from the yellowed newspaper pages.

Rabbi Ucko, who is fluent in six languages, translated this story into English, and it is now our good fortune to read it. We hope that the discovery will encourage further search, resulting in retrieval of more of his long lost writing.

### Teshuvah (Return)

by Henry Zvi Ucko

Moritz Bloch surely has seen better days. Only two or three years ago, he owned a small leather goods store in the German market town of Rachowitz, in the narrow street that winds from the market place to the synagogue. Short and a little too fat for his own good, he used to stand for hours in the entrance to his store, looking out with friendly, slightly tearing eyes through the oval shaped lenses of his old fashioned steel-rimmed glasses. Affably, he would wink at passing acquaintances. In the case of an especially important citizen or valuable customer, he might slightly lift his stiff black hat, which generally sat way back on his bald head. When a customer tried to enter, he would deferentially make room for him, but as soon as he convinced himself that no major purchase was involved, he would let the tall pale clerk take care of the business.

Since the War, Bloch was a widower. In 1916, his wife had succumbed to an insidious disease. During the same year, his two sons had been killed in action on the Western Front. Those had been black days for this so sorely stricken man. For a long, long time, he had not been able to mention any of those dear names without shedding tears of his innermost sorrow. But as time went by, his basically easygoing nature made itself felt. His life reverted back to its old

comfortable course, until the general economic collapse had affected him too, and forced him to give up his business.

It was in March of that year. It was still cold, but by noon it warmed up enough so that, in the streets of the small but busy town, the pavement of the roadways and sidewalks became visible under the mush of melting snow. When Moritz Bloch noticed this, he experienced a feeling of joyful satisfaction and reassurance. He knocked lightly with his cane on a snowfree spot as if to say, "Aha, there you are again. So you really managed to hide all winter under that thick rough ice cover without damage. What do you say, there is already a dry white spot. Yes, yes. Spring is coming in mightily."

But this lightheartedness did not last long. Too many serious worries burdened him. He just returned from the "Promenade" as the little city park was called which was a standard feature of the towns of that region. While taking a walk there, he had figured out that the small capital that had been left after the closing of his business would be used up in a month's time and that it was a complete mystery to him on what he would subsist afterwards.

He stopped in front of the show window of a cigar store and looked at the display for a good while. But he was not, as usual, attracted by the fatbellied, lightly powdered cigars with their showy golden paperbands, that his sons as little boys had loved to put as rings on their fingers. What aroused his interest was a fanshaped display of lottery tickets, and the sculpture of a bearded dwarf, his face distorted by a grotesque expression of wild joy, pouring a stream of gold coins from a bag.

Moritz Bloch smiled. Well, Well! He could not expect to win the jackpot right away. But two, three thousand marks might come his way some time. Absorbed in thought, he walked on. Would it not be the limit of irresponsibility to risk his last pfennig for a vague hope? What actually were his chances of winning? He turned and went back to the show window once more. But there was no chart that could tell him anything. With some effort, he had already pressed his cane under his left arm and put his right hand on the handle of the store door, when he suddenly stopped, shook his head as if dissatisfied with himself, said rather loud and audibly, "Non-

sense!" and stepped back. But he had barely walked twenty feet down the street, when he abruptly turned around and now, determined and walking quickly, entered the store. Slightly out of breath and clearing his throat frequently, he asked and paid for a lottery ticket.

In the past, Moritz Bloch had not been too diligent a schulgoer. But now he was seen in the synagogue with great regularity at Friday night services as well as Saturday mornings. People though did not see anything out of the ordinary in this change of habit. They simply figured now that old Bloch had no business, he turned again to the customs and rituals of his fathers and used his ample leisure to practice them. Bloch himself most likely would have explained this sudden religiosity in a similar way. It is even quite possible that he would not have thought about it at all, had he not been stirred by an unusual experience.

It happened during a Friday night service. The congregation had just turned from facing the Ark toward the entrance doors in order to usher in the advent of the Sabbath with those graceful verses that compare this hour to the greeting of an entering bride. Like everyone, Bloch stood facing the entrance. On the lenses of his glasses, the lights of the candelabra that hang from the ceiling left a festive reflection. At that moment, he saw an apparition. It did not force itself upon him in a dreamlike fashion; it was more a creation of his own mind. The center door opened and the mailman who daily delivered Bloch's mail entered in the attire of a sexton. He walked down the center aisle, halfway, stopped and proclaimed with cantorial sing-song, "Moritz Bloch has won 50,000 marks in the lottery."

Bloch left the sanctuary before the service was over. He was in an angry dispute with himself. Was that what his God had deserved from him? Had he, an old, honest merchant, sunk so low that he believed he could make cheap deals with the Almighty: insincere piety in exchange for lottery winnings? He felt his face get red-hot with childlike shame.

But as time went by, he looked at the whole affair in a different light. It seemed to him that he was entitled to some restitution from God. After all, did He not make him lose his wife and his two promising sons? And had he, Bloch, not suffered the loss without rebellious murmuring, only in sincere sorrow? Was it too much to expect that now since he had gotten to this stage of poverty, he

would be rewarded with a modest provision for his old age? Consequently he felt that he could afford to ask God to favor him in his lottery gamble.

After the strange vision on that memorable Friday night, he had stayed away from the synagogue for a while. But now he attended again with punctual regularity and prayed with all the fervor that his slow temperament would allow, asking to win enough money that would assure a carefree old age or at least a few quiet years. He went even further. In an almost militant mood, he took up the practices of his youth: he put on tefillin, and recited prayers every morning—all this filled with the sole idea that by complete concentration he could force his luck.

Every day around noon, he went for a walk on the "Promenade" and invariably ended up in the cigar store where some time ago he had bought the lottery ticket. He selected a cigar and standing on tiptoe to reach the always burning open gaslight on the counter, he lit it pulling noisily on the cigar. With lips tightly closed around it, breathing heavily and not looking at all at the store owner, he asked if the list of winning tickets had arrived. With a quick experienced glance, he searched for his number, but found again and again that it had not been drawn.

His hope sank more and more. Nearly all the prizes had already been announced. The last drawing was scheduled for a Thursday. On the following day, Friday, Bloch prolonged his walk longer than usual. On his way home, contrary to his custom, he avoided the side of the street on which the cigar store was located, and entered the little kosher restaurant where he generally took his noon meal. As always, after he had eaten, he immersed himself in the daily newspaper, but hastily turned the page when he unexpectedly came across the headline "Last Lottery Drawing Day." He ordered a cup of coffee and spent the next couple of hours watching a chess game in which two patrons were absorbed. Bloch did not know them. Besides he understood nothing about chess.

The sun was going down when he came out on the street. Here and there, a few Jewish men were already walking slowly, festively attired, to the synagogue. Moritz Bloch now rushed directly over to the cigar store. The owner greeted him, remarking jokingly that he had already missed his customer. He offered

him the open box from which Bloch generally selected a cigar. But today, he declined. "No, no. I do not smoke now. I just wanted to have a quick look at the list of the last lottery drawing." With unruffled courtesy, the store owner spread it out before him. Bloch skimmed the group of figures which could be important for him. At a first cursory glance, he could not find his number. Maybe he had missed it? He forced himself to remain quiet. With his thick fingers slightly trembling from emotion, he tried to keep the lines apart and went down the columns examining every single number. No, his number was not there. His ticket had not been drawn. He had won nothing. He felt as if all life had left his body and he was standing there as an empty shell, icy, devoid of all feeling. He could barely, with a forced laugh, get into the words, "Well, no good. At least not for this time," and walked out dragging his feet heavily.

So that was it! God had cheated him. In vain his supplications. In vain the mention of the tragic loss of his wife and sons. In vain the regular attendance at the synagogue and the punctual recital of the prescribed prayers. Well, he for one now knew what to think of this "just God." Fickle was His rule. Sometimes boundless favoritism; sometimes heartless disregard. But this much he knew; he, Moritz Bloch, would not enter the synagogue anymore. His hands would not touch tefillin; his lips utter no prayer.

Passionately talking to himself, he was unaware in which direction he had been going. And so he noticed with no little astonishment that he was standing in front of the synagogue where the Friday night service had just started. He was about to pass by quickly in order not to meet any acquaintances, and possibly be asked to enter with them, when he felt an irresistible, almost blasphemous urge to enter the temple in spite of everything. Much as his reason resisted, a mystical force seemed to draw his feet toward the entrance portal. And before he really knew what he was doing, he was already sitting in his customary seat in one of the back rows.

A turmoil of thoughts and feelings agitated his mind. Shouldn't he storm to the front, mount the 'bima' and open everybody's eyes about the "trustworthiness" of their "just God." It would create a terrible commotion, but he would offer irrefutable proof so that all would be silenced in shame. Challengingly, he looked around, but nobody took notice

of him. Softly murmuring, all were busy with the reading of a silent prayer. Moritz Bloch grew somewhat uncertain when he noticed how the service continued completely undisturbed, quietly following its ordinary course. His agitation abated under the influence of the soothing warmth that the familiar surroundings radiated. And he began to think anew.

Jubilantly rose the Sabbath Psalm, "Mismor Shir," rendered by the strident voices of the boys choir, perhaps not to perfection, but surely with all the enthusiasm at their command. Moritz Bloch listened impressed. Could he be mistaken? Shouldn't the One to whom children lift up their voices so clear and carefree be Himself absolutely pure and holy? Should anybody even dare to argue with Him? Was it not more than enough that He allowed His faithful ones to worship Him with tradition-honored customs, to sing to Him in festive awe and grateful joy? And to find uplift and strength in the holy service for Him? Humming in a low voice, he took up the melody of the Sabbath Psalm. Shame and confusion overcame him like on that Friday night when he had left the temple mortified by the profane vision of the announcement of his win in the lottery. When the last words of the Veshomru, "He rested and was refreshed," softly trembling, ebbed away, his eyes were filled with tears. In child-like simplicity, the old man regretted his error. Hardly anybody became aware of Moritz Bloch's strange emotion. The few who noticed something thought he most likely was observing the Yahrzeit for his wife or one of his sons.

But old man Bloch suddenly felt quite young and light. He could not have told if what he felt now was true religiosity. He only knew that a nightmarish oppression had been taken from him, that his soul was freed from that blasphemous power that for months had forced him into unnatural reward-demanding piety. His body that quite out of character with his nature had become rigid, relaxed. The features of his face that ever since he had bought that fateful lottery ticket had taken on a hard, obsessed, almost malicious expression, softened, and his eyes began to smile again, slightly tearing in happiest contentment. He was not bothered by the question of whether he had found his God in this rare hour. He was satisfied by the consciousness that he had settled his accounts with Him. During the final

hymn that the boys shouted out in a happy tune, he had the impression that his hand was taken and forcefully shaken as a token of a finally accomplished reconciliation.

Wonderfully elated, Moritz Bloch left the synagogue. Nothing could happen to him anymore. He had again become his own self, simple and true, free from troublesome thoughts and doubts which were more than he could manage.

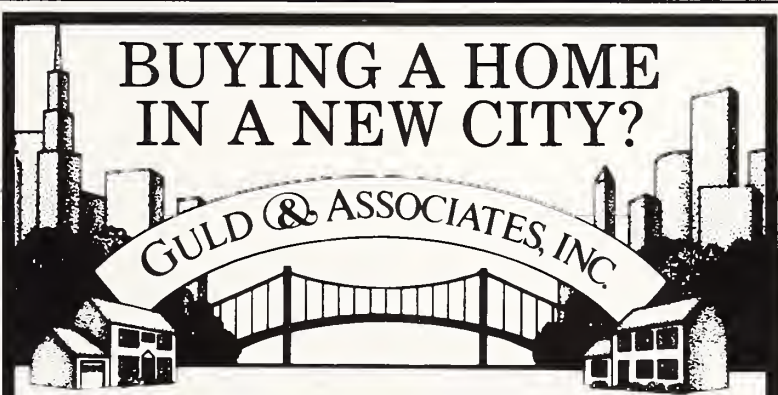
In his high-spiritedness, he walked on and on, although it had started to rain, until by sheer habit he reached the "Promenade," the place of his former daily walks. The old man had hastened along too quickly; his face was sweaty; a panting whistle came from his open mouth. The raindrops on his glasses made the street lights dance in a prismatic broken glitter before his eyes, and obstructed his vision. Moist hot waves went through his body; heart cramps made the pulse hammer in his neck; he felt nauseated and dizzy.

Thus it happened that when he ran into a group of drunken fellows, he did not know exactly where he was and whom he was facing. The group, noisy and mischievous, blocked his path and did not let him pass. At this point, old Bloch's mind got mixed up. What did

these people want from him? Had they come to upset the equilibrium that he had restored with such painful effort? Did they want him to plunge again into that nightmare of insincere obsession? A furious rage overcame him. No, by God! He would not let them rob him of his peace of mind without a struggle. Completely beside himself, he shouted, "I am a poor merchant, but an honest one. Yes, all my life, I have been honest and the few months of my straying do not count anymore since today, do you understand? And now, I do not want anything but quiet. Poverty and quiet!" He had raised his closed fists with which he had beaten time in the air to his last words, and stood there as if ready to fight. It was his good fortune that the rowdies who surrounded him concluded that the foolish oldster probably was in the same condition as they. So, after they had stood there a moment stunned by his unexpected vehemence, they took the thing as a big joke and broke out in uproarious laughter.

But Bloch did not seem to see them anymore. As if he had won a decisive victory, he turned away well satisfied with himself and smiling contentedly, was soon gone in the darkness of the park.


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# Tradition in the Kitchen

## Mamaliga

*Mamaliga* is one of the staples of Romanian Jewish cuisine, and also of the Jews of Bessarabia. It is also Italian (polenta) or southern American, if you please. In each case the dish was adapted from the natives to meet the standards of *kashrut*. The cornmeal used in the preparation was a food abundant in each region.

In *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook*, which is an international collection of recipes and customs, the author, Gloria Kaufer Greene suggests the use of *mamaliga* on *Shavuot*. It suits the custom of serving dairy dishes on the holiday, and may be used in various ways.

2 cups yellow cornmeal (or white cornmeal, if preferred), preferably stone ground  
4 cups cold water, divided  
1 tsp. salt  
3 Tbsp. butter or margarine

### For baked mamaliga

2 cups grated or thinly sliced cheese (almost any kind)  
butter or margarine to taste, cut into small pieces

### For fried mamaliga

1 to 2 large eggs, beaten  
1 to 2 cups very finely grated Parmesan or similar cheese  
Butter or margarine for the pan  
Commercial sour cream or plain yogurt to serve (optional)

For the basic *mamaliga*, combine the cornmeal and 1½ cups of the water in a medium-sized bowl. (This softens the cornmeal and helps to prevent lumps.) In a large saucepan, over high heat, bring the remaining 2½ cups of water to a boil. Lower the heat to medium, and add the moistened cornmeal, while stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Adjust the heat so that the mixture just simmers and stir it constantly. It will become very thick and stiff. Stir in the salt and butter. Continue stirring constantly for 10 minutes. Then cook the *mamaliga* over very low heat, stirring frequently for 10 to 15 minutes longer, or until it is very stiff and seems to pull away from the sides and bottom of the pan. Use a spoon or a spatula, which has been dipped in water, to push all the cornmeal mixture from the sides of the pan, forming a mound in the center. Let the mixture sit on the heat for about 1 minute, undisturbed, so that steam can loosen it from the bottom of the pan. Lift up the pan by the

handle and immediately invert it onto a wooden board or platter in one quick movement. The *mamaliga* should fall out into a sort of "cake." If it does not, use a spoon or spatula to remove it from the pan. Smooth out the surface of the "cake" with the back of a wet spoon or a wet knife, and if necessary, shape it into a neat mound. If plain *mamaliga* is desired, let it cool only slightly and serve it as is. Cut in the Romanian style, with a long thread held taut between your hands, or use a knife.

**For baked or fried mamaliga**, let it cool completely. (It may be refrigerated overnight, if desired.) Then use a knife or thread to cut it into ¼" to ½" slices.

**To bake**, alternate the slices with the grated cheese and butter in a greased or non-stick spray-coated casserole, ending with cheese on top. Bake, uncovered, in a preheated 375° oven for about 20 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and bubbly and the top is lightly browned.

**To fry**, dip each slice into the beaten eggs and then into the finely grated Parmesan. Heat a large skillet over medium high heat; then melt a generous amount of butter in it. Fry the slices until they are browned on both sides and heated through. If desired, serve the fried *mamaliga* with sour cream or yogurt. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Note: *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook* is published by Times Books, 1985.

## Bean and Tuna Salad

A meal in itself

1 16 oz. can red kidney beans, drained  
1 16 oz. can cut green beans, drained  
3 Tbsp. white vinegar  
3 tsp. basil (optional)  
1 tsp. fresh chopped parsley  
3 stalks celery, diced  
1 carrot, diced  
2 green onions, diced  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 large green pepper, diced  
1 large red pepper, diced  
4 oz. mushrooms, sliced  
2 cans tuna, drained & flaked (13 oz.)  
1/2 cup olive oil

Combine all ingredients. Toss. Chill, stirring several times. Serve on lettuce leaves or in a large glass bowl. Serves eight.

## Blintze Souffle

12 frozen blintzes (6 cheese, 6 fruit)  
1 pint sour cream  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 Tbsp. orange juice  
1/2 stick margarine or butter

Melt butter. Arrange blintzes in pan, alternating cheese and fruit. Pour melted butter over blintzes. Mix all other ingredients and pour over blintzes. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

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## Cheesecake Cookies

1/3 cup butter  
1 cup flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 Tbsp. milk  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1/2 cup walnuts, finely chopped  
8 oz. cream cheese  
1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1 egg

Cream butter with brown sugar. Add flour and walnuts. Mix to make crumb mixture. Reserve one cup of mixture for top. Press remainder into bottom of 8-inch square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Blend sugar with softened cream cheese until smooth. Add egg, milk, lemon juice and vanilla. Beat well until smooth. Spread over baked crust. Sprinkle with leftover mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Cool. May be frozen. Serve cold.

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## Frozen Chocolate Pie

6 oz. chocolate chips (use pure chocolate, not chocolate flavored)  
1/4 cup light corn syrup  
1/4 cup water  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
1/4 cup water  
1 egg white  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1-9 oz. container non-dairy whipped topping (toppings are not pareve unless specifically marked)  
1 tsp. rum extract  
1-9 inch graham cracker crust  
chopped walnuts

Melt chocolate chips, corn syrup and 1/4 cup water slowly to make a sauce. Stir and let cool, then set aside. In another bowl beat sugar, lemon juice, 1/4 cup water, egg white and vanilla at high speed for five minutes. Add whipped topping and beat until fairly stiff. Fold 1/2 cup of cooled chocolate sauce into the whipped mixture. Put one-half of the chocolate-whipped cream mixture into the crust. Add 1 teaspoon of rum flavor to the remaining cooled chocolate sauce. Pour one-half of this chocolate rum sauce mixture on top of the chocolate-whipped cream mixture, then top with more chocolate-whipped cream mixture and then the remaining cooled chocolate-rum sauce. Top with chopped walnuts. Freeze until firm, then wrap it well.

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# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Elizabeth "Chick" Small Honored by Radiator Specialty Co.



Elizabeth "Chick" Small received plaque.

Elizabeth "Chick" Small was honored by Radiator Specialty Co. as Radiator Volunteer Retailer of the Year at an Appreciation Luncheon for employees at the Embassy Suite Hotel, April 27.

Mrs. Small's association with Radiator Specialty Co. goes back to 1934 when she worked at a subsidiary, Golden State Rubber Mills in Los Angeles, Cal. Relocating to Charlotte in 1975, she was asked by I.D. Blumenthal to take charge of the Home Store which would be set up in the church-house on the Radiator property. This outlet store, open one day a week, sold merchandise (new clothing and good household items) with proceeds which benefit the Blumenthal Jewish Home. In recent years, Mrs. Small holds sales twice weekly in the cafeteria of Radiator Specialty Co.

All the goods for the Home Store are donated by generous manufacturers and merchants around the Carolinas.

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*Know ye that*

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*Whereas*

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*Whereas*

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## Beth Shalom Synagogue Hickory, N.C.

by Liz Garrick

The new Beth Shalom Synagogue (Hickory Jewish Center) will be completed in June in time for the Annual Meeting. The two-story building contains 6,000 square feet of space.

A gala dedication weekend will be held August 25 to 27. Special Sabbath services will take place Friday night and Saturday morning. A gala affair with music will be held Saturday evening, and Dedication Services with guest speakers will commence at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The committee for the weekend is working on all the details for a wonderful celebration.

Farewell to Dr. Steven Taylor and family who are moving to Atlanta, Ga. Welcome to Mark and Carol Stammer who are moving from Florida for a position with Sicor. Mark is an Annapolis graduate who has served in the U.S. Navy for over ten years.

## Dr. Maxwell H. Goldberg Honored Spartanburg, S.C.

Dr. Maxwell H. Goldberg, Commonwealth Professor of the Humanities, Emeritus, University of Mass., received the 1989 Professional Achievement Award of the College English Association. Annually, this national association confers this honor on a member "who has signally contributed to teaching and scholarship, and the teaching of college level English."

Dr. Goldberg is a member of the Advisory Education Committee of the S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments. He is historian, with his wife, on the Spartanburg RU DAT Project. His emeritus titles include that of Helmus Distinguished Professorship of the Humanities and Literature at Converse College, and that of English and Humanities at Penn State.



*Beth Shalom Synagogue under construction.*

## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Shabbat Friendship Circle, still going strong in its survey of Comparative Religions, met at the home of Rose and Ted Rose on April 1. Guests, Olga and Chris Ahrens, expounded on Quakerism, its philosophy and practices. The presentation was fascinating and the speakers were very warm and friendly. They invited the group to attend a Quaker meeting.

Sisterhood conducted the entire Sabbath service on May 12, and hosted a super deluxe *Oneg Shabbat* afterwards. The closing meeting and installation of officers took place May 22.

Brotherhood held a lox-and-bagel brunch April 2. Guest speaker was Milton L. Ready, professor of history at UNC Asheville. The Interfaith Clergy lunch, May 16, featured Rabbi Randall M. Falk of Nashville, Tenn. A musical trio will entertain at the June brunch. On June 23, the Brotherhood will hold services and install its new officers.

Adult Education activities under the leadership of Rabbi Ronald Bluming included a lecture on Reform Judaism and weekly Hebrew classes. Henry Meyers spoke at the Passover Workshop on "Passover: Historical Perspective."

Phyllis Bluming, principal of the

religious school, worked with teachers and the rabbi on the model *Seder* for the children. Parent coordinators were Ellen Gilreath, Meridy Goldstein, Susan Linn and Margaret Rosenstein. The school observed Holocaust Remembrance and Israel Independence Day on May 7.

An outstanding congregational *Seder* was presented by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Services were led by Rabbi Bluming with music by Pam Simmons and Jean Valerio. A home-cooked dinner menu included Bob Janowitz's famous *matzah* balls.

A Shabbat musical celebration, April 28, featured soloists Evan Chesney and Pam Simmons, student cellist Sam Kim, and a special score prepared by Jean Valerio.

A Holocaust Memorial Service was held May 1 at Beth Israel Synagogue, featuring area clergy, candle lighting and youth participation.

Rabbi Bluming spoke at Brevard College on "The Impact of the Holocaust."

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## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Rain and snow showers in April also brought showers of *Mazel Tovs*: to Bryna Liebowitz, on the birth of a grandson, Teddy. He is the son of Eddie and Leslie Liebowitz. *Mazel Tov* also to Nettie Slosman, great-grandmother and to the late Sam Slosman, great-grandfather. *Mazel Tov* to Ruth Baer and Harry Cooley, who were married on March 19 at the Synagogue. Congratulations to Steven Schoenberg, who won two first place regional prizes in Physics and Graphics Design.

Special thanks go to the following people who helped to make the Sunday School Purim Play a "box office hit": Bob Deutsch, Carol Deutsch, M. J. Seidenberg, Sally Katz, Marlene Joyce and David Gaynes.

Barbara Lewin reports the primary emphasis for Sunday School in April was Passover. This provided the students with a unique *Seder* experience. The children participated in a series of "Learning Centers," each of which emphasized a section of the traditional Passover *Seder*. Upon completing all of the tasks in the centers, each student had performed the *Seder* rituals and learned the meaning of each. Marlene Joyce chaired this project.

To add a special note from William Lewin, President of Beth Israel, he wishes to thank Lynne Gabai and Barbara Lewin for pinch hitting for Norma Feingold, Treasurer of Beth Israel during her absence.

Sisterhood Shabbat Weekend, on April 7 and 8, was a unique experience. Many sisterhood members worked hard on the service. The weekend was dedicated to the memory of Phyllis Sollod, who devoted many years of service to Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The theme was "The Jewish Woman is Challenged." Betty Maskewitz, a woman who has been active in her Tennessee Jewish Community and Southern Branch for many years, was the guest speaker. Helen Ben-

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ninga was the woman selected to receive the Sisterhood "Light of Torah Award" from Beth Israel Sisterhood, and this will be appropriately noted on the Tree of Life in the vestibule of the Synagogue. She received her honor, "The Light of Torah Award" plaque, at Women's League for Conservative Judaism Convention in Marietta, Ga. in May.

Rabbi Eliot Pearlson led a meaningful and joyous *Seder* on the second night of Passover to an overflowing crowd. Barbara Ribner and Barbara Laibson were in charge of the mechanics of the dinner, and the Chevra was in charge of the dinner.

### Hank Greenberg Memorabilia Donated to JCC, Charlotte

Gerald Utley of Concord, N.C. donated his collection of Hank Greenberg memorabilia to the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte. The boxes of materials include scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and baseball cards collected over a lifetime.

As a youngster in the 1930s, Utley hero-worshipped Hank Greenberg, the right-handed power-hitting outfielder and first baseman with the

Detroit Tigers. A Protestant, Utley began using "Hank" as a nickname, and he endured name-calling in Concord because of his interest in the Jewish slugger.

After playing baseball on an athletic scholarship at N.C. State University, Utley went into textiles and later became executive director of the Cabarrus County Boys Club. When he retired in 1986, Utley began searching for a permanent location for his Greenberg collection. He said he hoped it might influence other young people as he had been inspired by the great man and great baseball player.

The Greenberg memorabilia will be housed at the Speizman Jewish Library at Shalom Park.

### News from Greensboro, N.C.

Rabbi Arnold Task of Temple Emanuel was honored as "Carolina Peacemaker" by THE CAROLINA PEACEMAKER, the publication of the Greensboro-Guilford County African American and Native American communities.

The award was the ninth one given by the newspaper board of directors to the individual who has contributed most to domestic peace with justice in Guilford County.



1989-90 Steering Committee for Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women. (L. to R.) Abbe Bryan, Margie Liebshtein and Peggie Rovman were installed April 5.

## Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

Three Charlotte youths qualified for the National Bible Contest finals which were held in New York on May 21.

The local participants, Heather Binnick, Mischa Fuerstman, Michael Jacobsohn and Ory Warshenbrot, were tested on April 6 on their knowledge of the Books of *Exodus* and *Ruth*. Binnick, Jacobsohn and Warshenbrot qualified for the New York finals.

The National Bible Contest is sponsored by the World Zionist Organization. Approximately 150 finalists met in New York, with competition conducted in both English and

Hebrew. The local contestants competed in the English division.

Parents of the Charlotte youth are Linda and Warren Binnick, Marlene and Leland Fuerstman, Rose Ellen and Bruce Jacobsohn, and Amalia and Abe Warshenbrot.

The Sisterhood held its Installation of Officers at a luncheon on May 24. The following were installed: Judy Miller, president; Lois Benjamin, administrative v.p.; Marcy Mehlman and Sandy Rosenberg, program/education v.p.s; Linda Goldsmith and Lyba Rousso, simcha/youth v.p.s; Jodi Cohen, fundraising v.p.; Susan Rabinovich, membership v.p.; Helen Friedman, treasurer; Jill Bunis, financial sec.; Shirley Levine, corresponding sec.; Judy Solding, recording sec.; Ginger Snitz, advisor.

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

by Lisa Pharr

On April 13 HaLailah and the Temple Israel Hebrew classes joined forces in a letter writing campaign. The students signed petitions and wrote letters on behalf of the Lurie's, a Soviet Refusenik family. Many thanks to the students who participated in this important activity, and to Claire Putterman and Randi DePhilip for organizing the event.

The Older Adult Luncheon has been rescheduled for June 25. To RSVP or for more information call Eileen Darholt, 364-3897.

## Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

Raleigh will be the site for an In-Service Workshop for Jewish Teachers on Sept. 10, 1989. The Kohl Jewish Teachers Center staff from Wilmette, Ill. will lead the workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beth Meyer Synagogue.

All Jewish teachers from the Raleigh/Durham area are encouraged to attend the workshop which is co-sponsored by Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), Beth Meyer Synagogue, and other Raleigh/Durham area schools and congregations. The event will include two different workshops, lunch and a CAJE Mini-Teachers Resource Center.

For further information, please contact Jacquie Katz at Beth Meyer, (919) 848-1420 or Lenora Stein at CAJE, (704) 366-1948.

Lenora Stein, Resource Center director of CAJE, recently completed a certificate program in "Managing Not-for-Profit Agencies" at UNC Charlotte. The course was co-sponsored by the United Way of Central Carolinas, Foundation for the Carolinas and the Arts and Science Council.

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## Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration Service in Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

The presentation of a painting by Willie Stratford, Sr. culminated the Holocaust Commemoration Service held in downtown Charlotte on May 3. Mr. Stratford explained that his work was inspired by a 12 year old boy's survival of a mass execution. Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel accepted the painting on behalf of the Jewish community. The painting will be displayed at Shalom Park.

Rev. Tom Graves of St. John's Baptist Church opened the program with a prayer. Mayor Sue Myrick read a proclamation naming May 1-7 the "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust." She was followed by Father John Haughey of St. Peter's Catholic Church who offered his comments and thoughts, and Rev. Edward Newberry of Memorial Presbyterian Church. Rev. Newberry recited an "Al Cheit" for the sins of action and inaction that allowed the Holocaust to happen. Rev. Jacquelyn Mishoe of St. Stephen United Methodist Church introduced Holocaust liberators, survivors and children of survivors. They lit eleven memorial candles as Steven Haas of Temple Beth El V'Shalom sang a prayer.

The commemoration service was jointly sponsored by the Interfaith Council of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) and the Charlotte Jewish Federation. The NCCJ with the help of Carolina Agency for Jewish Education also prepared special information packets and encouraged all congregations to devote a portion of their Sabbath services on May 6-7 to the Holocaust Memorial Weekend. Approximately 50 local churches and synagogues requested the information in order to incorporate Holocaust remembrance into their individual services and activities.

## The Jewish Museum New York City

The Jewish Museum announces its new exhibitions which can be seen at 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. For information, call (212) 860-1888.

**THE FALL OF ILAN AVERBUCH** (until Aug. 6): *The Fall* is a 10 ft. by 15 ft. wood and copper sculpture resembling a fallen dome, by Israeli sculptor, Ilan Averbuch.

**IN THE SHADOW OF CONFLICT: ISRAELI ART, 1980-1989** (until Aug. 6): This exhibition documents the varied responses of a selection of 18 artists to the political and social climate in Israel, including paintings, sculpture, drawings and mixed media.

**MEMORIES OF ALSACE: FOLK ART AND JEWISH TRADITION** (until Aug. 14): In honor of the bicentennial of the French Revolution, over 100 objects including synagogue furnishings, textiles, wood carvings, furniture and ceramics of Alsatian Jewish folk art are on display.

Continuing exhibitions include: **ROBERT CAPA: PHOTOGRAPHS**

**FROM ISRAEL, 1948-1950** (through July 5); **FROM SEDER TO STELLA: THE ART OF PASSOVER IN THE COLLECTION OF THE JEWISH MUSEUM** (through Oct. 19).

## Young Judaea Sets 80th Birthday Reunion

Young Judaea, the nation's oldest Zionist youth group, will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a reunion of former members in Atlanta on July 16 during the 75th National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

A nationwide search is underway to locate the oldest living "alumnus" of the group who will be honored at the event to be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16 in Atlanta's Marriott Marquis Hotel.

Former Young Judaeans are encouraged to contact their local Hadassah chapter for additional information, or to contact national Young Judaea/Hashachar at 50 W. 58th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019, 212-303-8250.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

As we head into the summer season, we can't help but reflect on the spring, which went by so quickly.

Passover was the dominant theme of spring with its many preparatory activities. Its actual observance was as meaningful as the season itself.

Over eighty people attended the two *Seders* at Lubavitch in Charlotte. The *Seders* which were conducted in the traditional fashion allowed for a rich and meaningful experience.

The children asked the four questions, each according to his/her individual level. The *matzahs* were "shmurah" and hand baked, the wine was a delicious import from New York and the feeling was natural and home grown.

Lubavitch Day School students conducted a marvelous Model *Seder* for their parents, under the guidance of Judaica teacher, Chanie Weiss. Each child led a significant part of the *Seder*, reading and explaining the meaning of the particular observance.

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In other school news, the children attending the afternoon program at Lubavitch School were treated to a memorable visit to a dairy farm. The children watched the milking process and were fascinated with the routine and precision of the cows.

