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Iraq's PLO Connection is Ignored by the Media

by Bertram Korn, Jr.

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The emergence of the PLO as Iraq's principal Arab ally is perhaps the best-kept secret of the current Persian Gulf crisis. American newspapers have not only consistently ignored or underreported the PLO's role in the invasion of Kuwait, but they have also paid little or no attention to threats by PLO factions to carry out anti-American terrorism on behalf of Iraq, and to evidence of atrocities by PLO volunteers serving with the Iraqi forces that occupied Kuwait. Only through a careful reading of the foreign press can Americans piece together the scope of the PLO's role in the invasion.

On August 8, the *Jerusalem Post*, quoting sources in London, reported that "much of the logistical planning for the Iraqi invasion (of Kuwait) was based on intelligence supplied by PLO officials and supporters based in Kuwait." Furthermore, the London *Independent* quoted an Arab diplomat as saying that when the Iraqis arrived in Kuwait City, they were armed with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all important Kuwaiti civil servants, industrialists and oil engineers. Thus, the Arab diplomat continued, the Iraqis "went straight to their homes, picked them up and ordered them to go to work. . . Who were the skilled technicians who worked alongside the Kuwaitis and knew all this information? The Palestinians." Yet this important information never made it into the pages of America's leading newspapers or onto the news broadcasts of America's television networks.

The PLO has been providing Iraq with diplomatic support as well. When the Arab League convened to discuss whether or not Arab countries should be allowed to send troops to help defend Saudi Arabia, only the PLO and Libya joined Iraq in voting against granting that permission. Although the American media could hardly ignore the PLO's vote—since it took place virtually in front of the world's television cameras—few U.S. newsmen provided the important behind the scenes information that appeared in the Egyptian newspaper *Al Ahram*: "Arafat moved from delegation to delegation, hand in hand with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, who was openly threatening some Gulf and other Arab delegates that Iraq would turn them upside down."

Evidence of atrocities by PLO volunteers serving with the Iraqi army have likewise been underreported. United Press International quoted a PLO official's vow to send Palestinian "fighters" to assist Iraq, and a subsequent Reuters dispatch reported that a Filipino dressmaker living in Kuwait had been raped by three Palestinian volunteers serving in the Iraqi invasion force. How many U.S. newspapers carried either the UPI or Reuters reports?

Another neglected aspect of Iraq's Palestinian connection was mentioned by *New York Times* columnist William Safire but ignored by most leading newspapers. According to Safire, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat assured Iraq that the Palestinians who run most of Kuwait's banks would "transfer hundreds of billions to Iraq before the West woke up." (Fortunately, the U.S. and its allies froze Kuwait's assets within four hours, and the Palestinians were only able to transfer "\$10-billion or so.")

No doubt the most frightening aspect of Iraq's PLO connection is the declaration by two leading PLO factions that they will carry out anti-U.S. terrorism worldwide on behalf of Iraq. Abul Abbas, leader of the PLO's Palestine National Front, has ordered his men to "Open fire on the American enemy everywhere. Quake the earth under the feet of the invaders and collaborators." Similar orders have been sent out by Ahmed Jibril, the head of another arm of the PLO, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. Unfortunately, these declarations have received relatively little attention in the American media.

Why have the American media done such a paltry job of reporting Iraq's PLO connection? Certainly part of the answer lies in the fact that some segments of the U.S. media harbor a political predisposition for the Palestinian cause. A word from the Bush Administration about the PLO's role would go a long way toward alleviating this problem.

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REJOICING WITH THE TORAH—A Soviet Jewish student at the Solomon Schechter Day School in Newton, Mass. proudly holds a small Torah scroll and a flag she made in preparation for Simchat Torah. UJA Press Service Photo by Richard Lobell.

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Invitation to Blumenthal Jewish Home 25th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting, Oct. 27 and 28.

Blumenthal Jewish Home News is bi-monthly.

Look for it again in November.

Sukkot Traditions

by Phyllis Glazer

(WZPS) The holiday spirit prevails this month with Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah.

It's autumn now in Israel; the worst of the summer heat has passed, and the evenings are cool and pleasant. Sukkot, the autumn "Feast of the Ingathering," honors the first fruits of the harvest, and recalls the *sukkot*, the little booths that served our ancestors throughout their desert wanderings.

On porches and in yards around the country, *sukkot* dot the landscape, adding eight days of color to city life. Fortuitously, the holiday also coincides with the seasonal trimming of the trees by the various municipalities; consequently, palm and other branches are left in piles on the streets, available for the taking. These will form the roof and often part of the decor of the booth.

The Jews of Tunis made their *sukkot* primarily from palm and myrtle leaves, with a low arch designed to make those who enter bow in obeisance and respect. Moroccan Jews add a chair or stool by one wall, in honor of Elijah the prophet.

Ashkenazi Jews tend to make the walls of their *sukkot* from fabric, with a palm-leaved roof in order to see the starlit sky. Sukkot-builders of every ethnic background make sure to add an especially colorful touch with strings of seasonal fruits, including pomegranates, fresh dates, figs and apples. "And you shall take on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord seven days" (Leviticus 23:40). These are interpreted to refer to the *lulav* (palm frond) and *etrog* (citron) which are taken by the devout to the synagogue and kept in the *sukka* throughout the holiday.

The seventh day of Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, is celebrated with a special service in which a procession marches seven times around the synagogue. Willow branches are beaten, the falling leaves symbolizing the arrival of rains and the hope of renewed life. A traditional dish for this holiday is "kreplach," pockets of dough stuffed with meat.

On the eighth day of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, prayers for rain and remembrance of the dead are included in the service.

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invites you to
reserve these dates for the

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Saturday, October 27, 1990 – Gala Dinner
Sunday, October 28, 1990 – Annual Meeting
and Brunch

Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men

by Irving M. Brenner

On behalf of the board of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, I would like to extend the Association's best wishes for a happy and healthy new year to all of its members and friends. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and I look forward to seeing all the members of the Association and friends of the Home on October 27 and 28 to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

The new year also marks the beginning of my term as president of the Association. It is a great pleasure and honor to undertake this responsibility and I look forward to working on behalf of the Association.

The Association faces many challenges in the year ahead. The Blumenthal Jewish Home must be generously supported, the important work of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) must be continued and the Association's scholarship loan fund for needy college students must be increased. However, the main challenge I see facing the

Association is a more fundamental one—to create a new generation of members and blend the dreams and needs of this new generation with the Association's successful traditions.

Judaism and Jews have always evolved within the context of tradition. The tunes may be different, but the prayers stay the same. Each Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur bring new personal reflection and renewal, but within the traditional context of festive family meals, the blowing of the Shofar and Kol Nidre. Thus, the Association's challenge is a familiar one.

How can the Association meet this challenge? The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men which merged to form the current Association served as active and organized networks which connected Jews throughout the Carolinas. These associations provided the means whereby Jews from all the communities of the state, large and small, could share information and support Jewish life. The Association, through

both social and educational activities, must again emphasize this fundamental mission. The first step towards redeveloping an active network to promote Jewish life in the Carolinas is to attract new members. In the coming months the Association will begin its efforts to increase membership throughout the Carolinas. I encourage all members and friends to join this effort and I would very much appreciate anyone who is willing to help increase membership in his or her community to call or write me: Irving M. Brenner, 510 Louise Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28204, (704) 342-4272.

Together, we can continue to improve the Association and fulfil its important missions in the New Year.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) announces three Teacher Inservice Workshops to be held at Shalom Park in Charlotte.

They are:

Sunday, October 14, 1990, 12:30-3 p.m. (lunch provided)

"Made for Media: Creating and Using Audio-visual Materials in the Jewish Classroom," a hands-on workshop led by Sam Eneman, independent media producer and Jewish educator.

Sunday, December 2, 1990, 12:30-3 p.m. (lunch provided)

"Jewish Values Clarification and Self Esteem for Teachers: A Hands-on Approach," led by Adrienne J. Rosenberg, A.C.S.W., director of Charlotte Jewish Family Services.

Sunday, February 17, 1991, 12:30-4 p.m. (lunch provided)

"Mastering Jewish Schooling," led by Seymour Rossel, nationally recognized master teacher, author, publisher and workshop leader.

To register for the above workshops, please call Lenora Stein at (704) 366-5007.

(See CAJE-page 11)

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The following nominees are respectfully submitted for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting, October 28, 1990:

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Dear Members and Friends:

The weekend of October 27-28, 1990 marks the 25th Anniversary of THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME. Join us in celebrating this remarkable institution by buying CAJWM raffle tickets to help ensure that the Home can continue to fulfill its caring mission.

This year's exciting CAJWM Raffle will begin at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 28 at the Home's Annual Meeting. A raffle ticket costs \$50.00 and five grand prizes of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded to the winners. Also, valuable door prizes will be drawn for those in attendance. Although this will be an occasion you won't want to miss, **you do not need to be present to win.**

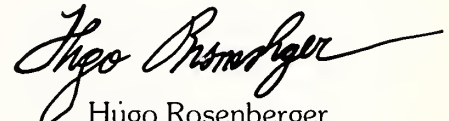
Please make your check payable to the CAJWM and return the stub(s) complete with the name, address and telephone number of the purchaser to: Hugo Rosenberger, 2214 Cloister Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We hope very much that you will be able to join us at the Home for this special celebration and we look forward to welcoming you personally on October 28.

May the New Year bring renewed happiness and inspiration to you and your family.

Cordially,


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Soviet Jewry Features

Anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R.

Based on information gathered in Russia by Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Proliferation of "Pamyat"

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policies of *Glasnost* and *Perestroika* have unleashed a radical form of Russian nationalism which espouses virulent anti-Semitism. While Pamyat is the most widely publicized of the extremist organizations, many other "Pamyats" are beginning to make themselves heard by the Russian people via the media.

On March 21, 1990 five radical Russian nationalist groups formed a coalition under the umbrella of the Popular Orthodox Movement of Russian Pamyat. All the groups agree on three main issues.

1. Jews are responsible for all the tribulations of the Russian people over the last 73 years.

2. The main task for the renaissance of the Slavic Aryan peoples is the elimination of overt and covert Zionism in Russia and the world at large.

3. This struggle is supported by official Soviet organs and healthy forces in the K.G.B., the MVD, the army and the presidential council (this refers to Valentin Rasputin and Veniamin Yarin, two extremist Russian nationalists appointed by Gorbachev.)

Following are extracts from statements by each of the leaders of the five groups at their March 21 press conference:

Russian Orthodox National Patriotic Front Pamyat

Russia has always stood on three principles—Orthodoxy, autocracy and nationality. Revival of this tradition is the basis of our movement. With the rebirth of the Orthodox spirit will begin the destruction of all evil in the world, i.e. Zionism. We appeal to all healthy forces in Europe to consolidate our activities. These healthy forces are Le Pen's National Front, La

Rouche's European Party, the Republican Party (FRG) and the IRA. We need a German-Russian alliance which will finally put an end to Zionism. Marks left by Zionism in our land are the genocide against all peoples in Russia, the ritual murder of the Russian Royal Family, and the downtrodden personality of the Russian man. The destruction of the Russian Orthodox faith, the Aryan genotype and the disintegration of Russia are the fundamental credo of Zionism. Liberalism, humanitarianism, Communism and democracy are the tools with which Judaism seeks to destroy and blacken the Aryan world. Anti-Semitism illegalized and the philo-Semitism of sections of the pseudo-intelligentsia are a plot against Russia. We demand a stop to the emigration of Soviet Jews until we can carry out an investigation into the part they have played in destroying the country. The Jews bear collective responsibility for the 73-year-old diabolical bacchanalia directed from the USA in our country. Zionism must be destroyed!

Aleksandr Eduardovich Kulakov

The Union of Proportional Representation Pamyat

We represent basically the working class, the students and the intelligentsia of lower echelons. We are a movement very much like a partisan movement. 30-36 percent of those in my movement are communists and perhaps a half are Russian Orthodox. We are united by the vision of the enemy.

K. B. Smirnov-Ostashvilli

Russian Popular Party (St. Petersburg)

We have no racist or chauvinistic ideas. The Russian National Party is the party of Russian people although the official ideology considers that any person who speaks Russian is a Russian. We do not agree. There are

criteria of blood, geography and many other things. We are monarchists and we will attain a monarchy through Gorbachev's presidential regime. We do not recognize other patriotic organizations in Leningrad.

K. B. Sidoruk

Russian Liberation Movement

We have had enough revolutionary changes in our country. All revolutionaries are against the Russian people. Perestroika has harmed the Russian people. Enough changes in the economy and in the financial structure! Stop media attacks on the army? The intelligentsia must be held accountable! Russia for the Russians! God is on our side!

Aleksandr Stepanovich Pobedinsky

Christian Patriotic Union

The Union has been in existence since December 17, 1988. We also have branches abroad. Through God to patriotism! One people has destroyed entire peoples—the Bible says so. That people is Zionism. Its ideology is an extreme form of fascism. The Zionists seek to destroy Russia once and for all by inciting conflicting between the Soviet nationalities and by interchanging the ideas of Zionism and anti-Semitism. Now they would like to take away from the Russian people the freedom of opposing Zionism. Perestroika is the work of Zionism. It is alien to the Russian people and the Russian people can be saved from it only by Russian Orthodoxy and monarchy, i.e., by a unitary strong power. We must assist all the healthy forces of the KGB, MVD and the army in their struggle for public and state stability. There are members and branches of the Union in every large Russian city and in all centers of administration. Many people are taking up the kike idea of democracy so as to discredit the army and the communists.

Evgeny Ivanovich Pashnin

The Jews of Leningrad

by Ed Levy
UJA Press Service

It was not my first visit to the Leningrad Synagogue. I had attended a Saturday service there in 1958 when I watched a handful of elderly Jewish men praying on near deserted wooden benches. It was back in the bad old days when religion was the opiate of the proletariat and Jewish culture represented an internationalist threat to the Communist ideology.

Now, in May of 1990, a blackboard stands in the middle of the synagogue and a teacher gives a geometry lesson. The temple is alive with children of all ages who dare to lead a double life. They pretend they are sick to the teachers in their regular school where they manage to show up for exams. But they get their pedagogy from volunteer Jewish teachers at the temple where they take up Hebrew and Judaism in addition to their secular load.

Thirteen year old Esther attends because she was beaten up in school for being Jewish. She even renamed herself from the Russian "Olga" to the Biblical "Esther". Her best friend, Vicky, glows when she talks of Judaism and the Talmud. The girls are inseparable but their Jewish longings will eventually take them in different directions. Esther wants to join her older sister in America and Vicky longs for Israel. When and how she will get there is another matter. Vicky's mother is Jewish but her father is Korean and resistant to leaving the country.

Lag b'Omer Picnic

The next Sunday I join Esther and Vicky on a Lag b'Omer picnic along with their mothers and 600 Jews. It is the first such outing in the Soviet era. A dozen buses drove them to a clearing in the woods for songs, music, dancing and of course, food. A program of Jewish awareness, not only sanctioned by the government but partially funded by it, makes this event possible. In the House of Culture, the Jewish community has an office which services Jewish activities. The staff helps people cope with

bureaucratic forms to Israel; they organize evenings of Jewish entertainment, Hebrew lessons and visiting lectures.

This positive awareness of Jewish identity is a sorely needed antidote to the anti-Semitic climate of Leningrad where nationalist organizations have held public meetings since 1988. Though they have other agenda than ridding the country of Jewish influence, and though they have softened their Nazi-like tone in response to pressure in the courts and press, they continue to attack Jews for being an alien culture responsible for all the country's misfortunes. In open and closed meetings of "Russian" (non-Jewish) organizations, Jews have been attacked for their prominent role in the revolution and for having an undue influence at Leningrad University which excludes almost all Jewish applicants, regardless of merit.

Protesters Beaten

In recent months, Jews who protested anti-Semitic art in a public discussion were beaten up by bodyguards while police watched passively. An evening of amateur Jewish talent was broken up by a crowd of Russian nationalists who moved their outdoor meeting into their space. The good news is that when candidates took their anti-Semitic messages to the voters last election, they were defeated.

A mother at the Leningrad picnic, who complained of outright discrimination at her job, was told by an offi-

cial at an English-speaking school that they would not take her son because of his Jewish surname. She went on to say that she had been repeatedly insulted on the street because she looked Jewish and was presumed to be richer than the others and unpatriotic because she had the option to leave for Israel. Such experiences make it tough to pass up that option.

The Russians Are Coming

by Ze'ev Chafets

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Curiously, as Israel becomes more westernized, it is simultaneously turning back to its roots in Eastern Europe. The reason is the wave of Soviet immigration now sweeping the country. Immigration, which has already brought tens of thousands of newcomers and may bring hundreds of thousands more, already shows signs of becoming the next national watershed, an event that will move the country out of its post-Yom Kippur War doldrums.

Not long ago, an Israeli historian pointed out a strange coincidence—the Balfour Declaration, granting the Jews a national home in the land of Israel, was promulgated during the same week in 1917 that Lenin came to power. It was a reminder that Zionism and Communism began as rivals for the loyalty of the masses of Eastern European Jewry; and that Zionism,

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Tradition in the Kitchen

The Soviet Connection

by Daniel Rogov

(WZPS) The USSR encompasses so many distinct cooking styles, ethnic groups, languages, climates and soils that any general discussion about Soviet cuisine becomes banal. Ukrainian borscht, for example, is generally richer and more flavorful than its Russian counterpart and Ukrainians and Beyelorussians rely more heavily on the use of kasha (buckwheat groats) than the people of Georgia or Lithuania.

While many of the foods of Russia, Lithuania and the Ukraine eventually make their way into what we think of as the "Yiddish kitchen," the cuisine of Georgia, located in the Caucasus region of the Soviet Union, has a closer kinship to that of the Middle East than to that of Russia.

Festive Georgian dinners start with a large variety of *zakuski* (hors d'oeuvres). Because hosts are valued by the length of the *zakuski* table they set, cheeses, vegetables, pickled garlic cloves, and sprigs of coriander and tarragon sit alongside platters of smoked sturgeon, caviar, sliced hard sausages, pickled mushrooms and plums. And, because Georgians take enormous pride in the wines they produce at home, as many as twelve different kinds of wine may adorn the table. Another thing that gives Georgian cookery its unique flavor is the liberal use of fruits and nuts together with meats and poultry—walnut and plum sauces being favorites.

Wherever they came from in the Soviet Union, Jews made important contributions to the culinary style of their area. In addition to adapting local dishes to satisfy the laws of Kashrut, Jews also invented and modified dishes. There are, for example, many who think that the popular Ukrainian *vareniki* (dumplings stuffed with savory or sweet fillings) are a distinctly Jewish invention.

Another habit that had its roots in

Jewish homes of the Soviet Union involves the method of drinking tea. According to tradition, men drink from glasses and women from cups, but both take their tea without milk and sip it through a sugar lump held between their teeth. So widely accepted has this habit become throughout the Soviet Union that many have forgotten that this charming tradition was originally Jewish.

On a more amusing note, what is not generally well known is that two of the best known "Russian dishes," Beef Stroganof and Chicken Kiev, were devised by French chefs, both of whom were comfortably situated in Paris' Cafe Anglais at the time they made their inventions.

The dishes below will provide a marvelous Yom Tov dinner for six. Some of the recipes were given to me by the Pugatch and Dhugeshvilli families. Others were adapted from the recipes of Marian Burros.

The Appetizer Kasha and Mushrooms

3/4 cup of a mixture of parve margarine and corn oil
1 1/2 cups kasha (buckwheat groats)
6 oz. mushrooms, chopped coarsely
1 tsp. salt

In a large heavy skillet heat 1/2 cup of the shortening and when it is bubbling hot add the kasha. Stir the kasha, using a wooden spoon, until it is completely coated with shortening and slightly browned (6-8 minutes). Transfer the kasha to a 2 quart oven-proof casserole and pour on boiling water to about 1 inch above the kasha. Add the salt, stir once, cover and bake in a medium oven for 1 hour. If the liquids dry out too rapidly, add boiling water but do not stir. For the final 15 minutes of cooking, uncover. When done the kasha should be dry and separate into individual grains.

Heat the remaining shortening in a skillet and in this saute the mushrooms for 5-6 minutes. Transfer the mushrooms to the casserole with the kasha, stir well and serve immediately.

Cabbage and Beet Soup Borscht

3 cups beets, peeled and chopped finely
1 1/2 cups onions, chopped finely
1/2 cup carrots, chopped finely
3 cups beef or chicken stock
1 1/2 cups cabbage, shredded finely
3 Tbsp. parve margarine
juice of 2 small lemons

In a large kettle place the beets, onions and carrots and barely cover with boiling water. Simmer gently, on a moderate flame, covered, for 20 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients,

cover again and simmer for 15 minutes more. Pour into individual bowls.

The Main Course Turkey with Apricot Stuffing

1/2 lb. dried apricots, pitted
1 cup port wine
2 cups cracked wheat
2 cups dried prunes, pitted and halved
1/4 cup parve margarine
2 large onions, chopped coarsely
2 stalks celery, without leaves, chopped finely
1 tsp. sage
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup pine nuts
1 cup beef stock
1 turkey, about 9-10 pounds, dressed

In a mixing bowl soak the apricots overnight in the port wine. With a slotted spoon remove the apricots and set aside. Reserve the wine.

Soak the cracked wheat in 4 cups of water in a separate bowl for 2 hours and then drain well.

Melt the margarine in a large heavy skillet and in this saute the onion and celery until the onions are translucent. Add the cracked wheat and saute for 5 minutes more. Season with the sage and salt and pepper, add the prunes, apricots, pine nuts and stock and simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes. With this mixture stuff the bird.

Truss the bird well and place on a rack in an oven that has been preheated to very hot. Immediately reduce the oven temperature to medium and bake, allowing about 25 minutes per pound, basting often with the wine and pan drippings. When the bird is done let cool for about 10 minutes before carving. If desired, make a pan gravy from the drippings and serve in a sauceboat. (Serves 6-8).

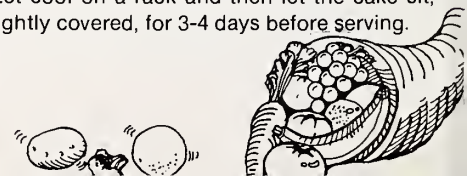
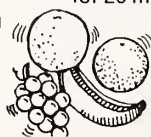
The Dessert Medivnyk-Honey Cake

1 cup honey
1 tsp. powdered cinnamon
1/2 tsp. each powdered cloves and nutmeg
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup softened parve margarine
1 cup brown sugar
4 eggs, separated
4 cups flour, sifted
1 cup each raisins and chopped walnuts
1/2 cup each currants and chopped pitted dates

In a saucepan heat the honey to boiling and then add the cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, baking soda and salt. Allow the mixture to cool.

In a mixing bowl cream the margarine together with the brown sugar and then beat in the egg yolks, one at a time, until the mixture is light. To this add the honey mixture and beat thoroughly.

Resift the flour and add to the batter. Beat the egg whites stiff and fold these into the batter. Transfer the batter to 2 loaf pans lined with greased brown paper and bake in at 325° until a toothpick comes out clean (about 2 hours). Let cool on a rack and then let the cake sit, lightly covered, for 3-4 days before serving.



Summer Institutes at Wildacres

by Estelle Hoffman

GCAR Interfaith Institute August 6-9, 1990

The ninth Interfaith Institute at Wildacres had for its theme *The Prophecy of Isaiah*. Scholars in residence were Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky and Dr. Max Polley.

There were six lectures which were based on these topics: *The Prophecy of Isaiah*, keynote address delivered by Dr. Carl D. Evans, *The Messianic Passages, Isaiah and Zion, The Suffering Servant Passages, Religion and Social Justice Passages and Isaiah and Pastoral Concerns*.

Moderators for the sessions were Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman, who is coordinator of the Institute, Rabbi Israel Gerber, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Fr. Oscar Burnette, O.S.B., the Rev. George Cave and Dr. Oakley Winters.

Dr. Evans, Department of Religion, University of South Carolina at Columbia, gave an overview of the history and literary content of all of Isaiah during the Babylonian conquest, the Exilic Period and Return. That set the background for the discussions of the seminar. Dr. Evans is indeed a man for all people.

Dr. Kensky is a teacher at the Reconstructionist Seminary and a biblical scholar, who charmed participants with the scope of her knowledge. Dr. Polley teaches at Davidson College and is a biblical scholar whose insights into *Isaiah* complemented those of Dr. Kensky.

Jews and Christians of Roman Catholic and many Protestant denominations participated in the interfaith dialogue. One hundred members of the Institute expressed appreciation for an enriching experience and judged this Institute the best to date.

The Interfaith Institute reflects the goals of the founders when Wildacres was dedicated to the betterment of human relations.

GCAR Rabbis Kallah August 9-15, 1990

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis held its 1990 summer Kallah at Wildacres. Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, GCAR vice president, was chairman and arranged the program.

The speaker was Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky, whose topics were *A New Look at Creation, The Creation of Humanity, The Coming of Culture and The Interruption of Family*, all based on the Book of Genesis; also from the same source were the topics, *Pollution and the Flood and God and Humanity*.

Members held their annual meeting during the Kallah and decided to hold their winter meeting in Charlotte. Rabbi Liebschutz was elected GCAR president for the coming year.

During the Wildacres Kallah, Susan Sapinsley conducted art classes for the children whose works were displayed at the Kallah's end.

Sessions of the Kallah were stimulating, prompting the rabbis to engage in scholarly discussions of the subject matter.

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism II August 16-19, 1990

District Five of B'nai B'rith held its annual Wildacres Institute co-chaired by Richard Melenson, Todd Savitt as registrar and Dr. A. J. Kravtin. The weekend seminar heard Dr. Stephen Berk and Dr. Steven Katz as speakers.

Both speakers are historians. Dr. Katz gave an overview of the history of Jews in Western Europe and dealt with the Jewish encounter with modernity.

Dr. Berk spoke of Russian Jews under the Tsars and under Commissars. Conditions of Jews in Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries were depicted in realistic terms. The talks were sobering. In a final session, Dr. Katz spoke of the historic experience of Jews in America, the present situation and the outlook for the future of American Jewry. This talk was comforting to the audience, but the demographic projection offered no hope for growth.

Wildacres was filled to capacity by



Shabbat Services at Wildacres. Inset: District Five B'nai B'rith Institute chairmen, (L. to R.) Todd Savitt, Richard Melenson, Dr. A. J. Kravtin. Photo by Ruth Goldberg

this Institute, and the prevailing atmosphere was inspiring and warm. Dr. A. J. Kravtin, who had long been the guiding spirit, expressed his gratification with the level of the program.



District Five B'nai B'rith Institute lecturers, (L. to R.), Dr. Steven Katz and Dr. Stephen Berk. Photo by Joyce Klein

N. C. B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism I August 20-23, 1990

The forty-third annual Institute of Judaism at Wildacres was held this year. This group has been an annual event longer than that of any other meeting here.

Speakers were Dr. Elliot Engel, lecturer and professor of English literature, who spoke on *Jewish American Authors' Place in the History of the Short Story* and *The Bible as Literature*; and Dr. Irving Abrahamson, book reviewer for the *Chicago Tribune*, whose lectures were *Hugh Nissenson's Short Story: "Lamentations"; Analysis, Discussions*; and *Elie Wiesel, The Man and His Works*; and Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, Commander U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. He has an M.A. in International Relations and a degree in Rabbinics, and he spoke on *Rabbis in Uniform and Swords and Plowshares*.

Viva Klezmer! of Charlotte entertained each night, and Marlene Fuerstman, soprano, was a great ad-

dition to the group this year. The participants attended all sessions diligently and their enthusiasm was unprecedented.

The planning committee, chaired by Dr. Bill and Retha Jasper, was comprised of Stanley and Sandy Deckelbaum and Audrey and Jerry Madans, all of whom conduct a well coordinated, efficient program at Wildacres.



N.C. B'nai B'rith Institute participants, Betty and Richard Deutsch of Raleigh. Photo by Sandy Deckelbaum.

Charlotte Yiddish Institute August 23-26, 1990

The twelfth annual Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres was another in the series of warm and stimulating retreats for many who had attended repeatedly, as well as newcomers.

The Institute conducts periodic meetings in Charlotte (The Yiddish Vinkl) and the Wildacres annual Institute. Its committee is headed by Baila Pransky, creator of the idea which was developed into the Yiddish Institute with the help of an able committee.

This year's Institute featured lecturers Dr. Hannah Kliger, Department of Anthropology, Eastern Studies, University of Massachusetts at Amherst and research fellow, Department of Anthropology, Boston University; and Dr. Rachmiel Peltz, Department of Modern/Foreign Languages and

Literature, Boston University. Both have written numerous articles and are recipients of various awards.

Lecture topics were *The Thousand Year History of Yiddish: Where Do We Fit In?*, *Reexamining the Landsmanshaftn and Yiddish Language of Children of Immigrants* and *Discovering Yiddish after the Holocaust*.

Workshops in beginning, conversational Yiddish and Yiddish readings were offered, and added touches were *Growing Up: Memories* by Marvin Bienstock and *Humor, Parody and Satire in Yiddish Song* by Reuven Freedman. Folk dancing was led by Esther Dushoff.

Evening entertainment was thrilling, provided by Shoshana Ron, accompanied by Zalmen Mlotek at the piano. Yiddish songs old and new were performed with great professional skill by these excellent musicians.

The long weekend was replete with Sabbath Services conducted by John Pransky and Julius Goldman, with reminiscence, learning and rejoicing.

Impressions of a First-time Participant at Yiddish Institute

by Nessia Shafransky
Durham, N.C.

A couple of years ago I took an intensive six-week Yiddish class at the summer program of the YIVO Institute at Columbia University in New York.

Coming back to Durham, N.C., I kept asking myself how will I be able to keep my newly acquired knowledge alive. After all, Durham is not exactly known as a Yiddish center, or for that matter—any Jewish center.

But when you really want something you somehow manage to find it. I managed to find a few other people in the Triangle area who were interested in Yiddish. We now have almost ten people in our study group. We meet once a month, read literary texts and converse in Yiddish.

I never really expected to find more in the way of Yiddish in North Carolina. But to my great surprise I found out that every summer a Yiddish Insti-

tute is conducted in the mountains of North Carolina. Last year I applied too late—the Institute attracts people from all over the U.S. and there was no space available—so this year I was careful to apply early.

On August 23, I drove with Kaja, a new participant of our Yiddish study group, to the Wildacres Retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The retreat is situated near Mount Mitchell and is surrounded by lush green mountains and a clear, natural environment. The rooms were comfortable and pleasant and the food good and plentiful.

There were over one hundred participants who came from all over the country. We were amazed to meet people who came from as far as Texas, Minnesota and Michigan. Many of them come almost religiously every summer.

In the next three days we were immersed in the world of Yiddish. The lectures were very interesting. Every evening we had a wonderful concert of Yiddish songs. After the formal activities people stayed, danced and sang Yiddish songs until 2:00 o'clock in the morning. One of the participants, Gene Kavadlo, played Klezmer music on his clarinet, and there were other impressive talents. For me, personally, the Yiddish songs were the highlights of the weekend.

I was really impressed by the organization of the Yiddish Institute and by the devotion of the Charlotte organizers to the Yiddish language and culture. As long as people like them are around, Yiddish will keep living—even in North Carolina!

CAJE

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As of September 4, CAJE members for 1990-91 are as follows:

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Charlotte Yiddish Institute Committee at Wildacres: (Front Row) Raizel Luski, Sarah Mushe Goldman, Sarah Ackerman, Elkie Tulman, Baila Pransky, Liebe Pollard; (Back Row) Abraham Luski, Yehudah Goldman, Gedalia Ackerman, Zalman Tulman, Moishe Bienstock, Yayneh Pransky, Shmuel Wallace. Photo by Benyamin Rudow.

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

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

by Fran Hirschel

In October, Temple Beth El V'Shalom will honor Betty Rosenbaum who is stepping down after 15 years as our financial secretary. The president of our congregation, Jeff Lyons, describes Betty as an amazing woman who is wonderful to work with, who has given a lot to the Temple, and whose influence will shape the Temple for many years to come. She has dedicated a tremendous amount of her time to the Temple and she will be impossible to replace.

When Betty started as financial secretary, there were 240 families in our congregation and we now number 480. According to Betty, she had no prior experience in this field when she began, and her predecessor, Saul Edlein, showed her how to do what she was supposed to do. He should be commended indeed for a job well done! Over the years, she has picked up more and more responsibilities, and has worn so many different hats that four people will now share the workload that she carried alone. Betty and her husband have been members of the Temple for 32 years, and all three of their children were consecrated and confirmed at Temple Beth El V'Shalom. Last year their granddaughter Amy continued the tradition and was confirmed at our Temple as well.

Fortunately for us, Betty has agreed to continue serving the Temple by assisting the people who will now be shouldering the load: Steve Horowitz and Irv Pepper are vice presidents of finance; Devorah Hare is chairing the ways and means committee; and Shirley Fytelson, in addition to being

president of Sisterhood, will assist Devorah in the collection of funds. We salute all of them.

Also in October, there will be Sisterhood's paid up members luncheon, featuring a fashion show as well as the installation of officers. Any members of our congregation who have not yet joined Sisterhood are welcome to become members at the luncheon on October 10, but reservations are required.

Men's Club is continuing to hold Bingo on Thursday evenings at 7:30. The game is now located on the second floor of the Amity Gardens Cafeteria on East Independence Boulevard.

And, finally, we congratulate the following congregants who have become B'nai Mitzvah: Eric Katowitz, Andrew Lyons, Michael Schiffman, Michael Eckert, Adam Smith and Hamilton Stolpen.

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

The Operation Exodus Campaign kick-off, organized by the Jewish Community Council in Winston-Salem during the summer months, was a tremendous success. More than 100 people attended small dinner parties throughout the community. They then met at Temple Emanuel to listen to an inspiring group of speakers.

Barry Leshin, campaign chairman, described the needs of the immigrants. Leonard Shtridelman and Alexander Kapitanovsky gave personal accounts of real life for Jews in the Soviet Union. Keynote speaker, Professor William Karey, emphasized the need for further financial commitment to this cause.

On October 13, members of Temple Emanuel will gather for a festive evening of refreshments, dancing and entertainment. The mortgage burning party will celebrate the payment of the mortgage for the religious

school wing and the newly renovated temple building.

Students and parents will participate in the Crop Walk Against Hunger in Winston-Salem on October 14. In previous years, 30-50 members of the Temple have joined this group.

On October 16, the Jewish National Fund will bestow its highest honor, the Tree of Life Award, on Dr. Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., president of Wake Forest University, during a dinner at the Stouffer Winston Plaza. The award is being presented to Dr. Hearn as a concerned and dedicated American.

Students of Grades 7, 8 and 9 in Temple Emanuel's religious school are planning to participate in a retreat at Camp Hanes on October 19-21. Principal Karen Dresser and Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz will be the leaders.

Being well informed and being able to express our views and concerns are privileges we enjoy as citizens of this country. In this election year, we are even more aware of the necessity for understanding. The Jewish Community Council is sponsoring "town meetings" with our national congressional candidates.

Congressman Steve Neal held an open forum on September 8 at Temple Emanuel. Ken Bell, the Republican candidate, will meet with the community of Winston-Salem on October 21.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Congratulations

To Jennifer Michalove who graduated from Asheville High School. A plaque was presented to Jennifer at Asheville High's Awards Night for the Stuart G. Martin Support Services Award. Congratulations also to Amy Michalove who has completed her first year at the University of Georgia.

To Ronnie Winick, who also graduated from Asheville High School. Ronnie is attending North Carolina State University.

To Nicole Lurey who was selected as a debutante for the Rhododendron Ball. Nicole worked at the JCC this summer as a counselor for the Day Camp. She is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

We thank Morris and Ruth Fox for their contribution of books to the Synagogue library.

Welcome to our newest members Carol McCollum, Caren Kessler, and Alan and Barbara Levy. Carol is married to Neil McCollum and has two children. Caren is married to Larry Hollar and has a daughter, Julia.

Mazel Tov to Niel Harry Sollod, son of Dr. Norman Sollod and the late Phyllis Sollod, who was married to Margaret Elizabeth Glisson on June 24, 1990 at Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh, N.C., where they now live.

Mazel Tov to Joe and Beatrice Gullotta on the birth of a grandson, Izak Josef Baranowski.

Congratulations to David Kayne on his performance in "Much Ado About Nothing" with the Montford Park Players.

Our two lovely Russian families are well settled in Asheville. They feel proud to be Jews in a free country. The entire Jewish Community has been a major factor in helping them make this big transition in every way.

Synagogue Activities

United Synagogue invited Congregation Beth Israel to a barbecue at Camp Blue Star, followed by a concert by well-known recording artist Craig Taubman on August 19. This was the kickoff event for the Youth Group.

We are replacing the *Silverman Siddur* with the *Sim Shalom Siddur*.

On the weekend of August 17, congregants and other members of the community helped the Wellischs—Danny, Lillian and Eric—celebrate Eric's milestone birthday. On August 20, the Synagogue Board had a retreat meeting and dinner at the Radisson Hotel.

Cemetery Committee

On August 22, the Cemetery Committee of Congregation Beth Israel, with other members of the congregation and community, attended a dinner to honor some people who have served for many years in dedication and devotion to the duties they have performed and will perform for families in the community when we are in need. Most of the people are members of our Chevra Kadisha, who take care of our departed in the ritual washing and preparation for burial. Rabbi Birnham informed all of the history, the rules and regulations, and other interesting facts about this "elite" group of dedicated people.

Those who have served for years and those who have recently volunteered are: Reba Barton, Helen Benninga, Roz Freedman, Ileana Grams, Beatrice Gullotta, Hilde Hoffman, Debi Miles, Barbara Ribner, Estelle Rosenberg, Lee Schandler, Sandy Slosman, David Gaynes, Harry Lerner, Milton Lurey, Bob Prigoff, Dr. Harold Rotman, Mark Rudow and Dr. Norman Sollod. We are grateful to them for their loyalty above and beyond the call of duty devotion.

Rabbi Shmuel Birnham

Rabbi Birnham, in early August, sent out a flyer to the congregation entitled, "How to Get High (Spiritually) for the High Holy Days." It reminded this writer of something I once heard the head of a local drug commission say: "I used to get high on drugs when I was young. Fortunately, I learned a new way of getting 'high': on living, on getting up in the morning, on seeing a beautiful day, on a blessed event." What a beautiful

way they both had of putting a learning experience into their lives.

Our courses on the preparation and understanding of the High Holy Days with the Rabbi were: "Teshuva (repentance)—What is it and how do we do it?" Study and discussion of modern and classical texts; "A Road Map to the Prayers of Rosh Hashanah. How to understand the themes and structure of Rosh Hashanah liturgy"; "A Road Map to the prayers of Yom Kippur. What are those prayers about, anyway?"

On August 26, the entire congregation was invited to join Rabbi Birnham and Sara at an open house in their new home.

In Sunday School news, classes began on September 9. This year, the Education Committee is striving to continue the momentum of last year and make our Sunday School and Hebrew School a truly cooperative experience. It has enacted a policy of requiring parent participation as part of the education curriculum.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

On August 3, the Sisterhood enlivened the Oneg Shabbat with an old-fashioned ice-cream-sundae social, with enough tempting toppings to put calorie-watching on the back burner.

At the next general meeting on October 6, immediately following the board meeting, Shirley Berdie will present a book review of "The Shawl" by Cynthia Ozick.

The Sisterhood Sabbath Supper was held on August 31, preceding the



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The Brotherhood

It was reported that the Beth ha-Tephila chapter of the Jewish Chautauqua Society is an amazing 773% over its membership quota, which is second best in the U.S., thanks to our outstanding Chautauqua chairman Sid Schochet.

The Religious School

Opening day was September 9, when all parents and teachers assembled in Unger Hall for orientation and payment of fees. Phyllis Bluming, principal, pointed out that "children are eligible for our Religious School if they are in grades pre-kindergarten through high school," and invited parents to call her with any questions they might have.

"Ask the Rabbi"

At an informal gathering after services and the Oneg Shabbat on August 10, Rabbi Bluming deftly fielded questions and guided discussion on such diverse subjects as whether the resident of a house should take the Mezuzah down when he moves, to the significance of angels in the Jewish religion, from whether or not there's an afterlife to where Reform Judaism is going, from the Middle East crisis to homosexuality, proving that when you "Ask the Rabbi," the sky's the limit.

The High Holy Days

Our observances began on Saturday, September 15, with the Selichot service, an ancient tradition adopted by the Temple. This service was a musical reminder of the imminent solemn season and featured a sampling of the special High Holy Day melodies. Following the service, Jerry Dave was host at the "Meet the Choir" reception in Unger Hall, when we all had the opportunity to meet and thank the people responsible for the music: they were Pamela Simmons, contralto; Hannah Pennell, soprano; John W. Semingson, tenor; William Vernon, bass, and Jean Valerio, music director and organist.

On Yom Kippur, a "Womansong" musical program was presented from 1:00-1:30 p.m., and the annual Constance Head Memorial Study Hour

started at 1:45. This year's study subject was "Written Out of History—the Role of Jewish Women." Rose Rose presented a paper on the subject, and a discussion followed. The late Dr. Head was a convert to Judaism and was a member of our Temple.

Again this year the generous women of St. Luke's Episcopal Church arranged to be in our Religious School Building during the Holy Day services to watch and care for our children.

Heritage Sabbath

An annual event that keeps us in touch with the history and background of our congregation, Heritage Sabbath was held this year on August 31. It served to honor our past officers and to remind us of our upcoming Centennial Celebration. The old Union Prayer Book was used.

Help!

A call went out for volunteer builders and contributions for Habitat for Humanity, which as you know arranges no-interest loans for families who contribute labor for building their house and an additional one. Used furniture for a resale store is also needed.

There was also notice of a Children's Fun Day on August 25, sponsored by the Western North Carolina Child Abuse Center, at which information about the Center was available.

Notes on Our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming is currently serving as an adjunct police chaplain for the Asheville Police Department and as secretary of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Earl and Rosalie Schreier on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Kevin Barr, son of Judi and Jim Barr of The Woodlands, Texas; to Ryan Linn and his family on his Bar Mitzvah.



Personals



Gregory M. Blumenthal and
Debra A. Evenson

Blumenthal-Evenson Wedding Durham, N.C.

Debra A. Evenson and Gregory M. Blumenthal were married at 4 p.m., May 20, 1990 at Beth El Synagogue in Durham, N.C. A reception was held at the Omni Europa Hotel. Rabbi Steven Sager officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Norman and Janet Evenson of Wilmington, N.C.

The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Barbara Blumenthal of Germantown, Tennessee.

The matron of honor was Roselle Evenson Margolis, sister of the bride. Other bridal attendants were Karen Polsky, Ellen Feuer, Marcy Kesselman and Jane Weintraub.

Best man was Martin Valk. Ushers were Jeff Blumenthal and Steven Blumenthal, brothers of the groom; Robert Margolis, brother-in-law of the bride; and Theodore Vagelos.

Ring bearer was Gabriel Seth Margolis, nephew of the bride.

The bride was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is a laboratory research analyst for Duke University Medical Center in the department of pharmacology.

The bridegroom graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University. He is a graduate student at Duke University department of pharmacology.

The couple resides in Durham, N.C.

Organizations

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

by Lisa Wohl

Our Shabbat picnic at Boyce Road Park was a success. About 60 people attended. The recently initiated Soviet women were each presented with a certificate and a flower. Two BBG members conducted the service and we thank them.

Once again, Halailah members made holiday baskets. Baskets, each with a challah cover, were made for the Soviet families. Halailah will supply challah once a month to the Soviet families. The first month's challah was donated by American Fare.

If anyone is interested in picking up furniture for the Soviet families, please call Penny Eisenberg at (704) 847-4037.

Personal Giving was held in September. Admission to Personal Giving was an item for the baskets. The baskets are distributed by Jewish Family Services. Many thanks to Randi DeFillipp for her continuous effort in coordinating the baskets.

A new CVS project called "Read Up Charlotte" will be initiated. Halailah members will develop this project, which will deal with the literacy problem in low-income day-care centers. Please contact Lisa Pharr at (704) 365-4692 if you'd like to help.

Once a month, on Mondays, we will help serve at the Hot Lunch for Seniors program. Call Emily Chatham at (704) 523-6623 if you'd like to help.

Mark your calendars for Nov. 14! Halailah is coordinating a Pro Choice/Pro Life program at the JCC.

There will be a clothing drive for Hunter House and Crisis Assistance in November. If you have clothing to donate, please call Lisa Platock at (704) 364-8513.

New Halailah members are Amy Snyder, Lori Bertman and Claire Lind. If you would like to join, please call Jan Weiner at (704) 847-3999 or Cheri Titlebaum at (704) 541-9758.

Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte

by Sue Brodsky, director

The Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte (CHS) has a new look this fall. The eighth and ninth grade students have been able to choose electives offered from a varied list which includes many new courses. Some of the new courses offered for first session are *Improvisational Hebrew*, *Turning Tzedakah Into Action*, *The Jewish Side of the News* and *What Do You Say When*. Second Session new electives are *Wednesday Night at the Movies*, "WCHS" (a Jewish news magazine on video), and *The Roots of Modern Israel*. Third session electives include *Designing Students: Designing Services* and *Bake Like a Bubbe*. These last two classes will respectively write a creative service scheduled for May 31, 1991 and will prepare the baked goods for the May 31st Oneg Shabbat.

Holocaust I, II and III, favorites with CHS students, will be offered as will *Art as a Midrash*, the content of which has been expanded to include a student art project. In addition to one elective, all eighth graders will take *Life Cycle and Cycle of the Jewish Year*, a year course; and all ninth graders will take *Bible* and *History* all year.

The Confirmation or tenth grade curriculum will be taught by Rabbi Hillel Millgram and Rabbi Robert Seigel. For the first time, both Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom students will be combined in the same confirmation class. Confirmation will take place on May 19, 1991. However, separate services will be held at each temple for its own confirmation class.

Incentive programs will be built into the program this year. Each month, all students who satisfactorily participate in class, meet the attendance requirement, and adhere to the discipline policy will be given "Honorable Menschen" certificates and will be eligible to win a \$10 gift certificate. In addition, some elective courses will be open only to students who meet certain requirements and have been recommended by their CHS teachers.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Charlotte Chabad House Activities

As we usher in the New Year, we reflect on the past year and its many accomplishments. Before we make new resolutions we seek to reinforce those we made last year.

We can take pride in the fact that the previous year of 5750 was a most successful year with many exciting programs which have drawn thousands of Carolinians to the Chabad House in Charlotte.

There were special programs ranging from family entertainment to holiday programs, for young and old and everyone in between. All have enhanced the quality of Jewish life in Charlotte and the Carolinas. These are in addition to the daily activities of the Lubavitch schools, Talmud Torah, regular adult education and Shabbat Services which make the Chabad House a center for Jewish life.

As we look to the new year, we have a full schedule of events planned which, we are certain, will exceed everything we did in the past both in quality and quantity. Just to mention a few:

Lubavitch of North Carolina will be celebrating its tenth anniversary with a fabulous Chanukah dinner celebration at the Charlotte Marriott City-Center hotel on Sunday, December 16, 1990 at 6 p.m. There will be a grand Menorah lighting, delicious Kosher cuisine, live Chassidic entertainment and much more.



Chavie Getz (left) and Chanie Gansbourg, new Judaica teachers at Lubavitch in Charlotte.

The Chabad House in Charlotte will host a grand Simchat Torah celebration on Thursday, October 11, 7:30 p.m. The event will feature a complete Hakafot service and full buffet of delicious holiday food. Children are encouraged to come with their parents and will receive a holiday flag.

A new candle-lighting brochure and schedule has been sent to some 8,000 Jewish households in the Carolinas, along with a special issue of the *Lubavitch International*, a publication describing Lubavitch activities around the world. If you have not received your copy or for additional copies, please contact our office at (704) 366-3984 or write to Lubavitch of North Carolina, 6500 Newhall Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28270.

Lubavitch Preschool and Day School

The new school year brought a lot of excitement to the Lubavitch preschool and day school. There has been a tremendous increase in enrollment at all levels including the addition of a third grade.

The most visible addition has been the new modular classroom building placed across from the Chabad House. In addition to two spacious classrooms, it also houses a computer room and has ample storage space. It is a delightful scene to see more than twenty-five children using the new building every day.

There are several new and returning teachers at Lubavitch schools. Leslie Pruce, upper grades teacher, comes with fifteen years' experience in the California school system. Mrs. Pruce has already made her mark on the progress of the school with her ability to convey her professional skills in a warm and personable style.

Susan Doobrow, kindergarten teacher, has seen an increase in her class with new students who have joined the school. Susan is known for her excellent teaching techniques and great enthusiasm.

Martha Huxter, early childhood education and afternoon teacher, has made a remarkable addition to the school with her enthusiasm and creativity in teaching her young-to-very-young students.



Leslie Pruce, Lubavitch day school teacher in Charlotte.

Fern Sanderson has joined the Lubavitch schools on the administrative level by accepting the position of associate director of the Lubavitch preschool and day school. Mrs. Sanderson will share her duties with Mariashi Groner, school director. This is in addition to Fern's position as morning preschool teacher.

In the Judaica department, the school has hired two new teachers. They are Chanie Gansbourg and Chavie Getz, student teachers from the Beth Rivkah Teachers Seminary—the Lubavitch school for women in Brooklyn, N.Y. Both teachers come with a lot of experience and a great love for children. They are a welcome addition to the school and to Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss who are currently teaching Hebrew and Judaica to the older students.

The schools sponsored an open house party at the Chabad House for the parents and teachers. It began with an outdoor barbecue and salad bar at the playground area of the school. The parents then assembled indoors to hear Mariashi Groner's welcoming remarks and Fern Sanderson's common sense guidelines for a positive school experience.

Each teacher hosted the parents and met in their child's classroom to share the plans and curriculum for the upcoming year. The meeting actually helped gain the parents' support and cooperation in the effort the teacher extends to the students. The

charm and warmth of the teachers impressed the parents and helped reinforce their confidence in the school.

The Lubavitch Talmud Torah has also increased greatly in its numbers with over seventy students enrolled in the program. The classes meet on various days of the week, all according to the age group. The juniors meet Sunday and Tuesday of each week; the seniors, every Monday and Wednesday. They are currently studying Hebrew, reading and writing, Jewish history and history. Lubavitch schools and Talmud Torah have more than 140 children enrolled in the school system in Charlotte.



Children at play at Lubavitch preschool in Charlotte.

Chabad of Myrtle Beach

Chabad Academy at the Myrtle Beach Chabad House has seen expansion both in enrollment and space in a new two-story building connected to the original Chabad House.

The success of Chabad in Myrtle Beach, led by Rabbi Doron Aizenman and his wife, Leah, is a story in itself. In the four years that the Aizenmans have been there, they have successfully transformed the Carolina coastal area into a base of Judaism. They have since been joined by Rabbi Yossi Naparstek and his wife, Chana, who have contributed toward the rapid growth and development of Chabad in Myrtle Beach.

On Sunday, September 2, the community in Myrtle Beach was treated to an extraordinary event at the newly

expanded Chabad House with a celebration marking the success of Jewish education brought by the dedicated Lubavitch families.

The event featured guest speakers including Mayor Robert Grissom who pointed to the fact that Chabad with its growth balances the material growth of the Myrtle Beach community. Senator Isador Lurie from Columbia, S.C. delivered the keynote address during which he praised the work of Chabad in South Carolina by both Lubavitch centers in Columbia and Myrtle Beach.

David Baker from Columbia reported on his recent trip to Israel. The program was opened by Rabbi Naparstek who read a special letter of blessing and instruction sent by the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita for this special occasion.

All of the Carolina Lubavitch Rabbis addressed the assembled and entertained their eager audience with their words of wisdom and wit. More than forty plaques of thanks were distributed to honor the contributions made to Chabad of Myrtle Beach.

Prominent among the honorees were Mr. and Mrs. Shaul Levy of Wings Department Stores, and Mr. and Mrs. Yaron Sharabani from Eagles Department Stores.

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Mayor Robert Grissom of Myrtle Beach addressing the dedication of the Chabad House.



School children in front of newly expanded Chabad House in Myrtle Beach.

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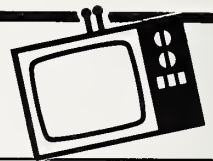
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From Leningrad To Jerusalem: The Gulag Way

by Hillel Butman

Benmir Books 354 pp. \$19.95

This important book is a contribution to the understanding of part of the history of this century. It tells of the reawakening of the Soviet Jewish community. It tells how faith and courage can conquer the power of the Gulag.

Born in Leningrad, Russia in 1932, Butman is known world-wide as one of the early Soviet prisoners of conscience.

In 1981 Butman published his first book in Russian entitled *From Leningrad to Jerusalem*, for which he was awarded the Aryeh Rafaeli Prize for the best Israeli book in Russian. In 1984, when the Hebrew translation of the first book was published, he was awarded the Joshua Gilboa Prize for the best book in Hebrew about the struggle of Jews in the Diaspora for their rights.

Butman, along with many other Jews of his generation, experienced overt Soviet anti-Semitism. When he graduated from high school he was not accepted by the Foreign Languages Institute or the School of Journalism, even though his Russian classmates with poorer academic records were readily admitted. When he volunteered for the Air Force, his application was refused ostensibly on some technicality, but in reality because he was a Jew. After he graduated from law school in Leningrad, Butman could not find employment as an attorney, and for a number of years worked as a mechanic, while completing a correspondence course for an engineering degree.

In the middle 1960s Butman's disillusionment with the Soviet system motivated his involvement in clandestine Zionist groups in Leningrad. They organized underground classes, taught Hebrew and Jewish history,

and distributed forbidden Jewish literature. Seeking emigration to Israel, he and a group of friends planned an airplane hijacking to fly from Leningrad to Sweden and then on to Israel. While the original group dropped the plan, another group attempted the hijacking. Even though Butman was not one of the hijackers, he was arrested for anti-Soviet activities and sentenced to 10 years in a Gulag prison. After serving 9 years in the Mordvinian camps, he was deported to Israel.

Upon arrival in Israel in 1979, Butman and his family lived in a Kibbutz before moving to Jerusalem, where he was able to find employment as a lawyer. He now lives in Ramot (a suburb of Jerusalem) and serves as chief assistant to the director general of the State of Israel's Office for Public Complaints (Ombudsman).

Active on behalf of the Soviet Aliyah, he is currently serving as the 1990 Chairman of the Jewish branch of the National Movement for Absorption and Immigration.

A Journey of Faith

by Elie Wiesel and John Cardinal O'Connor

Donald I. Fine, Inc. 87 pp. \$18.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This book, *A Journey of Faith*, is a record of the dialogue which was held at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York between Elie Wiesel and John Cardinal O'Connor, two Americans of different faiths. Their backgrounds are quite different, but both are tremendously concerned about human beings.

The conversation was moderated by Gabe Pressman, veteran reporter for WNBC-TV. Subjects ranged from the Holocaust to the speakers' childhoods and their parents in what proved to be touching revelations from their personal lives. Both ex-

pressed unflinching faith in God, despite the difficulty of understanding events through which they had lived.

Although both Elie Wiesel and Cardinal O'Connor evinced great compassion, there is an apparent difference in their perception of the meaning of suffering. The Roman Catholic Cardinal believes suffering has a purpose; Jewish Elie Wiesel is unable to accept that reasoning.

The frankness of both men is gratifying. One is the Pope's representative in the United States of two million Catholics; the other is self-appointed representative of the six million Holocaust victims. Both agree that we need to remember the horrors perpetrated by Nazi Germany in order to prevent the possibility of a similar onslaught in the future.

From the Kingdom of Memory

by Elie Wiesel

Summit Books 250 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Elie Wiesel is a writer, scholar, teacher and humanitarian. He says that all he does is in the role of a witness, because he survived when others perished. He feels he owes to the dead the memory of their history. He had vowed that if, by some miracle, he would survive, he would devote his life to testimony of that history.

"The enemy relied on people's disbelief and forgetfulness," Elie Wiesel writes. The reliance on disbelief worked; we have yet to see if forgetfulness also wins. How different from the liar who relies on people's belief and forgetfulness. The difference is interesting to contemplate. Perhaps it lies in the magnitude of the lie.

The reader is implored to read for adventure, excitement and wonder, and yes, for anguish, too. Reading, he believes, leads one back to ancient times and experiences. Understanding of them will help us to understand ourselves in the present.

Included in *From the Kingdom of Memory* are essays and speeches in which he voices a call to morality for all humanity. He thanks the liberators of the survivors. He points to the best teachings in Judaism.

In the end, questions remain. I cannot tell if Elie Wiesel prefers our remaining a people apart from general society to our being an active group within that society. It is certain that he advocates no more war. Until now that prospect has been a remote possibility. While he forces himself to account the cruel reality of the past, it seems he is less realistic about the present. Can he hope that today's tyrants will heed his message?

Shabbat: A Rite of Passage in Jerusalem

by Peter Stephan Jungk
Times Books 151 pp. \$12.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This unusual tale of a search for belief and answers to questions which are not unusual is written by a young Jewish author. He has lived in a number of European cities, currently in Vienna.

This book is the result of a year he spent in Israel and his quest there for identity. Having been raised without observance of any Jewish tradition, in fact, with exposure to Christianity, he was strangely drawn to Orthodox Judaism. However, he was drawn in so many directions by inner rebellion, by women and material attractions, that he seemed to remain adrift, to use his own description of himself.

As he wanders in Jerusalem, he evokes vignettes of its many aspects, recalling memories to the reader who has visited or lived there. The diverse characters he encounters influence him in his inner conflict, but there is no indication of his ability to reach a resolution.

As he challenges *HaShem*, acknowledging at times, then challenging Him, and sometimes voicing utter disbelief, he yearns for a sense of belonging. Finally, it appears that Peter Stephan Jungk has returned to the good life in Vienna.

Large Print Jewish Classics

Walker and Company, 720 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10019, has announced a new line of large print Jewish Classics. Included in the selection available are Herman Wouk's *This Is My God*, *The Best of Sholom Aleichem* and other best selling titles.

"Anne Frank In The World" Fayetteville, N.C. October 25-November 12, 1990

The legacy of Anne Frank demonstrates that the lives of all people are best served in an environment of tolerance and understanding. This timeless message will be showcased in Fayetteville, N.C. October 25-November 12.

The acclaimed international exhibition "Anne Frank In The World: 1929-1945" will be on display in Fayetteville's downtown Arts Center. The photographic exhibit, presented by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, features over 800 photographs and documents of Anne Frank, her family and friends. Included are many previously unpublished photos of the world as it affected the Frank family and others like them during this difficult period in history. An award-winning video presentation and a scale model of the secret annex are featured in the tour. The words and thoughts used in the exhibit are taken directly from Anne's diary. The exhibit focuses on the events in Nazi Germany and occupied Holland, while Anne Frank's life is described and paralleled with political and social developments.

In addition, the Fayetteville Museum of Art presents an exhibit of rare Judaic Art and Artifacts in the Arts Center galleries. These rare treasures are highlights from the North Carolina Museum of Art collection.