The children also visited with the goats and horses and other small animals that live on the farm. Our thanks goes to Judy Coyne, teacher aide at Lubavitch School.

#### Gan Israel Day Camp

Gan Israel Day Camp will begin on June 12 and run for three weeks. The camp which is a project of Lubavitch of North Carolina has earned an excellent reputation because of its quality program.

This year the camp is planning many exciting activities along with

new children's projects. The superb staff will include local talent and several students of the Beth Rivkah Teaching Seminary in Brooklyn.

The camp will operate out of the Chabad House located at 921 Jefferson Drive, adjacent to Shalom Park. For further information please call the Lubavitch office at (704) 366-3984.

#### Chabad of Myrtle Beach

Chabad of Myrtle Beach conducted a splendid Passover *Seder* at the Radisson Hotel-Kingston Plantation.

Over 150 participants, including many tourists from out of state, joined Rabbi Doron Aizenman and his wife Leah at the *Seder*. The Aizenmans, who direct the Chabad House and School in Myrtle Beach,



Chanie Weiss and Rena Chernotsky work on Judaica project.



Myrtle Beach Talmud Torah takes trip to Wilmington on Chol Hamoed Pesach.

said that initially the *Seder* was planned for local residents, but the out of town guest list grew as more people became aware of the *Seder*.

Chabad of Myrtle Beach is planning a full schedule of activities this summer. These include the Gan Israel Day Camp which begins June 26 and runs till August 11.

The Chabad School will also add a new grade this coming school year. The Chabad Day School is the first full day school in the Jewish history of Myrtle Beach.

#### **Jewish Radio 2 Years Old**

"The Jewish Sound," a weekly radio show heard in Charlotte on Sunday mornings, will celebrate its second anniversary with a commemorative program on Sunday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. at WSOC-AM 930 on the radio dial.

The program which brings Jewish music and thought to the air waves every Sunday has been praised by many listeners for its content and contemporary style. "The Jewish Sound" provides useful information about holidays, their customs and many observances year round.

A weekly feature is Chaim the storyteller, who relates substantive Jewish tales in a fascinating manner. The show is a project of Lubavitch of North Carolina and is produced by Jake Bogan in Columbia, and hosted by Rabbi Yossi Groner, director of Lubavitch in the Carolinas.

The program which lasts one hour covers historical personalities, lively commentary on the weekly Torah portion and provocative thoughts on many Jewish topics. Tune in each Sunday at 9:00 and enjoy Jewish radio at its best.

#### **National Conference of Christians and Jews**

Jacqueline G. Wexler, president of The National Conference of Christians and Jews, announced a new \$250,000 grant, the second from The Pew Charitable Trusts. The Pew Trusts consist of seven individual charitable funds established by the sons and daughters of Joseph N. Pew, founder of the Sun Oil Company.

This grant will cover three years, and a matching grant will double the resources. In 1986 a program was started by NCCJ entitled, *Theology in a Pluralistic Setting*. The pilot project involved professors and students from ecumenical, evangelical and black Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, three branches of Judaism and Greek Orthodoxy.

The experiences of the first three years showed how vital is the challenge we face in our diverse society. It was also learned that terms such as "Protestant," "Roman Catholic" and "Jewish" are too limited. Voices belonging to women, racial minorities and particular theological streams, both conservative and liberal, cause increasing complexity.

This second grant will enable NCCJ to continue its work. "We will expand the participating instructions beyond the East Coast into Texas, the Ohio Valley and the West Coast, all seminary-rich areas of the country," said Mrs. Wexler. Organizing conferences will deal with the theme, *Religious Encounters with Others*.

NCCJ deals with intergroup issues that raise challenges for our pluralistic society.

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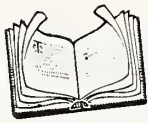
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# Book Reviews



## The Myth and Reality of Judaism

by Simon Glustrom

Behrman House Inc. 225 pp. \$6.95 paperback

This book shatters misconceptions about Judaism which, according to the author, do not die easily.

According to Rabbi Glustrom, an author of three well-known books on Jewish thought, "Many of us have adopted distorted views of Judaism in order to reinforce our negative feelings about Judaism, or even to justify our doubts about the need for religious beliefs altogether."

*The Myth and Reality of Judaism* is divided into twelve topics, each topic containing a sampling of widely held misconceptions. The chapter, "Relating to the Non-Jewish Community: Another Look," addresses such misconceptions as:

Jews have always discouraged converts; converts to Judaism are like second-class citizens; one who adopts another religion is no longer a Jew; non-Jews may not be invited to "Seder."

Other topics include "Sex & Birth—Lesser Known Views"; "Women's Role—Varied Opinions, Surprising Responses"; "Ritual Practices & Objects—A Closer Look"; "Death & Mourning—Questioning What We Were Told."

In recording and collating these 82 misconceptions, based on 38 years of experience as an active rabbi in Fair Lawn, N.J., the author hopes to "reach those people who are receptive to 'second opinions' about Judaism." The book is also tailored to the adult Jewish community.

## Days of Remembrance

published by the U.S. Department of Defense

144 pp. Available from ADL of B'nai B'rith, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017

*Days of Remembrance* is a second edition, enlarged, and it will be an integral part of the educational program of the U.S. military forces.

This is an excellent compilation of material, handsomely printed. It contains many new items which are beautifully written, many of them by prominent Americans. It is a book to be cherished and will serve as an aid in commemoration of The Holocaust on any occasion.

The International Center for Holocaust Studies of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council assisted in the production of this guide. It draws on testimony of eyewitnesses and Holocaust experts "to shed light on mankind's darkest moment in history," in the words of Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director and co-chairman of the

Days of Remembrance Committee.

A section new in this edition includes expanded historical material and is entitled, "America Remembers." The guide is being used in conjunction with the national "Days of Remembrance," which took place April 30 to May 7.

In the introduction, President Bush reminds us what the remembrance of the Holocaust teaches, of the warning it offers and an aid to understanding the evil which was finally defeated.

The guide contains planning suggestions for ceremonies of remembrance, a list of Holocaust resource centers and organizations, and sections on the U.S. Army's liberation of concentration camps. There is also description of those camps, of collaborators with the Nazis, of Jewish resistance, and the effects of the Holocaust which remain.

ADL's Center for Holocaust Studies is the largest repository of Holocaust related materials in the U.S. It develops curriculums to encourage teaching on the subject and publishes *Dimensions*, a magazine on the subject.

## Judaism: The Evolution of a Faith

by Phillip Sigal

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 326 pp. Paper \$14.95; Cloth \$21.95

In this overview of the history of Judaism from its origins to the present, Phillip Sigal emphasizes its pluralistic, dynamic and multi-faceted character. He sets Jewish history in the broader context of world history and pays particular attention to the relation between Judaism and Christianity. He also traces the development of Jewish customs and beliefs. Thus the book serves not only as an introduction to Judaism but also as a historical survey of the interaction between Judaism and Christianity.

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rabbi and New Testament scholar, Sigal begins his discussion with the various theories of the origins of Judaism, and then traces this history from the time of the patriarchs to the present. The book also includes a noteworthy appendix, "Images of Women in Judaism," by Lillian Sigal.

Phillip Sigal was rabbi of Congregation Ahavas Israel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, until his death in 1985. His other books include *The Emergence of Contemporary Judaism* (3 vols.) and *New Dimensions in Judaism*.

Lillian Sigal, who revised her late husband's work for publication, teaches English at Grand Valley State University.

## The Mystery of Being Jewish

by Molly Cone

UAHC Press 176 pp. \$7.95

Ages 13-15

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In her opening chapter of *The Mystery of Being Jewish*, the author, Molly Cone, has written about "Jewish nature" in a manner which is sensitive and probably acceptable to most Jews. With a long, backward look at Jewish history, she attempts to define hereditary Jewish attitudes. "But what is Jewish is the particular compilation of attitudes that exist in the hearts and minds of the people called Jews."

In that chapter there is also a moving poem by the author which is descriptive of the history of Jewish people.

The remainder of the book is a series of nineteen short biographies of Jews who have made remarkable contributions to society. Most are American; all are exemplary.

Directed to young teen-agers, the writing is not simple or immature. It conveys a sense of appreciation of values which have been and should still be part of the essence of Jewish teaching. Some of the lives Molly Cone has chosen to represent are those of ritually observant Jews, but in all of them she has found the attributes combining to form the thread which ties us together.

We do not hesitate to recommend this book for a gift, but read it before you give it away.

Molly Cone is the author of over thirty books for children and is the recipient of prestigious awards for Jewish literature.

## American Jews and Church-State Relations

by Jonathan D. Sarna

American Jewish Committee

This booklet is commissioned in honor of the Constitutional Bicentennial. It traces the history of American church-state relations as they have affected Jews.

What does separation of church and state mean for American Jews? Do all Jews agree on what the relationship of government and religion should be? What stances have U.S. Jews taken, over the years, toward such issues as religious tests for office, Sunday "blue laws," display of religious symbols, and aid to parochial schools? What does it mean for Jews when Constitutional clauses regarding religion seem to conflict with each other?

"Separation of church and state is by no means universal among Western democracies," writes Dr. Steven Bayme, director of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, in the foreword to the booklet. "Nevertheless, American Jews feel that, in pluralistic America, religion fares best when government keeps its hands off. Recent AJC surveys demonstrate continued Jewish attach-

ment to the principle of separation of church and state; this consensus within the Jewish community has generally held.

"A minority, however, has urged a return to an earlier pattern, based on an 'equal footing' doctrine in which Judaism would receive the same recognition as other faiths. This debate is focused especially upon the issue of government aid to Jewish day schools. The AJC, like most other major Jewish organizations, opposes government aid as an unconstitutional and unwise intrusion of government into religious life. The same concern for religious liberty also informs AJC's advocacy of a broad interpretation of the First Amendment's guarantee of free exercise of religion.

"Our intention in publishing this paper is to provide historical background and to explain the range of positions which underlie the contemporary debate. It is our hope that Jewish groups and leaders will study it and discuss fully its implications for communal social action."

In the 200 years since the Constitutional Convention, writes Professor Sarna, "the condition of Jews in America has improved dramatically, with most of the improvements deriving from the principles set forth in the Constitution itself, particularly the 'no establishment' and 'free exercise' clauses of the First Amendment.

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Christian nation (as some Evangelicals claim), a religious nation, or a secular nation? Does it envisage a government guaranteeing equality to *all* religions, one divided by a high wall from *any* religion, or one occupying some middle ground? And what happens when the 'establishment' and 'exercise' clauses conflict? Which takes precedence?"

To obtain this booklet, write to Morton Yarmon, American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56th St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

## Jewish Publications in the USSR

In April the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture reported that *Haggadahs* for Passover had been printed in Russian and Hebrew in the USSR for the first time since the Russian Revolution. 10,000 copies were printed and distributed in Moscow and in synagogues throughout the Soviet Union.

Other Jewish books and educational materials are to be published in Russian and Hebrew by the Choral Synagogue of Moscow with the help of the Memorial Foundation under a joint publishing program known as *Chinuch. Pirke Avot, Ethics of the Fathers*, is the second book to be published in a series.

## 'Israel' and the Shaping of America: The Movie

by Dr. Henry Samuel Levinson

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Dr. Henry Levinson of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro spoke at the Eleventh National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations in Charleston. His topic was *Religion and the Shaping of America*. In the Plenary Session, Dr. Timothy Smith of the Department of History of The John Hopkins University spoke first about the Christian Founding Fathers and the ways in which their religion shaped America. Dr. Levinson approached the topic from a different viewpoint, and structured his address in a vivid description of a movie, *'Israel' and the Shaping of America*.

His talk played to the mind's eye, and it painted his views with bold, swift strokes. The imaginary scenario was divided into three filmettes, the first of which he called *New Israel*. A new political party is formed in the United States with the goal of consensus. At the national convention of this party, the patch-work history of our country is shown on the screen in "sight-bites," depicting all of our cherished memories, but also some of our problems and embarrassments.

The solution proposed by the new consensus party is a "benign final solution," in the achievement of the Founders' view of "The New Israel." The vision is one of unanimous consent, but the candidate has succumbed to current methods of successful political campaigns, so that spiritual messages have become obscured by Madison Avenue techniques.

In spite of the idealistic inspiration at the start, the final impression of the first filmette on its audience is one which leaves that audience aware of its conflicts. Dr. Levinson calls them "its sunny and its slummy sides." He says there is a fear that the dream might come true.

In the scenario of his second filmette, Dr. Levinson moves from the biblical idea of *The New Israel*, in which the uniqueness of the American experiment was looked upon as a second chance to bring to humanity the realization of God's kingdom on earth, to the real land of Israel. The title of this portion is *Next Year in Jerusalem*.

Only two interpretations are given. The first is that of an independent Fundamentalist church. For its preacher and his flock, there is no symbolism of *The New Israel*. They know that their interpretation of the Scriptures in their *New Scofield Reference Bibles* is being enacted by the reestablishment of the State of Israel. They know that God closed his covenant with Israel, and that the new covenant was made with Christians. Armageddon is imminent, to be followed by the final judgment, when true Christian believers will earn eternal life, while all others go to perdition. That is what Israel means to them.

The scene shifts to a Jewish home and Sabbath observance. In the synagogue, the weekly portion tells of Isaiah. The rabbi tells of the dilemma of the people of Judah when its survival is threatened. Isaiah counsels them against a military solution. Dr. Levinson's script speaks: "The divine spirit," he (Isaiah) says, 'falls on those who live not by might and not by power, but who live justly, compassionately, humbly, with mercy toward the other whom we are not. Seeing to it that God is obeyed is observing that we live that way tenaciously and without shame. The crown of pride shall be trodden under foot.' 'I know,' the Rabbi concludes, 'normally we equate success with power, status and wealth. But if Torah is right, normal is wrong. It

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may be alluring, it may be comfortable, but—my people Israel—it is wrong.’”

Other scenes follow, of the life of the family in the Jewish home. There are scenes of the boy's Hebrew Day School, the Bat Mitzvah of the girl, talk of the *intifada*, the Arab uprising in Israel's occupied territories. The filmette ends with the father's question, "What do you think Isaiah would say; what do you think he'd call on the people of Israel to do?"

Dr. Levinson's final filmette is called *Never Again*. This one is even more problematical than the others. I quote the script writer, Dr. Levinson, again. "This film is a meditation, then, on how the myth of 'Israel,' circa 1967, gave shape to many of our lives, and to our America. But even more, as we shall see, it is a study in cultural continuities and discontinuities."

He proceeds to depict the different meanings of *Never Again* to different generations of American Jews, the difference in the feelings derived by different generations from the same religion, the same tradition, the same history.

Our movie, Dr. Levinson tells us,

has no tidy ending. There is no consensus about the role Israel plays or has played in shaping America. He is content with that. He feels that consensus, were it possible, would not solve the many ills our country suffers.

His summary asserts that cultural eclecticism is not responsible for our troubles. His judgment pleases me, as a believer in the safety offered by our pluralism and diversity. Dr. Levinson believes that the moral and religious disagreement of the vastly diverse segments of our society do not cause our "social diseases." He claims that the segments agree on basic moral issues to an extent great enough to allow our living together peacefully.

Furthermore, Dr. Levinson believes that our eclecticism protects us from "the pretensions of grand designs." By that he means that we are saved from zealots. He quotes from Umberto Eco's *Name of the Rose*, a book filled with delectable morsels of philosophy:

Fear Prophets and those prepared to die for the truth, for as a rule they make many others die with them, often before them, at times instead of them. . . . Perhaps the mission of those who love

mankind is to make people laugh at the truth, to *make truth laugh*, because the only truth lies in learning to free ourselves from insane passion for the truth.

When theology works for the good of all, it is praiseworthy. When a particular religion inspires zealots who adhere to it to the insanity which destroys those who do not agree with them, then "theological truth is insane."

Henry Levinson left his listeners with hope: ". . . most of us in America still cherish 'Israel' in some form or other. Whether we take it as part of a supernatural disclosure or as a figure in some of the greatest stories ever told, it has done a great deal to shape American lives at their best. We see ourselves as part of these stories, which have left us with unforgettable visions of good and evil, and have instructed us in how to make life a little more divine. Whether we admit it or not, we are always reweaving the threads of the 'Israel' stories that bind us. Let's try to do so in ways that make the truth laugh so that we don't drive the world insane."

Those are good closing words to a thoughtful, imaginatively composed scenario.

#### Fifty Years Ago (Continued from page 2)

that Roosevelt grant haven to the refugees. Stephen Wise, the president of the American Jewish Congress, said he feared that "any effort that is made at this time to waive the immigration laws will result in a serious accentuation of what we know to be a rising wave of anti-Semitic feeling in this country." This fear of provoking anti-Semitism shaped the hesitant and half-hearted response of major Jewish organizations during the *St. Louis* crisis and throughout the Holocaust years.

The most logical destination for refugees such as those on the *St. Louis* was Palestine, which was then ruled by the British. But during the 1930s, the Arabs in Palestine staged street riots and terrorist attacks to underline their demand for an end to Jewish immigration. Just ten days before the *St. Louis* reached Havana, the Arabs got their wish: Britain issued a new White Paper that severely restricted the entry of Jewish refugees. In the years to follow, that White Paper proved to be a death sentence for the Jews. In 1942, for example, as the Holocaust raged and millions clamored for haven, the British permitted only 4,026 Jews to enter the Holy Land.

Ultimately the *St. Louis* was forced to return to Europe, and most of its passengers were eventually murdered by the Nazis.

Israelis today recall the bitter events surrounding the "voyage of the damned" and naturally wonder if they should now trust those who so cruelly abandoned the Jews in 1939. Who can blame the Israelis for being suspicious? Fifty years ago, Arab rioters helped seal the fate of Hitler's victims; today's Arab rioters maim and murder Jews in an apparent effort to "finish Hitler's job." Fifty years ago, the Western democracies abandoned the Jews for the sake of political convenience; today Western leaders are embracing Yasser Arafat for the sake of political convenience. Fifty years ago, American Jewish leaders failed to take to the streets to protest on behalf of European Jewry; are today's Jewish leaders taking to the streets to defend beleaguered Israel?

Like the *St. Louis* before it, Israel is adrift in an ocean of broken promises and shattered illusions. Those are rough waters to navigate, and in the years to come the task will not get much easier.

Rafael Medoff is author of *The Deafening Silence: American Jewish Leaders and the Holocaust* (Shapolsky Books, 1987).



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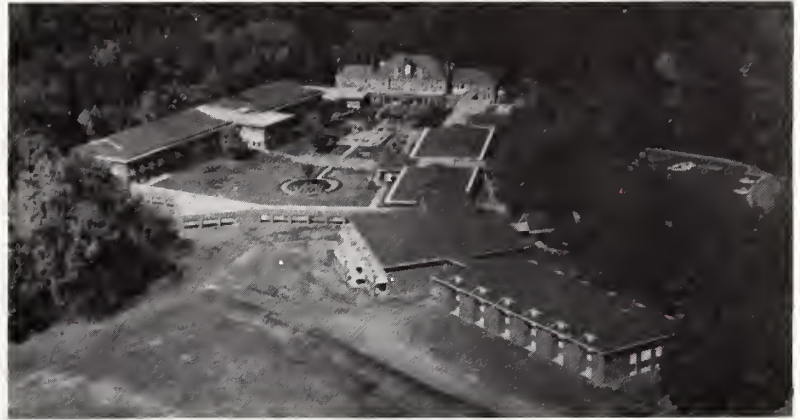
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### LISTOKIN'S TOUCH BENEFITS CONCERT SERIES

Ann Listokin, pianist, has applied a deft touch to the BJH Sunday afternoon concerts. Both residents and guests have had the opportunity to enjoy superb performances by Ann as well as the concert series she graciously presented.

The first concert of the series, February 5, featured the eminent Bob Listokin with Ann Listokin at the piano. Mr. Listokin has toured in this country, in Europe, and South America as soloist with the Claremont String Quartet, the Razoumovsky Quartet, and Piedmont Chamber Orchestra, and as a member of the Clarion Wind Quintet, Aeolian Chamber Players, New York Festival Winds and Chamber Soloists.

On March 5 mezzo-soprano Lisa Sykes sang, accompanied by Ann Listokin. Yumiko Ishiguchi gave a piano recital March 19. The April 2 concert featured Ruth Thomas, soprano, and Dominic Kollasch, baritone, with Ann Listokin at the piano.



*Ann Listokin, pianist.*

James Gregory presented a solo piano recital on April 16, and the series closed with music for two flutes and piano April 30. Wendy Anderson and Leslie Sadler were the flutists, again accompanied by Ann Listokin. The student performers are at the Wake Forest Department of Music, with the exception of

James Gregory, who is a senior at Salem College School of Music. All concerned donated their services for these concerts.

Ann Listokin, a member of Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, is an adjunct pianist on the Wake Forest Music Department faculty. She is a teacher on the Salem College music faculty and a free-lance accompanist. She performed the Dedication Concert on the new Baldwin piano at BJH in June, 1988. She co-founded and directed the N. C. State Composers Symposium from 1976-1985. She has received four grants from MET-THE-COMPOSER. Her compositions include works for chorus, voice, chamber and theater; and are performed on the concert stage, for dance, theater, and radio and television.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home has been a most fortunate beneficiary this year of the talents of Ann Listokin and the performers with whom she works.

# FAIR OAKS

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*Sigmund Meyer and Sarah Sherry, FAIR OAKS residents, participate in the Passover Seder at FAIR OAKS.*

The floors of FAIR OAKS are a busy place with new residents joining this ever-increasing community of friends. Activities are as varied as a visit from a volunteer in the "adopt-a-grandparent" program to painting in the craft shop, shopping and lunch out with FAIR OAKS social worker, Gail Ruthfield, or choosing a video for an evening's entertainment.

Activities director, Lynn Wahoski, posts the weekly calendar and encourages residents to sign up for daily events and outings. Recent popular attrac-

tions were attending the United Way volunteer awards ceremony and luncheon in Winston-Salem, shopping at Hanes Mall, celebrating the Passover Seders in their new home at FAIR OAKS, luncheon at the Manor House in Tanglewood Park and a quilting party with the Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, pre-schoolers.

The young in age and the young at heart are all welcome visitors at FAIR OAKS. To receive our newest brochure or to schedule a tour and lunch, contact Sharon Snead or Sue Clein, (919) 766-6401.



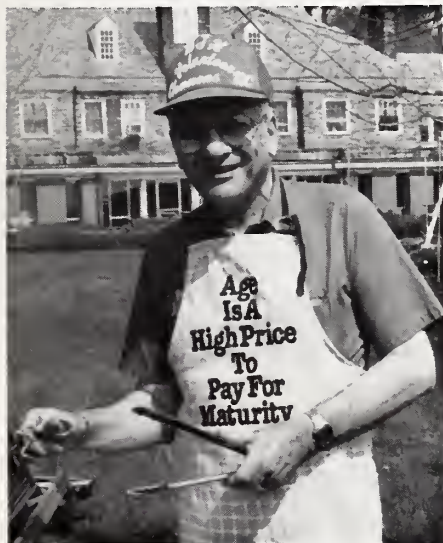
*Therese Serxner, FAIR OAKS resident, enjoys a visit with her "adopted grandchildren," Susan Barbitta, Jackie and Zachary.*



*Crystal, from Clemmons Preschool, shares a moment with Clara Borenstein, FAIR OAKS resident.*

# SUE'S NEWS

## United Way Honors BJH Volunteer



*Darrel Mandelstamm serves as chef for a BJH lunch cookout.*

"Volunteer refuses to accept retirement" was the headline in the *Winston-Salem Journal* when Darrel Mandelstamm was recognized by the United Way of Forsyth County. Mr. Mandelstamm received the 1988 Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award from the United Way on April 14, 1989, for the outstanding volunteer service he gives to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. "If you like what you're doing, it really doesn't seem like work," said Darrel.

Darrel has been someone we can count on since he began his new volunteer career two and a half years ago. We are proud that the United Way chose Mr. Mandelstamm to receive this honor and we are grateful Darrel chose the Blumenthal Jewish Home to receive his energy and commitment. Congratulations to a deserving volunteer.

Welcome to the new volunteers who are participating in

many different ways: Susan Barbita and children, Clemmons, in the "adopt-a-grandparent" program; Bob Conn, Winston-Salem, a shabbat service leader; Jean and Joe Reznick, Winston-Salem, not new but new to the General Store; and Harriett Wallach, Winston-Salem has joined in for shopping trips, the General Store, and a new library club.

Greensboro volunteers have been providing the "stars," gifts, energy and hugs for the increasingly popular monthly Birthday Bash. New volunteers joining in from Greensboro have been Elaine Berg, Mildred Danish, Ina Eisenberg, Rhoda Fleischer, Marcia Glazman, Stella Levin, and Sara Lee Saperstein.

Residents have been treated to delightful performances by Greensboro "stars" Sheila Saltzman, dancer; Marcia Stromsky and Sharmin Michalson, singers; and Muriel Hoff, poet. Polaroid portraits have been provided, courtesy of Al Rauch, Carolina Camera in Greensboro.

Bring your talent, energy, a hug or a huggable to the Blumenthal Jewish Home and be a star in our book.

### BJH NEWS

Editor - Sue Clein  
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*Sharmin Michalson, Greensboro, entertains at the April Birthday Bash.*

### WELCOME

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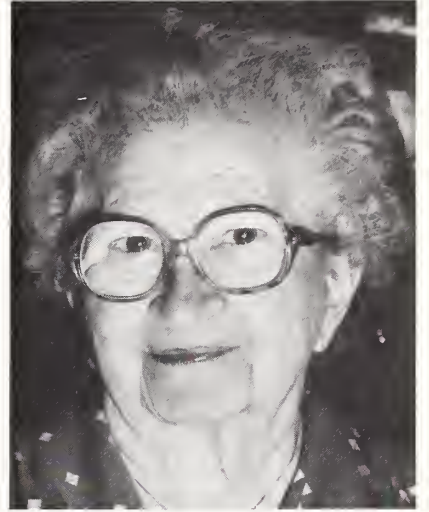
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*Charlotte, North Carolina*

# PASSOVER FACES, 1989



# THE SEDER SCENE



# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

by Margaret Nystrom

- **A shopping spree** – April 17 was the day for residents to choose new spring clothes in their favorite colors and styles. Muriel Wager's Comfort Clothing Co. came to BJH, offering residents the opportunity to shop at home for clothes designed for easy dressing and wear.
- **Out to lunch** – Lunch out in April featured a trip to Po' Folks in Winston-Salem. The taste treat was country-style foods – fried chicken, green beans, homemade biscuits and apple cobbler. Sampling new restaurants and making new friends are some of BJH's favorite activities.
- **Wheel of Fortune** – BJH residents were Wheel of Fortune winners on April 13. A wonderful "Pat Sajak," our own Sigmund Meyer, and a beautiful "Vanna White," by Jane Rosenberg, led residents in this game of chance for a fun-filled afternoon. The wheel spun, the puzzles were guessed and the prizes won. Winners were Sophie Watnick, Fay Moss, Lena Krieger, Bertha Lippman, and Pauline Kartus, the grand prize winner.



*Anna Levine, BJH resident, enjoys a visit with Sara Lee Saperstein, Greensboro Birthday Bash Volunteer.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE

Etta Dean  
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their loved ones.

### CALENDAR FOR JUNE

#### June

- 2 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem at 6:45 p.m.
- 6 Homewide birthday party in the Commons Auditorium at 2:00 p.m.
- 7 Spring Celebration; leave for Winston-Salem at 9:00 a.m.
- 9 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall; leave for Winston-Salem at 9:30 a.m.
- 11 Music at Sunset; leave for Clemmons at 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Senior Citizens Lunch in Commons Auditorium at 10:30 a.m.
- 25 Brenner Concert: "Razz Ma Tazz" in the Commons Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

# What's Developing?

## The FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign Progress Report

Our FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign is still going strong. This month we have received some commemoratives and large pledges, but we need your support to meet our Campaign goal of \$7 million. If you haven't committed to this Campaign, please sign your pledge card now or call the Development Office at (919) 766-3035 and ask for Barbara Brewer. We still have some very nice commemoratives left but, if you want one of these, we need your pledge card soon. We are also grateful for our supporters

who have increased their Campaign pledges this month.

Remember the Wall of Honor is a nice way to memorialize deceased loved ones or to commemorate anniversaries, births, and special occasions. Call the Development Office for details and pledge cards. The Development Office also has information on wills, living trusts, and other unique ways of contributing to the FAIR OAKS Campaign. Be a part of the FAIR OAKS Campaign. Return or request a pledge card today!

We would like to thank the following individuals for establishing or increasing their commitment to the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS. The listing below includes those supporters who have made a new commitment or have increased their pledges to the Capital Campaign from March 31, 1989, through May 10, 1989. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. Please advise the Development Office of any errors.

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# Times Outlook



# Soviet Jewry Advocacy Movement—Facing the Future

*By Shoshana S. Cardin*

*Chairman, National Conference on Soviet Jewry*

The Soviet Jewry advocacy movement was born of a dream that for Soviet Jews, Jewish identity could be a source of pride, not derision. The advocacy movement has made great strides in the past twenty years. However, recent developments in the Soviet Union, particularly the current rise in emigration, suggest the need for a reassessment of the future direction of the movement.

Since its inception, the Soviet Jewry advocacy movement has set as its goal the redemption of Soviet Jewry. Because of historically repressive Soviet policies toward religious and cultural expression, the movement's public focus was *Aliyah*, and not the revitalization of Jewish life in the Soviet Union. Although Soviet policy toward emigration has been most inconsistent in the past two decades, Jewish emigration generally has achieved significant success in Soviet terms, with approximately 400,000 individuals having left in recent years.

The current reform process in the Soviet Union presents the first opportunity, both inside and outside the Soviet Union, that the Soviet Jewry advocacy movement has had to reach out to all Soviet Jews openly, and in some cases, officially. The advocacy movement should not only continue to explore the frontiers of Soviet tolerance for increased Jewish emigration, it should also assist the revival of Jewish cultural and religious life which Soviet Jews are now seeking. The importance of this development to the fate of the world's third largest Jewish community cannot be underestimated. In the past, Soviet Jews who wished to live as Jews in the Soviet Union or leave for Israel risked a long period of refusal, harassment or even labor camp. This was particularly the case outside of the major cities, where tolerance of Jewish expression was generally lower, and the punishment greater. The evolving situation in the Soviet Union creates the possibility of lowering the threshold of risk—of enabling Soviet Jews long torn from their religion and culture to become familiar with Judaism. And those among them who wish to make *Aliyah*, will be able to do so on an informed basis.

This effort to support the Jewish cultural and religious revival in the Soviet Union will require some shifts in the movement's priorities and tactics. We should recognize that our traditional concept of "saving Soviet Jewry" is as much a matter of providing Soviet Jews the access they wish to their religion and culture, as it is of promoting emigration and securing the release of long-term *refuseniks*. And we should share with Soviet Jews our rich and vital cultural and religious heritage, so that they can appreciate Juda-

ism as being different from just a black mark on an internal passport or a ticket out of the country.

The challenge of this revival and its impact will be most poignant in the provinces far from Moscow and Leningrad, where the bulk of the Soviet Union's more than two-million Jews reside. Working with Israel, the Western Jewish community must be prepared to assist as time, circumstances and resources permit.

We should hold no illusions that the Soviet authorities will assist in this process. For all the promise of "glasnost," nothing thus far articulated in the Gorbachev doctrine indicates that expressions of religious and cultural heritage will be encouraged—at best they will be tolerated. There is ample evidence that the philosophical approach of the Soviet government has changed little. Official fear of religious revival in the case of Soviet Jews is exacerbated by concern about a revival of nationalism—at a time when nationalism is blossoming in numerous areas of Soviet Union.

At no point in the past twenty years has the potential to realize the dream of the advocacy movement been as great as it is today. For today we can, for the most part, communicate openly with our Soviet Jewish brothers and sisters about the Jewish heritage of which they have been deprived until now, while at the same time, we must continue to carefully monitor Soviet emigration policies to ensure that the encouraging developments of today will continue tomorrow. We should embrace this moment with imagination, creativity and hope. We should recognize that there is much work yet to be done!



*INSIDE THE SUPREME SOVIET—The first international rabbinic delegation to visit the Soviet Union was received by the Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Tengy N. Menteshashvili, at his office in the Kremlin May 4. Left to right: Chief Rabbi Simcha Kook of Rehovoth; Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau of Tel Aviv; Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York's Park East Synagogue, co-chairman of the delegation; Mr. Menteshashvili; Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Romania, chairman of the delegation; Chief Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen of Haifa; and Rabbi Adolph Shayevich of Moscow's Choral Synagogue.*

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**Amulet for Women in Childbirth** by Abraham Loeb Weyl, Bischheim, 19th century, watercolor on paper. Photo reproduced with permission from The Jewish Museum. (See story page 9)

## ADL's Policy on Soviet Jewish Emigration

In a move responding to what it called "new and urgent circumstances," the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has become the first American Jewish agency to adopt policy urging that the American Jewish community's "priority and resources" for the emigration of Soviet Jews be directed toward their resettlement in Israel.

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director, said that the policy, adopted by the League's National Commission, "reflects the fact that we are moving closer to the day when true freedom of choice becomes available for Soviet Jews, when those seeking to leave can obtain exit visas for the country of their choice—Israel, the United States or anywhere else. Recognizing that entry visas to the United States and resettlement funds are both limited, the American Jewish community's first concern must be to assist those Soviet Jews wishing to settle in Israel." The new policy, he went on to say, "in no way contradicts ADL's long-standing commitment to freedom of choice for Soviet Jews."

Mr. Foxman pointed out that "the roots of the Soviet Jewry emigration movement were ideological—Jews who wanted to go to Israel because they could not live as Jews and express their Jewishness in the Soviet Union. When we came to their assistance, our goal was their repatriation—their resettlement in the Jewish homeland. Their claim to leave the Soviet Union would have been no better than any other Soviet citizens, except for the fact that they were Jews seeking to flee persecution and to live the Zionist dream. That's what has set them apart."

Declaring that while ADL "will still support the principle of family unification and welcome any Soviet Jews who want to live in the United States," Mr. Foxman said the new policy means that the agency believes its "primary responsibility" to-

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day is to help and encourage those Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate to the Jewish homeland.

The language of the ADL policy statement is as follows:

"Recognizing the improving situation of Soviet Jewry and the significant numbers leaving the U.S.S.R. on Israeli visas and the substantial efforts required for resettlement, we urge that the American Jewish community's priority and resources for such resettlement should be directed toward Israel."

## New Museum Tells The Story of Jerusalem

by Simon Griver

(WZPS) The Museum of the History of Jerusalem is certain to become one of the city's most exciting tourist attractions. Crammed with an array of state-of-the-art displays and visual aids that include three dimensional dioramas, painstakingly accurate cutaway models, video films, animated movies and a hologram, the Museum tells the story of Jerusalem from its obscure origins nearly 4,000 years ago.

### Ancient Setting

It is a brand new museum in an ancient setting. Located in David's Citadel by the Jaffa Gate, the recently opened museum is spread over 11 medieval halls and surrounded by authentic archaeological remnants of the city's history and breathtaking panoramas of Jerusalem itself from the citadel's walls. At night there is also a sound and light show.

In fact, the citadel was first opened to the public nearly 10 years ago and has proven a major attraction in itself. The new museum was established through the Jerusalem Foundation as the result of the determination of Mayor Teddy Kollek and with the aid of a \$10.5 million gift from Vivien Clore-Duffield of England.

The coming together of history itself and the re-creation of history in exhibit form is best exemplified in the hall devoted to the period of Moslem domination of Jerusalem. The hall served as a mosque during Ottoman times and was used by the Turkish garrison in the city. A pulpit and prayer niche in the hall have been refurbished and these are the only original items in the entire exhibition—a fact that the museum's designers consider a good thing.

### Telling a Story

"We provide the visitor with a story, not a collection of objects," explains professor Joshua Prawer of the Hebrew University, who is academic advisor to the museum. "Instead of displaying archaeologi-



*David's Citadel*

cal artifacts found in the city, we attempt to convey a sense of continuity about Jerusalem and its history."

The theme of the museum is time: the 11 halls reflect historical periods and a time bar at each entrance illustrates the flow of history. Beginning with the Canaanite and First Temple Period, the exhibit stretches through to the British Mandatory rule from 1917 to 1948.

This notion of telling a story rather than displaying items was successfully pioneered by the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv. Indeed the Museum of the History of Jerusalem employed Englishman James Gardner, who also designed the Diaspora Museum, to supervise the layout of their displays.

### Exhibits

The result of Gardner's endeavors is impressive. There are cutaway models of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the original Al Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Drawings provided by British architect Kim Allen, who specialized in making models of German installations for British intelligence during World War II, offer the visitor a new insight into these important buildings.

A hologram of the First Temple is based on knowledge of contemporary Phoenician architecture and writings describing the structure. A diorama showing a crowd scene outside the Second Temple is based on the archaeological finds of Professor Binyamin Mazar of the Hebrew University.

The exhibit maintains a sensitivity towards religious sentiments. A plan to depict David's face was dropped after rabbinical opposition, while in a Persian illustration showing Mohammed's ride from Mecca to Jerusalem before he ascended to heaven, the Prophet's face is veiled.

The Crusader exhibition includes precise replicas of knights and a delightful animated movie about the coronation of a Crusader king based on illuminated manuscripts from the time. The final exhibit (at present, for a film is being prepared to tell the story of Jerusalem since 1948) is a screen split into nine squares portraying the years of the British Mandate through old black and white news clips. This is done well and includes poignant pictures such as that of a British soldier at a security check point, searching for concealed items under the fez of an Arab and then beneath the streimel of a Jew.

### Criticism

Less effective are video clips from the Western Wall and another film containing important biblical quotations.

Some visitors to the museum have criticized it as a kind of Disneyland, slickly designed, to entertain rather than inform. Professor Prawer rejects such accusations: "The museum works on different levels," he insists. "It offers an overview for those who know nothing about the city and new insights for those knowledgeable about Jerusalem."

The displays are effective for attracting and holding the attention, and thus are good for teaching children about Jerusalem. Even though the written explanations are brief, the museum is so rich in material that it requires several visits to be fully appreciated.

## Why We Still Mourn on Tisha b'Av—August 10, 1989

by Dvora Waysman

(WZPS) - On May 28, Israel celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. The festivities were impressive—the streets were decorated and concerts, art shows, street theater, dancing and firework displays were evident in neighborhoods all over the city. Why, then, on Tisha b'Av (9th Av), do observant Jews fast and weep so bitterly for Jerusalem?

### Tragedies

Tisha b'Av commemorates many tragedies, but the main focus of the mourning is for the destruction of the Temple. The First Temple was destroyed on 9th Av by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C.E., and this event marked the beginning of Jewish exile.

As well as completing the cycle of the Jewish year, Tisha b'Av is the blackest date of the Hebrew calendar. In addition to the destruction of the First and Second Temples, there were several other calamities that befell the Jewish people on that date: it was decreed that Israel should wander through the wilderness for 40 years; the fortress of Betar fell and Bar Kochba and his men was massacred in 135 C.E., and one year later in 136 C.E. the Roman emperor Hadrian established a heathen temple on the site of the Temple and rebuilt Jerusalem as a pagan city which the Jews were forbidden to enter. On the same date, in 1290, King Edward I signed an edict expelling Jews from England, while on 9th Av in 1492, following the terrifying Inquisition, 300,000 Jews, led by the sage Don Isaac Abarbanel, fled Spain after Ferdinand and Isabella signed the decree for their expulsion.

### Identifying With Our Past

But all these events took place long ago, so why do we continue to fast and weep today? The Talmud explicitly states: "He who eats and drinks on 9th Av will not live to see the crowning glory of Jerusalem, for the Scriptures state: Rejoice ye with



*Thousands of pious Jews flock to Western Wall in Jerusalem to participate in the fast of Tisha b'Av. Israel Sun Photo.*

Jerusalem and be glad for her, ye that mourn her." This sounds contradictory but it means that the value of fasting lies not only in remembering the past and applying its lessons to the present, but also in recognizing the unity of our people, the roots of its existence and the prophetic destiny which still awaits fulfillment.

On Tisha b'Av, in addition to fasting from sunset to sunset, worshippers sit in synagogue on low stools or the floor, wearing, in keeping with tradition, slippers or sneakers instead of leather shoes. Lights are dimmed. The Holy Ark is draped in black, Torah scrolls have their crowns with tinkling bells removed and the Book of Lamentations and dirges (Kinot) are dolefully chanted. The dirges were composed during the Middle Ages, and they concern "the daughter of Zion," which personifies the ruined city of Jerusalem. She weeps at night and receives no comfort. Her friends and lovers have betrayed her.

### Lessons of History

Today, Jews by the thousands flock to the Western Wall, the last remnant of the Temple, on Tisha b'Av. They sit on the ground, reading dirges all night long by the light of the moon. By voluntarily afflicting

themselves in this way, they are identifying themselves with the totality of Jewish history, just as other pious Jews are doing all over the world on this night. It is a truism that if we do not learn the lessons of history, we are doomed to repeat them. We cannot afford to stop commemorating the great disasters that have befallen our people, even in times of peace, for it is only by keeping alive these bitter memories and teaching them to our children that we can hope to prevent their recurrence.

### Bezalel Art School Exhibit Washington, D.C.

A unique exhibition on early 20th century Jewish crafts is at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum until Oct. 13. The exhibition, "Bezalel: Beginnings of a Dream" features plates, jewelry and ceremonial objects in mixed media made at the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Israel from 1906-1929.

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum is located at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., Sunday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission.

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# Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men Signs in 1,555 Members

by Sandy Deckelbaum

Bobby Damsky, president of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), announced, "We now boast a membership of 1,555, and next year our goal is 2,000 members." This news was shared at the first annual Open House and Picnic honoring paid up members of CAJWM which took place at the Blumenthal Jewish Home on Sunday, May 21.

Esther Frank, treasurer of CAJWM, gave a check for \$2,800 to the Home for the purchase of a wide screen television for the A Wing Commons Room. Sandy Deckelbaum, chairman of the Remembrance Fund, presented a \$2,500 check to the Home from donations to the Fund.

A group of children from Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro entertained the Association members and Home residents at the picnic lunch held on the Fair Oaks terrace. Leigh Mamlin played the guitar and sang familiar songs.

Special thanks to Don Morris and the staff at the Blumenthal Jewish Home for helping to make the day a special one. Everyone who attended is looking forward to the second annual picnic.

## Steam Table Dedicated at Fair Oaks

A steam table was dedicated by Mrs. Sophie Green in memory of her husband, I. J. Green, at a luncheon in the Fair Oaks Dining Room, May 18.

The steam table was co-purchased by Mrs. Green and the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men.

Attending the luncheon honoring Mrs. Green were: Barbara Brewer, Sue Clein, Gitel Cross, Sandy Deckelbaum, Shirley Horvitz, Audrey Madans, Don Morris, Ann Shearer and Marian Sosnik.



*Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men Picnic.*



*(standing) Bobby Damsky, president of CAJWM, and Sandy Deckelbaum, chairman of Remembrance Fund, at the Picnic.*



*Sophie Green (R.) hands Sandy Deckelbaum her check toward the steam table at Blumenthal Jewish Home/Fair Oaks.*



*Children from Beth David Synagogue, Greensboro, entertained at the picnic at Blumenthal Jewish Home.*



*Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men Picnic.*



*Luncheon in honor of Sophie Green.*

*All photos by Audrey Madans.*

## The French Revolution: It Was A New Era In Jewish History

by Ben G. Frank

PARIS, FRANCE—Two hundred years ago, there was not one country in Europe where Jews were equal citizens. 1989 will mark the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, and as a result of that upheaval, France became the first nation in Europe to grant Jews equal rights. A momentous occasion, it ushered in a new era in Jewish history.

Already the French Jewish community is gearing itself for myriad activities to celebrate this event which had such political and emotional repercussions that its effects were felt throughout the world. The message was loud and clear: all citizens, including Jews, were entitled to full legal equality.

David Saada, director general of the *Fonds Social Juif Unifié*, told me that a coordinating committee of all the Jewish organizations in France is preparing a film and planning ceremonies in synagogues, and programs on more than a dozen Jewish radio stations throughout the Republic. There are about 700,000 Jews, the third largest Jewish community in the world outside of Israel.

A large ceremony is planned for Temple Victoire, also known as the "Cathedral Synagogue," at 44 rue de la Victoire, where many American Jews visit on their trips to Paris.

Rabbi A. Eisenberg, known as "the television rabbi" who for 26 years has produced programs on Judaism on French television told me there will be several programs devoted to the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

As Arthur Hertzberg notes in his *French Enlightenment and the Jews*, "the armies of the Revolution 'took liberty, equality and fraternity' with them beyond the borders of France. Wherever Napoleon reached, Jews were given equality. He broke down the walls of the ghettos in Avignon, in 1791; Nice and the Rhineland in 1792. When the Revolution reached the Netherlands in

1796, it brought full and formal rights by law to Jews. Between 1796-98, Napoleon Bonaparte liberated many of the Italian ghettos.

In an interview, Mark Halter, the noted French Jewish writer, revealed that the President of the Republic, Francois Mitterrand, had already asked him to prepare an exhibit on Jewish participation in the French Revolution. Halter hits on the fundamental question of the French Revolution: On August 27, 1789, he points out, the Declaration of the Rights of Man was passed by the National Assembly. At the time, it was interpreted as not including Jews. "But if all men were created equal, how could that be?," asks Halter.

In the France of the Revolution, there were fewer than 40,000 Jews, twenty times the number in the fledgling American Jewish community across the Atlantic.

Approximately 3,500 Sephardim lived in the southwest section of France. Many were descendants of Marranos who had come from Iberia during the previous 250 years. They were highly assimilated, active and behaved like many of the bourgeois of the French Revolution. Above all, they were heavily involved in international trade.

Unlike their Ashkenazic brothers who were Orthodox and spoke Yiddish and were involved in petty trade and money lending, the Sephardim were businessmen. The Ashkenazim, who made up 84 percent of French Jewry, were crudely described as "foreign and un-French in their total demeanor."

Equality did not come overnight. In theory, the Revolution was to make all men, including Jews, equal. But many believed that in return, Jews must abandon any separatism.

The Declaration of Human Rights was passed in the summer of 1789. The Jewish question did not come up for debate until December 24, 1789, but the revolutionary Mirabeau did not have the votes. The matter was tabled until the next month. On January 28, 1790, Talleyrand brought in a report by the Commit-

tee of the Constitution in favor of "equality."

On that day, however, only the Sephardic Jews, those "who were known in France by the names of the Portuguese, Spanish and Avignonais Jews," would henceforth enjoy the rights of active citizens. It took 20 months until equality was given to the Ashkenazic Jews. On September 27, 1791, after much debate and many delays, the Ashkenazim who lived in Alsace and the surrounding area were emancipated. French Jews were now free, and as Paul Johnson says in his *A History of the Jews*, "the clock could never be turned back completely."

"There was a consensus, at any rate among most educated Jews, that France had done more for them than any other nation, and this feeling persisted for a century, until it was shattered by the Dreyfus case," writes Johnson. The French Revolution, of course, brought with it "the best of times and the worst of times." The Jacobins of Paris were pro-Jewish; others felt that "emancipation" was a moral necessity. Its purpose would help to improve the Jews so that they could be part of a regenerated society. They could be citizens and act like all other people. Robespierre himself was one of the first to demand citizenship for the Jews.

It is true that some synagogues were closed during the Revolution due to the anti-religious policy of the Jacobins directed against the powerful Catholic Church. The Jacobins fought against all religious symbols. While there was anti-Jewish discrimination, neither during the *Reign of Terror* nor during the *Thermidor*, was a Jew executed because he was a Jew.

Zosa Szajkowski, author of *The Jews and the French Revolution of 1789, 1830 and 1848*, says that "the vast majority of Jews did favor the new regime, but because of their economic and regional attachments and other factors, Jews were active not in one but all factions of the Revolutionary regime."

There were Jews who were Ja-

cobins. There was a Jewish Jacobin Club in the Jewish suburb of St. Esprit in Bayonne. Jews who travel to France can visit the synagogue in that very section at 35 rue Maubec, in Bayonne.

There were Jews who were Girondists. There were Jews who wrote against the terror. There were Jews who were emigres from France. There were Jews who were not partisans of the Revolution.

A Jew, Jasse Carcassonne, a peddler of Carpentras origin, was guillotined in Nimes together with others for allegedly trying to weaken the national authority of Paris.

A Strassbourg banker, Marx Berr, (Cerfberr) was one of the heads of the Purchasing Directory of 1791. He contracted business. In this field, Jews did play an important role, not so much because of their own large funds as through their skill in such transactions developed during the Old Regime.

In his book, *The Book of Abraham*, Halter has a chapter on the French Revolution: A Jewish Revolutionist by the name of Frey, a friend of Danton, was executed by guillotine in a scene similar to the ones described by Dickens in *A Tale of Two Cities*. But Mark Halter and Jewish leaders also concentrate on the present.

Many people, like Mark Halter who was born in Poland, know Paris before they go there. They know it from the books of Hugo, Dumas, Flaubert and Balzac, and 1989 should be a good year to visit France and the French Jewish community.

In France, the bicentennial celebrations will take place not only in Paris and Versailles, but throughout the country, including Bordeaux, Rouen, Reims. In all those cities there are large Jewish communities.

Halter feels the situation in France is changing, that the French are beginning to accept minorities, that they are less nationalistic and that Jews "never lived so freely as they do today in France."

Anti-Semitism is not a major problem facing French Jews today. As-

similation and mixed marriages are. You hear the words "mixed marriages" and the ways to combat them, including Jewish education, throughout the Parisian Jewish Community, which is home to almost two-thirds of the French Jews.

Paris, the city of light, the city of love, is still the center of Jewish organizational life. Above all, from the Jewish sections of the Marais to Belleville, to the affluent 16th arrondissement, to Sarcelle and Cretiel, Jewish life is "energetic and lively."

### Memories of Alsace: Folk Art and Jewish Tradition at The Jewish Museum in New York

In honor of the bicentennial of the French Revolution, and in recognition of the strong ideological connection that Alsatian Jews felt for France and French culture, the Jewish Museum has organized an exhibition of Alsatian folk art which is open until Aug. 14.

Alsace, a major crossroads between France, the Low Countries and Central Europe, is heir to a fertile blend of artistic sources. From these and local rural traditions, a unique Jewish folk art developed, which demonstrates a rich cultural interchange in a French province where Jewish inhabitants have played important roles since the Middle Ages.

Over 100 objects are in the exhibition, including synagogue furnishings, textiles, wood carvings, furniture, works on glass and paper, illuminated manuscripts, ceramics, as well as tin, wrought iron and pewter objects. A typical Alsatian country room has been recreated. Original 19th century carved wooden paneling, rare examples of furniture and other decorative arts are included.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028. The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday. For further information, call (212) 860-1888.



*Mizrah, Alsace, 1800-1810, reverse painting on glass. Photo reproduced with permission from The Jewish Museum.*

# Kibbitzing—Community News

## J. Herman Leder Honored On His 88th Birthday Whiteville, N.C.

J. Herman Leder was honored by the City of Whiteville on his 88th birthday, May 4. A reception was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for about 150 well-wishers. Leder was presented a portrait, done by Linda Rozelle of Whiteville, and a Resolution adopted by the Whiteville City Council.

In the *Resolution of Appreciation and Respect*, Leder was thanked for devoting "his time, energy, talent, experience and resources to improving the quality of life in the City of Whiteville and for its citizens."

Mr. Leder's wife, Yetta Leinwand Leder, and their family were also cited in the Resolution with appreciation from the City Council.

Leder has been active in local schools, serving on the Whiteville City School Board and annually offering scholarships to a number of youngsters in local high schools and college, including the implementation of the Yetta Leder Loan Fund.

He contributed substantially to 4-H projects and to the Parks and Recreation Dept., including the donation of land which is now known as the "J. Herman Leder Park." He also donated land for the public library.

Leder has also been cited for his contributions to the business community, having established Leder Brothers Department Stores. He was an organizer of First National Bank of Whiteville, Columbus National Bank, Whiteville Broadcasting Co., and was instrumental in founding the Whiteville Merchants Association. He is vice chairman of the board of Columbus National Bank.

On June 18, 1971, by special act of the North Carolina State Legislature, Mr. J. Herman Leder was recognized for his contributions to the state. He was also named "Retailer



J. Herman Leder at birthday celebration.

of the Year" in 1971 by the N.C. Broadcasters and the N.C. Merchants Association.

In addition to civic activities, Herman and Yetta Leder are committed Jews. Their home was used as a Hebrew School for twenty-two years so that the Jewish children in Whiteville and the surrounding area could receive a Jewish education. At the time when Whiteville had only seven Jewish families, Mr. Leder served as chairman of the steering committee for a synagogue in the town. The synagogue was built under his leadership. He was instrumental in seeing a synagogue built in Myrtle Beach. He has been an active member of the Charleston Orthodox congregation, as well as serving in the B'nai Israel congregation in Wilmington where Mr. and Mrs. Leder worship on the High Holy Days.

From the beginning of his business years, Mr. Leder has always closed his stores for the High Holy Days. It is said that it was his ostensible religious convictions which convinced local financiers of his reliability. The trust which Mr. Leder instills is through intense faith.

The United Jewish Appeal was organized in the Whiteville area by Mr. Leder who still serves as its chairman.

On the state level, Mr. Leder has served on the board of directors and executive board of the N.C. Association of Jewish Men, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Yetta Leder has been active in the N.C. Association of Jewish Women for many years and is an area representative for the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men's Remembrance Fund.

Mr. Leder is a member of B'nai B'rith, and he and his wife attended the B'nai B'rith Institutes at Wild- acres.

### Family History

Julian Herman Leder came to America from Austria-Hungary in 1920 because of the declining political and economic situation there. He worked on a farm during the day and took classes in English and other subjects at night. He moved to Marion, S.C., then to Whiteville in 1925 where he opened his first clothing store, Leder Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Herman Leder were married on June 8, 1930. Mrs. Leder is the former Yetta Leinwand from Marion, S.C. During their marriage, five children have been born, as listed below:

Marjorie Leder Harris, the eldest child, has four children. She lives in Cherry Hill, N.J. and operates a business known as One of A Kind. Her oldest son, Jonathan, is an attorney living in Miami. A daughter, Lynn, lives in Cherry Hill, N.J. married to a young man who owns a Jeans store. A daughter, Esther, is a medical student at Penn State University. Her youngest son, Joshua, finished his first year at Syracuse University. Marjorie Harris is divorced.

Shirley Leder Osterneck married Guy Osterneck and they live in Lumberton, N.C. They have three children: A son, Josef, who just graduated from college; a daughter, Helanie, who is in Denmark attending college; and a daughter, Deborah, a high school student in Penn.

Brenda is not married. She lives in Atlanta and is a marketing consultant.

Paul M. Leder is married to Mary Ann Leder. They live in Whiteville and he is vice president of Leder Brothers. His wife is part owner of a real estate agency. They have three children, Larry, Sadie and Ashley Jo, all students at Whiteville City Schools.

Robert B. Leder is married to Esther Ackerman and they live in Whiteville, also. Robert is president of Leder Brothers and Esther is a school teacher as well as part owner of a Specialty Shop. They have three children: Samuel is a rising senior at the University of North Carolina and Rachel will be a freshman there for 1989-90. Benjamin is a student at Whiteville City Schools.

Mr. Herman Leder has three brothers living and two sisters: Morris Leder of Goldsboro, N.C.; Sam Leder of Hollywood, Fla.; Leon Leder of Wilson, N.C.; Mrs. Fannie L. Bernstein of Fayetteville, N.C.; and Mrs. Julius (Rosalind) Segerman of Jacksonville, N.C.

Even though he has problems with his legs and can hardly walk without a cane, Mr. Leder still goes to the office every day and he is just as alert today as he was twenty years ago.

He remains active in many civic and Jewish causes, and serves as a role model to family and friends alike.

May Herman and Yetta Leder live to 120 in good health!

## Temple Emanu-El Weldon, N.C.

by Sarah Kittner



*Eugene H. Bloom*

Members of Temple Emanu-El join with the community of Emporia, Va. in expressing respect, admiration and love for Eugene H. Bloom, an outstanding man and one who has revealed his true value in all facets of life. We are indeed proud to have Eugene as one of us. He is an active and vital part of our congregation.

Sunday, April 16, 1989 marked the dedication of a 70 bed retirement home on property adjacent to Greenville Memorial Hospital in Emporia, Va. It is named in honor of Eugene H. Bloom of Emporia, who was instrumental in the development of Greenville Memorial Hospital. The dedication ceremony and official opening of the Eugene H. Bloom Retirement Center marks a new era in residential living for older adults in this region of the State of Virginia.

The Bloom Retirement Center offers its residents a secure and comfortable environment that is close to the medical community. Each resident will be able to continue living a productive and active lifestyle while residing in the home. It is designed for adults who do not need the

skilled medical supervision found in nursing homes or hospitals.

Keynote speaker at the dedication ceremony was Honorable Norman Sisisky, U.S. House of Representatives.

Eugene Harold Bloom is the son of the late Rose and David Bloom. He graduated from Greenville High School and attended V.P.I. and the University of Richmond. He is married to the former Betty Davis of Dallas, Texas. They have two children, Stephen Davis Bloom of Emporia and Diane Bloom McCabe of Virginia Beach, Va., and four grandchildren. He was president of Bloom Brothers, Inc., Emporia, Va., which closed its doors this past year after many years in business.

Eugene has distinguished himself in many ways through service to his country, community and religion. He served as Captain in the U.S. Army - 91st Infantry from 1942-1946. He was awarded the Silver Star for Bravery, Bronze Star for Bravery and the Purple Heart with Cluster. At home in Emporia, he has been honored as First Citizen of Emporia, Outstanding Graduate of Greenville County High School, recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Citizenship Award and Outstanding Community Service Award from Greenville Memorial Hospital Employees. He has received the Israel Solidarity Award for Achievement from U.J.A.

Currently, Eugene serves on the Board of Directors of Emporia Federal Savings and Loan Assn. and First National Bank. He has served as president of Greenville Memorial Hospital for 25 years and now serves on the board of the Eugene H. Bloom Retirement Center. He has been chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Fund Drive - Emporia, Va. and Weldon - Roanoke Rapids, N.C. for 25 years. He has served as treasurer of Temple Emanu-El for many years.

The congregation takes pride in the many achievements of Eugene Bloom. We look forward to many more years of happy association.

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## The Bas Mitzvah of Mrs. Stanley Shavitz Myrtle Beach, S.C.

by Sara Bernstein

The day was Saturday, May 13, 1989. The place was Temple Emanuel, Myrtle Beach, S.C. The occasion was the Bas Mitzvah of Mrs. Stanley Shavitz of High Point, N.C.

Rabbi Reuben Kesner began his message to Phyllis Shavitz, the new Bas Mitzvah, with the following words:

"There are moments in life which are invested with such meaning and significance that we can say of them that their value transcends the contemporary hour." Such was the Bas Mitzvah of Phyllis Shavitz, an occasion of deep and lasting significance in her life and also in the development of the religious life and thoughts of Temple Emanu El, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Phyllis and her husband Stanley are in their early retirement years. The lesson she taught to those in attendance that Saturday morning, was that every one of us never ceases to learn as long as there is life. Said the rabbi: "To be alive is to stretch our minds to see further, to think deeper, to know ever more of the universe in which we live."

The miracle of that morning was that, only after a few short months of concentrated study, Phyllis mastered the Hebrew alphabet and its vowels, and developed a reading facility that enabled her to chant her special *Maftir* and *Haftorah*."

Her husband Stanley traveled that road with her, lending unselfish support. Together they set an example of what one can do, if you but will it. "We owe them a debt of gratitude," said the rabbi, "for showing us all that it is never too late to learn, never too late to do!"

Guests from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey and New York came to share in the *simchah*.

On the Friday preceding the service at which Phyllis co-officiated, a dinner was hosted in her honor by



Mrs. Stanley Shavitz

her mother, Tillie Polon, for the out of town guests at the Flamingo Restaurant.

On Saturday following the service, a luncheon was held in her honor at the Sand Dunes Hotel, attended by local and out of town friends.

On Saturday evening, family and friends feted her at the Dunes Country Club, Myrtle Beach. On Sunday morning the out of town guests were treated to a farewell breakfast at the Beach Colony, Myrtle Beach.

The membership of Temple Emanu El will long remember Phyllis Shavitz's achievement. She helped lift up their lives by her determined and successful efforts to become an official "daughter of the covenant."

## Singles Symposium—Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 1-3) Charlotte, N.C.

The Jewish Community Center of Charlotte is sponsoring a Singles Symposium on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 1-3). This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Jewish Singles from all over the east coast.

Gail Prince, M.Ed. nationally acclaimed singles authority, author, lecturer and radio & T.V. personality will be our keynote speaker.

Gail will discuss and teach how to: discover ways to meet quality

people; make a lasting impression; make the most of first dates; build your self-esteem; open up to intimacy & commitment; find a loving partner; move past shyness; deal with rejection.

The cost of the weekend is \$95 which includes: five workshops, cocktail party, dance, food and more. Workshops and activities held at the Park Hotel. After Aug. 4, cost of the weekend is \$120.

For more information call the JCC, (704) 366-5007.

## Temple Beth Or Raleigh, N.C.

by Libby New

An Adult Hebrew class at Temple Beth Or began in the fall with a Hebrew Scholar and Jewish Education weekend that featured a Hebrew lesson marathon with Dr. David Weinstein, a Hebrew educator. The class goal was an intensive study year, culminating in an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Twenty-one members of the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class were called to the *Bimah* as *Anshe Mitzvot* on Friday, June 9.

The members have met weekly to study Hebrew and Jewish history. Each member has learned to read and understand the prayers and services. There has been some conversation and much history to learn. The members conducted the service, read from the *Torah* and read the *Haftorah*.

We have a strong feeling of accomplishment and believe that no one is too old to learn. The following were Bar/Bat Mitzvahed: Debbie Averitt, Mary Benyas, Maxine Carr, Ellen Christie, Ellen Fick, Judy Geyer, Bill Gordon, Carla Greene, Rick Lord, Ron and Marjorie Menestres, Libby New, Dee Novak, Arlene Pike, Theresa Rosenberg, Jennifer Sanchez, Jackie and Bud Schlesinger, Paula Wolf, and Naomi and Peter Wright. The service was dedicated to a classmate who could not be with us, Nell Hirschberg.

## Beth Meyer Synagogue Raleigh, N.C.

by Sharon Mayer

On August 1, Beth Meyer Synagogue will have a new rabbi. Rabbi Dan Ornstein and his wife, Marian Alexander, will be coming to Raleigh from New York City where he was ordained from Jewish Theological Seminary on May 18 of this year.

Rabbi Ornstein, a native New Yorker, has had extensive leadership, teaching and pastoral care experience while studying for the rabbinate. In addition, he has a strong ability to plan and implement educational and outreach programs while fulfilling his regular rabbinical duties.

Both Rabbi Ornstein and Marian are looking forward to their move to Raleigh and they hope to take an active role not only in Beth Meyer Synagogue, but in the Jewish Community of Wake County and the secular community at large.

## News from Charleston, W.V.

It's been a long time since we've had news from Charleston, W.V., where old friend Simon Meyer lives. He has notified us of two occasions celebrated in the Jewish community of Charleston recently.

The Congregation, after its 1,000th evening minyan, attended by a capacity crowd, enjoyed a dinner in high spirits. Morning minyans are followed by breakfasts.

One member, converted to Judaism nine years ago, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in May. He also conducted the entire Sabbath service. His Bar Mitzvah gift from Simon Meyer was a fountain pen. Participants in the service included the members of the Bar Mitzvah's wife's family from England, the parents of the Rabbi and a Hebrew teacher from Portland, Or., as well as his own parents.

Simon Meyer is a long-time friend of Wildacres, and his presence is missed by members of the B'nai B'rith Institute and Yiddish Institute.

## CAJE "1989 Creative Project of the Year" Awards Given

by Lenora Stein

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), Charlotte, N.C. is pleased to announce the statewide winners of its "1989 Creative Project of the Year" Competition—a year-long contest to reward Jewish teachers in congregational religious schools for their successful contributions to creative Jewish teaching.

Cash prizes and certificates were awarded to:

FIRST PLACE: Gary Diamond & Carolee Fox of **Charleston, S.C., K.K. Beth Elohim Religious School**, "THE NOISEMAKER—A PURIM SCHPIEL" VIDEOTAPE

TIED WITH: Karen Fox of **Charlotte, N.C., Temple Israel Religious School**, "HOLIDAY HAT FASHION SHOW"

SECOND PLACE: Jerry Howard of **Charlotte, N.C., Temple Beth El V'Shalom Religious School**, "WALK THROUGH JEWISH HISTORY"

TIED WITH: Barbara Ribner & Sandi Winston of **Asheville, N.C., Beth Israel Religious School**, "PROJECT POLISH: MAKE OUR SCHUL SPARKLE"

THIRD PLACE: Bob Deutsch/ Maggie Heller/Deborah Miles/Mary Ann Schreiber of **Asheville, N.C., Beth Israel Religious School**, "A LOT OF TU B'SHEVAT"

HONORABLE MENTION certificates were awarded to:

Sue Brodsky/Marilee Ford/Joyce Stewart/Patti Weisman of **Charlotte, N.C., Temple Israel Preschool**, "CHANUKAH MENORAH"

Carol Burgess of **Raleigh, N.C., Beth Meyer Religious School**, "TU B'SHEVAT ART SHOW"

Roz Cooper/Steven Haas of **Charlotte, N.C., Temple Beth El V'Shalom Religious School**, "JEWISH BOOK MONTH FAMILY SERVICE"

Laura Davis/Ken Goldwasser of **Raleigh, N.C., Beth Meyer Religious School**, "CHANUKAH FUN TIME FAMILY CARNIVAL"

Ken Goldwasser of **Raleigh, N.C., Beth Meyer Religious School**, "JEWISH GAMES"

Lori Heimann of **Greensboro, N.C., Beth David Religious School**, "BAMBOO MEZUZAH"

Jacque Katz/Rabbi Robert Eisen/ Darlene Grant of **Raleigh, N.C., Beth Meyer Religious School**, "RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HANDBOOK"

Rabbi Robert Waxman/Gayle Ginsberg/Jean Rosenberg/Arlene Burns of **Wilmington, N.C., B'nai Israel Synagogue**, "DAY CAMP PROGRAM 1988"

Projects were judged on Judaic content, adaptability, age appropriateness, completeness, presentation and, of course, creativity.