Fayetteville's award-winning Cape Fear Regional Theatre complements these exhibitions with "Yours, Anne" a concert musical theatre production based on Anne Frank's *Diary*. The presentation features a stellar cast in

Enid Futterman's hauntingly beautiful portrayal of a young girl's persecution.

The Cumberland County Public Library and Information Center is an additional resource for this extraordinary event. "Remembering Anne Frank" at the downtown Headquarters library features a coordinating program and display as well as a film, lecture, and discussion series on November 4.

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Of Butterflies and “Hopple’s” by Rabbi Marc H. Wilson

Leave it to my mother. She hears that I'm going to New York for a quickie two-day turnaround, and she compellingly “suggests” that I pay a visit to two older cousins, Cynthia and Toby, who have recently moved to a nursing home.

Cynthia and Toby as I remember them are corpulent, jovial busybodies whom my Dad indelicately calls “The Butterflies.” The last time I saw them was in my freshman year of college. It was on a similar mission from my mother, to pay a visit to my elderly Aunt Ruth, who in her thick Yiddish accent repeatedly offered me fruit with the words, “Markie, have ‘a hopple.’”

To say that I am thrilled to trek Uptown to do my mother's bidding would be an overstatement. The irony is, however, that to my own surprise, I am not at all reluctant.

Maybe, I think, it's that the last time I saw Cynthia and Toby in 1966, they were not much older than I am now. Maybe it's that I serendipitously turned to NPR this morning to catch Alex Haley reminiscing again about Kunta Kinte, Kizzie and Chicken George. Maybe it's a function of hitting forty. And maybe it is my growing awareness of how profoundly deprived most of our kids are of a notion of the people and things and times and places and experiences that collectively make us US.

I have recently come to appreciate that Reincarnation is not some irrational religious doctrine. Reincarnation, I realize, is nothing more, nothing less, than my capacity to understand that each one of my cells is encoded with the legacy of a thousand generations that converges for just a fleeting moment in the organism that is me. This sense of Reincarnation is a potent humanizing force. Even more, it is the antithesis, the antidote, to the poisonous nihilism and me-ism that flow from the delusion that life is the product of an isolated moment, detached from yesterday and tomorrow and from an interdependency with fellow creatures.

Perhaps being an only child made me a more enthusiastic receptor, or at least a more captive audience, for the delectable morsels of family reminiscences that were repeated to me over and again with ever greater relish by Mother and Father and my late Aunt Minnie. I guess it took Alex Haley to finally reassure us that our ancestors need not be celebrities for them to loom illustrious, as marvelous anecdotes are deliciously retold and retold until they are inseparably bonded to the fiber of our being.

And so, I besiege my own kids with wondertales of people and places that now live on in them: Their great-great grandfather and my namesake, Reb Maishe Yitzchak Levinski, who chanted meticulously from the Torah every Sabbath and holiday, and who induced my father to learn to read Hebrew by dropping an occasional penny to the table, feigning surprise and swearing that it was the work of a “malach fun himmel,” an angel from heaven. And Auntie Levin, who distinguished herself in the 1893 Columbian Exposition by eating a banana while standing on her head under water, and who had a trained poodle act in vaudeville, and who fed my unsuspecting grandmother, newly arrived from Europe, pork chops as an unsolicited crash course in the realities of life in America.

And my grandfather, Pa, and his rambunctious, “anti-Semitic” horse, Tootsie, who pulled his milk truck through the icy streets of Chicago. And Grandpa Julius, the misunderstood and whimsical scholar who, for his own edification, definitively cross-referenced the entire Apocrypha to sources in the New Testament and Talmud. And Cousin Martin, a brilliant and selfless young physician who was hauled before Senator McCarthy's witch hunt for his reputed Communist inclinations, and who died tragically of a heart attack at the age of thirty-four.

And Aunt Minnie, who tried to hide from Pa a crate of eggs she had broken under the circumference of her hoop skirt, and who could do any New York Times crossword flawlessly in pen. And my Dad, who spent the

better part of the Depression as a railway mailman on the legendary City of New Orleans. And Reb Mottel Wiludzanski, the only one of my grandfather's brothers to stay behind in Poland, who perished with his entire family in the Holocaust; Reb Mottel, whose family of nameless faces haunts us in a picture from 1928, the only tangible reminder that they had lived at all.

I remind my kids incessantly that the melodies they lustily sing at the annual family Passover Seder are not documented in any book of liturgical music, but that they are the memorabilia of God-knows-how-many generations of Wiludzanskis and Levinskis and Goldsmiths and Gornitzkis that are now reincarnated in far-flung and unanticipated places like Charlotte and Atlanta. Whenever a news item appears about Lech Walesa organizing factory workers in Gardinas, I never fail to repeat to them that two great grandparents, one-quarter of each of them, were born in that very same Polish city. I bring out ancient family pictures even if they are not always enthusiastic about seeing them again, and relate fragments of wondertales in a determined effort to make relatives long gone come back to life. I laughingly offer them “a hopple” in memory of Aunt Ruth. And I tell them, in hope that it will register deep in their unconscious, that part of my current mission in New York is to pay my respects to “The Butterflies.”

Chanie at eighteen grows more and more fascinated with these forebear stories, luxuriating in my mother's reminiscences of the family grocery store on the old West Side of Chicago. At fifteen, Joey is certain to soon leave his studied air of blase teenage indifference behind him. And Benjy at age six, God bless him, is the most fascinated of all, reciting his self-taught genealogical litany to anyone who will listen, declaring proudly that his full Hebrew name is “Binyamin Immanuel, son of Moshe Chayim, son of Shimon, son of Yehudah, son of Yonah, son of Yosef, and Esther Devorah, daughter of Avraham Yitzchak.”

I know by implicit faith that there is worlds more at work here than mere ancestral trivia. For it is as much a matter of biological fact as it is philosophical conjecture that in deepening its roots, the stock of a tree grows more vital and strong, and the blossoms and fruit it produces invariably grow more lush and bountiful. This I believe more firmly than ever: The possibility of creating generations that will flourish to their highest calling will increase exponentially as we speak to them of "Butterflies," and "hopples," and long ago Aunties who had poodle acts in vaudeville, and savory stories of illustrious and not-so-illustrious ancestors, all of which will remind them that our lives are more, much more, than the spontaneous products of detached, isolated moments in time.

What's past, they will learn, in deference to Shakespeare, is indeed merely prologue.

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RUSSIANS

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for all its flaws, has won. There is more than a little symbolism in the fact that Leon Trotsky's great-grandson now lives in Israel.

The mass Soviet immigration has more than symbolic value, however; it is providing a desperately needed infusion of Jews. And, with their arrival, many of the country's most intractable problems suddenly seem soluble. For one thing, Russian Jews

may well break the decade-long political impasse. Most of the immigrants tend to be right-wing, and they are untouched by any particular sense of guilt over the Palestinian issue. Political observers here believe that, if current immigration patterns hold, by the end of the century the more hawkish parties will have a clear national majority. Certainly the primary practical argument against keeping the West Bank—that absorbing its million Arabs would turn Israel into a bi-national state with nearly equal Jewish and Arab populations—becomes less compelling if the Arabs are offset by a million Jewish immigrants.

The power of the Orthodox rabbis may also be a casualty of the immigration. Experts say that almost a third of the Russians are not "Jewish" according to the *halachic* definition, and even among those who are, very few are observant. This fact makes any change in the "Who is a Jew?" law all but unthinkable. It also means that the percentage of secular Jews in the population will rise precipitously. Ten years from now the power of the religious parties will be more marginal than at any time since the creation of the state.

The Israeli economy, already struggling toward a less centralized, more technological orientation, will also be revolutionized by the new *aliyah*. Like previous immigrants, the Russians are arriving penniless. But unlike most of their predecessors, they come equipped with scientific and educational skills fitted to the modern world. At the moment, Israel is unprepared

to absorb such people—no country in the world can easily integrate an immigration a third the size of its population—and there will undoubtedly be difficulties. But, by the turn of the century, thousands of skilled Russian computer scientists, engineers and other specialists will be at work here, and their contribution to the national economy will be enormous.

Finally, the very fact of Soviet immigration validates Israel's *raison d'etre*.

The sense of national purpose, so evidently missing in recent years, is growing almost palpably as the Russians arrive. The concept of the ingathering of the exiles, which had come to seem a bad joke during the sour years following the Yom Kippur War, once more seems to be a real possibility.

It is fascinating to watch the immigrants arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, named after a man many have never heard of. They are mostly young people, many with small children. Few speak Hebrew or have any Jewish education. Most have no idea where they will spend the night. A few years ago, hardly any dreamed that they would someday be deplaning in Tel Aviv. And yet, here they are, pale, uncertain but eager to get started on their new lives. A year from now, they will be speaking in the Russian accented Hebrew so reminiscent of the old-time Zionists of the Second Aliyah, and their children will barely remember their native land.



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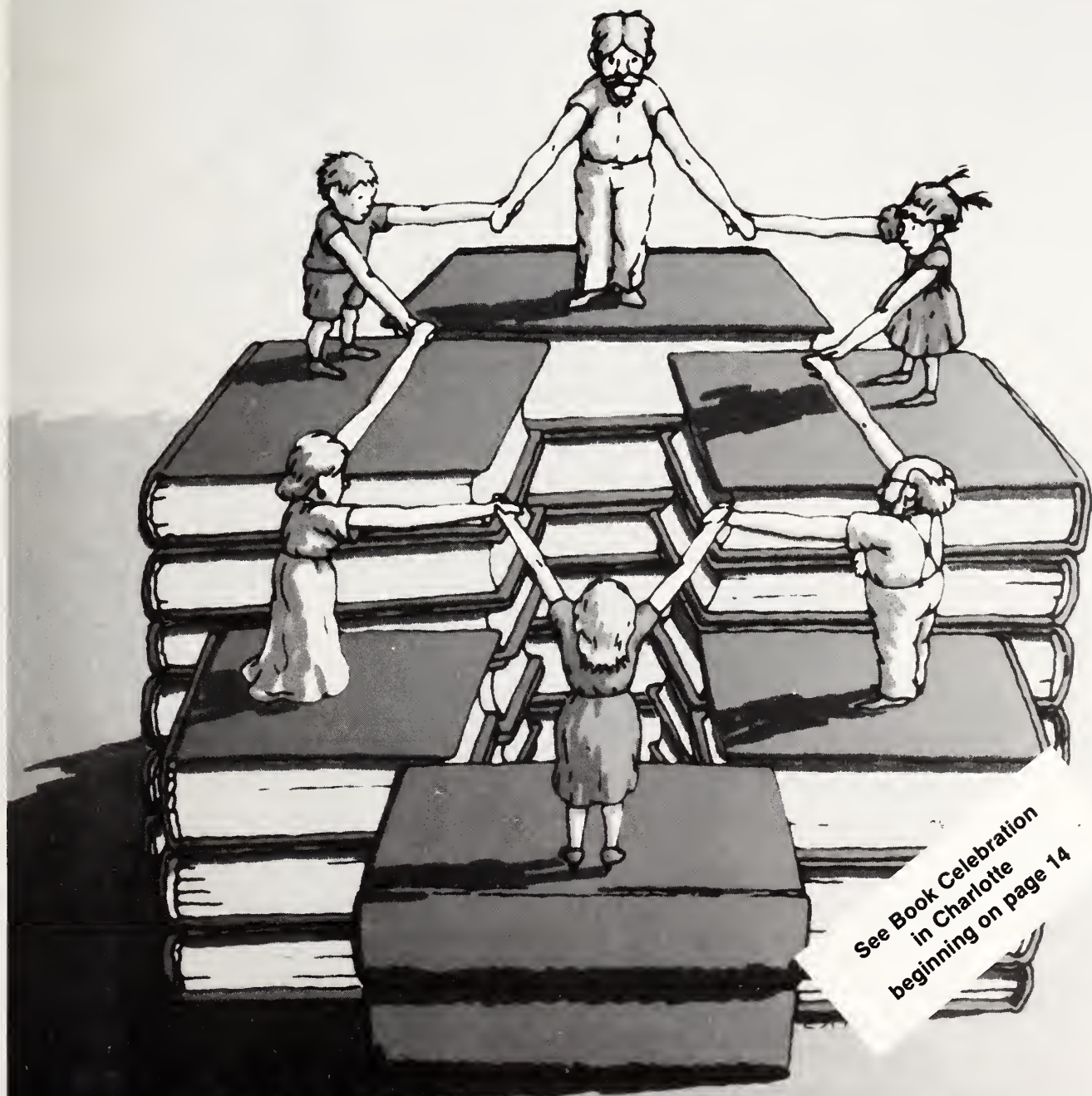
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As Israelis Start the New Year—

by *Elmer L. Winter*

Chairman, Committee for Economic Growth of Israel

Israelis are sending us their warm greetings, "L'shanah tova tikatevu." I am sure they do so with a heavy heart. They are deeply concerned, yes, worried about the days ahead as they face a whole new set of problems, both on the political and economic scene.

Israelis are extremely worried, with reason, about any future action which Saddam Hussein might take to carry out his threats of terrorism against Israel and his pledge to wage a Holy War against the United States and Israel. They realize, and know only too well, that a very weak and ineffective Jordan stands between Israel and Saddam Hussein—and that's not much of a shield to protect the Israelis against a madman.

Many Israelis see their sons and daughters being mobilized for extended military duty. They not only face Saddam Hussein, but the *intifada* as well. They seek and ask for an answer, "When will our families be reunited and peace come to Israel?"

On the economic side—while the Israelis welcome the tens of thousands of Soviet Jews who are now making their new homes in Israel—there's a new pressure confronting all Israelis. They are faced with a series of new and onerous proposed taxes needed to pay for the absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants. These new taxes will be on fruits, vegetables, savings accounts, pension plans, life insurance and stock market profits. These taxes will be in addition to the 16 percent value-added tax Israelis pay on all purchases.

Many Israelis are finding that their family income has been drastically reduced as a result of Israel's 10 percent unemployment. The hard facts are that there are 163,000 Israelis out of work. A 10 percent unemployment rate in the United States would mean that over 20 million Americans would be unemployed.

When jobs do open up in Israeli companies, Israelis compete against Russians to fill these jobs. Adding to the problems are rental increases and the lack of construction of new apartments. Families are required to double up. Some resentment is growing amongst Israelis as a result of Soviet Jews receiving preferences for apartments—a preference not easily understood or accepted by Israelis.

In order to ease the economic burdens placed upon the Israelis and to make the new year more tolerable for them, we in America had better roll up our sleeves and offer our help.

Writing checks to UJA and the purchase of Israel Bonds is certainly important, but it is not enough. We need to make it our business to develop business in Israel and help create some 100,000 new jobs that are needed for Soviet Jews and unemployed Israelis. We have to help shut off the brain drain from Israel of some of its best and brightest engineers and scientists.

What can we do to help at this critical point to help build Israel's economy? May I suggest the following:

1) We need to buy Israeli foods, wines, apparel, flowers, etc., when we go shopping. The Jewish community has tremendous buying power which we can effectively use to expand Israel's exports. More Israeli exports from Israel mean more jobs in Israel.

2) We need to persuade our Jewish organizations, such as Hadassah, Na'amat, B'nai B'rith, ORT, etc., to buy products carrying the label "Made in Israel."

3) We need to convince the Boards of Directors of our Federations that while "Operation Exodus" is important, Federations need to create and implement "Israel Economic Development Task Forces." The members of the Task Force will attract American companies to open factories in Israel, conduct R & D in Israel, license their products to Israeli companies, etc.

4) We need to develop loan funds in various communities to help Soviet Jews start their own businesses in Israel. Many Russians are bringing exciting new inventions and state-of-the-art products to Israel. They need our help to finance these projects through a loan program.

5) We need to talk about the miracles of Israel—the high quality engineers and scientists who have attracted American companies, such as Intel, National Semiconductor, Motorola, etc., to open large research centers and factories in Israel. Let's speak with pride about the new Israel, "the place for innovation," and by so doing dispel the negative stereotypes of the past.

6) We need to visit Israel. Israelis want to see us. They needed for us to come to Israel, not only to participate in the life of Israel, but to help create new business opportunities for Israelis and Soviet Jews. If you are in business—when you travel to Israel, take your order book and start doing business with the Israelis. By doing so, you will make an important contribution to helping Israel have a more fulfilling New Year.

Elmer L. Winter, chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel, is an honorary president of the American Jewish Committee. CEGI is located at 5301 North Ironwood Road, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53201.

Letters to the Editor

East German Property Claims

Dr. Israel Miller, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), announced the extension of the filing deadline for registration of claims under the German Property Restitution Law to March 31, 1991. "We objected to the original October 13th deadline as unreasonable and succeeded in securing its extension. Nonetheless, we urge all concerned to register their claims as soon as possible," Dr. Miller stated.

Saul Kagan, executive director of the Claims Conference, pointed out that claims for restitution may be filed by former owners or their heirs who owned real estate, business, movable properties, etc., located in the territory of the former German Democratic Republic (East Germany). "The new deadline of March 31, 1991 is available to claimants for restitution of property which was subject to forced sale, confiscation, or other seizure during the Nazi period January 30, 1933-May 8, 1945 as a consequence of Nazi persecution," Saul Kagan stated.

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Saddam Hussein's Chemical and Biological Weapons

On the eve of German reunification, Oct. 2, the Simon Wiesenthal Center made public a 54-page report which lists Saddam Hussein's Western suppliers. The report states that there are 207 companies, from 22 nations, including 86 of which are German firms which have provided Saddam Hussein with chemical weapons and technology of mass destruction over the course of the past decade.

"Has the civilized world learned nothing? It is unconscionable that 55

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years after the Holocaust we have once again the possibility that German-manufactured canisters will be found at another site of mass murder", said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

The report also stated that 18 U.S., 18 British and 17 French companies also contributed to Saddam Hussein's unprecedented arsenal.

The Wiesenthal Center also announced the launching of a major grass roots campaign to pressure Western leaders starting with President Bush and Chancellor Kohl to design and activate effective policies which will keep these horrific technologies and weapons out of the hands of despots such as Saddam Hussein. Center officials also pointed out that there may be an important

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legal precedent in dealing with today's suppliers of chemical weapons of mass destruction. In the 1946 British trial of the civilian officials of the German I.G. Farben firm, the guilty were hung as a result of their participation in the manufacture and distribution of Zyklon B to the Nazi death camps during the Holocaust.

The report, entitled *The Poison Gas Connection* is being forwarded to the White House, to many Western leaders and key Congressional figures.

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CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

Charlotte Jewish Historical Society Meets Nov. 11

In 1988, the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education successfully founded and launched the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, an ongoing program to gather, collect, record, document and preserve our local Jewish community history.

The Historical Society is always interested in having new members become actively involved in its ongoing work. The next meeting of the Society will be on Sunday morning, November 11, 1990 at 11 a.m. at Shalom Park. If you would like to attend, please contact Lenora Stein at CAJE, (704) 366-5007.

Richard A. Klein is the chairman of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society. The following people are on the advisory board of the Society: Elizabeth Klein, Minnie Sutker, Sam Ene-man, Cheri and Marc Titlebaum, Randi and Gary Defilipp, Ken Bloom, Ben Jaffa Jr., Marc Wilson, Rabbi Robert A. Seigel and Hilbert Fuerstman. The society is a committee of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE).

The direction of the Historical Society, founded originally as the Archives and video/oral history project, has grown over the last two years. Under the leadership of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) and supported by the strong volunteer advisory board, the activities of the Historical Society include: program of Jewish and general community awareness of the effort to recreate the history of Jewish Charlotte, including two major articles, March 1989 and April 1990 in the *Charlotte Observer* documenting the work of the Society and its importance to the local community; gathering significant historical materials in the community to be housed in a central location at Shalom Park; establishment of a home for the archives collection as

part of the CAJE Resource Center; raising awareness through regular articles in the *Charlotte Jewish News* and the *Times Outlook* as well as in the temple bulletins; a major photographic art exhibit mounted in the Speizman Galleries at Shalom Park, June-September, 1989 featuring already gathered historical photos and current photos of those longstanding Jewish Charlotteans who had been recorded as part of the videotape/oral history project; completion of a 20-minute videotape production of the "Historic Walking Tour of the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery" which had its broadcast premiere on Charlotte Cablevision on September 16, 1990; hosting of public receptions at Shalom Park featuring educational programs and display of archival materials; completion of over 35 videotape interviews (from a list of over 70 identifiable eligible individuals) of longstanding Jewish Charlotteans recalling the past; the videotape documentation (raw footage) of the closing of Temple Beth El V'Shalom's building at 1727 Providence Road as seen through the eyes of the personalities who contributed to the Temple's growth during its first 50 years.

Teacher's Workshop in Charlotte

"Jewish Values Clarification and Self Esteem for Teachers: A Hands-on Approach" is the topic for a Jewish Teachers' Workshop on Sunday, Dec.

2, 1990 at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Adrienne J. Rosenberg, A.C.S.W., director of Jewish Family Services in Charlotte, will lead the workshop which is sponsored by CAJE.

Workshop is free for teachers of CAJE member schools. A Kosher dairy lunch will be served for \$3.00 per person. Please register by Nov. 28 by calling Lenora Stein at CAJE, (704) 366-5007.

Southern Regional Leadership Conference on Jewish Education

The Southern Regional Leadership Conference on Jewish Education will take place on Sunday, Feb. 10 and Monday, Feb. 11, 1991 at the Holiday Inn Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga. The Conference theme is "Making Jewish Education Work: Whose Responsibility? This is a leadership conference on effectiveness and accountability in Jewish Education.

Co-sponsors of the conference are: JESNA—the Jewish Education Service of North America; Atlanta Jewish Federation; Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education; in cooperation with the federations and central agencies for Jewish education in the Southern Region.

For further information and registration, contact Lenora Stein at the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, (704) 366-5007.



The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is moving into its new home, the Education Annex, adjacent to the Blumenthal Education Building at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. Formal dedication and Mezuzah affixing will take place soon.

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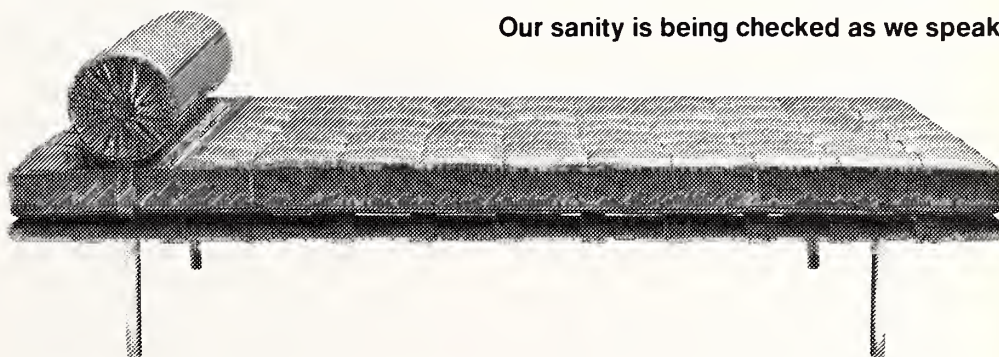
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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

**Rabbi Jodie Futornick,
New Spiritual Leader
Congregation Beth Israel
Greenville, S.C.**

by Wanda Lesley Owings
Piedmont People Writer of
Greenville Piedmont (Sept. 5, 1990)

For a young Jodie Futornick, coming of age in West Orange, N.J., the desire to someday become a rabbi was little more than wishful thinking.

Though women could attend seminary and pursue other professional careers within the realm of Conservative Judaism, the rabbinate then was open only to men.

"I started thinking about becoming a rabbi when I was in the ninth grade," says Rabbi Futornick, 27, the new, soft-spoken spiritual leader of Greenville's [S.C.] Congregation Beth Israel. "I knew I wanted to be a Conservative rabbi, and this was in 1977 when the Conservative movement only started to explore the issue of ordaining women.

"I could have gone to seminary and gotten a Ph.D. in Bible, Jewish history, a variety of disciplines," she says. "But, I wanted to be a rabbi."

For her, the change in Conservative policy came at an opportune time. In 1984, after graduating from Princeton University with a degree in English, Futornick was among the first group of women allowed to enter rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

Ordained in 1989, she now is the first woman in the Carolinas to serve a Conservative Jewish congregation.

Though women have been ordained in the Reform Jewish movement since the early 1970s, the idea of women as rabbis is still new to Conservatism, she explains. Of the 900 or



Rabbi Jodie Futornick

so Conservative congregations in the United States, fewer than 20 are served by female rabbis.

Whereas the Reform movement looks to Jewish law as a guide that may be adapted to modern needs, "Conservatism believes in the binding nature of Jewish law," explains the rabbi. But, unlike Orthodox Judaism, which considers Jewish law fairly inflexible, "Conservative Judaism sees that law as allowing for change in response to social conditions."

Changes in Conservative Judaism are made slowly and carefully, however. In the case of allowing women in the pulpit, the decision was made after years of study by the academic, rabbinical and congregational branches of the movement.

"A few of us were a little apprehensive about how some of the members of the congregation might react to a woman," says Dr. Fred Leffert, who headed the search committee for a new rabbi after Rabbi Hyman Fishman announced his retirement. But, "any misgivings vanished when she came up for a visit" last April.

"All people need is a chance to see that it's not that different," says Futornick.

Futornick grew up in New York City's Bronx borough in a Conservative Jewish home. Her family moved

to suburban West Orange when she was 13. "My identity as a Conservative Jew crystallized once we moved to the suburbs," she says. "Once I was 13, I took a lead in my Jewish education and started studying Hebrew.

"I had not gone to Hebrew school. That wasn't so unusual in the Bronx, particularly, not to send the girls to Hebrew school. Boys went to have a Bar Mitzvah, but girls don't necessarily go.

"When we moved to the suburbs," she says, "I realized it was an education I wanted, and I found a way of getting it. I found a rabbi who would help me study Hebrew and all sorts of other things, give me a deeper understanding of Jewish history. . . ."

She later entered an afternoon Hebrew high school program and took a leadership role in a Conservative Jewish youth group.

At Princeton, she considered careers both in and outside of the Jewish community—social work, clinical psychology, law, education. By the beginning of her senior year, however, the Jewish Theological Seminary had announced its decision to accept women in rabbinical school.

One of the compelling factors that ultimately led to the decision to ordain women, she explains, is that "a lot of our leaders were saying, 'Look, we allow our women an equivalent education. We encourage it, both of our young girls and women in the synagogue, and then we close the gate shut just at rabbinical school.'"

The congregation at Beth Israel has been "very accepting, very open," she says. The hospitality of members has been especially meaningful because of her unfamiliarity with the area, she says. Though she has found a congenial group of rabbinical colleagues in the Carolinas, she has no friends or family in the area. Other than this past year, when she served a

small congregation in Florida, "I've never spent any significant time in the South," she says.

Still in transition—her office last week had just been painted, and she was trying to figure out the synagogue's telephone system—Futornick is focusing now on getting to know her congregation and their needs.

"I need some time to sit back and get to know the congregation," she says. "I love to work with people. That is the highlight of the job for me—to have the opportunity to respond to people's needs in a variety of life situations. I love the academic aspect of the job. I love study and teaching. But the bottom line is to be out in the field working with people. That's why I entered the rabbinate."

Preparing for the upcoming High Holy Days, visiting the sick and planning educational programs and sermons are keeping her busy right now.

"I want to be the best rabbi I can be," she says. "That's my immediate goal."

(Ed. Note: Thanks to Lillian Bloom of Greenville, S.C. for sending this newspaper article and photo to us.)

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

The super spread at the September 21 Oneg Shabbat was provided by Sisterhood, which also did the honors at the Rosh Hashanah reception on September 19 and the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast on September 29.

The Brotherhood

Harvey Gantt, Democratic candidate for Senator, spoke at the Brotherhood breakfast on October 14. Senator Helms was also invited to speak, but declined.

A committee was appointed to start planning the 22nd annual meeting of the Clergy Institute, an entity "designed to strengthen relations with the Christian Clergy and to increase understanding and knowledge of Judaism."

The Religious School

The names of faculty members for the coming year were announced.

They are: Ms. Linda Safferstone, who is teaching pre-kindergarten and kindergarten; Mrs. Ellen Braveman, grades 2 and 3; Dr. Max Schreiber, grades 4 through 7; Dr. David Katz, confirmation; Rabbi Ronald Bluming, confirmation; Mrs. Phyllis Bluming, Hebrew, grades 2 through 7.

Reform Jewish Outreach

To quote from our Temple Bulletin: "Reform Judaism has long been concerned with the issue of mixed marriages, patrilineal descent and related questions.

In order to provide an ongoing vehicle for these concerns, we have invited Ms. Robin Farquhar, Regional Outreach Coordinator, to visit Beth ha-Tephila on the weekend of November 30-December 2, 1990.

"While she is here, Ms. Farquhar will speak at Shabbat services, meet with the boards of Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and our Religious School. She will provide us with information to establish and maintain an Outreach committee. This is a valuable and important resource provided to us through the Union of American Hebrew Congregations."

Adult Education: Hebrew

Rabbi Bluming is teaching a class in Beginning Hebrew. The class, held Monday evenings in Unger Hall, is intended for those whose Hebrew is rusty or even non-existent. The text "Derech B'na" is being used.

Memorial Service

In order to provide an additional opportunity to remember loved ones, a special memorial service was led by Rabbi Bluming on September 25 in the Beth ha-Tephila section of Riverside Cemetery.

Notes on Our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming officiated at a memorial service on August 28 for Dr. Paul M. Lerner in the chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Thanks for the flowers

Those attending High Holy Day services enjoyed the beauty of the pulpit flowers contributed for Rosh Hashanah by Jeanette Klein in memory of her husband, Ben Klein, and Sara Goldstein in memory of her husband, Bernard Goldstein; and for Yom Kippur by Leah Karpen in mem-

ory of her father and mother, Dr. Samuel and Esther Robinson, and Mrs. Ruth Feldman in memory of her husband, Dr. Leon Feldman.

Mazel Tovs

To Isaac and Ruth Chicurel on the birth of their new grandchild David on August 11, son of Debbie and John Conow; to Shirley Berdie who after only five years in this area was nominated Woman of the Year by the League of Women Voters.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

And a belated L'Shana Tovah to all! The rafters of the roof of Beth Israel Synagogue rung with the beautiful voice of Cantor Ellen Weinberg in prayer, assisted by the congregation, together with the meaningful service led by our Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, on the High Holidays. Ms. Weinberg is beginning her third year of study at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in the Cantorial Program, an intensive five year course, emphasizing both Judaic and general music. Ms. Weinberg also holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from New York University.

Liz Nigrosh, Sisterhood president, Bob Deutsch, Synagogue president, Ellen Sandweiss-Hodges and David Gaynes rounded out a delightful choir in making our New Year's holidays days of pleasure and fulfilling thought. The Selichot service on September 3 was, of course, the prelude to the holiday experience.

A Break-the-Fast followed Yom Kippur Services. The following people prepared the meal: Helen Benninga, Elaine Bronstein, Norma Feingold, Ruth Fox, Roz Freedman, Beatrice Gullotta, Sonja Long, Arlene Schandler, Lee Schandler, Mary Tabashneck and Lillian Wellisch. Other Sisterhood members participated in the serving and cleanup detail.

The High Holiday Service Committee consisted of the following people: Ritual Committee, Joe Gullotta, chairman, Abe Freedman, Ed Greene, Dr.

Bruce Ribner, Dr. Joseph Schandler, Dr. Norman Sollod, Morris Tenenbaum, Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, Jeanne Fowler, Ruth Gaynes, Shirley Kayne, Dr. Hal Rotman and Isabel Shulimson; The Yizkor Booklet Committee, Milton Lurey and Morris Tenenbaum; The High Holiday Honors Committee, Joe Gullotta, Shirley Kayne and Abe Freedman; The High Holiday Seating Committee, Bert Bronstein, chairman; Ushers, Ken Schapira, Cliff Feingold, Richard Laibson, Stephen Lurey, Dr. Bruce Ribner, Rick Slosman, Geoff Brown, David Gaynes, William Lewin, Stephen Miller and David Seidenberg; Youth Services, Ruth Gaynes, Barbara Ribner, Barbara Miller and Laurie Teich-Chess.

School News

From the co-principals' desk, Sandy Winston and Janet Freedman report that Sunday School started on September 9. The teachers are: pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, David Friedman; first and second grades, Beth Reiser; third grade, Caren Kessler and Michael Garner; and fourth grade, Robert Feirstein.

Liz Nigrosh reports that a volunteer steering committee, consisting of Carol Deutsch, Norma Feingold, Barbara Lewin and Debbie Neimkin, helped her to organize Sisterhood events for the coming year. In addition to regular events, Sisterhood will be working on a program with the UNCA Center for Jewish Studies, dealing with contemporary issues facing Jewish women. On September 16, a Sisterhood program, "L'Shana Tovah Tidbits," was held with Beth Israel cooking *mavens* demonstrating holiday dishes. A salad bar for lunch was enjoyed by all.

The kick-off event for the 1990-1991 Western North Carolina Jewish Federation campaign, September 9, at the Jewish Community Center, was an afternoon of games, swimming, food and entertainment. Entertainment was provided by Ron Dagan, who performed folk, popular and rock music in Hebrew, English and Yiddish.



Kinston, N.C. Area News by Mrs. Sol Schechter

Kinston is enjoying several happy events.

Reuben Brody, son of Laura and David Brody, and grandson of Mrs. Reuben Brody of Columbia, S.C. and Martin and Naomi Camnitz, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Oct. 20.

Michael Ertis, formerly of Kinston, and Randi Knofsky of Greenville, N.C. were married on Oct. 27. Their parents are Ethel Ertis of Kinston and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Knofsky, now residing in Florida.

Gerald and Joan Crane of Greenville, N.C. and Dr. Edwin and Jill Newman of Charlotte are delighted to announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Crane and Michael

Newman. A June wedding is planned to be held in Greenville.

Mazel Tov to all! May they enjoy their celebrations and many years of good health and happiness.

Ida and Morris Heilig spent the High Holidays in Miami Beach with their children, Debby and Jerry Schwartz and Alan Heilig.

Ida Kanter is glowing! Her grandson, David Cooper, and granddaughter, Dina Kaler, were both engaged within the same week. We all share in her joy.

Mrs. Irving Gross, president of the Kinston-Greenville, N.C. Chapter of Hadassah, chaired the first meeting of the year on Oct. 16. This marked the beginning of another productive year.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Retreat
at Wildacres
Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 1990
by Faye P. Seigel

We ascend the mountain to Wildacres
to officially
Bring summer to an end.
We are anxious to renew old acquaintances,
And eager to make new friends.

We enjoyed the Sabbath meal and service,
And each shared a personal tidbit which
was fun.
Marvin got us off to a great start,
Getting to know every one.

Peggie coordinated the Sisterhood oneg
Which is always first rate,
Followed by Rummy-Q, poker and Trivia
Which lasted until late.

Dr. Holtzman, just "Abe,"
As he likes to be called,
Spoke about Politics in Israel
which gave us a clearer understanding of
it all.

For Sabbath morning service,
On the patio we did assemble,
Surrounded by the hand of God,
We felt a little tremble.

The afternoon was free
To shop, to nap, to walk;
"Ask the Rabbi" anything,
For two hours they did talk.

A social hour and an anniversary cake,
For the Rickles and Seigels, too,
And then Dr. Abe spoke to us
About Liberalism and the Jew.

A lively musical interlude,
Cantor Chotin sang some songs.
We all enjoyed our favorites,
Many sang along.

On Sunday Rabbi spoke about the history
of the Mideast,
Distributing a map and all,
And Dr. Abe gave us an update on
the crisis:
Saddam Hussein should only fall!

The afternoon was free,
The children had their chance
To ask the Rabbi questions;
They were absolutely entranced.

And finally the Big Show,
Coordinated by Val and Sam.
You'll excuse the expression please:
The spotlight was on the "hams".

Thanks to Gloria and her staff,
Hungry we did not go,
And to Herman and Anita,
Their hospitality they always show.

Thanks to Sally who assigns the rooms,
And collects the money due,
And to Susan and her helpers,
We are grateful to all of you.

We pack our cars reluctantly
And promise next year to be here,
And then we descend the mountain
To prepare for the Jewish New Year.

Personals

In Memory Of Israel Erwin Weinstein Lumberton, N.C.

Israel Erwin "Jiggie" Weinstein, 85, died in Lumberton, N.C., Sept. 22, 1990 after a brief illness.

Mr. Weinstein was a retired merchant and gentleman farmer born in Lumberton, June 22, 1905 to the late Aaron and Rebecca Weinstein. He graduated from Lumberton High School, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was a 1922 graduate of Washington and Lee University. Mr. Weinstein returned to Lumberton and joined his father, owner of A. Weinstein & Sons, continuing this business until his retirement in 1987. An avid golfer, Mr. Weinstein and friends organized Lumberton Municipal Golf Course, now Pine Crest Country Club; he initially served as its treasurer for many years and later was a board member and president. He was honored by the Country Club, receiving an Honorary Membership.

Mr. Weinstein was a director on the board of First Union National Bank. He was past president of the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce, past president of Temple Beth-El and a member of the Lumberton Planning Commission. He recently received the 50-year Honorary Pin from the St. Alban's Lodge No. 114 and from the Sudan Temple as a 32nd Degree Mason.

Mr. Weinstein is survived by his wife, Phyllis Gold Weinstein; a son, Joseph Ray Weinstein of Lumberton and Wrightsville Beach; a daughter Sandra Gold Weinstein of Charlotte; a daughter Betsy Lynn Weinstein Fleisig of Dunwoody, Ga.; five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Miriam Weinstein Israel of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Mrs. Mildred Weinstein Gold of Fairmont, N.C. and a brother, Robert Weinstein of Raleigh.

Organizations

Charlotte Groups Host Program, "Pro-Choice/Pro-Life. . . Where Do You Stand?" by Honey Kridel

The "Pro-Choice/Pro-Life. . .Where Do You Stand?" program, sponsored by Women's American ORT and the Jewish Community Center and assisted by Charlotte Chapter and Halailah B'nai B'rith Women and Hadasah, will be held on November 14, 1990 at the Jewish Community Center, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte at 7:30 p.m.

This question will be addressed by a panel with a question and answer period to follow. The panel will be composed of:

Charlotte Brody—Director, Charlotte Planned Parenthood

Karen Graham—Director of Action League for Life

Dr. Paula Newsome—Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry

Dean Stein—Sav-A-Baby

The Moderator is James K. Flynn—WBT Radio Personality.

There will be a charge of \$2.00 per ticket purchased in advance at the Jewish Community Center office. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door, if tickets are still available. There is limited seating.

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

by Lisa Wohl

We were very pleased that Halailah was recognized at the Sept. 23 Soviet Jewry Rally for its outstanding volunteer work with the Soviets. Congratulations to all of the members for a job well done.

Once a month Halailah is providing challah for the Soviets. We are getting together during Sunday School time at the "J" to make the challah. If you

would like to join us, call Jenny Synder at (704) 845-1394 for more details.

Halailah needs volunteers for the Senior Adult Hot Lunch Program on Fridays. Please call Jenny Synder at (704) 845-1394 if you can help.

On November 8, we will have a membership dessert party. Please call Cheri Titlebaum at (704) 541-9758 or Jan Weiner at (704) 847-3999 if you would like to attend. New Halailah members are Claire Lind, Cindy McManus, JoAnn McGregor, Jill Kofman, Adriana Epstein, Lori Bertman and Karen Turk.

Our Older Adult Luncheon will be held on November 16 at 11:30. Please call Emily Chatham at (704) 523-6632 if you can help at the luncheon or if you can make a dish.

There will be a clothing drive for Hunter House and Crisis Assistance on November 18. Please call Jenny Synder if you have clothing to donate, (704) 845-1394.

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

Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women held its annual Personal Giving Luncheon on Sept. 9, featuring Irma Gertler, a past international president of BBW. Ms. Gertler is currently chairperson of the BBW-supported Residential Treatment Center, a major facility in Israel for emotionally disturbed children.

Personal Giving is the one time during the year that we ask our members to give from their hearts to support our many projects which include our Boys' Homes in Israel. Charlotte Chapter has an outstanding record of exceeding its goal every year.

PARENTLINK, our newest community service project, is aimed at curbing substance abuse. The program has been formally accepted into the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. This year, the program will be piloted in nine school districts. Over 225,000 children and their parents will be affected by the BBW program, thanks to Beth Linderman, its advocate. The

Charlotte Hornets, the local NBA team, is producing a video for children to be used in the schools in conjunction with PARENTLINK.

Our Community Calendar, an annual project, has been distributed to every Jewish family in Charlotte.

Congratulations to Susan Bruck of Charlotte who has been elected for two years as an international vice president of BBW.

Our Chapter received awards at the international BBW convention in New Orleans last spring. We won commendation for three fund-raising projects, for membership enrollment of 15% or more, for BBW life members, as well as two achievement and a first place program award for PARENTLINK.

Margie Liebshtein has distributed ADL Calendar Books to public and private schools to acquaint the teachers with Jewish holidays. We hope they will not schedule exams or special athletic activities on those days.

We're sponsoring the ALIVE class again this year which started Sept. 25 at the Jewish Community Center. About fifty people enrolled to study "Current Global Developments: Cause and Effect."

BBW is active in the new project, "A Child's Place." It's a transitional home for homeless children to live in for a few days or longer.



Hadassah News Raleigh, N.C.

by Johanna Lurie

The Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah will hold its next general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Beth Meyer Synagogue, 504 Newton Road, Raleigh with a social time beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting to begin at 8 p.m.

"Environmental Issues" will be discussed. Guests are welcome. For further information, please call Mrs. Irene Silverstein, president, (919) 781-1788.

Gift Wrap

For the 15th year, Hadassah will operate a Gift Wrap for Charity booth at Crabtree Valley Mall. Proceeds are used to support medical research and treatment.

Located on the Mall's lower level in front of Dunkin' Donuts, the Gift Wrap booth will open Monday, Nov. 26 and run through Monday, Dec. 24. Prices start at \$1.00

Big Gifts Reception

To raise funds for the ongoing services at the Hadassah Medical Centers in Jerusalem and to retrain Russian doctors, nurses, dentists, technicians and others, Hadassah held its Big Gifts Reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Barish on Oct. 28.

Hadassah national board member, Lisl Schick, spoke about the critical challenges facing Hadassah at this time.

Earlier Meetings

"Stress Management" was the topic for the Sept. 25 general meeting. Guest speaker was Dr. Grace Finkle,

a licensed psychologist, whose private practice work focuses on women's issues, stress management, self-esteem, depression and other areas. She works as a psychologist at N.C. State University's Counseling Center.

"Living Will—Medical, Ethical and Religious Questions" were discussed at the general meeting on Oct. 23. In light of recent Supreme Court decisions on the right to die, Hadassah presented two speakers to explain the complex issue. Dr. Mitchell Freedman is a Board certified neurologist who has been in private practice in Raleigh since 1978. Rabbi Pinchas Herman is spiritual leader of Sha'arei Israel/Lubavitch in Raleigh.

Study on Jewish Marriage and Intermarriage Challenges Old Myths and Raises New Questions

A research study comparing interfaith and samefaith couples has found that intermarried couples are not so different from traditional Jewish-Jewish marriages as many had thought. The study found that while people in samefaith and interfaith marriages differ in the amount that they participated in Jewish activities, they are largely similar in their levels of marital satisfaction, communication and closeness to God.

This on-going research is being conducted by Evan Nelson, M.A., who is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently a psychology intern at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Nelson says the study is unique because of its focus upon the psychological dynamics of marriage and intermarriage. Nelson will present the results of his study this December at the 1990 Conference on Jewish Intermarriage, Conversion and Outreach, which will be held at the City University of New York.

One surprising finding was that Jews in samefaith, conversionary and interfaith marriages each had the same average level of overall marital satisfaction. Yet, in contrast to this,

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interfaith spouses reported more conflict over the issues of religion and in-laws than did samefaith spouses. This may mean that while interfaith couples had marriages that were as happy and well-adjusted as samefaith marriages, interfaith families experienced more social pressures from outside the household.

Other important discoveries included: people in interfaith marriages reported feeling God's presence more strongly than did those in traditional Jewish-Jewish marriages; in an intermarried couple, the non-Jewish spouse was likely to reduce his or her participation in Christianity after getting married while the Jewish spouse was likely to increase participation in Judaism; and while converts to Judaism did feel religiously Jewish, they were not likely to claim that they were ethically Jewish.

To date, almost 300 people have completed the forms but more volunteers are needed. To be in the study, you and your spouse must be in a first-time marriage and at least one of you must be Jewish (samefaith, conversionary and interfaith couples are all needed). The forms are mailed to volunteers' homes along with postage-paid envelopes for the return of completed questionnaires. It takes about an hour to complete the questionnaires and all answers are anonymous. To volunteer, write or call for a set of questionnaires and **be sure to specify if you want the forms for an interfaith, samefaith or conversionary marriage:** Evan Nelson, M.A., Indiana University School of Medicine, 534 Clinical Drive, Cottages 118, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202-5109, (317) 364-6947.

ADL Reacts to Syndicated Columnist Patrick Buchanan

Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, issued the following statement in reaction to Patrick Buchanan's syndicated column of September 19, 1990:

"Patrick Buchanan continues a disturbing pattern of baiting Jews and

attacking Israel. Over the last 10 years he has worn the hat of Holocaust revisionist, defender of convicted Nazi war criminals, and Israel-basher.

"At various times, he has stated that Israel controls Capitol Hill; that only Israel and its supporters "desperately" want war in the Middle East; that America is a "Christian nation"; that convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk was the wrong man; that former NASA scientist Arthur Rudolph, who admitted his complicity in the persecution of unarmed civilians in World War II, should be allowed to return to the U.S., and that abortion is comparable to Nazi war crimes.

"While Buchanan's attacks on Jews and Israel are nothing new, they appear to be an obsession. He is obsessed with Jonathan Pollard, but not with the Walker spy ring. Obsessed with the deaths of Palestinians who are waging war on the Jewish State, but not with the cold-blooded mustard gas massacre of 5,000 Iraqi Kurds by Saddam Hussein. He dismisses the murder of millions of Jews during the Holocaust but derides the Office of Special Investigations for pursuing Nazi war criminals.

"Buchanan's positions as a columnist and television commentator are heard and read by millions of Americans. He claims that the newspapers that carry his column 'do not print hate literature.' True, they rarely do. But today, every newspaper which ran Pat Buchanan crossed that boundary."



"Brighton Beach Memoirs" On Stage in Greensboro

Neil Simon's autobiographical play, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," is being presented by the Community Theatre of Greensboro, Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11. Performances are held at Town Hall/Blue Room at the Coliseum Complex in Greensboro.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 3:00 p.m. Dinner theatre option is available on Nov. 2, 3 and 10. General admission prices are: Adults—\$8, Seniors/Students—\$7, Children under 12—\$5.

For information, directions, ticket reservations, please contact Mitchel Sommers, artistic director, at (919) 333-7470.

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Southern Jewish Historical Society Meets in Jackson, Mississippi

Encountering the Southern Jewish Experience is what members of the Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS) are doing when they convene in Jackson, Ms. November 2 to 4, 1990.

Highlighting the weekend are bus tours to historic Natchez and to the newly opened Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in Utica. The tour also stops at a century-old synagogue in Port Gibson. "This is our Society's first conference in Mississippi and the first day-long tour we have undertaken," said Rachel B. Heimovics, Longwood, Fla., SJHS President.

The keynote speaker in Jackson is Dr. Michael Neiditch, associate program director, B'nai B'rith International. He is speaking on the role of B'nai B'rith in the development of the Jewish communities in the South from 1850 to 1880. Marshall Krolick, former president of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago, is presenting a combination lecture and reenactment on Jews in the Civil War.

The 1990 B. H. Levy Student Essay Award in Southern Jewish History is being presented by SJHS to Canter Brown, Jr. Brown, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida, Gainesville, is reading his winning paper at a luncheon in Natchez on Saturday.

Other participants in Jackson include Dr. Malcolm H. Stern, American Jewish Archives, New York; Dr. Michael B. Dougan, Arkansas State University; Dr. William Ferris, University of Mississippi; Dr. Lee Shai Weissbach, University of Louisville; Bernard Wax, American Jewish Historical Society, Waltham, Mass.; and Thomas Sokolosky-Wixon, Pascagoula, Ms.

Membership in SJHS is open to anyone interested in the study, documentation and recognition of the history of Jews in the American South. Members reside throughout the United States and elsewhere. For information on membership, write SJHS, P.O. Box 5024, Atlanta, Ga. 30302-5024.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Roasters Make Fine Thanksgiving Fare

Nothing evokes better memories than the mere mention of the word "roaster." Crisp, golden brown skin, moist and juicy meat, smiles around the table as families recall traditional holiday dinners.

It's only been in recent years that chicken has become an everyday staple. Only a few decades ago, a roasting chicken was something special, and something reserved for family dinners. Served with "all the trimmings," a large roaster can provide a wonderful holiday alternative for today's smaller families when a traditional turkey may not be practical for the Thanksgiving meal.

A roasting chicken has many advantages: It defrosts rapidly, it's quick to cook, and invariably moist and succulent in every bite. With the unsurpassed flavor of Empire Kosher's own breed, a roasting chicken for the holidays is sure to please with its old-fashioned taste and any of the following hearty and delicious stuffings. A roasting chicken will yield just the right amount of left-overs for another meal or sandwiches later.

An Empire Kosher roaster usually averages 4 to 6 pounds. Guidelines recommend allowing 1/2 lb. to 3/4 lb. of uncooked poultry per person. Defrost frozen poultry in the refrigerator, which takes around 24 hours for every 5 pounds of poultry. To speed up defrosting, place frozen poultry in cold water, changing water every half hour. This cuts the time to approximately 30 minutes per pound. For microwave defrosting, please consult your microwave oven manual as ovens do vary in power and settings.

Wash all poultry inside and out in cold running water. Pat dry with paper towels. In a conventional oven, cook poultry at 325 degrees, on a rack if possible to permit more even cooking. Allow at least 20 minutes per

pound for an unstuffed roasting chicken, an additional hour for a stuffed roaster. No additional seasoning is necessary prior to cooking. Be careful with seasoning blends, as many contain salt. If using paprika for additional color, make sure you baste well, as paprika can burn and leave an unpleasant bitter taste.

About stuffings: Stuffing should not be put into the raw bird until you're ready to cook the roaster. Don't pack the stuffing in too tightly; stuffing needs room to expand. Remember to add extra time to allow for the slower cooking of a stuffed roaster. Some cooks say that stuffing tastes much better when it's cooked in a baking dish rather than inside the roaster. It's crisper, less soggy and easier to serve. It's worth a try! In any case, after the meal is over, remove the leftover stuffing from the chicken and refrigerate separately. Reheat thoroughly before re-using.

Roaster Dressing

1 lb. Empire Kosher ground chicken or ground turkey
olive oil
1 package chopped frozen spinach, thawed
1 clove garlic
2 stalks celery
1 medium onion, chopped
1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
1 tsp. poultry seasoning
3 eggs
1/2 cup grated challah or other white bread

Heat a little olive oil in a large skillet, and brown ground chicken or turkey. Blend in spinach, garlic, celery, parsley. Add seasoning and cook for several minutes. Place in large bowl; allow to cool slightly. Add eggs one at a time, beating well with a wooden spoon. Toss in bread, beat a little more. If the stuffing seems dry, add another egg. Stuff roaster and cook remaining stuffing on the side.

Nut-Prune Stuffing

1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup margarine
3/4 cup chopped, stewed prunes
3 cups soft bread crumbs
1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
salt and pepper

Saute nuts in margarine in large heavy pan until lightly browned. Remove pan from heat and add remaining ingredients. Stir to mix well. One egg, slightly beaten, may be added. Makes 4 cups stuffing.

Apple Bread Stuffing

1/2 cup minced onion
2 cups diced tart apples
4 cups soft bread crumbs
1/2 cup raisins
3/4 tsp. salt
pepper
1 to 2 tsp. poultry seasoning
2 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 cup melted margarine or Empire Kosher chicken fat

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Makes enough to stuff a 6 pound roaster.

Rice-Pecan Stuffing

1 cup brown rice
3 cups water
2 tsp. instant chicken broth
1/4 cup margarine or Empire Kosher chicken fat
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 Tbsp. minced parsley
1 cup chopped pecans
scant tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. thyme
1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning
1/4 tsp. pepper
fresh mushrooms, optional

Cook rice in water to which you have added chicken broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer covered for about 40 minutes. Set aside to cool. Melt margarine, saute onion, celery and parsley until tender. Add sliced mushrooms, saute a few minutes longer. Combine with cooked rice, pecans and seasonings, toss. This will stuff a 6 pound roaster. For casserole, put mixture into a lightly greased casserole and bake until crisp on top.

Sweet Potato and Orange Stuffing

4 large sweet potatoes or yams
2 Tbsp. grated orange peel
1 Tbsp. grated lemon peel
1/4 cup Kosher brandy
2 large oranges
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup margarine or Empire Kosher chicken fat
salt and pepper

Cook peeled potatoes in boiling salt water until they can just be pierced with a fork. Rice potatoes. Add grated rind and brandy. Cut oranges in half and scoop out pulp with a small spoon, chop and add to potatoes. Cook onion in margarine until tender. Add to potatoes, season with salt and pepper. Be careful not to mash the potatoes—there should be some texture left. Stuff the roaster lightly, or bake in casserole on the side. Yield: 2-1/2 to 3 cups stuffing.



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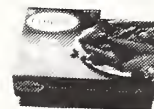


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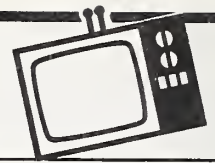
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Books, Arts and Media



Jewish Book Celebration December 1990 Charlotte, N.C.

by Amalia Warshenbrot
Librarian, Speizman Jewish Library of Charlotte

Something old and something new is planned for the 1990 Jewish Book Celebration at the Charlotte Jewish Community Center, 5007 Providence Road.

As in previous years we plan a Book Fair, Jewish Storytime for children, and highlighting the celebration—a Book and Author evening. All these activities are planned for December 9, 1990.

New this year is an evening program on Wednesday, December 5, 1990. The Speizman Jewish Library of Charlotte is proud to host Pat Siegfried, Youth Services Director of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. In this free program Mrs. Siegfried will introduce JEWISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS. Parents and teachers will not only learn what is available but also how to introduce books to children. Babysitting is available upon reservation before November 30, \$1.50.

Also new this year is the guest speaker of the fourth annual Book and Author Evening, Judith Magyar Isaacson. Her book, *SEED OF SARAH: Memoirs of a Survivor*, is a unique book in the literature of the Holocaust. Mrs. Isaacson is a retired dean of students and lecturer in mathematics at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. As a Holocaust survivor her positive and intelligent approach will make this evening one you don't want to miss.

New and Old is the 1990 Jewish Book Fair. This year the Book Fair is for two days only, Sunday and Monday, December 9 and 10. We will have for immediate purchase Jewish classics and bestsellers, as well as recently published children's and adult Jew-

ish books. Used books of Jewish and non-Jewish content will be on sale Sunday, December 9, only.

Our goal is to introduce to you the wealth of Jewish literature which is unavailable in most of Charlotte's book stores. The celebration is arranged to coincide with the Chanukah season of gift giving. Jewish books are valuable gifts. The Temples' Gift Shops will offer Chanukah items and gifts, as well.

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

Book & Author Evening Sunday, December 9, 1990 Charlotte, N.C.

by Nancy Blacker

Judith Magyar Isaacson
SEED OF SARAH: Memoirs of a Survivor

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, the Speizman Jewish Library and the Charlotte Jewish Community Center will feature guest author Judith Magyar Isaacson on Sunday evening, December 9, 1990 at the fourth annual Book & Author Evening. This event occurs each year during Jewish Book Month and spotlights a nationally known author and current work.

In the recently published *SEED OF SARAH: Memoirs of a Survivor*, Mrs. Isaacson reveals with poetic grace and clear memory her Holocaust ordeal. Vivid descriptions of the Nazi horror that engulfed her native Hungary and swept 19 year old "Jutka" Magyar and her family to Auschwitz and Hessich-Lichtenau leave little to the imagination. From a teenager's point of view she becomes the "Anne Frank who survived" as she tells of the anguish and amazing hope that sustained her and the few around her who survived.

Judith Isaacson will recount her experiences at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. on



Judith Magyar Isaacson

December 9 at 7 p.m., and will be the guest of honor at a Patron's reception immediately following.

Hadassah and the Jewish Community Center invite membership and interested individuals and groups to become Patrons of this very successful event. Grand Patrons are asked to contribute \$250, Sustaining Patrons \$100 and Patrons \$36. Both Grand Patrons and Sustaining Patrons will receive autographed copies of the book.

SEED OF SARAH will be available for advanced purchase at the front desk in the lobby of the JCC and Mrs. Isaacson will autograph copies on the day of the event.

The net proceeds from this event are distributed between Hadassah, the Speizman Jewish Library and the Charlotte Jewish Community Center. Mrs. Isaacson will be donating her speaker fee to her local Operation Exodus Campaign.

Chairpersons for the event are Nancy Blacker and Lorrie Klemons, along with committee member Gladys Lavitan, Speizman Jewish Library head Amalia Warshenbrot and JCC Program Director Scott Snyder. For more information call the Jewish Community Center at (704) 366-5007.

Chanukah Gift Books

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

It Happened in Chelm

Retold by Florence B. Freedman
Shapolsky Publishers, Inc. 62 pp.
\$9.95

When our children were small, one of their favorite books was *The Twenty-Four Ivans*, tales of a group of foolish Russian peasants. Later, I learned that they were the same stories as those of *The Wise Men of Chelm*. Which came first I have never discovered, but I have always regretted having passed the book down to the young children in the family.

It Happened in Chelm contains one of the *Chelm* stories, retold very well by Florence B. Freedman, retired high school teacher and professor. Poet and writer, she has written scholarly works as well as children's stories. This newest book is illustrated throughout by Nik Krevitsky, noted for his skills and teaching in designer-craftsmanship.

This book will be a Chanukah gift to delight children of all ages, as well as those who share it with them. We urge you to read it before you give it to that lucky child.

The Encyclopedia of Biblical Humor

by Rabbi Maurice Lyons
Shapolsky Publishers 285 pp. \$10.95
paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This book, done in calligraphy instead of standard print, has portions from the entire Bible, Book by Book. It is entirely questions and answers, citing chapter and verse. The author, who uses the pen name *Zeyda Moshe*, would not claim that this is a scholarly work to be studied by biblical students. While quotations from the Bible are accurate, the purpose of the text is humor. Examples:

Q. Why was there darkness in ancient Egypt?

A. Because all the Israelites went out.

Q. Was King David's poetry better than his prose?

A. "Verse."

Q. Who was the straightest man in the Bible?

A. Joseph, because Pharaoh made a ruler out of him.

That gives you an idea of what it's like. . .some smiles, an occasional laugh and perhaps a groan. This is a good bedside book to read in snatches.

The New Jewish Holiday Activity and Coloring Book

by David Sokoloff
Shapolsky Publishers 89 pp. \$5.95
paperback

This is a creative and fun-filled collection of original, highly imaginative and very humorous games, puzzles, mazes, etc. for children. The players learn about their religion and all the Jewish holidays.