All project entries become part of the CAJE Resource Center collection and may be borrowed by member schools and teachers.

The awards were announced at an "Honor the Teachers" event jointly sponsored by CAJE and Charlotte Jewish Federation, June 4. About 300 people attended to show appreciation to 60 teachers from all the Jewish schools in Charlotte. Each teacher received a gift book from Federation, and local CAJE winners were given their prizes or certificates.

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), funded through grants from the CAJWM, the Blumenthal Foundation, the Charlotte Jewish Federation, the Western N.C. Jewish Federation, and is supported by member fees.

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## Bill Grifenhagen Charlotte, N.C.

State Mutual of America highlighted Bill Grifenhagen in the June 1989 issue of its magazine, *Life Dimensions*. The career profile is subtitled: "He's making a living following his heart."

Bill's early adult experience as a volunteer in the Peace Corps indicates that he wanted not only to serve his country, but also to work

with people one-on-one. Bill was assigned to teach elementary science in Manila where he lived alongside his students in the slums of that Philippine city.

Bill says that 20 years later, he still remembers how exhilarating it felt to stand before a classroom of children who thirsted for the knowledge he offered. "I opened their eyes to the world of possibilities. It was very clear that I made a difference in their lives."

After 18 months of Peace Corps service, Bill returned to his home in Charlotte, N.C., followed by his fiancée, Gloria, a teacher in the Manila public school system. They married and had three children, Laura, Shara and Jonah. Bill is the son of Peggy and the late Joseph Grifenhagen.

Bill worked briefly as a teacher, then as a district manager for a leading department store. He got his first taste of entrepreneurship when he left to become a partner in a wholesale electronics distributorship. "At first I loved being on my own, traveling, meeting new people, opening new markets, but being away from my family so much was a disadvantage," he said. After nine years, he quit his job, sold his stock holdings in the company, and refocused his goals.

After meeting with Jeff Lyons, he decided that insurance and State Mutual offered him the best opportunity for reaching his goals of being close to home and family, earning a good living, and having the flexibility to devote more time to community service. Bill has just completed his term as president of Temple Beth El V'Shalom where he has been a member for 25 years.

Bill finds his career in personal and business insurance planning a very satisfying one. He now works with people on a one-on-one basis, the way he likes best.

## Solomon Nunes Carvalho Exhibition Baltimore, Md.

"Solomon Nunes Carvalho: Painter, Photographer and Prophet in 19th Century America" is on exhibit at the Jewish Heritage Museum, 15 Lloyd St., Baltimore, Md. through Sept. 29.

Carvalho, born in Charleston, S.C. in 1815, was this country's first successful Jewish artist, painting such luminaries as Abraham Lincoln and explorer John Charles Fremont.

For details, call the Jewish Heritage Center, (301) 732-6400.

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## Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Laura Knight

### Long Term Board Members Honored

Temple Israel recognized five long term Board members at a special Shabbat service held on June 24. David Arazie, Fred Bergen, Helen Friedman, Douglas Mann and Ed Mottzman have collectively served over 80 years on the Board of Trustees. During the service they were thanked and honored for their many contributions to the congregation.

Fred is continuing as a Board member for the 1988-89 year, and we hope that all honorees will continue to lend us their experience and guidance.

### New Board Members Announced

Three new members, Abe Luski, Danny Levine and Jeff Turk, were elected to the Board of Trustees during the Congregational Meeting in May. Jeff will head the Ushering and Greeting Committee and Danny will assist the House Management Committee. Other new members are incoming Sisterhood President Judy Miller, Young Couples Club President David Ransenberg and Men's Club President Jim Wadsworth.

Outgoing Sisterhood President Ginger Snitz and outgoing Young Couples Club Co-President Sam Bernstein will remain on the Board as elected members.

Officers for the 1988-89 year are: Steven A. Hockfield, pres.; Robert Abel, first v.p.; Dr. Scott Goodman, second v.p.; Elliot Sanderson, sec.; David Miller, treas. finance; Wendy Kveskin, treas. administration.

### Witnesses to Nazi Crimes Sought

The United States Department of Justice has requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in efforts to locate witnesses of crimes committed by the Nazis and their collaborators during World War II.

The Department's Office of Special Investigations is currently engaged in cases involving members of SS guard companies assigned to Nazi concentration camps. It seeks

to interview persons imprisoned at the camps listed below between the dates specified:

Sachsenhausen/Oranienburg, June 1943-Sept. 1944

Stutthof, Nov. 1942-April 1944

Buchenwald, May 1943-April 1945

Majdanek, Nov. 1943-April 1944

Flossenburg, Feb. 1945-April 1945

Individuals who can be of assistance in this investigation are asked to contact Ms. Bessy Pupko at the World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, (212) 755-5770.

### Alive Group Charlotte, N.C.

by Rose Naiman

The Alive Group concluded its spring session with a luncheon at the Marriott Hotel, May 10. Kimm Jolly, Director of the International House, spoke on "Crossing Cultures."



*Helen and Ernest Friedman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Temple Israel on June 4. Friends of the Friedmans sponsored the celebration, which included a chupah ceremony conducted by Rabbi Marc Wilson. Holding the chupah are the Friedman's four grandchildren, who came from their home in New York.*

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Jointly sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women and the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, the Alive Group is composed of women of varying ages and interests, all sharing a desire for knowledge and a concern with issues of local, national and international importance.

Dr. Mary Thomas Burke, chair of the Department of Human Services at UNCC, coordinates a semi-annual series of eight presentations each on topics deemed timely and important to the members as citizens of Charlotte, as Americans and as members of the human race.

Continuing the study of international issues which began last fall, the spring 1989 series focused on "People to People: Our Interdependence with the Pacific Rim." With what has become our customary good fortune, each speaker was an expert and a delight. From them we accumulated a vast store of information about people in Thailand, Japan, China, Korea, the Phillipines and Taiwan. We learned of their different histories and cultures, their various needs and hopes and a unanimous desire for interrelationships with people in other countries.

Five foreign students and a Taiwanese husband and wife, all currently studying at UNCC, afforded us opportunities to acquire some personal details of everyday life in their countries. They delighted us by their presence and surprised us by their forthright remarks. We became keenly aware of the generalized perceptions, the common assumptions people have of others and were impressed by the inordinate amount of influence other people's perceptions of us have in our perceptions of them.

To commemorate its thirteenth year, plans are being formulated for a special *Bat Mitzvah* celebration for all members, past and present, to be held on Thursday, Sept. 21, 1989.

The Alive Group will resume its fall session on Sept. 27, 1989 with a series of presentations on "Women Surviving in Today's World."

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

by Patti Winters

Steve Haas, Music Director, and Nina Haas, Nursery Program Director, moved to Florida in June. Roz Cooper, Educational Director, had other plans.

Filling positions held by Roz and Steve is Cantor Morris Chotin of St. Louis, Mo., who assumed his position as Cantor and Educational Director of Temple Beth El V'Shalom on July 2, 1989.

Cantor Chotin has served for 20 years as a cantor educator in congregations in New York and the midwest. He holds a B.S. in Hebrew Education and Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music where he was certified as a cantor educator. He earned a B.S. in Education at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and an M.A. in Religious Education and Supervision at New York University. He is a certified teacher in New Jersey and Missouri, and a certified principal by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Cantor Chotin is a member of the National Association of Temple Educators, National Association of Hebrew Principals and the American Conference of Cantors.

Prior to becoming a cantor, he served in the U.S. Air Force, in Special Services. He sang at military installations and served as a chaplain's assistant. He has performed on television and given musical programs in various communities.

Elayne, his wife, and two sons, Lee (22), and Randi (18), will be joining the cantor in Charlotte later this year. Elayne Chotin, for many years an LPN, recently returned to college to complete an RN program. In her last year of studies, she will complete her degree work in St. Louis, then join Cantor Chotin in Charlotte.

### Jewish Heritage Festival

The Temple is thrilled with the marvelous turnout from both the Jewish and non-Jewish communi-



Patti and Steward Scher

ties at the Jewish Heritage Festival, held June 18 at Shalom Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Al Rousso opened the festivities by reading a Proclamation declaring June 18, 1989 as JEWISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL DAY IN CHARLOTTE/MECKLENBURG.

During a six-hour span, there were fourteen different entertainment performances and eighteen information booths on the Jewish organizations and institutions. Food booths included a Kosher Deli, a Bagel Bar and desserts. Israeli folk dance lessons and Jewish gift shops were popular offerings. Jewish music was in the air all afternoon.

The highlight of the Festival was a real Jewish wedding. Some 450 people crowded into Gorelick Hall to witness Patti and Steward Scher exchange vows in the 4000 year old Jewish ceremony. Although the Schers had been married 10 years ago in a civil ceremony, Patti recently converted to Judaism and they wished to be remarried in the Jewish tradition. They and their children, Amy, 15, and Joshua, 9, stood under the *chuppah* while Rabbi Robert A. Seigel performed the wedding ceremony. The Scher's friends held the four poles of the wedding canopy.

The theme of the Jewish Heritage Festival was "It's Your Heritage, Too—We're All a Part of the Soul of Israel." This concept is timeless and the committee is already planning for the 1990 Festival.

## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

### Shabbat Friendship Circle

Winding up the season on a high note, the Friendship Circle met on May 27 to hear Mr. Bhamar Trivedi, a Brahman priest, introduce the group to Orthodox Hinduism. Mr. Trivedi of Spartanburg, S.C., is a professional computer programmer. A covered-dish luncheon was held following the program.

The study of Comparative Religion will continue on Sept. 9 with a focus on the American Indian. The meeting will be held at the home of Leah and Morris Karpen. Subsequent Friendship Circle gatherings will be held at the Temple's Unger Hall which is more accessible and spacious than homes for the enlarging group of participants.

### The Sisterhood

Sisterhood Sabbath on May 12 was notable this year with the presence of Ambassador Robbie Sabel of the State of Israel. At the invitation of the National Regional Officers and the Asheville Chapter of the ADL of B'nai B'rith, the congregation heard the ambassador speak on "Recent Developments in the Peace Process."

Sisterhood's closing meeting on May 22 featured a luncheon and installation of officers, all incumbents this year: Muriel Marks, pres.; Shirley Berdie, v.p. programming; Judy Haller, treas.; Jeanette Klein, fin. sec.; Fran Aaron, rec. sec.; Sara Goldstein, cor. sec. The installing officer was Leah Karpen.

Meetings will resume in September. In the meantime, Sisterhood stands ready throughout the summer to attend to its Good Works, through the Ruth Janowitz Memorial Fund, used at the Sisterhood's discretion, and Uniongrams, sold and mailed by Ruth Chicurel.

### The Brotherhood

At the invitation of the Brotherhood, Dr. Randall F. Falk addressed the congregation on May 22. A Clergy Institute speaker, Dr. Falk is

Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Ohabai Shalom in Nashville, Tenn. He has a D.D. from Vanderbilt University and is on the faculty of the University of the South. Rabbi Falk spoke on "Building New Bridges for Jews and Christians."

The June 11 lox, bagels and eggs brunch featured the foot-tapping tunes of "Braidstream," a trio of local musicians playing classical, traditional and original works.

At the meeting on June 30, Carl Rosenberg was installed as Brotherhood pres.; Dick Braun, 1st v.p.; Alan Levy, treas.; Larry Rapoport, sec. Guest speaker at the meeting was John Bridges, whose topic was "Brothers, Run with Shining Eyes." He is a retired librarian who specialized in art, music, literature and travel. He still conducts "Tea and Symphony" for the Asheville Symphony Guild at the library. Tenor soloist with the Temple Beth ha-Tephila choir for 26 years, he is active with the Asheville Community Theater and Theater UNCA, and is a free-lance art and music reviewer for the *Asheville Citizen*.

### The Annual Meeting

The Temple business transacted at the June 15 meeting included the election of the following officers: Bob Janowitz, pres.; Ted Rose, 1st v.p.; Melvin Reisenberg, 2nd v.p.; Larry Rapoport, sec.; Kerry Friedman, treas.; and nine trustees.

### Adult Education

Three meetings in June brought the Rabbi's Hebrew class to the beginning of the home stretch, and two meetings in July brought us closer to the finish line. We'll get there yet.

### Religious School

At the School's closing assembly on May 21, awards for special achievements were given, and votes were taken on which two worthy organizations will receive this year's *tsedakkah* collection.

The closing picnic was as fine as the weather—a lucky day. School principal Phyllis Bluming thanked this year's faculty: Barbara Levy,

Jean Marder, Dr. Max Schreiber, Alan Levy, Linda Sapperstone and Rabbi Bluming. She also paid tribute to the school's substitute teachers: Ellen Braverman, Isaac Chicurel, Ellen Gilreath, Joe Karpen, Chris Lang, Susan Linn, Hank Meyers, Dr. Arnold Sgan and Cindy Vandewart.

### Condolences

Rabbi Bluming, members of the Board and the Temple membership extend condolences to the families of the late Mildred Gordon and Ernest Mills.

### Mazel Tovs

The congregation was invited to the naming on May 6 of Adam Kane Smith, son of Rachel and Dana Smith and grandson of Leah and Morris Karpen. Rabbi Bluming officiated.

On May 26 the sanctuary was the scene of the Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Leanne Greene, daughter of Helaine and Leonard Greene. The ceremony was followed by an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Greenes.

Lauren Whitney Dave joined the family of Jeff, Juli and Jordan Dave on April 10.

### New Members

Recent additions to the congregation's membership rolls are Richard and Debbie Drecksler and their children Jean, Samantha, Heidi and Paul, and Allyn and Ruth Weber. A warm welcome to all!

### To Whom Honor is Due

At a May 5 ceremony sponsored by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of UNCA, the new \$6.25 million undergraduate science research hall was dedicated in the name of Samuel Robinson. An Asheville optometrist, he was a mountain conservationist, remembered as a benefactor and a leader of youth. Father of Leah Karpen, he was a member of the Temple for 58 years, and wrote its history.

Dr. Stanley Marks was chosen to represent the Memorial Mission Hospital Volunteers at the United Way Luncheon during Volunteer Recognition Week. He was cited for his service as an all-around volunteer,

which started in 1979 with his retirement from the post of Chief of Dental Services at the VA Hospital in Oteen. Besides having completed over 2,800 volunteer hours at Memorial Mission Hospital, he has been active in the Asheville community, working with the Lions and Meals on Wheels.

Stephen Sgan received the Civitan Good Citizenship Award voted on by the entire faculty of Asheville High School. He has also been named by Governor Martin as one of two students representing North Carolina at the National Youth Science Camp in West Virginia this summer. In addition he has received the Robert C. Byrd and an Asheville Rotary Scholarship.

#### Other News

The special Shabbat/Shavuot Federation service on June 9 was conducted by Rabbi Bluming together with Beth Israel's Rabbi Pearlson, at Congregation Beth Israel. The speaker was William Korey, noted authority on human rights, Soviet Jewry and the U.N.

Rabbi Bluming has been appointed to the Board of Mountain Area Hospice. He was in Cincinnati, Ohio, from June 21 to 26, attending the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The annual picnic, jointly sponsored by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood, is scheduled for Aug. 6 at Lake Julian. The entire membership is invited.

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The month of May began in the Asheville Jewish community as with other Jews world-wide with the remembrance of the Holocaust. This year's commemoration took place at Beth Israel with Rabbi Eliot Pearlson leading the service jointly with Rabbi Ronald Bluming of Beth ha-Tephila. Community dignitaries and spiritual leaders of many churches participated, helping to make the service a most meaningful experience. Dr. Mitchell Lerner—son of Lily Lerner, Holocaust survivor, late of Asheville, and congregant Harry Lerner—delivered a moving rendition of his feelings.

On May 7-9, Norma Feingold and Lillian Wellisch attended the Southern Branch Conference in Marietta, Georgia. Helen Benninga, our Light of Torah recipient for this year, also attended and received her Light of the Torah plaque at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Convention.

From the principal's desk, Barbara Lewin reported on the events which took place in May: Sunday School Shabbat, May 13; *Oneg Shanah* celebration of the Jewish year with a giant-sized family board game, May 21; annual closing picnic/graduation at Lake Julian, May 28. Ellen and Bob Carr chaired that event.

The Sunday School's Friday night covered dish supper was a big suc-

cess. Thank you to Sally Katz for coordinating the dinner, and thanks to Rabbi Pearlson and the faculty for their participation during the services and the activities.

Special thanks go to Marlene Joyce for coordinating the "Living Seder." Also, thanks to her helpers: David Friedman, Lynne Gabai, Laurie Ivler, Marc Nigrosh, Wendy Payne, Judy Pearlson, Laurie Teich and our staff.

Barbara Lewin thanks her faculty and staff for their wonderful support: Barbara Ribner, Sandy Winston, Carol Feingold, Connie Glassman, Liz Nigrosh, Rick Slosman, Bob Deutsch, David Gaynes, Janet Freedman, in addition to the parents. She announces that Ruth Gaynes will be the new principal of the Sunday School for the coming year.

On Friday, June 2, Jennifer Michalove, who has previously been *Bat Mitzvahed*, helped to usher in the Sabbath by leading the services in honor of the graduation from high school of her sister, Amy Michalove.

On June 8, some Beth Israel congregants began Shavuot with an all night Shavuot study session with Rabbi Pearlson. On June 9, Beth Israel co-sponsored a special Shabbat evening with Beth ha-Tephila and the Jewish Federation of Western North Carolina. William Corey, an expert on the Soviet Jewry problem, was the guest speaker. Mr. Corey gave a very moving speech about the plight of the Jews in Russia, telling what the situation is today and suggesting how American Jews can give their assistance.

Carol Deutsch, president of Beth Israel Sisterhood, chaired the last meeting on June 11. Lillian Wellisch read the nominations for the Board members for the year 1989-1990. Since the nominations were not complete, these names will be included at a later date. Desert and tea were served before the program. A kitchen shower, chaired by the Kitchen Committee: Hilda Ehrlich, Ruth Fox, Lyn Dunn and Elaine Bronstein, preceded the entertainment, which featured Michael and

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Shira Schwartz, from Minnesota, who sang and danced for the audience. They had visited us from Camp Blue Star where they were leading an Israeli dance company.

Sisterhood appreciates the excellent work of the kitchen committee, listed above. Carol also announces that plans are fully underway for a large fundraising Rummage Sale/Bazaar on August 20. Many thanks also to Ronnie Goldstein for his very generous donation of a trailer to store all of our things.

The congregational annual meeting and cocktail party was held on June 25. Reports of the various committees were given, and the officers were sworn in for the second year of the current term. They are: William Lewin, pres.; Sheldon Winick, 1st v.p.; Robert Deutsch, 2nd v.p.; Dr. Cliff Feingold, 3rd v.p.; Larry Casper, sec.; and Norma Feingold, treas. Following the meeting, the congregation said "goodbye" to Rabbi Eliot Pearlson, who will be leaving for a pulpit in Miami Beach.

The Ritual Committee wishes to recognize Mr. Edward Greene for opening and closing the Synagogue on Shabbat morning these past few months, and to thank him for taking care of the lights and heat in the sanctuary during this time.

*Mazel Tov* to Jered Hartis who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on May 26-27, and to Brett Adam Schoenberg who became a Bar Mitzvah on June 16-17.

Congratulations to Joy Kayne who graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a 3.8 grade point average. Congratulations also go to our high school graduates: Candi Cross, Enka High School, and Jessica Laibson, Nicole Lurey, Amy Michalove and Steven Schoenberg, Asheville High School.

*Mazel Tov* to Dick and Elaine Schulman on the engagement of their son, Brett, to Laura Jennings. The wedding will take place in November in Greensboro. *Mazel Tov* to Dr. Sheldon and Rochelle Neuringer on the engagement of their son, David, to Nancy Linder, the

daughter of Toby and Bernie Linder, of Hendersonville. *Mazel Tov* to Julius and Phyllis Blum on the engagement of their son, Robert, to Dana Paul. *Mazel Tov* to Benson and Sondra Slosman on the engagement of their daughter, Renee, to Dr. Larry Snyder.

Congratulations to Daniel Dunn who graduated from Hebron Academy in Maine, and will be attending UNC-CH this fall.

Congratulations to Richard Laibson who was honored by the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council. Richard, co-owner of McGuffey's Restaurants, received the award in the category of 16-250 employees.

Congratulations to Celine Lurey who was recently elected president of the Asheville Junior League. Also elected to the Junior League Board was Barbara Lewin, assistant treasurer.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Slosman who recently graduated from Wake Forest University.

The wedding of Stephen David

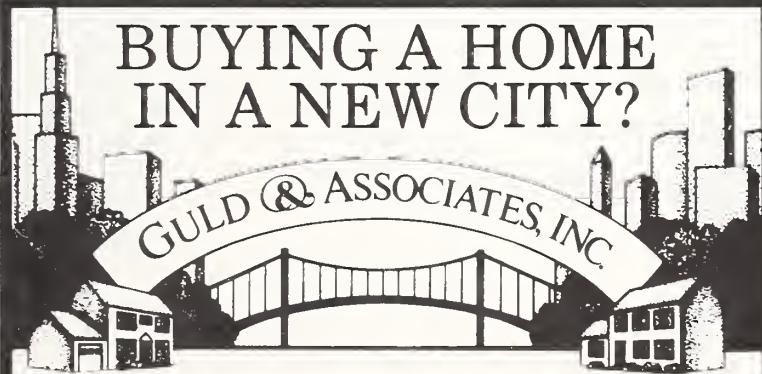
Sollod, the son of Dr. Norman and the late Phyllis Freed Sollod, to Cynthia Cooperman, formerly of Kensington, Md., is announced. *Mazel Tov* to the happy couple.

## Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

Audrey Madans was installed recently for a second term as president of the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, at a luncheon held at Raintree Country Club.

Other officers installed were: Diane Schwartz, pres. elect; Sally Schrader, fundraising v.p.; Linda Gottlieb and Lynda White, membership v.p.'s.; Raenea Siegel, education v.p.; Beverly Lassiter and Bari Gorelick, communications v.p.'s.; Carol Shafranek, corr. sec.; Seena Binder, rec. sec.; Linda Segal, fin. sec.; Lillian Bienstock, treas.

Special guest and installing officer was Dovie Melnick, vice president of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah. Dovie's home is in Danville, Va.



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## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

Three young men were honored at Shavuot services on June 8. These confirmands were James Bache, Allan Reamer and Derek Seidel. They conducted most of the service, including reading from the Torah. Each of them gave a well thought out talk on what this night meant to him. One could see the glow of satisfaction on the faces of the congregants and their teachers, including the key person in their education, our Rabbi Albert Gordon.

This was a holiday to be remembered. To make it even more unusual, at the *oneg* prepared by the proud parents, there were special cakes with portraits of the three confirmands painted on them. These young men are a fine example for the youngsters who will follow them.

With this service the summer began. We look forward to gathering together at the Temple for the High Holy Days.

## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Day Camp

Camp Gan Israel, the Lubavitch Day Camp, once again brought joy and wholesome Jewish fun to Charlotte Jewish children.

Over 80 children attended the three week day camp. To many of the campers, their second or third year at Gan Israel, this was the most exciting season.

Many new campers enrolled this year, based on the excellent name the camp has, and they were not disappointed.

The programs included many field trips to local attractions which were both entertaining and educational.

Terry Tucker, afternoon teacher at Lubavitch School, directed the programs and activities. Terry's innovative ideas sparked enthusiasm

by the children as they experienced new games and techniques in interactive play and down-right fun.

The days began with an enthusiastic line-up program, followed by 20-minute Judaica classes. Groups were divided by ages and studied accordingly.

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Mr. Raccoon entertained campers.



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had a designated Hebrew name. This helped the camper identify with a Jewish idea, which was the theme of his/her group. Names used were TORAH, MEZUZAH, SHABBOS and TZEDAKAH. Each name provided a whole host of thoughts and activities.

The three and four year olds had their own leaders, Debbie Maslov, early child education at Lubavitch, and Heather Heiman, who together with their aids, ran a concurrent program for their tiny tots.

Everyday, lunch was served, mostly hot meals prepared at the Chabad House kitchen. On Park Day the children ate "Kosher Cook-out" or prepared sandwiches. The wholesome meals were served as a way of teaching the children about good Kosher cooking.

Some of the educational trips were: Buffalo Ranch, Discovery Place and Arnold Bakeries.

At the Buffalo Ranch, the children were treated to a genuine horse and carriage ride, an exotic zoo and the best petting farm in the area. It was quite a sight to see children mingle with young goats, gazelles, lambs, donkeys, cubs and kangaroos.

Arnold Bakeries in Gastonia hosted the children and gave them a complete tour of the huge bakery, which bakes bread for the entire southeast. What makes it especially interesting is that the bread is baked under local Rabbinical supervision and is certified Kosher. Each child received a fresh baked loaf of Vienna Bread as a gift from the bakery.

Carowinds Theme Park was a major attraction and this year, through special arrangements, the Park was visited twice, to the delight of the campers.

A special thank you goes to Elizabeth and Walter Klein and Mary and Simon Wojnowich for sharing their pools with the camp for its daily swimming activity.

As every year, the camp was fortunate to have excellent counselors including an elite group of girls from the Beth Rivka Teachers Seminary in Brooklyn, N.Y.



1989 Camp Gan Israel in Charlotte.

Mariashi Groner, administrator, worked diligently with the help of Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss to produce a successful program. Chanie edited the *Gan Izzy*, a weekly journal prepared especially for the campers.

#### **Preschool and Day School**

The Lubavitch Preschool and Day School are gearing up for a new exciting year beginning this fall.

There has been enrollment of new children in the school. Also, a new first/second grade is being introduced as the school continues to expand.

Teachers and staff at the school are ready to take on the new school year and make it the best year yet.

Lubavitch School has been recognized for its quality and high level of care and attention given to each student.

All the teachers have excelled in providing the best possible program in Judaic and secular education.

Lubavitch Talmud Torah is also gearing up for a bigger and better program. More quality hours are being added to this year's program according to parents demands.

As the new season begins, we are preparing for the many Tishrei holidays so the children will celebrate them in a knowledgeable manner.



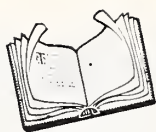
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# Book Reviews



## The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays

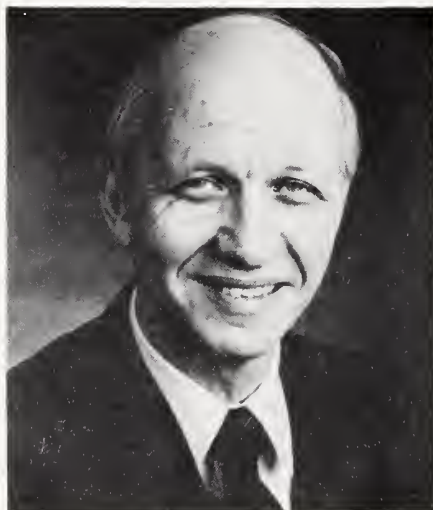
by Rabbi Irving Greenberg  
Summit Books 410 pp. \$22.95

"*THE JEWISH WAY* confirms and makes even more widely accessible what Rabbi Greenberg's enchanted following already knows: that he is one of the great teachers of our generation."—Cynthia Ozick.

In *THE JEWISH WAY: Living the Holidays*, Rabbi Irving Greenberg presents both a profound interpretation of the Jewish holidays as the purveyors of Jewish values, and also a practical guide to the meaningful observance of the holidays. Deeply rooted in tradition, yet based on the belief that the tradition is a living, creative body, *THE JEWISH WAY* is a unique contemporary guide to Jewish life and rituals.

For Rabbi Greenberg, the holidays are more than just times of festivity or solemn commemoration: they are the master code of Judaism itself. They express various aspects of the central theme of Judaism—redemption. The Jewish "way," or "halachah" as it is called in Hebrew, is a bridge between the reality of today's imperfect world and the ideal of the final redemption. Says Rabbi Greenberg, "Living the Jewish way means dreaming a dream of total perfection so vivid that you can almost touch it, while affirming and working with what *is* in order to make the dream come true."

Passover is a re-enactment of the historical redemption of the Jewish people, which is a model for the future, universal redemption. Shavuot commemorates the Covenant between God and the Jews, their agreement to work together to bring redemption into the world. Sukkot represents the journey to liberation. The Sabbath translates this vision to an individual level, through release from mundane concerns and focus on the spiritual and familial, and the



Rabbi Irving Greenberg

High Holy Days emphasize personal rebirth and renewal.

Rabbi Greenberg views the holidays as living expressions of Jewish history, and that history—with its tragedies and triumphs—as an ongoing test and renewal of the Covenant between Jews and God. Purim, Hanukkah and Tisha b'Av remind us of the challenges Jews have always faced: the vulnerability of exile, the dilemma of assimilation and acculturation, and the grief that comes from tragedy and destruction.

He thus highlights two new holidays which are outgrowths of recent events in Jewish history: Yom Hashoah, which commemorates the holocaust, and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. These holidays, he feels, are genuine expressions of the Jewish way and its "unfolding" in our time, and he argues for the importance of developing rituals for these new holidays which will unite all Jews, secular and religious.

With this same deep respect for pluralism in contemporary Jewish life, Rabbi Greenberg gives detailed guidelines for observance of the holidays, stressing how rituals, prayers, foods and songs associated with each holiday reflect and reinforce its central motif. He shows

how the many particulars of observance, and the many "thou shalt not"—which often turn people off to religious observances—are really important expressions of positive values.

Rabbi Greenberg brings to his subject a warm understanding of how Judaism can address the spiritual as well as ethical needs of modern life, and an awareness of the creativity which the tradition calls up in those who follow it. His insights into the foundations of the Jewish way will inspire the newcomer to Judaism and also bring a wealth of new meaning to those who are already observant.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg is president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL). A major figure in the attempt to bring together and promote cooperation among the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements of Judaism, he has lectured in every major city in the United States where Jews live. He co-edited *Confronting the Holocaust* with Alvin Rosenfeld and is the author of a number of monographs and essays.

## Jewish-Christian Relations: An Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide

by Michael Shermis  
Indiana University Press 291 pp.  
\$29.95

by Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman

In recent years, the field of Jewish-Christian relations has exploded with materials developed for and about the Jewish-Christian dialogue. A definitive reference work is called for, and Michael Shermis has compiled just such a work.

Shermis's guide to the last two decades of research in Jewish-Christian relations carefully annotates books, pamphlets, selected articles and journals. Also included

are complete listings of congresses, media presentations, organizations and speakers in the area of Jewish-Christian relations. Sample course syllabi, a chapter on educational resources and a full set of indexes complete the volume.

Scholars, students, leaders in church and community organizations, religious educators, and interested readers will find this comprehensive reference work an invaluable addition to their libraries. Especially those involved in Jewish-Christian workshops and seminars will find this book useful. As director of the annual Interfaith Institute sponsored by the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, I recommend this volume to our readers who participate in forms of Christian-Jewish dialogue.

### **The Galilean Jewishness of Jesus: Retrieving the Jewish Origins of Christianity**

by **Bernard J. Lee**

Paulist Press 176 pp. paper \$7.95

#### *"Jesus's Ties to the Pharisees"*

Both Christian and Jewish readers will find this book absorbing and highly readable, as it shows Jesus standing fully *within* Judaism. Father Lee says Jesus may never have meant to "leave" Judaism and institute a separate church at all, but only to fulfill Judaism.

Father Lee surprisingly favors the Pharisees as the group most aligned to Jesus in purpose and character, and persuasively argues that they have long been misunderstood and victimized by Christians.

Retrieving the full Jewishness of Jesus is necessary for an honest and appreciative interpretation of His life. Since the Holocaust, this retrieval belongs at the heart of Christianity's social reconstruction.

*The Galilean Jewishness of Jesus* is Volume 1 in a three part work by Bernard Lee called, *Conservation on the Road Not Taken*.

Bernard J. Lee, S.M., is a faculty member at Loyola University's Institute for Ministry.

### **Wildacres**

by **Estelle Hoffman**

The day dawned foggy. Senior Citizens of Charlotte and Shelby, N.C. departed by bus, so that there was little need to worry about their driving down the mountain.

As the Conference Coordinators for the Naturalists' Weekend arrived, heavy rain began to fall, but Roy Alexander and John Mackay did not complain. The rain slowed, then resumed and increased. Participants registered, in various degrees of saturation. Umbrellas were in great demand.

In spite of three years of drought and our vows never again to complain about rain, it seemed a pity that this weather should greet a group eager to study the birds and stars, the streams and wildflowers. Making matters less acceptable was the fact that just twenty-four hours earlier, a well had been blasted which promised supplementary water that would ease our concern for water supply, according to the judgment of our caretaker.

The dinner bell tolled, and everyone dashed to the dining room through wind-driven rain. As I strained to hold my umbrella steady, I thought of the two raincoats hanging in my closet, and tried not to allow the thought shaping in my mind, what am I doing here, on top of this mountain, exposed to these merciless elements, when I could be at home in my nice, warm house? Blocking the faint-heartedness from my consciousness, I removed my wet jacket and went down to the dining room. It would take time for my soaked slacks to dry.

Congenial company at the table and delicious mountain trout cheered me somewhat, and I started to hope we might be able to return to the lodge without getting more wet. The wind blew wildly, causing the trees to sway, so that someone asked if they often break.

We lined up for ice cream cones, returned to our tables and talked.

Suddenly, my color blind Leo exclaimed, "Look at the rainbow!" The

word spread quickly, and we dashed to the rear windows, then out through the back door to see the magical, complete and vast arch of the most spectacular rainbow in all the planet's history.

Tom Lorenzin, for whom I had been feeling the greatest pity, because he had spent the previous weekend at Wildacres with his Southern Star Astronomers' Society amidst almost constant rain, explained the scientific causes of the phenomenon. As we watched, the colors grew increasingly intense. The rainbow's ends dove deep into the valley, the colors in the mist, against the lush background of trees.

Unexpectedly, cameras appeared. Who would carry a camera in that violent downpour? I sensed a rush of religion overwhelming the souls of all who gazed, striking sweet chords of human nature. Such events are often so short as to be hardly credible; this one endured. As we watched, we saw the proof of great joy that may come a moment after lamentation. Now I understand why a rainbow is a traditional symbol of hope.

Rarely does a thrill go on and on, as did this perfect sight, and when it faded, the horizontal band of white clouds against the suddenly blue sky were colored pink, then rosy. This was the perfect beginning for a seminar on natural science, the perfect end of a less than glorious day.

A flood of longing surged within me to preserve this memory. I thought of Wordsworth's word picture of his joy at the sight of a field of golden daffodils. Since I am neither poet nor artist, I rushed to my typewriter to record this reminder of the marvelous experience, just before twilight on this day in early May on "God's Mountain."\*

*\*I.D. Blumenthal, the founder of Wildacres, called this knob in the Blue Ridge "God's Mountain."*

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## JULY/AUGUST 1989

### Tornado Blows in a Blessing

The tornado hit Clemmons Friday evening, May 5, 1989, and along with it came both good news and bad news. The Blumenthal Jewish Home was hit hard; it suffered its share of the devastation that the storm brought to Lewisville, Clemmons and Winston-Salem, in just a few frightening minutes.

Large oaks and pines twisted up by their roots lay broken across Fair Oaks Drive. Like a giant's game of pick-up sticks, they taunted us and closed the access to the Home. The stone-walled entrance hidden from view, the Home was unapproachable; power lines were down eliminating heating, lighting, cooking, laundry and elevator use. The scenario could have been disastrous. That was the bad news!

The good news was soon to be forthcoming. No one was hurt, and the storm had also "blown" in a group of extraordinary people who rallied to our



aid. Pat Sheppard, Mayor of Clemmons, was quick to organize members of the Clemmons community. These valiant folks spent most of Friday night and all day Saturday cutting up and removing fallen trees, clearing the access roads and the entrance drive to the Home.

Electricians responded with speed to put the emergency generator into operation providing electricity for essential needs. Forsyth Hospital and Knollwood Hall responded with linen service and the use of their laundry.

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Pat Sheppard, Mayor of Clemmons, receives a warm thank you from Don Morris.

The entire weekend proved to be a true test of the resources we are privileged to have on our staff. Working countless hours and many shifts, dedicated staff were responsible for the seemingly undisturbed efficiency. Housekeeping took laundry to be washed; Dietary carried food from one floor to another; Maintenance cut trees, cleared paths and kept everything moving; Nursing worked 24-hr. shifts when conditions prevented accessibility for staff; Recreation staff spent hours with residents attending services in Winston-Salem whose return was blocked by the storm.

The May 5th storm brought damage to the landscape of Blumenthal Jewish Home that will take years to replace. We will talk about this storm for many years, but what we will remember most are the hands and the hearts that reached out to us. This act of nature brought the opportunity to discover new neighbors and friends of Blumenthal Jewish Home and to stop and reflect on the wonderful resources we have every day in our staff.



BJH suffered many uprooted trees and broken branches during the May 5th storm.



Clemmons volunteers and staff enjoyed the appreciation cookout for those who were BJH "life-savers."



*Rock 'n Roll Jamboree was a lot of fun and raised \$310 for the Alzheimer's Association.*

## **BJH NEWS BRIEFS**

*by Margaret Nystrom*

- **Israel Independence Day** — On May 10, Israel Independence Day, Rabbi Liebschutz came to speak to residents. A good time was had by all as he told interesting stories about the birth of Israel. Residents sang songs, waved flags, and watched the staff dance the horah!
- **Kindergarten Children's Concert** — On May 16, residents clapped in time as children from Clemmons sang songs and told animated tales. Several children played musical instruments to delighted residents. Afterwards, the children shared with their new "friends" pictures they had drawn themselves.
- **Rock 'N Roll Jamboree Week** — This was a smashing success! All donations are going to the Alzheimer's Association. The activities included bingo, a raffle for prizes from the Craft Shop, and a well-attended carnival complete with children's games, popcorn, lemonade, yogurt ice cream, and balloons. Pre-schoolers from Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, were special visitors at the carnival.
- **May Fishing Trip** — The Recreation Department sponsored a "Men's Only" fishing trip to Tanglewood Park May 30. It was a beautiful day as residents fished and fed the ducks and geese. Everyone enjoyed watching the baby ducklings consume the bread thrown out.
- **North Carolina School of the Arts Concert** — Friday, June 9, residents were treated to a special performance by the North Carolina School of the Arts International Music Program. The student performers played a beautiful concert for our residents as a preview performance before heading off to a European concert tour.
- **Music at Sunset** — Sunday, June 11, found our resident music lovers enjoying the outdoor concert at Tanglewood Park. A cool breeze, a pretty sunset, and favorite medleys by the Winston-Salem Symphony were a nice way to spend an evening.

# FAIR OAKS

“Summertime and the  
living is easy”



*Sylvia Samet, Greensboro volunteer, dines with Sarah Sherry and Hannah Ackerman at Starmount Country Club. In the background, Aaron and Polly Strasser, volunteers, with George Lewin and Ida Feinberg.*

“Summertime and the living is easy” may become the theme song for FAIR OAKS this summer. Outdoor barbecues on the terrace and yogurt socials in the afternoon are a nice way to gather with new FAIR OAKS friends. And new friends are abundant in FAIR OAKS as new residents move in each week bringing the present occupancy to about 70%.

Activities enjoyed by these residents are as varied as out to lunch or the library with a volunteer, oil painting in the craft shop, attending a concert at Music at Sunset or a baseball game in Winston-Salem, or even being a volunteer yourself. FAIR OAKS residents have spent some of their free time as RSVP (“Retired Senior Volunteer Program”) volunteers assisting with mailings

for the United Way and Cancer Services or as volunteers in our own Craft Shop painting new shelves with Catherine Smith, instructor.

There is always time for celebration at FAIR OAKS. Recent events enjoyed by FAIR OAKS residents were the CAJWM (Carolina Association of Jewish Women and Men) picnic, Memorial Day barbecue, Spring Celebration at Groves Stadium, luncheon at Starmount Country Club with Greensboro volunteers and, of course, monthly birthday parties.

A really special birthday was celebrated in June by Leo Schwartz on his 98th birthday. Mr. Schwartz will be the first to tell you not to be fooled by how good he looks. He’s really 98 and he can choose to not do what-

## WELCOME TO FAIR OAKS

May you have a long, healthy,  
and happy life.

Hannah Ackerman  
*Chapel Hill, North Carolina*

Eula Carter  
*Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

Miriam Gingold  
*Miami Beach, Florida*

Ceil Harrison  
*Hickory, North Carolina*

Anna Shapiro  
*Miami Beach, Florida*



*Leo Schwartz celebrates his 98th birthday at FAIR OAKS.*

ever activity he desires. Congratulations, Mr. Schwartz. Living is easy at FAIR OAKS and it’s your time to enjoy it!

# FAIR OAKS Life Among Friends



*Fred Burk, Winston-Salem volunteer, and George Lewin have a good time at Spring Celebration, Groves Stadium.*



*Esther Pearson discovers her creativity in the oil painting classes in the craft shop.*



*Lena Krieger enjoys a visit with Corkey Segal, Greensboro Volunteer.*



*Left, Sigmund Meyer enjoys an old hobby, fishing, at nearby Tanglewood Park.*

# SUE'S NEWS

## Hats Off to Our Volunteers



Mark Daniels brings magic to the volunteers' party.

"Hats Off to Our Volunteers" was the theme for the volunteer appreciation party held Sunday, June 11, at FAIR OAKS. Volunteers and their families gathered for this annual festive event. Kosher hot dogs on the grill, barbecued chicken and all the trimmings plus spoon your own yogurt from the yogurt machine guaranteed a good time. Magic by Mark Daniel delighted the children of all ages and provided magic for the volunteers who bring their own magic to Blumenthal Jewish Home all during the year.

Volunteers were thanked for their unique contributions of time and energy with special recognition to volunteers who have given over 100 hours of service this past year. Arlene van de

Rijn, Millie Slatkoff, Edna Temples, Eleanor Leverenz, Tony Schwertfeger, and Darrell Mandelstamm were honored with a token of appreciation. Their presence each week makes a difference in the lives of those who live at Blumenthal Jewish Home. Each volunteer, whether weekly, monthly or yearly, gives a gift of themselves to our residents. The results have been wonderful, the possibilities are exciting.

Spring Celebration, June 7, brought volunteers out in force to join residents at Groves Stadium, Winston-Salem. This yearly event gives residents, assisted by volunteers, an opportunity to participate in games, win prizes, enjoy a picnic lunch and entertainment. Sun-

shine, fair breezes and good friends topped off this outdoor day.

Welcome to new volunteers who have joined us for recent activities — Kay & Fred Burk and Amy Ehrens for Spring Celebration and Betty Roth for out-to-lunch. We are blessed with a volunteer program that's growing. If you would like to give it a try, call Sue Clein at 766-6401.



Tom Wahoski, an often-seen volunteer, with Lynn Wahoski, Director of Resident Activities. Tom escorts Rose Pliskin, BJH resident, at the Spring Celebration.

# BJH NEWS

Editor - Sue Clein



**Volunteers and Residents are both winners at Spring Celebration.**

*Volunteers and residents are both winners at Spring Celebration. Volunteers and their partners, seen clockwise, are: Millie Slatkoff and Willie Vieira, Jeanne Reznick and Claire Bernstein, Amy Ehrens and Ida Feinberg, Patty Mandelstamm and her mother, Margaret Osborn.*



## BJH is Happy to Announce Selections for Employee of the Month



### Lorena Durham

LPN, A-Wing  
April, 1989

Lorena Durham began working in the Department of Nursing in October, 1969. Her almost 20 years of service are certainly ones of dedication and commitment to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. She began her service on A-Wing, became the first nurse assigned to B-2 when it opened and has since worked in B-1, A-Wing, and FAIR OAKS. She says she loves nursing and geriatrics and her years at Blumenthal Jewish Home have been very special.

Danny Furr, A-Wing Unit Manager, says Lorena is a real role model for other LPN's. She is always willing to help out when needed, having worked 30-hour shifts in an emergency. Her attitude and her work record make her really deserving of this honor. "Warm, kind, enthusiastic, caring, ready to help," says Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing, in describing Lorena.

Congratulations, Lorena. Blumenthal Jewish Home is proud to honor you and grateful to have you on the staff.



### Ruth Howell

Dietary  
May, 1989

Ruth Howell has been a valued employee of Blumenthal Jewish Home working in the Dietary Department since 1978. Gitel Cross, Director of Dietary, says Ruth's cheerful attitude and willingness to work make her well liked among her peers and a great asset to the Department. Ruth has just recently been promoted from relief cook to supervisor. Her cooperative attitude has been a real plus to the department.

Ruth says it is a very good feeling to receive this honor, and she is glad everyone thinks enough of her to have chosen her. "I'm very proud," she says, "so proud I can't keep it all under this hat." Ruth likes the work she does at Blumenthal Jewish Home. She says, "It doesn't feel like work. It's just doing what I like to do, and I like being with older people. We are just a team here."

Congratulations, Ruth. Your winning smile and deserving record make us glad you're on our team.



### Judy Morris

RN, B-1  
June, 1989

Judy Morris has been a dedicated nurse working the night shift on B-1 since July, 1988. Libby Carter, Unit Manager, says, "Judy's personality and attitude are attributes that make her a delight to work with." Judy will work whenever and wherever she is needed. She is always receptive to filling in on other shifts and offered her services on her day off following the "tornado." Her caring, gentle, and compassionate nature has endeared her to everyone. Patsy Petree, Directory of Nursing, says, "Judy is the type of individual you would want to have by your bedside if you needed nursing care — one with warmth, enthusiasm, and a gentle, caring manner."

Judy, a longtime homemaker and golfer before returning to nursing last year, was shocked at receiving this award. She said she feels very privileged as she loves working at the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Congratulations, Judy. We feel privileged to have you on our staff.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

### JULY

#### 13 Years

Lena Wall, *Craft Shop*

#### 5 Years

Rory Blackwell,  
*Housekeeping*

#### 3 Years

Sue Welch, *RN, B-1*

#### 2 Years

Cassandra Scales,  
*Nursing B-2*

#### 1 Year

Nancy Hall, *Dietary*  
Sam Hall,  
*Housekeeping*  
Deborah Harris,  
*Dietary*  
Judy Morris, *RN, B-1*  
Alvin Steele,  
*Nursing B-2*  
Patricia Williams,  
*Dietary*

### AUGUST

#### 12 Years

Marie Doty,  
*Dir. Housekeeping & Laundry*  
Betty Petticord,  
*Allied Health Coordinator*

#### 10 Years

Jean Garland, *Nursing A-Wing*  
Ellen Hughes,  
*Asst. Allied Health Coordinator*

#### 9 Years

Lois Call, *LPN FAIR OAKS*

#### 6 Years

Vikki Donley, *Unit Secretary*  
Sylvania Lawrence, *Nursing B-1*  
Kathy Williamson,  
*Staff Development Dir.*

#### 5 Years

Mary McLaurin, *Nursing B-2*

#### 4 Years

Phillip Money, *Nursing A-Wing*  
June Sealey, *RN, B-1*  
Janet Sowers,  
*Dir. of Computer Services*

#### 2 Years

Jesse Clawson, *Maintenance*

#### 1 Year

Edith Barbeaux, *Housekeeping*  
Theresa Davis, *Dietary*

## WELCOME TO BJH

May you have a long, healthy,  
and happy life.

#### Rachel Forbes

*Greensboro, North Carolina*

#### Annie Gibson

*Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

#### Bessie Glassen

*Stamford, Connecticut*

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#### Sally Miller

*Greensboro, North Carolina*

#### Ruth Moff

*Greensboro, North Carolina*

#### Beulah Spainhour

*Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

## IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Martin Ball, Jr.

Sadye Flinchum

Irene Hipelius

Stephanie Holub

Anita Kirkham

Preston Lincoln

Sarah Strause

Mary Ellen Veal

May their cherished  
memories bring comfort to  
their loved ones.



*Fannie Shandolow enjoys the day spent with Cheryl Phau, student intern volunteering with the Activity Department this summer.*

**The Commons, a popular spot for fine dining and a good time. Special events during May & June included:**

*Right, FAIR OAKS residents, Bebe Bennison, Hannah Ackerman, Therese Serxner, and Addie Harris, enjoying the Mother's Day Brunch with family members.*



*Renown chefs Zeb Ansley, Don Morris, and Tom Wahoski have developed a reputation for backyard barbecues.*



*BJH resident, Herbert Kandall, and family members enjoy the Father's Day luncheon.*



*Forty-five members of Agudaz Israel Congregation, Hendersonville, NC, arrive by bus to enjoy lunch and a tour of BJH.*



*Ellen Berlin, Al Herman, and Ellis Berlin enjoyed the appreciation cookout honoring staff and Clemmons "storm clean-up" volunteers.*

## Welcome to BJH and FAIR OAKS



*Eleanor Leverenz, President of Clemmons Senior Citizens Club and a BJH volunteer, Sigmund Meyer, club member and FAIR OAKS resident, and Sue Clein welcome club members to a luncheon meeting and tour of the Home.*



*Charles Rosenfeld, A-wing, greets old friends from Hendersonville, NC, June 16.*



*Jane Rosenberg, B-wing, greets Greensboro volunteers Polly Strasser and Ina Eisenberg, at the June Birthday Bash.*



*Miriam Brenner, Gift Shop volunteer, with her grandson, welcomes members of CAJWM at the picnic, May 21.*



*Rose Schulherr and Ella Gunzberger welcome visitors to tour their new home in FAIR OAKS.*



*Neil Hyman and Scott Strasser, Greensboro volunteers, are welcome help in setting up the dance floor for Jason Moff's performance.*



Left, Jason Moff, Greensboro, delights BJH residents with a talented and enthusiastic tap dance performance at the June Birthday Bash.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JULY

Hattie Bodenhamer  
 Mildred Gates  
 Clara Genovese  
 Joel Harrison  
 Sophie Isley  
 Deborah Jaffe  
 Margaret Johnston  
 Geneva Neal  
 Sadie Parmet  
 Sylvia Pressman  
 Willie Reynolds  
 Jane Rosenberg  
 Evelyn Small  
 Florence Swirsky  
 Ernest Whitehead

### AUGUST

Hannah Ackerman  
 Mollie Brewer  
 Lela Harrison  
 Charles Rosenfeld  
 Therese Serxner  
 Emily Thomas  
 Lena Zimmerman

## CALENDAR FOR JULY AND AUGUST

### July

- 4 Marvin James and the Stardusters Band and Watermelon Feast at 2:00 p.m.
- 7 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem at 6:45 p.m.
- 9 Music at Sunset; leave for Clemmons at 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch in Clemmons at 9:45 a.m.
- 11 Homewide birthday party in the Commons Auditorium at 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Leave for Winston-Salem Spirits baseball game, Winston-Salem, at 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Leave for out-to-lunch, Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.
- 21 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall; leave for Winston-Salem at 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Brenner concert; Burton Jones, banjo, in the Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

### August

- 4 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, at 6:45 p.m.
- 6 Brenner concert: Sid Hellier, accordion, the Commons Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.
- 8 Homewide birthday party in the Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem at 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch in Clemmons at 9:45 a.m.
- 20 Brenner concert; Larry Almeida, guitarist, in the Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 29 Leave for out-to-lunch in Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.

# What's Developing?

## MENSCH SPORTS NIGHT — A SUCCESS

The first annual Mensch Sports Night was held in Greensboro on Tuesday, May 9, at Temple Emanuel. Organized by the Blumenthal Jewish Home Triad Booster Committee as a fun-filled fundraiser, Mensch Night was just what it sounds like. It included plenty of cash prizes, food, drinks, and fellowship but, most of all, mensch who raised over \$10,000 for the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Al Herman, chairman of the event, said the success of this night should guarantee future events.

A special thanks goes to the following individuals who donated all or part of their win-

nings from the Mensch Sports Night:

Mr. Frank Brenner  
Mr. Herbert S. Falk, Jr.  
Mr. William M. Fields  
Mr. Al Herman  
Mr. Randall R. Kaplan  
Dr. Jeff Katz  
Mr. Bert G. Lynch  
Mr. Freddy H. Robinson  
Mr. Thomas R. Sloan  
Mr. Sidney J. Stern, Jr.

and  
Lox, Stock & Bagel

Plans are underway for Blumenthal Jewish Home Mensch Nights in Raleigh and Charlotte. Be a mensch — call Al Herman to find out more.



Young mensch from Beth Jacob Synagogue, Winston-Salem, entertained for residents in BJH dining rooms, FAIR OAKS, and at the CAJWM picnic.

## The FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

We would like to thank the following individuals for establishing or increasing their commitment to the Capital Campaign for FAIR OAKS. The listing below includes those supporters who have made a new commitment or have increased their pledges to the Capital Campaign from May 11, 1989, through June 21, 1989. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. Please advise the Development Office of any errors.

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# The Covenant Of Earthkeeping

## A Sermon at Rosh Hashanah Shaharit, 5749

by Rabbi Stephen Moch



"Hayom harat olam, this is the day of the world's birth." With the sounding of the shofar, Rosh Hashanah marks the anniversary of Creation and the beginning of the New Year. We celebrate Creation while we examine our own faithfulness to the covenant. God judges us on this day as human beings, responsible for the covenant made with Adam, the Covenant of Creation.

We need to repent of our misuse of this planet. We have done great harm to the Creation we celebrate, and we have broken faith with God's covenant. Pollution and wasteful use of non-renewable resources are among the most crucial issues facing humanity today. Our relationship to the world is a religious charge. If we do not pass judgment on our failings to care for the environment, surely God will.

In Genesis 1:28, God defines our relationship to the world. But many people misunderstand "to fill and master the earth," to justify human enterprises that seriously injure our environment, even though plant and animal species are forced into extinction. But humanity's dominant role over nature carries responsibility, not license.

Genesis 2:15 tells us that God planted a garden in Eden, and "The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden, to till it and tend it." But God did not give us ownership. The earth belongs to its Creator. "The earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24). God entered into a legal trust relationship with humankind. That trust makes us stewards of the land; it entrusts us with its care.

In Kohelet Rabba (7:28) stewardship is expressed beautifully:

In the hour when the Holy One, blessed be He, created the first man, he took him and let him pass before all the trees of the garden, and he said to him, 'See my works, how fine and excellent they are! Think about this and do not corrupt and desolate my world; for if you do corrupt it, there will be no one to set it right after you.'

God assigned us a place in the creative process. Our tradition says that we are partners with God in an on-going Creation. Our role involves "Tikkun Olam," putting the world in order. God creates, but Adam completes the act of Creation. God's creating and man's ordering constitute a unified act of divine-human creativity.

We have badly mismanaged our environment. Every day we discover new types of hazardous refuse that threaten us and realize the potential for harm that results from toxins we dumped years ago. Elizabeth, New Jersey has experienced so much illegal dumping that it has hired an undercover agent who hides at illegal dump sites to catch offenders. People call him "Toxic Tex" because he wears a cowboy hat and boots. He does it because he does not want people to forget that he was there. Toxic Tex wants to be a part of eternity—a true steward of the land, someone who brings living value to "Tikkun Olam." He has not abdicated his "creative" role.

A second category of Jewish environmental regulations involves the sensible use of our resources. Deuteronomy 20:19 states:

When in your war against a city you have to besiege it a long time in order to capture it, you must not destroy the fruit trees. . .

In this passage, trees are prototypes for all resources. Fruit trees were singled out to give the message that even when our immediate needs depend irrevocably on depleting resources, we must not do so if future survival of life depends on them. When he was an old man, the famous Tzadik (Saint) named Honi planted a carob tree that would not produce fruit for 70 years. He was called a fool. Honi replied, "Someone planted trees that I could enjoy their fruit, and now I am planting trees for the future."

We have been charged with stewardship of Creation. Our responsibilities are explicitly defined. At this season of judgment, on the anniversary of the world's birth, we stand before the Creator in shame. We have abused that which has been entrusted to us. We must begin to turn, to make amends. Let each of us consider how we can change our lifestyles and turn back to the task of ordering and improving this world. As the earth goes, so goes humanity. If we do not care for it, there will be no one to set it right after us.

Stephen F. Moch is rabbi at Temple K'hilat Kodesh B'rith Shalom in Springfield, Ill. The above is excerpted from his sermon, **Creation and Covenant: The Theology of Ecology**. It was printed in *Cry North Carolina*, March 1989, publication of The Land Stewardship Council. Rabbi Moch formerly served at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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### Letter to Editor:

I am trying to locate a woman whose last name I do not know. I am hoping the circumstances of her childhood will be recognized either by her or by someone who knows her.

During World War II, a farmer and his wife, Stanislaw and Julia Dymon, lived on a farm in the county of Tarnov in Poland. They hid a family, a young husband, wife and little girl from the Nazis. The Nazis found and killed the husband and wife. But the Dymons managed to hide the little girl, RIVKA, so that she was not killed. She spent the duration of the war with the Dymons and their children. She did not know her parents were killed. Julia told her they would come for her later. One of the Dymon's children was a girl somewhat older than Rivka. Her name is Yanina, or perhaps she was called Yasha. She and Rivka played together and were friends.

When the war ended, the Jews of the area who had survived gathered at a meeting in the city of Tarnov on a street named Zydowska or Jew Street. Among them were men named Dr. Shore, Dr. Rubin and Dr. Glazer. Many of the people were apparently planning on going to Palestine.

Julia Dymon knew of this meeting and the names of the doctors. She told Rivka she was going to the "doctors." The whole Dymon family got on their wagon and brought Rivka to Jew Street in Tarnov and gave her to the Jews there to take with them to Palestine. Julia was heartbroken and could never speak about Rivka after that.

The girl who played with Rivka, Yanina or Yasha, is now a woman of 55. Rivka would be approximately 50 now. Yanina is living in America. She often thinks about Rivka and worries about what happened to her. I would greatly appreciate any word from someone who might have some information which would help us find out what happened to Rivka.

The Dymons truly belong among the Righteous Gentiles. Not only did they risk their own lives to protect a Jewish child, but when the opportunity arose, they returned her to her people.

Thank you very much.

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On page 7, the article and photo caption about children who entertained at the CAJWM Picnic on May 21 should have stated that the children were from Beth Jacob Synagogue in Winston-Salem.

On page 10, the article on J. Herman Leder, the business owned by his daughter, Marjorie Leder Harris of Cherry Hill, N.J., is by Hand Craft Gallery.

# Carolina Athletes Strike Gold at 13th Maccabiah Games

by David M. Van Glish

On July 3-13, 4,500 athletes from over forty countries participated in the 13th Maccabiah Games, held in Israel approximately every four years.

The United States sponsored the largest foreign delegation in attendance with 520 athletes, including five who reside in the Carolinas. **Jeff Abrams** and **Josh Burston** of Greensboro, **Alexis Lerner** and **Stacey Schefflin** of Charlotte, and **Jill Waldman** of Seabrook Island, S.C., took home a total of fourteen medals at the "Bar Mitzvah" Games.

**Jeff Abrams**, a rising junior at Stanford University and a member of their nationally ranked Swim Team, won three medals at the Games. He received a gold in the 400M. medley relay, and two silvers in the 100M. and 200M. butterfly. Upon arriving in Israel, Jeff had two goals in mind. "I hoped to have a good time, but I came to compete as well." As the Games came to a close, Jeff realized that he had accomplished both these feats as was evidenced by his medals and his experiences.

For the first time, the United States Committee decided to host a pre-camp in Israel a week before the Games began. According to Jeff, this first week gave him and the other athletes a great chance to see the country. "Since the U.S. Committee decided to down-stress athletics during the pre-camp, we were given the opportunity to really experience Israel and travel throughout the country."

Jeff also benefited from being housed with swimmers from other countries. Sharing accommodations with members of the same sport, he had a chance to establish friendships with other athletes from all over the globe. Jeff even plans on spending time in Great Britain with a couple of members of the British Swim Team following the Maccabiah Games.



*Enthusiastic U.S. teammates at opening ceremonies of 1989 Maccabiah Games.*

**Josh Burston** shared Jeff's goals as he, too, hoped to perform well on the field, as well as experience Israel. Josh, 25, was a member of the United States' bronze medal winning Rugby Team. Although he had hoped to win a gold medal, Josh was pleased by the team's performance. "The level of rugby was higher over here (in Israel) than I'm used to due to the international level of play." The Americans finished with a 3-1-1 record, including a 25-25 tie with eventual gold medal winning Rest of the World (South Africa) team.

Josh, a 1986 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is a member of the Triad Rugby Club in Greensboro. Four years from now he hopes again to represent the United States on the rugby field in the Maccabiah Games. "As far as rugby goes, you don't reach your prime until your late twenties. "I'll be 29 in 1993 and hope to make this trip at least once more."

**Alexis Lerner**, a rising junior at Charlotte Latin School, also hopes to be back in Israel for the Games in 1993. However, she is looking forward to returning as a member of the Open Swim Team, as opposed

to the Juniors. Alexis competed against other girls aged 16 and under, and excelled in most of her events. She picked up six medals including two gold in the 50M. and 100M. freestyle, two silvers in the 200M. butterfly and 200M. freestyle, and two bronze in the 100M. butterfly and 200M individual medley.

Although Alexis had competed in the North American Youth Maccabi Games in 1986 and 1988, she was not prepared for the meaningfulness of participating in Israel. "I heard so much about the Maccabiah experience but I never expected it to be such a great feeling." Even though Alexis was classified as a Junior, she spent much of her time with the Open Swimmers. "Everyone on the swim team was extremely close. I had the best of both worlds. I was very fortunate that I established friendship with the other Juniors, as well as with the Open Swimmers."

Alexis was also happy to be competing against other Jewish athletes. "There are very few Jewish swimmers in Charlotte. It was nice to look across the lanes and see other Jews." However, once Alexis hit the water, she was all business as she set career best times in the 100M. free-

style, 200M. freestyle, and the 200M. individual medley. In 1993, Alexis will be a junior in college and hopes to be just as competitive. "I can't wait to come back in four years!"

**Stacey Schefflin**, a rising senior and All-American tennis player at the University of Georgia, is optimistic about the chances of being back in four years. "I'm going to try to play professional tennis after I graduate. If I'm successful, I'll stay with it and possibly go for the gold in 1993." Stacey fell just short of the gold in 1989, losing to the eventual champion in the semi-finals of the women's singles, thus earning a bronze medal. She also received a bronze medal in the mixed doubles, teaming with Dan Goldberg, (Avon, Conn.), a recent graduate of the University of Michigan. "I'm a little disappointed with the way I finished, but if anyone told me eleven years ago that this would be one of the best experiences of my life, I would not have believed it."

Stacey also enjoyed the fact that she was playing against members of her own religion, a situation she seldom found herself in while at college. "Competing against other Jews was different in a good way. Knowing that I had a common bond with all the other athletes gave me a special feeling inside. It's different from college where it seems that everyone is out for herself. That's not to say that we weren't competitive, be-

cause we were. The special thing is that we left this competitiveness on the court and became friends off the court."

**Jill Waldman**, a college teammate and fellow classmate of Stacey at the University of Georgia, also brought home a couple of medals. She won a gold medal in women's doubles, teaming with Andrea Berger (Plantation, Fla.) of the University of Florida, and another gold medal in mixed doubles, competing with David Pollack (Pittsburgh, Pa.) of the University of North Carolina.

Although family and friends did not agree, Jill was surprised by her success on the tennis court. "I came to Israel just hoping to play well. I knew if I did, I would be in contention to win a medal, but I never expected to walk away with two golds."

Like Stacey, Jill also appreciated playing against other Jews. "It felt great to be surrounded by all Jews. It's a good feeling because you can identify with everyone, and you don't have to explain yourself. You're not criticized or stereotyped."

All five Carolina athletes seemed to benefit from the level of competition, but most importantly from the common bond that linked all the competitors—Judaism. "I've never been in this situation before where I was in the majority," Stacey added. "If I had my way, the whole world would be Jewish."

*David M. Van Glish of Charlotte, N.C., Assistant Press Attache at the Maccabiah, is a recent graduate of Emory University and a first year law student at the University of Georgia.*

### Other Participants in Maccabiah Games

**Kathy Jones** of Bellevue, Wash., daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Klein of Charlotte, won a gold medal in Kata Karate at the 1989 Maccabiah. She had earned two gold medals at the 1985 Maccabiah Games. Kathy is U.S. Women's Champion, and ranked third in the world in individual Kata and second in Synchronized Kata at the 1988 World Championships.

Several students attending universities in the Carolinas competed in the 1989 Maccabiah Games:

**Joseph Feinberg** (Miami Shores, Fla.), Clemson University, a fullback on the U.S.A. Soccer Team, was a member of the N.C.A.A. Championship Team.

Returning Maccabeans and Clemson University teammates, **Rick Aronberg** (Fairport, N.Y.) and **Ruth Grodsky** (Timonium, Md.) ranked high on the U.S.A. Swimming Team, capturing five gold medals each.

**Scott Morris** (Dix Hills, N.Y.), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was a member of the U.S.A. Track & Field Team, competing in 110 High Hurdles and High Jump.



*Alexis Lerner (left) tied for first place with Galit Goldzak of Israel in 50 M. freestyle, juniors.*



*Stacey Schefflin in tennis match at Maccabiah.*

# Current Events

## Congress Extends Refugee Status to all Soviet Jews

Seeking to end the plight of stranded Soviet Jewish refuseniks waiting to enter the United States, Congress passed on July 13, by a vote of 358 to 44, H.R. 2022 which will extend automatic refugee status to all Soviet Jews and Evangelicals. Congressman Larry Smith (D-Fla.) was a co-sponsor of the legislation and a leading proponent of its passage.