The drawings are amusing and modern. There are scrambled words, more than one quiz, and each page has its own kind of fun. The pages are black and white for coloring, but the cover is in many bright colors. The paper is of high quality. The book is recommended for ages 4 through 8.

Shapolsky Publishers is located at 136 W. 22nd St., New York, N.Y. 10011.

Latkes and Applesauce:

A Hanukkah Story

by Fran Manushkin
Scholastic Hardcover 32 pp. \$12.95

Long ago and far away, the Menashe family was ready to celebrate Hanukkah. But suddenly there came a furious blizzard that covered all the apples and potatoes. And alas, there would be no latkes and applesauce this year.

Still, the Menashes celebrated the miracle of Hanukkah with feasting and gladness. And even though food was scarce, they still fed a stray dog and cat who brought with them the miracle of Hanukkah, and in surprising ways, brought latkes and applesauce to the Menashes' home.

Latkes and Applesauce is beautifully illustrated by Robin Spowart. The book is suitable for children 3 to 8 years old. It is a handsome book for a Hanukkah gift. At the back are the story of Hanukkah, a recipe for latkes and instructions for playing *dreidel*.

Handsome As Anything

by Merrill Joan Gerber
Scholastic Hardcover 176 pp. \$13.95

Rachel Leah Kaminsky, in *Handsome As Anything* by Merrill Jean Gerber, tries to find her own way amidst a flurry of conflicting advice; should she find a "nice Jewish boy-

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friend" like her father says; never marry, as one sister says, or marry as soon as possible, as her other sister says? And what of the boys in her life? There's Avram, a rabbinical student who thinks deeply about God, Ethics and decency, but also believes a wife should serve her husband; Jason, a Zen Buddhist, who can't commit to anything as ordinary as love. He wants enlightenment; and sweet, impish Karl, who teaches her how to bake bread.

Merrill Joan Gerber is author of novels for young adults and short stories and novels for adults. This book is for readers ages 12 and up.

Scholastic Hardcover is located at 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

The Jewish Home Advisor

by Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch

Jonathan David Publishers 362 pp. \$16.95

Reviewed by Rabbi Saul I. Teplitz, Woodmere, N.Y.

"For a long time, the basic question among young American Jews was 'to be or not to be a Jew.'" The tug of secularism and assimilation was great in this country. Many were ready to pay any price in the coinage of self-effacement in order to become part of the majority culture. They went out of their way to mask their Jewish identity by changing their names or by trying to pass as gentiles. To quote Solomon Schechter, they were "amateur goyim."

"Slowly the American Jew has become secure with his distinctive differences. There is today shrivelling skepticism and growing Jewish devotion. The achievements of Israel and the plight of Russian Jewry have contributed greatly to the creation of a new Jew. The basic question today is "how to be a Jew"—not whether, but how. Jews are in search of answers to fundamental questions.

"Rabbi Alfred Kolatch's new book, *The Jewish Home Advisor*, is an indispensable volume, telling the 'hows' for every Jewish experience, from the womb to the tomb, as well as the observance of every festival in the Jewish calendar. This is truly a Jew-

ish guide for the perplexed of our time. Every contingency is included. The book does not underestimate the intelligence of the reader or overestimate the Jewish knowledge. It covers the A to Z of Jewish living in a comprehensive and intelligible manner. It takes nothing for granted and leads the reader by the hand to a greater appreciation of Jewish living and Jewish practice. This book is a must for significant and vibrant Jewish life."

What Dinah Thought

by Deena Metzger

Viking 373 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Pearl Rohde

Deena Metzger has written a novel which changes the scenario for an ancient *meise* to a modern script, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

She has replayed the biblical story of Dinah, daughter of Jacob and sister of Joseph. In the biblical version, Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, slay the tribe of Dinah's Gentile lover Schechem, after he has asked for her hand and his kinsmen have agreed to be circumcised as a token of friendship and alliance. Jacob thereafter seizes the property and wealth of Shechem's kinsmen. The site of this tale, excavated by modern archaeologists, is in Nablus on the West Bank.

A child of survivors from the Holocaust, the author executes a complete about-face from what would be anticipated from one with such a family background.

Using her name as a pretext, Dina or Dinah journeys to Israel to learn more about the biblical Dinah, whom she projects had certain personality quirks in common with hers—a restlessness, a propensity for trouble and a preoccupation with rape and violence.

This is a difficult book to read. It goes back and forth to the biblical text contrasted with the modern Dina. The book has a stream of consciousness style with bizarre references, barely credible. What comes to mind is the realization that politics regarding Israel is multi-faceted, that while Israel accepts as citizens those per-

sons who have Jewish mothers, this requisite is no guarantee that they have the best interests of the country at heart.

It is a dilemma that Israel faces currently in allowing immigration of Russian Jews, many of whom have had no connection with Jewish life, culture or political concerns for several generations.

What Dinah Thought is a story of a willful woman determined to do things her way, whatever the consequences.

Evil and Exile

by Elie Wiesel and Philippe de Saint-Cheron, translated by Jon

Rothschild

Notre Dame Press 256 pp. \$22.95

Evil and Exile, the new book by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, addresses themes of crucial importance to the cause of world peace. A six-day series of interviews between Wiesel and French journalist Philippe de Saint-Cheron, *Evil and Exile* probes some of the most crucial and pressing issues facing humankind today.

Having survived the unspeakable evil of the Holocaust, Wiesel remained silent for ten years before dedicating his life to the memory of this tragedy, witnessing tirelessly to remind an often indifferent world of its potential for self-destruction.

Wiesel offers wise counsel in this volume concerning evil and suffering, life and death, chance and circumstance. Moreover, the dialogue evokes candid and often surprising responses by Wiesel on the Palestinian problem, Judeo-Christian relations, recent changes in the Soviet Union as well as insights into writers such as Kafka, Malraux, Mauriac and Unamuno.

Throughout this book, Wiesel's understanding of the human condition offers both an honest assessment and also hope that we may learn to live with one another in harmony.

Elie Wiesel is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Humanities at Boston University. He is the author of more than twenty books.

Philippe de Saint-Cheron is an

archivist with the Museum of France and a well-known author and journalist.

Touring the Western North Carolina Backroads

by Carolyn Sakowski

John F. Blair 305 pp. \$14.95
paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A native of North Carolina, Carolyn Sakowski has written a book to fill the need for aid to those who love to travel in North Carolina. The author drove all these routes described in the book, and in addition she spoke to local people, and she sought out those who knew most.

There are more than 100 photographs in the book and there are carefully drawn maps. Western North Carolina is the mountainous part of the state, and its backroads are thick with waterfalls, historic structures and unsurpassed beauty.

This is a book to cherish and to carry with you. In addition to the 21 tours described, there is an appendix with federal and state agencies, chambers of commerce and visitors' bureaus, plus more handy addresses, a bibliography and a complete index that will be helpful.

I can hardly wait to set out on explorations guided by *Touring the Western North Carolina Backroads*.

Memories of my Life in a Polish Village

by Toby Knobel Fluek

Alfred A. Knopf 110 pp. \$19.95

No better description of *Memories of My Life in a Polish Village* can be written than the following quotations of noted writers:

"Toby Fluek's *Memories of My Life* is a beautiful book. Its luminous art and water-clear prose form a world of exquisite images that in the end create a tone poem evocative of a vanished world—a poem that is not a dirge but a gentle celebration of hardships overcome and the triumph of the spirit over unspeakable horror." *Chaim Potok*.

"Toby Fluek's brightly remembering palette restores, for our marveling eyes, the nearly thousand-year-old life of the village Jews of Eastern Europe—God-imbued, profound in its simplicity—at the very hour of its murderous destruction by Nazi terror. Her loving yet memory-wounded paintings are too vivid—hence too tragically dyed in loss—to be reduced to nostalgia; they are a plain record of the innocence that was annihilated forever by Europe's great storm of hatred." *Cynthia Ozick*

Each vignette of the author's memory shares a page with a painting or drawing by her, all printed on fine quality glossy stock.

The period covered is 1930 to 1949, ending with Toby Fluek's arrival in the United States with her new husband, whom she met in a camp for displaced persons in Germany.

The author was born in Poland in the village of Czernica, near Lvov on the Russian border. In 1942 she and her family were driven out by the Nazis and forced into the Brody ghetto.

The Fundamentalist Phenomenon: A View from Within; A Response from Without

Edited by Dr. Norman J. Cohen
Wm. B. Eerdmann Publishing Co.
266 pp. \$14.95

The volume is a collection of essays, drawn from papers presented at a landmark conference at HUC-JIR's New York School in 1988. Leading academicians, theologians, representatives of the clergy and writers conferred on definitions of fundamentalism from a variety of perspectives. The conference also explored responses to these phenomena, in keeping with the College-Institute's mandate.

In his introduction to the new volume, Dr. Cohen discusses the significance of fundamentalism and the complex problems raised regarding its characterization and a determination of its future. "... Whether or not fundamentalists continue to play a

dominant role in the political system, they have clearly placed on the public agenda crucial issues of conscience, including religion and public education and matters of personal choice, with which all Americans must grapple," he writes.

The book is divided into two parts, with Part One devoted to a description of the fundamentalist phenomenon from a variety of perspectives. Part Two focuses on how liberals should respond to the fundamentalist phenomenon.

The conference, from which the essays originate, was the inaugural program sponsored by the College-Institute's Starkoff Institute of Ethics and Contemporary Moral Issues.

Dr. Norman J. Cohen is dean of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's (HUC-JIR) New York School.

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November/December 1990

“It’s Never Too Late To Be Happy”

The title was catchy, “It’s Never Too Late to be Happy,” and, after all, since it was Monday afternoon, a good time for an inspirational message and just a short walk to the Commons, I decided to attend. Dr. Ron Lean had just begun talking to a large group of residents and had quickly captured their attention. A treasured handmade quilt, a shiny new bucket, and a can of Snow’s clam chowder soup were the curious props he displayed. These colorful items brought smiles to many faces while the messages they illustrated, soon to be explained by Dr. Lean, prompted introspection.

Ron Lean, a psychotherapist with Salem Psychiatric Associates in Winston-Salem, was one of three speakers as part of a lecture series for the residents sponsored by the Home’s Activities Department. Residents from the nursing home and Fair Oaks had the opportunity to attend three outstanding programs in the month of September. Susan Ott, a social worker



Dr. Ron Lean describes how to keep one’s “self-esteem” bucket filled as part of the wellness lecture series.

with Senior Services of Forsyth County, spoke on “Age Wave — How Times Have Changed” on September 13, Dr. Lean spoke on “It’s Never Too Late to be Happy” on September 17, and Joann Wood from the Winston-Salem Chronic Pain Support Group associated with Bowman Gray School of

Medicine talked about “How to Live with Chronic Pain” on September 18. Varied, yet each encouraging, these three professionals provided positive perspectives for the listeners.

“To associate happiness only with younger years is a dangerous
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acceptance of a myth," said Dr. Lean. Although five to fifteen percent of the elderly may be depressed, that same percentage holds throughout the age span, and the majority are not depressed. Being aware of one's needs and then making positive decisions that will attempt to meet those needs, be they educational, social, physical, family, etc., was his prescription for good mental health. "A change is possible regardless of the season of life you are in. You can make a decision to meet a need, to change your life," said Dr. Lean. He described happiness as a by-product of the pursuit of meaning in your life.

Watching a roomful of intent people who were absorbing Ron Lean's words and listening to the residents' responses, I saw individuals who had made one decision today to attend this program, perhaps to be entertained or to learn something new, discover a different perspective or make a change in their lives. The unending challenge of self-discovery can greet us each day if we take the risk.

Sometimes it is no greater than a few steps or just a brief walk down the hall.

S.C.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Braxton Gallup

Anna Hersh

Ira Julian

Dr. Harry Karesh

Delia Sonnenshein

Lou Verna Thornton

Clarice Wooters

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



The BJH Activity Department is proud of its award. Left to right: Catherine Smith, Lynn Wahoski, Lena Wall, Fredia Thompson, Sheila Johnson, and Linda Abrahamson.

Congratulations Resident Activity Department

The Resident Activity Department of the Blumenthal Jewish home has received the 1990 Outstanding Long Term Care Therapeutic Recreation Award from the Therapeutic Recreation Division of the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society. Lynn Wahoski, Director of the Activity Department, accepted the award presented on October 5, 1990, at the annual conference of Therapeutic Recreation in Winston-Salem. The Resident Activity Department of the Home was nominated for its fine program by a

group of peers in the therapeutic recreation field.

BJH is proud to congratulate Lynn and her excellent staff of recreation therapists for the enriching programming they provide to the residents of the Home and for the contribution they have made to the field of therapeutic recreation. Our congratulations go to Lynn Wahoski, Linda Abrahamson, Sheila Johnson, Fredia Thompson, Catherine Smith and Lena Wall. We are proud of our Resident Activity Department.

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FAIR OAKS

SUMMER ENDS, AUTUMN BEGINS

The sweet smell of tobacco is no longer in the air in downtown Winston-Salem, but the tobacco auction is still a popular event. Late summer brings the tobacco buyers to Cook's Tobacco Warehouse in Winston-Salem where major tobacco manufacturing companies bid on their choice of tobacco leaves. Fair Oaks residents saw the process in action when they visited Cook's Tobacco Warehouse in September. They received a complete tour of the warehouse from auction to baling to hauling. Five major tobacco companies were bidding on 200 different tobacco crops. Residents followed the auction process, a fascinating experience with a sale every minute, but what did the auctioneer say?

Fair Oaks residents said farewell to summer with a Labor Day picnic at Tanglewood Park. Eighteen resi-

dents enjoyed the cookout by chef Darrel Mandelstamm and a beautiful day in the park.

Ushering in the fall season always means time for new clothes, and Fair Oaks residents prepared for cool weather by going shopping. Trips to Hanes Mall, T. J. Maxx, and Marshall's in Winston-Salem were recent popular events.

A real change of pace and a place to wear new clothes was attending the Piedmont Opera's production of Cinderella. Fair Oaks residents enjoyed this beautiful opera performed at the Steven's Center in Winston-Salem on Sunday, September 23.

The sweet smell of autumn was also found at BJH, for it was the season of apples and honey, wine and challah in the Sukkah, cider and harvest fruits, and the many blessings of the new year.



Pearl Yachnin and volunteer Mary Sicheloff take in the sights of the Dixie Classic Fair.



Dr. Matthew Miller enjoys a visit with his granddaughters, Kacie and Leigh Miller.



Virginia Brown and Rose Halperin are seen with volunteer Joslin LeBauer at the Greensboro Women's Organizations joint opening meeting.

SUE'S NEWS

Volunteers, Volunteers They're Never Too Young Or Too Old



Young Greensboro volunteers were delightful entertainers whether performing or taking a cake break.

It's never too early to begin volunteering. This was certainly true for the Greensboro toddlers who came to visit and entertain for the September birthday party. They had such a good time as did our residents. Hopefully, this will be just the beginning of a lifetime pattern of volunteering. While the young hands were busy holding on to balloons and eating birthday cake, older hands enjoyed a quick squeeze and a hug from the excited children.

The hands of a large corps of 27 volunteers were busy in late August addressing and preparing the mailing of the over 2,000 25th anniversary invitations. Our thanks go to these gracious volunteers who spent a few days with us helping insure the success of the Home's celebration: Fred and Kay Burk, Ruth Julian, Ann Clein, Rose Clein, Lou and Harriet Cooper, Jeanne Reznick, Ellen Berlin, Helen Davis, Dick and Vi Peller,

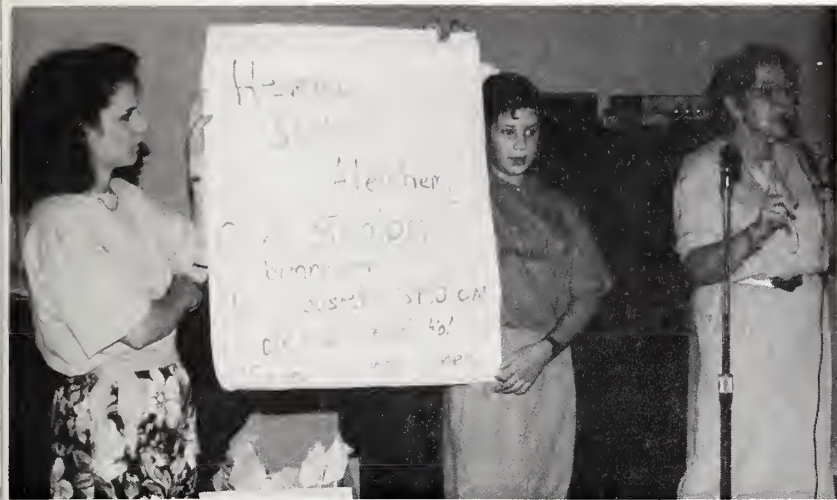
Moe and Marian Sloan, Howard and Sylvia Friedensen, Janie Douthit, Shari Covitz, Gail Citron, Suzy Kurtz, Eva Gelfand, Millie Slatkoff, Harriet Wallach, Betty Roth, Louis and Gretchen Klaff, and Herta Griffenhagen.

In celebration of their volunteer work for the United Way, 15 residents of the Home attended an RSVP luncheon at the Elk's Club on August 8. This annual event recognizes the many hours of volunteer work provided by retired senior volunteers. Good food, good entertainment, and many thanks acknowledged the valuable contributions of volunteers. Residents of the Home assist with numerous projects for community agencies throughout the year. Some residents have been volunteers all their lives while others have recently discovered the opportunity to help. It's never too early or too late to be a volunteer.

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Fair Oaks resident Anna Shapiro volunteers to escort BJH resident Jane Rosenberg to the synagogue.



Greensboro volunteers Marcia and Hilary Glazman assist Ronni Kutchei who entertained for the August birthday party.



Greensboro volunteer Sylvia Samet visits with a BJH friend, Herb Kandall.



Roy and Evelyn Bascomb.



Fair Oaks residents, left to right, Irene Mendelson, Syd Kastel, and Nelly Schwarz, enjoyed the United Way RSVP luncheon.

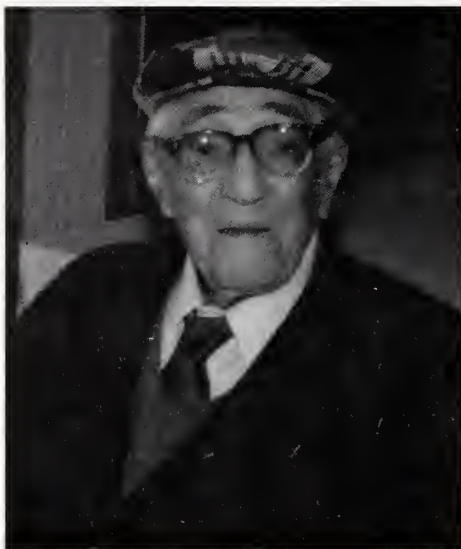
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We always welcome new volunteers at BJH and are happy to introduce Roy and Evelyn Bascomb who have recently joined our program. Recent retirees from New York City, the Bascombs are enjoying their southern lifestyle. Roy and Evelyn can be seen in the Home on Monday's assisting residents with menu selections, and they often join us on outings and shopping trips. We welcome them to BJH and to North Carolina.



Enjoying a beautiful day at the fair are, left to right, Fair Oaks residents Stella Wallace and Pearl Yachnin, volunteers Mary Sicheloff and Arlene van de Rijn, and Fair Oaks resident Ida Feinberg.

BJH NEWS BRIEFS – A SEASON TO CELEBRATE



• **LENA ZIMMERMAN CELEBRATES 104 YEARS** — On August 26, Lena Zimmerman celebrated her 104th birthday. A-wing residents joined the celebration singing happy birthday and sharing the birthday cake. Lena continued the celebration of this special occasion with a weekend visit to Hickory where she attended a luncheon in her honor given by her son.

• **DAVID MERRELL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS** — On September 24, David Merrell celebrated his centennial birthday. Mr. Merrell, a writer of proverbs at BJH, is known for his wit and sense of humor. He was delighted by a surprise birthday cake and the good wishes he received on this milestone.

• **SIGMUND MEYER SPEAKS ON THE HIGH HOLY DAYS** — On September 19, Rosh Hashanah Eve, Mr. Meyer, resident of Fair Oaks, set the mood for the High Holy Days with an informative lecture. Residents and staff gathered in the synagogue to learn, re-learn, and increase understanding of the meaning of these holy days, their rituals, traditions, symbols, and prayers. Thanks to Sigmund Meyer's excellent presentation, the new year at BJH began with a renewal of learning.



Elbert Levy is seen blowing the Shofar at the Rosh Hashanah service. Sam Jacobson led the services for the High Holy Days.

• **HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES** — Residents and family members filled the synagogue for the comforting prayers of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Sam Jacobson, religious leader at the Home, led the services with the assistance of volunteers Elbert Levy and Alan Andler. Each year, residents look forward to the sound of the Shofar blown by Elbert Levy and the beautiful singing of Alan Andler.

• **CELEBRATING SUKKOT** — A joyful celebration of the Sukkot holiday took place in the beautiful Sukkah in the BJH courtyard on October 4. Residents gathered in the Sukkah for the traditional prayers, wine, and challah followed by delicious holiday sweets. Highlighting the week of Sukkot was the concert on Sunday, October 7, by Bert Chessin's klezmer band, an all-time favorite.



Above: Regularly seen at services, Fair Oaks resident Esther Pearson enjoyed the holiday services.

• **A WESTERN HOEDOWN** — A western hoedown welcomed in the fall harvest season. Staff dressed in their best wild west attire and residents enjoyed the hoedown in the Commons featuring a professional square dance troupe plus the BJH square dancers led by Catherine Smith. Cider, popcorn, and a lot of good fun topped off the day.

Below: Adding their own spirit to the hoedown, Jesse Clawson, Dr. Edward Southern, and Keith Elliott brought that "good ole mountain dew" to the occasion.



The BJH square dancers were the highlight of the western hoedown.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Mary Barrett
 Helene Baruch
 Claire Bernstein
 Ura (Peggy) Cole
 Ella Grosser
 Else Guthmann
 Addie Harris
 Amy Idol
 Mae Kornbluth
 Adolph Marx
 Edna Poppe
 Lillian Snead
 Thelma Wilson

DECEMBER

Fannie Benson
 Clara Borenstein
 Ben Bruck
 George Carp
 Mary Cohen
 Sarah Cohen
 Ann DeFilipp
 Annie Gibson
 Bernice Goldfinger
 Ella Gunzberger
 Herbert Kandall
 Moe Mandel
 Ruth Menins
 Kate Pliner
 Ida Robinowitz
 Floy Vieira

BJH Is Happy To Announce Selections For Employee Of The Month

SAM HALL
HOUSEKEEPING
SEPTEMBER, 1990



Sam Hall's pleasure in his work is apparent when you see him on the job. Sam has been a dedicated employee of BJH working in the Housekeeping Department since July, 1988. Surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month, Sam said, "I am honored to receive this award. I take pride in my work. I enjoy working here. I like my work, doing a good job, and helping to keep our ratings high. I hope to stay for a long time." Sam also expressed appreciation to Marie Doty for being such a good supervisor.

Marie Doty, Housekeeping Supervisor, said, "Sam works on B-2 and the mansion and wherever else he is needed and is asked to assist. He is a most dedicated employee, always putting all his

efforts into the job. I couldn't ask for a better person."

Sam and his wife, Nancy, are enjoying their new home in North Carolina midway between Sam's home in Florida and Nancy's in New Jersey. Living here has provided Sam the opportunity to pursue his interests in history and photography, hobbies that he is enjoying developing.

Sam takes pleasure and pride in both his work and his hobbies. He brings to BJH a positive attitude, friendly manner and cheerful smile, which he shares with all who are in contact with him, and he often brings his latest photos of North Carolina scenery and sights. BJH is pleased to present this honor to Sam Hall.

CREOLA NICHOLS
NURSING ASSISTANT
OCTOBER, 1990



October, 1988 and soon transferred to the 3rd shift on Fair Oaks. Creola began this second career seven years ago. After working at R.J. Reynolds for 28 years, she retired in 1969 and worked five years for R&R Printing Company. "I have loved every minute of this job," said Creola, "and it's good for me. I live alone and working here has filled my life. I like people and enjoy working on Fair Oaks. There are people from different places, and each one is interesting." Surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month, Creola Nichols said, "I think it's fantastic. I never dreamed I would be chosen for anything."

Marlene Newell, Fair Oaks Unit Manager, said that Creola has a special understanding of the residents, is always calm and ready to help in any way. "The residents are so comfortable with her. She is conscientious and efficient," said Marlene.

Creola Nichols' calm demeanor and positive attitude is radiated to

those she works with. "I was called the big timer when I was young," said Creola, "because I liked to skate, dance, and go to ball games. My outlook now is no different than when I was young. Live the best you can and have the best time you can with good, clean living."

BJH congratulates Creola Nichols, an employee we are proud to have on our staff.



Addie Mikels enjoys a beautiful day and a visit with her daughter.

Creola Nichols brings warmth, optimism, and a joyous philosophy to work with her each evening. Creola began working at BJH as a nursing assistant on A-wing in



Volunteer Marian Sloan lunches with Geneva Neal at the Hanes Mall shopping trip.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER (AND EARLY JANUARY)

NOVEMBER

- 4 Brenner Concert, Judy Fussell & Sarah Nobles, Pianists, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 6 Leave for Voting, Clemmons, 9:30 a.m.
- 6 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 13 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Brenner Concert, James Day & Christopher Pollen, Guitarists, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 20 Leave for Lunch at Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Service, Commons Aud., 10 a.m.

DECEMBER

- 4 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 7 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Leave for The Nutcracker, Winston-Salem, 1 p.m.
- 11 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 11-18 1st through 8th Chanukah Candle Lighting, Individual Units, 5 p.m.
- 13 Leave for Friendship Dinner, Greensboro, 4:30 p.m.
- 16 Brenner Concert, Gianni Brass Quintet, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 18 Leave for Lunch at Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Christmas Love Feast, Commons Aud., 10 a.m.

EARLY JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Party with Society Swing Band, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.
- 7 Junior League String Performers, Commons Aud., 10:15 a.m.
- 8 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.

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Mary Barrett, A-wing resident, delights in taking care of her pet rabbit.

What's Developing?

Tax-Planning for the End of the Year – 1990 and the Fair Oaks Campaign

by Bob Young
Director of Development

As December 31 approaches, you and I need all the help we can get so that we pay the least possible taxes on April 15! A gift to the Home can help lower your tax payments. The Home especially needs help now with the Fair Oaks Capital Campaign. The Fair Oaks project cost the Home 8 million dollars. We have raised 5.4 million toward that. This debt is a very heavy burden!

Fair Oaks is full with a waiting list! There is talk of expanding again, to provide for our elderly. Before we consider that, we must pay off the current debt. That's where you can help the Home and your tax situation!

Charitable giving offers excellent benefits to a taxpayer who itemizes deductions. There are several ways to give to the Home.

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Give us a call at the Development Office and we'll be glad to talk with you. You will help yourself and help the Home.



A-wing resident Fannie Benson enjoys the company of Greensboro volunteer Josi Swirin.

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May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

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Yadkinville, NC

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Pfafftown, NC

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Gulf Crisis— The Low-Profile Approach: Is It Worth It!

by Abraham H. Foxman and Kenneth Jacobson

Mr. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League; Mr. Jacobson is director of ADL's International Affairs Division.

Activism has become a way of life for the Jewish community. The lessons of the Holocaust taught us long ago that silence is unacceptable. And yet, as the Gulf crisis proceeds, silence or near silence appears to be the order of the day.

We are told repeatedly that we must not make the world's struggle against Saddam Hussein a Jewish struggle, Israel's struggle. The message is that the Jewish State will reap the benefits if only we remain silent. The alliance will one way or another defeat Saddam, but only if Israel and Jews stay in the background. If we abandon this reserve, we are told, we risk jeopardizing the victory that means so much to us, as well as to the others.

Is this true? And if it is true, is it possible that increasingly there will be such a price to pay, that the bargain is a bad one?

For a long time in America's relations with the Middle East, State Department figures proposed that the U.S. put Israel in the background in order to sustain good relations with the Arab world. Anti-Soviet policy in the region seemed to dictate such an approach. It was only with the advent of George Shultz as Secretary of State in 1982 that this doctrine was challenged.

Shultz took America's relationship with Israel out of the closet. He challenged the notion that U.S. closeness with Israel would hurt us with the Arabs. He suggested that it was in the best interest of many Arab states to be close to the U.S.; they would not subvert their own interests because of Israel. At the same time, through a more open strategic relationship with Israel, the Arab world would come to understand that they had to move toward accepting Israel.

Now we are beginning to see the Shultz revolution undone. All the folks who said that the Arabs would abandon America if the U.S. were too close to Israel, and were proved wrong, are out again in full force. The fact is, Saudi Arabia turned its back on a host of principles it held dear for decades when it invited in American troops. It did so for one reason: survival. For the Saudis, this was no time to worry about future dangers when there might not be any future if today's danger was not confronted. Would Saudi Arabia have refused to accept American help had the United States been willing to cooperate early on—and openly—with Israel? By accepting the assumption that the U.S. must distance itself from Israel in this conflict, policymakers inevitably moved toward a series of other steps.

Coaxing, or if you will, appeasing the Arabs, once again becomes the order of the day. The new proposals to sell huge amounts of arms to Saudi Arabia are in part a direct result of this kind of thinking. No matter that the policy of selling arms to the Saudis in the '70s and '80s turned out to be a complete failure the day Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and threatened the Saudis.

No matter that all the sophisticated arms the West sold Kuwait were now in the hands of the enemy. No matter that a sale the size of that proposed has tremendous strategic implications for the region and deserves careful, rather than hasty, consideration. The proposal came forward because the mode of operation had been transformed to one of enticing the Saudis, this despite the fact that we had just saved them. And, of course, Israel may pay the price.

Similarly, the logic of accepting the notion that Israel must be kept at a distance leads to strange diplomacy with countries such as Syria and Iran. These are governments who, given the opportunity, would be doing much the same as Saddam Hussein. Their records of aggression, of human rights violations are very similar. In the process of seeking to win them over in order to defeat Saddam, not only does America keep away from Israel, but it treats Syria and Iran as "moderates" and ignores their continuing hostility toward the West, America and Israel. Most importantly, we risk failing to comprehend the real lesson of Saddam Hussein—that the Middle East is a region full of such dangerous dictators—Syria, Iran and Libya included—and that our friend Israel is not foolhardy in warning us about them all.

Meanwhile, hostility to Israel goes unchallenged. Saddam Hussein threatens that if the blockage takes hold he will attack Israel. The Saudi crown prince tells his soldiers, the very people being protected by the U.S., "I had hoped, on my way here, that my visit with you and your brothers would be a farewell visit, hoping to see you, together with your brothers and comrades, soldiers of the fearless Iraqi army, and all the Arab armies, preparing to restore the legitimate rights in Palestine. But unfortunately this is God's will. The hope exists and will continue to live in our hearts."

And Patrick Buchanan indicates on national television that only Israel and its "amen corner" in the United States wanted to strike at Saddam.

This is what silence has brought.

In fact, the U.S. insistence on a low profile by Israel is questionable on three levels. First, it rests on the false assumption that we must appease the Arab states; this distorts what has taken place in the Gulf crisis, which is that the U.S. saved the Arab world from the aggressor. Second, it prevents Israel with all its military and intelligence capabilities, from making the kind of contribution that it could to the effort against Saddam. And finally, it has the effect of the U.S. appeasing the Arab world at Israel's expense.

George Shultz understood how much Israel meant to the U.S., how American interests in the Arab world are not hurt by our relations with Israel, how so many of the Arab countries need the U.S. It is distressing to see the trends that appear to be undoing so much that was learned.

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From the Editor

The GULF CRISIS is so important today that we have printed several timely analyses of the situation and how Israel is affected by it. The Editorial on page 2 reflects the views of two officials of the Anti-Defamation League. The report of a speech by Professor Kenneth Stein gives his insights on the Middle East on pages 15-16. Rabbi Hillel Millgram wrote a philosophical essay on the crisis on pages 6-7.

We need to be well-informed on the Middle East so that we can recognize and rebut the false rumors that are spread by the media, by political leaders, and the United Nations.

CHANUKAH celebrates the victory of *right over might*. The Maccabees defeated the Greeks and witnessed the *miracle of oil* needed for the Menorah in the Temple. We must hope that there will be another kind of *miracle of oil* very soon in the settlement of the Gulf Crisis. Then peace might reign in the Middle East.

We wish you and your family a happy and joyous Chanukah!

Ruth Goldberg

To the Editor

I appreciated the editorial on supporting the Israeli economy (Nov. 1990). It is time we American Jews supported our Israeli brothers. Could you publish a list of popular Israeli products? Articles on new products from Israel would be interesting, too. Thank you.

*Helen K. Roth
Charlotte, N.C.*

(Ed. Note: We will try to get some information on Israeli products available in the Carolinas and print it in later issues.)

Rasele Habass Sought

The Anti-Defamation League is seeking information about Rasele Habass, a former resident of Rezekne, Latvia, in response to a request from

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Chanukah 5751

Proclaiming the Miracle

by Shafer B. Stollman

(WZPS) Chanukah, the holiday that commemorates the victory of the Jews over the Greeks in 164 B.C.E. is also known as the Feast of Lights. This name derived from the custom of lighting candles in increasing numbers from one on the first night of the holiday to eight on the final evening of this post-Biblical holiday.

Rededication

The Talmud in tractate Sabbath relates how the victorious Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, entered the Temple after defeating the Greeks and found only one vial of undefiled oil with which to light the Menorah ("candelabrum"). This was a vial that was sealed with the insignia of the high priest. It had only sufficient oil to keep the Menorah lit for one day, but miraculously sufficed to keep the Menorah burning for eight days until a fresh measure of pure olive oil could be manufactured. The Maccabees then set about rededicating the Temple, from which the word Chanukah ("dedication") derives, defiled during the Greek occupation of Jerusalem.

Development

The Menorah in the Temple and the Chanukiah, or Chanukah Menorah, seem to have much in common except that the former has seven branches and the latter has eight. In fact, the Chanukiah as we know it today only came into use during the tenth century when the eight branched candelabrum were first produced. Until then, candle lighting on Chanukah was observed by placing separate oil lamps side-by-side in increasing numbers during the holiday for a total of eight by the end of the Chanukah.

The development of the common Chanukiah, which consists of eight assembled branches would appear to have originated from a change in the way the Chanukah lights were first honored. Tradition requires that the Chanukah candles be placed where they can be observed by wayfarers in

order to "publicize the miracle." Originally it was the practice to place a number of individual oil lamps next to the doorway where the lights could be seen by those passing in the street. Due, however, to the persecution of Jews for their beliefs, they were forced to place the Chanukiah inside their homes far from the eyes of hostile neighbors. The Chanukiah then took on a different significance, as a family ritual, and by the tenth century craftsmen were producing Chanukah Menorahs from a variety of materials, such as marble and bronze, for display within the home.

Chanukiot Today

Today, those who visit such neighborhoods as the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem, where many ultra-Orthodox Jews live, are bound to see the ancient form of Chanukah being observed in modern times. The typical Chanukiah in use here is a brass and glass lantern that contains oil fueled wicks, one for each day of Chanukah. These lanterns are hung outdoors where they can be seen by pedestrians, thereby fulfilling the purpose of the candles which are to proclaim the miracle of Chanukah. A popular version of these lanterns is convertible, serving as a Sabbath candelabrum during the year and as a Chanukiah on the holiday itself.

Some prefer the oil variety while the favorite of children and many adults is the twisted and assorted color candles that are a cross between the birthday variety and the Sabbath candles. We know that candles were used by the ancient Egyptians but the wax variety, already common in the Middle Ages, was very expensive. Most people could only afford to use wick lamps fueled either by oil or some other combustible mixture until the beginning of the 19th century when candles were economically manufactured from wax and paraffin. The original Chanukah lights were for centuries fueled by oil, usually derived from olives. This practice continued even after the wax candle came into popular use in order to emulate the Menorah that stood in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Chanukah begins with the lighting of the first candle on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, 1990 (25 Kislev 5751). It continues for eight days until Dec. 19, with the eighth candle being lit on the evening of Dec. 18.

As we recall the miracle of light and the courage of the Maccabees, we enjoy eating the traditional foods associated with Chanukah.

Chanukah Menu

Sweet & Sour Cabbage Soup
Sauerbraten
Latkes or Kugel
Applesauce
Nut Horns

Irene Yockelson's Sweet & Sour Cabbage Soup

2 lbs. top rib
1 qt. light beef broth
1 qt. water
2 onions, diced
2 cups tinned tomatoes, finely chopped, with their juice
1 cup tomato sauce
2 lbs. cabbage, coarsely shredded
1 tsp. sour salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
2 Tbsp. sugar
3 Tbsp. golden raisins

1. Combine the top rib, broth and water in a 10 qt. soup pot. Bring to a boil over moderate heat and skim off the gray residue for 5 minutes, or until every bit of residue has been cleaned off the top. Add the onions, tomatoes, tomato sauce, cabbage, sour salt, black pepper and sugar.

2. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally, then cover and simmer 3 hours, until the meat is very tender. Stir in the raisins, set the lid to the pot slightly askew and simmer 20 minutes. Taste, correct the seasoning, adding additional salt and pepper as necessary.

Sauerbraten a la Nathan

2 tsp. salt
3 Tbsp. brown sugar
1 cup chili sauce
1-1/2 cups white vinegar
5 lb. beef brisket, shoulder roast of beef, chuck roast or end of steak
1 cup chopped celery leaves
2 onions, sliced
4 carrots, sliced
2 cups water

1. Mix salt, brown sugar, chili sauce and vinegar together. Pour over meat and let stand overnight in refrigerator.

2. Preheat oven to 325°. Place meat in oven-proof casserole, pouring marinade over meat. Cover with celery leaves, onions, carrots and water.

3. Cover and bake for about 2 hours, basting often with marinade. Remove cover for 1 more hour. (Allow approximately 1/2 hour per pound for roasting).

4. This dish is best prepared in advance so that fat can be easily skimmed from the surface. When ready to serve, slice and reheat in the strained pan marinade.

Potato Latkes

10 medium potatoes
2 medium onions
2 large or 3 medium eggs
3/4 cup flour, breadcrumbs or matzah meal
Salt and white pepper to taste
Vegetable oil

1. Peel potatoes if skin is coarse; otherwise, just clean them well. Keep them in cold water until ready to prepare the latkes.

2. Starting with the onions, alternately grate some of the onions on the fine grater and some of the potatoes on the coarse grater. This will keep the potato mixture from blackening. Press out as much liquid as possible and reserve the starchy sediment at the bottom of the bowl. Return the sediment to the mixture.* Serves 8 to 10.

3. Blend the potato mixture with the eggs, flour, salt and white pepper.

4. Heat 1 inch of oil in a frying pan. Drop about 1 Tbsp. of mixture for each latke into the skillet and fry, turning once. When golden and crisp on each side, drain on paper towels.

*The steel blade of a food processor or the grating blade are less painful ways of grating the potatoes and the onions. The blade makes a smooth consistency and the grater a crunchy one.

Rose Family Potato Kugel

2 lbs. plain white Idaho potatoes, peeled
Salt
2 cups chopped onions
1 Tbsp. chopped shallot
Chicken fat or pareve margarine (a generous 1/2 cup)
Dash of pepper
4 large eggs, well beaten

1. In a food processor grate the potatoes. Salt lightly and let drain for about 30 minutes.

2. Saute the onions and shallot in 1/4 cup of fat or margarine for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add potatoes and pepper and mix well. Don't mush. Cool down a few minutes and then add the beaten eggs.

3. Warm 1/4 cup melted fat in a 10-inch iron skillet. Turn the potato mixture into the skillet

and smooth the top with a rubber spatula. Bake 50 minutes, uncovered, in a 400° oven. Before serving, brush with a little margarine or chicken fat (if your heart can take it) and broil about 6 inches from heat so that it is crispy. Serves at least 8.

Nut Horns

1/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 lb. unsalted pareve margarine
3 oz. ground pecans or unblanched almonds

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Combine the sugar, flour and margarine

by cutting the margarine into the dry ingredients. (This is done very simply with a food processor).

3. Add nuts, mixing with your hands or a food processor, until the dough is smooth and no longer sticky.

4. Taking a handful of dough at a time, roll it into long 1-inch wide cylinders. Slice into 1/2-inch long pieces and shape into small crescents. Place on ungreased cookie sheets.

5. Bake 10-15 minutes. Remove to a plate and sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

Recipes above are from Jewish Holiday Kitchen by Joan Nathan (Schocken Books).

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near neon arches
of tubal fluorescence,
bulbs bloom incandescence,
diluting street lights—
all burst bubbles of color,
light and movement,
before the passing eye.

Business signs
scream out names,
parking lots flooded,
into neat, square,
bright pools.
So many lights
exist to elbow
darkness back
at the corners
of winter evenings.

(Who looks up to see
amidst these
the faint harvest
of the stars?)

Bushes burst into tiny flames
of colors, red, green, white, blue,
lighted reindeer prance
like pagans across lawns,
strands of miniature bulbs
stream across rooftops,
race down handrails,

transform the majestic
oak and homely cedar as well,
eating up front yards
in blinking kudzu,
electric ivy spreading,
creeping daily
across ordinary lawns.

(What draws eyes
up to the still,
slow movement
through eternity,
of the planets, the sun,
the moon, the stars?)

Match struck,
a tiny flame
blazes up,
touched to candle.
Hebrew letters,
in blessing,
dance up to heaven,
Daleds and Heys and Shins
shimmering in the heat
of ancient adherence.

(Who looks down
to see the small
brightness of these candles?
What draws the eyes Divine
to watch the seamless
seasoned steps
of generations?)

Who can count the lights
You kindle
night after night,
star beside star,
season upon season?
Who can discern
the shape of Your Menorah,
recalling those who
still kept faith?

What can light
the brightness
of our *Shabbes*
like Your sun?
What pushes
darkness back
but Your day?

We are,
Am Yisroel,
only candles,
for us there is
only One flame.

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Behind Closed Doors in Human Hearts

Jeremiah's Enduring Ideas Relevant to Iraqi Crisis

by Rabbi Hillel Millgram

One advantage of knowing the Bible is, in days like these, one continually finds one's own experience there. Reading it one stops suddenly saying: "That is not centuries ago, but now! And that is not an ancient character, but myself!"

So one stops at the fifteenth verse of Jeremiah's eighth chapter:

*We looked for peace but no good came!
And for a time of healing, and behold—Dismay!*

That is ourselves after half a year of the Iraqi Crisis: disappointed and disillusioned, our lovely dreams of a "peace dividend" and a secure world become mirage.

Jeremiah was an idealist. In his early twenties he was called to his prophetic mission in the springtime when almond trees blossomed; and eager for public reform, dreaming of a better nation and a better world, he went out to follow his call. And now all his fine visions had deceived him. National and international folly had brought ruin upon his people; war was upon them; dreadful actualities mocked every dream he had ever had.

Who of us now is not Jeremiah? The Cold War barely over, before we even have had a chance to breathe a sigh of relief, the Butcher of Baghdad, armed with poison gas, makes his grab—and in the process threatens to "scorch half of Israel with binary chemical weapons." The United States, two hundred thousand of its boys committed to the sands of Arabia, and more on the way, faces the real possibility of a very nasty hot war in place of the Cold War now concluded. All of us are feeling the first of the economic implications everytime we gas up a car, and are worrying what \$40 a barrel oil will do to an already sluggish economy.

As someone said to me: "It is not so much the awfulness of what is happening that gets me down, as the contrast between what is happening and all that we had dreamed."

*We looked for peace but no good came!
And for a time of healing, and behold—Dismay!*

Conflict presents to sensitive minds two battlefields. They were both present in Jeremiah's time—the *outer* battlefield where the mighty hosts of Israel's neighbor, Nebuchadnezzar (Saddam's predecessor, ruler of what today is Iraq), clashed with the hard beset forces of the Jews; and that other battlefield, *inside* Jeremiah, where behind closed doors he faced a spiritual struggle with disillusionment and cynicism.

Both of those battlefields were important, but in the long perspective of history which was *more* so? Nebuchadnezzar won the *outer* war, and from that triumph came vast immediate consequences. But Jeremiah won his *inner* battle too: and for 40 years stood his ground, one of the supreme seers of the race, and the results of that stand have been immense.

The outer victory was like an earthquake that changed the contours of the land; the inner victory was like the development and scattering of seeds—vital, germinative seeds that grow, and propagate themselves, and live again century after century, so that when the earthquake is long forgotten, they still clothe the land with verdure and feed the people with their fruit. Out of Jeremiah's inner victory came the great prophets of the Exile, and from them the Sages, and the noblest spiritual heritage that we possess—and as the final fruit in our own day: ISRAEL REBORN.

Here is one of the mysteries of history: that battles fought behind closed doors, in human hearts, battles that make no noise, can be so much more enduring in their results than the outer wars that shake the earth.

Again today both kinds of battlefield are here. Now no one doubts the importance of the *outer* struggle. Its critical significance is daily dinned into our ears. But I would like to focus on the other, the battlefield behind *closed* doors. And if we have learned nothing else from the immense events of the past year this at least is true: no outer triumph will bring any worthwhile consequence unless in millions of human hearts a spiritual victory is won over that kind of disillusionment that can get no further than the lament

*We looked for peace but no good came!
And for a time of healing, and behold—Dismay!*

In our consideration of these battles behind closed doors there is one crucial point which must be made, a temptation that must be overcome: namely, the temptation to be intimidated by the huge events of the outer world, until spiritual realities seem weak and flimsy. Look at how immense Nebuchadnezzar was in his day, and how insignificant Jeremiah. But how strangely different that scene looks now! Who was Nebuchadnezzar? No sooner victorious than his empire fell, and nothing left of him for ages now except a cruel name, a few clay tablets, and ruins where the jackels dwell!

But in Jeremiah there was something Nebuchadnezzar could not have understood nor guess the issue of: *ideas*—vital germinative ideas, invisible, intangible, spiritual—but with life in them!

Here is an aspect of History that in these days should come to our help: this amazing contrast between the *transiency of size* and the *permanence of vitality*. In the countryside we see its parable when a contest is staged between a great rock and a tiny seed. What chance has the seed against the rock? But live long enough and we shall see how the seed's living tendrils will seek out each vulnerable crevice, will disintegrate with their vitality the very stone that stands against them until the living tree splits the great rock asunder! That is a true parable of History.

In this last year we have seen its truth. For 70 long years the entire might of the Soviet State sought to wipe out the bourgeois ideals of freedom, the family and human dignity—and mold the new man, *Homo Sovieticus*: a pliant, obedient, replaceable cog, that, in its millions, would make up the Soviet machine. For 45 years the mass might of the Soviet Empire—a superpower with hundreds of occupying divisions and a huge secret police apparatus—worked to keep in place her satellite empire. What chance had a few fugitive playwrights, a handful of freedom-loving idealists against the overwhelming power of the USSR? We have all seen the result!

If we let them, focused as we are on the Nebuchadnezzar of our time—Saddam Hussein and his thousands of tanks, his million-man army and his poison gas—the huge events of our time can intimidate our souls. People ask, “What future lies ahead of Israel?” (Despite all the hubbub that has been in the news, the really significant event taking place in Israel today is the distribution of gas masks to the entire population) How, over the long run, can Israel stand against the sea of Arab hatred sworn to its annihilation, their overwhelming numbers and the (for all practical purposes) limitless economic resources of oil? All the force, all the power—and time—seem on the side of Israel’s enemies.

This is the temptation we face, that size will make vitality seem feeble. But always the seeds of the future are the ideas that win their way in the minds of men, and when those ideas are vital and germinative, they are mightier by far than the hugest opposition that can withstand them. The mightiest Totalitarian Society of our era is a collapsing shambles, while the Jews, their identity uncrushed even after 70 years of oppression, stream out of the broken colossus to our ancient homeland, Israel, by the tens of hundreds of thousands!

The most decisive battles of history are always fought on the inner battlefield. Even in war, behind the outer clash of armies, is the quiet debate in the counsels of strategists. Behind the lawyer’s stirring plea, winning his case in public court, are his unseen decisions in his private thinking. Behind a great career that shakes the world are inner struggles that make no noise. Behind the character of Jeremiah is a chamber with the door closed where the soul prays.

*Heal me Oh Lord and I shall be healed,
Save me and I shall be saved:
For Thou are my praise. . . .
Thou art my refuge in the day of evil.*

And there, on that inner battlefield, where everyone of us might fight today, inexorably drafted for *that* war, the long term issues of our generation will be decided.

Well, that was Jeremiah’s experience. He never again was his former youthful self, expecting easy remedies to heal the world’s deep ills, but he was immeasurably a bigger man. And at the heart of that inner victory was his unconquerable faith that because God is, spiritual vitality is *always* stronger than size.

Ah Nebuchadnezzar, you thought you were up against the *armies* of Israel only, and you laughed at them. You were up against something mightier than that, something in the soul of man: the love of liberty, the sense of human dignity, faith in God—that had behind it the Eternal Purpose, and that outlasted your transient triumph as stars outlast a tallow dip. That one man, Jeremiah, whom you scarcely noticed, was mightier far and more enduring than you and your empire could ever be. So still the living trees will split the great rocks, and the living seeds clothe the landscapes that forgotten earthquakes changed.

AMEN

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United in Jerusalem—Mayor Teddy Kollek greets 425 UJA Mission participants at the Western Wall October 26, thanking them for standing with Israel by visiting Israel in this time for solidarity. UJA National Chairman Marvin Lender (r.), helps Jerusalem’s Mayor from the podium as the event chairman, Dr. Julius Levy of New Orleans looks on. Emily Zimmern of Charlotte co-chaired the Young Leadership “Morasha” Mission which participated in this rally at the Wall. UJA photograph by Robert A. Cumins.

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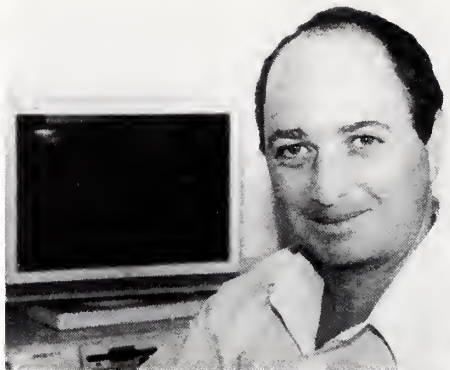
by Carol Unger
UJA Press Service

When Alexander Pasternak was living in Odessa, in the Soviet Union, he had three dreams. The first was to come to Israel. The second was to study computers and the third was to work in the field of solar energy.

Today the former refusenik can say that he has accomplished all three.

Pasternak's dreams were slow to come true. His exit visa from the Soviet Union was held up by the authorities for nine long years. While he waited, he became an active refusenik, helping prisoners of Zion including Ida Nudel during her trying period of exile.

Alexander Pasternak is among the thousands of Soviet Jews whose exodus from the Soviet Union and settlement in Israel are being made possible by the United Jewish Appeal's \$420 million Operation Exodus special campaign.



Soviet Jew, Alexander Pasternak. UJA Press Service Photo by Joe Malcolm.

Pasternak knows computers and is employed at the Jerusalem-based Luz Industries, with a parent company in California, the largest supplier of solar thermal electrical systems in the world. The firm, one of Israel's most innovative companies, maintains a sophisticated research and development operation in its Jerusalem plant that has been quick to hire competent newcomers from the Soviet Union.

"As soon as I heard about Luz, I wanted to apply," says Pasternak. "The level of engineering is very high and the people are very nice."

There are presently 17 immigrants from the Soviet Union working at Luz in Jerusalem. Most arrived in Israel when aliyah was still a trickle during the mid to late 1980s. Many are engineers or technicians with specialized skills. They include metallurgists, physicians, electrochemists, engineers and computer programmers. Among them are several ex-refuseniks including two prominent Moscow Hebrew teachers. The most recent arrival is a woman engineer who came

to Israel in January 1990.

"The people we've integrated so far have been taken because their skills suit our specific needs," says employee selection and recruitment officer Laura Wittman.

The Soviet Jews at Luz consider themselves fortunate. Unlike many of their fellow immigrants, they were able to find work in their field of expertise, without going through a period of retraining. They are beginning to develop a network of their own to help one another. Ex-refusenik and former Moscow Hebrew teacher Michael Nidrasov found his job at Luz because other Soviet Jews advised him that the firm was looking for a computer engineer with expertise in information systems.

Nidrasov now keeps his ears open to be able to help other more recent arrivals. "I've directed friends and acquaintances to people in the same fields," he says.

Pasternak's new office, at Luz's ultra-modern North Jerusalem Headquarters, is a far cry from his former place of work at the Black Sea shipping company near Odessa. "It was very difficult," he recalls. "The work was very hard and it was far from my home. I had to stay away from my family all week and could only go home on the weekends. It was the sort of job only a refusenik would accept," he adds.

As a member of Luz's Conceptual Design Department, Pasternak's 15 years of expertise in the Soviet Union as an engineer specializing in the field of heat transfer is now being put to good use in Israel.



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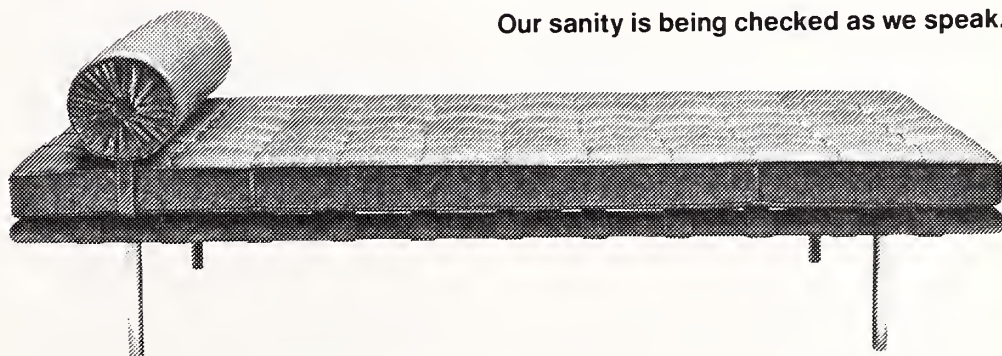
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Intermarriage

Brandeis University Study Interpreted at American Jewish Committee Conference

Mixed married households—where a born non-Jewish spouse does not convert to Judaism, but the Jewish spouse considers himself/herself Jewish—are not likely to produce a new generation with much emotional or cognitive information about Judaism or the Jewish people.

On the other hand, conversionary families, in which the spouse who was not born Jewish now considers himself/herself to be a Jew, participate in many Jewish behaviors. Conversionary families are quite similar to in-married families in their levels of synagogue attendance, contributions to Jewish philanthropies, and levels of ritual observance. For example, they are also highly committed to Jewish education for their children.

But the trend within conversionary families is troubling some observers because as a group, younger conversionary households are less involved in social and ethnic aspects of contemporary Jewish life, and younger conversionary households may be significantly less involved in synagogue life than inmarried households.

As a result of these trends, observed from new research analysis and interpretations by the Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University that provided the basis for discussion at an all-day conference Oct. 16 at the American Jewish Committee (AJC) in New York, a five-pronged policy in relationship to intermarried households was outlined:

Conversionary Households

One: Conversionary households should be recognized as a highly significant human resource within American Jewish communal life, and care should be taken both to increase the knowledge and commitment of these households and to include them in social and friendship patterns. Maximum Jewish communal efforts should be expended in helping con-

versionary couples to feel themselves to be bona fide members of the community and to increase their Jewish communal involvement.

Two: The weak nature of mixed married households should be honestly confronted by Jewish communal planners, lay leaders and educators; little is gained by simply wishing things otherwise. The community should engage in outreach programs, family education and retreats, media campaigns, and through individual social outreach as well to attempt insofar as possible to encourage conversion within mixed married households.

Intermarried Households

Three: Involving intermarried households in American Jewish communal life can be increased by strengthening their relationship with Israel. Israel has been one primary component of both American Jewish identity and, perhaps even more important, a prime element in fostering a concrete sense of Jewish peoplehood. In addition, visiting Israel is related to feelings of support for Israel.

Four: Enhance opportunities for Jewish singles of all ages to meet and marry other Jews. Programs should be strongly supported on both local and national levels, which maximize the social interaction between American Jewish men and women, such as counseling for high schools, college and graduate school students to advise them about social opportunities in differing locations, and a broad, creative spectrum for social networking programs of all ages of Jewish single adults, such as matchmaking services, social events and programs with Jewish content through the community.

Five: The community must recognize and act upon the knowledge that the future of the American Jewish community increasingly depends on renewing a rich and vital core of American Jewish life. The community should aim to strengthen Jewish communal involvement, attachments to the Jewish intellectual and cultural tradition, and warm social networks

among all segments of the community; in so doing, it should not be forgotten that a vibrant and attractive center is probably a key element in moving currently marginal families along the continuum to more intensive Jewish attachments.

The conference itself, which was co-sponsored by AJC and the Cohen Center at Brandeis and brought together 50 communal leaders, organizational professionals, rabbis and academics, seemed in agreement that intermarriage endangers the Jewish future because mixed-married couples participate at best minimally in Jewish communal life.

There was consensus also that Jewish communal policy should continue as "rejection of intermarriage and acceptance of the intermarried"—an apparently contradictory concept that was best phrased as aiming to bring intermarried couples to the point where they reject intermarriage for their own children.

And agreement seemed reached also that Jewish education cannot be the panacea for intermarriage. Jonathan Woocher, executive vice president of the Jewish Education Service of North America, urged that Jewish education be strengthened for its own sake, and in that process Jewish identity will be enhanced and Jewish life made more attractive for mixed-married homes.

Other comments included these:

Peter Medding of the Hebrew University underscored the need to preserve "an unambiguous Jewish identity"—devoid of Christian elements—and he pointed out that conversion sometimes transforms a family, creating an intensely participatory Jewish environment; other conversions, however, may be shallow and nominal. In addition, we are now witnessing a new typology: an increase in dual-type households in which families identify as both Jewish and Christian.

Lydia Kukoff, director of Outreach, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, cautioned that we regard the situation of intermarrieds as fluid. Many will become Jewish homes if we sincerely welcome them, she con-

tinued, and urged that "we stack the deck in favor of Judaism" in programming for intermarrieds.

Jonathan Sarna of Brandeis University emphasized the changes in the nation as a whole, in which Christians in America now approve of intermarriage with Jews and as a result Jews stand alone in their opposition. Most Americans value intermarriage, he went on, as a positive development in American society, with political loyalties becoming more important than faith loyalties and liberal Jews often feeling they have more in common with liberal Christians than with Orthodox Jews. Therefore, he added, we must state openly in our schools and synagogues the religious obligation of marrying other Jews.

Dr. Jacob Ukeles, president of Ukeles Associates, argued that intermarriage also endangers the Jewish future by undermining Jewish unity. He urged that priority be given in reaching those Jews who have already indicated some measure of Jewish involvement rather than seeking out the small percentage who are totally unaffiliated.