Prior to the fall of 1988, all Soviet Jews—as persecuted individuals—were automatically given “refugee status” visas. Refuseniks are given federal aid for transportation and resettlement costs, and are eligible for U.S. citizenship. They are also substantially aided by U.S. charitable organizations.

With the advent of *glasnost*, increasing numbers of Soviet Jews, Armenians and other minorities have received what is anticipated to be a record number of exit visas this year from the Soviet Union. Due to the dramatic increase, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) unofficially changed its long-standing policy towards Soviet Jews.

Unwilling to admit these large numbers of refugees in light of insufficient resettlement funds and visa slots, the INS began arbitrarily denying many refugee visa applicants. The result has been that thousands of Soviet Jews remain in Italy awaiting refugee status visas, separating many families.

H.R. 2022 clarifies what up until a few months ago has been standard INS policy—recognizing all Soviet Jews and Evangelicals as persons with a well-founded fear of persecution eligible to enter the U.S. as refugees.

Congressman Smith has been active in urging the administration to ensure the refugee status of Soviet Jews. “The INS should not be in the business of separating refusenik

families. With this legislation, we will make certain that Soviet Jews, who have suffered so much already, will be able to build new lives in the United States,” Smith said.

## Resolution Seeks to Answer Mystery of Wallenberg's Fate

U.S. Rep. Robert J. Mrazek (D.-N.Y.) introduced a resolution in the House on July 12 calling on the Soviet Union to “release the prison records of Raoul Wallenberg and account for his whereabouts.”

The sense-of-the-Congress resolution, cosigned by 72 House members, seeks to clear up the mysteries surrounding Wallenberg's fate since he was taken into “protective custody” by the Soviets in 1945, then arrested on charges of spying. The Soviet Union has maintained that Wallenberg died in prison of a heart attack in 1947 at age 35, but neither his remains nor evidence of his death have been forthcoming.

“Raoul Wallenberg's actions during World War II were indeed a portrait of selfless courage,” Rep. Mrazek said. “His efforts saved the lives of thousands of innocent Jews from the Nazi death machine and remain an inspiration in the cause of human rights today.”

Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, went to Budapest in 1944 at the request of the U.S. War Refugee Board and the World Jewish Congress to organize rescue efforts for Hungarian Jews threatened by Nazi death camps. His efforts resulted in the issuance of protective Swedish passports to more than 15,000 Hungarian Jews, and he is credited with having helped about 100,000 others escape Nazi plans for their extermination.

On Jan. 17, 1945, Wallenberg traveled with Soviet agents to the Russian front, ostensibly to discuss arrangements for emergency supplies to be sent to the Jewish ghettos in Hungary. He was then taken into custody by the Soviets in violation

of international standards of diplomatic immunity. He was charged with espionage.

Various accounts over the years have indicated that Wallenberg may still be alive and in Soviet custody.

The resolution specifically calls on the Soviet Union to release Wallenberg's prison records and to account for his whereabouts, and requests President Bush to pursue the matter through diplomatic channels.

## Videotaped Oral Histories In United States Holocaust Museum

by Dara Goldberg

One day Holocaust survivors, liberators and rescuers will no longer be alive to describe their experiences during the horror-filled years in Nazi Europe. On videotape, however, their eyewitness accounts and courageous stories will be preserved for posterity.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's newly established Oral History department produces and collects video testimonies of Holocaust survivors, rescuers, witnesses and liberators. Portions of these testimonies will be incorporated into Museum exhibitions and educational programs; the unedited videotapes will be housed in the Museum's archives, serving as a resource for scholarly research.

For information, please contact: Dr. Linda Gordon Kuzmack, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 717, Washington, D.C. 20036; 202-822-6464.

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## Project Tehila—Giving Illiterate Adults a Basic Education

by David Ya'ari

(WZPS) What is it like for someone who can neither read nor write? Just ask Esther Victor. It wasn't so long ago that she couldn't read a street sign or take a telephone message. Now Victor, a native of Iraq, sits in a classroom with a dozen other women, reading from the Tanach (Torah) and answering questions put to her by the teacher.

### A Basic Education

Victor is one of 15,000 Israelis enrolled in Project Tehila, a 12-year-old program operated by the Ministry of Education in centers around the country. Tehila—a Hebrew acronym for "Special Education Program for Adults"—was conceived as a way to bring Israelis who had missed out on a basic education into the mainstream of society.

"When I started, I knew nothing," says Victor, who studies in the second of the five levels that Tehila offers. "Now on Shabbat, I am able to read the Torah for myself."

The program was developed to teach reading and writing says Dr. Meir Peretz, director of the program for the Ministry of Education. But very quickly other benefits became apparent.

People who spent their lives at home now found a learning and social community in the Tehila classes that meet twice a week for a total of six hours. Family relations were strengthened as communications improved between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren. "Now the family began to listen seriously when the women had something to contribute to discussions on, say, politics," Dr. Peretz says.

Tehila also encourages its students to volunteer in the community and awards annual prizes to the best volunteers.

### Program

Project Tehila was originally a joint program of the Ministry of

Education and Project Renewal. Until Project Renewal withdrew from the program, tuition was free. Now students pay 150 shekels a year (about \$80) for tuition, plus the cost of field trips and supplies. These funds pay for about 20 percent of Tehila's 2 million shekel annual budget (about \$1 million). The ministry pays for the rest.

Students learn a variety of subjects, including history, geography, Tanach, current events and arithmetic. In higher levels, students learn accounting. One upper-level class teaches health and nutrition. Students learn about current events from "Sha'ar L'matchil," a ministry-published newspaper in easy Hebrew.

It would be easy to treat paternalistically adults with the literacy level of small children. Tehila, however tries to avoid that trap, although Dr. Peretz admits it's a difficult thing to do. Classes are not held in schools, where desks and chairs are undersized, but in community centers and buildings of voluntary groups equipped with adults in mind. Texts were prepared specially for Tehila students, Dr. Peretz says, in simple Hebrew for adults, not simple concepts for children.

### Progress

How does one teach an adult to read? Systematically, says Dr. Peretz, or else the students will forget from week to week.

According to Shifra Goldman, director of one of Tehila's Jerusalem centers, educators have developed learning games to help students through the boring early stages of learning to read. One game consists of three cubes, arranged side by side, each side marked with a different letter. Turn a cube and a new letter appears, creating a new word. Students also play bingo, which helps them to identify numbers.

The Education Ministry is thinking of expanding Tehila's focus in the future, to include literate Israelis whose education ended early. Goldman is enthusiastic about the progress she sees in her students. Wo-

men who now eagerly read a passage from the Torah or complete a written assignment came to the program with "eyes that couldn't see." Tehila has helped and continues to help those eyes to see.

## The Fire Situation in Israel —JNF Concerns

by Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
JNF Executive Vice President

In recent weeks, a number of people have asked for clarification of the fire situation in Israel. Why? Primarily because there seemed to be conflicting reports from Israel at times. Are there more or fewer fires?

Here are the facts. According to Moshe Rivlin, world chairman of the JNF, the fire situation today is as bad as it was last year. As many fires have been started in 1989 as in 1988—and last year was undoubtedly the worst fire year in the history of the JNF. The big difference is that this summer the JNF has the resources to detect and respond to the fires much more rapidly, and to control the fires and the extent of the damage.

As one observer put it, "The arson in Israel's forest is continuing this summer as Palestinian nationalist fanatics attempt to reduce the countryside to ashes." And Moshe Rivlin told me this week that as the intifada tensions accelerate, we can expect even more of these fires, possibly even more than last year's.

So, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that our colleagues in the JNF in Israel are becoming increasingly proficient in fighting and controlling fires. The bad news, of course, is that the fires continue.

The JNF is spending close to \$10 million this year on its various forest preservation and fire prevention programs. That's money that should ordinarily be spent on land reclamation, afforestation and beautification projects. And \$10 million is what we're determined to raise in our National Fire Emergency Campaign in this country.

## Israel's "Horizon" in Space by Yitzchak Dinur

(WZPS) The 100 fuming volcanoes on Io, the innermost of Jupiter's larger moons, are one of the phenomena which excite Professor Yuval Ne'eman, the founder of Israel's Space Agency, when he thinks about outer space. He also feels a touch of pride, because Tel Aviv University scientists using their 40" telescope were, in 1974, the first to report evidence of volcanic activity there in the form of clouds of sulphur and sodium in Io's trajectory. This discovery was confirmed in 1979 by the high-resolution photographs radioed back by Voyager II as it flew past Jupiter.

### Satellite and Missile

This and other space studies were being carried out long before Israel launched its space satellite Ofek-1 (Horizon-1) on September 19, 1988 and even before the Israel Space Agency was established in 1983. While the satellite provided a sensation in the world's newspapers for a short time, and brought Israel's scientific and technical capabilities to general notice, this was not its aim. The launch was designed to demonstrate to Israel's space research community and its citizens that the country's industry had the capacity to orbit a satellite and, in addition, to check its functioning in a space environment.

It also provided Israel with an entrance ticket to the international space club (Israel is the eighth member after the U.S., the U.S.S.R., France, Britain, India, China and Japan) and was a marvelous 40th birthday present from Israel's engineers and scientists to their country.

Ofek-1 was an experimental satellite, the first of a series, and, like any other prototype machine, its whole purpose was to show that it can work and provide data about itself and its subsystems. It weighed 156 kgs., was 2.3 meters long, orbited east to west every 90 minutes and rotated about its main axis for stability and to allow its solar panels, mounted on the body, to face the sun and supply the required electri-

cal energy; it radioed back data about the atmosphere and about how it was functioning, but contained no experiments or extraneous equipment. It re-entered the atmosphere and was burnt up on January 14, 1989, four months after it was launched.

The next Israeli satellite, Ofek-2, to be dispatched in about two years, will contain additional equipment and will carry a major experiment. A national competition is being held to decide whether the experiment is to be in astronomy, earth sensing, biological science or lasers.

No less important than the satellite itself was the rocket missile that was used to put it into orbit. This was part of a system especially developed for satellite launching. The missile had to be very strong to get the satellite into space and it had to have superb navigational systems to place it exactly in orbit. Its success stunned the world, and the capacity to produce such sophisticated missiles is worrying military establishments outside Israel. However, this military capacity is a spin-off and not the main objective. Israel is developing the various aspects of its space research and activity in order to aid Israel's economy and develop human potential.

Space activity throughout the world is very expensive, but it holds within itself a chance for enormous returns, and these are not only financial profits. Professor Ne'eman notes that great changes have occurred in western societies as a result of technologies originally developed for space research. He, therefore, feels that research and development of projects connected with space are a vital necessity and will make a significant contribution to Israel's future economic and technological independence.

### Future Plans

Indeed, there are already plans afoot to send up a commercial satellite by 1992. An Israeli company registered in London, General Satellite Corporation, is intending to develop, produce and put into orbit a communications satellite to be called

Amos-1. This will be a geostationary satellite to be located 36,000 km. above Zaire, which was the place in space that was allocated to Israel by the International Telecommunications Union.

The company has begun practical activity and is already selling satellite transponders. As plans stand today, the satellite will be placed in position by a French Ariane space missile, to be launched from a small island off the coast of French Guinea. Once in place, it will utilize a wavelength assigned by the ITU to greatly improve telephone communication (as well as telex, facsimile and television transmissions) within Israel and international communications, and will free Israel from its dependence upon communications channels rented from Intelsat.

Israel Aircraft Industries has been the core of the practical development, and sees the development of a capacity to produce satellites for sale as one way to retrieve the profits it lost when the Lavi Fighter plane project was cancelled. Israel Aircraft Industries has been awarded the contract to build the soon-to-be launched communications satellite, or rather the two satellites, Amos-1 and Amos-2 (communications satellites are sent up in pairs, the second satellite providing a backup in case the first falters, as repair technicians cannot be dispatched).

While up to now Israel's space activity has been of a modest nature, the launching of its first satellite signifies a literal jump into space for Israel, and further satellites will confirm this demonstrated ability. As part of this effort, the Israel Aircraft Industries is also reaching for the sky and endeavoring to develop and to profit from an entirely new product, a modular satellite. They estimate that in the future, the cost of launching a satellite will not be a standard price as at present, but will be determined by the space occupied by the satellite in the launching missile. For that future they have designed a satellite that can be easily adapted and changed in size for the needs of each prospective customer, Israeli or foreign.

# Kibbitzing—Community News

## 30+ Jewish Singles Event Memphis, Tn., Oct. 27-29

In October, the 30+ Jewish Singles Group of Memphis is sponsoring a "Ducky" weekend that will cover the city but be as intimate as a candlelit dinner for two. Meeting people while having fun is where the emphasis will be.

This is our main event of the year, and we have already registered many people from various states, though reservations will be accepted through Oct. 20.

One of the most beautiful hotels in the world, the Peabody Hotel, home of the famous Peabody ducks, will be headquarters for this October 27-29 gathering in Memphis. A schedule of planned and optional activities promise that the weekend will be over too soon.

For more information or to make reservations (discounts available on reservations received before September 15), call Beverly at 1-800-255-2166 or 901-763-0585 or write Travel Planners, Inc., 1730 White Station Road South #1, Memphis, Tn. 38117, Attn: Beverly Stein.

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## "Achshav" Study Mission To Poland and Israel Greensboro, N.C.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation invites you to participate in the "Achshav" Study Mission to Poland and Israel, Oct. 30-Nov. 10, 1989.

Mission Highlights in Poland include: meeting with the surviving Polish Jewish community; seeing the work of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; witnessing the remains of Auschwitz Death Camp; visiting the Warsaw Ghetto.

Highlights in Israel include: re-tracing your experience in Poland at

Yad Vashem and at Beit Hatefutoth, the Museum of the Diaspora; meeting Israelis active in government, archeology, social services, culture and the military; observing the absorption process of Soviet immigrants and sharing with them the miracle of homecoming; seeing the timeless Israel of the City of David; exploring the modern Israel today.

To share this powerful experience of the past and future of the Jewish people, call Jerry and Linda Shapiro, mission leaders, at (919) 292-2868, or Marilyn Chandler, Federation director, at (919) 272-3189.

## Lecture Series in Greensboro

Nationally recognized speakers Michael Medved, Dennis Prager, Rabbi Reuven Kimelman and Hirsh Goodman will highlight a monthly Fall Lecture Series sponsored by the Greensboro Jewish Federation Women's Division.

Michael Medved, best-selling author, movie critic and co-host of "Sneak Previews" on PBS, will open the Monday night series on September 25.

He will be followed on October 16 by Dennis Prager, an author and radio show host, from Los Angeles. Prager publishes the quarterly journal, "Ultimate Issues," and will be syndicating a weekly column.

Rabbi Reuven Kimelman, a scholar and Associate Professor of Talmud and Midrash at Brandeis University, will speak at the third lecture on November 20. Kimelman is also a scholar at the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

The Series will close on December 11 with Hirsh Goodman, an author and strategic fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Goodman writes a weekly column on the Mideast and is a contributing editor to the U.S. News and World Report.

To register for The Lecture Series, which is available only as a series of 4 sessions, send a check made payable for \$60 to The Greensboro Jewish Federation, 713-A North Greene Street, Greensboro, N.C. 27402. For any additional information, call (919) 272-3189.

## Mountain Synagogue Franklin, N.C.

The congregation held a Las Vegas Afternoon, Aug. 24 at the home of Gloria and Al Bass. All proceeds benefitted St. Cyprian's Church which has been so generous to Mountain Synagogue and needed its help now.

A general business meeting and election of officers will take place Sept. 1, following regular Friday night services. The installation dinner is scheduled for Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. at the Chicken Coop on Hwy. 441 South in Clayton, Ga. For reservations, call Alice Pomerantz.

The congregation is saddened by the loss of its member, Sam Temkin who was residing in Florida. Condolences are extended to his wife, Rose, and their son David and family.

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## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, North Carolina**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

On July 7 and 8, the children of Dr. and Mrs. Noah Benninga, Adelaide, Simon, Jack and David, led the Sabbath services, together with some of their children, in honor of the 80th birthday of their father and grandfather. The children and grandchildren came from Israel and California and also shared this *simcha* with relatives from various parts of the world who honored Dr. Benninga. The congregation was fortunate to be part of this happy celebration. A kiddush luncheon followed the Saturday morning services.

To continue with synagogue news: Mazel Tov to Geoff and Elissa Brown on the birth of a daughter, Korenet Maureen, on June 1. Mazel Tov to Bob Prigoff, whose daughter, Patricia Ramm, had a baby boy. They reside in Israel.

Congratulations to Danny Wellisch, who captured the trophy for number one tennis player in his level in the intra-city tournament sponsored by the Chicago Tennis Association.

We have received a notice from the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education that our Sunday School has won two awards in its "1989 Creative Project of the Year" Competition, a year-long contest to reward Jewish teachers in congregational religious schools for their successful contributions to creative Jewish teaching. Barbara Ribner and Sandy Winston tied for second place with their "Project Polish: Make our Schul Sparkle." Bob Deutsch, Maggie Heller, Deborah Miles and Mary Ann Schrieber received the third place award for the program, "A Lot of Tu B'Shvat." Congratulations to all!

Ruth Baer Cooley, Torah Fund Chairman, reports on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America that nine of our women were Benefactors and Contributors to the Torah Fund/Residence Halls Campaign for 1988/89.

The Kitchen Committee reports

that the Kitchen Shower, held on June 11, was a huge success, with many contributions to add to and replace kitchenware.

Carol Deutsch, past president of sisterhood, announces that Liz Nigrosh is the incoming president of Beth Israel Sisterhood. She also thanks all the members of her board and chairmen for their help this past year with a special thank you to Barbara Lewin for all her support and to the two behind-the-scene people who should be honorary sisterhood members: Kay Miller, in our office, and Betty Sharpless, who handles all the set-ups/clean-ups and maintenance for us.

Shirley Kayne, chairperson of the Ritual Committee, wishes to thank those members who have been providing bagels and cream cheese for Thursday morning Minyans. She also thanks Jeanne Fowler, David Gaynes and Lundy Hartis for breakfast and refreshments following services and lecture with Rabbi Shmuel Birnham in June.

On Aug. 20, the congregation and sisterhood held a joint rummage, bake/food sale, raffle, white elephant sale and auction, with prizes and entertainment. This was a major fundraiser extravaganza.

Last, but certainly not least, it gives the congregation great pleasure to welcome Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and his wife, Sarah, from Fair Lawn, N.J. to our community. We are proud to announce that starting Sept. 1, Rabbi Birnham will be our new rabbi. Rabbi Birnham is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

## **Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.**

by Laura Knight

### **Bible Contest Winners**

Three local youths, Heather Binnick, Michael Jacobsohn and Ory Warshenbrot, placed in the top 15 in the National Bible Contest Finals held in New York in late May.

Heather earned a fourth place finish, Michael placed sixth and Ory

came in at the fifteenth position. They competed with approximately 70 contestants from throughout the country, all of whom had intensively studied the Books of Ruth and Exodus.

Ory and Michael were competing for the first time, while this was Heather's second year as a finalist. The contest, sponsored by the World Zionist Organization, has separate competitions in English and Hebrew. The local youths competed in the English division.

Parents of the finalists are Rose-Ellen and Bruce Jacobsohn, Amalia and Abe Warshenbrot, and Linda and Warren Binnick.

### **Maccabiah Winners**

Stacey Schefflin, daughter of Marvin and Elaine Schefflin, and Alexis Lerner, daughter of Harry and Gloria Lerner, both won medals at the 1989 Maccabiah Games held in Israel in July. Stacey competed on the Women's Tennis Team and Alexis was on the Junior Women's Swim Team. (Ed. Note: details of the Games appear in another article in this **TIMES OUTLOOK**.)

## **Charlotte Jewish Archives Exhibition**

by Lenora Stein

Old photographs, documents and recollections of Jewish Charlotte presented by the newly organized Charlotte Jewish Archives project were on exhibit at Speizman Galleries of Shalom Park. Dating back almost 100 years, the pictures and personal memories of Jewish Charlotteans evoke a sense of history for those whose lives in Charlotte write today's chapter in that story.

There were two themes in the exhibition. One was the collection of old photos and documents gathered through the courtesy and generosity of some of our Jewish community's long-standing residents. Special thanks to Minnie Suter, Sam Wallace, Faye and Gerald Sinkoe and Sally Schrader for opening their treasured personal collections.

The second exhibit theme was the still photo portrait gallery of eleven current Jewish Charlotteans whose roots and memories go deep in local history. On Feb. 26, 1989, the Archives committee launched a video documentary project to record the stories of the individuals who have made Jewish Charlotte what it is today. The individuals who were the "pioneer" interviewees of this project were presented in the gallery with an excerpt from their video recorded interview.

The Charlotte Jewish Archives, a project of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, hopes to generate interest and support for its work through this exhibition. If you are able to help, either through your time (a "priceless" contribution) or through a donation to the Archives either of material (photos, documents, etc.) or a check, please contact Lenora Stein, Resource Center Director at the Charlotte Jewish Archives, c/o CAJE, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207, or call 366-1948.

## North Carolina B'nai B'rith

by Ken Stern  
President  
North Carolina State Association

New and familiar faces greeted attendees of the joint convention of the North and South Carolina State Associations in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Following an afternoon of relaxing on the beach, the evening began with a wine and cheese reception,

where delegates and guests of the two states had a chance to socialize with old and new friends.

At the Installation Banquet, Mark Sloan of Myrtle Beach was discharged as the president of the South Carolina State Association, with Harold Kornblut of Latta installed as his successor. Ken Stern of Charlotte was discharged as the outgoing North Carolina State President and reinstated as the North Carolina President for a second term. The emcee of the evening was past District President Arnold Ellison, with Bernard Friedman of Columbia serving as the evening's speaker. A three-piece band provided both dinner and dance music.

On Sunday morning, the two State Associations met for a buffet breakfast, addressed by District Five third vice-president Kenneth Friedman. Following breakfast, the two states moved into separate business meetings, where the remainder of the 1989-1990 state boards were installed.

The North Carolina State Association presented plaques to Raleigh Unit #5257 as the Outstanding State Lodge/Unit and to Neil Frank of Raleigh as the Outstanding Lodge/Unit president. The Raleigh Unit also received honors for Outstanding Publicity. Special presentations were made to Frank Rosen of Charlotte for his dedication and service, and to Dr. Dan Bernstein of Raleigh for eight years of service as the North Carolina State treasurer.

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

by Rachel Rosenfeld

Congratulations to Halailah for winning 11 awards at Conference. One national first place award was won for Outstanding Public Relations for Soviet Jewry projects. Halailah won four first place awards for Highest Percentage of Gift Club Members, Most Unique Original Chapter Meeting with a Fundraising Focus, and Best Single and Ongoing Projects. Additionally, Halailah won second place for Best Overall Programming and third place for Original Fundraising Idea. Certificates were also won for Meeting, for Exceeding Allocation Commitments and for Obtaining 15% or More Life Members.

During the past few months, Halailah members raised \$600 for the March of Dimes with telephone solicitations; sponsored a booth at Jewish Heritage Day; held a membership tea for old and new members with a demonstration of Chinese cooking; held a guided tour of the Mint Museum.

Halailah will sponsor a houseware drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry on Sept. 5-9. Bins will be located at the J for dropping off donations of blankets, glassware, dishes, cutlery, etc.

Personal Giving will be held at the Guest Quarters Hotel, Sept. 19. Entrance fee will be a toy or book for the Boys' Home in Israel. For addi-



Some of the delegates and guests at the North Carolina/South Carolina State Convention.

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## Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

by Beverly Lassiter

Five women of the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah attended the 75th National Hadassah Convention in Atlanta in July. President Audrey Madans led the delegation which included Linda Gottlieb, Gail Green, Elizabeth Klein and Diane Schwartz.

Hadassah's annual convention holds working sessions on a broad range of issues of concern to American Jewish women, and on Hadassah's projects and programs in the United States and Israel.

The delegates participated in the adoption of policy statements on issues ranging from the Middle East

peace process to the cost of long-term health care.

The delegates, representing Hadassah's 385,000 members in 1,500 chapters and groups nationwide, unanimously endorsed a statement that "peace in the Middle East can be achieved only through direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel."

The statement endorses the Israeli government's plan for elections in Gaza and the West Bank, and applauds the Bush Administration's support for the initiative which, it adds, "offers the most realistic proposal for advancing a settlement between Israel, her Arab neighbors and the Palestinian people."

It goes on to "welcome" portions of the controversial speech in May by Secretary of State James Baker in which he called on the Arab nations "to take concrete steps toward accommodation with Israel, including full recognition; end the economic boycott and cease challenges to Israel's standing in international organizations; and repudiate the odious 'Zionism is racism' resolution" passed by the United

Nations General Assembly in 1974.

Hadassah took a very positive stand for "pro-choice" on the abortion issue.

In other statements, the delegates called for federal legislation providing financial relief to those in need of home care or long-term institutional or custodial services, and for parental leave to permit employees to care for newborn or seriously ill children, ailing parents or spouses.

The convention urged Congressional passage of the Assault Weapons Bill which would regulate the nongovernmental sale and use of assault weapons and restrict the transfer, importation, transportation and possession of new assault weapons.

The National President of Hadassah, Carmela Efros Kalmanson, addressed the convention. She delivered the organization's most pointed public statement yet on the continuing controversy in the American Jewish community over where Jews leaving the Soviet Union should be encouraged to live.

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Charlotte delegates to Hadassah Convention, (L. to R. standing) Diane Schwartz, Linda Gottlieb, Gail Green, Elizabeth Klein; (seated) Audrey Madans.

States," Mrs. Kalmanson said. "I find this disturbing, and it has nothing to do with freedom of choice.

"Soviet Jews need Israel to insure the continuity of Jewish life," she went on. We feel that Soviet Jews should resettle in Israel.

Hadassah was a charter member of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, whose chairman, Shoshana Cardin, addressed the convention. A Hadassah Chapter was founded in Moscow in the Spring of 1988 during a visit to the Soviet Union by a group of the organization's leaders.

Mrs. Kalmanson made her remarks on the resettlement of Soviet Jews during a banquet honoring Renee S. de Epelbaum, a founder of Argentina's human rights group, The Mothers of the Plaza, and Ambassador Max Kampelman, the U.S. government's former chief negotiator in nuclear arms talks with the Soviet Union. Both received the Henrietta Szold Award, named for Hadassah's founder, for their contributions to the cause of human rights.



Linda Fleishman

Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs (JAC-PAC); the Greensboro Federation Board By-Laws Committee; the Greensboro American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and Greensboro Federation's Soviet Jewry Committee.

### Temple Israel Kinston, N.C.

by Mrs. Sol Schechter

At our last Sisterhood meeting, the following officers were elected: Mrs. David Rose, our rabbi's wife, president; Mrs. Gerald Kanter, vice president; Mrs. Martin Kass, secretary; Mrs. Michael Page, treasurer. Congratulations! We know you will do a good job.

We regret to report that Geri Siegler, who had been a very active member of Sisterhood and Hadassah, and her husband, Newman, have left Kinston. They now reside in Boynton Beach, Fla. We wish them well in their new surroundings.

Mazel Tov to Nancy Ann Page, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Page and the late Alex Page. She is engaged to Andrew Rabhan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rabhan of Spartanburg,

S.C. The wedding will take place in Kinston on Sept. 23.

Alan Heilig and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schwartz honored their parents, Morris and Ida Heilig, with a party celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, Aug. 19 in Kinston.

Rabbi and Mrs. David Rose returned from Cleveland, Ohio where they attended their son Daniel's wedding. We share in their joy, and wish the newlyweds a lifetime of happiness and good fortune.

A hearty welcome to Mrs. Ann Bernstein and her daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Irv Gross, who have moved their residence from New York. Ann and Elaine had lived in Kinston in the 1940s. They are a wonderful addition to our community.

Dr. Joe Katz enjoyed a visit from his daughter Brenda and four of her sons, the weekend of Aug. 4. Brenda, whose mother was the former Miriam Stadiem, was here for her 25th high school reunion.

A Happy New Year to all.

### Linda Fleishman Elected to Hadassah National Board at Convention in Atlanta

Linda Fleishman of Greensboro, N.C., was elected to the National Board of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, at the group's 75th National Convention in Atlanta.

Mrs. Fleishman is the chairman of Hadassah's National Service Committee and a member of the National Services Division Task Force Focusing in Leadership Development, Membership and Organization.

Long active in the organization, Mrs. Fleishman served as president of both the Greensboro Chapter and the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah, and held numerous regional leadership posts prior to her presidency.

Mrs. Fleishman is an active member of the Greensboro community where she is currently on the National Steering Committee of the



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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Lubavitch Preschool and Day School

Lubavitch Preschool and Day School begins this school year with a new and expanded program. Over 50 children are enrolled in the school, with new teachers and additional classes.

The teacher lineup is as follows: Debbie Maslov, early child development; Fern Sanderson, morning teacher - preschool students; Shirley Luckadoo, morning teachers aide; Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher; Susan Doobrow, kindergarten teacher; Michelle Thompson, first/second grade teacher; Rabbi Bin-yomin Weiss, Judaica teacher; Andrea Metysak, afternoon teacher; Mariashi Groner is school administrator.

The Lubavitch school is well known for its high quality Jewish and secular education and its superior staff. The school has won praise from parents and educators for its many accomplishments and its wholesome program. The school also has an enriching afterschool program with extended day care for preschool students.

The Lubavitch Talmud Torah is also anticipating a surge of new registration. It will also have additional learning hours during the week. An entire new and exciting curriculum has been prepared by the Lubavitch staff for this year's Talmud Torah.

### Kiddush Celebration

In other Lubavitch news, a special Kiddush celebration was held at the Chabad House, Shabbat, 12 of Tam-muz which came during July. The celebration was in honor of the day of liberation of the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, who was imprisoned by the Soviets for spreading Judaism. This is a day of reflection on the many sacrifices made by our counterparts behind the iron curtain for the sake of Jewish education.

Rabbi Berl Shemtov, regional director of Lubavitch in Michigan, was a special guest at the celebration.



*Teachers and children at Lubavitch Preschool in Charlotte.*

Rabbi Shemtov, who is himself a survivor of Soviet horrors, explained to the large crowd at the Chabad House the significance of the day.

"The Russians opposed everything Lubavitch stood for and threatened us in a real way, yet Lubavitch succeeded not only in Russia but in becoming a world wide movement under the leadership of the present Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, and not a trace remains of Stalin and his henchmen," said Rabbi Shemtov.

"It is interesting to note that Lubavitch recently opened its Rabbinical Yeshiva in Moscow," Rabbi Shemtov noted.

### Shofar Factory at Lubavitch

This year once again, Lubavitch will bring a host of holiday activities to Charlotte Jewish children. 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 Hashanah service.

The factory will take place on Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Chabad House at 12:30 p.m. The program is

open to everyone in the community. It is advisable to call and make reservations by calling the Lubavitch office at (704) 366-3984. There is a minimum admission charge.

Last year the program drew a large crowd and it was handled with consecutive shifts, so call in advance. Special orders will allow participants to keep their Shofar and perhaps use it during the High Holidays.

### New Lubavitch Rabbi in Raleigh

A new and exciting project developed in Raleigh, with the merger of Congregation Sha'arei Israel and Lubavitch of North Carolina. The negotiations which lasted all winter produced an agreement approved by the board of directors of Sha'arei Israel and Lubavitch of North Carolina.

Rabbi Pinchus Herman and his wife Helana arrived in Raleigh late July to assume duties as rabbi of the flourishing congregation and make it the center of Lubavitch activities in the Raleigh area. The synagogue which boasts having a Mikvah will assume a new name, "Lubavitch Center of Raleigh." The new rabbi hopes to further the flame of Judaism with renewed enthusiasm and energy.

Rabbi Herman, a native of Pittsburgh, was raised in that large Lubavitch community, and went on to study in the Central United Lubavitch Yeshivah in Brooklyn, N.Y. where he was ordained rabbi. Rabbi Herman was also part of an elite group of rabbinical students selected as emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe to the Lubavitch community in New Haven, Conn.

Rabbi Herman is well known for his success in the field of Jewish education and has organized massive educational programs for youth in the New York area. In addition to his educational experience, Rabbi Herman has a keen awareness of Jewish communal life and has developed a common sense approach to its many needs.

Helana Herman, originally from Long Beach, Cal., graduated from the Beth Rivkah - Lubavitch teaching seminary in Brooklyn and has taught kindergarten and first grade at Beth Rivkah elementary school.

Helana plans to teach at the local Hillel school in Raleigh, in addition to her many duties in the Raleigh Jewish community.

Terry Tucker, previously employed at Lubavitch Day School in Charlotte, has been hired as director of Hillel Day School in Raleigh. Anyone visiting the school is impressed with the new facelift she brought to the school in a literal sense.

The Lubavitch Center in Raleigh will provide full service as every Lubavitch center in the world. It will be a center for Jewish education and reach out to the community with many new and exciting programs. There are currently four Lubavitch centers in the Carolinas, with headquarters in Charlotte and one in Myrtle Beach and another in Columbia.

Rabbi Herman can be reached at his office in Raleigh, (919) 847-8986.

## Lubavitch of Columbia, S.C. by Rabbi Hesh Epstein

### Summer Fun Program

All aboard for the most exciting Jewish summer program! In addition to Club Ed which took Columbia by storm last summer, this year Chabad introduced a brand new and even more exciting children's mini-camp called "Jewish Adventure Week."

Club Ed was a summer long one-on-one learning program designed to make Jewish learning fun for all ages. The kids were treated to a weekly hour long session in which they were given private lessons on topics ranging from Hebrew vocabulary to modern Jewish ethics.

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## LUBAVITCH PRESENTS: CHARLOTTE'S FIRST JEWISH MUSIC RADIO SHOW.

"The Jewish Sound" is a weekly one hour radio show featuring Israeli and contemporary Jewish and Chassidic music sprinkled with lively commentary about Jewish customs, holidays and historical personalities.

"The Jewish Sound" is produced by Lubavitch of North Carolina. The show airs every Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on WSOC-AM 930.

For more information call us at 704-366-3984.



Columbia Lubavitch children made Havdalah candles.



Children hiked to a waterfall at Peachtree Rock Forest near Columbia.

The children learned these lessons by using the medium of arts and crafts projects. Rabbi Meir Muller, the program director, used such innovative ideas as proving the existence of G-d through finger painting and teaching children to know their Hebrew names through dry flower art.

There were over 20 children who participated in the program, ages ranging from 5-15. The program lasted from June 24-Aug. 15. Many children who participated in the program were introduced to basic Jewish concepts for the first time.

### Jewish Adventure Week

From July 24-28, we ran a one week mini-camp for youngsters ages 5-13. The children participated in Jewish learning activities, arts and crafts projects, and fun-filled trips.

Activities included Havdalah candle making in which the children melted the wax, added the dye and scent, dipped the wicks and braided the candles. Challah making gave the children a hands on experience with the "from scratch" creation of these Shabbat loaves.

The trips were totally awesome, Monday we went to Putt-Putt where all the children got a chance to try their hand at mini-golfing. Tuesday our crew hit the high seas of Lake Murray for a three hour boat ride, swimming and a picnic lunch on the islands. The ride really got exciting when the thunder and lightning started to light up the sky and the captain and first mate got a little confused on their directions. All ended well, though, as the crew pulled into shore just in time to make it home before the rain hit.

Wednesday the kids took the nature walk at Peachtree Rock Forest where the campers hiked. On Thursday we made the long journey up to Carowinds for a fabulous day at the amusement park. Friday we made the Challahs and went bowling to end a great week.

## Camp Lejeune/Jacksonville Jewish Community, N.C.

by Robin Garber

The summer saw many *simchas* take place within the Camp Lejeune Jewish community. Melissa Martinez became Bat Mitzvah and Jonathan Hartzell and Roy Dank, Bar Mitzvah. Lt. Rachel Apple, U.S.N., married Alex Yasevitch in Pittsburgh, Pa. 1st Lt. Tom Rodgers, U.S.M.C.R. married Linda de Jesus in Winchester, Va.

Rabbi Apple was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for the time period while he was the Command Chaplain, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune. Margo Creel was given a Navy R.O.T.C. award at the University of Florida, plus several other honors based upon her academic record at Lejeune High School. Scott Moldovan was promoted to Cpl. and then left the Marine Corps to work in the Navy Exchange System.

Sandy Apple passed the certification exam for labor and delivery nursing and now is an R.N.C. Henry Roseman was made chairman of the Onslow County Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. Dr. Robert Sherman passed his dental boards for the State of North Carolina, and is opening a practice in the Jacksonville area.

The bad news is that Jack Peck and Ann Wasserman died.

Moving away from Camp Lejeune during the summer were Alan, Esther and Matt Finger; Tiernan and Robin Leavey; Bob and Vicki Margulies; David Meckler; Bob and Lucy Sherman; Linda de Jesus; and John and Lisa Whitney. The new families coming aboard Camp Lejeune are Steve and Ilene Sheris; Brian and Tina Segal; and John and Amy Thompson.

## B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations in North Carolina 1989 Annual Report

### Introduction

The Hillel program in North Carolina seeks to serve students at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Duke University in Durham and at several extension units including East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina-Greensboro and Guilford College. The major concentration of Jewish students in the state is at UNC and at Duke. Since these two campuses are located within easy travelling distance, students from both campuses often participate in programs and activities on either campus. The Hillel House in Chapel Hill serves as the focal point for many of these events.

Over the years a number of regular, on-going activities take place on each campus. These include informal, mid-week study breaks, lunch programs, Sunday morning brunches and holiday observances. Special events and the celebration of the major holidays usually involve students from both campuses.

Activities at the extension units take place on a more limited basis. We engage part-time program staff who, with the assistance of faculty advisors and interested student leaders plan regular activities to bring together the students on campus. Following are some highlights of the activities that took place during this past academic year.

### A. Orientation

Each fall we welcome new students to campus with a number of events which give the students an opportunity to meet each other and to be introduced to the Jewish community on campus. These include informal social events such as a Sunday Brunch at Duke and a Bar-B-Q on the lawn at UNC. We also welcome Shabbat on campus with dinner, services and oneg. Through

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these activities we make an effort to encourage students to both participate in and help plan the Hillel activities on campus. Response to these events is usually very positive.

### **B. Shabbat and Holiday Observance**

Shabbat is celebrated on each campus each week. Twice a month students come together for dinner and services at the Hillel House in Chapel Hill. During the Spring semester, in response to student needs we offered both Reform and egalitarian Conservative services concurrently. The two communities joined for Kiddush and dinner following the services. Shabbat services continue both at Duke and at UNC on the other weeks serving both Reform and Conservative religious needs. At UNC dinner is served weekly following services. Duke students usually gather informally following services on campus. Shabbat dinner and services draw 35-50 people.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were observed with evening services on each campus. During the day services were held at Duke and students from both campuses came together. A break-the-fast was held at Duke, hosted by the Chapel Hill/Durham Jewish community. Students again had a major part in leading the various portions of the services. As is to be expected, hundreds of students attended these services.

As always, Passover has a strong hold on our students. Sedarim were held both at Duke and UNC on the first night of the holiday. Students again assisted with both the set up and the leading of the Seder. This year in Chapel Hill we used the new Hillel Passover Haggadah which is specifically designed for use in a campus setting which includes students from diverse backgrounds. Seventy-five students attended Seder in Chapel Hill. Close to 200 students were at Duke.

Sukkot, Purim and Chanukah were each observed with appropriate symbols and celebrations on each campus.

### **C. Cultural Programs**

Many of our cultural activities served as occasions for students from both campuses to share in the program. We also made an effort to offer programs which would relate to issues of concern in the broader Jewish community.

Major speakers to visit Duke and UNC included Thomas Friedman, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who spoke on issues relating to the Middle East. His visit was made possible through funding provided by the Duke Program in Judaic Studies; Julius Lester, Professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts, who spoke both about his journey to Judaism and issues connected with Black-Jewish relations. The visit of Julius Lester was made possible with the support of the Duke/UNC Joint Program in Judaic Studies, the Durham/Chapel Hill Jewish Federation, Durham/Chapel Hill Roundtable of Blacks and Jews, UNC Black Cultural Center, Duke Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture; Dr. Judith Hauptman, Professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary, who spoke on the subject, "Can and Will Jewish Law Be Changed to Better the Position of Women in Judaism?"

We also called on persons within the local community to present programs of interest and concern. Rabbi John Friedman of Judea Reform Congregation spoke on the issue of "Who is a Jew"; Rabbi Steve Sager of Beth El Synagogue discussed the principles of Reconstructionism; Brian Schmidt, Visiting Lecturer at UNC led a discussion on both campuses on the topic "The Palestinian Conflict and Alternative Perspectives"; Dr. Judith Ruderman, Director of Continuing Education at Duke gave a most stimulating presentation on "The Jewish Mother in American Literature." Such activities usually attract 25-50 people.

A major focus of our program for the fall semester was the observance of the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the beginning of the destruction of the German Jewish commun-

ity in November 1938. A number of students developed a creative memorial program and service; several members of the community, who are survivors of that experience, spoke; we asked churches in the community to leave their lights on and sound their church bells as a memorial tribute. The entire event was very moving and drew a good response from both students and community, considering the fact that for the students, at least, this event is part of distant history.

### **D. Social**

Socials play an important role in Hillel. They allow Jewish students the opportunity to socialize with each other without worrying about the way they personally express their Judaism. This is the reason we offer week night socials on each campus once a week. These socials are usually food oriented. For example: Make your own ice cream sundae; Pizza night; Mexican fiesta; Spaghetti dinner; Falafel, etc. Sometimes we add a program such as Israeli dancing; Interfaith dialogue; Ping-Pong & pool table tournaments; Ways to study abroad in Israel, and guest speakers. Our week night socials average 25-35 students per campus.

We also have lox & bagel brunches on Sundays at least once a month on each campus. The students enjoy the opportunity to eat "real" lox.

"Eat n' Chat" was an idea we started last fall. Students come and eat lunch on Thursday afternoons at the Hillel House. It gives them an opportunity just to talk to each other and with the staff in an informal setting. We were very pleased with the results and plan on continuing this program. Ten to 15 students usually attend depending on their schedules.

### **E. Graduate Students**

We find it very important to offer some special programs for graduate students. Our graduate programs are planned together with UNC and Duke. We have a lox and bagel brunch once a month at the Hillel

House in Chapel Hill with an attendance of 30-45 students. We also have a wine and cheese party once a semester at Duke. This party draws around 50-75 students. We plan to expand our graduate programs this coming year and are adding Happy Hour get togethers and other cultural programs designed to meet graduate student needs. Duke has a Jewish Law Students' group which brings in guest speakers to speak on Jewish/Israel Law issues.

#### F. UJA—Conferences

Both UNC and Duke conduct United Jewish Appeal student campaigns. Each campus has a chair person and the campaign is two-fold: (1) to get students aware of UJA and the places it serves and (2) fundraising (students soliciting fellow students by phone). We were very pleased with the successes of both campus campaigns.

Hillel encourages students to attend conferences. Every year both UJA campaign chair people go on the Student Mission to Israel. We also had two students attend the Hebrew Union College conclave. Students also attend the National Jewish Law Network Conference. We were very pleased that four students from Duke attended this year's AIPAC Convention in Washington, D.C. All students attending a conference came back to campus eager to share their experiences with others.

#### G. Agenda

We are looking forward to the new school year. We plan on continuing with our successful programming, as well as adding some new ones. Some new ideas are:

1. Israel—to add programs that will educate the students on Israel's history as well as current events.
2. Outreach—the staff plans on visiting our satellite campuses and organizing a retreat for all N. Carolina students.
3. Social—we are hoping to add more variety to our social programs, such as a jazz concert on the lawn.
4. Social action—it has come to our attention that students would like to feel more involved with social action groups both Jewish and in their community. We hope to have an Ethiopian Jewry awareness group and to get involved with the local soup kitchen.

Rabbi Frank A. Fischer  
Lauren Stone

#### **B'nai B'rith Opens Registration for 1990 ARI Program**

The B'nai B'rith Israel Commission announced that registration has begun for the next 11-week session of the award-winning Active Retirees in Israel (ARI) program, Janu-

ary 10-March 28, 1990. Participants, who will spend Tu b'Shevat and Purim in Israel and return home for Passover, will live in the lovely Mediterranean resort city of Netanya and benefit from the unique volunteer-study-travel experience that has been praised by Israeli and American Jewish leaders. Many of the more than 600 alumni repeat the program which has been honored by the Council of Jewish Federations for "superior initiative and achievement in the advancement of Jewish service."

The ARI program provides the opportunity to volunteer mornings in a local hospital, Jewish National Fund (JNF) forest, kibbutz, school or facility for the elderly and handicapped, while learning Hebrew at a comfortable pace in the afternoons. The evenings are filled with social and cultural activities, including concerts, stimulating guest speakers, lively discussions on Judaism and Israel and interaction with North Americans who have made their homes in the Jewish state.

Sightseeing is an important component of ARI; comprehensive but leisurely guided tours of Jerusalem, the Negev, the Galilee and the Golan Heights are an integral, fun and educational part of the program.

ARI is open to anyone who is at least 50 years of age, in good health and a member of B'nai B'rith (one may join prior to departure). The cost of the entire program is \$3400 (U.S.) per person (double occupancy). This price includes round-trip airfare from New York, meals, lodging, tours and other program expenses. Israel Bonds are accepted as partial payment.

To learn more about ARI, an exciting videotape is available free of charge from B'nai B'rith International. To arrange for a copy of the videotape, and to receive more information and/or application forms, please contact the B'nai B'rith Israel Commission-ARI, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; phone: (202) 857-6580, FAX: (202) 857-1099.

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Robert R. Zerden

## Robert R. Zerden in Wexner Seminar

Robert R. Zerden of Atlanta, formerly of Hickory, N.C., has been selected to participate in the Wexner Heritage Foundation's Leadership Seminar in Atlanta starting this month.

Son of Marvin and Elaine Zerden of Hickory, Robert Zerden is totally involved in his community. He is vice president and senior financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc. of Atlanta.

The purpose of the Heritage Foundation is to educate Jewish community leaders in the history, religion, philosophy and nationhood of the Jewish people through a program of intensive study and discussion.

Membership in a seminar group is limited to 16-18 individuals, ages 32-40 (plus or minus). Candidates are "nominated" by lay and professional community leaders, and are screened by the Foundation. Participants meet regularly for two years of study.

The Wexner Heritage Foundation was established in 1985 by its chairman, Mr. Leslie Wexner, founder and chief executive officer of The Limited, based in Columbus, Ohio and by its president, Rabbi Herbert Friedman, former chief executive officer of the National United Jewish Appeal. Seminars have been held in Columbus, Detroit, Houston, Miami and other cities.

# Tradition in the Kitchen

Rosh Hashanah 5750 begins at sundown on Friday evening, Sept. 30. A traditional menu might include the following:

- Wine and Challah\*
- Apple Wedges and Honey
- Marinated Fish\*
- Chicken Soup
- Salad
- Roast Chicken
- Green and Yellow Vegetables
- Baked Sweet and/or White Potatoes
- Honey Cake
- Taiglach\*

\*Recipes below

### Marinated Fish

- 3 lbs. fish fillets
- 1 pt. vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 ribs celery
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. pickling spices
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 lemon rind

Boil all ingredients except fish for 1/2 hour. Salt fish. Add to broth. Cook slowly for 1/2 hour. Let cool in broth. Serve cold. Serves 4-6.

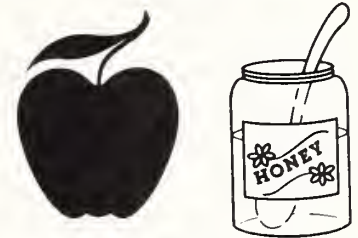
### Challah

(New, quicker method; produces fail-proof loaf in 90 minutes.)

- 4-1/2 cups bread flour
- 2 pkg. quick rise yeast (Instant Blend Dry Yeast)
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten; reserve 1 Tbsp. for glaze
- 1/4 cup white raisins

Combine 2 cups flour, yeast, sugar and salt in large bowl of electric mixer. Beat with dough hook if available. Heat water to 120°; add to flour mixture. Add eggs and beat at high speed for 3 minutes. Stir in 2 1/2 cups flour and the raisins, mixing by hand until the dough leaves the sides of bowl. Place dough on floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease the top. Cover and let rise in warm place until double in size, about 30 minutes. Poke finger in center of dough. If hole remains, rising is complete.

Shape dough into an elongated baseball bat about 34" long. On greased baking sheet,



circle rope around itself, large end under center, until a round domeshaped challah is formed. Cover and let rise in warm place 15 minutes.

Combine 1 Tbsp. egg with 1 Tbsp. water; brush over surface of challah. Sprinkle with sesame seeds if desired. Bake in 375° oven for 55-60 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a rack.

Above recipes from *Atlanta Jewish Times*, Sept. 2, 1988.

### Taiglach

#### Dough

- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1-1/2 cups unbleached flour

#### Syrup

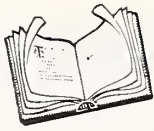
- 2/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 to 1 cup walnuts or other nuts

Mix eggs, oil, baking powder and enough flour to make smooth dough, easy to handle. Roll into 1/8 to 1/2" ropes; then cut into 1/8 to 1/2" pieces. If desired, roll each in palm of hand to make it round. Arrange pieces in a layer on greased or non-stick baking sheet. Bake in 350° oven 15 to 20 minutes or till lightly browned. Remove from oven and cool slightly.

Prepare syrup. Combine honey, brown sugar, ginger and cinnamon in large saucepan and bring to a boil over medium high heat. Lower heat and gently simmer for 5 minutes. Add warm dough pieces to syrup. Simmer, stirring gently with wooden spoon for 10 minutes. Stir in nuts. Continue simmering while stirring for an additional 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool in pan, stirring for 5 to 10 minutes, or until syrup becomes very thick and dough pieces hold together.

Turn out all the mixture onto lightly oiled baking sheet and let it cool slightly until it can be handled. Dip your hands into ice water and form warm mixture into small mounds or balls containing 4 to 5 pieces of dough and some nuts in each. Let cool completely before storing in airtight container. Keeps up to 2 weeks.

Above recipe from *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook* by Floria Kaufer Greene.



# Book Reviews



## Hear O Israel: The History of American Jewish Preaching

by Robert V. Friedenberg

The University of Alabama Press  
177 pp. \$24.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

*Hear O Israel* is an appropriate title for the first book to be written on Jewish preachers and their sermons in America. We learn from this book that preaching was customary from biblical times until the late 17th century. It is said to have started after Jews returned from the captivity in Babylon, when few understood Hebrew and there was need for translation of Torah and explanation in the vernacular, which was Aramaic. Such a speech came to be called *drasha* in Hebrew, from the word meaning *search* or *investigate*. A *drasha* was essentially an embellished translation of Torah. Later, for unknown reasons, such sermons disappeared, except in The Netherlands.

At the time of the American Revolution, there were only about 2500 Jews in the United States, but there were only about three million in the world. In America there was a complete lack of rabbis. The first fully ordained rabbi was Abraham Rice, who arrived in Baltimore in the 1840s.

The first sermon known to have been delivered in English in America was given by the Rev. Joseph Jeshurun Pinto of Shearith Israel in the 1760s. Until the 1830s sermons were used only for special events, or were given by rabbis visiting from Europe or the holy land, soliciting funds.

Early Jewish sermons in America were often patriotic and supportive of the Revolution and later of the government. When the Reform movement began in Germany in the early 19th century, rabbis began to incorporate sermons in the German

language into services. At first they aimed to speak of subjects implying the integration of Jews into general society. Later, sermons were becoming uniquely Jewish in content and structure.

Isaac Leeser, who came from Germany, was the first American Jewish leader who preached regularly in Philadelphia. English sermons were accepted readily in the United States and became typical of the Reform services, although Leeser personified the Orthodox tradition and clashed with reformers. His sermons ended the services, so that those who disapproved might leave without missing the formal portion. By 1850 sermons were usual in both Reform and Orthodox services.

Of 60 Jewish religious leaders, 18 have left us their sermons, many of which were in German. Morris J. Raphael, who was born in Sweden, came to the United States in 1849, after being educated in England. His mastery of the English language equalled that of Christian preachers of the day. His lectures on the post-biblical history of the Jews were serialized in *The Saturday Evening Post* and then published in book form. He was the first Jew to deliver the opening prayer in the House of Representatives, on Feb. 1, 1860.

Hebrew Union College, which opened in 1915, and soon The Jewish Theological Seminary and Yeshiva University all gave impetus to the Jewish preaching tradition in the United States. Foremost in his day was Isaac Mayer Wise, born in Bohemia. After positions in Vienna and Germany he came to the United States, already feeling American.

Knowing he had to master the English language, he availed himself of the greatest works on rhetoric. Most important then were the writings of Hugh Blair, based on the model of Greek and Roman orators. Wise envisioned seminaries that would produce well educated, cul-

tured clergy who would be eloquent in their pulpits. I think this statement of Isaac Mayer Wise was, no pun intended, indeed wise.:

A community with a corrupt style of language becomes ridiculous, contemptible and estranged to the better class at least. The proofs are before us in our immigration. The neglect of language made them strangers at home, strangers everywhere. The instinct of our coreligionists here is correct. . . They know fully well the influence of the pulpit upon themselves, the rising generation and their neighbors. The language of the pulpit becomes the language of the community. They justly and wisely want eloquence, genuine and pleasing eloquence, beauty of form, correctness and exactness of language, the right words in the right place, no brogues, no jargon, no lingual poverty, no crude and angular terms, and they are right. The rabbi must be a scholar, a reasoner, and an honest man.

The book continues with brief biographies of other noted rabbis in the history of American Jewry, including Max Lillienthal, whose love for this country knew no bounds. That love influenced his preaching throughout his life. The prayer for our government which he developed evolved into the one in popular use in synagogues today.

Zionism presented new rhetorical problems and opportunities to the three branches of Judaism. The number of synagogues quickly increased by 1890, due to massive immigration. Outstanding rabbis came from eastern Europe, including Stephen S. Wise and Abba Hillel Silver. Those two became affiliated with the Reform movement, judging it more suitable to American society. By 1943 Reform Judaism had embraced Zionism. Wise and Silver were both tireless advocates for Zionism, even when it had been rejected by many Reform Jewish leaders.

Stephen Wise was a great speaker (not related to Isaac Mayer Wise), tall and impressive, whose voice and style of delivery moved his listeners. His rules were: Have something to say; Believe in what you are going to say; Say it clearly and without fear. His impact came from his sincerity, speaking out when others remained silent, either in fear or ignorance. He spoke widely about Hitler's Germany, and I remember well his lonely voice, which failed to motivate those who might have helped.

Abba Hillel Silver, a native of Lithuania, came to America in 1915. He was a strong spokesman for Zionism, but spoke less on that subject from the pulpit than he did on other occasions as a lecturer. He voiced a forceful, intelligent argument for the cause of Zionism. He dealt with the issue of conflicting loyalty, and though others used similar arguments, few were as eloquent or convincing. He, like Wise, was of impressive appearance and a master stylist.

Jewish concerns in 20th century America encouraged rabbis to become great speakers, concerned with our nation's problems. Preaching has become the principal means of adult education. Congregations have come to desire sermons which provide guidance. Jews who feel the lack of Jewish education gain from the knowledge communicated to them in sermons.

Both Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Theological Seminary have homiletic programs now. Orthodox Judaism regards preaching slightly differently, and Yeshiva University reflects that difference.

Preaching is generally regarded as a major strength for rabbis, and inability to write and speak well is lamented as a weakness.

The author, Robert V. Friedenberg, is Professor of Communication at Miami (Ohio) University. *Hear O Israel* is well written and interesting, although there is some repetition in spite of its brevity. (The text is 140 pages.) He views the outlook of preaching by rabbis in America as

one that will continue, perhaps changing to include more dialogue with listeners.

Friedenberg feels that the increasing number of women in the pulpit will have little influence on Jewish preaching. He predicts that eloquence may diminish, as it has in all language in our society in America, along with diminishing language skills among us. It will be sad, if he is correct, because how will we be inspired, motivated and admonished to improve ourselves and work to repair the universe?

## **Discovering Eve: Ancient Israelite Women in Context.**

by Carol Meyers

Oxford University Press 238 pp. \$24.95

Reviewed by Karla Shargent

The Creation narratives in Genesis 2-3 have profoundly influenced our understanding of the roles and worth of women in western society. Yet, as Meyers points out in this book, those understandings are largely the result of post-biblical translations and interpretations. A close examination of the original text, without the blinders of later readings, reveals a picture of Eve quite at odds with traditional portrayals.

In order to recover the pristine meaning and intent of the Creation narratives, one must somehow find a way around the androcentric, and sometimes even misogynist, perspectives of the later male editors and commentators of scripture. Meyers accomplishes this by adopting an interdisciplinary approach. She begins with the biblical text, but does not limit herself to that. By also appealing to the results of recent archaeological discoveries and applying the insights of socio-anthropological theory, she is able to construct a very nuanced and fairly complete picture of the daily life of both women and men in pre-monarchic Israel. Since the Genesis 2-3 narratives at least partly reflect the concerns and values of this

social and cultural milieu, an enhanced knowledge of it contributes to a more thoroughgoing understanding of the story of Eve and Adam in the garden of Eden.

The result is this: women in early Israel were not submissive chattel in an oppressive patriarchy. Rather, given their specific social and familial setting, they were strong and significant actors. By extension then, the Eve story contained in the Creation narratives was not originally intended to be one about sin and suffering, nor was it intent on proving that women should be in a subordinate relationship to men.

Meyers re-interprets some of the most significant texts of the Hebrew Bible. In doing so she forces us to question many of our long-held assumptions about the scriptural support for certain beliefs concerning the place of women (and men!) in society. The author has made a special effort to avoid technical jargon; thus, this book should be accessible to the general reader. Though it will be of specific interest to those concerned with biblical history, archaeology, anthropology and women's studies, this book will also hold special appeal to all those yearning for clarification on what the Bible has to say about women, men and their relationship to one another.

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## **Intermarriage: The Challenge of Living with Differences Between Christians and Jews**

by Susan Weidman Schneider

The Free Press 280 pp. \$19.95

Of all the Jewish Americans to be married in 1989, between one third and one half will choose mates who were not born Jewish—and, in most cases, are Christian. What meaning will religion have in the lives of these interfaith couples? What identity issues will they face as they reassess cultural and spiritual components of their own past lives?

"There are very real differences between Judaism and Christianity," writes Susan Weidman Schneider, "differences that may appear to have nothing to do with the couples themselves but that have shaped how each of them views life, death, morality, the relationship between self-sufficiency and the community. . . One of the tasks of interfaith couples is to determine the boundaries between their own unique relationship and the issue of religious differences."

In *Intermarriage: The Challenge of Living with Differences Between Christians and Jews*, Schneider focuses on the expectations and emotions of both partners in a Jewish-Christian marriage, viewed mainly against the background of the Jewish community. Editor of the Jewish feminist quarterly *Lilith*, and author of *Jewish and Female*, Schneider draws from the experiences of diverse couples, along with the insights of clergy, psychologists and sociologists, to examine many facets and phases of religious intermarriage, including: gender differences; stereotypes; identity; questions of faith; raising children; remarriage; cycles, ceremonies and celebrations; the next generation.

With an extensive resource guide to information, groups and organizations that can provide help and support to interfaith couples in communities across the continent, *Intermarriage* is a comprehensive and sensitive look at the realities of marriage for many men and women today.

## **Amythia: Crisis in the Natural History of Western Culture**

by Loyal D. Rue  
The University of Alabama Press  
206 pp. \$29.95

*Amythia* advances the thesis that Western culture is presently in a state of intellectual and moral crisis resulting from "amythia," the loss of a widely shared orientation in nature and history. Using a wide-ranging interdisciplinary approach, the author traces the source of amythia to the increasing implausibility of the root metaphor that has generated and regulated Western cultural forms: that is, the metaphor of God as person. The loss of a shared mythos centered upon a root metaphor has left Western culture without sufficient cognitive resources for the achievement of personal wholeness and social coherence.

*Amythia* is a provocative work concerned with the survival of the Western cultural tradition. Rue believes that the fault lines of destruction for Western culture are becoming clear and are manifested by such familiar problems as international terrorism, breakdown of the family unit, the depletion of natural resources, overpopulation, the arms race, increases in both crime rates and mental illness, substance abuse and stress-related conditions. He argues that the children of Western culture are unable to imagine a meaningful future, partly because of the bomb, but also because they are conditioned to see the future in self-

ish terms. Rue's solution for this condition of "amythia" lies in the idea of Covenant, which he believes is the truly distinctive element in Judaeo-Christian tradition. The challenge, then, for modern culture is to transfer the Covenant tradition to new and plausible conventions of meaning.

Loyal D. Rue is Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Luther College. William G. Doty is Professor and Chair of Religious Studies, The University of Alabama.

For more information about this book, contact The University of Alabama Press, Box 870380, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 35487-0380 or check with your local bookstore.

## **Even Mississippi**

by Melany Neilson  
University of Alabama Press  
199 pp. \$24.95

*Even Mississippi* is a well-crafted and engaging account of Robert Clark's two unsuccessful campaigns for a Congressional seat, in 1982 and 1984, written by the young woman who served as the only white staff member during the first campaign and one of a few whites during the second. Using the campaign as a starting point, the author takes us on a journey into the Mississippi Delta, where the progress of the last two decades has eluded America's truly forgotten poor, where blacks like Clark move from cotton rows to politics as they work toward a new way of life.

Describing the isolation of a small town, Neilson recounts how the acculturation process worked in Mississippi and how it effectively molded blacks and whites. *Even Mississippi* is the story of a girl, a family, struggling with two powerful worlds, one dying and the other in the process of birth. Ole Miss, manners and morals aside, there is something here that measures the heartbeat of what we once called "the South." There are the genteel people and the plain folk, juke joints and Garden Clubs, continuity and change, love and hate, the good

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times and the bad. But it is Ed Tye, the author's father, who is the personification of the struggle with the past that eventually loses out to the forces of change. Both black and white readers will appreciate his dilemma, his sense of loyalty, and his attachment to his family.

"I read *Even Mississippi* with liking and admiration. . . a sensitive, careful work," says Eudora Welty of Jackson, Miss.

Melany Neilson is a freelance writer from Lexington, Miss. The foreword is by Jack Bass, Professor of History.

## **The Christian Right and Congress**

by **Matthew C. Moen**  
University of Alabama Press 234 pp. \$32.95

*The Christian Right and Congress* chronicles the systematic attempts of conservative Christian interest groups to influence the Congress during the Reagan presidency. The book explores the conflict between the government and the fundamentalist community that spurred millions of fundamentalists into politics, identifies the little-known organizations and individuals of the Christian Right responsible for lobbying on Capitol Hill, and analyzes the manner in which President Reagan and key members of Congress assisted the movement in enacting its political agenda. Detailed studies of such issues as school prayer and tuition tax credits illuminate the strategies and the degree of political sophistication exhibited by the Christian Right on Capitol Hill.

The book challenges the conventional wisdom in the scholarly community that the Christian Right has not been influential in American politics. It points out that the Christian Right arose rapidly and gained the attention of leading national policymakers in an impressively short span of time. The manner in which the movement related to the Congress in the 1980s is essential to

understanding its vitality and tactics in the 1990s.

Matthew C. Moen is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Maine.

## **Every Person's Guide to Judaism**

by **Stephen J. Einstein and Lydia Kukoff**  
UAHC Press 195 pp. paperback \$8.95

Reviewed by **Estelle Hoffman**

*Every Person's Guide to Judaism* is one more book which tells all one needs to know about Judaism. It is easy to read and authentic, giving the views of Orthodox, as well as Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform, whenever suitable.

It is coincidental that the authors focus on the holidays and life cycle events to launch their explanations and description, because that is the means used by Rabbi Irving Greenberg in his *The Jewish Way*. However, *Every Person's Guide* is written in a factual manner, whereas *The Jewish Way* is more deeply philosophical and spiritually moving.

Stephen Einstein and Lydia Kukoff have attempted to explain Jewish understanding of God, the Messiah, and attitudes of Jews in the past and present towards a multitude of problems, including death, divorce, abortion and study.

This book is an excellent text for the uninformed and those who need to learn more than they do about Judaism. It covers The Holocaust, Zionism and modern movements in Judaism. There is an excellent Hebrew glossary at the end.

The book is enhanced by noted quotations and fine photographs, mostly from the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum's collection.

## **One-Minute Jewish Stories**

Adapted by **Shari Lewis**  
Illustrated by **Roberta Collier**  
Doubleday 47 pp. \$7.95

*One-Minute Jewish Stories* is the

ninth title in the "One-Minute" stories that are popular with children. This book contains twenty stories from various aspects of Jewish life—the Bible, the Talmud, folklore and history—all in a format for reading in one minute.

Shari Lewis was born in New York City and grew up in a household that enjoyed sharing Jewish folk tales as a part of their heritage. This world-famous ventriloquist and puppeteer is also an active charity fund-raiser, symphony conductor and actress. She has won numerous awards, including five Emmys, and appears in video, television and recording performances.

Roberta Collier's full color illustrations are clear and expressive. Children will enjoy looking at them and retelling the stories from them.

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## **Minnie's Yom Kippur Birthday**

by **Marilyn Singer**  
Pictures in full color by **Ruth Rosner**  
Ages 4-8/Presch.-Gr. 3  
Harper & Row 32 pp. \$12.95

This year Minnie's birthday falls on Yom Kippur, the most serious Jewish holiday of the year. Rather than celebrating with a trip to the zoo or the amusement park, Minnie makes her first visit to the temple. Her brother explains in whispers about the eternal light and the Torah; the cantor sings in a language she can't understand; the rabbi tells the congregation to think hard about bad things they've done to others and to apologize. Minnie begins to think it must be the worst birthday ever—until she discovers there's more than one way to celebrate a special day.

Accompanied by Ruth Rosner's lighthearted illustrations, Marilyn Singer's text conveys the excitement and innocence of a five-year-old's birthday—one that is different from what she expects and very special.