Rabbi Peter Knobel of Chicago observed that most intermarrying non-Jews should be told the truth about the difference in acceptance between mixed-marriage and conversionary marriage, and that even most converts ultimately seek acceptance from all parts of the Jewish community. In fact, many non-Jewish partners fully expect the question of conversion to be raised, and we must not shrink from our responsibility as parents to raise the issue with the non-Jews our children marry.

In summarizing the conference, **Dr. Steven Bayme**, AJC's director of Jewish Communal Affairs, emphasized that all concerned seem to be seeking to strengthen Jewish communal life: some by outreach to intermarrieds, others emphasizing inreach with those already at least marginally involved or committed. He went on: "The bridge between these two views should be a common policy of opposition to intermarriage as a phenomenon but welcoming intermarrieds and working for their con-

version to the Jewish people and faith. Without question we have difficulty articulating this message, but the challenge to leadership is to approach these issues from the perspectives of communal interest, to articulate common values, standards and norms, and to work for communal preservation and continuity."

The Brandeis study, authored by Drs. Sylvia Barach Fishman, Mordecai Rimor, Gary A. Tobin and Peter Medding, concluded that the future of the American Jewish community increasingly depends on renewing a rich and vital American Jewish life.

The authors added: "The community should aim to strengthen Jewish communal involvement, attachments to the Jewish intellectual and cultural tradition, and warm social networks among all segments of the community; in so doing, it should not be forgotten that a vibrant and attractive center is probably a key element in moving currently marginal families along the continuum to more intensive Jewish attachments."

Cardinal John J. O'Connor Supports Israel

Cardinal John J. O'Connor's expression of support for Israel was welcomed by Anti-Defamation League's National Director as "a critical message at a time when the international community has isolated the Jewish state."

Abraham H. Foxman, in a letter to Cardinal John J. O'Connor, said that his column on Oct. 25 in *Catholic New York* contained "strong and committed words which call attention to the campaign against Israel, the one-sided criticism of the United Nations that attempts to destroy Israel."

The Cardinal's column said, "I don't like the timing. Suddenly the whole world seems mad at Israel. It's too coincidental."

"It's a dangerous game," the Cardinal went on. "When too many of Israel's friends seem to be turning their backs on her, I am proud to call myself her friend."

Foxman said O'Connor was "prophetically right" in comparing the

United Nations' current appeasement of the Arab world to Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of the Third Reich.

"You are prophetically right: we might be living another Munich 1939 and the Chamberlain nightmare. But your voice denouncing the evil will call people to reflection."

Bronfman Youth Fellowships for 1991 Summer Program in Israel

The Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel—a program that sends 25 outstanding high-school students to Israel for five weeks each summer for study, dialogue and travel—is now accepting applications for 1991.

The Fellowships cover all expenses, including roundtrip transportation between New York and Israel, room and board, travel in Israel and incidentals, and are awarded solely on the basis of merit.

The program seeks young people with proven qualities of leadership, intellect and character, capable of playing key roles in the future on behalf of the Jewish community," according to Edgar M. Bronfman, who conceived the idea for the Fellowships.

In Israel, the Fellows will be led by a team of educators and counselors who themselves come from a broad range of Jewish backgrounds. The program will begin on July 7 with a two-day orientation seminar in New York. The group will return home August 14.

How to Apply

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Beth Shalom
Cary, N.C.
by **Debby Bruck**

Life continues in cycles. The ebbing away of one community and the vitalization of another. As we reflect on the closing of Temple Beth-El in Lumberton, another Jewish community, less than a two hour drive away, is increasing its membership yearly.

The Cary Jewish Community Center, as originally named in the summer of 1983, started with a mere fifteen families. We were a small, close-knit group who wanted to teach our children traditions and give them a feeling of belonging. In the public school there may have been just one Jewish child in a class, and sometimes just one in a school. There has always been a feeling of being in the minority, and of being "different." Moms were asked to come into the classroom and talk about Chanukah as it related to Christmas, and Passover as it related to Easter. The teachers and children of these classrooms were fortunate and always enjoyed learning about how the "other" children celebrate during the year.

The most difficult times continue to be when a youngster has to miss school because of the Major Holidays. There is usually some important test or introduction of new material, or other social events like concerts, plays and school dances. Astoundingly, this year the Essential Skills Test was given on a Major Jewish Holiday. To improve public awareness, the CJCC sent informational letters to the schools our children attend. The letter explained that Jewish holidays begin at sundown, when these dates occur during the year and to please excuse our children from

school so they can attend services and practice their religion.

Now that we are into our eighth year, our outreach into the community has grown. Parents continue to help the children adjust in the public school system. Our membership and members of our Board of Directors participate on Wake County Jewish Federation Council, help with Jewish Community Services and Meals-On-Wheels, provide assistance to civic organizations and in general try to enlighten the general population about incorrect Jewish stereotypes.

Like many young religious organizations we have relied on established churches to provide us with a place to worship. We have utilized four or five generous churches in the Cary area throughout the years to hold services, Sunday school, gather for all the holidays and hold community Passover Seders. At first, our members led the services and Havdalah gatherings. Since 1988 we instituted full-fledged services led by a student rabbi and a cantorial soloist. Together they lead us twice a month in Friday night services.

Year of Change

This year has been a year of change. With a membership of 50 families, including 39 children who attend Sunday school, we recognize the need to have a building we can call our own. It would be nice to have a sanctuary with a Jewish symbol and a Torah, classrooms where posters of Israel and Stars of David can decorate the walls, a meeting room for social occasions and a Kosher kitchen. This all takes money and so we have started a concerted effort at fundraising.

As the ram's horn was blown in the Reform Church of Cary, we prayed for continued growth and a healthy Jewish Community. We also have a new name for the new year. As voted upon in a congregational meeting on Oct. 14, our new name is Beth Sha-

lom (House of Peace), affiliated with the UAHRC Reform Movement.

The name "Cary Jewish Community Center" has given an impression to newcomers that we are an established center with a permanent rabbi serving our weekly needs, and a large structure with enormous facilities, i.e. pool and gym. Even though there is a summer camp program, Sunday and Hebrew lessons during the school year, a Torah on loan and a full year-round program of worship and celebration, the group wants to reflect the reality of our being. The original fifteen families had the intent that the CJCC would grow into a center and in the years to come our goals may be realized. However, at this time, with family members coming from Morrisville, Raleigh, Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Garner and Cary we would like our name to currently allude to our present status.

If there are other Jewish communities in North Carolina who can give suggestions or advice on how to proceed to meet our goals, please write to the Chairperson of Long Range Planning Committee Shirley Hand at 138 Castlewood Drive, Cary, N.C. 27511. Do you have stories of how your fledging group purchased land, raised funds for a synagogue, and searched for a rabbi? All ideas will be helpful. Thank you.

Congregational News by **Pia Stadiem**

On June 15, Cary celebrated our first Bar Mitzvah with Matt Zenick. We had our second Bar Mitzvah in November when Ed Halperin was called to the Torah.

Sept. 8, we had our first Goods & Services Auction with over 120 items auctioned. All profits from this successful fundraiser went to our Building Fund. Sally Zenick was in charge of the event and her husband, Hal, was the auctioneer.

Sept. 29, following our Yom Kippur

services, we had our annual Break-the-Fast Dinner. The event was organized by Diane Cheskis and Jan Wolfe, and fed approximately 100 people.

Being a young community, we are blessed with many children. We have a very active Sunday School led by Diane Cheskis with 39 children. We are looking forward to 1991 and six Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and already anticipating three new births.

Beth-Israel Synagogue Whiteville, N.C.

by Gertrude Mehler

Beth-Israel Synagogue recently installed three beautiful windows in the Sanctuary and two side windows on either side of the front door, all made of art glass. They were dedicated during services on Sept. 7.

The windows were given in memory of Yetta Leder by Herman Leder; in memory of Isadore Kramer by Dora Kramer; in memory of Ida and Charlotte Moskow by Marilyn and Abe Moskow; and in memory of Bernard, Kate and Edie Wolpert by Irene and Robert Wolpert.

Rabbi Harold Friedman of Wilmington presided over the dedication of the windows which are made of different textures and combinations of glass.

Jonathan Menachem, son of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Menachem, had his Bar Mitzvah on Sept. 15 at Beth-Israel Synagogue.

Larry Leder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leder, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Sept. 22 in Myrtle Beach.

Temple Emanu-El Myrtle Beach, S.C.

by Sara Bernstein

Oct. 5, 6 and 7 were official "Dedication Days" at Temple Emanu-El in Myrtle Beach, for our expanded and renovated building. At Sabbath Eve services, Rabbi Reuben Kesner led a processional in placing the Torahs into the Ark. The Eternal Lamp was kindled by Building Committee chairman, Joe Wachter. The key to the

synagogue was presented to Martin Bernstein, president of the congregation, by Dedication Committee chairman, Lambert Schwartz. A number of guest clergy from the Myrtle Beach community were present to offer good wishes. Rabbi Lawrence Mahrer, rabbi of Temple Beth Israel in Florence, S.C., was an inspiring speaker. Following the service a special Oneg Shabbat was hosted by the Temple Sisterhood.

Saturday evening's festivity was a Community Open House. Members of the cast from Theater of the Republic's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" offered musical selections. Myrtle Beach Mayor Bob Grissom was guest speaker. A social hour ended the evening.

The Viva Klezmer! ensemble of Charlotte, N.C. provided a Sunday afternoon concert to conclude the weekend celebration. The concert was open to the public and ended our Dedication Days in a spirit of joy and excitement.

The three days will remain in the hearts and minds of all who witnessed these dedicatory events.

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

by Fran Hirschel

On the day following Thanksgiving, a special Friday evening Shabbat service in honor of Soviet Jewry was held at Temple Israel. Sponsored by both Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel, this service was held in Hebrew, Russian and English. Rabbi Seigel and Cantor Chotin conducted the service in Hebrew, Rabbi Millgram of Temple Israel delivered the sermon, and our Russian newcomers conducted the Russian portion of the service.

Thanksgiving was an appropriate time for such a service, since it is a time of year when we reflect on all those things for which we are grateful. In addition to all of our ordinary blessings, this year we are also grateful that so many Jews who were in the Soviet Union have been able to leave, to go to Israel or to come to the United States. We welcome them and

hope they find happiness here. Our community is already a more joyful place because of them.

Our religious school has implemented a Mid-Week Hebrew Program which meets on Tuesday afternoons. Students in the 5th and 6th grades are learning the basics of Hebrew, playing Hebrew games, and learning the prayers in the service. New techniques and experimental texts are being used. So far the program has been very successful.

On Friday, Dec. 14, Sisterhood will be serving a delicious Shabbat dinner before our family service. I have an inkling that the meal will include certain dishes that are traditionally associated with Chanukah.

Congratulations to Casey Neumann, Megan Keene and Michael Wendroff on becoming B'nai Mitzvah. We welcome them as full-fledged members of our congregation.

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

Recent renovations to Temple Emanuel have been completed and are providing much-needed, multi-purpose rooms adaptable to being used for a lovely cabaret with dance floor, buffet dinners, or meeting rooms for several committees conducting business and/or discussions simultaneously.

Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz has added another course to his adult education program. Ongoing have been lessons in Beginner's Hebrew, Introduction to Judaism, Jewish History, Customs and Beliefs, and the Process of Change. A study class of Talmud is meeting on Saturday mornings. The new translation by Adin Steinsaltz is the text being used. The group will also use the Steinsaltz book, *The Essential Talmud*.

Andrew Ettin, who participated this summer in the rabbinic-aide program conducted by the Union of Hebrew Congregations, heard that his services were needed prior to his studies. Temple Israel in Salisbury was without a worship leader. Andrew con-

ducted the High Holy Day services and will also lead one service a month at Temple Israel.

On Oct. 18, Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C. held a dedication of the art collections that have been added to their galleries. Ruth Julian and her late husband, Ira, have donated a part of their extensive collection to the college.

Max Wainer Honored

A special Oneg Shabbat on Nov. 9 was hosted by Dr. Howard Wainer of Greensboro to honor the 90th birthday of his father, Max Wainer. Max is a very visible member of Temple Emanuel and resident of Winston-Salem. He continues to volunteer his services at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, attend services and social functions, and visit with his many friends.

The adult education program on Nov. 11 featured Ginny Walsh, an accomplished journalist who has reported on Israel for the *New York Times*, the *Baltimore Sun*, and the *Jerusalem Post*. She has been a writer for the UJA and WZO press services. Ms. Walsh led a discussion on "Covering Israel—A Journalist's Perspective."

The annual Shabbat service, Building Bridges of Understanding, took place on Nov. 30. The guest speaker on the pulpit was Dr. Colean Thompson, the Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University.

Confirmation class members will travel to Cincinnati this year on Dec. 7-9. The confirmands from Temple Beth-El V'Shalom in Charlotte with Rabbi Robert Seigel will join them.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Thanks to Rose Rose, who masterminded the August 31 Shabbat dinner, and to her helpers; to Hilde Hoffman and Liesel Sullivan, who coordinated the Rosh Hashanah reception, and to the many who baked for and contributed to it; and also to Judy Haller, Shirley Rapoport and Ruth Weber and to those who contributed for the Yom Kippur Break-

the-Fast.

Our October Temple Bulletin noted that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has instituted a "Circle of Service" for those who wish to be regular contributors, with annual membership categories: Patron \$100, Sponsor \$50, Donor \$25.

The Brotherhood

The organization is pleased to report that membership is increasing.

As part of the UAHC Outreach program, the Brotherhood is sponsoring a high tea on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. in Unger Hall.

The Religious School

Phyllis Bluming, principal, reported a successful opening day on Sunday, Sept. 9, and thanked parents who volunteered their assistance for special programs during the coming year.

Simchat Torah was celebrated on Oct. 10 in the Sanctuary. Following the service, a special Oneg took place in Unger Hall.

Adult Education Update

The Rabbi reports that the 11 students in his Hebrew class are making good progress. We can only say it's no surprise—that's what happens when you have a gifted teacher.

Bible/Breakfast

On Oct. 11, Rabbi Bluming moderated and led a discussion based on the selection from Prophets for Shemini Atzeret (I Kings 8:54-66), "To whom does God pray." The discussion was followed with Yizkor Memorial prayers. Sisterhood provided the breakfast.

Hadassah at the Temple

The Asheville-Hendersonville chapter of Hadassah presented a timely and informative program on Oct. 22 in Unger Hall. A panel of representatives from health care and home companion organizations in our area spoke on the topic, "Your questions answered about home nursing care options." Speakers touched on alternatives to nursing homes, extended hospital stays, and relatives becoming primary health care providers. Proceeds benefitted the linen supplies for Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Many Thanks

In the Temple Bulletin, president

Bob Janowitz extended his and the congregation's thanks "to all who made our High Holy Days so meaningful: first and foremost to Rabbi Bluming; to our handworking choir: Jean Valerio, choir director/organist; Hannah Pennell, soprano; Pam Simmons, contralto; Randy Brittain, tenor; William Vernon, bass; to Joe Karpen and Dick Braun for blowing Shofar; to the flautists Rita Hayes and Dick Braun; to violinist Anthony Maratea; to Matthew Pennell; to the ladies of "Womansong"; to Rose Rose for presenting a paper during study hour; to Jeanette Klein, Sara Goldstein, Leah Karpen and Ruth Feldman for the beautiful flowers; to Stan Marks and Brotherhood for ushering; to Les Schachter and the Ritual Committee for arranging the honors; to Hilde Hoffman (Rosh Hashanah reception), Ruth Weber (Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast) and Sisterhood; to the ladies of St. Lukes Episcopal Church for baby-sitting during the services."

New Members

A warm welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hoffman, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Levine, Mrs. Marilyn C. Munson, Mr. & Mrs. Robin Weinkle, Mr. & Mrs. Jules Resnick, Mr. Aaron J. Trilling and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hruska.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Sukkot, the "hands on holiday," brought a new activity for Beth Israel worshippers. For \$1.00, several families purchased plans for building their own Sukkahs. The construction costs were \$60.00, and the building and decorating provided a great deal of fun for all the family. Success breeds additional potential Sukkah builders for next year. On Sukkot also, Beth Israel featured a vegetarian meal, catered by Deborah Weiss.

On Oct. 9, Rabbi Birnham spoke to an extremely appreciative audience of women on Judaism at a Women's Study Group at the First Congregational Church. He focused on when various laws were made and what they entail. He also entertained a question and answer period follow-

ing his lecture.

Simchat Torah was the scene of the usual dancing, singing and Torah carrying and loads of fun at Beth Israel.

The Rabbi concludes his "Thank-you" for the High Holidays to: Dr. Rick Chess for setting the mood with his songs on Selichot Night; Jeanne Fowler for the Mezuzah for the Sanctuary; Dr. Ileana Grams for her excellent D'Var Torah; Dr. Hal Rotman for reading the Torah at Shabbat Services; Arlene Doloboff and Abe and Roz Freedman for providing food at the Rabbi's pre-holiday classes.

The Synagogue welcomes its newest members: Claire and Gene Toreky; Barbara Kopelman and her son, David; George and Cynthia Zaslowsky; Mrs. Ida Schanzer, who is the mother of Marilyn Friedman; and Howard and Anne Kronen.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Mark and Laura Hellreich on the birth of a daughter.

Sisterhood News

From Sisterhood President Liz Nigrosch's corner, "L'Shana Tova Tidbits" was such a success! Over forty women were there talking, eating and having a good time. Carol Deutsch and Maxine Yellen deserve many thanks for organizing this "delicious" event. Thanks also to our recent Bat Mitzvah girls who helped to set up—Robin Deutsch, Tammy Gabai and Dana Friedman. Beth Israel's famous holiday cooking *mavens* were also terrific—Nettie Slosman, Celine Lurey, Maxine Yellen and Norma Feingold. We all were able to take home a copy of Pauline Tenenbaum's beautifully prepared holiday cookbook, which included prayers and information along with the recipes. We are now starting to collect holiday recipes for a "Volume Two" next year.

Liz also welcomes our newest members: Jeanne Fowler, Caren Kessler, Anne Kronen, Uta Levinson, Barbara Levy, Carol McCollum, Ida Schanzer and Cynthia Zaslowsky.

On Oct. 18 and 19, Sisterhood had a successful rummage sale, managed by our excellent coordinator, Arlene Schandler.

A Sisterhood meeting, arranged by Laurie Teich-Chess, was held on Oct.

21 at the Synagogue. It was a pre-conference study group on "*Women in Judaism: New Perspective Forum*." The Forum, sponsored by the UNCA Center for Jewish Studies, was held Nov. 5. Ileana Grams, Sara Birnham, Ruth Gaynes and Debi Miles were the prolific and informative contributors to this program.

Richard Harrison, chairman of the Social Action Committee of Beth Israel, reports that the first organizational meeting was held on Oct. 15. The committee will work to represent Beth Israel in areas concerning the environment and peace, as well as social change.

Sunday School

Janet Freedman and Sandi Winston, co-principals of the Sunday School, give thanks to all parents who participated in the Sunday School Parents' meetings. Special thanks to Carol Feingold, Barbara Miller, Carol Deutsch, Barbara Lewin, all the Sunday School teachers, and much appreciation to our Rabbi Birnham for helping recruit teachers.

The October Hadassah meeting was held at Beth Ha-Tephila on Oct. 22. A panel of representatives from health care and home companion organizations in our area spoke to the issue of Home Nursing Care Options. The proceeds from the donation at the door were for the benefit of linen supplies for Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Stein Speaks on Middle East at Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Cynthia Chapman

The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait was the topic of a lecture given by Dr. Kenneth Stein at Temple Israel on October 30. Dr. Stein is associate professor of Near Eastern history and political science at Emory University and director of the Middle East Programs at the Carter Center there.

Dr. Stein outlined several objectives Saddam Hussein had in invading Kuwait. These included territorial needs, economic interest, and political motivations. Control of Kuwait would allow him to control 20% of the

oil reserves and allow him to ignore the large debt owed by his country to Kuwait. Politically he could gain from the residue of anti-Western feeling in the Arab world. There was no real success in the Iran-Iraq war, said Dr. Stein, so a successful invasion by Saddam would help him politically, as well as fulfill his vision of himself as successor to Nasser's legacy of leadership of the Arab world.

But something went wrong, said Stein. Saddam Hussein "saw the opportunity and he had the means" to carry out the invasion. He believed no one would contradict his actions. He made, according to Dr. Stein, several miscalculations.

Saddam Hussein Challenged

He did not think that the Saudis would invite in the United States and the Western powers because of the long history of European occupation of the Arab world and the lingering hostility toward the West. He did not believe his "Arab brethren would immediately align against him." They did this exact thing because his timing was poor. On the day of the invasion the Arab League was meeting in Cairo and voted immediately to condemn his invasion. The international community also surprised Saddam Hussein by demonstrating a unity "unheard of in recent times." Saddam Hussein also counted on bringing Israel into the fray, but Israel instead has managed to maintain a rather low profile. As Dr. Stein noted, Israel "took out his nuclear reactor in 1981" which has been proved by his recent conflict to be a blessing indeed.

How does Israel benefit from the invasion? Dr. Stein pointed out that the Israelis have been trying to tell the world that Israel does not have such nice neighbors. Saddam Hussein has shown his true nature by killing his own population and by his actions in the war with Iran. Dr. Stein related the story of how Saddam Hussein pinned down Iranian troops near marshes, brought in his crop of engineers to electrify the marshes, and forced 15,000 Iranians into the electrified marshes. He then had their bodies stacked up to make a road across the marshes. So, according to Stein, the

Western powers now see that Israel's concerns about Saddam Hussein have been well-founded.

What will happen in the immediate future? According to Dr. Stein, Saddam Hussein could "win by using diplomacy." If the conflict is resolved through diplomatic efforts, Saddam "could live to fight again." If this happens, Stein suggests, it could well be that within a decade Saddam Hussein "will probably be fighting Israel."

Impact on Israel

What impact has the invasion had within Israel itself? The invasion created the situation in Israel where "Israelis had to focus on their security." This focus on security "solidified Likud's position" within the government. It has also given a setback to the efforts of those within Israel advocating peace and negotiation on the Palestinian question. This was brought about also because Saddam Hussein was embraced by Arafat.

What about the effects of the incident at the Temple Mount? Dr. Stein sees a "temporary weakening" of Israel's position. One result, however, is that the United Nations vote following the incident "showed Israel that the international community is focused on oil" and not on the security of Israel. Israelis responded to the U.N. vote by feeling that the international community was "ganging up against Israel." Israel believes that allowing an international group from the U.N. in to investigate is a certain prelude to an international conference on the Palestinians, which Israel does not believe would be in her best interests.

How do Israelis feel? Kenneth Stein described the Israelis he has talked with as feeling "demoralized," in part by the reaction of the American Jewish community. Tourism is down 75%, and Dr. Stein said, this makes Israelis "question the nature of the relationship" between Israel and the American Jewish community. Dr. Stein emphasized that this feeling will pass, but the immediate reaction is that Israelis wonder if American Jews consider their own safety in the diaspora as their real priority.

U.S.-Israeli Relations

Stein asserted that the Bush administration is "restoring a continuity" to the U.S. approach toward Israel. American administrations have tended to try to "push the Israelis and the Arabs together" at a bargaining table. Anwar Sadat "made it Kosher" to like an Arab, said Stein, when he went to Jerusalem. The Arabs did not like him, but the rest of the world began to see him as an Arab good guy. The "special relationship" of Israel and the United States which existed before Sadat went to Jerusalem "will not be restored," asserted Stein.

The Reagan/Bush team was "unparalleled" in its support of Israel because of Reagan's fear of the Soviet Union and his support of Israel as a strong ally against Soviet influence in the region. The current situation, this "strange array of forces in the desert," says Stein, emphasizes the fact that the world is concerned with the oil in the Arabian peninsula and dependent upon it.

Oil Affects Policies

According to Stein, the reality is that "Israel is captive to those who have oil" and "no amount of involvement from the American Jewish community will change this." Just as oil and its importance in the world market have created "envy and greed in the Arab world," so the focus in the rest of the world on oil will only be increased in the next decade.

Dr. Stein suggested that the U.S. may have a "continuous presence" in Saudi Arabia for years to come. There may be some sort of nonaggression pact as a result of what happens there.

The impact of Saddam Hussein's invasion has been a postponement of the possibility of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Optimistically speaking, Stein said that Israel may have the "opportunity to make peace with her Arab neighbors, perhaps with Syria" because of what has happened in Kuwait. Then maybe resolution of the Palestinian conflict can follow.

Stein feels that the blueprint for Palestinian autonomy which was contained in the Camp David Accords might still be implemented.

Stein guessed that "the next few years will be difficult ones for the American Jewish community." There is certain to be an uneasy feeling about the conflict in the Middle East. "It is not unlikely," according to Dr. Stein, that "the American Jewish community will be in a continuous period of frustration" because it cannot "dominate U.S. attitudes or Israeli attitudes."

Palestinian Issue

The bright spot in all this, he said, is that "each Arab state has put its own self first." Also, according to Kenneth Stein, the Palestinian issue is not "as significant in the Arab states as was the case in the 1950s." Israel, Stein believes, will make a decision on ending the Palestinian conflict when she feels more secure and when she feels it is in her best interests to resolve the Palestinian conflict.

What about America? There is, of course, the possibility of great loss of life in the desert. Can the international community continue to maintain its "linkage" in the future? Stein emphasized that, indeed, the international community is linked economically as never before. "This is, said he, "the lesson of the post-Cold War period." The international economy, he concluded, will be affected by whatever happens in the days to come on the sands of Saudi Arabia.

The community was indeed fortunate to hear what Dr. Stein had to say. The large audience listened intently to his comments and went away with much to think about. Thanks to Temple Israel, UNCC's Center for International Studies, and The Charlotte World Affairs Council for making Dr. Stein's lecture possible, and to all those who helped to make it such a success.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Tenth Anniversary Dinner Celebration

Lubavitch will celebrate ten years in the Carolinas with a "Grand Chanukah Dinner" event, on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1990 at the Charlotte Marriott City Center Hotel.

The evening will feature live entertainment by the popular Eli Lipsker Orchestra, and a special musical presentation by students of the Lubavitch Day School.

"Celebrating a decade of dedicated service to the Carolina Jewish community" is the theme of the dinner. Rabbi Chaim Gutnick of Melbourne, Australia will address the festivity. Rabbi Gutnick, an excellent orator, has served the Australian Jewish community for over 45 years. He has been Chief Rabbi of Melbourne and Chief Chaplain of the Australian armed forces.

A Chanukah lighting ceremony will be held in the hotel atrium at the Marriott, where a giant 12 foot Menorah will be kindled to the joyous singing of holiday songs.

Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky of Lubavitch World Headquarters will deliver special greetings to the participants. Rabbi Kotlarsky, who has extensive first hand knowledge of Jewish life all over the world, brings a unique blend of warmth, wit and information.

Eli Lipsker Orchestra is one of the most popular groups in New York. Eli is a seasoned musician who has been called the "King of Chassidic Music." His Klezmer style and tenor voice have attracted thousands to concerts and performances.

The students of Lubavitch Day School have already been recognized for their outstanding musical performances. They will entertain the dinner guests with a selection of the holiday favorites.

A full course Kosher dinner will be served with traditional Jewish food. The event is expected to attract people from many communities across the Carolinas to celebrate Jewish education and "Yiddishkeit" in the Carolinas. For more information on dinner tickets, please contact the Lubavitch office in Charlotte at (704) 366-3984.

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Lubavitch students have been advancing in their studies as a result of the excellent education they receive at the Preschool and Day School.

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Leslie Pruce, main teacher, reports on the progress of her students. One of the programs she has introduced is "Cooperative Learning" where students help each other. This has helped in the overall development of social skills as well as communication, caring and self esteem.

Rabbi Binyomin Weiss has developed a program in which his students master the art of Torah comprehension. This is done in conjunction with the weekly Torah portion which is taught to the students of the upper grades, along with selected commentary of Midrash and Rashi.

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During Chanukah, the Preschool and Day School will host a holiday performance for parents and grandparents of the students. Holiday refreshments will be served after the performance.

Open House

On Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991, 12:15-2 p.m., Lubavitch schools will host an Open House for the entire Charlotte community. The theme of the day will be: "Using Nature in the Arts." Visiting children will explore nature through colorful arts and crafts projects appropriate for their level. They will participate in activities. They will be treated to the use of the computer room at the school, where an array of Jewish software is available.

Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. The Open House will also provide an opportunity for future and potential parents to explore the Lubavitch Preschool and Day School. Teachers will be on hand to help visiting children with the activities and to answer questions of parents and visitors.



Rabbi Binyomin Weiss teaching Day School students.

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of North Carolina

by Hal Greenwald
Director of Student Activities

The Hillel Foundation of North Carolina is off to an exciting new year of growth and learning, and it's all due to our most valuable programming asset: Jewish students. There has been a renewed emphasis on student ownership of Hillel programs this year, and it has paid off in a big way. Great strides have been made in every area of Jewish student life in the State of North Carolina.

At Duke University and the University of North Carolina, students started off the year with a mission on their minds: keeping the "ones that get away." Every year there are certain students who slip through the cracks of Jewish life on campus, and we set out on an aggressive outreach program to attack this problem. At UNC, freshmen were greeted personally in their dorms by upperclassmen armed with welcome packages. Since then, board members call "their" freshmen regularly, informing them of upcoming events and arranging group walks to Hillel. At Duke, there are plans to reach out to freshmen through special weekly meetings in their respective dorms to chat about issues of Jewish concern. The result has been an impressive increase in freshmen participation in all aspects of Hillel programming.

Students Plan Programs

One of the new folds in Hillel programming has been an involvement by students in the most elemental

aspects of the process. As such, students have taken over programming responsibilities in the form of committees. For instance, religious services are now completely student-led; religious chairpeople meet regularly to coordinate new ways to bring creativity and meaning to religious life on campus. At the students' prompting, Rabbi Frank Fischer, the Hillel Director, initiated a weekly discussion group for basic Jewish learning entitled "Jeremiah was **not** a Bullfrog." Shabbat services at UNC have become a late-night affair, with students filling the Hillel house with plenty of Shabbat *ruach*. At Duke, students explored their own religious feelings in a Jewish Identity Workshop in October.

On other fronts students have been equally busy. The UNC cultural committee brought Lubavitch Rabbi Pinchas Herman of Raleigh to Hillel for an educational talk on Hasidism. The campus pro-Israel groups at Duke and UNC, DIPAC and CAIS, have been successful in promoting Israel and establishing a strong pro-Israel voice on campus. DIPAC co-sponsored a discussion on Black/Jewish relations and brought David Olesker to speak on the PLO in October. CAIS, meanwhile, has turned into a strong "chevrah" of students concerned about Israel; they brought David Snyder to campus for a highly informative lecture on anti-Israel bias in the *Raleigh News and Observer*.

On the social front, students have been busy at both schools working to establish a Jewish alternative social scene. Activities have been imaginative and fun, ranging from song-fests and movie nights to a student-coordinated episode of The Jewish Dating Game!

N.C. State Participates

A new aspect of the N.C. Hillel program has been the allocation of significant staff time to the program at N.C. State. Students there have eagerly accepted the challenge of establishing a Jewish presence on campus. A strong cadre of active Hillel members has been involved in attempts to reach out to Jewish stu-

dents through programs including socials and an Israel Workshop led by DIPAC leaders. Among programs in the works is a faculty/student Shabbat Night.

Statewide Hillel Retreat

Fall semester programming climaxed the weekend of Nov. 2-4 with the Statewide Hillel Retreat in Efland. Students from as far away as South Carolina and Guilford College joined Triangle-area people in a weekend of learning and fun. The theme of the weekend was Jewish Gender Issues; Amanda Smith led a series of fascinating discussions on barriers between the sexes. Students coordinated creative services as well as a revealing workshop on the Jewish decision-making process.

Hillel is grateful to the Blumenthal Foundation for making this weekend possible. Hopefully the spirit gained from the weekend will be an impetus for even greater Hillel activism; already students are planning for the spring, including an intensive week of Jewish activities for all Triangle-area students entitled "Project Chai."

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

by Lisa Wohl

Halailah was very busy in November. We made and delivered challahs for the Soviets, provided the Chai group with a Thanksgiving luncheon, had a clothes drive for Hunter House and Crisis Assistance, had a canned food drive for Jewish Family Services, helped serve at the Seniors Hot Lunch program, and started training for our literacy project "Read Up."

We also made Thanksgiving dinner for Rachel House and are collecting needed items for Rachel House. If you are interested in helping with any of our projects please call Jenny Snyder at (704) 845-1394.

We want to thank Women's American ORT for allowing Halailah to be a part of the Pro Choice/Pro Life Forum on Nov. 14.

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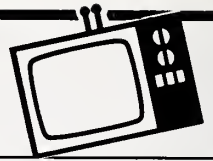
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by Charles Fenyvesi
Viking 268 pp. \$19.95
Reviewed by Gail P. Green

WHEN THE WORLD WAS WHOLE: Three Centuries of Memories is Charles Fenyvesi's loving tribute to his Hungarian ancestors. A skilled writer for the *U.S. News and World Report* and the *Washington Post*, he combines a heritage of oral and written legends into a very endearing account of family history.

The title intrigues: when could any of Eastern European Jews have possibly described their world as "whole"? For Fenyvesi's family, these "blessed years of peace" existed between 1867 with the emancipation of Hungarian Jews and 1914 when Hungary entered World War I. The enlightened reign of Emperor Franz Josef I allowed the Jews in the Hungarian part of the Hapsburg empire to own land, attain wealth, even acquire hereditary titles. It was a time when the Schwarcz family, Fenyvesi's forebears, became "rooted in the land of Hungary as an old walnut tree" and grew to perceive Hungary as "an extension of the Promised Land, if not its surrogate."

The family settled in the village of Derzs some four or five centuries ago where they prospered, living in complete harmony with their land, their neighbors, and their Judaic traditions. This continued until 1927 when the estate went bankrupt, forcing the family to relocate to the nearby city of Debrecen. It is during this time that we meet Fenyvesi's memorable family, most notably his grandparents, Karl and Rosa Schwarcz, and their children. Fenyvesi and his readers must be most grateful for his Uncle Shumi, who, unlike most of his relatives, survived the Holocaust and began to write his family's history.

Fenyvesi's last chapter about his Uncle Shumi is the most poignant. Uncle Shumi is determined to be buried in the family cemetery in Derzs, despite the fact that the family has not lived in the village for four decades. He begins to rekindle ties to his old community, where he finds that his family is still remembered and accorded the respect of their former status. The restoration of the family cemetery becomes a project of the local school children. In 1988, in fulfillment of his final wishes, Uncle Shumi is buried in Derzs, where Greek Catholic children recite Kaddish at his funeral.

Charles Fenyvesi writes that he wishes that he could have "met one of my ancestors and had a chance to ask. . .when did we get to this part of the earth, what kept us here, and why are we still so attached to it?" These are questions so many Jewish people today ask of their past, which for most is unfortunately full of blank pages. Fenyvesi is fortunate in that so many of the pages of his past are filled, and that they recall lives nobly and richly lived.

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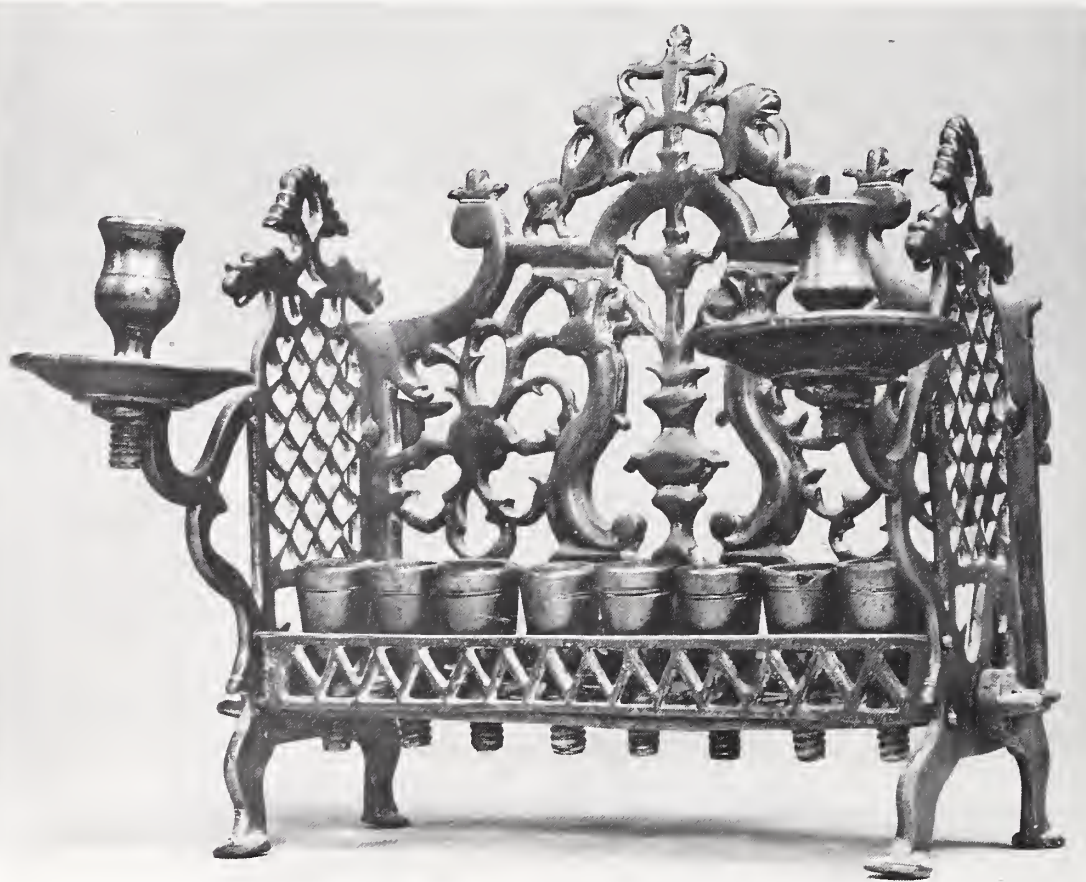
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An Overdetermined Anniversary

by *Dennis B. Klein and Nat Kameny*

Dr. Klein is director of the Anti-Defamation League's Braun Center for Holocaust Studies;

Mr. Kameny is chairman of the Holocaust Studies Committee.

[In 1989,] Germans joyfully dismantled the Berlin Wall. The Wall was an unpleasant reminder of the consequences of their military defeat in World War II, a symbol and reality of the past that would not pass away.

It's hard to believe that the Nazi era and *its* consequences will ever pass away, but that doesn't mean most Germans don't want it to. The German unification has been pieced together to embrace a future that excludes the past. Indeed, the Unification Treaty, ratified on October 3, [1990,] makes no reference to the Holocaust.

The present rush forward is similar to how Germans thought about their past and future just after World War II. Hoping to rebuild their nation, they portrayed Nazi Germany as a historical aberration, irrelevant the moment it was obliterated. Although Germans today are not necessarily as emphatic as they were in 1945 to eradicate the past, 1990 appears to mark a second divide in postwar German history.

It is ironic that the Wall was opened on the anniversary of Kristallnacht. The irony highlights an inclination in Germany to erase the past. In fact, the Wall's opening occurred on the anniversary of *three* significant events in the German 20th century, each eclipsing the event before it: Kristallnacht (1938), itself, occurred on the 15th anniversary of the abortive Munich Putsch (1923), when Hitler tried to wrest power from a weak social democratic republic favorable to the wartime allies. The coup d'etat, in turn, occurred five years to the day after social democrats founded the republic on the eve of the German defeat in World War I (1918).

Germany's refusal to acknowledge the past in its blueprint for the future is the mirror image of the unwillingness of many Jews to let go of the past. When Jews use the word "*reunification*," they anxiously invoke a status quo ante, the conditions under the Third Reich that made Auschwitz happen. Considering the trauma to the Jewish people, it's not difficult to understand their fixation on the past. But why are Germans fixated on the future?

Unification is the culmination of a recent tendency in Germany to neutralize the past. Historians Andreas Hillgruber, Ernst Nolte, Joachim Fest and others sparked a debate in 1986 over the question of whether the Holocaust was any worse than Stalin's terrors: The Holocaust happened, but it was a "normal" symptom of a violent, genocidal 20th century. The Bitburg cemetery debacle a year earlier refocused attention on the fallen German military: Yes, there was a Holocaust, but Germans suffered too. The declaration of German unification appears to convey a similar message: The Holocaust was a terrible event, but that was then; it's no longer relevant.

The truth is, the Holocaust is probably more relevant today than it has ever been. To rebuild a democracy in a historical vacuum would give it no anchor. At least, never before have modern democratic movements established a firm political niche without simultaneously seeking to renounce oppressive rule. Nor do democracies stand a chance of enduring without memories of a brutalizing time to fuel a passion for freedom. A democratic future in Germany can succeed only to the extent that its people recognize the dangerous potential for political excess.

When, in 1949, Germany retreated from the systematic de-Nazification program (with the connivance of the Allies), it "lost an important opportunity to clarify its historical burden." That observation (by German historian Hans Mommsen) suggests new opportunities for the present time. The signs of such a clarification are already evident among German historians, who roundly discredited those who complained about "The Past That Would Not Pass Away" (the title of a provocative article by Nolte). They're also evident in the government itself, which decided not to proclaim the unification when it would have been most likely, on November 9. But Germany has yet to take steps that would elucidate the past and its place in modern memory. Will it create a curriculum that shows how racism dominated not just Nazi policy, but thought and behavior everywhere in Nazi Germany? Will it address the virtual neglect of the Nazi past in former East Germany? Only on this basis can Germany gird itself against perilous political temptations and come to cherish and preserve democratic values.

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and Men.**

To the Editor

American Victims of Holocaust

I am currently working on a book about American victims of the Holocaust and would like to hear from any survivors who had first-hand knowledge of American citizens, including captured soldiers, in concentration camps. I am also interested in the treatment of American Jewish soldiers in POW camps (in particular Berga) and any eyewitness accounts of their mistreatment or deportation to concentration camps. The project to collect testimonies is being done in cooperation with the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Send responses to: Dr. Mitchell G. Bard, 8201 Sixteenth St., #408, Silver Spring, Md. 20910; (202) 639-5300.

*Mitchell G. Bard, Ph.D.
Editor, Near East Report*

Red Cross Holocaust Victims Information

An important new resource for Jews attempting to learn the fate of family or friends interned in Auschwitz and other concentration camps has been established by the American Red Cross in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, other national Red Cross Societies, and the Magen David Adom in Israel.

The Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center was opened recently in Baltimore after the International Red Cross received documentation of 400,000 names of people who died or were interned in the camps.

This information was turned over to the Red Cross by the Soviet Union; it consists of archival material recovered by the Soviet Army during the liberation of the camps at the close of World War II.

People wishing to learn the fate of Nazi victims should contact their local chapter of the American Red Cross, to provide caseworkers with the necessary information. The Red Cross has also established a toll free hotline, (800) 848-9277.

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SARATOGA SAILORS CELEBRATE CHANUKAH: Sailors in the Red Sea in support of Operation Desert Shield lit the Chanukah Menorah on the first night of Chanukah aboard the USS SARATOGA (CV 60). Photo by PH2 Bruce L. Davis, JCC Association Press Service

Tu b'Shevat 5751

Tu b'Shevat: Welcoming New Olim with the Planting of Trees

(WZPS) Ever since biblical times, tree planting in the Land of Israel has been an affirmation of Jewish homecoming, as well as an act of spiritual redemption. What could more simply or dramatically exemplify this dual act of Zionist commitment than Tu b'Shevat, which this year falls on January 30.

On this wintry day, tens of thousands of people from pre-schoolers to the president of Israel travel to hundreds of specially prepared tree planting sites around the countryside. Here, they receive their saplings and, after planting them in the prepared holes, recite a Planter's Prayer of supplication that the trees may grow strong and healthy. If bountiful rains have soaked the dry earth at the start of the winter season, each planter is certain to carry from the tree planting site a tell-tale memento of grubby hands and mud-clogged sneakers.

Reminiscent of the questions read by the young child from the Pesach Haggada, this Tu b'Shevat is different from previous Tu b'Shevats because of the unprecedented wave of Olim from the Soviet Union. This year traditional Tu b'Shevat ceremonies will be celebrated throughout Israel under the banner of "Let Us Welcome Our New Olim With the Planting of Trees."

Soviet Newcomers

Following in the footsteps of ex-Russian prisoners of Zion Yosef Mendeleovich, Natan Sharansky, Yosef Begun and Ida Nudel, tens of thousands of Soviet newcomers will join fellow arrivals from such countries as Ethiopia, Argentina, Hungary, the United States and Canada, together with veteran Israelis, soldiers and school-children, in planting their first roots in the soil of Israel.

Also reflecting Israel's swelling river of immigrants, some 1,400 young-

sters from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia joined in the fun at the Jewish National Fund's five summer camps. They were among a total of 15,000 Jewish youngsters from Israel, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Italy, Latin America, Hungary and Turkey, to spend a week in the woodlands at Ness Harim in the Jerusalem Hills, Lavi and Zippori in Galilee, Yatir in northwestern Negev and Shuni near Caesaria. Here they got their first taste of practical Zionism, met and got to know their Israeli peers, learned something of the history and geography of the region and savored a hands-on experience of Israeli forest care and maintenance.

Foresters' Annual Planting

Tu b'Shevat climaxes the Forestry Division's annual tree planting season. During December to February more than 3.3 million saplings are planted, adding some 6,750 acres to the country's total forest reserve of 300,000 acres of pine and natural oak woodlands. Since independence in 1948, more than 185 million trees have been planted, helping to cleanse the air and improve the quality of the environment.

Tu b'Shevat tree planting ceremonies in Israel will always retain their coveted affection in the hearts and minds of Jews the world over as joyous occasions to celebrate the sovereignty and independence of the State of Israel.



As a Jewish National Fund forester looks on, Israeli President Chaim Herzog plants a tree with two young Russian immigrants during Tu b'Shevat in JNF's American Independence Park, near Jerusalem. JNF is the agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel.

Purim 5751

New Books Inspire Thoughts on Purim

by Estelle Hoffman

The Illustrated Atlas of Jewish Civilization

by Martin Gilbert, consulting editor
Macmillan Publishing Co. 224 pp.
\$35.00

A number of years ago, Dr. Irving Greenberg wrote a *Guide to Purim*, which was published by the National Conference Center, in which he made the point that Purim is a Diaspora holiday.

With Macmillan's publication of *The Illustrated Atlas of Jewish Civilization*, whose consulting editor is Martin Gilbert, the truth of Rabbi Greenberg's thesis is made emphatically clear.

In 1969, Martin Gilbert first presented his *Atlas of Jewish History*, a definitive collection of 121 black and white maps, each illuminated by imposed notices of "what happened here." A publication of Dorset Press, it is still a source which belongs in every Jewish home.

Now *The Illustrated Atlas of Jewish Civilization*, a 224 page, 9 x 12" book, with colored maps and illustrations, is more than its title promises. Josephine Bacon, a professional writer and broadcaster who is well versed in the history and current problems of the Middle East, has contributed a substantial text. It brings to life the 4,000 years of the widespread history of the Jewish people since Abraham's departure from his father's home, and continues until today, with a view into the future.

Whether we like it or not, the fact that Jews have always been on the move needs to be admitted. They were taken as captives to Persia, but after Cyrus conquered the Medes in 550 B.C.E., he released the Jews, who were then free to return to their homeland. Some did so, but more remained

where they were comfortable, and Cyrus permitted freedom of worship. The Jews who stayed in his domain retained their religion and culture. Moreover, Cyrus issued an edict that those who returned to Judah be assisted in rebuilding their temple, to the annoyance of the pagan population.

Here it is interesting to learn that between 1948, when the State of Israel was reborn, and 1960, there were 55,000 Persian Jews who went to live in Israel. 80,000 remained in Persia.

Purim in Persia

In the story of Purim, the central figures are Esther and Mordecai. Their names are Persian, indicative of the assimilated life of the Jews which developed after their involuntary removal from their home. Once again, as would happen repeatedly afterward, Jews had overcome their misfortune and had made of it a success. Esther's position was perhaps the pinnacle of the experience.

The Jews' historic faith was betrayed by Haman, who demonstrated the vulnerability of Jews in the Diaspora. The Jews learned the lesson that they belonged to a people whose destiny was bound together. One could not escape the common fate by an attempt to be different.

We know that the story of Purim ended happily. It then appeared that in the Diaspora there was always hope. Later history did not always fulfill that hope.

Irving Greenberg reminds us that reading the Megillah on Purim tells that "God's redemption operates in Diaspora as well" as it may in the Land of Israel. Purim has served to remind Jews that living in any land can prove to be rewarding.

It is my belief that Jews in the Diaspora are fulfilling their destiny. That destiny is to be "a light unto the nations." Sometimes the light beams brightly; in some places its rays have been extinguished, but never since it was first kindled has it failed to revive. The light has been carried to far scattered places, contributing by dramatic

or imperceptible means to the civilizations in which it has been implanted.

In the spirit of Purim, indulge in a gift to yourself of this book, *The Illustrated Atlas of Jewish Civilization*. It will be a treasure to enjoy as long as it lasts, and that will be a long time, because of its material quality. The explicit maps and excellent text are embellished by many beautiful and intensely interesting photographs.

During the holiday of Purim, turn to page 30 and study the map. Then read about the Babylonian captivity, the start of the Diaspora and the background of the Purim story. This will offer much food for thought, the best nourishment to enjoy, after all.

International Cooking for the Kosher Home

by Betty S. Goldberg
Jonathan David Publishers 364 pp.
\$9.95

I think I may safely say that this cookbook is different from other cookbooks written for the Kosher kitchen. Most of Betty Goldberg's recipes in this book will not be found in others. It is interesting reading, besides the variety of dishes it contains.

In the beginning, there is a section on selecting ingredients which describes many unusual herbs and cooking terms. Then the book is divided into four chapters: Europe, The Middle East, Asia and Pacific Islands, and The Americas. At the beginning of each, there is interesting information on countries and their cuisine. Most of us know that French cooking was derived largely from the Italian, which came from Greece, but did you know that tomatoes were discovered in Mexico, where they were small and yellow? Those wonderful Italians developed them until they became large and red, and would we not be deprived without them?

In the section on America, several areas of the United States, or some individual states, are given special attention for their distinctive style of cooking. That of New Orleans is called "the most remarkable cuisine,"

created from a blend of the art of chefs of France, Spain, African slaves and native Indians.

This exciting new book will make your mouth water and still surely awaken jaded appetites. It is an around-the-world adventure in eating. Here are some new recipes from Mediterranean countries which might be fun to try for your Purim Seudah (meal):

Fresh Fish Stew

Portugal

Serves 4 as a main dish, 6 to 8 as a first course

Select 4 or 5 different kinds of fillets, choosing from such fish as cod, flounder, halibut, pollock and red snapper. Serve as a soup course or as a main dish with hot bread and a big salad.

1 large onion, sliced into rounds
1 Tbsp. minced garlic
3 medium-size white potatoes (1 lb. total), peeled and sliced thin into rounds
1 lb. fresh or canned tomatoes, drained and chopped
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
6 cups water or fish broth
1/2 cup dry white wine (optional)
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2 lbs. mixed fish fillets, cut into 1 1/2" squares
Garlic croutons

In a 4 or 5 qt. pot, place the onion rounds. Sprinkle them with the garlic, then scatter the potatoes, tomatoes and parsley on top. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add the water or fish broth, the optional white wine and the lemon juice. Bring to the boil over high heat, reduce the heat to a gentle boil, cover the pot and cook for about 15 minutes, until the potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork. Without stirring, add the fish fillets, gently pushing them under the liquid.

Cover and cook for about 5 minutes longer, until the fish turns white and flakes easily when poked with a fork. Taste the broth, and add more salt and pepper to taste. Serve in soup bowls and pass garlic croutons separately.

Garlic Croutons

Spain

Makes 4 cups

8 slices white, whole wheat or rye bread
1/2 cup olive oil (half vegetable oil if desired)
6 large cloves garlic, sliced

Preheat oven to 300°. Trim crusts from bread and cut into 1/2" cubes. Spread on a baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes, then carefully stir the bread cubes around and bake for another 5 or 10 minutes, until they are toasted all over.

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CJF National Jewish Survey Reveals Increase in U.S. Jewish Population

Despite fears of decline, the Jewish population in the United States shows a slight increase over the past 20 years, according to the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey, which was timed to coincide with the U.S. census.

Undertaken by the Council of Jewish Federations, this landmark study indicates the core U.S. Jewish population currently totals 5.51 million (those who reported themselves as Jewish by religion or as secular Jews). This compares with 5.2 million persons found in the 1970 CJF National Study.

An additional 590,000 were raised as Jews or of Jewish parentage but currently report another religion. Together, these 6.1 million persons represent an increase from the 5.4 million found in the 1970 Study. This group includes both those who reside in 3.2 million households and the institutionalized population.

Results of the population study were announced at the annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in San Francisco in November.

The Jewish population survey's total includes persons who describe themselves as Jewish by religion, ethnic origin, upbringing or parentage. However, the complexity and fluidity of contemporary American society and the voluntary nature of Jewish identification means that a number of Jewish populations can be identified for different purposes using different criteria.

For example, among the 3.2 million households:

- 2.16 million households contain 4.3 million people who currently identify as Jewish by religion, including 190,000 individuals who converted to Judaism.

- There are 1.9 million households in which at least one member is presently affiliated with a Jewish religious or secular organization containing a total of 3.05 million persons.

Thus, while the study estimates the

core Jewish population at 5.51 million, the population residing in 3.2 million households in which at least one person identifies as Jewish, using all criteria, encompasses 8.1 million persons. These include 5.22 million registered voters.

Importance of Data

"This Jewish data collection process is extremely important in that the U.S. Census has never recorded religious affiliations and there has not yet been any organized research conducted to yield this 'census' type data for Jews on a nationally representative basis," said CJF President Mandell L. Berman, in announcing the survey results.

The apparent increase over the 1970 figures, despite low fertility and rising rates of intermarriage, is attributed to three factors: (1) recent Jewish immigration, (2) more people than ever before willing to indicate their Jewish preference and (3) the more comprehensive methods of the survey ensured fuller coverage of the eligible population.

Interesting Findings

Among the current core Jewish population of 5.51 million, a number of interesting findings (with a sampling error of $\pm 3\%$) were obtained, including:

- The proportion residing in the (Census Region) West has risen from 11% in 1970 to 23% in 1990.

- 25% of respondents moved to their present residence within the last five years.

- 91.3% of adult respondents in the 1990 Jewish population were born in the U.S. compared with 76.6% in 1970.

- Of those in the Jewish population (living in households) who were born outside the United States, the main countries of birth are: the Soviet Union, 163,000 persons; Israel, 63,000; Germany, 50,000; and Canada, 48,000.

- 77% of Jewish households contributed to charity in 1989, 50% (1.34 million) gave to Jewish charities.

- 3.6 million adults (78%) have received some Jewish education and

735,000 adults have participated in adult education in the past year.

- 1.31 million adults (27%) have visited Israel at least once.

- 28% of Jewish households contain a person living alone—the widowed, divorced or singles.

- 21% of the population is under 18 years of age, while 18% is 65 years of age or more.

The number of households containing a Jew has risen to 3.2 million from 1.9 million in 1971 largely as a result of increasing rates of intermarriage and assimilation into the general U.S. population.

The Council of Jewish Federations decided to conduct the 1990 Jewish Population Survey in the fall of 1988. The \$400,000 cost was shared equally between the CJF Endowment Fund and CJF member Federations throughout the United States.

Telephone Survey

Last spring, CJF commissioned the ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Penn. to begin collecting data in a three-stage phone questionnaire. The first stage involved contacting a random sample of 125,000 American households via computer-assisted telephone interviewing. This procedure allowed for an equal probability of Jews to be selected from every state whether in small towns or in major metropolitan areas so that a national picture would emerge. One fascinating byproduct of this methodology is that it provides a unique profile of religious identification and denominations in the United States since only 2.2 percent of respondents refused to reply when asked their religion.

The objective was to determine Jewish qualification first by religion, i.e. "What is your religion?" and then by other sorts of connections, i.e., "Do you consider yourself Jewish?," "Were you raised Jewish?" and "Do you have a Jewish parent?"

The next series of telephone calls asked those who responded affirmatively to any of the four questions to identify the composition of their household and to participate in the full 1990 National Survey.

During the 10-week period between May-July, 2,500 of the households were again contacted—this time to take part in a confidential interview averaging 35 minutes during which up to 120 questions were asked.

"Through the statistical data obtained from the 1990 National Survey, Jewish Federations will be better equipped to plan for the development of services and facilities that are vital to the continued growth of Jewish life in their communities," said Martin S. Kraar, CJF executive vice president.

Research Team

Dr. Barry A. Kosmin, CJF Director of Research and Director of the North American Jewish Data Bank, served as study director. The entire survey was overseen by the CJF National Technical Advisory Committee on the Jewish Population Study headed by Dr. Sidney Goldstein, professor of sociology at Brown University, and Joseph Waksberg of Washington, D.C., former associate director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The Committee is comprised of leading academics, scientific experts and Jewish Federation planners including most of those responsible for the over 50 local Jewish community surveys undertaken since 1971.

The data from the 1990 Jewish Population Survey will be deposited in the North American Jewish Data Bank which will conduct an extensive analysis of the information. An initial report of the major findings will be issued during January 1991 and following this, a number of analytical monographs will be published dealing with a variety of subjects including marriage and intermarriage, family and fertility; geographical migration and distribution; Jewish identity; income, economic status and education; the life cycle; Jewish women, and communal service needs and implications.

The Council of Jewish Federations, which commissioned the 1990 Jewish Population Study, is the continental association of 200 Jewish Federations embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.

A Community in Interreligious Dialogue: The African-American Experience

by Estelle Hoffman

This title was the subject of the third Plenary Session of the 12th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish relations, held in Chicago, November 4-7. The Workshop's theme was *Face to Face: Christians and Jews Facing Each Other, Facing the World*.

Participation in these workshops, which are scheduled approximately 18 months apart, each in another city, is a restorative experience. First, it is uniquely American. Second, the atmosphere of good will reminds us that this segment of humanity merits confidence, even optimism. Here, Christian and Jewish scholars, clergy and theologians are conversant with the history, religion and philosophy of both people. Each accepts the other as legitimate and all are involved in the pursuit of understanding.

Outstanding among the speakers, many of whom are noted internationally in their fields, was Leontine T. C. Kelley. She is retired Bishop, San Francisco Area United Methodist Church, the second of five women Bishops and the sole Black. She has been awarded five honorary degrees, has pastored churches, and remains a preacher, teacher and pastor. Her message sparkled, her language was articulate and her presentation was exciting.

Those assembled were asked only to listen. There was little occasion to doubt or question. She criticized the religious community for putting its head into the sand.

Christianity has sought to exclude Blacks from its history, although nine of eighteen theologians from the 3rd to 5th century were African. She questioned the blue-eyed blondness of Jesus in artists' portrayals, which amused the listeners.

It might seem strange that Blacks bought Christianity, sold to them by those who held them in bondage. The explanation lies in the identification Blacks felt with a chosen people who were insignificant. They felt a rela-

tionship to enslaved people who retained their identity. They felt worthy in God's judgment, though society deemed them inferior. They learned to sing, despite a cruel fate, believing that fate was not God's will. Religion strengthened their spirit; no wonder their songs became known as *spirituals*.

The ghetto has been an experience of both Jews and Blacks, consigned there by others. Apartheid in Africa was established by White European Christians. They taught Christianity to Blacks!

In America, Blacks and Jews had many common causes, struggling for acceptance into general society. Blacks admired Jewish family life and watched Jews making gains. Jews founded and membered the Urban League and the NAACP, and they helped Martin Luther King, Jr.

What happened to Black-Jewish relations? A generation of angry, frustrated urban blacks made a difference. Blacks started to see Jews as Whites. White society created, maintains and condones ghettos. "We felt, you can't treat us this way!" What now? We need remedial efforts and compensatory measures, according to Leontine Kelley.

Blacks and Jews are split on quotas and affirmative action, and it appears that Whites don't view racism as sin. The punitive effect of a color-caste system cripples ambition and lowers expectations. No other minority group has been enslaved in this country.

Now there is reverse racism, it is true, but because there are signs of rising Fascism in this country, we need to work together. Although it is good to see young Blacks in the Army in Germany, it is disturbing that it seems to be the only place to see a quality of life for them that does not exist at home.

Leontine Kelley ended her presentation on a note of faith and hope. "Isaiah said, 'God is the everlasting God. He does not waiver or grow weak.' 'We Shall Overcome' has moved around the world. Dialogue is fire. Make it clear to one another and do it."

Operation Exodus Meets Operation Moses in the Operating Room

by Helga Abraham
UJA Press Service

Moscow-born Miriam Elkin is an economics engineer. She currently lives in a Jewish Agency absorption center with her husband. They arrived in Israel one year ago.

Ethiopian-born Dahlia Yaakov was 14 when she came to Israel with Operation Moses. She is now 19 years old.

Both women are currently students at the School of Nursing administered by the Bikur Holim Hospital of Jerusalem, Israel's oldest Jewish hospital.

The current crop of immigrant students at the school includes newcomers from the Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Romania, Spain, Morocco, Tunisia and Argentina. They will receive their diplomas in practical nursing after completing the school's 18 month program.

After just three weeks at the hospital's nursing school, Miriam Elkin feels at home. "It's hard having to train in another language," she says, "but everyone here is very helpful." Speaking in a clear, if halting, Hebrew, she recounts how for ten years she and her husband, Leon, an electronics engineer, lived as *refuseniks* in Moscow before being allowed to leave for Israel. "As soon as I applied for my visa, I lost my job as an economics engineer in a factory. Luckily I had a nurse's diploma as well, so I managed to find work in a school. It wasn't very interesting but it was something."

Like many Russians, Miriam knew nothing then about Israel or Judaism except what she had heard on Kol Israel's radio broadcasts. For her, being Jewish meant feeling different from Russians, being paid less than they, and having her young son come home from school crying because, as the only Jewish boy in his class, he was often jumped on or had his books thrown out of windows.

Now, even though the family is still in an absorption center after one year in Israel, and her husband still has no



(L. to R.) Nurse Rita Bass demonstrates a medical procedure to student nurses Miriam Elkin and Dahlia Ya'acov. UJA Press Service Photo by Joe Malcolm.

job, Miriam is happy. "I love it here in Jerusalem. My life is hard but it's wonderful being among Jews."

Fellow student nurse Dahlia Yaakov from Ethiopia says she feels the same way. Dahlia came to Israel with Operation Moses when she was a teenager, and even though she had to leave behind her parents and nine brothers and sisters—they would join her two years later—she remembers having been really happy the day she left Ethiopia. "It was hard being Jewish over there. Our family lived in a small village where everyone was Jewish, but when we went into the towns we could never say that we were Jewish. If we did, people would throw stones at us."

Watching over the newcomers with a professional eye is Rita Bass, an immigrant herself, from Kiev, who came to Israel 17 years ago and is now helping train the second wave of Russian immigrants. "It hurts me when I see hospitals in Israel employing Thai or Filipino nurses," she says with passion. "We have a huge nursing shortage. We need many more young women like Miriam and Dahlia."

Nurse Bass is both teacher and troubleshooter for the immigrants, sorting out their problems and guiding them through the intricate process of absorption into Israeli life. "For us, when we came in 1973, it was very difficult," she says. "There were no Russians already here to show us what to do, where to go and where to live. We had to work everything out ourselves. Today the whole country is mobilized to help the new immigrants."

Tali: Soviet Jews Benefit from Traditional and Liberal Education

by Ginni Walsh
UJA Press Service

Ora Leibman, 11, arrived in Israel two weeks ago from the Ukraine. Her only sense of Jewish identity came as a result of being called "Yid" at school. She had no knowledge of Judaism or Zionism. Clutching a package of crayons, a gift from an Israeli classmate, Ora says, "The first thing that I want to learn about are the Jewish holidays."

Ten months ago, nine-year-old Leonid Smartofsky didn't know any more than Ora. Today, Leonid, who looks like a character out of "Huckleberry Finn," with his red hair and freckled face, wears a *kippa*. After relating his fear of never telling anyone in the Soviet Union that he was Jewish, he says, "I decided on my own that I want to be religious. I'm the first one in my family to wear a *kippa*."

Ora and Leonid, along with over 200 young Soviet immigrants, are enrolled in the TALI educational program. TALI, a Masorti (Conservative) Movement project, was started 20 years ago in Israel by immigrant parents who sought a bridge between public schools either too religious or too secular. TALI (*Tigbur Limudei HaYahadut*—reinforcement of Jewish studies) is operated by the Ministry of Education within the public school system, with assistance from the Masorti Movement and is financially assisted by the Jewish Agency's Allocation and Program Grants for innovative programs. The UJA/Federation Campaign is committed to funding innovative and creative projects presented by organizations that address current and important issues facing Israeli society.

The UJA is now conducting Operation Exodus, a special campaign for Soviet Jewish resettlement in Israel that seeks to raise \$420 million.

There are currently nine TALI schools and tracks and seven kindergartens in Israel with an enrollment of more than 2,500 students.

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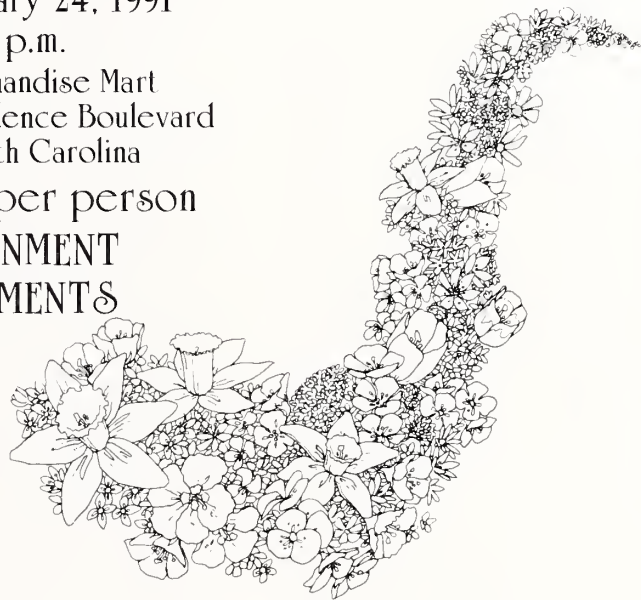
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I. D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Program, February 1-3 Charlotte, N.C.

by Wendy Cooper

The I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Program will feature Rabbi Rachel Cowan February 1-3 during the annual "People Power Weekend" at Temple Israel in Charlotte.

This year's scholar is a popular Jewish leader and lecturer who is co-author of *Mixed Blessings: Jews, Christians and Intermarriage*, and *A Torah Is Written*. Rabbi Cowan leads workshops for interfaith couples to help them clarify their relationships as they relate to their Jewishness: at home, with each other, their children, and their communities.

As a spiritual leader Rabbi Cowan worked, together with her late husband Paul Cowan, to help interfaith couples to revitalize synagogues, and to help teach Jewish communities how to be more open to non-Jewish spouses and encourage their commitment to Judaism.

The weekend activities will begin with Kabbalah Shabbat, Shabbat dinner and services on Friday night and will continue with services, luncheons, workshops and talks through Sunday afternoon, all taking place at Temple Israel.

There will be a small charge for dinners, no charge for other weekend events. For further information call Roz Cooper at (704) 366-5007 or at Temple Israel's office (704) 376-2796.



Rabbi
Rachel
Cowan

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Synagogue Desecrated

On Nov. 20, two days before Thanksgiving, during the night, an individual or individuals desecrated Beth Israel Synagogue, as appears in the photos. Members of the non-Jewish community as well as the Jewish community were shocked by this incident.

To reaffirm our faith and as a rededication of our synagogue, a very special rededication service was held at Beth Israel on Friday night, Dec. 14. Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and President Bob Deutsch greeted all and introduced Congressman-Elect Charles Taylor, who made some very pertinent remarks relative to the theme of solidarity and affirmation that such vandalous acts will not be

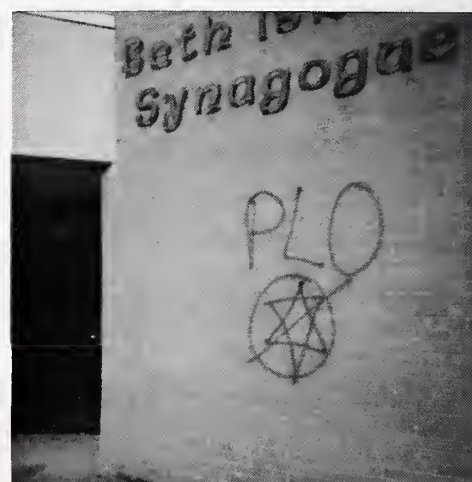
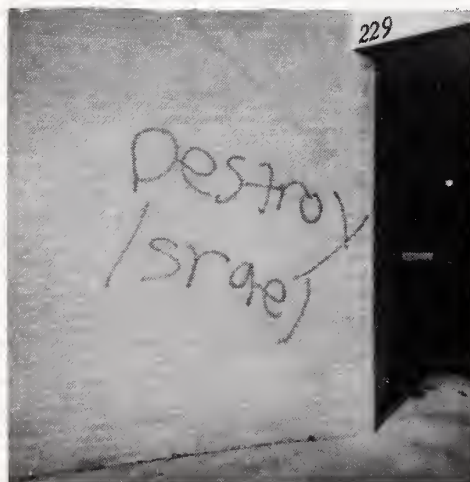
tolerated. City officials and other members of our community were also present.

Included in the service were songs by the younger children, led by Bob Deutsch and David Gaynes. The older youth group of Beth Israel sang "Imagine" and helped create an atmosphere of togetherness. Susan Wadopian sang a beautiful and touching rendition of "Let There Be Love" to an overflowing audience of concerned congregants and guests.

Previously Rabbi Birnham and President Bob Deutsch had asked that the congregation relinquish the giving of gifts to their families for this day during Chanukah and instead donate to a favorite charity. The names of the "Givers" and designated charities were read from the Bema by Liz Nigrosh, Sisterhood president, and William Lewin, immediate past president of Beth Israel Synagogue. All joined hands during a very moving prayer in closing, prior to the benediction. An Oneg followed the service.

Mazon Project

Beth Israel, in addition to other synagogues across the nation, has joined the national hunger organization, MAZON (the Hebrew word for



"The Writing on the Walls." Desecrated Walls at Beth Israel Synagogue in Asheville, N.C., Nov. 20, 1990.

“food”), a Jewish Response to Hunger, established to raise funds to alleviate hunger in this country and around the world.

On Nov. 2, a New Member Shabbat was held. Following the Kiddush, Rabbi Birnham called all the new members for this year up to the Bema and blessed them.

Rabbi reports a large audience was at the synagogue on Simchat Torah when “we opened up an entire Torah scroll in a circle of people celebrating the completion of the yearly cycle of Torah reading. Inside the circle were many children. All the five books of Moses were visible at one time! It was an amazing sight. We all could feel the energy soaring around the completed circle: the circle of Torah. The cycle of the Jewish year, and of life itself.”

Synagogue Personals

Mazel Tov to Dr. Mark and Laura Hellreich on the recent birth of their daughter.

On behalf of our entire synagogue family, we would like to say farewell and send our best wishes to the Ribner family—Bruce, Barbara, Aaron, Adam and Thad—as they move to their new home in Charleston, S.C. We'll miss you!

Arlene Schandler, chairman of our Rummage Sale in Oct., says it was a huge success. Her team consisted of Sara Birnham, Phyllis Blum, Ellen Carr, Carol Deutsch, Lyn Dunn, Norman Feingold, Roz Freedman, Lynne Gabai, Sally Katz, Debbie Neimkin, Pauline Tenenbaum and Lillian Wellisch.

Our Nov. calendar included a most meaningful B'not Mitzvah of Lauren Seidenberg and her mother, M. J. Seidenberg. On Friday night, M. J. led the Kabbalat Shabbat service, and Lauren was in charge of the evening service. On Saturday morning, Lauren led the Torah Service, read from the Torah and chanted her Haftarah. Her mother also participated in a Torah Reading. Lauren then continued with the Musaf prayers. The congregation was aware by the participation of both mother and daughter in the services and their touching reference that

both were very proud of each other and dedicated to taking their place in a productive Jewish life.

Lauren was privileged to share her Bat Mitzvah with Sintayenu A. from Gondar, Ethiopia. Sintayenu is unable to worship Judaism freely in Ethiopia and will, therefore, not be allowed to participate in a Bat Mitzvah of her own.

Our yearly local Thanksgiving Service, in which Beth Israel participated, this year was held at the First Congregational Church on Wednesday night, Nov. 21.

Janet Freedman and Sandy Winston, co-principals of the Sunday School, inform us that this fall the Sunday School children were busy learning about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. They had a wonderful hands-on experience on Sukkot Activity Day. They give a big thanks to Debi Miles for coordinating the Sukkot Activity Day. Also, thanks to Laurie Teich-Chess, Marlene Joyce, Sandy Buskirk, Maggie Heller, Wendy Payne, and David Gaynes and Bob Deutsch (our “music men”).

And last, but certainly not least, a belated but sincere written thanks from Rabbi Birnham to Bob Carr, for his beautiful reading in the Yom Kippur service, to Robin Deutsch, Dana Friedman, Tammy Gabai, Erika Laibson, Becky Schapira and Brett Schoenberg, for their meaningful participation in the Yom Kippur Musaf Service, and to Ken Schapira, for helping the 6th grade class set up the Sukkah.

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

During Shabbat service on Jan. 18, Rabbi Daniel Syme, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will speak from the pulpit on “Why I Am a Reform Jew.”

One of the most important projects of Temple Emanuel, and one of which we are very proud, is the preschool. The co-directors, Amy Ahrens and Fran Thull, have written the following report on the goals and some of the activities of the school:

Temple Emanuel Preschool serves our young Jewish community, ages 1-4. Our school offers an environment and program that fosters children's appreciation for the values, customs and celebrations of Judaism, as well as a familiarity with the cultural aspects of Jewish life.

An important aspect of the curriculum at the preschool is intergenerational relationships. Young families today are so mobile that children have few opportunities to visit with their grandparents. Our monthly visits to Blumenthal Jewish Home satisfy the needs of both the children and the residents for a nurturing relationship. We plan our visits for Friday mornings in order to celebrate Shabbat. We share Challah and “wine” (grape juice), light the Sabbath candles and sing Shabbat songs. Other activities have included: making Purim masks, Chanukah celebrations, playing Bingo (preschool style), making paper quilts and attending BJH's annual Alzheimer's carnival.

In addition to our trips to BJH we have a program entitled “Grandma's Rocking Chair.” We have enlisted volunteers from the Temple community to spend a morning in our baby and toddler room.

We have also enjoyed visits from the “Prime Timers” group from Temple Emanuel. Our most recent visit, prior to Thanksgiving, involved groups of children and adults sharing photos of their families, stories, play-dough and an art project.

These interactions have been meaningful to both young and old and we look forward to continuing these programs in the future.

Sisterhood Celebrations

Sisterhood “Celebrations” have continued this year with much enthusiasm after the great success of last year. Mah Jong lessons and a “Chocolate Decadence” party were held in Nov. Still to come will be a Temple Shabbat Dinner, Wine-tasting, Sunday Dinner at Bubby's House, After the Ballet Affair, Mexican Dinner, Spirits Family Night and a Family Pot Luck and Pool Party.

On Dec. 1, “Holiday Tables” was presented by the Sisterhood. This

dramatization of the heritage of our families was narrated by Marilyn Liebschutz. Groups of members set tables representing Shabbat/Havdalah, the High Holy Days, Sukkot, Shavuot, Passover, Purim and Chanukah. Members of our neighboring church, Highland Presbyterian, were invited.

Other Temple News

Members of Temple Emanuel participated in the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 20, held at First Christian Church. Seven congregations in Winston-Salem joined together to give thanks for blessings and offer food and donations to the Crisis Control Ministry.

The projects of the Social Action committee continue throughout the year. On Oct. 14, 47 members of Temple Emanuel, including Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, joined the CROP Walk for the Hungry on a 10-kilometer trek through downtown and east Winston-Salem, passing some of the agencies that benefit from the Walk.

On Nov. 12, teens from the Youth Opportunity Homes joined Temple members at a skating party. Work on the houses built by Habitat for Humanity continued on Dec. 8. Collections of canned and dry goods continues all year long. These items are donated to the Crisis Control Ministry which provides food, clothing, medicine, utility bill and rent payments, and transportation to those in need.

Tree of Life Congregation Columbia, S.C.

by Estelle Hoffman

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, Rabbi Sanford Marcus of Tree of Life Congregation invited members of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Columbia to share in the temple's Friday night service. The Most Rev. David Thompson, Roman Catholic Bishop, delivered a sermon in which he emphasized the common ground of the Jewish and Christian faiths.

Nostra Aetate, which means "In Our Time," refers to the document issued by the Vatican in 1965. It condemned anti-Semitism and other

forms of discrimination, and it led to future *Guidelines* issued by the Roman Catholic Church with orders intended to make effective the original proclamation.

Bishop Thompson reminded those assembled that on October 28, 1965 Pope Paul VI requested dialogue between Christians and Jews, and more than 2,000 Council Fathers put their signatures to the document which called members of the two faiths "brothers and sisters."

The bishop's declaration of repentance, not uncommon these days by Roman Catholic clergy, acknowledged "my family's past discrimination against the people of Abraham's stock."

He referred to the prophet Zechariah, who predicted that peoples of every nationality would come to Jerusalem and, speaking in many languages, would plead, "Let me go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." He then addressed the congregation, "My dear friends, let me go with you; we know that God is with you. We, too, are the children of the prophets, heirs of the covenant God made with our prophets. Let us go together."

Rabbi Marcus has taken one more step in strengthening good will within American Society.

Beth Shalom Cary, N.C.

by Pia Stadiem and Shirley Hand

Ed Halperin, son of Mark and Toby Halperin, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Nov. 25. 140 relatives and friends from up and down the east coast attended when Ed was called to the Torah.

Our annual Latke Party was held on Dec. 16. Over 100 people enjoyed a play, arts and crafts activities, and lots of food. This event was organized by Andrea Hoovler and her social committee.

A project of which we are most proud is our "Operation Chanukah—Beth Shalom." On Dec. 3, Diane Cheskis hand-delivered 25 gift boxes to Rabbi Ackerson at Fort Bragg. The boxes are for Jewish soldiers in Saudi

Arabia. Each box contained a Menorah, Chanukah candles, a Dreidle, Shabbat candles, toiletries, magazines, candy, etc. Our Sunday school children filled the boxes assembly-line style and included Chanukah cards they had signed. Some of the children expressed wishes to hear from the soldiers. The children know they have touched someone far away from home.

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

by Adam Bernstein

Temple Beth El V'Shalom has reorganized its Adult Education committee and put the group to work on planning innovative programming for the coming year.

Working closely with Rabbi Robert Seigel and the Temple board, the newly installed committee will first focus on developing programs that deal with life cycle events, according to co-chair John Lee-Petzak.

Petzak, who with fellow congregant Nancy Blacker took over the eight-member committee's reins in October, said the group will meet with the board to discuss development of programs dealing with topics ranging from baby namings to Bar Mitzvahs to living wills.

The committee has also begun surveying the congregation directly to find out where specific interests lie and what programming members would like to see.

Petzak said the committee's first program will be a "Visual Oneg" on Jan. 18. After the regular Sabbath service, Petzak will give a 20-minute presentation about art in Hebrew manuscripts. He plans to use examples and slides of the beautifully illustrated documents that date from 1299-1498.

Some of the other program topics that have been discussed include Jewish perspectives on current events and issues, anti-Semitism, study of other faiths, intermarriage, Jewish music, and different periods in Judaic history. Various art projects, including needlework classes and an arts and crafts cultural fair, are also being considered.

Petzak is a local artist, photographer and photographic production technician.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Shirley Berdie was warmly thanked for her excellent review of Cynthia Ozick's short story *The Shawl* at the October meeting. Those who had read the book were vividly reminded of it; those who hadn't read it were surely tempted to.

Sisterhood member Liesel Sullivan, to quote from the Temple Bulletin, "was cited for participation in the Friends Program of the Association for Retarded Citizens. As a volunteer, she meets with her friend weekly. 'North Neighbors' carried the story on Oct. 2, 1990 in the *Asheville Citizen*."

The book table in Unger Hall is a good place to find bargains, proceeds from which go toward sisterhood activities.

The Brotherhood

Follow-ups: On Brotherhood High Holy Days activities: Stan Marks headed the ushers, and Les Schachter scheduled the readers and honors. On the October Sunday brunch: Frank Gilreath directed the program at which Harvey Gantt was the guest speaker, and Bob Janowitz, Kerry Friedman and Dick Braun cooked and served the breakfast to over 80 guests. Over 200 heard Mr. Gantt speak.

Brotherhood members Arnold Sgan and Frank Gilreath have asked anyone who needs a ride to any Temple event to get in touch with them.

The Religious School

On Friday night, Nov. 9 five new students were consecrated. Rabbi Bluming started the service on the Bimah and then came down into the sanctuary, creating a feeling of warmth and informality which, together with the wine or grape juice of which all partook for the Kiddush, helped make it a particularly memorable occasion. The children are Sarah Friedman, Abby Katz, Joel Lebens-

burger, Hunter Selinger and Ashley Weinkle. Mazel Tov to them and their families.

The school held its Hanukkah celebration on Sunday morning, Dec. 16. Latkes and applesauce were provided by Betsy Katell and her committee: Linda Safferstone, Helaine Greene and Ellen Gilreath.

A dinner-theater fundraiser to benefit our school was held in Unger Hall on Jan. 6. Dinner was served by religious school parents, and Neil Simon's "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" was performed by the W.O. Gant Players of Asheville.

Our New Flag

At the start of the consecration service, Nov. 9 our new Israeli flag was proudly paraded down the center aisle, together with our American flag, to take its place in the right-hand corner of the sanctuary. The new flag is a gift of Ruth and Allyn Weber in memory of their parents Samuel and Ida Simon and Joseph I. and Anna Weber.

Notes on our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming shared the pulpit with other community clergy at First Congregational Church where this year's Thanksgiving Interfaith Service was held on Nov. 21.

He was invited to speak to the residents of the Givens Estate on Dec. 5. His topic was "An Overview of Hanukkah." He was also asked to serve as technical advisor for the Asheville Community Theater production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Adult Education

The students in the Rabbi's weekly

Hebrew class are making more than satisfactory progress, partly because of the comfortable pace of the lessons, allowing for repetition when necessary.

Hanukkah Celebrations

A Pre-Hanukkah Israeli Night, jointly sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood, was celebrated on Dec. 9 with music, dance and refreshments. Folk dance teacher Jane Hyde was there to give instructions.

A special Shabbat Hanukkah Family Service was held on Friday evening, Dec. 14 with Hanukkah music and songs, a Hanukkah story, and favors for the children.

He was There: Saudi Arabia

Michael Hanna, Temple board member and WLOS News reporter, recently spent time with a local National Guard unit in Saudi Arabia. He shared his experiences with us at the Oneg Shabbat following services on Dec. 7 when he showed his video report, gave his impressions, and answered questions from the audience.

Centennial News

The gala dinner dance on Jan. 12 in Unger Hall is the first big event in our Centennial Celebration, with a year of exciting programs and activities to come.

Mazel Tovs

To Jean and Mark Hansman and grandparents Mary and Buddy Reisenberg on the birth of Tyler Lee Robert, born Oct. 27, and to Laura and Bill Steinhard and grandparents Rose and Ted Rose on the birth of Ilona Marie Steinhart on Oct. 19.

A warm welcome to Ms. Jean R. Lawrence.

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Organizations

Noted Jewish Educator, Seymour Rossel, Leads CAJE Workshops, Feb. 16-17 Charlotte, N.C.

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) will host a workshop weekend with noted Jewish educator, Seymour Rossel, on Saturday evening and all day Sunday, February 16 and 17 in Charlotte.

Seymour Rossel lectures widely on Jewish history, education, values and Bible, and conducts teacher workshops in Jewish communities throughout North America.

Mr. Rossel is headmaster of the Solomon Schechter Academy of Dallas, Texas. He is the author of more than a dozen textbooks which are widely used in Jewish schools across the Carolinas. He is president of his own computer consulting business and of Rossel Books. He formerly served as executive vice president of Behrman House Publishers, Inc. He was lecturer in education at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York for 16 years.

CAJE invites its members, teachers and the entire Jewish community to participate in one or more of the following activities in Charlotte:

Saturday evening, Feb. 16
COMMUNITY FAMILY HAVDALAH HAPPENING for Jewish parents and children

Temple Israel, 5:45 p.m.

Seymour Rossel will lead a creative Havdalah event for families complete with music and Shalashudes noshing.

Sponsored by CAJE and Temples Israel and Beth El V'Shalom.

Cost: \$3 per adult; \$1.50 per child (Prepay before Shabbat)

Sunday morning, Feb. 17

BRAINS AND BRUNCH

Gorelick Hall, Shalom Park, 10 a.m.-Noon

Seymour Rossel's topic:

BEING JEWISH, BEING AMERICA

How Jewish people bridge two cultures in the diaspora.

Sponsored by the Joint Adult Institute of Jewish Studies.

Cost: \$5 per person, lecture and brunch

Sunday, afternoon, Feb. 17

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP for teachers of all CAJE member schools Luski Youth Activity Center, Shalom Park, 12:30-4 p.m.

Seymour Rossel's topic:

MASTERING JEWISH SCHOOLING

Cost: \$3 for lunch; workshop free.

Visit the new CAJE Resource Center following the workshop.

Sunday early evening, Feb. 17

AMASTER CLASS TAUGHT BY SEYMOUR ROSSEL for 8th, 9th and 10th grades: A Trail Guide to the Bible—Dreaming Your Way to Reality

Luski Youth Activity Center, 5-7 p.m.

Sponsored by CAJE and the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte. This class is for Consolidated High students only, but is OPEN for Jewish teachers to observe a master teacher at work.

For further information and registration, call Lenora Stein at CAJE, (704) 366-5007, or write to CAJE, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270.

CAJE Presents

"M & M's II: The Series"

Coming soon to Shalom Park in Charlotte is "M & M's II: The Series." The community-wide Jewish family education program returns this winter for a second season of fun programs. Produced and directed by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom, "M & M's: Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah" is a mixed bag of family fun for grade school kids and their families.

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Sun. Jan. 13 - Midrash Making 2-4 p.m.

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Sun. Feb. 24 - Mishloach Manot Making in honor of Purim 1-3 p.m.

(Come in costume—both kids and adults—and do a community Mitzvah for our Jewish seniors and the homebound)

Sun. April 28 - Milchig Making 'n More in honor of Shavuot 2-4 p.m.

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Orders must be turned in by February 4, 1991. Pickup information will be sent to you upon receipt of your order. Order forms may be picked up at Shalom Park and Temple Israel. For further information, questions, or to place an order; call Wendy Rosen, (704) 364-9765; Abbe Bryan, (704) 542-2811; Linda Spil, (704) 846-3704.

Thank you for your order.

Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Lubavitch School Open House

On Sunday, Jan. 6 Lubavitch Preschool and Dayschool welcomed the Charlotte Jewish Community to the world of creative and quality education.

The program entitled "Earthly Event" helped children understand the preservation of our ecology and the importance of a healthy environment.

Teachers at the school instructed children in crafting wordly treasures made from natural items. The teachers used this opportunity to help the children understand the concepts of recycling and conservation.

December Highlights

December was a busy month at Lubavitch highlighted by the magnificent Chanukah celebration marking the tenth anniversary of Lubavitch in

the Carolinas. We will have more about the event in the upcoming issue.

On Shabbat, Dec. 8 a festive Kiddush meal was held at the Chabad House in honor of "Yud Tes Kislev" which is the New Year for Chassidic thought and custom. It was on this day that Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, was released from tzarist prison in Russia and allowed to proceed with Chassidic teaching.

This holiday is considered to be monumental in the annals of Chassidic and Jewish history, and is seen even today as a victory for the righteous and for spiritualism.

The Shabbat Kiddush was on the days between "Yud Tes Kislev" and the bright festival of Chanukah. Indeed it was a joyous celebration bringing together many people from various backgrounds to celebrate in true holiday spirit. Stories and songs were just part of the program which in-

cluded a full menu of delicious Shabbat food.

On Dec. 18, the seventh day of Chanukah, the students of Lubavitch schools held a special holiday performance portraying the life and struggles of the Maccabees. Parents and friends of the school attended the performance and were treated to a full music and dance revue. Holiday refreshments including Latkes, coffee and doughnuts were served following the delightful performance.

Later that day we were treated to a spectacular event which aired on local Cablevision, namely the "Intercontinental Chanukah Celebration" which included live Menorah lighting ceremonies in 12 capitals on five continents. The live production was a positive way of bringing millions of Jewish people together for the common cause of Judaism. The highlight was the special Chanukah address by the Lubavitcher Rebbe *Shlita*, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who spoke to the thousands of Jewish children assembled at the Lubavitch World Headquarters in New York. The children are members of the International Tzivos Hashem youth



Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, instructs Stuart Miller at Talmud Torah.



Lubavitch kindergarten students Rebecca Soldinger, Samantha Simon and Kara Wexler.

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On the last day of Chanukah Rabbi Binyomin Weiss conducted a special Chanukah program for the members of Charlotte chapter of Tzivos Hashem. The children crafted wooden Dreidles and watched olives being pressed to produce fresh olive oil. Since the miracle of Chanukah was the discovery of the little flask of oil beneath the Temple floor in Jerusalem, Rabbi Weiss explained that many Jews today maintain the custom of lighting their Chanukah Menorahs with olive oil.

The children sang Chanukah songs, listened to fascinating stories and munched on delicious hot potato Latkes. The memories of Chanukah will linger on with these youngsters long after winter break.

News from Greensboro, N.C.

Operation Exodus

Greensboro is the first community in the United States to raise 300 percent of its Operation Exodus goal and to send over 100 percent of its first year's cash commitment.

As of Nov. 9, Greensboro's Operation Exodus campaign had raised over \$1,580,000 in pledges, as compared to a goal of \$525,000. United Jewish Appeal also has been sent more than \$600,000 in cash for Exodus from Greensboro.

Major Gifts Chairman Leonard Kaplan, after returning from the UJA Prime Minister's Mission to Israel, communicated to his community the tremendous need in Israel for cash and additional pledges for Exodus. His message had a huge impact on those individuals completing solicitations for the campaign.

Kaplan worked side-by-side with Operation Exodus co-chairpeople Kathy Manning and Frank Brenner in closing many end-of-year solicitations.

Rabbi David Rosen Spoke

The Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry

and the Community Lecture series held a combined program on Dec. 9. Rabbi David Rosen addressed the gathering held at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro.

Rabbi Rosen's topic was "European and Russian Anti-Semitism: an honest analysis of the prospect for change in Eastern Europe and, in particular, Russia."

Judi Low from Greensboro shared anecdotes from her experiences in resettling Soviet Jews in the community. The host families were recognized for their participation.

Rabbi Rosen is dean of the Sapir Center for Jewish Heritage in Jerusalem which teaches religious pluralism to Israeli youth. Concurrently, he serves as ADL's director of Interreligious Affairs, Israel and Rome—the direct liaison between the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Vatican. Rosen has held pulpits in South Africa and Ireland.

The Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry is made up of Beth David Sisterhood, Hadassah, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood and Federation's Women's Cabinet. The Adult Community Lecture Series is planned by the Greensboro Jewish Federation Adult Education Committee.

Golden Anniversary Gala

Greensboro Jewish Federation will celebrate its Golden Anniversary at a Gala on Saturday evening, Feb. 2 at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel.

Jewish Community Services Wake County, N.C.

by Jackie Eisen

Sunday, October 21, 1990 was a special day for Jewish Community Services and Dr. Abram Kanof. An autographing party for his latest book, *Jewish Symbolic Art*, was held at the home of one of JCS's board members and attended by many community well wishers and purchasers.

For purposes of this compact volume, published by Gefen in Jerusalem, scholar Dr. Abram Kanof defines the art about which he writes as "art which is distinguished by being art

for the sake of religion."

Historically, symbols moved from paganism to Judaism to early Christianity and even back again to Judaism. Man has always used symbols, often despite injunctions against them by religious leaders, and the symbols have persisted through the ages.

Kanof's generously illustrated (115 figures) and plentifully footnoted book carefully describes "the origins and development of the symbols of Jewish religious and cultural life." An excellent reference book as well as an intriguing historical lesson, the text emphasizes the theme that "all men in all places and at all times need symbols to express their aspirations."

Interesting little tidbits about various symbols give the text added interest for non-scholars. From iconic symbols like the seemingly ubiquitous Menorah (that even fell out of use for a while) through funerary symbols like angels (that did not last for too long) to symbols from nature, animals and the cosmos (including the Mogen David, which turns up in very unexpected places), Kanof traces the origin and history of an integral part of man's life, particularly Jewish, but often earlier paganism and later closely intertwined with Christianity.

Twenty years after the publication of his acclaimed *Jewish Ceremonial Art and Religious Observance*, here is another enlightening work, product of his extensive research and earnest interest.

Through Dr. Kanof's generosity, JCS received a portion of the sales' proceeds. If you would like to order the book for yourself or as a gift, please contact Dr. Kanof directly, 1715 Nottingham Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27607.

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Southern Jewish Historical Society

by Carol B. Hart

At its recent 15th annual conference in Jackson, Miss., the Southern Jewish Historical Society elected a new slate of officers.

Attorney Carol B. Hart of New Orleans was elected SJHS president. President-elect is Dr. Sheldon Hanft, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.; secretary is Dr. Louis Schmier of Valdosta (Ga.) State University; and treasurer is Dorothy Hamburger of Atlanta.

A record number of participants attended the conference, "An Encounter in Southern Jewish History." Highlights of the weekend in Mississippi included a tour of the newly dedicated Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in Utica, a visit to a 100-year-old temple in Port Gibson, a luncheon hosted by the Natchez Jewish community and a reception at the governor's mansion.

The society's 1991 conference is set for Oct. 25-27 in Alexandria, Va.

SJHS board members are: Margaret Anne Hanaw, New Orleans; Dr. Irving Imburg, Alexandria, Va.; Harriet Stern, Memphis; Dr. Lee Shai Weissbach, Louisville, Ky.; Beryl Weiner, Atlanta; Dr. Myron Berman, Richmond, Va.; and Rachel Heimovics, Longwood, Fla., immediate past president.

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

by Lisa Wohl

On Nov. 8 Halailah had a successful membership dessert party. New members we met that evening are Susan Rabinovich and Holly Stieber.

Once again, Halailah made Chanukah baskets. Ten baskets were distributed through Jewish Family Services (JFS) and three were distributed by Marcia Stern to people in the Seniors' Program.

This year we did the baskets differently. Randi DeFilipp set up a toy box in JFS with new toys, so that JFS or parents could choose age-appropriate toys to go with the baskets. Many

thanks to Randi for this great idea. We will keep the toy box up all year.

Halailah also made Chanukah baskets for the Soviet families. Included in the baskets were Latke mix, applesauce, a Chanukah booklet, Challah, Gelt, Dreidles and coloring books for the children.

We had an overwhelming response to the clothing drive for Crisis Assistance and Hunter House. Thanks to everyone who donated clothes.

Our new program, "Read Up Books to Families," has been very successful to date. Eighteen members of Halailah have contributed their time to four low-income day-care centers. The program consists of reading to children and delivering books to the day-care centers weekly.

Jan. 15 is the annual membership event. It will be held at Randolph Park Apts. at 7 p.m. There will be a salad and dessert bar. Please RSVP to Jan Weiner at (704) 847-3999 or Cheri Titlebaum at (704) 541-9758.

On Feb. 11 we will have our Older Adult Luncheon. In February the "Jews for Jesus" awareness program will be held with Hebrew High School. In March we will make our Passover baskets. We continue to deliver Challah to the Soviet families monthly.

Halailah BBW thanks everyone for making 1990 a very productive year. We thank the members who helped with several of the CVS projects, including the luncheon for the Chai group, the Thanksgiving dinners for Rachel House, the foster family, the Hot Lunch Program and the clothing-and-canned-food drive.

In 1991 Halailah hopes for the same support as in 1990. If you would like to become a member of Halailah or know of someone who does, please call Jan Weiner or Cheri Titlebaum, listed above.

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Personals

In Memory of Anna Lefkowitz

Mama's gone
It pains me so
I grieve to know
Mama's gone.

Mama stood
Strong and tall
When I was small,
That's how Mama stood.

Mama's voice
Was firm and clear
I still can hear
Mama's voice.

Mama's face
I close my eyes
And I can see so vividly
Mama's face.

Once, a while before she died
She slept, and dreamed
that she was young again
And strong and tall
No longer fragile, bent and small.

Her smile was wistful remembering
Those bygone times
When she could dance and sing
Remembering the days when she was young.

Mama's gone
I mourn
O how much I mourn,
Mama's gone.

*By Elsie Samet
Boca Raton, Fl.
Formerly of High Point, N.C.*

Kathleen S. Orringer Honored New Bern, N.C.

Craven Community College in New Bern has dedicated one of its two new buildings in the name of Kathleen S. Orringer.

Mrs. Orringer was elected vice chairman of the Craven Community College board in 1979, then served as chairman from 1981 to 1983. During that time, she had begun holding office in the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees (NCACCT) and was elected first woman president in 1986.

At the helm of the NCACCT she

directed a nationally acclaimed training and development program and also worked to establish legislative liaisons for each of the 58 community colleges. For her efforts, she was recognized in 1988 as one of six recipients of the Isaac Epps Ready Award from the N.C. Department of Community Colleges.

A natural born civic leader, Mrs. Orringer has served as Supervisor of Elections and was New Bern's first woman alderman. Her list of volunteer roles is lengthy. In 1951 she was named "Woman of the Year" for her efforts in developing the blood bank.

Mrs. Orringer and her husband, Harold, are members of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men. They have a daughter, Joan (Mrs. Steve) Shaffer, and three grandchildren, Richard, David and Jonathan.

Rosenberg-Jaramillo Wedding Charlotte, N.C.

Cynthia Ann Rosenberg and Dr. Carlos Felipe Jaramillo were married on Oct. 21, 1990 at The Tower Club I in Charlotte. Rabbi Israel Gerber officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a luncheon reception.

The bride is the daughter of Zava and Tom Rosenberg of Charlotte. She is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School; the University of Pennsylvania where she earned a BA; Stanford University where she earned an MA in developmental economics; and the Wharton School where she earned an MBA. She is a business consultant in Bogota, Colombia.

The groom is the son of Amparo and Ariel Jaramillo of Bogota. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Emory University where he earned bachelors of arts degrees. He holds a PhD in economics from Stanford University. He is an economist and advisor on coffee to the government of Colombia.

Maid of honor was Leora Levy, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Joyce Miller; Mara Heiman, cousin of the bride; Julie Spiegel; and Liliana Jaramillo, sister of the groom. Best

man was Juan Gaviria. Groomsman was Rafael Hertz.

The couple resides in Bogota.



Cynthia A. Rosenberg

B'nai B'rith Museum Washington, D.C.

"Becoming American" an exhibition through mid-April, 1991, at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum, tells the story of immigration to the United States in the peak years of 1890-1924. The bronze statues of internationally renowned sculptor Philip Ratner, lithographs of Ratner's sculpture, period photographs and artifacts are blended in the exhibition to convey the drama of this unprecedented migration, which included 2.25 million Jewish immigrants to the "goldenah medinah," the land of opportunity.

Not long ago, Ellis Island was reopened to the public as a renovated historical monument to the immigrant experience, including an immigration museum. After being displayed at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum, Philip Ratner's sculptures will find a permanent home in a sculpture garden on Ellis Island.

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum, located at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. (Metro: Faragut North), is open Sunday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Entries Sought For 1991 Holocaust Writing Contest

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council encourages the nation's junior and senior high school students to learn about the Holocaust and to reflect on its lessons for society and for themselves as it announced its seventh annual National Writing Contest on the Holocaust.

The contest, which in 1990 received 4,300 entries from 47 states, is open to all students in grades 7 through 12 and will be judged in two divisions: Division I—grades 7 and 8; Division II—grades 9 through 12. The deadline for contest entries is February 22, 1991; the winners will be announced in April. The subject for 1991 is "What Are the Lessons of the Holocaust for Americans?"

First place winners and their parents will receive a free trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the 11th annual national civic Days of Remembrance ceremony sponsored by the Council on April 11 in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, and for the award presentation. Second place winners will receive a framed artwork copy from the collection of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is under construction on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. All winners will receive books on the Holocaust.

The format is open: entries may be fiction or non-fiction and may be written as prose, poetry or drama. All entries *must* represent the independent effort of the writer. Distinguished Holocaust educators and authors will judge finalist entries on originality, content and quality of expression. Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.

Entries must be typed or printed, double spaced, on one side of the page and must be accompanied by a title page which contains the following information: student's name, grade, home address and telephone; school name, address and telephone number; teacher's name. The entries must be mailed to: Writing Contest, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, 2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 588, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Soviet Immigrant Children Are Enriched With Ballet, Piano and Tennis Lessons in Israel

IIIA Press Service Photos by Richard Lohell

Etti Serok, executive director of the TALI Educational Fund, explains the philosophy behind TALI. "The parents who started TALI wanted to find a solution to the conflict between secular and religious education in Israel. They wanted their children to know the rituals and obligations of Judaism. But they also wanted them to receive a modern, liberal education."

She explains that in Israel a child can graduate from a secular school without knowing what to do in a synagogue. On the other hand, a student can be dismissed from a religious school if his or her parents aren't sufficiently observant.

Advantages of Tali Project

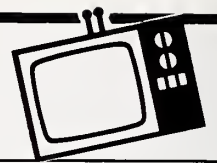
TALI provides for those Soviet immigrants who want their children to know more about Judaism but not at the expense of having to change their lifestyles. And TALI, which already offers a longer school day than the secular programs, is prepared to meet the needs of new immigrants. Besides special Hebrew classes, TALI has the only computer software in the country that enables students to learn Hebrew with Russian letters. And while sitting at the computers, learning their 20 new words per day, the immigrants are urged on by their Israeli classmates as part of a "big brother" program.

The emphasis that TALI places on helping and friendship has also assisted in the absorption of entire families. New immigrants are being adopted by TALI families who help them with everything from dealing with the bureaucracy to finding jobs. Upon arrival, the newcomers from the Soviet Union have invitations for Shabbat, friends with whom to tour the country, and even community projects to join like the TALI theater group. As Serok says, "It's only natural that a program started by new immigrants can now help integrate other immigrants."





Books, Arts and Media



Kissing Through Glass: The Invisible Shield Between Americans and Israelis

by Joyce R. Starr

Contemporary Books, Inc. 272 pp.
\$21.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Because of the frequent assumption that Americans and Israelis, especially American Jews and Israelis, understand each other and are much alike, the relationship produces much frustration.

The history and environment of a people is reflected in their attitudes and understanding, and since Americans and Israelis have widely different backgrounds, there are fundamental differences between them.

There has been mythology on both sides of the relationship, and reality produces much disappointment. Television portrayals, both of current events and fictional programs, lead to false impressions.

The American psyche is optimistic. Jews in America have found their living conditions continuously improving, making their outlook rosy. Israelis, because of their history, are skeptical and anxious about their future. Americans view compromise as a peaceful solution; for Israelis, compromise is viewed as possible surrender. Although they all share a common distant history, the stories of their recent past have been decidedly different.

Joyce Starr has served as aide to the past three U.S. presidents, and has founded and worked with national and international think-tanks and strategic councils. In 1980, she began taking delegations to Israel to discuss defense projects. While discussions were in English, she quickly found perceptions differed on vital interests.

She found lack of trust and unequal sensitivities. The international relationship between the United States and Israel is an unusual one between

nations. They expect much of each other and are not always pleased by reactions.

Now, since the beginning of the Gulf crisis, the relationship is being tested. Understanding is more important than ever. In *Kissing Through Glass*, the author believes she reveals the detailed description of the similarities, the differences and the difficulties which contribute to our relationship.

Joyce Starr is a frequent television and radio commentator on Middle East affairs, and she has written this book in an easily read narrative style. It serves to improve our insight into the character and mentality of Israelis on the other side of *The Invisible Shield*.

ISRAEL: Land of Promise

Photography by David Fitzgerald

Text by Richard E. Roby and Cathy A. Kass, Ed.D.

Editorial Consultant, R. Meir Roby
Graphic Arts Center Publishing Co.,
P.O. Box 10306, Portland, OR 97210
112 pp. \$35.00

Reviewed by Ruth Goldberg

ISRAEL: Land of Promise is a "coffee table" volume of 95 full-color, captioned photographs grouped geographically. Starting with Jerusalem, beautiful photographs help us recall the sights of Israel, and introduce us to places not on the usual tours of the country.

A 3,500-word text gives a brief overview of the history of Israel from ancient times to the present, emphasizing the various ethnic and religious groups that have and still populate the land, and tells how they affect the land's future.

Two years were spent researching *ISRAEL: Land of Promise*. David Fitzgerald, a professional photographer from Oklahoma City, captures the landscape and its people on film. Husband-and-wife team Richard E. Roby and Dr. Cathy A. Kass are

also from Oklahoma City where he is a professional speaker and public relations practitioner and instructor, and she is an associate professor of education at Oklahoma City University. Roby and Kass traveled extensively in Israel, interviewing countless people of many backgrounds. Their son, Meir, editorial consultant for this book, studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and is now dean of academics at Oklahoma Junior College.

Auschwitz and the Allies

by Martin Gilbert

Owl Books, Henry Holt & Co.
368 pp. \$11.95 paperback

Martin Gilbert is one of Britain's most distinguished modern historians. He has written the official biography of Winston Churchill in six volumes and twelve further volumes on his life in addition. His Jewish History Atlas was published in 1969 and he has written a number of other historical books. He is a graduate of Oxford University, lectures frequently in the U.S. and lives in London with his wife and sons.

Using hundreds of previously unpublished documents, Martin Gilbert has written in *Auschwitz and the Allies* the tragic account of the failure of the Allies to respond to the news of Hitler's mass murders in Europe. Consequently, a review in *The Washington Post Book World* said, "The war against the Jews was the war Hitler won."

Reading this book is painful, but it is a detailed report of the facts that were known, and appeals from governments in exile to allied powers to wipe out the bases of the Nazi operations. In their questionable wisdom, those powers offered objections and reasons for their plans. The results are well known, but questions beginning with "Why?" will forever nag at the conscience of the world.

The Book of J

Translated from the Hebrew by David Rosenberg, Interpreted by Harold Bloom Grove Weidenfeld 340 pp. \$21.95

The Book of J refers to an ancient text of three of the five books of Moses, which some scholars say was written by—of all things—a woman!

Harold Bloom claims to reveal the original stories, to which more recent translations bear but little resemblance. *The Book of J* is judged to be "an audacious work of literary restoration."

Bloom's commentary on the translation from the Hebrew by David Rosenberg is interesting and will be exciting to adventurous readers. He claims that the writings of *J* were completed about 953 B.C.E., and that Exodus and Deuteronomy were written centuries later.

Harold Bloom may be viewed as blasphemous by some, but there is no fear he might suffer the fate of Salman Rushdie. Bloom is Sterling Professor of Humanities at Yale University and Berg Professor of English at New York University. He has written twenty books and has edited hundreds.

David Rosenberg is the author of books of poetry and has translated verse and done much research on the language of the Hebrew Bible. He has been editor in chief of the Jewish Publication Society and editor of *Congregation* and *Testimony*.

Unfulfilled Promise

by Dr. Judith Tydor Baumel
The Denali Press 227 pp. \$27.50
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This book is subtitled *Rescue and Resettlement of Jewish Refugee Children in the United States 1934-1945*.

Events leading to emigration of unaccompanied Jewish youth from Europe are described. The report is apparently authentic, relying on material in the United States and Israel, as well as interviews with people who were some of those children. It claims to be the first such study, embodying the roles of our government, re-

flections of public opinion in the United States, both Jewish and general opinions and the actual operation of the process.

In reading the book, there is the distinct inference that blame is laid at the doorstep of Americans, especially American Jews, for failure to rescue a million Jewish children from Europe, instead of the one thousand who came. Political and sociological reasons are cited. Clearly, more should have been done.

There is the disturbing fact that Jewish children had to be put into Jewish foster homes, and since many of those children came from Orthodox homes, Conservative and Reform foster homes were unsuitable and in fact, experience showed some undesirable effect when that option had to be used. The author states that Orthodox Jews in America were usually amongst the poorest class, and therefore unable to accept children.

What is disturbing, then, is the question of where more children might have been placed, if their acceptance had been made possible.

An interesting aspect of *Unfulfilled Promise* is the quotation of the adults who were the suffering refugee children of those years.

Judith Tydor Baumel was born in New York and moved to Israel as a teenager. For the past decade Dr. Baumel has been a Senior Researcher at the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar Ilan University and a historian at the Open University of Israel. She has written extensively on the refugee problem. Her brother, sister and father are among the former refugees interviewed for this book.

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Meanwhile, in a 2 qt. pot heat the oil over low heat and add the garlic. Cook for a few minutes, until the garlic is sizzling and light brown. Turn off the heat.

Place the hot, toasted bread cubes in a large mixing bowl. Remove the garlic from the oil with a slotted spoon. Slowly pour the oil over the bread cubes, tossing the bread with a spoon as you pour. Continue tossing the bread for a minute after all the oil has been added. Allow the croutons to cool, and when they are at room temperature, transfer to a plastic bag or a covered container. The croutons will keep for a few days at room temperature, and they freeze well.

Burghul Pilaf For Vegetarian or Dairy Meals

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Wheat pilaf is a wonderful change from rice. This plain pilaf is chewy, with a wholesome wheat taste. Chopped apricots and toasted almonds will dress it up.

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter or margarine
1 cup chopped onion
2 cups burghul (cracked wheat)
4 cups water or vegetable broth
Salt

Optional additions: 1/4 to 1/2 cup dried apricots, soaked in boiling water for 20 minutes, then chopped; 1/4 cup blanched slivered almonds, sauteed in 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil until golden.

In a 4-quart pot, melt the butter or margarine over moderate heat. Add the onion and cook for a minute or two, stirring occasionally. Mix in the burghul and cook for another minute, stirring frequently. Add the water or broth and salt to taste, raise the heat to bring the liquid to the boil, and boil for 5 minutes without stirring. Regulate the heat so the liquid doesn't boil over. Reduce the heat to a simmer, cover the pot, and cook the burghul for 20 minutes. Turn off the heat and allow the burghul to finish cooking on the turned-off burner for another 20 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the apricots and almonds if desired. Just before serving, fluff the burghul with a fork, stir in the apricots and almonds, and serve.



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SILVER ANNIVERSARY SPARKLED

HERMAN BLUMENTHAL RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD

All roads led to the Blumenthal Jewish Home on the weekend of the 25th Anniversary Celebration. From near and far, board members and family members, new supporters and founders of the Home came together to celebrate. They came from the small towns in North and South Carolina and from the larger cities. Herman Leder of Whiteville, North Carolina, one of the few surviving members of the original twelve Board of Directors, arrived with his family at the Saturday night gala. He was pleased to be a part of the celebration and to see the continuation of the vision he helped to create.

The Silver Anniversary Weekend was a sparkling event. It sparkled with the glow of candles on the anniversary cake, silver candy and shining silver balloons decorating the tables, the glossy program booklet reflecting our heritage, the sparkle of sequins Saturday night worn by Audrey Madans, Chairperson of the weekend, and it



Enjoying the Silver Anniversary Gala Dinner are, left to right, Anita & Herman Blumenthal, Miriam Brenner, and Gertrude Brenner. Standing are Lewis & Rosa Eisenstadt, Alan and Lee Blumenthal, and Abe Brenner.

sparkled with tears of joyful memories and smiles of success achieved.

Hugo Rosenberger, master of ceremonies Saturday evening, began the after-dinner program with the ceremonial candle lighting of the anniversary cake. Elbert Levy, former Executive Director of

the Home, Rose Clein, community supporter, and Nelly Schwarz, Fair Oaks resident, participated. Dan Horvitz, President of the Board of Trustees, welcomed guests and introduced the recognition program giving honor and thanks to the Home's many supporters.

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BJH Friends Celebrated



Ellen & Ellis Berlin.

(Silver Anniversary continued)

Herman Blumenthal of Charlotte was the honored recipient of the Distinguished Humanitarian Award, a distinction reserved for those whose outstanding generosity demonstrates compassion and concern for others.

"The past is my heritage, the present my responsibility, the future, my challenge as a Jew," reads the quote on the silver cover of the anniversary booklet. Many were there Saturday night to celebrate the responsibility they have inherited and more arrived on Sunday morning willing to face the challenges of the future.

The Commons Auditorium was overflowing as the crowds arrived for the delicious brunch and the 25th Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 28. President Dan Horvitz welcomed those attending and presented his annual report. Highlighting the day was the election of Ellis Berlin of Winston-Salem as the new President of the Board of Trustees and the announcement of the winners of the CAJWM grand raffle. The meeting concluded with a dedication of the beautifully redecorated BJH living room in memory of Marian Sosnik, beloved long-term member of the Board.

The 25th anniversary year drew to a close. The dreams of the Home's founders continue to build.



Above, left to right: Sue Clein, Dan Horvitz, Nelly Schwarz, Hugo & Helga Rosenberger.



Above, seated, left to right: Dan Green, Mr. & Mrs. Joel Goldman. Standing: Mrs. Dan Green, Mrs. Israel Gerber, Rabbi Gerber, Mr. & Mrs. Werner Moritz, Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Lyons, all of Charlotte.



Barry & Diane Leshin, Pamela & Neil Wolfman of Winston-Salem.

SUE's NEWS

The Magic of Volunteers

There were lots of treats and less tricks on Halloween when volunteers from the Anchor Club at West Forsyth High School presented a Halloween show for the residents. Costumed singers, dancers, storytellers, and jokesters played few tricks and provided plenty of terrific entertainment.

Tricks were the order of the day on November 6 when Lawrence Berry, a magician from Greensboro, volunteered to entertain for the November birthday party. Magic filled the air and the BJH audience was kept spellbound.

Performing magic is really no trick when you choose to be a volunteer. BJH volunteers bring magic into someone's life when they shop at Hanes Mall, call a bingo game, visit a resident, push a wheelchair, host a luncheon, bring a pet to visit, or any of the many magical ways to give a treat from the heart. There are no tricks to it!



Fair Oaks resident Else Guthmann is fascinated by the magic of Lawrence Berry.



Fair Oaks resident Ben Fox shares a moment with Greensboro volunteer Rhoda Fleisher.



Pets perform their own magic in the "critter cuddler" program on Wednesday nights. Pauline Kartus receives a visit from Mike Brenner and his "critter."

BJH NEWS BRIEFS – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



A-wing resident Frances Linville was busy handing out treats to the visiting pre-schoolers.

- **THE VANTAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT** brought out the golf enthusiasts on Friday, October 5. BJH golf lovers had front row seats in the grandstand on the 18th green at Tanglewood Park. Perfect weather, beautiful views, and celebrity status guaranteed a winning day.

Above, left, front row: Fair Oaks residents Anna Shapiro, Bernice Goldfinger, Fredia Thompson (staff), Esther Pearson, Hannah Ackerman. Back row: Ethel Sutton, Lynda Abrahamson (staff).

Below: Checking out each other's costumes were Jane Rosenberg and a visiting pre-schooler.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Paula Cahn
Nathan Capper
Pearl Cash
Fanny Moss
Charles Rosenfeld
Sylvia Silbert
Raymond Weaver

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.





• **A DOUBLE CELEBRATION** was in order on November 27 for Adolph and Lilly Marx, residents of BJH. Mr. Marx celebrated his 100th birthday and the happy couple celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on that day. This joyous occasion was enjoyed by family and friends who shared in the celebration at a party held at the Home on Friday, November 23.

Left: Adolph Marx enjoyed celebrating his 100th birthday with four generations of family members.



Rabbi Shmuel Birnham of Beth Israel Congregation, Asheville, and Rabbi Ammos Chorny of Beth David Synagogue, Greensboro, visit with each other and the Home at the November gathering of the G.C.A.R.

• **RABBIS' VISITS** were special events in November. Rabbi Arnold Task made a popular return visit to see old friends and conduct a Rabbi's Hour on November 13. On November 12, members of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis met for a luncheon meeting and an opportunity to see the Home and visit the residents. Attending were Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, Asheville, Rabbi Bob Sandman,

High Point, Rabbi Ammos Chorny, Greensboro, Rabbi Steve Sager, Durham, Rabbi Tom Liebschutz, Winston-Salem, and Rabbi and Mrs. Hillel Millgram, Charlotte. Rabbis Chorny and Liebschutz also conducted their monthly "Rabbi's Hour" programs in November. The residents delighted in seeing their rabbis and look forward to future visits from the religious leaders in the Carolinas.



Fair Oaks residents Theresa & Al Schwartz celebrate their anniversary.

• **CELEBRATING 58 YEARS** was the reason for a party in the Fair Oaks Commons on December 3. Theresa and Al Schwartz, formerly of Winston-Salem and now living in Fair Oaks, invited friends to enjoy a celebration in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary. The joyous occasion was filled with good food, good friends, good music, and good wishes for many more years of happiness together.



Lynn Wahoski led the singing at the Schwartz's anniversary party and Fair Oaks residents Pearl Yachnin, Rae Glickman, and Irene Mendelson joined in.



Syd Kastel attended the Starmount Country Club luncheon in November.

We are happy to announce the appointment of Fredia Thompson as Director of Resident Activities.

We wish good fortune and well being to Lynn & Tom Wahoski as they move to their new home in Evansville, Indiana.