## Feathers in the Wind

by Miriam Chaikin  
Pictures by Denise Saldutti  
Ages 8-10/Gr. 3-5  
Harper & Row 56 pp. \$10.95

"The tongue is the most dangerous organ in the body," the rebbe instructs Yossi and his class. But despite the lesson about the sin of speaking with an evil tongue, Yossi sees nothing wrong with joking around with his friends.

As an example, he makes a joke about a classmate, Avram Lev. The next morning Yossi finds that his joke has been repeated as fact. When Avram Lev, who overhears it, goes home determined not to return to school, Yossi feels awful. And he takes steps to right a wrong.

Yossi begins to take responsibility for himself and his actions in this fourth story about him by Miriam Chaikin, winner of the Association of Jewish Libraries' 1984 Sidney Taylor Body-of-Work Award.

## God at the Center

by David R. Blumenthal  
Harper & Row 246 pp. \$20.95  
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

David R. Blumenthal is professor of Judaic Studies and chairman of the department of religion at Emory University, where he teaches and writes on constructive Jewish theology, medieval Judaism, Jewish mysticism and Holocaust studies. He has written articles, reviews and eleven books.

This is a scholarly work, *God at the Center*, on Jewish spirituality. Based on writings of Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev, the book consists of a series of short texts followed by commentary or response. Its intent is to "convey spiritual insight into the condition of modern humanity."

Although Levi Yitzhak was a *hasid*, portions chosen by the author are neither too mystical nor irrelevant to modern life for the lay reader to understand. However, he admits that the reader should be educated

and spiritually sensitive. All translations of the Bible and writings of Levi Yitzhak are the author's.

*God at the Center* is a book which needs careful reading. It is an excellent text for a study and discussion group, and probably will prove to be most rewarding used for that purpose.

## Music Review

by Ruth Goldberg

*Gather Round: Songs of Celebration and Renewal* is a new tape and song book by Linda Hirschhorn. Composer, lyricist and singer, Ms. Hirschhorn previously recorded *Skies Ablaze* and *More Than Luck and a Prayer*.

The original rounds and songs in *Gather Round*, sung in Hebrew and English, celebrate Jewish/Universal values of compassion, peace and social justice.

The tape is a pleasant, easy-listening experience for people of all ages. The lyrics are printed on the tape cover.

Tapes are available for \$10 at Oyster Albums, P.O. Box 3929, Berkeley, Cal., 94703.

## The Simple Truth about Blacks and Jews

by Julius Lester

Blacks and Jews

It is painful to see how deeply Jews care about black-Jewish relations. It is not a caring shared by many blacks. Since 1980 I have taught a course at the University of Massachusetts called "Blacks and Jews: A Comparative Study of Oppression." The class averages around 70 students, the majority of whom are Jewish. There have never been more than 10 blacks in the class at any one time.

Over the past four years I have spoken at countless synagogues and on many college and university campuses about black-Jewish relations. I have never been invited by a black church or organization to address this topic.

It appears that Jews think there is something to care about. For the most part, blacks do not.

Jews begin with an assumption, namely that they share with blacks a common experience of oppression. It is an assumption many blacks find offensive and historically inaccurate.

"How could that be?" I can hear many Jews asking. "Look at all that Jews have suffered throughout history from the time of slavery in Egypt to the persecution of Russian Jews today. There are no two peoples in Western history who have suffered as much as Jews and blacks."

In the broadest sense, that is true. But when one looks at blacks and Jews in the context of American history, that commonality of experience ceases. Jews came to America seeking freedom from religious persecution. Blacks were brought to America to be enslaved. In America Jews found more freedom than anywhere else in the Diaspora. It is startling to realize that if it had not been for slavery, American blacks would not exist as a people because American blacks are a combination of African, Caucasian and native American ancestry. From the very beginning, America represented diametrically opposed value systems to Jews and blacks.

Saying this is not to disregard the anti-Semitism to which Jews were subjected in America. But I doubt that anyone would say that anti-Semitism in America was equivalent to 200 years of slavery and its legacy. Additionally, it must be remembered that, despite anti-Semitism, Jews had white skin. They could attempt to assimilate, if they chose, shortening their names to make them sound more Anglo-Saxon. While there were also those blacks who sought to assimilate, their efforts were doomed to failure because of their skin color.

When Jews maintain that they, too, are oppressed, blacks are incredulous. Jews are hurt and insulted that blacks are incredulous. Perhaps the two groups should understand that they may have very

different notions of what it means to be oppressed.

For blacks, oppression is physical and manifests itself, first, economically. Black incomes continue to be lower than those of whites (and that includes Jews); black unemployment continues to be alarmingly high. Blacks continue to be ill-educated and the number of blacks applying to institutions of higher education continues to decline. The simple truth is that Jews are among the "haves" of American society; blacks comprise a significant portion of the "have-nots."

For Jews, oppression is social and psychological. It is the feeling of not quite belonging, of not quite being an American like all other Americans because non-Jews hold you personally responsible for every action of the Israeli government, because non-Jews regard you as being different in some indefinable way. You are not a person. You are "the Jew".

The black response to the social and psychological oppression of Jews is a shrug of the shoulders, as if to say, so what? On a crowded street, Jews look like white people and are not identifiable as Jews. Blacks are always identifiable. The social and psychological oppression to which blacks are subjected is of a different order.

Many Jews find this difficult to accept. Why? Because much of their identity as Jews is involved with seeing themselves as victims. There was a time in American history when it was easier for blacks to regard Jews as brothers and sisters among the oppressed of the earth. However, with the rise in Jewish affluence and the Six-Day War, the image of Jew-as-victim ceased to match the reality.

The self-image many American Jews carry does not correspond to the objective reality. So important is the self image of Jew-as-victim that some Jews borrow such an identity through identifying with the Holocaust, with American blacks or with a variety of groups around the world

fighting for what is described as "liberation."

Blacks do not need to borrow suffering from the past or from other groups. Anti-black racism stalks the land daily. Jews are fortunate enough that, in America, they do not have to live on terms of intimacy with anti-Semitism.

To maintain, then, that there is no commonality of experience between blacks and Jews is not to be pessimistic. It is to merely describe the reality. Blacks do not share the Jewish view of black-Jewish relations. This does not mean that everything blacks say is correct. However, everything they say is not wrong either. To the extent to which Jews rid themselves of prior assumptions, they will be creating new possibilities for black-Jewish relations. But new possibilities cannot come from old assumptions.

Rather than assuming that they know what blacks and Jews share, it is wiser for Jews to assume that they know nothing and are willing to listen and learn. What they hear may be painful and it might take much effort to learn a new truth or two. But that is such a small price to pay for a new freedom.

Listening is very central in Judaism and, as Jews, we know that it is not only a physical act; it is also an act of attentiveness to that which is without and that which is within. Listening is a way of expressing the sacred and receiving the sacred.

How healing it would be if American Jews listened to blacks. If they did, what they would hear beneath the angry words is a deep and excruciating agony which comes when it is felt that no one cares, the loneliness experienced when no one seems to be listening.

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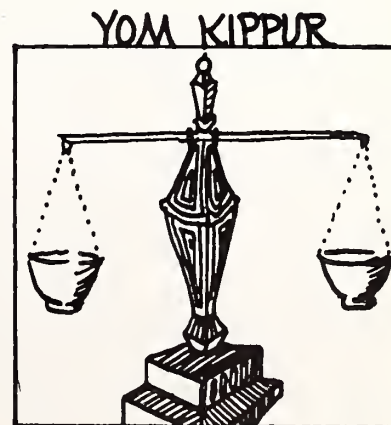
*Becoming a Jew," an autobiographical account of his spiritual odyssey to Judaism after being a black activist in the '60s.*

## The Jewish Museum New York City

The Jewish Museum announces its new exhibitions which can be seen at 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. For information, call (212) 860-1888.

**EXODUS AND EXILE: 2,000 YEARS IN ANCIENT ISRAEL** (until Dec. 1989): An exhibition of Israeli antiquities explores cataclysmic political events and their impact on ancient Jewish culture (c. 1200 BCE to c. 600 CE) from the earliest Israelite settlements to the emergence of rabbinic Judaism. Over 200 objects of ritual, historical or domestic significance are on display.

**GARDENS AND GHETTOS: THE ART OF JEWISH LIFE IN ITALY** (Sept. 17, 1989 to Feb. 1, 1990): During the more than 2000 years that Jews have lived on the Italian peninsula, they have created a rich artistic legacy in the visual arts, performing arts and literature. **GARDENS AND GHETTOS** is the most comprehensive exhibition on Italian Jewry ever to appear. It includes over 340 works from ancient Roman architectural fragments and gold glass to illuminated manuscripts and printed books from the Renaissance, baroque ceremonial textiles and silver, as well as 19th and 20th century paintings, graphics and sculpture.





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## SEPTEMBER 1989

### NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year, the eve of Rosh Hashanah coincides with the last day of the 24th year of service by the Blumenthal Jewish Home to the Jewish communities of the Carolinas. As we approach and observe this most important holy day, it is traditional to devote some of our time to introspection, to examine the problems and concerns of this past year, along with the accomplishments.

There is little doubt that Blumenthal Jewish Home has continued to meet the needs of our elderly through its nursing and residential facilities. Using a range of programs and activities, a dedicated staff, along with volunteers, have successfully promoted a positive environment for the residents, an environment in which each can function in meaningful and personally satisfying ways. Individual success stories for many of the residents testify to a caring staff.

While the Home has continued to maintain high standards of care for its residents, it has had to do so this past year in



*Dan Horvitz*

the face of several unusual events. An unpredictable drop in the nursing home bed occupancy rate to 88 percent for a period of three months has resulted in a much larger operating deficit than usual. A tornado in April did extensive damage to the grounds surrounding the Home. Other unusual expenses, including a new fire alarm system and rewiring the backup generators, were needed to assure the lives of our

residents will be protected in the face of future contingencies.

This past year, the Home has also begun to feel the effects of the nursing shortage. From time to time, it has been necessary to meet staffing requirements by contracting for nursing personnel from local nursing manpower agencies. The Home's policies for hiring and retention of nursing staff have received considerable attention by the Medical Care and Personnel Committees. These policies will be revised, as needed, to keep the Home competitive in the nursing manpower market place and to assure continuance of the Home's ability to deliver quality nursing care.

The addition of FAIR OAKS and a new kitchen to serve the entire Home has presented some special problems to the Dietary Services Department. To better understand the full scope of these issues and to address them most effectively, the Home has had its dietary services pro-

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gram evaluated by an independent team of consultants. We are beginning the new year with a new manager of the Dietary Services Department following the recent retirement of Gitel Cross, Director of Dietary, who has served us well this past year. We have also hired an Executive Chef who had worked for 18 years in the Catskill Mountains Jewish resort community.

As the Blumenthal Jewish Home begins its 25th year, we can all take considerable pride in its reputation for providing quality care to our frail elderly. Yet, that reputation, earned through diligence and our insistence on high standards, is not self-sustaining. The range of concerns encountered this past year puts in perspective the need for continued attention and support, financial and otherwise, from the community at large.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home needs your help if it is to continue to accomplish its primary mission of maintaining the highest standards of care and quality of life for its residents. Let us all rededicate ourselves in this season for the Jewish New Year to giving generously so that our elderly will continue to live dignified and fulfilling lives.

L'Shanah Tovah.

Dan Horvitz

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## **24TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME**

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## **SUKKOT CELEBRATION**

The third annual Sukkot Celebration will be held Sunday, October 15, from 2:30 to 4:30 at BJH. We invite you to bring your family and friends and join the celebration in our beautiful, grand Sukkah. Refreshments and entertainment by Viva Klezmer, will make this day special.

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.

## **WELCOME**

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# FAIR OAKS

“The best of both worlds”

As I drove into work this morning, I waved to FAIR OAKS residents out for their daily walk through the “oaks.” I always marvel at the beautiful setting in which I am fortunate enough to work and in which they are fortunate enough to live. This summer has been one of the nicest with Carolina blue skies, sunny days to enjoy river views from the terrace, or kibbitzing with friends on the benches of the Commons entrance.

For those who prefer a change of pace from this country setting, a glance at the calendar gives plenty of options. A typical week this summer included a sight-seeing tour of Whitaker Park in Winston-Salem, an outing to nearby Tanglewood Park, lunch out with volunteer Betty Roth, a Winston-Salem Spirits baseball game, shopping at Hanes Mall, and a theater trip to the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem.

Back at FAIR OAKS, if a resident wasn't resting from all this activity or just preferred a slower pace, there were discussion groups, book club, yoga, bingo, card games, and a video on the calendar.

The best of both worlds is available at FAIR OAKS and residents are enjoying it!

We invite you for lunch and a tour. Call Sharon Sneed or Sue Clein, (919) 766-6401.



*FAIR OAKS residents are setting out for a favorite weekly activity, out to lunch with volunteer Betty Roth. Left to right are Clara Borenstein, Sarah Sherry, Betty, George Lewin, and Miriam Gingold.*



*The FAIR OAKS activity room is a nice spot for a game of bridge enjoyed by, left to right, Anna Shapiro, Hannah Ackerman, and volunteers Jeanne and Joe Reznick.*

# EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Don Morris*

Since the Second World War, our society has experienced unprecedented economic growth and prosperity, the baby boom, the evolution of the high tech industry, wonder drugs, and the graying of America. Our health care delivery system has been greatly influenced by these factors and, although substantial gains have been realized, more questions probably have been raised about what we are doing, how we are doing it, where we are going, and our value system.

Prior to World War II and the wonder drugs, pneumonia was considered the "old man's friend." Elderly parents were usually cared for by their children in their children's home and mortality among the elderly was high following a serious illness. Today, in most households, both spouses work. The elderly are surviving significant medical incidents and are beset with conditions that frequently exceed the capabilities of most families. The long-term care sector of

health care has evolved to meet these needs.

Although the prosperity of our nation is unprecedented, serious questions must be raised about our health care system and how we are meeting the needs of our elderly.

Prior to the wonder drugs, long-term care was essentially for the well aged who were without financial resources and family. Nursing homes, based on the medical model of hospitals, developed as improvements in technology sustained life and required care beyond the prior custodial level. We then learned that it was important not only to provide nursing and medical supports but also a stimulating environment if quality life was to be maintained. The social components of care then became the critical focus in the pursuit of an enriched and dignified living alternative in the long-term care setting.

Dominated by the medical model in the 1950's and 60's, health care moved into the social model in the 60's and 70's. Federal dollars were abundant and astounding strides in care for the aged occurred. The 80's saw the graying of America along with the leveling off of economic growth; thus, we are now facing infinite needs from a finite resource base. Two factors confront us. Our aged popula-

tion is the most rapidly growing segment in our society and the costs associated with supporting their needs are rapidly expanding.

Health care in America is now in crisis as the needs of the elderly have been increased by technological advances, exacerbated by rapidly escalating costs of services, and magnified by the shortage of both skilled and unskilled practitioners of these services. While it is essential to be competitive in the marketplace, we are challenged to go beyond providing more money to attract labor. We must also provide and promote a sense of dignity for those who are the caregivers. Our Board of Directors, our Personnel and Medical Advisory Committees and administrative staff are committed to establishing an environment that promotes dignity and satisfaction for both our beloved residents and staff alike.

As we enter into the new year, we do so with the resolve of not compromising our efforts to provide the highest quality of life for our aged parents by seeking the answers to the complex issues facing us in a changing society.

Carol and I extend our best wishes for a year of health and happiness. L'Shanah Tovah!

Don Morris

# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

by Margaret Nystrom

- **Fourth of July** — Blumenthal Jewish Home and FAIR OAKS had a firecracker-hot 4th of July with Marvin Jones and the Starduster's Band. The band played sizzling country music while residents attended the annual watermelon fest.
- **Music at Sunset** — Sunday, July 9, BJH residents enjoyed music a'la France at Tanglewood Park. Fifteen residents enjoyed hearing lots of favorite French songs under the stars.
- **Billy Bishop Goes to War** — "Billy Bishop Goes to War," a humorous 2-man play about a Canadian war hero, set the scene for residents on July 16 at the North Carolina School of the Arts. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the play followed by dinner at Sam's Gourmet Restaurant.
- **Banjo Player** — Burton Jones and his banjo came to a packed auditorium at the Commons in FAIR OAKS on July 23. Residents heard old favorites such as "Carolina Moon," "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover," and "Side-walks of New York."
- **Take Me Out to the Ball Game** — This was the tune on July 26 when 8 residents enjoyed an evening out at the Ernie Shore Stadium rooting for our own Winston-Salem Spirits. The Spirits played the Pensicola's and the Spirits won! Residents celebrated with hot dogs and sodas.



BJH residents Helene Baruch, Sara Mackler, Marguerite Hughes, and Jane Rosenberg (foreground) and FAIR OAKS residents Bertha Marrus and Sigmund Meyer (background) are enjoying hearing the Winston-Salem Symphony play at Tanglewood Park.



Special attention is something these "critter" volunteers enjoy and our residents seem to enjoy giving it to them. Seen here is Pauline Berdy, B-1 resident.

- **Critter Cuddling** — Volunteers and their critters — beagles, golden retrievers, poodles and collies — as well as a cute baby boy visit residents every Wednesday. Residents love their visitors and everyone gets "cuddled".

## BJH WISH LIST

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# MIKE KELLY NAMED DIRECTOR OF PLANT ENGINEERING



Mike Kelly

Blumenthal Jewish Home welcomes Mike Kelly as the Director of Maintenance and Plant Engineering. Mike, a native of Kokomo, Indiana, became a southerner 8 years ago when he and his wife, Marty, moved to High Point. They have 2 children living at home, 3 married children, and 4 grandchildren back in Indiana — a good place now for them to visit.

Mike began his career as an electrician, worked in plant management 15 years for Chrysler Corporation in Indiana, and 8 years in industrial management in High Point. Nursing home maintenance is a new variation in a field in which Mike is well experienced.

A positive and cooperative attitude, enthusiasm and congeniality are additional assets Mike brings to the job. He is pleased with his staff and says, "They do a good job, they take care of daily maintenance, and we are now making long-term plans for facility improvements."

Spare time for Mike is spent on his favorite hobby, coaching youth soccer. Begun when his son was 8 (8 years ago), Mike says he has 3 years to go until graduation. Apparently dedicated to the responsibilities he assumes, Mike is a welcome addition to the BJH staff.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

### 13 Years

Verna Howell, *Housekeeping*  
Pearl Spellman, *Dietary*

### 12 Years

Betty Johnson, *Nsg. Asst. B-1*

### 10 Years

Judy Petty, *Dietary*

### 5 Years

Susan Hazelwood, *Nsg. Asst. B-1*

### 3 Years

Sue Clein, *Dir. Mkt./PR/Vol. Services*

### 2 Years

Evelyn Hamlin, *Nsg. Asst. A-Wing*

### 1 Year

Carol Gainey, *Housekeeping*  
Christina McAdams, *Dietary*  
Cenith Oliver, *Laundry*  
Melanie Reavis, *Dietary*  
Melinda Tucker, *Nsg. Asst. B-2*



BJH welcomes Shelby Porter, A-Wing recreation therapist. Residents have been enjoying Shelby's warmth, sparkling smile, and talent on the piano.

## OPEN BOARD MEETING OF BJH

Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.

The Blockade Runner, Wilmington, N.C.

For further information, call Audrey Madans, (704) 541-8360

# WAYNE DIESER NAMED DIRECTOR OF DINING SERVICES



Wayne Dieser.

BJH welcomes Wayne Dieser as the new Director of Dining Services. Mr. Dieser brings a wealth of training, knowledge and experience to this position. His 20 year career in food service has included commercial,

institutional and health care experience. Born in N.Y. city, Mr. Dieser spent his school years in Pennsylvania; received his B.S. degree in Food Service & Housing Administration from Penn State in 1966 and is a certified dietitian for long term care facilities.

This broad experience in food service includes 8 years of commercial experience with Marriott Corp. and a Holiday Inn franchise and 12 years in the health care industry in Philadelphia; 6 years with Presbyterian Hospital, 2 years with a Retirement village and 4 years at Martins Run Life Care community. It was at Martins Run, a Jewish facility, that Mr. Dieser became familiar with Kosher cooking. As this was his most recent experience in health care, Wayne says he feels very comfortable with Kosher service and his knowledge of its requirements.

Wayne Dieser is looking forward to getting to know the Home and its dietary needs. His short term goals are to improve the quality of food and service in all areas of the Home. Long term goals will continually evolve as needs are determined. He is enjoying getting to know his staff; "they are good, hardworking employees and the food industry today requires special skills."

Wayne joins us after a 3 year sabbatical spent on his 27 foot sailboat, cruising South America and southern waters. The boat is now for sale and Wayne is looking forward to permanent residence in our south and new hobbies of gardening and antiquing. We welcome Wayne Dieser ashore and are looking forward to having him lead our Dining Services.

## CHARLES WEINER, CHEF, JOINS THE DINING SERVICES



Charles Weiner.

BJH welcomes Charles Weiner as the new chef in the Dining Services Department. Charles Weiner's lifetime love of cooking and a 19 year career in food service brings experience and promise to this position. In 1970, Charlie began his work experience with a summer job at the Raleigh Hotel, a Borscht Belt hotel in the Catskills, N.Y. This short term job became a career as he advanced from breakfast chef, to roast chef, to Working Chef for 9 years with training under a Master Chef and ultimately, 9 years as Executive Chef. He has additional experience in catering as chef for Kaplans Kosher Delicatessen in Monticello, N.Y. and as chef at West Point.

Charlie and his wife Ellen and two sons, age 16 and 11, now live in Greensboro; he says he is happy to be in the south and back into Jewish cooking which comes naturally to him. His favorite hobby is teaching cooking and specialties are Chinese, Italian and basic Jewish foods. He says we can look forward to some homemade blintzes, matzo balls and soups as well as other delights. His enthusiasm and love of cooking is evident in speaking with Charlie Weiner. He obviously enjoys what he does and desires that those who will be dining on his cooking enjoy it just as much. Welcome to our staff Charlie, we are all savoring the experience.

# L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATAVU/

From Esther Pearson:

*Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.*

From Ella Gunzberger and Rose Schulherr:

*Happy New Year to all our relatives and friends.*

From Ida Feinberg:

*I wish a happy and healthy New Year to my family.*

From Anna Schleicher:

*Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.*

From Clara Borenstein:

*Happy New Year to my daughter, Hilda, and her family.*

From Ruth Menins:

*Happy New Year to my family.*

From Lena Krieger:

*To Joanne, Marsha and their families, all my best for the New Year.*

From Bertha Marrus:

*To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marks, all the best for the New Year with my deepest appreciation.*

From Miriam Gingold:

*To Dr. and Mrs. Martin Lakin, a happy and healthy New Year.*

From George Lewin:

*Best wishes for the New Year to my family and friends.*

From Moe and Bea Mandel:

*Love to our children, Deanna and Harry, and happy New Year.*

From Hannah Ackerman:

*Good wishes to my family and friends for the New Year.*

From Teddy Serxner:

*Best wishes and love to my family in Raleigh.*

From Bebe Bennison:

*Many happy returns for the New Year and many blessings from heaven be given to all people.*

From Yetta Mintz:

*To Jay and his family, all my love for the New Year.*

From Karl and Paula Cahn:

*Happy New Year to the whole family and to all our friends.*

From Eva Weinberg:

*Best wishes and love for the New Year to my family and friends — Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Weinberg, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weinberg, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hollander, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kronstadt.*

From Sigmund and Anna 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 Leo Schwartz:

*Happy New Year to my whole family and friends.*

From Anna Shapiro:

*To my son, happy holiday and good health for the coming year.*

From Rose Halpern:

*To my children, grandchildren, and dear friends in Greensboro and elsewhere in North Carolina, I wish you all a healthy and peaceful New Year!*

From Sarah Sherry:

*To my family, all my love and best wishes for a happy New Year.*

From Claire Bernstein:

*Wishing my family a healthy and happy New Year! Much love from Mom.*

From Charles Rosenfeld:

*Happy New Year to all my friends.*

From Eleanor Altshuller:

*Best New Year's greetings to all my family.*

From Rose Germain:

*To my children, nieces and nephews, hope you have a healthy and happy New Year.*

From Anna Levine:

*To Jack and Pearl Kotlovker and their children and to my daughter and son-in-law and their children, best wishes for this New Year. May God bless you!*

From Evelyn Small:

*New Year's greetings to my family.*

From Ida Temko:

*Best wishes for the New Year to all my family and friends.*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Yvette Pearlman:  
*Best wishes to my friends and family in North Carolina.*

From Lena Zimmerman:  
*Best wishes for a happy New Year to my children and family.*

From Bertha Lippman:  
*A happy and healthful New Year to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lippman and family.*

From Sarah Cohen:  
*A wish that we could all be together on this special and joyous occasion.*

From Alice Fruh:  
*L'shanah Tovah Kol Yisrael.*

From Janet Wechsler:  
*Happy New Year to my family and friends. Blessings of good health and happiness always.*

From Herb Kandall:  
*Best wishes to my family and friends for the coming New Year.*

From Sarah Blau:  
*My best wishes to you, Stanley and Audrey Horowitz.*

From Florence Swirsky:  
*To Samuel and Irma Swirsky, happy New Year!*

From Freda Hurwitz:  
*To my family, happy New Year.*

From John Eros:  
*To Mary Ann, happy New Year!*

From Maurice Rogovin:  
*To my daughter, Audrey, best wishes for a happy New Year!*

From Clara Steiner:  
*To my family and friends, happy New Year!*

From Rose Pliskin:  
*All my best wishes for a happy New Year to Mickey Hartman and her family.*

From Jane Rosenberg:  
*To my family and Catherine Schell, happy New Year.*

From "Mama" Lefkowitz:  
*To Bootsie, Elsie, Harriet, Zelda and brother Morris and their families, happy New Year.*

From Delia Sonnenshein:  
*Happy New Year to all my friends and to all my family.*

From Ida Robinowitz:  
*To Jacob, happy New Year.*

From Fran Burg:  
*Happy New Year Rabbi Seigel, Temple Beth El, Charlotte.*

From Sol Greenberg:  
*To my family, happy New Year.*

From Dr. Harry Karesh:  
*To all my friends and my family, a very happy New Year.*

From Millie Froehlich:  
*To my daughter, Anne, and all my family, a most happy New Year!*

From Mae Kornbluth:  
*Happy New Year to all my family. May you live a long and cherished life.*

From Lillian Kamens:  
*To all my children, happy New Year.*

From Julius Newmark:  
*To my daughter and son-in-law, happy New Year.*



# SUE'S NEWS

## You're Never Too Young Or Too Old



You're never too young or too old. For birthday parties, that is. And the BJH July birthday party spanned the generations, a true celebration of life. Moms and tots were the entertainment for the monthly birthday bash sponsored by the Greensboro volunteers. The "tots" sang songs, shook hands, shared smiles and allowed a hug or two while "moms" encouraged and joined in the visiting. Celebrating birthdays has become a special occasion at BJH with the added treat of friends and fun from Greensboro.

This Rosh Hashana will be my 4th New Year and my 3rd year at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Each New Year has been sweeter as more volunteers have joined to share themselves with us and as more residents have been able to benefit from these new opportunities and new friendships. I must admit that my own favorite "perk" is developing a new volunteer and discovering a new friend.

*Above, Dolly Wolf enjoys sharing a very young volunteer with her mother and Jane Rosenberg, Below, chats with two young entertainers from Greensboro.*

Volunteers of all ages have joined us from Clemmons, Winston-Salem and Greensboro this year. They arrive eager and energetic, hesitant and concerned, caring and enthusiastic, as each one discovers his or her special niche. They roll and stroll, they walk and talk, they listen and learn, they teach, they shop, they sell, they go out to lunch, and they bring children to visit.

To each of our volunteers, I want to wish a healthy and happy New Year, a sweet year filled with new possibilities and the continued richness of giving. To each of you who have not yet tried volunteering, I wish you the courage to try and the satisfaction from caring. We need you! You're never too young or too old. L'Shanah Tovah.



## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem at 6:45 p.m.
- 5 Leave for out-to-lunch in Winston-Salem at 11:15 a.m.
- 6 Leave for Greensboro Jewish Women's Organization lunch at 10:45 a.m.
- 10 Brenner Concert—Minnie Lou Raper, violinist, in the Commons Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.
- 12 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch in Clemmons at 9:45 a.m.
- 12 Homewide birthday party in the Commons Auditorium at 2:00 p.m.
- 15 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem at 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Tour of Biltmore House, leave for Asheville at 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Brenner Concert—Burt Chessin, Yiddish music, in the Commons Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.



Greensboro "tots" were a special delight at the July birthday party.

## HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Friday, Sept. 29**  
Eve of Rosh Hashanah 6:15 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 30**  
First Day of Rosh Hashanah 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 1**  
Second Day of Rosh Hashanah (shofar is sounded) 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 8**  
Yom Kippur Eve – Kol Nidre 6:15 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 9**  
Day of Atonement 9:15 a.m.  
2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 13**  
Eve of the Feast of Tabernacles 6:15 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 14**  
First Day of Sukkot 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 15**  
Second Day of Sukkot 9:15 a.m.  
Sukkot Celebration 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 21**  
Shmini Atzeres 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 22**  
Simhat Torah  
Feast of Rejoicing of the Torah 9:15 a.m.

### IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Rachel Forbes  
Conard Harp  
Sol Hayes  
Catherine Hege

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### SEPTEMBER

Beatrice Bennison  
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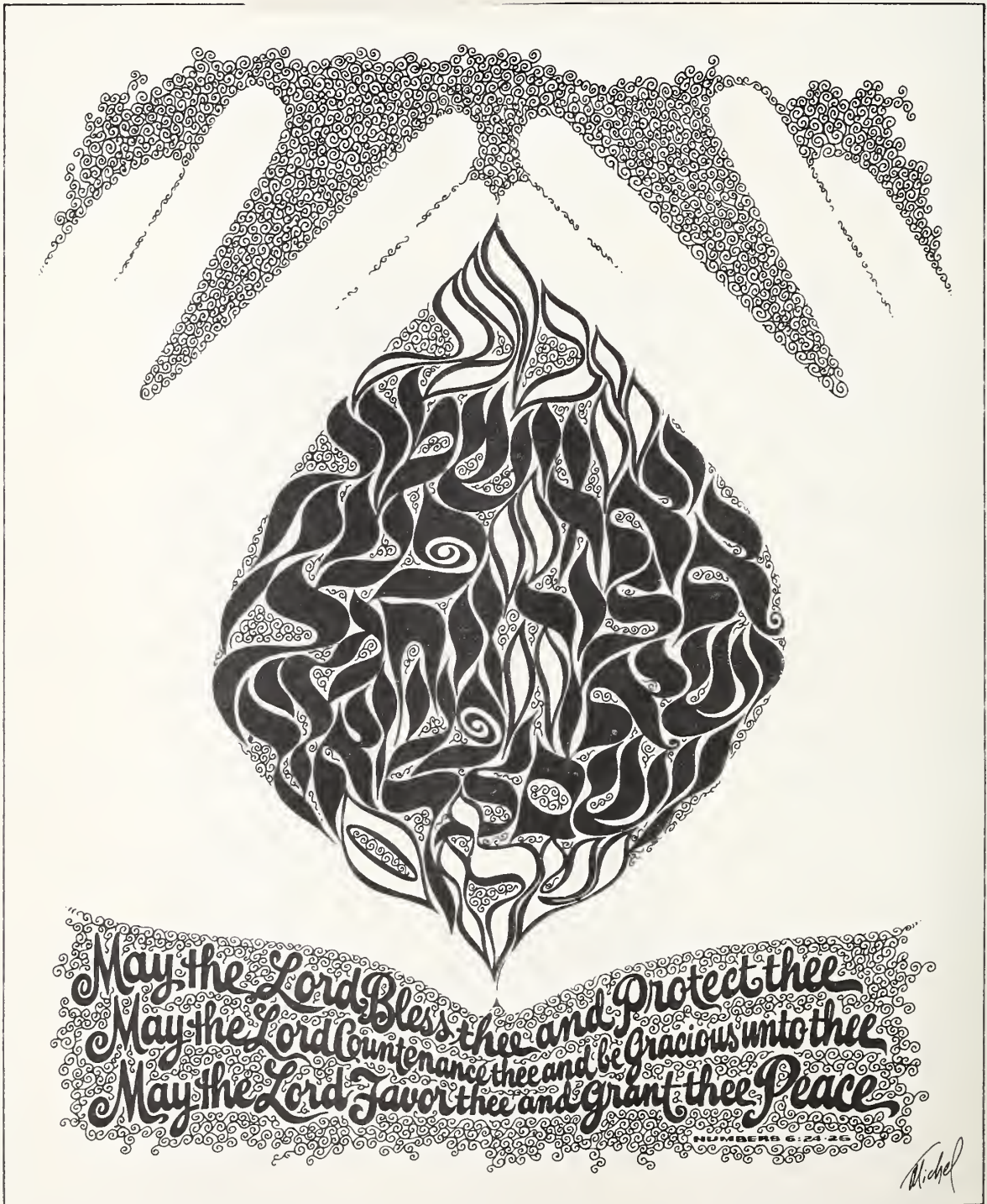
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