CALENDAR FOR MIDDLE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

JANUARY

- 6 Brenner Concert, Saxophone Quartet, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 8 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 11 Leave for B-nai Shalom School, G'boro, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 27 Brenner Concert, Woodwind Quintet, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Brenner Concert, Solo String Recital, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 5 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 12 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 14 Valentine's Party with Marvin James & the Stardusters, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.
- 17 Brenner Concert, Piano Trio, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 22 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 27 Fast of Esther, Services, Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 28 Feast of Purim, Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

Eleanor Altshuller
 Helen Bloch
 Mary Ellen Capper
 Roy Cartner
 Ethel Dickson
 Rae Glickman
 Solomon Greenberg
 Anna Levine
 Sigmund Meyer
 Julius Neumarkt
 Fannie Shandolow
 Danford Shoaf
 Lelia Tedford
 Pearl Yachnin

FEBRUARY

Pauline Berdy
 Florence Bobbitt
 John Brooks
 Virginia Brown
 Ida Feinberg
 Miriam Gingold
 Ocie Hartis
 Marguerite Hughes
 Eileen Jacobs
 Lillian Kamens
 Frances Linville
 Bertha Marrus
 Lilly Marx
 Henrietta Meltsner
 Josephine Miller
 Alise Panders
 Salomon Sabbah
 Clara Steiner
 Anna Stemper

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selection For Employee Of The Month



JIM BYERLY
MAINTENANCE
NOVEMBER, 1990

Jim Byerly's quiet pursuit of a job well done has helped to keep the Home in good condition for the past ten years. Jim has been a dedicated employee in the Maintenance Department since September, 1980. Jim said he was surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month and that he appreciates it very much. Presently responsible for the painting of the building, Jim says, "In years past, I've done it all. We used to do any job that came along — plumbing, vehicles, painting, whatever." Jim says that he enjoys working with everyone in the department and that Mike is a supervisor who's easy to communicate with.

Mike Kelly, Director of Maintenance, praises Jim saying that Jim has a difficult job that never ends, that he does it well and is always willing to pitch in where needed. "Jim is dependable, reliable, and deserving of this honor," says Mike.

Jim and his wife, Ella Mae, live in Clemmons where Jim has lived most of his life. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening and working on his cars.

BJH congratulates Jim Byerly, an employee who keeps the Home looking good and whom we are proud to have on our staff.



Chef Jim Burns takes time out to enjoy the party with Fair Oaks resident Irene Mendelson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in January and February:

JANUARY

14 Years

Carolyn Bright, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

13 Years

Betty Gentry, *RN, B-2*

12 Years

Sue Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

8 Years

Jack Hardy, *Stock Controller, Dietary*

4 Years

Cherie Howard, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

3 Years

Doris Stroud, *Accounting*

Karen Wyatt, *Administration*

2 Years

Deborah Szewczyk, *RN, B-1*

Larry Williams, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

1 Year

James Cline, *Food*

Production Mgr.

Pauline Davis, *Baker*

Susan Hendrix, *Laundry*

Joan Poteat, *LPN, A-Wing*

Betty Stevenson, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

FEBRUARY

13 Years

Ruth Howell, *Cook*

10 Years

Joan Lennon, *RN, B-1*

Catherine Smith, *Craft Shop*

4 Years

June Ireland, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

3 Years

Reginald Archie, *Housekeeping*

2 Years

Gerri Brown, *Dietary*

Melinda Hartley, *Admissions Director*

Pam Kesler, *RN, A-Wing*

1 Year

Virginia Anderson, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Kenneth Goins, *Dietary*

Judy Morris, *RN, B-1*

Judy Redding, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Ann Sain, *LPN, A-Wing*

Correction: Melvorine Holton, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*, should have been listed as celebrating 9 years of service in the November issue of the Times Outlook.

JERRY ZWICKEL JOINS BJH AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Jerry Zwickel.

BJH welcomes Jerry Zwickel as the new Director of Development. Jerry brings an extensive background of business experience in both the non-profit and profit sector to this position.

Raised in an Orthodox section of Brooklyn, New York, Jerry received

his B.A. from Alfred University in 1961, his M.A. in Business from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962 and attended the University of Pittsburgh where he did work toward a doctorate. His career in Education has included teaching business courses at West Virginia University from 1963-67, at Villanova University in Philadelphia from 1967-70, and, most recently, part-time at Forsyth Technical College in Winston-Salem.

A relative newcomer to North Carolina, Jerry, his wife Lorette, and their daughter Kim, chose Winston-Salem as the perfect location for semi-retirement about two years ago. They moved here from Clearwater, Florida, where Mr. and Mrs. Zwickel were shopping center developers for twelve years. In 1973, while living in Detroit, Michigan, Jerry, working as a volunteer, was responsible for raising \$15 million for the State of Israel during the crisis of the Yom Kippur War.

His return to the non-profit sector now comes at a good time for Jerry and for the Home. Interested in offering his business experience to a worthy cause, Jerry believes that the Blumenthal Jewish Home is the perfect candidate. Jerry says, "Hopefully, I will bring business savy to a non-profit organization at a time when the competition for dollars is keen. The lifeblood of the Home, its ability to take care of people, is dependent on the charitable dollar. I've always found it exciting to go to people with a plan and to ask them to join a partnership which combines the people with talent and the people with resources working successfully to achieve a goal."

Looking forward to this new challenge, Jerry states, "My primary concern is to keep Blumenthal Jewish Home's impeccable reputation intact, achieve an expanded vision toward the future and bring that vision to reality based on sound financial planning."



BJH brings out the best in its staff, especially on Halloween.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

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We regret the following errors in the 25th Anniversary booklet.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samet — Correction is Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samet as Distinguished Founder
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour M. Levin — Correction is The Levin Family as Distinguished Founder
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In the Nov. Times Outlook Fair Oaks Capital Campaign:

High Point.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Shavitz — Correction is Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shavitz



Norman Pliner and Hugo Rosenberger take a look at the 25th Anniversary Program Booklet.



Gertrude Brenner and Elaine Zerden enjoyed the festive Silver Anniversary Celebration.

Save the Date
Tuesday, May 14th
Blumenthal Jewish Home
Men's Sports Night
Temple Emanuel
Greensboro, NC

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Gala Dinner

Blumenthal Jewish Home

ANNUAL REPORT 1989-90

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Daniel G. Horvitz

excerpts from the report delivered at the Annual Membership Meeting, October 28, 1990

It is again my pleasure to welcome all of you — residents, relatives, staff members, officers and members of the Board of Trustees, friends — to another annual meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home (BJH). For a quarter of a century now, BJH has been providing care for our elderly across the Carolinas. As is customary, whenever important milestones are reached, we pause to celebrate our accomplishments and our successes.

Last evening, three candles were lit on our 25th anniversary cake. One by Nelly Schwarz, a resident of Fair Oaks, one by Rose Clein, a community supporter of BJH since its inception, and one by former BJH administrator Elbert Levy representing the Home and its staff. The three candles and the trio that lit them symbolically reflect what the Home is all about, why it has flourished and why it will continue to flourish. BJH has been a success because of the committed partnership, if you will, between the Jewish community and the staff of the Home to provide a high standard of care to our residents.

It is also important at each milestone to take stock, to review what has happened since the previous milestone, and to reflect on the future. The Home had a good year, overall, with some significant accomplishments. As you might expect, the year was not without its problems, either.

Although we still realized a deficit of \$137,000 for the fiscal year which ended on September 30th, it was \$223,000 (62 percent) less than the previous fiscal year.

The demand for our 180 beds during the Home's 1990 fiscal year was up over the previous fiscal year. As a result, operating revenues (\$5,022,702) exceeded expectation by \$94,000.

Non-operating revenues from CAJWM and Sisterhood donations, from membership contributions, from the gift shop and the Home Store, from Al Herman's mensch night in Greensboro, and from Federation contributions were all also higher in fiscal '90 (\$277,000) compared to fiscal '89 (\$257,000) by \$20,000.



Daniel G. Horvitz.

A reduction over the previous fiscal year of some \$60,000 in interest expense paid on the Fair Oaks bonds was realized, due in part to a reduction in the Home's bonded indebtedness during the year by some \$1,200,000. Capital campaign pledge payments made during the year came to \$997,725.

Last year at this time, the Home was feeling the effects of the shortage of nursing manpower as well as growing competition, generally, in the health care manpower market. As a result, we were experiencing unusually high staff turnover rates, particularly in our nurse assistant staff.

The basic salary structure for the Home was analyzed and revised to be more highly competitive within the local health care manpower market. This new salary structure, although adding \$180,000 to budgeted personnel costs for the remainder of the fiscal year, was adopted in February by the Executive Committee of the Board.

The new salary structure had an immediate positive impact on the serious nursing staff shortages. The Home was able to fill the open positions, essentially cut out the use of contract labor and reduce staff over-time labor very significantly.

In May, Lynda Edmondson joined the staff of BJH as Administrator. She brings considerable knowledge and experience and verve to the day-to-day operations of the Home. Based on just a few months at BJH, our initial judgment is that Lynda, quite clearly, has added the level of management capability we were seeking.

The Home qualified for and was awarded a special matching grant of \$100,000 by the Winston-Salem Foundation to help provide for the care of needy residents from Forsyth County. We are now in the process of raising the new funds needed to match this grant.

An area of concern is the increasing proportion of Medicaid residents. Medicaid does not pay the full cost of the care provided by the Home. A year ago, 36 percent of the nursing home residents were Medicaid. Currently, 50 percent are Medicaid implying a very significant increase in the proportion of operating costs which have to be met by revenues from sources other than Medicaid.

We can all take pride in the Blumenthal Jewish Home. It has high standards, it has a caring and dedicated staff. It can provide care to 180, and more, of our elderly family members and friends. But it cannot continue to operate with deficits of the size experienced these past two years.

The Long-Range Planning Committee, under the leadership of Arthur Kurtz, is examining our financial concerns. The committee is looking into ways to complete the Fair Oaks Capital Campaign (which is still \$2.5 million short of its goal) and thereby acquire the funds needed to reduce further our Fair Oaks bonded indebtedness (which has an annual debt service cost currently of \$300,000).

Arthur's committee is also looking at various alternatives for enhancing the BJH Endowment Fund. In the long run, an enhanced Endowment Fund could provide the earnings needed to meet operating deficits and, hence, reduce the annual burden on the community.

My tenure as President of the Board of Trustees these past two years has been very rewarding in spite of the problems and concerns encountered. Working with the Board and the Executive Committee has been an especially valuable experience. The Home is blessed with some very able and dedicated men and women serving on the Board. Working with them has been something special; everyone should have that experience. I am particularly grateful to past presidents Norman Pliner and Leonard Guyes who were always there when I needed their help.

I want to thank Don Morris, our Executive Vice-President, his excellent executive staff, and the remaining staff of the Home for the fine support they have given the Officers and Board this past year.

To Ellis Berlin, I say thank you and offer my support and best wishes for a successful tenure as President of the Board of this marvelous enterprise, the Blumenthal Jewish Home.



The crowd gathered for brunch and the 25th Annual Meeting in the Commons Auditorium.



Dan Horvitz and Ruth Leder during the recognition program at the Silver Anniversary Dinner.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Donald J. Morris



Donald J. Morris.



The beautifully redecorated mansion living room was dedicated in memory of Marian Sosnik at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Horvitz, in his report, commented on the challenges the Home faced this past year and the measures the Home took to counteract the competitive changes in the marketplace. Dr. Horvitz's remarks were clear and concise depicting issues the Home dealt with and the positive outcome derived from the action taken. Dan gave very careful attention to the contribution and hard work of the Board and professional staff of the Home depicting that partnership as instrumental in the Home successfully adjusting to the volatility and threats in the changing health-care arena. Dan was quite correct in his identification of the importance of their contributions; however, those of us who worked with Dan in addressing these issues recognize that adjusting to the challenges in advance of the marketplace and retaining our place as a premier provider of long term care would not have occurred without Dan's courage and decisive leadership. Dan never entertained measures that would have negatively impacted on the quality of life for our residents and sought alternatives that would both enhance the quality of care for our residents as well as maximize cash flow. It took a great deal of courage and skillful leadership to regain a competitive posture in the healthcare marketplace. The Home has indeed been fortunate to have benefited from Dr. Horvitz's leadership during this critical period.



Attending the dedication ceremony were, left to right: Jack Sosnik and Roberta Sosnik, Leslie Sosnik Norris, Lil Sosnik, and Andrew Norris.



Seated: Marvin Zerden, Anne Solomon, Blanche & Julius Morgan.
Standing: Elaine Zerden, Jesse & Martha Salwen, George Lewin,
and Mr. & Mrs. William Lewin.



Seated: Irving Brenner, Alvin & Rachel Goodman, Norman Pliner.
Standing: Alan & Ruth Goldberg, Stan & Sandy Deckelbaum, and
Roz Pliner.

BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES GENERAL FUND UNAUDITED

	FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED September 30, 1990		FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED September 30, 1989	
	Amount	PPD	Amount	PPD
Operating Revenue				
Resident Fees ICF/SNF (Net of Contractual Allowances)	\$3,878,508	\$82.66	\$3,363,226	\$73.99
Ancillary Services	367,845	6.03	306,512	5.72
Miscellaneous Revenue	43,940	0.72	35,355	0.66
PCU (Net of Contractual Allowances)	680,127	48.37	344,521	42.33
Additional Ancillary	55,345	0.91	40,421	0.75
Total Operating Revenue	5,025,765	82.41	4,090,035	76.31
Operating Expenses				
Nursing Services	2,102,292	34.47	1,678,249	31.32
Ancillary Services	365,261	5.99	323,864	6.04
Resident Services	153,203	2.51	157,468	2.94
Dietary	894,535	14.67	771,156	14.39
General Services	917,097	15.04	807,992	15.08
Administrative Services (a)	1,037,657	17.02	944,987	17.63
Total Operating Expense	5,470,045	89.70	4,683,716	87.39
Operating Margin Before Debt Serv.	(444,280)	(7.29)	(593,681)	(11.07)
Bond Interest Expense	333,673	5.47	428,410	7.99
Non-Operating Revenue				
CAJWM and Sisterhood Donations	14,925	0.24	17,215	0.32
Membership Contributions	25,084	0.41	24,155	0.45
Gift Shop/Home Store	16,000	0.26	13,000	0.24
Federation Contributions	193,650	3.18	184,900	3.45
Interest from Operating Accounts	6,534	0.11	8,917	0.17
Donations	20,893	0.34	8,951	0.17
Total Non-Operating Revenue	277,086	4.54	257,138	4.80
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(\$ 500,867)	(\$ 8.21)	(\$ 764,953)	(\$14.27)
(a) Includes Depreciation Expense				

ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME OCTOBER 28, 1990

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Membership of Blumenthal Jewish Home was held at the Home on October 28, 1990.

President Daniel Horvitz called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

The invocation was given by Rabbi Israel Gerber.

The following were recognized as guests of the Home:

- Representative and Mrs. Frank E. Rhodes
- Representative Theresa H. Esposito
- Senator and Mrs. Marvin Ward
- Senator Ted Kaplan

President Horvitz presented his Annual Report.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on November 5, 1989, and distributed in the Annual Report of 1989 were approved.

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Albert Jacobson. This past year, there were 61,000 resident days with an average census of 168. Operating revenue was just over \$5,000,000 with a deficit of \$137,000. The following contributed to revenue as listed:

Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men	\$ 36,000
Membership Dues	25,000
Gift Shop and Home Store	16,000
Interest on Operating Funds	6,500
Federation Donations	194,000
Endowment Fund Interest & Dividends	110,000

The Investment Report was presented by Ellis Berlin. The cash position of the Endowment Fund as of September 30, 1990, was as follows:

Cash	\$ 293,598
Corporate Bonds	332,425
Government Bonds	566,639
Equities	374,225
Sub Total	\$1,566,887
Accrued Interest	15,925
Total	\$1,582,812

Ellis Berlin announced that responses to the Membership Drive totaled 658 to equal \$25,000.

Bob Young, Development Director, announced that we have an \$8,000,000 Capital Campaign in progress. \$5,500,000 are pledged to date and we require an additional \$2,500,000. 806 individuals, families and businesses have pledged to date. New pledges this past fiscal year totaled \$410,000.

Irving Brenner presented a report from the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men. He presented two donations — an annual donation in the amount of \$6,000 and a donation of \$2,000 in memory of Marian Sosnik.

Ellen Berlin presented the Gift Shop gift of \$2,500.

Elizabeth Small presented the Home Store gift of \$12,000.

Sandy Deckelbaum presented the Remembrance Fund gift of \$4,500. Mrs. Deckelbaum noted that this represents one-third of the donations to this Fund. The other two-thirds in donations are received directly at the Home.

Leonard Guyes, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee Report. The following

were nominated for three-year terms as members of the Board of Trustees:

Lewis Eisenstadt	Jerome Epstein
Marcia Epstein	Marvin Zerden
Jerome Procton	Joel Goldman
Gusti Frankel	Robert Merenbloom
Joan Falk	Elizabeth Gervais-Gruen

There being no nominations from the floor, the above nominees were elected.

Retiring Board Members Joanne Bluethenthal, Stephen Mackler, Robert Pearlman, Jeanne Scott and Tom Sloan were thanked and recognized with a gift for their contribution to the Home.

Ellis Berlin, incoming President, presented a gift of appreciation to Dan Horvitz on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hugo Rosenberger announced that the CAJWM Raffle had netted \$8,500 for the Home.

Memorials were read by Sam Jacobson. Marian Sosnik, Secretary of the Board of Trustees and temporary Administrator of the Home, was remembered.

The benediction was given by Rabbi Yossi Groner. The meeting was adjourned with the dedication of the Blumenthal Jewish Home living room in memory of Marian Sosnik to immediately follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Epstein, Secretary

(Note: A complete version of the Minutes is available by contacting Cindy Shirley at Blumenthal Jewish Home.)

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Board of Trustees. They are:

President	Ellis Berlin
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Second Vice President	Al Herman
Secretary	Marcia Epstein
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Immediate Past President	Daniel G. Horvitz, Ph.D.



Dan Horvitz accepts the Home Store's gift from Elizabeth Small at the Annual Meeting.

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Winning the War, Losing the Peace

by Rabbi Irving Greenberg

Jan. 22, 1991. In the past few weeks, George Bush has given the United States a masterly and courageous Presidency. He correctly identified the Iraqi threat to immediate national self-interest [control of vital oil and destruction of American allies] as well as to long-term national security [eventual chemical and nuclear assault]. He skillfully steered between the urge to "go it alone" and the temptation to allow the European nations to buy 'peace' by appeasement. He declined to evade responsibility for action by offering the empty hope that sanctions would move Saddam Hussein.

The United States is well on the way to winning the war. Yet, unless the fundamental aims of this war are upheld, there is a real danger of losing the peace.

America's goal is larger than liberating Kuwait; it is to achieve a post-cold war world order with the promise of peace and security for all nations. That promise is based on two factors:

a) the end of a bi-polarized world in which each side supported dictatorships and aggression to protect its own interests. (Russia, being a dictatorship, sinned far more grievously and frequently.)

b) the emergence of democracies and decentralized economies as people showed an overwhelming desire to live in freedom.

A democracy's highest priority is to meet the internal challenge of making a better life for its citizens. There is no need to distract the population or deflect resentment outwardly by military adventure. Therefore, democracies are reliable peace partners. If the collective will of the world can punish and/or deter would-be aggressors, peace can become the international norm. As illegitimate force is interdicted, more and more democracies will emerge.

The new structure can come into being only if dictators understand that their use of force will be overridden, by force if necessary. This was Saddam Hussein's miscalculation. He assumed that democracies treasure life so much and America's will was so weak that it would yield rather than go to war. President Bush understood the tragic truth of history. Without steadfast will to stop aggression—even at the cost of lives now—there will be many more wars and many more lives lost later.

Unless Iraq is now stripped of its extraordinary military resources and its chemical and nuclear machinery dismantled, it will emerge from this war as a greater threat. Yet the European and Arab nations that sought to appease Hussein to the very end now urge a settlement that stops with the evacuation of Kuwait. Any agreement that allows Hussein to escape with most of his military might (and possibly with an imposed settlement on Israel as well) could turn his defeat in the Gulf war into a triumph.

To avoid this danger, President Bush must correct a central weakness of American policy: the impression that he fears to make democracy and peace the decisive criteria of policy. Bush's embrace of Hafez Assad, with his terrorism unrenounced—even as he ostentatiously avoided telephoning Yitzhak Shamir; the 'concealment' of the American soldiers (and all Christians and

Jewish symbols) lest Saudi Arabians be offended; America's verbal protest without taking substantive action as the Soviet Union moves to crush Baltic independence—all give the impression that he so much needs allied approval that he will do anything or swallow any national policy, however wrong, to keep the allies on board.

Nowhere is this inner conflict of American policy more visible than in its treatment of Israel during the past six months. Arab hostility to Israel was a given and not to be challenged—as if our Arab allies were doing us a favor. Instead of affirming that support for democracy is the bedrock of our policy and stipulating that our armies must be able to call upon the resources of our militarily strongest ally, America pressed a 'low profile' on Israel. At times, America came close to treating Israel like a pariah.

From January 15 to January 20, the entire focus seemed to be on keeping Israel from retaliating if it were attacked—lest the coalition be undone. But which allies were at risk of jumping ship? Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, which can only be saved by American armies? Egypt and Turkey, which are at peace with Israel and affirm its right to self-defense? Only Syria and those Palestinians and Jordanians driven by blind hatred for Israel would be offended. In any event, Syria has made clear that its limited contingents will not fight in any strategically useful way.

From long historical experience, we Jews have learned that treatment of the Jews is a litmus test of nations' health. It is equally a highly accurate early warning of soundness or sickness in policy. The weakness which this shabby treatment of Israel revealed, combined with the desperate, fawning European attempts at appeasement, may well have convinced Saddam Hussein that he would get his way. If America feared to offend the Arabs by mentioning Israel, would it not be afraid of offending Arabs even more by bombing Iraq? If so, then this weakness has already cost very dearly in lives and war material, as well as in human anguish everywhere.

The move to supply Israel with Patriot missiles must be more than an attempt to encourage it not to retaliate. Sending American troops in to man the missiles carries the overtone of open embrace of Israel as an ally and of an end to fear of the Arab reaction. Arabs and Russians, even the Europeans, will deeply respect the dignity and integrity of this gesture, especially if it is followed up by further acts of open cooperation. Unhappily, there are reports of continuing hesitation to undertake such coordination.

This first gesture should become an important turning point toward a firmer American policy. American military might is so great that it can assuredly win any war with Iraq. Combining power with a new integrity and moral leadership can assure an American policy strong enough to win the peace worldwide.

Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg is president of CLAL, The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

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Four generations of family of Helen Bloch (seated at far right), a resident of Blumenthal Jewish Home, celebrated Passover at Home's Seder in 1990. Other family members (front row, left to right) are: Marcia Epstein, daughter, secretary of BJH Board; Rachel Smith, great niece; Helena Epstein, great granddaughter; Rhea Smith, sister; (back row, left to right) are: Larry Smith, nephew; Jerry Epstein, son-in-law, member of BJH Board; Ed Goldstein, nephew; Daniel Goldstein, great nephew; Alisa Epstein, granddaughter; Jonathon Epstein, grandson.

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Natasha tastes Matza for the first time in her Jerusalem kindergarten. Her Aliyah to Israel was made possible by UJA Operation Exodus. UJA Press Service Photo by Robert A. Cumins.

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From the Editor

Since January 15, *Operation Desert Storm* has consumed us. Our homes, cars and offices are filled with radio and television broadcasts that flash bulletins around the clock. We see scenes from the battle-front, hear air raid sirens in Israel and Saudia Arabia, see *Patriots* smash *Scuds* in the air and view the rubble on the ground.

The daily newspapers are a few hours behind the news flashes, but provide us with in depth reports and features on current events; the 'weeklies' are less current;

the monthly magazines need a different approach.

In this issue of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*, we have printed some provocative analyses of American and Jewish concerns about the Middle East conflict, as well as two moving personal reports by American Jews who visited Israel at the end of January.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg, in his editorial on page 2, concludes that, "American military might is so great that it can assuredly win any war with Iraq. Combining power with a new integrity and moral leadership can assure an American policy strong enough to win the peace worldwide."

Elmer L. Winter has set forth a list, on page 8, of what American Jews can do to help Israel in this critical time. He suggests writing letters to President Bush and Congressmen, supporting Israeli businesses, increasing payments to local Federations and buying Israel Bonds, and visiting Israel.

You will notice as you read "Kibbitzing—Community News" that several of the columnists have shared their feelings about the Gulf War and reported on special prayer services held at their Temples. Debby Bruck of Cary, N.C. stated it so well, "Prayers are our way of supporting ourselves in the desire to ease the fear of the unknown outcome of war." (page 11-12)

Pesach 5751 begins on March 29. At the conclusion of the Seder, we recite, "*L'shana ha-ba bi-ru-sha-layim—Next year in Jerusalem!*" For most American Jews, the prayer is symbolic, but for thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Syria, the words are a fervent prayer. Even while Iraqi missiles bring death and destruction to Israel, EL AL Airlines bring plane loads of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews daily to freedom in Eretz Yisrael.

Herman Blumenthal, Estelle Hoffman and I wish all of you and your families a peaceful Pesach.

Ruth Goldberg

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A Memorable Trip to Jerusalem

by Jackie Woodland

Raleigh, N.C.

President, Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah

The Hadassah National Board met in New York at Hadassah House for its mid-winter National Board Meeting beginning on January 27, 1991. At this very troubled time for Israel we had many important decisions to make that would be helpful to Israel and to our many wonderful projects there.

We voted to allow the Jerusalem Municipality to plan and to build 1,500 rental apartment units on 200 dunams of land that Hadassah has been holding for future hospital expansion. Housing is desperately needed for new *olim* and Hadassah has always felt that helping Israel to meet crucial needs takes priority over Hadassah's future plans. It truly makes one proud to be a member of such an unusual organization!

Board Flew to Israel

On Tuesday, January 29, 1991, forty-two members of the National Board of Hadassah flew on EL AL to Israel. We felt it important to show our solidarity with the country, the brave and steadfast people, and, of course, with all of our Hadassah staff at the hospitals, college and youth villages. We also wanted to be with our Young Judaeans who are in Israel and the WIN (Winter in Netanya) people who are continuing to do their volunteer work.

Our hospitals at Ein Kerem and Mt. Scopus are exceptionally well-prepared to meet any emergency, even the worst-case scenario of chemical attack. Stretchers have been stacked alongside outdoor showers. Painted colored lines inside the hospital entrance delineate the routes that patients are taken on according to different degrees of injury. These preparations assure no wasted time in beginning treatment.

Hadassah College of Technology is training many Russian *olim* in their careers of choice. The director of the College, Mr. Amidi, welcomed each of us with a lovely red rose delivered to our hotel room.

Air Raid Alerts

During the four days we were in Israel we had two alerts. These are difficult periods before the all clear sounds. The people of Israel are amazing as they do their best to lead a normal routine life in between alerts. We were given gas masks on our arrival at Ben Gurion Airport and Professor Penchas, Director-General of Hadassah, instructed us in the use of these gas masks in our bus before we left the airport property.

We were privileged to have briefings from Prime Minister Shamir, Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, the Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency Simcha Dinitz, and Health Minister Ehud Olmert. Each of them greeted us in a very warm fashion, assuring us of his deep feeling for Hadassah and the dedicated work of our volunteers.

Meeting with Shamir

The only fault any of us could find with this special Hadassah Mission to Israel was that it was too short. Our last working day in Israel began early with our briefing with Prime Minister Shamir in his board room. He came across as a warm and caring person and he praised us for coming to Israel at this time as it means much to Israelis. He told us that Israel wants peace, but a lasting and secure one. It has been very difficult to agree to the Coalition's wishes that Israel not respond to Iraq's Scud attacks. Israel has always prided itself on self defense without outside help; it has been very trying to be restrained and not return fire; Israel has been on alert for some time with pilots in their planes on a 24-hour schedule. Israel feels that the United States is a good friend and, therefore, Israel is forced to cooperate.

Our second stop was at the Faye Shenk Youth Center where we were given a complete tour of the facilities. In addition to a program of regular subjects, each student selects one vocational subject to pursue which



Jackie Woodland

would become a way to earn a living after Army service. We ended our formal touring with a stop at the *Kotel* where we could express ourselves with oral and written prayers. We shared a lovely Shabbat dinner together at the Laromme Hotel.

Shabbat in Jerusalem

Our group enjoyed Shabbat with services and visits to family and friends. We left for the airport at the end of Shabbat, going through the usual routine of checking in our luggage and buying last minute items. When our flight was called, we showed our boarding passes and only then turned in our gas masks as we descended the stairs for the shuttle busses which would take us to our plane. As I waited for the bus, without my mask for the first time since arrival, the alert sounded! Ask for a dramatic departure; that was it.

Those already on board the plane stayed there and the plane was closed up. I was in the other group; we returned to the terminal and received more gas masks which we put on and wore until the all clear sounded. There was no excitement or noise as everyone did as instructed. Mothers put their young children in the "safe tent" and played with them to keep them happy. We all reboarded the EL AL plane promptly and were on our way to Kennedy Airport in no time flat.

I plan to return to Israel for the National Convention this July 22-29, 1991. Please join me!



Jackie Woodland views highly advanced sci-tech computer used in diagnostic medicine at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center.



RUBBLE IN TEL AVIV—Bomb damage from an Iraqi Scud missile in Israel's largest city is inspected by Shoshana S. Cardin (foreground), chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director, during the umbrella group's recent leadership mission to Israel.

Israel Under Siege

by David A. Harris

Executive Vice President, American Jewish Committee

Jan. 25, 1991. The Tel Aviv-bound El Al plane was full. That came as a pleasant surprise, given the media's preoccupation with conditions at the other end—people reportedly besieging airline counters at Ben Gurion Airport, rushing to leave Israel as war appeared imminent.

The flight carried Israelis hurrying home to their families; reservists who, though they had not been called up, wanted to be close by; television camera crews assigned to cover unfolding events in Israel; and a sprinkling of American Jews, including the comedian Jackie Mason, eager to show, somehow, by their presence in Israel a physical identification with the Jewish state as the first Iraqi missiles hit civilian population centers.

As we disembarked at Ben-Gurion, a fellow passenger pointed to another group of travelers filing into the customs hall. One hundred twenty Soviet Jews had just arrived on a flight from Bucharest. Astonishingly, even while the country was under attack, new immigrants continued to stream in. One can only imagine the absorption worker's words: Welcome to Israel, Mr. and Mrs. Rabinovich. Here are your identity cards, pocket money for initial expenses and, oh yes, your gas

masks for yourselves and your children. Keep them with you at all times.

Surely, their arrival at this time speaks volumes both about the immigrants' perception of the situation in the USSR and their determination to settle in Israel. Equally remarkably, Israel has not for a moment reduced its absorption effort, although other immediate life-and-death needs compete for the nation's attention.

Within an hour of our registration at the Jerusalem hotel, the sirens went off, signaling another possible missile attack. From launching to impact is a matter of minutes, yet the hotel residents quietly made their way up the stairs to the designated ninth-floor rooms. Ten people to a room, we were told, then close the door, seal its edges with tape, place a wet towel along the bottom, put on the gas mask and filter, make sure it fits snugly, turn on the radio for further instructions—and remain calm.

The recommendation of sealed rooms on high floors was a calculated gamble by Israeli authorities. Uncertain whether Iraq's military had the know-how to mount chemical warheads or their missiles, the government made a difficult choice. If chemical warheads were deliverable, sealed rooms—the higher, the better—would be safer and, in any case, easier to reach than underground shelters. On the other hand, if the missiles carried

only conventional warheads, underground bomb shelters would be the more secure refuge.

The historic irony of the situation facing Israel was not lost on our group—an Israeli army colonel; an American student studying in Jerusalem; her father who had come to be with her when she refused to go home in the crisis; and other Americans, all of us looking like Steven Spielberg creations in our surrealistic gas masks. Here were Jews, forty-six years after the Holocaust, once again facing the very real prospect of poison gas. Only recently, Saddam Hussein had threatened to turn Israel into a "crematorium." What's more, the Iraqis had acquired their chemical weapons with the help of West German companies.

When the all-clear signal sounded, life immediately returned to normal—to the extent that toting a gas mask everywhere (a plastic tent for small children) and not knowing when the siren would sound again, can be called even remotely normal.

Dinner service was resumed, Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* was heard in the background, and children played in the hotel lobby. But beneath the surface, a sense of anxiety prevailed. Had this last alert been a false alarm? Did the Patriots work? Had the missiles self-destructed in mid-air, or had they overshot their

mask and landed in the Mediterranean?

The answer was not long in coming. A missile had hit a residential area near Tel Aviv. The toll was heavy—three dead from heart attacks, dozens injured, some still trapped in the rubble, many buildings severely damaged.

The Patriot, it seemed, had not worked. Once again, people in Israel felt an unaccustomed sense of vulnerability. If not with the Patriots, how could the country defend itself against incoming missiles? Had the United States tied Israel's hands, preventing it from retaliating against Iraq? Could the U.S. Air Force find the remaining mobile missile launchers in Iraq's western desert?

The next day was filled with discussions about what Israel should do: continue its policy of restraint or rely on its ingenuity and daring to retaliate. That evening, the sirens went off again. This time we shared a sealed room with eight Soviet Jews, four veterans of the first wave in the early 1970s and four who had arrived in Israel only two days before. Amazingly, the mood was light-hearted, the parents and children disarmingly relaxed. As one newcomer commented: "God did not bring the Jews back to their homeland after 1900 years to see them destroyed. I am unafraid."

The news that night was exhilarating. The Patriot missiles had hit their targets! Moreover, although the previous night's attack had ended in tragedy, a Patriot had in fact engaged the Scud, unfortunately hitting its engine rather than the warhead. There was a surge of renewed confidence, of admiration and gratitude for the U.S.-supplied miracle weapon. Moreover, there was certainty among Israelis that, sooner or later, the Israel Defense Force would not let the missile attacks go unpunished.

On our final day, we visited the sites of the first two missile attacks. Among the heavily damaged buildings was a school. Thankfully, the authorities had ordered all children to remain home, so no one was hurt there. But a walk through the site was a sobering

reminder of the potential for destruction of this frightening weapon. Iraq's arsenal, Israelis constantly noted, had been provided all too willingly by the world's leading industrialized countries—France, Germany, Italy, the Soviet Union, Belgium, England, the United States and others.

Before we left, Israelis asked whether more Diaspora Jews would come and express their solidarity by their physical presence rather than their rhetoric. Israelis were aghast that so few had come, that many had canceled visits, or had rushed to leave the country before January 15. If anything, the anguish of isolation only added to the Israelis' fierce pride in their self-reliance.

Israelis asked us whether the world would learn any lessons from this war—lessons about the true nature of this highly volatile area, about the consequences of seemingly limitless arms sales and technology transfers to ruthless despots, about the PLO's love affair with Saddam Hussein, about the fatuity of seeking simplistic solutions to complex regional issues. One can only hope so. Yes, one can only hope.

David A. Harris participated in a three-person AJC delegation visit to Israel from January 21 to 24, 1991.

Soviet Immigration's Potential Boon to Israeli Agriculture

The heavy influx of immigrants to Israel from the Soviet Union will increase demand for agricultural products to two and one-half times the level it would have reached within five years without such immigration, an official of the Ministry of Agriculture said at a conference held recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot.

On the other hand, this large-scale population increase will also place even greater strains on Israel's already overtaxed water resources, and this could work to the detriment of Israeli agriculture, he said.

Those were among the points made by Imanuel Dlayahu, director of overall planning in the Ministry of Agricul-

ture's Joint Agricultural Planning and Development Authority, at a conference on "Immigrant Absorption and Agricultural Policy" sponsored by the Faculty of Agriculture's Department of Agricultural Economics and Management and its Center for Agricultural Economic Research.

Dlayahu said that processes of change in the agricultural sector that had been expected to take decades will be greatly accelerated by the massive immigration and its attendant boost in local consumption. If the problem of insufficient water resources could be solved, he said, there could be a great flourishing of agriculture production and profits. In any case, much of the current agricultural land use, he said, will have to be converted to non-irrigated farming.

Member of Knesset Shimon Peres, who opened the conference, said that he believes the agricultural sector could absorb 40,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union, and that this is an opportunity which should not fall by the wayside.

EL AL Inaugurates Moscow Charter Flights

Jan. 23, 1991. In a historic moment today, EL AL, the national airline of Israel, inaugurated the first in a series of 20 charter flights between Tel Aviv and Moscow, departing Wednesdays. EL AL flight 6365 departed Tel Aviv carrying tourists, business people and Israelis visiting relatives.

Israel's Transport Minister Moshe Katsav stated, "EL AL hopes that these charter flights between Tel Aviv and Moscow will lead to a permanent airlink between Israel and Russia."

EL AL is operating on a normal schedule worldwide. Today, there were 27 EL AL flights, including four cargo flights and three flights carrying 500 Russian immigrants to Tel

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Israel under Attack—We Will Not Stand on the Sidelines!

by Elmer L. Winter, Chairman
Committee for Economic Growth of Israel

Jan. 28, 1991. Saddam Hussein has carried out his threat to attack Israel—to put Israel under Iraq's hammer. The Iraqi Scud missiles must be destroyed at once so that Israeli lives are not at risk. All Americans will applaud the Bush administration's decision to supply Israel with Patriot missiles to shoot down the Soviet-made Scuds, and to station a U.S. carrier off the Israeli coast.

Unfortunately, there has been a fallout due to the Gulf crisis, during the past five months, that has impacted negatively on the Israeli economy. Foreign investments in Israel have been put on the back burner. Business executives have canceled their trips to Israel and tourism in general has suffered drastically, causing growing unemployment. All of this has taken place at a time when Israel needs to create tens of thousands of new jobs for Soviet olim and Israeli unemployed.

Diaspora Jewry cannot stand on the sidelines. We cannot permit Israel's economy to be held hostage by Saddam Hussein, whose goal is the destruction of Israel. Hand-wringing on our part won't help. Taking action—standing side-by-side with Israel—must be high on our personal agendas today.

What American Jews Can Do

What is it that American Jews can do to help at this critical time in Israel's life? Let me suggest the following:

1. Write to President Bush, Secretary Baker and your Congressmen urging that they:

... Continue to reject any linkage between the Persian Gulf crisis and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Stress that there is no connection between Iraq's illegal seizure of Kuwait and Israel's act of self-defense in the 1967 Six Day War. Saddam Hussein's naked aggression must not be rewarded.

... Strengthen still further the welcome cooperation that has been established between U.S. and Israeli

military officials. This will be particularly important should Iraq step up its attacks against Israel and the Israelis retaliate.

... Maintain Israel's qualitative edge in the supply of military equipment to Israel as compared to what Israel's hostile neighbors receive.

... Provide increased financial assistance to Israel at least equivalent to the forgiveness of debt recently offered to Egypt.

... Withdraw the proposed plan to sell additional arms to Saudi Arabia.

... Call upon Arab countries to end the economic boycott against Israel, estimated to have cost Israel more than \$6 billion in exports since 1972. Israel's economy suffers losses of at least \$400 million annually from higher priced imports and lost business opportunities as a direct result of the Arab boycott.

2. If you're an officer of a business, get answers to these questions from your associates:

... "Can we buy certain products from Israel that we are presently buying in other countries?"

... "Can we subcontract some of the parts that we manufacture to be made in Israel?"

... "Can we open a factory in Israel, thus benefitting from investment grants of 40% from the government and giving us the ability to use Israel as a way to sell our products to either the U.S. or to Europe, duty-free?"

... "Can we conduct R&D in Israel, thus taking advantage of the 50% grants offered by the government?"

... "Can we use some of the skills of Israeli engineers, scientists and mathematicians to develop software programs for us in Israel?"

A number of federations around the country are setting up committees to help provide jobs for Soviet olim in Israel. Keep in mind that the Jewish Agency is allowing federations to use 5 percent of their Operation Exodus monies to help provide jobs for new immigrants. If your federation does not have a committee of this type, offer your services in setting up a program to help build the economy of Israel by creating new job opportunities.

3. Step up your contributions to your local federation and increase your bond purchases. And pay your pledges now. Israel needs cash to offset the heavy costs that it is incurring in the Gulf crisis and in meeting the wave of new Soviet immigrants.

4. Make plans to visit Israel in the near future. Take your order book with you if you are in a position to buy products from Israel. Visit with Israeli business executives. They will welcome the opportunity to establish business relationships with you. Take some business friends with you and introduce them to the new Israel—"the in-place for innovation."

5. Appoint yourself to be a one-person spokesman for Israel's cause. Use the call-in shows on radio and television to help the American people understand the identity of interest of Israel and the United States.

6. Write to your friends and acquaintances in Israel. Let them know that you stand with them. Tell them what you are doing to prevent Saddam Hussein from holding Israel's economy hostage. This is the time for us to roll up our sleeves and do everything we possibly can to help maintain and expand Israel's economy at this critical time.

Elmer L. Winter is the chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel—a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding business relationships between the U.S. and Israel.

Israeli Population Study

Each 100,000 immigrants to Israel delay by one year the time when the Arab population will have attained parity with that of the Jewish population in Israel and the territories, a senior Hebrew University of Jerusalem demographer said.

Prof. Sergio Della Pergola, head of the Division of Jewish Demography and Statistics in the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University, said that without the massive aliyah of today, the Arab population in Israel and the territories would have equaled that of the Jewish population by approximately the year 2015, based on the higher Arab birthplace

as compared to the Jewish birthrate.

With an aliyah, primarily from the Soviet Union, of one million people, that parity would not be reached until the year 2025. An aliyah of one and one-half million would put it off until 2030.

Another influence of the aliyah will be to hasten the day when the Jewish population of Israel will constitute half of world Jewry. If, before the aliyah, the assessment was that Israeli Jewry would amount to 50 percent of all Jews in the world only some 40 years from now, the aliyah will greatly hasten that process, said Della Pergola. With an aliyah of one and one-half million in the next few years half of world Jewry will be living in Israel within the first decade following the beginning of the new century, according to the figures assembled by Della Pergola. Only about 30 percent of world Jewry now lives in Israel, but that ratio is constantly changing in Israel's favor, due to natural population growth in Israel and decline among Diaspora Jewry.

American Jewish Population

In regard to American Jewry, Della Pergola said that latest demographic figures assembled by researchers show that the population of American Jewry now stands at about 5.5 million, a slight growth from an estimate of 5.4 million 20 years ago. While this represents a better numerical picture than had been earlier predicted, it still constitutes a state of stagnation and an actual decline in proportion to the total population, since the overall U.S. population grew by nearly 25 percent in the same time period. Della Pergola noted that demographers increasingly find people in America today who define themselves as having a Jewish background but who no longer identify as Jews by any criteria, or who even profess another religion.

On a more positive note, Della Pergola presented figures which show that a lengthy decline in enrollment of Jewish schools in the U.S. began to reverse itself in the 1980s, and that Jewish school enrollment is now on the rise in the U.S.

Conference For Children Hidden During Holocaust

The First International Gathering of Children Hidden during World War II will take place on May 26 and 27 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. The two-day conference is being organized by The Hidden Child Committee, a group of people who as children were hidden from the Nazis. Affiliated organizations are the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Child Development Research.

The purpose of this event will be to gather formerly hidden children from all over the world so that they may recall the past and understand how their experiences have shaped their lives.

The conference keynote speakers

are renowned Jewish leaders who were themselves hidden as children. They include Abraham H. Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Yaffa Eliach, Broeklundian Professor of Judaic Studies, Brooklyn College and Aharon Appelfeld, noted Israeli author.

The committee planning the event is eager to contact all formerly hidden children. Initial interest indicates that there will be participants from the United States, Canada, Israel, South America, Holland, Belgium, France and Poland. Those who were hidden children, know someone who was, or want more information, may write to The Hidden Children, P.O. Box 1085, Riverdale, N.Y. 10471 or call (212) 886-9898.

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Significance of Passover

by Estelle Hoffman

Passover is outstanding amongst Jewish holidays, because none other involves so much preparation and anticipation. The cause for its celebration is of utmost importance, because had we remained slaves in Egypt, perhaps we would not have survived as a people.

The freedom in which we rejoice on Passover is taken for granted generally by American Jews, and freedom is celebrated also by us on the 4th of July. But the story of Passover is longer, and it is older and unique.

One of the best features of the holiday is that the Seder service depends on a book, the Haggadah, for its observance. It is comforting to be intimately associated with books, if one is Jewish. On Purim the entire Book of Esther is read. The Torah, which is the very soul of Judaism, is known to us as *The Book*.

Because the learning and wisdom of the ages reside in books, they are more enduring and more valuable than any other treasure of humanity. Throughout the ages, the value of learning was regarded as sacred. Many noted rabbis studied the wisdom of other peoples in their literatures.

The Haggadah, along with the Seder Plate, is essential on the first two nights of Passover. The Haggadah contains the history of the Jewish experience in Egypt and the story of Exodus, the departure from Egypt and liberation from slavery.

It is true that Passover is primarily a holiday for teaching our children. Children are to sit at the table with adults on this occasion. The Four Questions are intended for the youngest child to ask. Special songs are reserved for the end of the Seder, to encourage children to stay awake, as is the search for the hidden Matzah and prospects of a reward for its retrieval, so that the reading of the Haggadah may continue.

Jewish law, however, requires a Seder ceremony for every Jew, even if there are no children. Maimonides decreed that the questions be asked by a man's wife, if "he has no son." And if the man finds himself alone, he must ask himself the question, "Why is this night different?" Sorry that Maimonides seemed to be concerned with a man and his son, but he did recognize the existence of the wife.

Remember the passage in the Haggadah about the five sages who were so deep in discussion of the Haggadah that they had to be reminded to say their morning prayers? We are reminded that even great scholars like them observed the commandment to retell the story of the Exodus annually.

The Haggadah belongs to all of us. It is a book without an author's name on its cover or frontispiece. Many have contributed to it and still we make our own additions to suit our times and locales. We have adopted traditions from cultures in which we have lived, and we sometimes change a melody or parody. Certainly, many different languages have been used with the Hebrew, in accordance with the native tongue of the celebrants.

We hope that the Haggadah of your choice may be a beautiful one, and that everyone at the table has one of the same kind. We hope that your Seder will proceed with devotion and patience, with the feeling that the story is cherished by all who partake.

May this Passover be celebrated everywhere amidst the blessings of unimpaired freedom.



Coconut Macaroons

4 egg whites
1 cup freshly grated coconut
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup broken walnuts

Beat egg whites till frothy. Add sugar and beat till stiff. Fold in coconut and walnuts. Drop by teaspoon on baking sheet covered with wax paper. Bake for 30 minutes in 300° oven. Remove from oven. Let stand a few minutes before removing from baking sheet. Makes 60.

Tradition in the Kitchen

A Seder Menu

Wine Matzot

Items on the Seder Plate:

Roasted egg, Maror, Z'roah (roasted bone), Haroset, Karpas

Hardboiled egg in salt water
Gefilte fish on lettuce
Soup with Kneidlach
Turkey
Honeyed Sweet Potatoes
Green Salad
Dessert of assorted nuts, fresh fruit, sponge cake, macaroons
Tea

Haroset

2 apples
1/4 cup almonds
1/4 cup walnuts
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 cup sweet wine
1/2 cup raisins

Quarter and core the apples. Grind apples, raisins and nuts. Add ginger and cinnamon. Blend in the wine. Recipe serves 12.

Gefilte Fish Loaf

3 lbs. fileted fish, ground with 1 large onion
4 egg yolks
2-1/2 tps. salt
1-1/4 tsp. pepper
2-1/2 tsp. sugar
3 Tbsp. Matza meal
1/2 cup cold water
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

To ground fish, add egg yolks, salt, pepper and sugar (to suit your taste). Add Matza meal, water and stiffly beaten egg whites. Form into 3 loaves. Add a little water to baking pan in which loaves have been placed, surround with sliced onions, carrots and celery.

Bake in 400° oven for 1/2 hour. Lower temperature to 350° and continue to bake one hour. Begin baking covered, and uncover for 1/2 hour at end of cooking time. (1-1/2 hours in all).

Refrigerate. Slice and serve.

Rose Luski

Almond Macaroons

4 egg yolks
1 cup sugar
2 cups ground almonds

Beat egg yolks well. Add sugar and beat till lemon-colored. Add ground almonds and mix thoroughly. Chill. Shape small pieces of the mixture into small balls. Place on greased baking sheet. Top with half an almond, if desired. Bake in 350° oven for 10 minutes. Makes 50 macaroons.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C. by Millie Slatkoff

The tragic happenings in the Middle East reemphasize our responsibilities as a Jewish community; to be strong in our beliefs and in our efforts to protect our freedom; to be concerned for and lend support to one another and for family members, and all men and women serving in the armed forces, and for all relatives living in Israel; to continue to educate our children in positive values of Judaism and to involve the adults in Shabbat services, study classes, discussion groups and community projects.

On Jan. 25, the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel presented a memorable Shabbat service celebrating Jewish women who helped shape our history. Officers and chairpersons took part reading the service and the Torah, singing Hebrew melodies and giving the sermon. A delicious congregational dinner preceded the service.

Religious School students celebrated Tu b'Shevat on Jan. 27 with Seders and with preparations to have trees planted in the Zvi Israel Cohen Memorial Grove in Israel—a project of the Jewish National Fund's Operation Promised Land.

The Shabbat service on Feb. 8 recognized "Fifty Years of National Federation Temple Youth" with a *Sermon in Song*. Participants included Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Ray Ebert, the temple organist, and the temple choir.

The service on Feb. 15 was led by members of the Social Action Committee. The guest speaker was Nan Holbrook, the executive director of the Food Bank of Northwest North

Carolina. The Food Bank recently received a \$5,000 grant from Mazon, the national Jewish umbrella agency. Mazon is the nation's second largest distributor of funds for the hungry. Temple member, Dr. Malcolm Rubinstein, has been appointed to the board of the Food Bank, representing the Social Action Committee of Temple Emanuel.

Members of the local chapter of BBYO, T'Cheeyah, led the service on Feb. 22. Purim was celebrated on Feb. 24 with the reading of the Megillah and the joyous Carnival.

The Kapitanovski and Shtridelman families, the Soviet Jews brought to Winston-Salem last May by the Jewish Community Council, will participate in the Shabbat service on March 8. They will read the liturgy in Russian and recite the blessings in Hebrew.

On March 15, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Vatican II Statement on Jews will be the topic; this document condemned anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination and encouraged dialogue between Christians and Jews. The guest speaker will be Father Edgar Holden, the director of the Lady of Fatima Chapel.

Discussion Groups

Temple members joined Highland Presbyterian Church congregants on Jan. 20 to hear presentations on the legal, medical and religious aspects of preparing a Living Will. The program was planned by the Joint Social Action Committees. This was the first meeting of a new ongoing adult education program for the temple and the church. For many years, the congregations have worked together on civic projects, reciprocal baby-sitting and interfaith services.

Temple Emanuel's Outreach Committee sponsored a series of meetings during February seeking answers to such questions as "What is the Jewish role in the world? Why should we continue to resist assimilation?" The group used the source, *The Nine Questions People Ask about Judaism*

by Dennis Prager and Joseph Teluskin. Another part of the Outreach program is the discussion group for mixed couples, which began last month with the rabbi as facilitator.

The Sisterhood Book Club, under the leadership of Professor Andrew Ettin, continues this year. The books being discussed are: *The Bellarosa Connection* by Saul Bellow, *Born Guilty* by Peter Sichrovsky, and *The Sons* by Franz Kafka.

Congratulations to Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz who has been installed as president of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis.

Beth Shalom Cary, N.C. by Debby Bruck

Special Prayer Service

It's early in the morning. The phone rings, someone with a strong Russian accent speaks. "Hello, this is Zena, calling from Chicago. Everyone in Israel is doing fine. The children don't have school, but Gideon still goes to work and everyone is home by late afternoon in preparation for any new missile attacks."

These short calls affirming that all is well in Israel are more frequent. This time it took two hours for Zena to get through to Israel. Reportedly, 70 to 75,000 calls an hour are tying up the phone lines in Israel.

Not only are the Israelis on alert. All Americans and especially Jews have tremendous concern about friends, relatives and fellow Jews living in Israel. Our lives are changed as we are tied to the television watching hourly reports. We hold our breath when the evening hours bring random missile attacks. We all feel so helpless. Phone calls and letters showing our support and concern for their well-being seem to help both those in Israel and those in the diaspora.

In our small community, Beth Shalom, there is always someone who

initiates caring projects. Pia Stadiem and Diane Cheskis thought a prayer service would help our congregation gather strength during these anxious times. So what if it was Sunday afternoon. The telephone committee had been active in January in getting immediate response to meetings. Those who were not on vacation for the four day Martin Luther King weekend showed up. Debby and Robert Bruck conducted a 'peace' service to bind the group in our desire to see a quick end to this war, the safety of American troops in Saudi Arabia, and the survival of the nation of Israel. We ended by singing Hatikva, the national anthem of the State of Israel.

Although there was a small group of families, our smiles and talk brought us together for a unified goal. We will probably call for more prayer services on a need basis, besides our regular biweekly Friday night service. Prayers are our way of supporting ourselves in the desire to ease the fear of the unknown outcome of war.

Tu b'Shevat Plans

Sunday, Jan. 27, Beth Shalom members met after Sunday School at the First Reform Church of Cary along with congregants of the church to plant a plum tree in honor of Tu b'Shevat. Student rabbi Estelle Gottman read many prayers for the Jewish Arbour Day. The children had a turn shoveling the soil around the tree. Each year on Tu b'Shevat the weather is freezing and windy. Our faces are usually frost bitten and we always remark on why it is we plant in the middle of winter. It is the beginning of Spring in Israel. This year we too enjoyed balmy weather as the temperature climbed into the fifties. Overcast clouds reminded us that this is the rainy season in Israel. The trees need water to survive the long dry summers.

Befitting the recent days' events of the war in the Persian Gulf, destruction to the earth and the commandments on caring for what God has given man makes a poignant message. Even in times of war we are not to destroy fruit giving trees and cause rampant destruction to the environ-

ment or even to our enemies' land. Before our very eyes Saddam Hussein rejects any humanistic actions and attacks oil wells to endanger the wildlife and the drinking water in an effort to display his power. This has only caused the uprising of all nations to label these criminal acts of war.

Everyone listened quietly to the blessings and prayers thanking the Almighty and for the many kinds of fruits, and hoping for days of peace on earth. Spring should bring greenery, growth, renewal and peace. At this time thousands of saplings were being planted by the *olim* from Russia in Israel as a sign that forests will grow for future generations. Here in North Carolina we wish for the same things. The act of planting by our children and congregants of the church was a physical sign for these wishes to come true.

Purim

The annual Purim carnival was held at Carey Jones Memorial Park in Apex on Feb. 24. Lunch and home-baked Hamantaschen were served. Many games, face painting and a cake walk with a Purim theme were organized by the youth group.

Results of Passover Pastry Fundraiser

Beth Shalom thanks all those who ordered cookies and cakes for the upcoming Passover holiday. The committee decided to make this an annual service to the community. All orders will be arriving one week prior to Passover and we hope this makes the holiday rush less hectic as you decorate your tables with delectable eye-appealing pastries.

Thank You

Thanks to those who inquired about our congregation from the last articles in the *Times Outlook*. Please continue to send in any comments or recommendations regarding building a synagogue for young congregations, to Shirley Hand, chairperson of the Long Range Goals and Planning Committee, 138 Castlewood Dr., Cary, N.C. 27511.

Friends of Beth Shalom

All contributions to our congregation are encouraged and welcomed. We appreciate the support of those families who over the years have

made financial contributions although they do not participate as members in our activities. The Board voted to designate as "Friends of Beth Shalom" those who contribute \$40 or more per year. Friends of Beth Shalom will receive our Newsletter. For those who decide to join Beth Shalom that fiscal year the contribution will go toward membership fee.

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

by Fran Hirschel

In late December, Rabbi Robert A. Seigel delivered a sermon which provided details of the teachings of Jewish Laws as they pertain to the waging of war, and the application of those teachings to the then impending war in the Persian Gulf. In the sermon he described his personal feelings about war and the metamorphosis they have undergone during his life to this point.

A copy of the sermon was mailed to our members with the February bulletin and I found reading it helped me clarify my feelings about the war. If you haven't already heard or read it, you might find it interesting.

On Friday, Jan. 18, the day after the first attack on Israel, our Shabbat service was devoted entirely to the war in the Middle East. We expressed our support for the American and Allied forces in the Persian Gulf, as well as our solidarity with Israel.

Because of the attacks on Israel, the local news media have focused attention on the Jewish community of Charlotte and our reaction to the war. As a result, there have been articles in the newspaper and coverage on television featuring Rabbi Seigel and members of our congregation. We are proud of our Rabbi and our congregants, and we pray that further news reports of this kind will prove unnecessary.

On a lighter note, our Temple will be celebrating the festival of Purim on March first, in what is expected to be a dramatic departure from our "traditional" Purim service. Instead of letting the children have all the fun, we adults will attempt to have so many laughs and so much merriment that

we will no longer be capable of discerning the difference between Mordecai and Haman.

In other news from our Temple, on Friday night, March 8, the choir of Tree of Life in Columbia, S.C. will sing at our service. On Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, a Junior High Shabbaton will take place in Columbia. And then on Wednesday, March 13, our Temple Sisterhood will have its annual older adult luncheon in Charlotte.

As is my custom, let me close by extending congratulations to those members of our congregation who have recently become B'nai Mitzvah: David Cooper, Joshua Berkowitz, Michael Hirschel and Brent Reiss. As you may have noticed, this time my interest is highly personal.

B'nai Israel Synagogue High Point, N.C.

by Esther Chernoff

The members of B'nai Israel have had a very busy fall. Our holidays were very successful with the Sisterhood hosting a break-fast at the completion of Yom Kippur.

Simchat Torah was celebrated with the traditional service and a community dinner. Chanukah had a different twist this year. Instead of exchanging gifts among the children in our Sunday School, a needy family was selected to receive gifts and food for the holiday season. Gifts included warm clothing, canned food, fruit and a turkey. We had a delicious luncheon and many of our children treated us to a talent show.

We wish a Mazel Tov to: Rabbi and Mrs. Robert Sandman on the engagement of their daughter Suzy to Jonathan Kaplan; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Safir whose granddaughter Rachel Niles became a Bat Mitzvah in November; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chernoff whose son Eric received his God and Country Award in Boy Scouts, and son Seth received his God and Family Award in Cub Scouts; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Samet on the marriage of their son Carl to Leslie in Wilmington, N.C.; and Mr. and Mrs. Jan Samet whose daughter Lauren became a

Bat Mitzvah on March 9, 1991 at B'nai Israel Synagogue.

We mourn the loss of David Belinsky who grew up in High Point. Our deepest sympathy is offered to his family.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

On Feb. 11, Sisterhood held a Share-A-Lunch, actually a covered-dish affair with a provocative new name, an occasion which proved that a lunch by any other name is great to eat.

The Brotherhood

The monthly Brotherhood lox-and-bagels Brunch, held on Jan. 20, starred the local historian Bob Fountain, who fascinated his audience with slides and stories of Asheville as it was.

Sid Schochet's latest honor in what seems to be an endless string of them is the award to him, again, of the Harold Dubinsky Kiddush Cup, for outstanding Jewish Chautauqua Society chairman in the Small Club Class for 1989-90. Sid is absolutely not trying to corner the Kiddush cup market, easy as it might be to think so.

The Religious School

The Tree Holiday, Tu b'Shevat, was observed by the Religious School students on Jan. 27. Arrangements were made for purchases of trees for Israel through the Jewish National Fund, to beautify Israel and increase her agricultural well-being.

Notes on our Rabbi

From the January Temple Bulletin: "Rabbi Bluming met with the students and parents of the Home School Program on Dec. 14. He showed them our sanctuary, lit the Chanukah Menorah and explained the Festival of Chanukah."

Adult Education

As of the end of Jan. the Rabbi's Hebrew class was still going strong, with gratifying progress being made.

A Family Affair

On Friday evening, Dec. 28, the Rabbi was away visiting his parents, and three generations of Dick and

Irene Braun's family leaped into the breach to conduct the service. Dick, three of his grandchildren and his son Russell took part, with Dick leading, Russell performing the Torah blessing, and Russell's daughters, Lisa, 5, and Natanya, 10, and another Braun grandchild, Scott Levine, 9, participating. Natanya read the Torah portion directly from the scroll. Russell, his wife Nancy and their daughters were visiting from Longmeadow, Mass.; Scott from Farmington Hills, Mich.

Valuable Volunteers

The morning edition of the Dec. 12 *Asheville Citizen & Times* reported in its Lifestyles section that Memorial Mission Hospital volunteers were honored at a recent volunteer banquet at the hospital. Among Beth ha-Tephila members honored were Jeanne Wertheimer for 8,500 hours, and Fran Aaron and Shirley Berdie for 800 hours. The hospital values the time at a little over \$10 an hour, so it's easy to see what an enormous financial contribution these people make.

Thanks for the Memorial Board

Jerry and Bernie Dave have presented a new Memorial Board to the temple in loving memory of their parents Joseph and Eva Dave. The board will be located in the vestibule of the sanctuary.

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Family Prayer

A Shabbat Family Service was held on Jan. 25, starting half an hour earlier than usual, to make it easier for the whole family, including the children, to come and participate. Many families did, and were thereby enriched, as was everyone there.

Lunch and Learning with the Rabbis

A pleasant new approach to the study of ethics was inaugurated on Jan. 17, when members of both our congregation and Beth Israel met in Unger Hall to begin a series of discussions on Ethical Literature, led by our Rabbi Bluming and Beth Israel's Rabbi Schmuel Birnham. This time the focus was on the evil of gossip. The meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month alternating between the temple and the synagogue.

Centennial News

Follow-up on our kick-off gala dinner-dance: A heartwarming success, with elegant food supplied by Chef Wurth, served by ABTech CC students, danceable music by E Tre Allegre + One, which encouraged some memorable rug-cutting, and big, beautiful bouquets of white carnations on the tables, provided by Anna Friedman. Bob Janowitz supplied the hors d'oeuvres. A wine reception was sponsored by Frank Gilreath, Skyland Distributors, as was champagne with dinner.

Rabbi Bluming delivered the invocation, and Temple president Bob Janowitz welcomed everyone. Arnold Sgan as master of ceremonies led a nostalgic sing-along and, after a brief history of the Congregation was presented, personal stories of the past were told, some moving, some humorous, all fascinating. Among those who offered their reminiscences were Leo Finkelstein, Fred Pearlman, Kerry Friedman, Larry Rapoport, Jeanette Klein and Bob Janowitz. Hilda Hoffman, a long-time member who was unable to attend, was mentioned fondly. Ruth Feldman shared her recollections of her late husband, the well known Dr. Leon Feldman, one of the first Jewish doctors in Asheville and a strong supporter of Beth ha-Tephila.

Members of the Centennial committee are Isaac Chicurel, Michael Hanna, Scott Lebensburger, Henry Meyers and Arnold Sgan. Centennial Year chairperson is Muriel Marks; honorary chairperson is Leo Finkelstein.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

At the special Family and Rededication Service held at the synagogue, in which the community participated, the following people donated to charities in honor of Chanukah and the rededication of the synagogue after its desecration in November: Dr. Noah and Helen Benninga-Lifeline of the Old; Rabbi and Sara Birnham-Hospitality House and MERCAZ; Julius and Phyllis Blum-Red Mogen David of Israel; Bert and Elaine Bronstein-WNC Regional Child Abuse Center; Rick and Laurie Chess, Alice and Margaret Teich-The Jewish Fund for Justice; Jack and Arlene Doloboff-Helpmate of Asheville and Hadassah; Samuel and Beatrice Epstein-The Kiwanis Club Food Drive; Dr. Cliff and Carol Feingold-The United Way; Dr. Ileana Grams and Miranda Richmond-The New Israel Fund; Edward and Joyce Greene-The Memorial Mission Hospital Foundation, The Salvation Army, and Thomas Rehabilitation Hospital; Joseph and Beatrice Gullotta-The American Institute for Cancer Research, The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, Anti-Defamation League, and WJC; Larry Hollar and Caren Kessler-The Henderson County Multiple Sclerosis Society; Dr. Eliot and Sally Katz-The Simon Wiesenthal Center; Isaac and Sylvia Klein-Hadassah, The Salvation Army, and Disabled American Veterans; William and Barbara Lewin-Hospitality House; Les and Murial Mark-Habitat for Humanity and Oxfam America; Dr. Joseph and Arlene Schandler-ABCCM, The Salvation Army, Santa Pal, and The Michael Wellisch Foundation; Dr. Allan and Ellen Schoenberg-Hadassah; Dick and Elaine Schulman-The Haywood County Hospice Association; Herbert,

Norma and Lesly Schulman-The Jacob Rosen Memorial Library of Beth Israel Synagogue; Dr. Norman Sollod-The Anti-Defamation League; Barrie and Charlotte Tell-Rabbi's Tzedakah Fund; Dr. Eric and Lillian Wellisch-The Anti-Defamation League, The Ronald McDonald House, and The Michael Wellisch Foundation.

Adult Education

Adult Education flourished in December as it has all the year 1990. The Hebrew Literacy campaign continues. Rabbi Birnham congratulates those sixteen adults who learned to read at the latest Hebrew Marathon. The "real" story of Chanukah was retold at an informative class on Dec. 9. This was the historical story more miraculous than the miracle of oil.

The Art of Jewish Living session was held in four classes in which those who participated learned to:

- understand the significance of Shabbat
- celebrate Shabbat at home
- understand themes and structures of prayers at services
- begin to bring Shabbat gradually into our lives.

Joe Gullotta's 80th birthday was celebrated by B. and Joe Gullotta on Friday night, Dec. 28, with an Oneg and a Kiddush luncheon on Saturday, following services, sponsored also by the Gullottas. All were invited to join in this happy occasion. Joe chanted the Haftarah on Saturday morning.

On Jan. 4, we initiated the "First-Friday-Night-of-Every-Month" Program. The Rabbi says: "What is it all about, you ask? This is how it goes: (1) You come to Shul on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m.; (2) The Service will be quick, no sermon (perhaps a very brief D'var Torah), no Oneg, and. . .; (3) You will be on your way home at about 7:00 p.m.; (4) You can then spend an easy and enjoyable Shabbat evening *at home* with your friends and family: eating, singing, talking Torah, and doing anything else that is Shabbosdik." "The main idea," he says, "is simple. Shabbos night is meant to be an enjoyable and relaxing time *at home*. It is meant

to be family, friend, and home centered. By coming to a quick service at Shul, you will have set yourself aright for the rest of the evening. Go home and enjoy—Shabbos style.”

The following additional events took place: Beginning on Jan. 17, at noon, and continuing each third Thursday of the month, Rabbis Birnham and Bluming will teach Jewish Ethical Literature to a lunch crowd. Each person attending was asked to bring a dairy lunch; the beverage and dessert were provided. The first class was held at Temple Beth ha-Tephila and will rotate with Beth Israel as hosts. The next class was held at the synagogue on Feb. 21.

On Jan. 18, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Reverend H. Donnell Jefferies spoke to us. On Jan. 25, we celebrated “Shabbat Shira” (the Sabbath of Song). It was fun for all. The Havura and Beth Israel joined together on Jan. 29 to celebrate Tu b'Shevat, the New Year for Trees. We had a special Seder of fruit, nuts and wine.

On Feb. 16, the Rabbi planned the following: our first “Third Shabbat Morning of the Month” program, with special services that were enjoyable for families with children who are new to a Shabbat morning service, as well as for those who are regulars.

Sisterhood News

Ruth Baer Cooley, chairman of the Torah Fund for Beth Israel Sisterhood, announces that sisterhood received an “Award of Honor” for fulfilling the 1989-1990 Torah Fund/Residence Halls goal. The award is given by the faculties, directors and overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Janet Freedman, a co-principal of the Sunday School, informs us that it is collecting canned and boxed foods for the homeless throughout the Sunday School year. Tying in with this project, the Rabbi reports that the newly established Social Action Committee is now known by the name, “Mitzvah Committee,” and that this committee will now give Beth Israel congregants a chance to do Mitzvot for others as an expression of the ethos of our Shul.

Even though we may already be doing loving deeds for our community, we have a chance to do these good deeds as a response to a religious imperative that commands our Shul community to help others. *Planned activities for 1991:* (1) Once a month we will go to Hospitality House, a long-term shelter for ten people down on their luck, to cook meals, play games, and just be friendly. It will take about 2-1/2 hours of our time; (2) We will join the general community to help clear streams in the Spring; (3) We will actively collect food, clothing and toys from our members and distribute them in town. Jan. 31, was our first night at the shelter.

Ruth Gaynes is now in charge of giving out Torah Service honors on Shabbat morning, and the Rabbi announces that those celebrating anniversaries or birthdays may want to acknowledge a Simcha with the Shul.

In Synagogue News, we would like to thank Mr. Philip Wertheimer for his generous donation of the following books to our Synagogue Library: *Spies in the Promised Land* by Michael Bar-Zohar, *Of A World That Is No More* by I. J. Singer, and *Our Southern Landsman* by Harry Golden.

Liz Nigrosh, Sisterhood president, thanks those who helped with the Oneg for the community following the rededication of the synagogue in December: Carol Deutsch, Arlene Doloboff, Ruth Fox, Caren Kessler, Anne Kronen, Carol McCollum, Barbara Michalove, Barbara Miller, Kay Miller, Wendy Payne, Betty Sharpless, Sandy Slosman and Lillian Wellisch.

Susan Bir, an eighth grade teacher in Rosman, brought her two classes to Beth Israel in December. A forty-five minute session became an hour and a quarter. Here is an excerpt of her thank you letter to Rabbi Birnham: “Dear Rabbi Birnham—Today has been one of the high points of my teaching career. The enclosed letters (from students) mean more to me than any batch of test scores. My goals for today’s field trip were met, and I have been overwhelmed by the students’ comments and reactions to

their experiences. Rosman is so sheltered from the rest of the world that it is easy for us not to venture out into other cultures. Today was Venture Number One for most—if not all—of the eighth graders you met. Each seemed completely surprised that the Jewish people—represented by you—are so like they are. . . Both Mrs. Reed and I send our appreciation for your time, sensitivity, dynamic teaching style.”

Rabbi Cowan Deals with Powerful Issues Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C. by Cynthia Chapman

People Power Weekend brought Rabbi Rachel Cowan to our community as the 1991 I.D. Blumenthal Scholar-in-Residence at Temple Israel on February 1, 2, and 3. Rabbi Cowan is known for her expertise in working with converts to Judaism and interfaith couples and has presented lectures and workshops widely across the country. She is coauthor of *Mixed Blessings: Overcoming the Stumbling Blocks in an Interfaith Marriage*, a book she and her husband Paul wrote together before his death three years ago. Even after one partner in a marriage has converted to Judaism, she emphasized, there are usually issues which become problematic within the marriage because of differences in each person’s religious cultural background.

After a wonderful vegetarian dinner on Friday night with over 100 people in attendance, Rabbi Cowan discussed her own path to Judaism. She grew up as a Unitarian, with roots going back to the Mayflower. When she and her husband Paul married they had no idea that Judaism would become so central to their lives. Her husband described his own highly assimilated family in his book, *An Orphan in History*. Early in their relationship Paul said he would be fasting for Yom Kippur as they both drove across the country. When they reached his sister’s house, she drolly informed him that Yom Kippur wasn’t until the following week.

Time to Convert

Years into their marriage, after working with a community of friends to establish a school for their children and revitalize their synagogue, Rachel Cowan decided that raising their children as Jews and encouraging her husband as a Jew was not enough; it was time for her to convert.

She emphasized the slow, steady process that she and Paul followed by which Judaism became an integral part of their lives. First, they and their friends went out together for Shabbat dinners of Chinese food for a feeling of community.

As it became important to give their children an enhanced feeling of home security through the turbulent 1970s when they saw the parents of many friends get divorced, lighting Shabbat candles became an integral part of giving their home a special feeling of peace and sanctity. They took classes and studied. Shabbat observances and holidays took on more importance as they learned more about them. Rabbi Cowan also talked about her strong interest in Jewish history and how much she wanted her children to understand their heritage. As she and Paul enhanced their own love and appreciation for being Jewish, they could pass it on and share it with their children.

Many in the audience seemed moved and touched by the story of Rabbi Cowan's spiritual journey to Judaism and were prompted to ask her how she moved from being an enthusiastic Jew by Choice to becoming a rabbi. She addressed this

topic on Saturday morning along with comments on the Torah portion. Her love of Judaism led her to continue her study throughout the years, she said, and as her study continued in depth and breadth, rabbinical school seemed a natural outgrowth of that process. Also, as her study progressed she became even more committed to using her understanding of Judaism to try and make a difference in the world.

Some Difficulties

She talked about the difficulties that converts can have in seeing themselves as "present at Sinai" as the language of the Torah expresses it. How, for example, do converts identify at the Passover Seder and with the Torah portions which remind us that our ancestors were Abraham and Sarah and that we were slaves in Egypt? She also spoke about some of the difficulties women, in particular, may have in understanding the Jewish heritage and biblical language, which reflects a male-oriented culture in which Synagogue ritual has been dominated by men, and this has often made women feel unimportant there.

On Saturday afternoon she led a discussion and workshop for those interested in the topic of interfaith marriage. Participants ranged across a wide spectrum. There were grandparents worried about the future possibility of seeing their grandchildren in intermarriages. There were parents of children who are dating non-Jews. There were couples who found that even after a conversion before mar-

riage, problems in the marriage reflected the differences in each spouse's background. There were couples newly married who want to be able to communicate effectively about their differences. There were couples considering marriage. There were people who felt the need to better educate themselves about one of the central concerns of American Jewish life today. With the interfaith marriage rate at 50% today, Rabbi Cowan said, more and more families are touched by this issue.

As Rabbi Cowan said, one strength of the discussion was due to the range of the participants and their vastly different backgrounds. It allowed, she said, the generations to learn from each other. There was a great deal of discussion and many participants felt they benefited enormously from Rabbi Cowan's perspective and experience. Her gentle, compassionate, yet probing approach emphasized that there do not seem to be any "right" answers to the questions people have and the pain and confusion families face with intermarriage issues. She used the analogy of the "journey" and encouraged individuals to see themselves on a journey or path toward greater understanding, growth and spiritual enrichment.

Different Perspectives

A major theme was the difference in perspective between the ethnic, but not particularly religious Jew, and the non-Jew who converts. Often the non-Jew converts under persuasion by the Jewish partner in the relationship and must look for religious or spiritual values to be able to make the conversion meaningful. This often has to do with the differences between Christianity's being more oriented toward faith and spirituality, and Judaism's complex components of both ethnicity and religion. The Jewish partner may have difficulty understanding the emphasis on religious practice and spiritual enrichment that the convert has.

The Havdalah service rounded out the events on Shabbat and Sunday morning brought a brunch and open discussion session. Rabbi Cowan was asked to discuss many issues related

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to synagogue ritual and a need for increasing the level of familiarity and comfort which participants feel with Jewish liturgy and ritual. Women have particular concerns, as their experience with participation in Jewish religious life and their role in synagogue participation has been evolving and changing in recent years. Men who may not be as familiar with ritual as they might like to be also need to find ways of increasing their Jewish knowledge and level of comfort with Jewish tradition and practice. Young people also need opportunities to increase their participation and enjoyment of their Jewishness. Knowledge, Rabbi Cowan, emphasized, is power. If we as individuals and as congregations educate ourselves Jewishly, then we will be more effective in meeting the needs of all, including those who are converts and those who are in intermarriages. The emphasis is on the journey each of us must make, and educating ourselves will help us to make our journey more meaningful.

The participants on Sunday seemed loath to let Rabbi Cowan leave to catch her plane. Everyone seemed invigorated by this experience and grateful that Temple Israel was host to Rachel Cowan. The generosity of the Blumenthal family made the weekend possible and many people worked hard to bring success to the event. The participants themselves contributed to the program's success. How wonderful it is when our community comes together to learn and share! All who came were enriched by the experience.

Study on Jewish Marriage and Intermarriage

Results of a primary study of Jewish Marriage and Intermarriage made by Evan Stewart Nelson, M.A. of the Department of Psychiatry of the Indiana School of Medicine are now available.

The research was conducted in thirty states. Much of the conventional belief has been revealed false. The study shows that the average interfaith couple is as happily married

as the typical "samefaith" or conversionary couple, whether or not the couple had children.

Overall conflict in marriage was found to be the same for all three groups.

As in other studies, there was no evidence to suggest that Jews intermarried because they were not exposed to Judaism as children. The study did show that Reform Jews are more likely to intermarry than Conservative Jews, and Orthodox Jews are least likely to intermarry. All Jews who took part in the study responded that their ethnic identity was Jewish. Converts indicated their religion was Judaism but reported they considered themselves ethnically Jewish.

Jewish couples of the same faith and conversionary couples engage in more Jewish activities and regard Judaism as more important in their lives than do interfaith couples. There is a difference between gentile spouses and Jewish in the amount of support in the religion of each which is expected from the spouse. It seems Jewish spouses want more support in their observance of Judaism than they are willing to give to their gentile spouses.

If you are interested in the details of this study, or if you are interested in participating in future research on this subject, write to Evan Stewart Nelson, Dept. of Psychiatry, Indiana University School of Medicine, 534 Clinical Dr., Cottages 253, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202-5109.

Charleston's K.K. Beth Elohim to Celebrate Sesquicentennial by Helen Silver

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim of Charleston, S.C. is preparing for a special celebration of the 150th anniversary of the dedication of its historic temple to be held March 22-23, 1991. This celebration will be both joyous and introspective for members of this congregation which gave birth to Reform Judaism in America. As they rededicate their impressive temple, which is the second oldest Jewish house of worship in the United States and the oldest in continuous



K. K. Beth Elohim of Charleston, S.C.

use, they will reflect on the many traumatic events their synagogue survived—the Civil War, the Charleston Earthquake of 1886, and 1989's vicious Hurricane Hugo.

K. K. Beth Elohim (Holy Congregation House of God) was established in 1749 by a group of Jewish settlers who also established the Coming Street cemetery, the oldest Jewish burial ground in the South, in 1764. At first its members, who were predominantly Sephardim from the West Indies, held service in private quarters, then used an improvised synagogue located next to today's temple grounds. In 1794, K.K. Beth Elohim dedicated a handsome Georgian-style synagogue at 86 Hasell Street, the largest synagogue in the United States at the time.

Unfortunately, it was completely destroyed in the terrible Charleston fire of 1838.

The courageous congregants remained determined, and in March 1841, they consecrated the present impressive synagogue on the same site. Its stately columns and beauty make Beth Elohim one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture. It was constructed by David Lopez from designs by the architect C. L. Warner. A large marble tablet above the entrance proclaims the *Sh'ma* in Hebrew. In the foyer one can see the original foundation stone of the previous synagogue.

Inside the synagogue, a massive ark of Santo Domingo mahogany is kept open throughout the service by local tradition. Its lovely pastel colored stained glass windows are decorated with Judaic symbols. These windows were installed after 1886 to replace the previous windows

destroyed in that year's earthquake. Congregants heaved a sigh of relief to find these windows unbroken in the wake of Hurricane Hugo. They were badly weakened, however, but have now been repaired. A sparkling chandelier decorates the domed ceiling of plaster and wooden colonial-style pews have interesting details.

In this setting, hundreds will gather on Friday evening, March 22, for the rededication service with Rabbi William A. Rosenthal, the congregation's spiritual leader, officiating. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will preach the Rededication Service, and the temple choir will sing special hymns of thanksgiving. After the service a reception, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pearlstine, Jr., will be held at the neighboring Omni Hotel.

At Sabbath morning services on March 23, some of the original liturgy and music for the 1841 dedication of the temple will be used. The participants will wear costumes of that era. A reception sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bernstein and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bernstein will be held in the Social Hall afterwards.

The celebration will conclude with a formal banquet at the Omni Hotel with the distinguished professor of history at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Ellis Rivkin, as the main speaker.

A beautiful commemorative medal has been designed in honor of the temple's anniversary that will be available in silver and bronze.

Several special events are planned so the Charleston community can join in the celebration. On March 9 an ensemble from the Charleston Symphony Orchestra conducted by David Stahl will perform a concert of music by Jewish composers. An exhibition of classic synagogue architecture art from the outstanding private collection of Rabbi Rosenthal will be mounted at Charleston's Gibbes Art Museum, 135 Meeting Street, from March 21-April 9. A special concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta will be held at Gaillard Auditorium to benefit

the Charleston Concert Association and provide funds to revitalize Marion Square Park. In honor of the sesquicentennial, members of Beth Elohim will present a contribution check at that time to plant trees indigenous to Israel in the park. Israel's new ambassador to the United States, Zalman Shoval, will head the delegation of Israeli diplomats who will attend this concert.

For information and reservations, write to K.K. Beth Elohim, 86 Hasell Street, Charleston, S.C. 29401, or call the Temple office at 803-723-1090 before March 8.

As more and more Southern congregants celebrate milestones of 100 and 150 years, we can also celebrate the continuity of the Southern Jewish presence and the importance of Southern Jewish communities in Southern history.

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Personals

In Memory of Rabbi Harold Krantzler

The Charlotte community mourns the loss of Rabbi Harold Krantzler who was spiritual leader of Temple Beth El for 10 years until he retired to California in 1986. A rabbi for 36 years, he was active in the religious and secular life of Charlotte during his tenure in this city.

Condolences to his wife Helen and to their three daughters and granddaughter.

Temple Emanu-El Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Hilda Pearl Solomon of Atlanta, Ga. has been chosen, once again, to be honored by the Macmillan *Marquis* publications. She is to be included in the *Who's Who of American Women, 1991-1992, 17th Edition*. She was chosen in 1989 to be in the 21st Edition of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.



Hilda P. Solomon

To be included in this publication, one must be active in community and charitable affairs as well as being highly regarded in their chosen profession.

Miss Solomon is a Key Account Executive with Rhea, a contemporary women's accessory manufacturer. She is a member of the Atlanta Historical Society, The High Museum of Art, Young Careers, The National Association for Female Executives, The Southeastern Travelers Exhibitors and The Bureau of Wholesale Sales Representatives.

A well known artist in the Atlanta community, Miss Solomon majored in fine art and interior design at the University of South Carolina. She is the daughter of Dorothy Solomon of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and the late Ezel "Skeet" Solomon.

Organizations

News from Greensboro, N.C.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation held a Golden Anniversary Gala and the 1991 Campaign Kick-off at a dinner Feb. 9 at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel.

This year's theme, "The Past We Inherit, The Future We Create," mirrored the fact that all past presidents and past leaders of the Federation were honored. A video highlighting the past 50 years as well as a program brochure were produced for the event. A special treat for the evening was a performance by "Die Yiddishe Band," a Klezmer band from Chapel Hill.

Linda Sloan spearheaded the committee which included Marsha Glazman, dinner chairperson; Dr. Alan Ross, video chairperson; Michael Berkelhammer; Joanne Bluethenthal; Frank Brenner; Barbara Colchamiro; Arlene Fonorow; Nancy Gutterman; Ann Kabat; Randall Kaplan; Joan LeBauer; Joslin LeBauer; Bobbie Mann; Sylvia Samet; and Linda Shapiro.

Lubavitch in the Carolinas

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

As we are now in the days of Purim and in the Hebrew month of Adar which are considered the happiest days of the year, it is certainly the effort of all the Lubavitch programs at this time of the year to be happy, joyous and upbeat.

At the Chabad House in Charlotte, staff members and volunteers were busy packing Purim kits and "Mishlo'ach Manot" baskets in decorative colors, designed to enrich this favorite tradition of sharing food gifts with friends on the joyous holiday of Purim.

A colorful Purim brochure describing the history and customs of the holiday was mailed to more than 7,000 Jewish families in the Carolinas. Many schools in the Carolinas were visited by the Lubavitch staff. With song and story they entertained the students who eagerly absorbed the excitement of the holiday. Each

child received a Purim kit filled with goodies and coins for the observance of two of the essential "Mitzvot" on Purim.

Columbia Performance

On Sunday, Feb. 10, a pre-Purim spectacular children's concert was held in Columbia. The event which was sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Columbia attracted many hundreds of Carolinians including over a hundred parents and children from Charlotte. The audience was treated to a superb musical performance by the famous New York group "Uncle Moishe and the Mitzvah Men."

"Uncle Moishe" is a familiar name to thousands of children around the world. It is the foremost group in Jewish children's music with more than ten releases that have exceeded more number one hits than any group in modern Jewish history.

Myrtle Beach Chabad

A group of children from Chabad Academy in Myrtle Beach took an exciting trip to New York on the weekend of Feb. 1, and spent Shabbat at Lubavitch World Headquarters in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

One of the most important features

of the Shabbaton was the children's participation in the main services at the huge Lubavitch Synagogue. With over twelve thousand worshippers and, of course, the participation of the revered Lubavitcher Rebbe, the children were treated to a charge of Jewish energy of unmatched proportion. They also participated in the large Farbrengen (Chassidic gathering) with the Rebbe, where he reassured his large audience on the safety and security of Israel.

The children also visited the "Jewish Family Expo" in Manhattan. The Expo brought Jewish history to life in a most extraordinary way. It featured many colorful and bright exhibits ranging from the story of Purim to Noah's Ark. The Expo was a masterpiece in Jewish education and was a dream come true in Jewish experience for visitors of all ages.

In addition to the many exciting exhibits, the children watched Jewish puppet shows and visited an authentic replica of the "Shtetel" and created many Jewish crafts at the special workshop centers. The Expo was a project of Tzivos Hashem International-Lubavitch Youth Organization.



Third graders at Lubavitch Day School enjoying a game.

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International Women's Conference

Mariashi Groner and Chanie Weiss from Charlotte participated in an International Lubavitch Women's conference in New York. The five day conference, from Feb. 6-10, was filled with intensive discussions and workshops on the issues of Jewish education.

More than 1,000 women, representing Jewish communities around the world, were gathered at Lubavitch World Headquarters for the annual conference. The conference began on the Hebrew date of Shevat 22, which corresponds to the third anniversary of the passing of Rebbetzin Chaya Moussia Schneerson, of blessed memory, wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita.

Students of the second and third grade at Lubavitch Day School in Charlotte experienced a wonderful Shabbaton on Feb. 9-10 at the home of Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss. The Shabbaton gave the children an opportunity to involve themselves in total observance and experience of Shabbat.

The children helped lead the services at the Chabad House and impressed the congregants with their knowledge of Hebrew and comprehension of Judaism. The children ate their Shabbat meals at the Weiss home and spent the day listening to Jewish stories and singing songs. What was most impressive was the children's enthusiasm and excitement before, during and after the Shabbaton.

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The new CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park needs your help. . .our growing agency needs a VHS-VCR and a color TV, to assist in operating our Jewish videotape loan collection.

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Women's American ORT Crown City Chapter Charlotte, N.C.

by Honey Kridel

Mrs. North Carolina 1990, Judy Bowmar, was our guest speaker on Feb. 5. Her talk on "Set Your Goals & Go!" was a dynamite presentation. Our thanks to our wonderful hosts, First Citizens Bank, S. Tryon St., Charlotte for their excellent luncheon and lovely meeting rooms.

CASH GIVING GALA will be held on March 17 at the Park Crossing Club, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., \$12.50 per person covert for a Cocktail Buffet Dinner. Your check for dinner is your reservation. At this Gala we will honor our Honor Roll Donors (\$50 minimum and tax deductible) and our Capital Funds Contributors.

Women's American ORT has been in the vanguard of social and humanitarian action since 1927, improving the quality of Jewish life worldwide through technological and vocational education. Today its resources are being utilized to offset the situation created by the war in the Middle East and to help thousands of Soviet emigrants retain and find jobs as they begin their acculturation process. ORT supports a worldwide network of schools in 52 countries, training over 200,000 students.

Please call Faye Rubin (704) 541-7420 or Florence Sperling (704) 543-1124 for information and reservations for our Cash Giving Gala.

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

by Lisa Wohl

Michelle Perlmutter will be speaking on "Women and Self Esteem" on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. For location and other information, please call Marcia Stern, (704) 366-0167.

On Jan. 27, Halailah BBW sponsored one of the trees planted in the JCC's Tu b'Shevat program. It was planted on the larger playground and is in honor of all Halailah members.

In mid-March a canned-food drive for Jewish Family Services will begin.

A box will be placed near the front entrance of the JCC. Please donate foods for Passover, but all items will be welcome.

Once again, Halailah will be making Passover holiday baskets. Monetary donations are needed so please call Randi Defilipp at (704) 541-5861 if you can help. At this time, the position of Fund-Raising VP is still open for next year's Halailah's board. Please call Jan Weiner at (704) 847-3999 if you are interested.

The Becky Shulimson Children's Library Fund is low. If you would like to make a donation call Jan Marcus at (704) 366-7716.

Halailah has BBW philanthropy cards that are sent in honor or in memory of someone. We also have Happy Birthday, Get Well, Mazel Tov, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah cards. Call Amy Snyder at (704) 531-6314 to send a card.

We need volunteers to help serve at the Chai Group Friday lunches. They are held the first Friday of the month. Call Jenny Synder at (704) 845-1394 if you can help.

Our newest members are Marcia Salz, Bette Linderman and Susan Marx. Congratulations to Helen Roth, Sandra Weinstein and Sharon Hockfield who are new life members.

B'nai B'rith District Five Board Meets in Charlotte

In November, the Charlotte Lodge was proud to be the host lodge for the District Five Board of Governor's Meeting, held at the Guest Quarters Hotel. Held for the past few years in Florida, the District chose to hold the annual mid-winter meeting in the center of the District. Approximately 70 members of the Board were in attendance, representing states and councils from the District of Columbia to Florida.

Prior to the meeting, members of the Charlotte Lodge met the District Five president and line officers at a social hour held at the home of Frank Rosen, the District third vice-president. On Saturday evening, Cary Kosten, the North Carolina State

president, and Scott Menaker, the Charlotte Lodge president, provided welcome speeches on behalf of the state and the city of Charlotte.

The two-day meeting provided the forum the opportunity to discuss issues vital to the future of B'nai B'rith, including dues structure, women as members of B'nai B'rith International, convention plans, and Leadership and Young Leadership involvement. Kent Schiner, president of B'nai B'rith International, and Tommy Baer, Senior International vice president, spoke honestly and openly about the future of the organization. Membership in B'nai B'rith and other volunteer organizations has declined, and changes are needed to retain current members and recruit new members. A pilot membership program in Atlanta has been very successful and may be expanded in the future. Ken Stern of Charlotte, the District Young Leaders chair, presented a report for increasing involvement of younger members in B'nai B'rith and presented the first "Maalox Plus" award to Judge Paul Backman of Florida, for his efforts as the Convention Chair for the past three years.

B'nai B'rith Establishes "Sports Hall of Fame"

B'nai B'rith is establishing an American Jewish "Sports Hall of Fame" at its B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in the nation's capital.

Its first honorees will be inducted at a dinner on May 16, 1991 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The sports legends being feted at the inaugural dinner are Mel Allen, Sid Luckman, Arnold "Red" Auerbach, Abe Pollin, Al Rosen, Shirley Povich, Dick Savitt, Dolph Schayes, Mark Spitz, Sandy Koufax, Hank Greenberg, Eddie Gottlieb and Benny Leonard. Radio and television personality Larry King will host the event.

The Museum is also producing an exhibit spanning 200 years that will emphasize Jewish contributions to sports. The exhibit will include memorabilia of great Jewish athletes as well as audio/visual screenings of the highlights of their careers.



B'nai B'rith International President Kent Schiner (center) meets with N.C. delegates at the Board of Governors meeting: (L. to R.) N.C. President Cary Kosten, Ken Stern, District 3rd V.P. Frank Rosen, Sol Jaffa and Gerry Shor.

The exhibit is supervised by Dr. Harvey Frommer (biographer of Nolan Ryan, Tony Dorsett and Red Holzman), who serves as executive producer. Co-chairmen of the Hall of Fame program are Alvin I. Miller and Lloyd E. Raport. Murray H. Shusterman is chairman of B'nai B'rith's Museum and Art Committee.

Call for Athletes: Applications Available for Pan Am Maccabi Games

United States Committee Sports for Israel (USCSFI) is now accepting athlete, coach and trainer applications for the seventh Pan American Maccabi Games, to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, July 3-16, 1991, announced Barry T. Gurland, Pan Am Maccabi General Chairman.

The Pan American Maccabi Games are held every four years in a city in Central or South America. More than 2,500 athletes from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Israel, Mexico, Panama, Peru and the United States will join their host Uruguay, in competition.

The Pan Am Maccabi Games offer a unique opportunity for Jewish athletes to participate in athletic competition, promote friendship and unity among Jewish youth and promote

the opportunity for cultural exchange. Some of these athletes may then be chosen to represent the U.S. in the World Maccabiah Games in Israel two years later.

The World Maccabiah Games are Olympic-style competition held in Israel every four years, in the year following the Olympics. In 1989, more than 4,500 athletes from 43 countries participated in the two-week competition. Athletes such as swimmer Mark Spitz, gymnast Mitch Gaylord, Denver Nuggets basketball player Dan Schayes, and tennis star Brad Gilbert have competed in previous Games.

For more information contact USCSFI national office, 1926 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103, (215) 561-6900.

Charlotte Yiddish Institute August 22-25, 1991 at Wildacres by Baila Pransky

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In announcing the new program, Ruth W. Popkin, JNF president, said, "Many Americans are tying ribbons around trees for the brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces. Another meaningful way to demonstrate love and recognition for our troops is by planting trees, universal symbols of life and hope."

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without a specific request will be sent to the families of troops at random. All certificates will be sent to Washington, D.C., for distribution.

The trees will be planted in the American Independence Park near Jerusalem, established as a testimony to American-Israeli friendship and dedicated on July 4, 1976, the U.S. bicentennial.

To plant trees, specify the number of trees at \$7.00 each. There is no limit to the number of trees that may be purchased. Donors are requested to include their name, address and telephone number and, if applicable, the names of the servicemen or women to be honored. Payment may be made by check or credit card.

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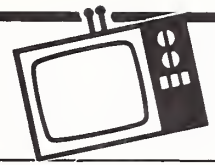
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Books, Arts and Media



From Beirut to Jerusalem

by Thomas L. Friedman

Farrar, Straus Giroux 525 pp. \$22.95

Reviewed by Rabbi Jerome S. Fox

President of the GCAR
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Roanoke, Virginia

The critic Seymour Heish wrote, "If you're only going to read one book on the Middle East, this is it." I heartily agree.

Thomas Friedman, who served as *New York Times* correspondent in both Beirut and Jerusalem for a decade, has written a very insightful and personal work that helps to clarify this complex and often confusing subject. Mr. Friedman, who comes from a committed Jewish background, has been able to write with understanding and sympathy towards all the parties and factions within the Middle Eastern arena.

Friedman describes the tribalism and horror of war-torn Beirut; yet, despite this, life went on, commerce prevailed and humor was not unknown. Most important in this section is his chapter on Hafez al-Assad's massacre of over 20,000 Syrians in the city of Hama in February 1982. Anyone who proposes easy solutions to the Arab-Israel conflict must be familiar with what Friedman calls "Hama rules."

In this work, Yasser Arafat is scrutinized; the PLO and the Intifada are insightfully analyzed.

Israel's various factionalisms such as the various "religious" (dati) and "non-religious" (lo-dati) groups are explored. The two best chapters emanating from the Jerusalem years are about Israel's changing relationship with American Jews and the reasons why the Western world judges Israel more critically than the Arabs (or anyone else). Because Israel (and we Jews) are seen as the descendants of those who wrote the Bible, for the West we have become "the yardstick of morality and the symbol

of hope—the way Israel behaves has an impact on the way (Western) men see themselves."

"If Damascus is sinful, it is bad for the Syrian and Arab world, but if Jerusalem is sinful, it means we are condemned to live in an unredeemable world."

The Palestinians are lucky to have Israelis as their adversaries, not only because Israelis are relatively benign enemies, but having Israelis (Jews) as their opponents focuses world attention on their struggle. The Armenians, the Kurds and countless other peoples aspiring for independence have not been so lucky. This would explain why the Western news media gave far more attention to the outbreak of the Intifada in December 1987 than to the Reagan-Gorbachev summit going on simultaneously.

This book is long, but is clear, full of anecdotes, personal stories and insightful interviews. I recommend that you put it high on your reading list.

Israel in the Year 2025

by Alan Price

Vantage Press 220 pp. \$14.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Israel in the Year 2025 purports to be "A concise history of the future, 1988-2025." Alan Price aims to generate ideas of the future and present them for discussion. He hopes to instill confidence in the people of Israel.

Raising the question, "Is it possible to study the future?" and admitting that the only thing positive is that nothing is positive about the future, he declares this kind of study helps problem-solving.

The author believes in optimism and that pessimism and defeatism often pose for realism, but optimism has the capacity for inspiration and innovative political action. He foresees the next century as one celebrating achievements and devoid of militarism.

In the future foreseen in this book, "people power" will accomplish the following benefits to the State of Israel. Increased population will be a result of large families of 5 to 10 children. One-half million Christians will settle in Israel between 2000 and 2025. There will be no pollution, no discrimination, no conflict between the ultra-religious and the secular segments, due to efforts of modern religious youth.

A new leader will bring about peaceful co-existence after meetings between Jewish and Arab youths. Religion and government will be separated, but the official state religion will be Jewish.

The political system will be reformed to resemble that of the U.S.

In Alan Price's scenario, after a war with Syria which Israel will win due to its development of laser technology, the Arab world will realize it has to reform, as Turkey did after World War I. A non-aggression pact will be sealed.

By the year 2025, Israel will have 10 million residents; solar energy; 70% of its automobiles will be powered by electric batteries; there will be political stability and relative peace and prosperity. The average lifespan will be 90 years, with retirement between the ages of 50 to 55. Many people will work at home, Kibbutzim will be highly developed and flight time from Tel Aviv to New York will be 30 minutes. There will be a three day weekend to please the three major religions and a Women's Bill of Rights will be passed by the Knesset.

Following a ten year great world depression, leaving 50% unemployed, there will come a decade of genetic engineering and advanced technology. War will be impossible, therefore. All "space junk" will be removed, cleaning up the universe, and the area of Eilat will become a strip resembling Las Vegas or Miami. I don't know if that is devoutly to be wished.

Alan Price was born in Poland, moved with his parents to South Africa, studied medicine and became a radiologist. He was a passionate Zionist, fought in the War of Independence, and in 1980 moved with his wife and children to Israel. He practices radiology in Haifa. He is director of the Israel Institute for Futures Research. He has conducted research in parapsychology, a pursuit for which he has been honored.

Israel in the Year 2025 is fascinating and exciting. The author has much more to say than the samples cited here. What can I say? It's a return to Paradise Lost. To translate an old Yiddish saying, "From his mouth to God's ears."

Arguing with God: A Jewish Tradition

by Anson Laytner

Jason Aronson Inc. 336 pp. \$22.50

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The name *Israel* literally means "wrestling with God." In reading Anson Laytner's *Arguing with God*, one reads the history of the argument Jews have had with God throughout history. In each generation it was different, yet over time, there were always reminders of the Covenant, of past promises of God, of merits of the ancestors, and the urge to forgive and relinquish anger. Prayers for God's mercy sometimes offered to "make a deal," as "If you will do (thus and so), we will rebuild your Temple."

There were arguments which extended from protest to submission by spokesmen for the Jewish people. The worthy petitioner was deemed to be the appropriate plaintiff.

From Abraham and Moses to the Crusades, retaliation for the supposed guilt of the Jews for the Black Death, which resulted in the murder of half of German Jewry, the Spanish onslaught, which killed over 70,000 Jews, through Eastern Europe's Pogroms, then The Holocaust, the "argument" continued.

In Jewish tradition, the Jewish arguments with God were often in the form of procedure in a court of law. Anson Laytner made a ten year study

of this tradition, from the founding of the Jewish religion until today. Quotations with analysis and explanation reveal the complete history of the subject in language that is specific and understandable.

Memorable statements of prophets, rabbis and poets serve as reminders of the sufferings and reactions of Jews of all ages. Of particular interest are English translations of *piyyutim*, eloquent poems, challenging and demanding explanation of martyrdom.

Relatively recently, the language of arguments changed from Hebrew to Yiddish, as the Hasidim in Eastern Europe began to speak for the masses. The arena moved from that of liturgy to folklore. Familiar to all of us is Sholom Aleichem's Tevye, with his intimate arguments. It is important to remember that notwithstanding impatience and even defiance at times, the belief in God is reaffirmed. One would not argue with a non-existent being.

The most significant part of *Arguing with God*, to this reader, is the final chapter, Personal Afterword: What Arguing with God Means for Me, in which the author tells the reason for his intensive study of the subject and his purpose in writing the book.

Anson Laytner's statement of his creed as a Jew may help his readers more than all that goes before it. He admits that his position today may change, but in stating his view of our problems and needs, we are helped to understand wherein Judaism today may be both failing and helping us.

He believes, "Our questions, doubts, and anger should be the rabbi's prime concern." Acknowledging that the task of today's American rabbi is difficult, and confirming that education in our history and tradition are helpful, he contends that what we need to hear in the synagogue is *what is expected of us*.

We need to be told that God does not control the world alone, that He needs us to cooperate in the task. What we believe is secondary to how we act. The challenge of history is ours to accept, to fight against evil, as

well as to follow the search for knowledge.

The call to repair the universe (Tikkun Olam) is sounded, and the book ends with the wonderful story of the gardeners charged with the care of the garden, although its Master may not be in evidence.

The Children of Abraham

by Marek Halter

Arcade Publishing 374 pp. \$19.95

This book is a sequel to the best-selling *The Book of Abraham*. It is translated from the French by Lowell Bair.

The Book of Abraham detailed the family's flight from Jerusalem after its capture by the Romans and the destruction of the Second Temple.

Now, two millennia later, it is modern times—the period from 1961 to 1988—and the family is scattered throughout the world in separate groups that still manage, despite difficulties, to keep in touch, learn about and help each other. While they take on the attributes of the countries in which they reside, primarily Israel, Russia and Argentina, the Halters continue to participate in, or observe, Jewish history as it is made.

While knowledge of the family's earlier history as related in *The Book of Abraham* would be helpful, it is not essential to the reader. *The Children of Abraham* stands on its own.

Like its predecessor, this book is difficult to characterize because it intermingles fiction and fact. The Halters are a Jewish family in microcosm, experiencing and coping with events that affect the entire Jewish community.

With the same style and techniques he employed in *The Book of Abraham*, Marek Halter describes the family's participation in world-wide events. Finally, the author announces that this volume concludes the annals of the family.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Marek Halter was almost four years old when the Germans captured the city. He escaped on his father's shoulders, through sewers, and lived to endure epidemics and famine. In Paris, he

became a French citizen, writer and artist. He has travelled extensively in the Middle East to plead for peace, resulting in the book, *The Jester and the Kings*.

In 1985, he was invited to lecture about Judaism at the Vatican, and had a private audience with Pope John Paul II. Halter's sense of identity as a Jew and artist, combined with the justice and compassion that inform his activism, influence this moving work, which is a suspense novel and a panorama of contemporary Judaism.

Readers who loved the first part of this enormous saga will not be disappointed by the second.

The Day the Holocaust Began The Odyssey of Herschel Grynspan

by Gerald Schwab

Praeger Publishers 256 pp. \$21.95

On November 7, 1938, Herschel Grynspan, a 17-year old Polish German Jew, walked into the German Embassy in Paris and shot Third Secretary, Ernst vom Rath, who died shortly after. Vom Rath's death triggered the destruction and mahem which became known as Kristallnacht, or *The Night of Broken Glass*, resulting in the death of hundreds, the razing of 265 synagogues and 200 houses, the demolition of 7,500 business establishments and the incarceration of 30,000 Jews in concentration camps.

Herschel Grynspan was immediately arrested. France's foremost criminal lawyer assumed his defense. On June 8, 1940, two days before the French government evacuated Paris, the youth was indicted for murder. A month later he was in Nazi hands.

Little has been known in the past about this extraordinary young man. Using German documents not hitherto revealed, Gerald Schwab examines the background and events culminating in the shooting.

The book describes in detail Grynspan's experiences in French and German hands and his trial, which was to become Nazi Germany's justification of the Holocaust.

The Day the Holocaust Began is valuable reading for anyone interested in modern European history, the Nazi government and persecution of the European Jews.

Gerald Schwab, the author, was born and raised in Germany. After Kristallnacht he and his family emigrated to the United States. In 1946 he served as translator and interpreter at the International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg, and then became a member of the State Department.

Jews and Christians

Edited by James H. Charlesworth

The Crossroad Publishing Co.

257 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In his foreword to *Jews and Christians*, Irvin J. Borowsky makes the statement that at no time in history has there been so great an effort between Jews and Christians to reach understanding through honest communication.

In 1987, nine distinguished scholars gathered in Philadelphia with James H. Charlesworth to discuss the long history of relations between the two peoples. The papers they presented form chapters of *Jews and Christians*, with the recorded discussions which followed each of the views presented.

It is encouraging that extensive research into the origins of Christianity continues to be pursued by biblical scholars and historians. Their findings shed enlightenment on the authors of the New Testament and the background of the times in which they wrote. Now, long held misunderstandings may be corrected.

These thinkers are making a genuine effort to bring peace by eradicating hatred between people of different religions. When clergy and teachers make progress in that direction, their influence may succeed in changing attitudes of those who would never make such an effort for themselves. There are many minds now determined to end the senseless injustice and suffering of past millenia.

James H. Charlesworth is the George L. Collard Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and chairperson of the Department of Biblical Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the author of *Jesus Within Judaism* and editor of the *Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*.

Bombardment

by Cynthia Chapman

When there is grief
Eternal Timemaker,
send the hours
swiftly spinning
so the aching eases,
the burden lifts
as quickly as it can.

Where there is
emptiness,
Divine Creator
bring into that
nothingness
something to fill
the void.

Restore to hope
those who feel
hopeless,
restore with healing
the wounded,
give courage
to those who fear
the night.

We in our smallness
cherish dreams
of greatness,
want ourselves
to be strong,
and powerful,
and sometimes
we are,
and often
we think we are,
while You,
Elohim,
have greatness
we cannot measure.

We lift our prayers
in moments
of darkness
like candlelights
to You,
we lift our prayers
in moments
of light
like balloons
of celebrations,
we bombard you
with our hopes
and fears,
and You in strength
carry and weigh
them all,
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greatness even
the hopes and fears
of the small.

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A BRIGHT VISION OF HOPE Learning the Art of Tzedakah



Bertha Lippman, left, and Eva Kaplan, right, joined in the spirit of creativity with pre-schoolers from Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem.

Not all of the candles were placed in straight rows. Some leaned to the left, others to the right, a few of the multi-colored images even floated above the menorahs. All had been carefully counted and placed on the waiting candelabra by small, eager fingers. With more confidence than their years, these young hands placed their candles; a few tentative movements elicited encouragement from their partners. Older

hands guided the young as the flames were added. No one worried about fiery flames or burned fingertips for the brightness and warmth in the room came from the glowing interaction of generations — far apart in age but bound together in spirit. The candles were merely paper, but their bright paper flames kindled the perfect spark to unite the young and the old.

It was the monthly visit from Temple Emanuel Pre-School, in

Winston-Salem, and the 3- and 4-year-olds brought their energy and contagious excitement to their “grandma” and “grandpa” friends at BJH. Shabbat and Chanukah candles were lit, Kiddush was sung, the motzi said, the challah eaten, and the “wine” was drunk. Many mitzvot were performed that day. These were blessings of thanks, of praise, of care, and of hope.

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Esther Wampler and her pre-school friend enjoy planning their design.



Pre-schooler Rebecca Leshin and resident Stella Wallace worked well together.

(A Bright Vision con't)

In this spirit of creativity, a bright vision was formed. While these young hands learned the art of creativity, their hearts were being taught the art of tzedakah, of giving, of sharing with, and of caring for others. Their older partners, having reached a time of life offering less opportunity for bodily renewal, had the opportunity to experience spiritual renewal through nurturing the young, through acting creatively and through sharing with others. Beautiful menorahs and a bright vision of hope were created at BJH that day.



George Lewin chats with two young friends who are ready to say the blessings of the kiddush and the motzi.



Ben Bruck offers encouragement to his young friend Leah Seigel.

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FAIR OAKS

ENJOYING THE ARTS



Virginia Brown, left, and Theresa Schwartz, right, were delighted with the opportunity to see the French Impressionist Exhibit, on loan at Reynolda House Museum of American Art.

“Lost in Yonkers” is not the tale of a resident’s recent trip to New York but is the title of the newest Neil Simon play and a story of an immigrant Jewish family living in Yonkers, N.Y., in 1942. Fair Oaks residents traveled to Yonkers by way of the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem where the play was being previewed before opening on Broadway this spring. Reviews were good, and everyone was most impressed by the opportunity to see the Broadway cast and be a part of the preview audience.

A truly impressive event was a visit to Reynolda House Museum

of American Art to view the French Impressionist Exhibit in December. On loan from the collection of Sara Lee Corporation, this outstanding exhibit included a rich sampling of impressionist painting and sculpture. Fair Oaks residents enjoyed the tour of the house as well as the rare opportunity to see this collection.

Ballet lovers were transfixed by the beautiful performance of the Nutcracker presented by the students of the North Carolina School of the Arts at the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem. Music lovers danced to a different tune

when the Society Swing Band rang in the New Year at the party in the Commons on January 1.

Enjoying the arts is just a part of the lifestyle enjoyed by those living at Fair Oaks. Celebrating its third anniversary in February, Fair Oaks offers a place to live that feels like home.

BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

SUE's NEWS

Volunteers Brighten The Home

Volunteers brighten the Home every day, and during the week of Chanukah, they brought an extra glow to BJH. Each night at sundown, a member of the maintenance staff filled the dark sky with the flames of the huge outdoor menorah. Indoors, volunteers added their own brightness. From dining room to dining room — they spread the joy of the holiday, lighting the candles, singing songs and visiting with residents.

The miracle of Chanukah was brightly illuminated by the miracle of those who volunteer at special times and throughout the year. Our thanks to this year's Chanukah volunteers: From Winston-Salem — Linda Beerman, BBYO Members (Eric Bergson, Rachel Burton, Susan Sloan, Beth Stern, Eric Tytell), Marcia Epstein, Andrew Ettin, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, and Temple Emanuel Religious School students. From Greensboro — Rabbi Richard Harkavy and Elana, Sara Lee Saperstein and Craig, Polly Strasser and Aaron & Joey.

We welcome new volunteers who have recently brightened the scene at BJH: Andy Cutler, Wednesday night bingo; Phil and Karen Diniz, office, Christmas Day; Dr. H. M. and Jeanette Dillabough, office, Christmas Day, and bingo; Lydia Thabet, library hour and Greensboro volunteers Zelda Breslow, Bootsie Gutterman, Ruth Jacobs and Susan Robinson, birthday parties. Miracles await you at BJH. Call us to brighten your day and our day, too.



Craig Saperstein lights the menorah while Joey & Aaron Strasser assist with the blessing. The students are volunteers from Greensboro.



The 3rd night of Chanukah, Winston-Salem BBYO members visited the Home. Left to right, Eric Tytell, Rachel Burton, Beth Stern, Susan Sloan, and Eric Bergson, President.

Volunteers Star as "Helping Hands" on WXII TV Show



Above, left and right, WXII news reporter Ann Gennarelli interviews BJH volunteers Wendy Owens and Audrey & Allen as they prepare for their weekly "stroll."

Left, shining "stars" who brighten our Home are, counterclockwise, Alan Andler, Shabbat and holiday services volunteer; Eleanor Leverenz, bingo volunteer; and Millie Slatkoff, pictured shopping with Ruth Menins.



"Roll & Stroll" volunteers Wendy Owens and her children, Allen and Audrey, were featured on a WXII television program on January 26. "Helping Hands" was a special program highlighting volunteers in the Piedmont and the reasons they devote their time to the causes they serve. Ann Gennarelli, WXII news reporter came to BJH to interview Wendy and to film the volunteers on the job.

Wendy, Allen, and Audrey began volunteering at BJH in October, 1989, when Allen, our youngest volunteer, was 10 weeks old. They learned about BJH's volunteer requests through a volunteers column in the newspaper and chose to share their time with us. Each Thursday morning, Allen and Audrey are seen running through the halls to see their "adopted grandmas and grandpas." Allen recently graduated from "rolling" to "running," and everyone at BJH has enjoyed watching him and his sister grow.

We are proud of our TV stars and very glad to say they are our volunteers. We invite more parents and children to "roll & stroll" through the halls of BJH. Please call Sue Clein and give it a try.

BJH NEWS BRIEFS — A WIDENING CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Fair Oaks resident Shirley Shane, right, enjoys lunch with Greensboro Friendship Circle friends.



Sylvia Ricketts, right, director of the Friendship Circle, welcomes Yvette Pearlman, left, and Bertha Marrus to the luncheon meeting.

• B'NAI SHALOM MEETS BJH on

each other's sites as these two Jewish institutions develop a joint intergenerational program. B'nai Shalom students entertained at BJH in December, singing a medley of songs that had spirits rising. In January, residents of BJH returned the visit, shared Shabbat lunch with the students, and enjoyed a tour of the Day School in Greensboro.

• GREENSBORO'S FRIENDSHIP

CIRCLE reaches as far as BJH. Many Friendship Circle members now living both in the nursing home and in Fair Oaks have had the opportunity to attend some of their favorite Friendship Circle programs. On December 13th, residents enjoyed being at the 18th Anniversary and annual Chanukah dinner held at Temple

Emanuel in Greensboro, as always a taste treat. On January 31st, 10 Friendship Circle members now living at BJH reunited with old friends at the Circle's luncheon meeting in Greensboro. Sylvia Ricketts, Director of the Friendship Circle, looks forward to the widening circle and to keeping old friends in close touch with each other.



IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Clara Borenstein
Ella Grasser
Yetta Kirsh

May their cherished
memories bring comfort
to their loved ones.

Left, B'nai Shalom Day School students were in high spirits when they entertained at the Home in December.

NEW YEAR BEGINS ON A MUSICAL NOTE



B'nai Shalom students struck a joyful note when they sang at the birthday party.

- **THE SOCIETY SWING BAND** rang in the New Year for BJH residents at a party in the Commons on January 1. Residents enjoyed the big band sound and toasting the New Year.
- **JUNIOR LEAGUE STIRRING PERFORMERS** stirred up a joyful response in the BJH audience when they performed on January 7. This delightful female "barbershop chorus" sang all the old favorites and now is a guaranteed new favorite of BJH.
- **COURTNEY LeBAUER STRUCK A CHORD** with the crowd when she entertained for the January birthday party. Courtney, a multi-talented student of violin from Greensboro, gave a beautiful performance which included a Broadway vocal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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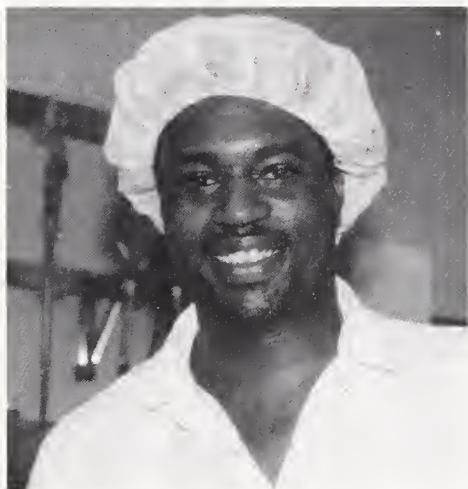


Noteworthy volunteer Jeanne Reznick escorts Fair Oaks resident Pearl Yachnin on a shopping trip at Hanes Mall.



BJH resident Anna Levine, celebrating her birthday, sings just the perfect note with a rendition of an old favorite song at the birthday party.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selection For Employee Of The Month



Kenneth Reid.

KENNETH REID

Dining Services – Cook's Helper
December, 1990

If we could all see the cook's helper during mealtime at BJH, our enjoyment of our meal would be guaranteed. Kenneth Reid's cheerful smile and enthusiasm readily express the pride and pleasure he finds in his work. Kenneth began work in the Dining Services Department as an aide in May, 1990. Wayne Deiser, Director of Dining Services, said that Kenneth has demonstrated a work ethic and work habits that have earned his designation as Employee of the Month. Kenneth's excellent work performance enabled him to be promoted to a cook's helper.

Pleased and surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month, Kenneth spoke about BJH saying, "It's a great place to work. I like working here, I like the people I work with, we all learn a lot from our supervisors. They are willing to work with us, and I try to do the best of my ability."

Kenneth said he and his three brothers learned how to cook from watching their parents who were both good cooks. His mother always said that if you like to eat,

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in March and April:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MARCH

4 Years

Jean Moore, *RN, B-2*

3 Years

Leona Cook, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Maggie James, *Accounting*

2 Years

Eddie Mitchell,
Housekeeping, FO

1 Year

Lynda Abrahamson,
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Estella Carnes, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

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Terry Strauss, *Laundry*

11 Years

Martha Whitaker, *RN, B-2*

10 Years

Judy Howell, *LPN, B-2*

8 Years

Anne Craver, *Pharmacy*

2 Years

Faye Simmons, *Laundry*

1 Year

Betty Boyer, *RN, B-2*

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APRIL

25 Years

Izora Moore, *Cook*

20 Years

Linda Pinnix, *LPN, A-Wing*

learn how to cook. Cooking is Kenneth's favorite part of the job although he is willing to work and fill-in wherever he is needed.

Wayne Deiser, Ken's supervisor, said, "Ken has demonstrated that he is the kind of person who will go above and beyond the call of duty. Ken is not afraid to work and, being this way, he is appreciated by co-workers."

BJH congratulates Kenneth Reid, an employee we are proud to have on our staff. Kenneth Reid's plans for his Employee of the Month gift — "Take my daughter out to eat."

BJH GIFT SHOP

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ALFREDIA THOMPSON APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT ACTIVITIES



Alfredia Thompson.

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to announce the appointment of Alfredia Thompson as the new Director of Resident Activities. Fredia, who has been the recreation therapist on A-Wing since May, 1990, is very excited about this new opportunity. Fredia says her favorite aspect of her job has always been working directly with residents and that she will continue to function as the A-Wing therapist along with her other responsibilities. Although Fredia says she hopes to bring some new programs to the Home, she says she is pleased with the Home's present activities program, that we have excellent recreation therapists on each unit and good community involvement.

Fredia Thompson received her B.S. in Therapeutic Recreation from Winston-Salem State University in 1988. Before coming to BJH, she worked as the Activities Director at Autumn Care Nursing Home in Mocksville. Fredia says she appreciates the opportunity to work in an area which brings her a great deal of self-fulfillment.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH/APRIL

MARCH

- 1 Temple Emanuel Pre-School Visit, Pre-Assembly Room, 10 a.m.
- 3 Brenner Concert, Mark Cummings, Trumpet, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 5 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 12 Senior Citizens Lunch, Leave for Clemmons, 10:15 p.m.
- 13 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.
- 15 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Brenner Concert, Alan Kaufman, Pianist, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 20 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Chorny, Synagogue, 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Starmount Country Club, Leave for Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Temple Emanuel Pre-School Visit, Pre-Assembly Room, 10 a.m.
- 29 First Seder, Commons Aud., 6 p.m.
- 30 Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 30 Second Seder, Commons Aud., 6 p.m.
- 31 Easter Services, Friendship Room, 3 p.m.

APRIL

- 5 Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- 6 Eighth Day of Passover, Yizkor Memorial Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 7 Brenner Concert, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
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"I am looking forward to meeting family members and volunteers," says Fredia, "and everyone should

feel free to come in and offer suggestions."

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Confidence-Building for Israel

by Elmer L. Winter

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Secretary of State Baker, in outlining his thoughts concerning a Middle East peace settlement, said recently: "It may be that both sides might have some interest in exploring confidence-building measures of some sort."

Certainly the Israelis will welcome political and economic confidence-builders from their Arab neighbors that would encourage them to walk the extra mile for peace. Secretary Baker will find greater receptivity from Jerusalem to his proposals for new initiatives if he can:

1) Get all the Arab countries in the region to grant diplomatic recognition to Israel.

2) Eliminate the economic boycott that the Arab countries have imposed against Israel since 1948 at an annual cost to Israel of \$400 million.

3) End the Arab world's own ban on trade with Israel.

4) Let Israel participate in tenders for the reconstruction of Kuwait.

5) Arrange with Saudi Arabia and other Arab petroleum-producers to sell oil to Israel at the same price as the rest of the world pays.

6) Promote to maintain Israel's qualitative edge in the sale of U.S. military equipment.

7) Reduce the proposed sale of \$18 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia and other Arab states—a sale that would appear unnecessary in light of the destruction of Iraq's military forces.

8) Assure Israel that the U.S. will have the Star Wars or other capability to prevent future missile attacks by hostile neighbors.

9) Make clear that the U.S. will not urge Israel to negotiate with the PLO, whose support of Iraq and continued terrorism has disqualified it as a viable negotiating partner with Israel.

10) Encourage Israel's Arab neighbors to provide decent housing and jobs—and citizenship rights—for Palestinians living in those countries, thus motivating them to remain in the lands where they are rather than to demand a return to Israel proper and to the West Bank.

11) Get a commitment from the Government of Egypt to increase trade with Israel, thus strengthening the peace treaty through closer economic ties.

12) Let Israel share in the economic cooperation programs agreed upon by the foreign ministers of eight Arab states after meeting with Secretary Baker in Saudi Arabia.

These suggestions will go a long way toward building confidence among the people and the Government of Israel that the crushing defeat of Saddam Hussein—and the new prestige our own country enjoys in the region—marks the beginning of a new era in which Arab-Israel peace may at last break out.



Leonid Olevsky, a civil engineer from the Ukraine, is helping construct housing for immigrants in Netivot, Israel. Both photos by Richard Lobell of UJA Press Service.



Gabriel Grossman, a Holocaust survivor from Hungary, with one fruit tree, all that remains of his home and garden of 40 years in Ramat Gan. Everything else was destroyed by an Iraqi Scud missile.

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A young Israeli, carrying his country's flag, shows his appreciation of America by decorating his gas mask box with the U.S. flag's stars and stripes. Photo by Richard Lobell of UJA Press Service.

BACK COVER:
Fair Oaks at Blumenthal Jewish Home

From the Editor

Thankfully, the Persian Gulf War has ended in record time. It is doubtful that peace will reign in the Middle East as speedily.

The most encouraging news we have heard is the reaction of Secretary of State James Baker during his first trip to Israel last month since taking office in 1989. As printed in the *Near East Report* (March 18, 1991), Secretary Baker hailed the Jewish State as the "living, thriving proof of man's hope and of the ultimate triumph of good over evil." Baker said that impression overwhelmed him on his March 11 visit to Yad Vashem, which he termed "a very grim monument to a grimmer truth."

"As I emerged from the darkened memorial building into the light of modern Israel, I could see that you had built in this country the antidote to despair," Baker told an audience at a community center school in Carmiel.

Greeted by Carmiel's mayor, residents of the Galilee area and young children waving American and Israeli flags, Baker said he hoped Operation Desert Storm would be the last war in the region. Baker added that "seeing Israel so close, I somehow feel I had seen it before."

"Growing up in Texas, in a religious family, we were particularly conscious of the two countries—the United States where we lived, and ancient Israel, where the basic foundations of the Christian faith were laid," Baker said. "As the prophet foretold, the dry bones have come back to life. And, therefore, it is not surprising to me that those Jews of the Soviet Union, those who lost hope there, recover that hope here," Baker declared.

He told his audience that "you are not alone in building the great hope of Israel today. The American people share your pride, your values, your belief in democracy, your strength in defending your existence. And we are proud to be helping you as you open your doors to Jews from the Soviet Union and from Ethiopia."

Baker stated that the U.S.-Israel strategic alliance "enables us to work together on the most important issues."

Mr. Baker's statements are welcome as Israel celebrates its 43rd anniversary of Independence.

Shalom,
Ruth Goldberg

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Yom HaShoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day, 27 Nisan 5751

Anne Frank and Me
by Paul F. Weinbaum
Columbia, S.C.

You and I were borne
From the same womb,
But we came
Into different worlds.
The difference was greater
Than the ocean
That separated us,
And the language
That separated us,
And the time
That separated us.
You played and lived
In your attic world
and learned about people,
The hard way.
I grew and played
In paradise,
And had an easy time
Of it.
In our time
Of worlds apart,
It was decided
That I live,
While you were picked
To die,
On the conscience of the world.

Yom HaShoah, April 7 Greensboro, N.C.

"Yom HaShoah—From TERROR to Systematic MURDER to HOPE" is the title of the Communal Remembrance of the Holocaust on Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 713 North Greene St., Greensboro, N.C.

The ceremony will be followed by a commemorative walk to the Greensboro Historical Museum, 130 Summit Ave., Greensboro, to view "A Time to Remember."

The sponsoring organizations for Yom HaShoah are: Beth David Synagogue, B'nai Israel Synagogue, Greensboro Historical Museum, Greensboro Jewish Federation, National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Temple Emanuel.

Transportation and information are available by calling (919) 272-3189. Refreshments will be served.

Holocaust Service, April 10 Chapel Hill-Durham, N.C. by Rose Shalom

This year's Holocaust Memorial Service will show some of the faces and tell some of the stories of the 6,000,000 Jews who were annihilated by the Nazis during World War II.

The Holocaust Memorial Program will take place at Judea Reform Congregation in Durham at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

The Holocaust involved a systematic dehumanization and destruction of the Jews. In an attempt to recover their humanity, Generation to Generation, the local organization of sons and daughters of Holocaust survivors, will host a unique presentation.

Six of us will share with the audience pictures of our dead relatives. These are pictures from the pre-World War II era that miraculously survived destruction. We will recount the story of how each picture survived and tell a little of the lives of those whose images were captured in film. They will emerge as human beings very much like ourselves.

We are collecting pre-Holocaust pictures of others who perished in the Holocaust. Our hope is to compile these pictures in a display to be shown annually. If you have any such pictures, please contact Sharon Halperin, (919) 933-9089. You may also call her about the Holocaust Memorial Program.

Holocaust Service, April 14 Raleigh, N.C.

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust will hold its annual state observance of the Holocaust on April 14 at the North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center at 4 p.m.

Speaking at this year's "Yom HaShoah" observance will be Dr. Michael Berenbaum, project director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Dr. Berenbaum is a former associate professor of theology at

Georgetown University, former senior scholar at the Religious Action Center and adjunct professor of Judaic Studies at American University.

The Raleigh Concert Band and Raleigh Oratoria Society will also be participating.

Holocaust and Independence Days Columbia, S.C.

The Holocaust Remembrance Service will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Columbia, S.C. The service will include candlelighting by local survivors.

The community will celebrate Israel's Independence Day on Thursday evening, April 18 at Tree of Life Congregation in Columbia. Talented individuals have volunteered to donate creative services to the gala observance.

Both programs are sponsored by the Columbia Jewish Federation in association with the Beth Shalom Synagogue, Tree of Life Congregation, Columbia Jewish Community Center and Chabad Lubavitch of South Carolina.

Holocaust Exhibit Opens Charlotte JCC, April 7

The Holocaust Exhibit will open on April 7 in the Speizman Galleries at Shalom Park. At 6 p.m. there will be a private preview showing for media people, teachers and special guests. The Yom HaShoah program will follow at 7 p.m. in Gorelick Hall. It will feature a candlelighting service and guest speaker Dr. Gene Owens. The entire community is invited.

The exhibit will be available for viewing until May 12.

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A Page of Testimony

<p>THE MARTYRS' AND HEROES' REMEMBRANCE LAW, 5713—1953 determines in article No. 2 that — The task of YAD VASHEM is to gather into the homeland material regarding all those members of the Jewish people who laid down their lives, who fought and rebelled against the Nazi enemy and his collaborators, and to perpetuate their memory and that of the communities, organisations, and institutions which were destroyed because they were Jewish.</p>	<p>דאס געזעץ צום אנדענק פון אומקום און גבורה — יד ושם, תשי"ג 1953 שטעלט פעסט אין פאראגראף נומ' 2: די אויפגאבע פון יד ושם איז איינזאמלען אין היימלאנד דעם אנדענק פון אלע יידן, וואס זענען געפאלן, האבן זיך מוסר נפש געווען, געקעמפט און זיך אנטקעגנגעשטעלט דעם נאצישן שונא און זיינע ארויסהעלפער, און זיי אלעמען, די קהילות, די ארגאניזאציעס און אינסטיטוציעס, וועלכע זענען חרוב געווארן צוליב זייער אנגעהעריקייט צום יידישן פאלק — שטעלן א דענקמאל. (געזעץ-בוך נומ' 132, י"ז אלול תשי"ג, 28.8.1953)</p>	
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 "...even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name...that shall not be cut off." Isaiah, LV, 5

How Alaska Almost Saved Jewish Refugees from Hitler

by Rafael Medoff

Fifty years ago this month, [January 1991], the United States Congress considered legislation to allow European Jewish refugees to settle in Alaska. Numerous refugee settlement schemes were bandied about during the 1930s and 1940s, but the Alaska proposal was one of the very few to actually reach the state of being introduced in Congress—until the political timidity of the Roosevelt Administration and the apathy of some American Jewish leaders combined to defeat it.

The idea of using the Alaska territory (it was not yet a state) as a haven for persecuted Jews was supported by senior officials of the Department of the Interior, who saw in the scheme a way to help Hitler's victims and further America's own interests at the same time. There were, after all, sound economic reasons to increase Alaska's population and thereby foster development of the area. Less than 70,000 people were residing in a largely unexploited region that boasted 42 million acres of arable land, more than 22 million acres of pasture, 10,000 square miles of coal, and numerous other mineral deposits.

Strategic Considerations

Strategic considerations gave further ammunition to proponents of the Alaska development idea. Aggressive Japan was only six hundred miles from the Alaskan shore. The Soviet Union—which at that moment was allied with Nazi Germany and fresh from its conquests of eastern Poland and the Baltic nations—was just 65 miles away. With southern Alaska barely seven hundred miles from Seattle, an enemy occupation force in Alaska would be within easy bombing range of America's entire Pacific Coast.

Nevertheless, many other officials of the Roosevelt Administration opposed the Alaska scheme. The State Department, which vigorously opposed any attempt to circumvent the country's tight restrictions on immi-

gration, regarded the Alaska idea as an attempt to sneak in refugees (including potential Nazi spies, it claimed) through America's back door. President Roosevelt himself was keenly aware of polls showing widespread public opposition to increased refugee immigration, and he feared the political ramifications of letting in more Jews. FDR instructed Interior Secretary Harold Ickes to make sure that "not more than ten per cent (of the refugees entering Alaska) would be Jews, and thus we would be able to avoid the undoubted criticism that we would be subjected to if there were an undue proportion of Jews."

Jewish Leaders Object

Ironically, American Jewish leaders also refused to support the Alaska proposal. When Senator William King (D-Utah) and Rep. Frank Havenner (D-California) introduced a bill in 1940 to promote Alaskan development by firms employing 50% Americans and 50% refugees, U.S. Jewish leaders feared that anti-Semitism might be aroused if they endorsed the bill. "Just because small numbers of Jews might settle there" was no reason to back the Alaska bill, American Jewish Congress president Stephen Wise wrote, warning that allowing refugees to enter Alaska "makes a wrong and hurtful impression to have it appear that Jews are taking over some part of the country for settlement."

The fears of the Jewish leadership, reinforced by the political timidity of FDR and the passionate restrictionism of the State Department, combined to bury King-Havenner in subcommittee. But the idea of Alaska as a haven for refugees was not dead yet.

Fifty years ago this month—on January 29, 1941—Rep. Samuel Dickstein (D-New York) submitted House Resolution 2791, which proposed to combine all unused immigration quotas from the previous six years in order to facilitate the entry of refugees to colonize Alaska. But Dickstein's bill encountered the same opposition and apathy that had blocked King-Havenner. The only American Jewish voice to endorse Dickstein was that of

the Labor Zionist journal *Jewish Frontier*, which declared in an editorial: "As Jews, we are especially interested that the government should allow a large number of European refugees to enter if not the United States, at least Alaska."

But the Labor Zionists were no match for the lobbying of restrictionists like Colonel John Taylor, spokesman for the American Legion, who insisted that the Jewish refugees were "fifth columnists" who "did not have the courage and patriotism to remain in their motherlands and fight their own battles over there."

Dickstein's resolution never made it out of subcommittee, and the refugees whom his bill might have saved never made it out of the hellish inferno of Hitler's Europe. The phenomenon of Jewish statelessness had left the rescue of Jews from Hitler in the hands of timid politicians, cold-hearted bureaucrats, and shortsighted Jewish leaders. Only the birth of the State of Israel could insure that persecuted Jews would never again meet that fate. Today's exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia to Israel confirms that enduring legacy of Jewish statehood.

Rafael Medoff is author of *The Deafening Silence: American Jewish Leaders and the Holocaust* (Shapolsky Books, 1987).



Youngsters at the Jewish National Fund's tree planting site at Neveh Ilan, near Jerusalem, solemnly pause during the two-minute siren in memory of Israel's fallen sons. They were planting the first pine saplings in the "March of the Living" Forest.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Israel Independence Day Yom Ha'Atzmaut 5751

by Estelle Hoffman

On May 14, 1948, Israel declared itself an independent state. Almost 20 centuries had passed since the Temple had been destroyed in 70 C.E. by Roman legions and Jews of Israel were taken captive or fled, with a scattered few remaining. That first day of renewed independence was the 5th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, which is April 19 this year.

In Israel, 8 days before Yom Ha'Atzmaut, everyone pauses to remember those who perished in the Holocaust. That day is Yom HaShoah. Israelis also celebrate Jerusalem Day on the 28th of Iyar, the anniversary of the day when Jerusalem was reunited in the Six Day War. It is interesting to reflect that sorrow always mingles with celebration, as we recall sacrifice and misfortune.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut is the big holiday, comparable to our 4th of July, and there are similar customs of parades, picnics, flag-waving and fireworks. Public performances are given by theatrical groups, musicians and comedians, and there is much preparation and consumption of food.

Celebration of Independence Day in Israel and by Jews throughout the world includes the preparation and consumption of what has become known as Israeli dishes. Recipes sometimes appear complicated, but that difficulty does not apply to *Jewish Holiday Kitchen* by Joan Nathan, published by Schocken Books. In it this menu is suggested for the holiday, with recipes following.

Israeli Independence Day Menu

- Israeli Felafel
- Jerusalem Hummus
- Madeleine Kamman's Jaffa Salad
- Israeli Eggplant Salad
- Jaffa Oranges

Israeli Felafel (Chick Pea Patties)

- 2 cups chick peas, which have been soaked in water overnight
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped parsley
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. dried hot red peppers
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- Dash of coriander seed
- 1/2 cup fine bulgur, which has been soaked for 1 hour
- Vegetable oil for frying

Combine the drained chick peas and the onion. Add the parsley, egg and spices. Whirl in a blender or food processor. Add the bulgur until the mixture forms a small ball without sticking to your hands. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Form the chick pea mixture into small balls about the size of a walnut or use a felafel measuring gadget (available in Middle Eastern markets). Flatten the patties slightly before frying them in deep fat until golden brown on each side. Drain the felafel on paper towels.

Jerusalem Hummus

- 1 cup raw chick peas
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup tahina
- 1/2 cup lemon juice, or to taste
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tsp. salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp. cumin
- Olive oil
- Paprika
- 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley
- Olives

Soak the chick peas in water with the baking soda overnight. Add water to cover by 1/3 and simmer, covered, about 1 hour, or until the skin separates. Drain.

Reserving 1/2 cup chick peas, place the rest in a food processor or blender with the tahina,

lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cumin. Process or whirl until smooth. To serve, place the hummus on a large, attractive, flat plate. Smooth it down with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle with the remaining chick peas, olive oil and paprika. Garnish with parsley and olives. Serve with a large basket filled with hot pita cut into wedges for dipping.

Madeleine Kamman's Jaffa Salad

- 4 endives (Belgian)
- 1 bunch watercress, with the stems removed
- 3 large navel oranges, peeled and sliced in rounds
- 1/2 cup homemade mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

In your salad bowl, layer the endives, watercress and oranges, ending with oranges on top.

Just before serving, combine the mayonnaise and mustard, beating well with a whisk. Slowly add cream, beating constantly. Season with salt and pepper. Add to the salad. Toss at the table.

Israeli Eggplant Salad

- Vegetable oil for frying
- 1 medium eggplant, unpeeled
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 large onion, sliced in thin rings
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise, or to taste
- Juice of 1-1/2 lemons
- Pepper to taste

Pour about 2 inches of oil into a heavy frying pan and heat to 375°.

Divide the eggplant in half and cube the flesh into 1/2 inch squares. Sprinkle with salt and fry half the eggplant at a time. When it is golden, remove it to a glass or ceramic bowl. Add the onion rings.

Blend in the garlic, mayonnaise, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Adjust seasoning. Let sit overnight and serve with hot bread.



An elderly man ties the Israeli flag from the remains of his apartment following the Scud missile attack that hit the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan. UJA Press Service Photo by Robert A. Cumins. 2-91.

NJCRAC Statement on the Post-Persian Gulf War Period

Approximately 500 delegates to the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) Plenum adopted this statement on the Post-Persian Gulf War Period, Feb. 19, 1991 in Miami, Fla.:

"The U.S. has played a central role in mobilizing an extraordinary international coalition to resist Saddam Hussein's aggression, and so too will the U.S. be called upon to provide leadership in the post-war period. One of the challenges that must be confronted following the war is the search for a durable peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors. The key to achieving such a peace, Israel's desire since its creation in 1948, is acceptance by the Arab states and by the Palestinians of Israel's permanence and legitimacy.

"One conception shattered by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and attack on Israel is that the Palestinian issue is the main source of instability in the region and thus, must be addressed before the Arab states can be expected to move toward peace. While the Palestinian issue must be resolved, clearly there can be no hope for a peaceful future unless a resolution of that issue is coupled with peaceful relations between Israel and the Arab states. We therefore call upon the Administration to urge the Arab nations, in particular those Arab countries at war with Israel which have been defended by the U.S. and the international coalition in Operation Desert Storm, to end the state of belligerency and normalize relations with Israel.

"The longstanding efforts by the Arab states, with the exception of Egypt, to delegitimize Israel politically and to cripple her economically poison the atmosphere and make peacemaking difficult if not impossible. The economic boycott against Israel must be terminated. The United Nations must cease being a forum for Israel bashing. U.N. General Assembly Resolution 3379, the libel against Zionism, Israel and the Jewish people, must be repealed, not over the

objection of the Arab states but with their concurrence. Support by some Arab states for terrorist groups which strike Israel and the U.S. must be halted. Only through such specific steps will the Israeli people be persuaded that the Arab states genuinely wish to end their 43 year struggle against the Jewish state.

"It also has become even clearer that the Palestine Liberation Organization cannot play a constructive role, directly or indirectly, in advancing the prospects for peace. By supporting Saddam Hussein the PLO has demonstrated convincingly that it continues to be committed to the organization's charter which calls for Israel's destruction. Yassir Arafat's call to launch terrorist strikes against Israel and the U.S. interests around the world is a chilling reminder of the PLO's true nature. Peace with the Palestinians will become possible when Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip end the violence and come forward on their own to seek a political settlement with Israel.

"We believe certain fundamental principles apply to any effort to advance the Israeli-Arab peace process. A lasting political settlement can be achieved only on the basis of direct, face-to-face, bilateral and unconditional negotiations between the parties involved. An active U.S. involvement in facilitating such negotiations is essential. As the only Arab nation to sign a peace treaty with Israel, Egypt, too, can play an important and constructive role. Whatever framework for negotiations ultimately is agreed upon, attempts by outside parties to impose procedures or solutions will only serve to impede the peace process. If the Soviet Union wishes to play a constructive role in the Middle East, at a minimum it should move quickly to renew full diplomatic relations with Israel and encourage moderation among those Arab states with which it has close relations.

"The best approach for peacemaking, as envisioned in the Camp David Accords, is to focus on a step-by-step process and confidence-building

transitional measures that over time would lead to formal peace agreements between the parties. U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 provide the necessary framework and latitude for reaching a mutually acceptable political settlement."

"Israel remains committed to the four-part peace proposal presented in May 1989. This proposal calls for an effort to bring the Arab states actively and directly into the peace process, elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as a first step towards Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, a deepening of the peace between Israel and Egypt, and a multi-national effort to resolve the Arab refugee problem. We are encouraged by statements from Israeli leaders reflecting recognition of the importance of seizing the initiative by creatively advancing their 1989 proposal based on new regional and global realities.

"The war is having a serious impact on the economies of the Middle East, including Israel's. Already, Israel has sustained hundreds of casualties, widespread property damage and setbacks to key industries as well as increased defense-related costs directly resulting from the crisis. We urge the U.S. and the international community, particularly Western Europe and Japan, to respond expeditiously to Israel's needs as they are being called upon to respond to the needs of other states adversely affected by the conflict.

"Finally, in the interest of a more stable Middle East we believe the U.S. should assume leadership in reexamining together with all arms-producing nations the problem of conventional and non-conventional weapons proliferation in the region. We welcome statements by the President and other key Administrative officials reaffirming U.S. commitment to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge. Any doubt about Israel's ability to defeat aggression can only invite such aggression. To maintain that qualitative edge becomes increasingly difficult in the face of massive transfers of sophisticated weapons and technologies to Arab states which continue to threaten Israel.

"No statement would be complete without referring to the miraculous and historic immigration to Israel, which continues despite the war, of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews as well as Jews from Ethiopia and other countries. Nothing reveals the nature and depth of Jewish commitment toward the state of Israel more than this. We pray that peace will soon come to this troubled region and that Israel can engage in the process of nation-building without the threat of violence from her neighbors."

The NJCRAC is the national coordinating body for community relations policies of 113 local and 11 national Jewish agencies throughout the United States. The national organizations are American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America-Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and Women's American ORT.

EL AL Passenger Survey Demonstrates "It's Business as Usual to Israel"

Passenger interest in flying to Israel remained strong according to a three-day survey conducted in late February by EL AL Israel Airlines in which 24 percent of the passengers were polled at EL AL's terminal located at New York's JFK International Airport.

Of the three sold out EL AL flights, 83 percent of the passengers booked their flight after January 15, 1991, with 57% making their travel plans within two weeks of their departure.

Significantly, 42 percent of EL AL's passengers polled stated that they will stay in Israel for two weeks or more. The majority will stay in Jerusalem (50 percent) and in Tel Aviv (32 percent).

EL AL passengers cited a variety of reasons for traveling to Israel now, including 18 percent expressing solidarity; 37 percent visiting family; 18 percent conducting business; as well as others who were traveling to study and to volunteer.

The majority of those surveyed (95 percent) have been to Israel at least once, with 87 percent having flown EL AL before. In addition, the largest age group of travellers was between 35-65, 55 percent; followed by the 21-35 age group with 21 percent.

When asked why they chose to fly EL AL to Israel, passengers stated three main reasons: it's Israel's national carrier; its record for safety and security; and it's the only carrier still flying to Israel from the U.S.



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An Ethiopian Immigrant's Saga

Hailu lived in an isolated Jewish village in the mountains of Ethiopia. Crippled from infancy, he could only move through the dirt paths of his village like an animal, on all fours, or be carried on his sister's back. The six-year-old boy was undernourished, emaciated, with legs as thin as broomsticks, and his future appeared to be bleak and hopeless.

Today Hailu lives in Israel, surrounded by a loving family and many friends, attending school for the first time. And most remarkably, Hailu stands on his own feet—with support—but he stands.

The story of Hailu encompasses three continents, hundreds of concerned Jewish volunteers in Israel and the U.S., and a very special international relief and rescue organization, the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ).

In 1986 a group of NACOEJ volunteers, led by National Director and Founder Barbara Ribakove Gordon, traveled to Ethiopia on one of the organization's periodic visits to Jewish villages. Among the group were several volunteer physicians: everyone carried heavy suitcases and duffel bags, filled with medical supplies and warm clothing for the children and adults.

After a tortuous bus ride and a hazardous climb over rocks and mountain paths, the group arrived, set up an outdoor clinic, and started to distribute warm clothing.

Hailu was one of the many children examined by the NACOEJ medical team. He and his older sister lived with their mother. Other family members—two grandparents, an aunt and three uncles—had managed to escape from war-torn Ethiopia and emigrate to Israel.

Hailu won the hearts of the NACOEJ team on first sight. Although he was thin and crippled, he seemed to have an inner strength and dignity beyond his age. Members of the NACOEJ team agonized over his situation, knowing that his chances in the harsh conditions of a mountain



Picture on left: Hailu could only move about his village in Ethiopia on all fours. Picture on right: Hailu today at school in Israel, with a classmate.

village were limited, while he could be saved with the help of modern medical technology.

Hailu needed much more than the common medicines and antibiotics that were being used to treat the hundreds of adults and children for eye infections and other diseases endemic to African villages.

On returning to the U.S., Ms. Gordon and her associates enlisted the assistance of Israeli officials, Ethiopian contacts and U.S. supporters. It took almost two frustrating years, but Hailu and his sister were finally given visas by the Ethiopian government to travel to Israel for medical treatment. One note of sadness marred the joyous flight of freedom: Hailu's mother and other siblings had to remain behind. The Ethiopian authorities would not permit her to leave with her children.

When the two youngsters arrived at Ben Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv, Hailu's sister once more carried him on her back, down the metal steps, to the land of Israel and into the arms of his family.

Hailu was quickly admitted into the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot for extensive examinations, evaluation and treatment. The physicians determined that he had been crippled by polio, and while considerable improvement could be made through surgery and physical therapy, Hailu would probably need braces or crutches to walk.

The first of what might be a number of operations was performed. While recovering and receiving physical therapy, Hailu charmed the doctors

and nurses on the hospital staff. NACOEJ arranged for Ethiopian Jewish university students, all participants in the NACOEJ Adopt-a-Student program, to volunteer several hours each day as tutors. Hailu was able to study Hebrew and other subjects for the first time in his life.

Then Laura Gold, president of the Park South Gallery at Carnegie Hall in New York, volunteered to "adopt" Hailu and his family. Her generosity will cover the costs of tutoring, special medical care and equipment. And his elderly grandparents will get help in caring for him.

Hailu's future, as an Ethiopian Jewish boy living in Israel, is secure. But true happiness for him and his sister will only come when their mother joins them in Israel.

The North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) is a nonprofit organization that assists the endangered community of Ethiopian Jews in Ethiopia and helps in their emigration to and resettlement in Israel. Working both independently and with other agencies, NACOEJ responds quickly and effectively to the needs of Ethiopian Jewry.

In Ethiopia NACOEJ supplies relief to impoverished Jewish individuals, families and communities and assists in their efforts to remain Jewish and to reach Israel. In Israel, NACOEJ helps new Ethiopian immigrants make a satisfactory transition to a new modern society while preserving their ancient, unique Jewish culture.

For more information about NACOEJ and its programs, write to NACOEJ, 165 East 56th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022, or call (212) 752-6340.

Kibbutz—"First Home in the Homeland" for Russian Immigrants

by Deborah Lipson

(WZPS) "The absorption of new immigrants into Israeli society is the most important task in Israel today," says Ori Zisling, a member of Kibbutz Ein Harod (Meuchad), and responsi-

ble for the efforts of that Kibbutz to offer a "first home in the homeland" to new Soviet immigrants. "The kibbutz does not see it so much as absorbing the immigrants into the kibbutz, as part of a national mission," he continues.

Interest

Offering a limited number of immigrants who are deemed suitable for kibbutz life the opportunity of spending their first months in the country on a kibbutz is the joint project of Israel's three kibbutz movements, the United Kibbutz Movement, Kibbutz Artzi and Kibbutz HaDati (the religious kibbutz movement). Their efforts are coordinated by Gershon Castel, a member of Kibbutz Yiftach in the Galilee.

"We developed the idea at the end of 1989, when the first signs of a massive wave of aliya from the Soviet Union were visible," explains Castel. "Our aim is to give the immigrants a soft landing in Israel over a specified period of time, during which they will learn Hebrew and cope with their initial adjustment to life here."

A booklet in Russian on the kibbutz and its way of life, together with a map of the country showing where the kibbutzim are situated, were prepared and sent to the Soviet Union with Israel's emissaries working there. The project was also publicized through the media. "By spring of last year interest in the project was becoming apparent," says Castel. In some cases it was the family of prospective or new immigrants who contacted the kibbutz movement; in others it was the immigrants themselves—sometimes even before their arrival in Israel. "At first there were only a few inquiries per week," he notes; "from May things began to pick up, and we are now so overloaded that we cannot cope with all the requests that we receive."

First Home

As of the middle of December 1990, the country's kibbutzim had absorbed 450 families and some 250 single immigrants in 140 kibbutzim throughout the country. 120 families entered the scheme in November, close to 160 families were expected to join in

December, "and we anticipate that the rate will continue to grow." In addition, a further 1,200 young immigrants, aged 17 to 29 were, by the end of 1990, studying in 45 different kibbutz *ulpanim*, some of them the teenage children of immigrant families, some single immigrants. "A higher percentage of the immigrants are interested in the kibbutz way of life than among the native Israeli population," notes Castel with a certain satisfaction.

The immigrants are selected after an interview with Russian-speaking staff; a contract is signed between the immigrants and the kibbutz to which they are referred and the newcomers can then move in. They receive a house on the kibbutz with basic furnishings and household utensils; have free use of the kibbutz laundry and receive an allowance to spend at the kibbutz shop; have access to the sports and leisure facilities, may entertain guests from outside the kibbutz, and study in an ulpan, either on the kibbutz or in a local town. Their children enter the kibbutz educational framework and the family is "adopted" by a kibbutz family. For all this, the immigrants pay a monthly sum which is between 70 and 85 percent of the "absorption basket" allowance they receive during their first year in the country.

People over the age of 40 are generally not eligible (although the cut-off point is flexible) and the kibbutzim are reluctant to accept three-generational families, "because of problems that the older members have experienced in the first months of the project," explains Castel. The immigrants work between one and three days a month on the kibbutz for a small payment.

At the end of the first six-month period, a length of time which is treated with a certain flexibility to allow it to coincide with the end of the school year, the immigrants may choose to leave the kibbutz, or to stay for a further six months with a similar financial arrangement. Those who are considering applying to become kibbutz members stop paying at this point and become pre-candidates for

kibbutz membership. To date, only some 40 to 50 families have reached the end of their first period on the kibbutz; in many of these cases interest has been expressed by both sides in the immigrants becoming members.

Castel does not accept the contention that Soviet Jews are not attracted to the kibbutz way of life because they are "skeptical of anything that smacks of socialism." The Soviet immigrants of the 1970s were Zionists, but were right-wing, while the immigrants of today are in an ideological vacuum, are more pragmatic and open-minded. Many ask: "If this is socialism, what is capitalism?"

Enthusiasm and Optimism

Yuri and Vera Zaslavsky, who arrived at Ein Harod from Leningrad in July 1990 with their nine-year-old child, agree. Aged 40 plus, they were pleasantly surprised at being accepted into the project. "We like it here, and my wife definitely wants to stay," says Yuri. "We have always preferred living in the country and knew that a kibbutz is totally different from a Soviet collective farm. The notion of a collective way of life never worried us."

The kibbutzim can offer a first home in the country to approximately 10,000 immigrant families. "This is a drop in the ocean," admits Castel, "and it is also only a temporary solution." The size of the project is limited by the ability of the kibbutzim to offer work to the new immigrants.

Yet Castel remains optimistic. He notes the growth of industry in the peripheral areas of the country and the changes currently underway in the kibbutz movement. "An increasing number of kibbutz members are working in their profession outside the kibbutz, and this will help us to absorb the new immigrants."

The kibbutzim started the project not overly optimistic about the potential it held for increasing their population. Not only is it doing just that, however, but "their appreciation of everything the kibbutz has to offer is a reminder to the members of the things that they mostly take for granted."

The Current Moral State of Islam

by Irving Greenberg

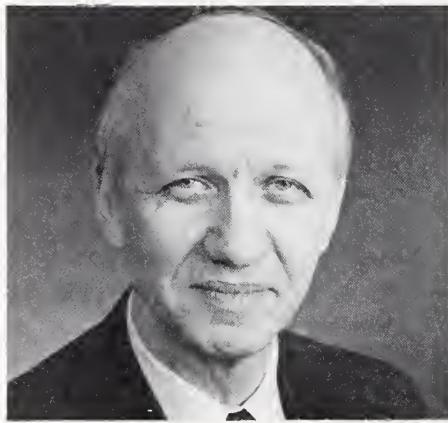
An estimated 750 million people are Moslems and the number is growing rapidly. Islam is a classic religion with a distinguished history of teaching pure monotheism; it stresses justice and human responsibility (*Tsedakah*) as primary means of serving God.

In the Gulf, Saddam Hussein of Iraq presents himself as fighting a holy war for Islamic purposes and for the greater glory of God. Yet, at Hussein's direction, Scud missiles, targeted to strike urban civilian centers, have been fired repeatedly at the State of Israel. The Scuds cannot change the military course of the war. They can only destroy buildings and kill many civilians if they land in the 'right' place at the 'right' time.

Since Hussein has warned that he is able and ready to use poison gas, every time there is an attack, millions of people have to put on gas masks and take other self-defense steps. These include covering little babies (too young to wear a mask) with a plastic sealed 'tent' and putting masks on other young children. Many are traumatized by the process or by seeing their parents in frightening gear.

Hussein's cruelty is Islam's dilemma. All religions should be troubled by assaults on civilians in a warring country, let alone on people in a neighboring, non-belligerent country. One could, in good conscience, uphold a military attack which incidentally harms civilians on the grounds that sometimes good actions have inescapable bad side effects (= necessary evil) which must be tolerated albeit kept to a minimum. But how can anyone justify all-out indiscriminate war on civilians? How can one be silent about present or future use of chemical warfare?

Not one Arab country, or one major Islamic religious institution or one Moslem religious scholar has publicly condemned or criticized this assault on moral grounds. Egypt and Syria conceded that Israel had the



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right to retaliate. But no religious leader has felt morally outraged enough to say out loud that these attacks are wrong. No one felt personally safe enough to say: "While I am fundamentally opposed to Israel and its policies in the Middle East, I condemn these attacks. Moslems are not allowed to wage indiscriminate war, especially not on women and children."

There is a concept of *chillul Hashem* (desecration of God's name) in Judaism. *Chillul Hashem* means that the behavior of a believer impacts non-believers. A religious person acting immorally or degradingly erodes respect for God and Torah. Let one *imam* or *mullah* say only this: "A missile attack on Tel Aviv is wrong because it brings Islam, Allah's supreme revelation, into disrepute." Such a statement would give witness that Islam's moral capacity is not paralyzed by the politics of the Middle East.

Some Arabs Applaud Saddam

Actually, the missile attacks have won Hussein applause and strong emotional support throughout the Arab world. One news account reported that the missile hits made him "a hero of mythic proportions" among Palestinians. The one government spokesman who took issue with the attacks, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt criticized them only on the grounds that *they increase sympathy for Israel*. Islamic public opinion's fervor for the missile firing is so widespread that the allies fear these emotions could undermine governments which have stood up to Hussein because of his invasion of Kuwait.

In sum: mass killing attacks are emotionally and morally glorified in the Islamic world—because they are aimed at Israel. At present, believers are so full of hatred for Jews, that Israel is placed beyond the pale of moral norms. So great is the rage and desire for revenge on the West (Israel is perceived as its representative), that it validates committing crimes against humanity in the name of Islam. This anger is so powerful that it cuts off Arabs' natural tendency to condemn Hussein's reprehensible tactic even when it is used against *Saudi Arabia*.

No Missiles Hit Mosques

If Saddam fired at Jerusalem and hit the el Aqsa Mosque or shot at Mecca and hit the Kaaba, he would be roundly condemned by all Arabs. Therefore, he has fired no missiles near those places. This means that in Islam's present moral state, killing humans, however indiscriminately, is more acceptable than damaging important Islamic holy places.

Undoubtedly many Islamic clergy, speaking privately, would repudiate this balance. But public silence means that their ethical sensitivity is weaker than their fear of possible reactions. This outcome is itself a telling commentary on Islam's ethical balance sheet.

The delegitimation of Jewry draws heavily from the fact that Islam was deeply shaped by Judaism. One Moslem scholar found that more than one-quarter of the Koran deals with Jews or is addressed to them. Many, but not all, of the Koranic references are negative, a reflection of the process of detaching from Judaism. The traditionalist Moslem view is that all other religions are inferior to Islam. According to this view, even Jews and Christians—acknowledged by the Prophet Mohammed to be the People of the Book, i.e., as possessing sacred revelation—have the right to exist within the Moslem world only as clearly labelled inferiors (*dhimmi*).

There are parallel traditional Jewish and Christian religious views but under the impact of modernization they have been removed or diluted.

Among Western Jews and Christians the majority's views have been reshaped; their 'fundamentalists' have softened the denigration of other faiths under the lash of the majority's opinions. In Islamic countries, modernization has been aborted; therefore only the smallest minority has been similarly affected. This fraction submits to the dynamic of Moslem opinion or is silent out of fear of physical retaliation and spiritual de-legitimation.

Fearful Silence

The silence dramatizes what a terrible price Islam pays for being politically established in Moslem countries. Religious leadership identifies excessively with government policy. And Orthodoxy, defined by the government, is enforced by the government. Theological critics or liberalizers are liable to the death penalty on the grounds of apostasy. (Compare the Salman Rushdie situation.)

Who can extricate this noble religion from the morass of hatred and political entanglement into which it has fallen? The whole world must help, starting with unrelenting feedback from Western countries and from non-Moslems as to how such behavior is perceived in the outside world. The vast bulk of Moslem religious teachers grow and are nurtured in a purely Islamic context. They also share the societal frustration and feeling of humiliation, vis-a-vis the West. Hopefully, political arrangements that prevent acting out of these resentments will also allow new, more positive attitudes to emerge in time.

Islam has been more open and liberal when Moslems flourished without conflict with the outside world but it turned more reactionary when threatened. Much will be accomplished when a healthier, more equitably distributed modernization comes to the Middle East on the heels of peace and democratic development.

The total identification of Islam with the politics of Arab countries is corrupting. Currently most religious leaders would dismiss the idea of 'separation of church and state' as a Western, secular notion. As the moral

situation sinks in, more religious Moslems will come to realize how destructive establishment has been for their faith's ethics and religious vitality. Support for disestablishment or for political and theological pluralism will grow. Women and other Moslem minorities may be natural allies in this process since they too suffer disability, indeed they are at risk, under the present politically enforced orthodoxy.

Long term, Islam must purge itself of its hateful traditions; vis-a-vis Jews and others. This can be accomplished only by authentic internal development in consonance with its own character. Self-renewal is essential for religious integrity in all faiths. It is doubly critical in Islam where the sense of peoplehood (*umma*) and particularist values are strong. To encourage the process, the world would do well to seek out and nurture

renewal movements within Islam—such as the Republican Brotherhood of the martyred Mahmoud Taha of Sudan—which affirm the universal dignity and right to equal life of non-Moslems (and women) from within the Islamic tradition. Non-Islamic religions must invest heavily in inter-religious dialogue with Moslems even though, as of now, top leadership in the heartland Islamic countries will not participate.

Islam is a central world religion with great ethical resources for renewal. It is so crucial to humanity's hopes for the future that it dare not be written off or ignored. Let the world start with honest feedback to Moslems. Islam is too important to be left to Islamics only.

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Rabbi David M. Zielonka Received Degree at HUC

Rabbi David Martin Zielonka of Temple Emanuel in Gastonia, N.C. was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree, honoris causa, at the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, March 13. Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the College-Institute, conferred the degree at Founders' Day Exercises. Rabbi Zielonka is observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Rabbi Zielonka is a second generation rabbi. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati and a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters at the College-Institute. Following his ordination, Rabbi Zielonka studied American Jewish History at the College. Throughout his rabbinic career, he continued to enrich his professional development proficiency at Vanderbilt University Theology Seminary and at the Princeton University School of Theology. In 1988, he obtained certification in clinical pastoral education at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Prior to his position at Temple Emanuel, Rabbi Zielonka served congregations in Georgia, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

In addition to his congregational responsibilities, Rabbi Zielonka has held faculty posts at Gaston College and Belmont Abbey College. He is the author of: *Manual of the American Jewish Archives*, *The Eager Immigrants*, *Two Hundred Years of Life in Northampton County, Pennsylvania*, and articles in scholarly journals.

An activist in religious and civic organizations, Rabbi Zielonka has



Rabbi David M. Zielonka

served most recently as president of the Greater Gastonia Ministerial Fellowship, and president of the Look Up Gaston Foundation Board. Rabbi Zielonka has been an active participant in Boy Scouts, Rotary and Kiwanis. In 1988, Rabbi Zielonka was the recipient of the Gaston County Commissioners Award for Volunteer Service in Community Leadership. He is listed in *Who's Who in the East*, *Dictionary of International Biography*, and *Community Leaders of America*.

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

by Fran Hirschel

Temple Beth El V'Shalom is eagerly looking forward to the groundbreaking for the new Temple building, which is scheduled for late May or June of this year. Our architects have rendered plans for the interior and exterior, and Temple committees are meeting to fine tune the details. Our goal is to be able to have our High Holy Day services in the fall of 1992 in the new building.

In the meantime, our Friday night services, which are being held in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park, are attracting an encouraging number of congregants. We have begun incorporating adult education programs

into several of our services; we have had two programs focusing on art, and on April 5 Dr. J. Daniel White of UNC Charlotte will present information about the Art and Culture of Hinduism. Our Friday night service on Feb. 15 in honor of the memory of Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler was a moving service, and it was very well attended, especially considering the below freezing temperature that night.

For the past three years, Craig and Penny Laufer have worked tirelessly to initiate and support an active youth group at Temple Beth El V'Shalom. We are very sad to see them leave Charlotte, and wish them happiness and success. They will be missed.

In other Temple News, this year's Passover Seder was held at the Park Hotel on March 29. The Couples Club ably led by Sid and Edith Cojak and Harold and Clarice Breitman, now boasts over 100 members. They celebrated New Year's Eve in Myrtle Beach, and are planning exciting events for the spring, including a trip to the mountains and an excursion to the races at Camden. And, finally, we are proud to welcome as full members of our congregation Ashby Hare and Lisa Martin, who became B'nai Mitzvah in March.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

To follow up on people contributing to charities in honor of the rededication of the Synagogue: from Ed and Joyce Greene to Memorial Mission Hospital Foundation, Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital and the Salvation Army; and Dr. Eliot and Sally Katz, to the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Mazel Tov to Candi Cross, who made the Dean's List at UNC-A for the fall semester.

The Synagogue has now available large print *Siddurim* for services for those who need them.

One of the letters the Rabbi received from the Rosman School students in conjunction with their visit to the Synagogue reads as follows: "Dear Rabbi Birnham, I would like to thank you for taking your time to explain a little bit about your religion and for being so patient with us. I thought I might feel uncomfortable, but I really enjoyed the discussion. Your religion is very interesting. I learned a lot and want to learn more about Judaism. I found it intriguing. Now I understand better about the Holocaust and how awful it really was. I really enjoyed today. Thank you again. Sincerely, Crystal Jones."

The February calendar included: Feb. 10-Jews by Choice Class; Feb. 13-Shabbat Class; Feb. 19-Interfaith Fellowship meeting at the Synagogue in the afternoon and at 7:30 p.m., the Rabbi's Second Memorial Yahrzeit Lecture: Purim and Anti-Semitism, refreshments were provided; Feb. 20-Rabbi's Study Group; Feb. 21-Lunch and Learn with the Rabbis; Feb. 24-Sunday School Purim Activity Day and Jews by Choice Class; Feb. 27-Fast of Esther and Megillah Reading and "Wild Party"; and Feb. 28-Purim Service and Megillah Reading at 9:00 a.m.

Liz Nigrosh, president of Beth Israel Sisterhood, would like to thank Rochelle Neuringer and her committee for another year of delicious *hamentaschen* for Purim. On Feb. 27, Sisterhood sponsored the Purim Bash, 5751. Many attended in innovative costumes.

Temple Emanu-El Weldon, N.C.

by Sarah Kittner

Ninety-six year old Lena Liverman is an active member of Temple Emanu-El in Weldon. She rarely misses attending Friday Evening Services each week or any Temple function. And it has been so, since she first came to live in this community twenty-seven years ago. It was after the death of her husband that she came to be near her children, Bob and Marcella Marks Liverman of Roanoke Rapids.

Everyone who knows Lena would agree with Marcella who so aptly describes her mother-in-law as "marvelous" and "so independent." Randy Moritz recalls looking over her great grandmother's recently renewed driver's license last year at a family gathering. "We thought the number 95 was the expiration date. We pointed it out to her and she laughed and said, 'That's my age!'"

When Lena celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday with her family in Virginia Beach last summer, she baked the cookies for her own party. Her cookies are tradition with her family and favorites of her children and great grandchildren. Lena has a daughter, Helene Bernstein of Springfield, Mass., three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Besides attending Friday Evening Services, other weekly rituals include a trip to the beauty parlor, grocery shopping, and going out to lunch with her companion. She enjoys reading Danielle Steele novels and although her sight is declining, she says, "I sit with my back to the window to get a good light to read by. Bob brings me three books from the library at one time. I read them in a week."

Lena Annis Liverman was born in Boston, Mass. on July 1, 1894. "Funny, of the seven children, I was the homeliest—but I always had plenty of boy friends," she is quick to say. "I took after my mother. My mother was always good natured—always doing for somebody else. My parents brought over nine people—sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews—and all lived in our house. Mama kept everybody."

Lena never worked outside of the home. She was the one to stay home and help "Mama." She learned from her mother to make *gefилte fish*. "You could always find good fish in Boston—whitefish, pike, whatever you liked." She would go marketing with her mother, and "I always found a boy to carry the packages," she adds. The skills Lena acquired as a young girl were quickly put to use when she moved here. For many years, she did the hand-hemming on



Ninety-six year old, Lena Liverman, an active member of Temple Emanu-El in Weldon, walks along with her children, daughter-in-law Marcella and son, Bob Liverman as they attended a Temple Luncheon. Photo by Sam Kittner.

very fine, sheer dresses at Fannye's in Roanoke Rapids.

An older sister of Lena's, Ida Jerrett, came from Boston and lived here with Lena for seven years until her death in 1985. She was an outstanding nonagenarian also. Ida distinguished herself by studying Hebrew and becoming a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El at age ninety-two.

Reflecting on her relationship with her mother-in-law during her soon-to-be fifty years of marriage to Bob, Marcella Liverman says, "She is more like a mother than a mother-in-law to me. She loves me like her own children." Speaking of her years of living here, Lena says, "I am so blessed. Bob and Marcella look out for my every need. Bob comes by every day. They call every night. They call every day when they are in New York. How couldn't I be blessed?"

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Bnai Israel Synagogue Wilmington, N.C.

by Rabbi Robert Waxman

Tu b'Shevat Celebrated

In celebration of Tu b'Shevat, 80 people gathered together for a Tu b'Shevat Family Seder. We used as our text readings, songs and prayers on the theme of God, nature, ecology and Israel. We said that Kiddush over 4 cups of wine, following the contemporary idea of using white wine for the first cup and adding red wine to each following cup.

The foods served included fruit, nuts and raisins. For our main course we served a light dairy meal including salad, Kugle and tuna fish. Of course, we we had Challah for Hamotzie.

Following the dinner a family Shabbat service was held.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, the Bnai Israel Sunday School met at Wrightsville Beach. We began the day sitting together. Rabbi Waxman spoke to the group giving thanks for the sun and the wonderful beach we enjoy. He spoke about our need to protect our environment and help keep it clean. The group then sang two Tu b'Shevat songs. Then the students broke up into their classes and began the major activity of the day.

The activity was the construction of sand sculptures on Biblical themes. One class made the Garden of Eden; another class, Noah's Ark; another, Jonah and the Whale; the pre-teen class made a map of Israel complete with water for the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea. The planning and designs for these projects were worked on at Sunday School the week before.

At the end of the program the group assembled together and went from one project to the next. At each sand sculpture the teacher and students who worked on that particular piece explained the creation to the other students.

During the morning, Dr. Joel Mintzes, professor of biology at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, helped the students identify various sea shells that the students had collected. He told them about the

shells and marine life.

The students enjoyed an outdoor Judaic experience and learned a lot, too.

Other Temple News

On March 23, Howard Lipman and Sara Schilling were married. Howard is the son of Stanley and Sue Lipman, formerly of Wilmington, now living in Aiken, S.C. Sara is the daughter of Mrs. Ray McCormick and Mr. Frank Schilling.

A wonderful second night Seder was held at Bnai Israel this year. The event was chaired by Lauren Weinstock and Caroline Eisenstein and was conducted by Rabbi Robert Waxman.

Bnai Israel Synagogue has contracted to bring the VIVA KLEZMER! group from Charlotte to Wilmington. The event is planned for May 11, and will be held in the Scottish Rite Temple. The event is being planned by Seymour Alper, Jay Kapner and Joe Reitblatt.



In the Judean hills outside Jerusalem, a Soviet Jewish grandfather and granddaughter participate in one of the most moving experiences following the arrival of an immigrant in Israel: the planting of a tree in a JNF forest.

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Chanukah sweat shirts painted by Solly Mann of Whiteville, N.C.

Temple Oheb Shalom Whiteville, N.C.

by Gertrude Mehler

On Sunday morning, Dec. 16, we celebrated Chanukah with a covered dish brunch. All of our children received gifts from Sisterhood. Many of us wore Chanukah sweat shirts painted by Solly Mann.

Saturday, Feb. 23, we had an Art Auction. The art was supplied by Marlin Art from New York. It was very successful.

Thursday, Feb. 28, Rabbi Robert Waxman, from Wilmington, N.C., came to help us celebrate Purim. We read the Megillah and sang many wonderful songs.

We mourn the loss of Celia Mann on Dec. 8.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Follow-up on the Share-a-Lunch on February 11: it was D-Day-Delicious-Day in Unger Hall. Everyone was invited to bring a luncheon dish to share with our members—and they all outdid themselves—plus a package of non-perishable food as a contribution to Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless.

Sustenance for the mind was provided by after-lunch speaker David Cooper, program chairman, Swannanoa Chapter of the United Nations. He presented a short history of the UN, and outlined the world-wide scope of the organization, which operates in 167 nations in areas as diverse as labor and literacy, disaster

relief and drug control—material familiar to some of us but not to others.

The Brotherhood

At the monthly meeting on Feb. 13, preliminary plans were announced for the annual Brotherhood-Sisterhood picnic, scheduled for July 28 starting at noon at Lake Julian.

It was voted to make a donation to the Eliada group foster care home for children in the name of local historian Bob Fortune. A contribution was also made to the Asheville-Buncombe Christian Community Ministry to furnish heat to the needy, and also to Operation Exodus to aid Soviet Jews in their emigration to Israel.

Brotherhood Sabbath and installation of officers will be held on June 28.

The Religious School

On Jan. 26, the WO Gant Players' performance of Neil Simon's "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" turned out to be the focus of a red hot evening, amusement-wise and gourmet-wise; the evening included dinner prepared and served by parents and friends of our Religious School students. This fund-raising event was chaired by Brenda and Scott Lebensburger, parents of Joel.

Adult Education

Sustaining a class's interest over the long term is no mean feat, but Rabbi Bluming does it. His Hebrew students have been meeting once a week ever since last March, and have made impressive progress.

Lunch and Learning with the Rabbis

The second session of this series started at noon on February 21 with a brown-bag lunch and dessert and coffee on the house, in this case Congregation Beth Israel. The subject was repentance and its place in our lives. Rabbis Birnham and Bluming guided the discussion which was so engrossing that the allotted time seemed too short.

The Israeli Deputy Consul General in Asheville

The entire community was invited to the Jewish Community Center on Feb. 24 to hear the Consul General speak. Because of the war, it was necessary for the Consul General to remain at his post, and his place was

taken by the Deputy Consul General, David Akov. His main subject was the critical need for financial support for Operation Exodus.

Centennial News

Surely one of the most brilliant highlights of our Centennial Year Observances was the Shabbat Music Celebration on Feb. 15. Made possible by the Dave family to honor the memory of Joseph Dave, the evening was distinguished by the presence of Cantor Max Janowski, who was flown here from Chicago to conduct our singers in the service liturgy.

The evening's service music and concluding mini-concert were composed and conducted by Cantor Janowski. Music director and organist Jean Valerio said, "We hear Janowski's music every Friday evening. Some of the most significant High Holy Day music we sing has been designed or arranged by him. . ."

To quote from Jean Valerio's notes in the evening's printed program, "Max Janowski's compositions number in the hundreds, including liturgical pieces, folk songs, children's songs, choral works, orchestral works, oratorios, cantatas and Sabbath services. The variety, scope and beauty of his music have earned for Max Janowski the reputation of one of the foremost composers and performers of Jewish music.

"Growing up in Berlin, Germany, Max began playing the piano at the age of four. At the age of twelve he had his first appointment as assistant organist in one of Berlin's largest synagogues. A successful competition led to his selection as head of the piano department of the Mosashino Academy of Music in Tokyo.

"Max immigrated to this country in 1937 and was accepted as music director at the K.A.M. Temple, the oldest synagogue in Chicago."

Choir member soprano Hannah Pennell was unable to attend, and her place was taken by Mr. Janowski's niece, Sara Rosen, with whom he traveled to Asheville. Other performers were Jean Valerio, who played the piano part in the mini-concert; Anthony Maratea, violin; Rita Hayes,

flute; and choir members Pamela Simons, contralto, Michael McClung, tenor, and William Vernon, bass.

Muriel Marks, Centennial chairperson, wrote in the program notes: "Joseph Dave was the catalyst behind our present choir and music director. In 1935, at the old Temple on Spruce Street, Mr. Dave sang along with the organist. Over the years a choir was formed, with some members remaining and others leaving. Sara Goldstein joined the choir. They sang only for the High Holy Days until the move to the new Temple on our present site.

"Mr. Dave always sang from the audience, competing with Rabbi Unger. This continued for many years, at times a full choir, at times just the beautiful voice of Joseph Dave rang out in the Sanctuary, until the arrival of Dr. Frank Edwinn as music director.

"As a tribute to Joseph Dave the 'Joseph Dave Choir Fund' was formed by the Dave Family. Thus we are assured of the never ending beauty of the liturgical music in our Temple. For this we are deeply indebted to Joseph Dave and the Dave family."

Jerome Dave, a son of Joseph Dave, speaking from the Bima, cited those who served the choir in the past, including Marianne Rhymer, Sara Goldstein, Dr. Frank Edwinn, Jean Valerio, Margaret Ensley and Ollie Reynolds, and presented a commemorative plaque to each of them. In turn a plaque was presented by Temple President Bob Janowitz in honor of Joseph Dave and the Dave family and in memory of Joseph

Dave's dedication to the Temple's music program, and was accepted by Jerome Dave.

The evening ended with a gala champagne reception in Unger Hall, arranged by Anna Friedman.

In view of the night's snow, bitter cold and televised admonitions to stay off the roads, the event was surprisingly well-attended.

Organizations

Cocktail Reception Planned For Israel Bond Drive Raleigh, N.C.

by Michael W. Guld

Mark your calendars for Saturday night, April 6, 8 p.m. at the Velvet Cloak Inn, Raleigh, for the Jewish community event of the year! This year's State of Israel Bonds drive will honor the local and national achievements of Joe and Jackie Woodland.

The featured speaker will be Barry Farber, internationally acclaimed radio and television broadcaster, writer, teacher and national Jewish community leader.

As featured entertainment, we are excited to welcome Jerry Farber, an Atlanta based comedian and accomplished musician and, not so coincidentally, Barry Farber's brother.

This year more than any other year in recent history, the events worldwide have greatly impacted the need

to support Bonds. The Russian resettlements in Israel are expected to be in excess of 400,000 in 1991, with housing and jobs needed for all. The war in the Middle East and subsequent attacks on Israel will create a projected loss of \$1.6 billion from tourism. Bonds are greatly needed to create funds for Israel's continued economic development projects including transportation, housing and energy.

The cost of the evening will be \$17.50 per person. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Reservations can be made by calling Natalie and Michael Guld at (919) 846-2903 or Howard and Carole Guld at (919) 782-1780.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah Conference 1991

by Johanna Lurie

Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah will hold its Annual Spring Conference 1991 on Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, I-40 and Exit 282 (Miami Boulevard), Research Triangle Park, N.C. Following the Conference there will be a Post Conference Education Seminar, Sunday evening, April 28, 8 p.m. through Monday noon, April 29.

Conference co-chairmen Noel Lichtin of Raleigh and Susan Hansell of Chapel Hill tell us they have planned a dynamic exciting schedule for all who attend. They recommend that Hadassah members—and their friends—attend and show their support for the Israeli people during this time of crisis in the Middle East.

Southern Seaboard will have the rare honor and privilege of welcoming a past national president of Hadassah as Conference advisor at our "Back to the Future" Conference. Charlotte Jacobson, who is presently chair of Hadassah Travel Department, will share her many experiences with attendees and play an active role in our Conference as a foremost American Jewish leader.

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possession of the Mt. Scopus Hospital after a 19-year period during which the facility was under Arab control. This prompted her to call for a drive for medical equipment and supplies which resulted in a massive airlift of over three million dollars of supplies to Israel.

Charlotte Jacobson served for many years as a member of Hadassah's delegation to the Zionist General Council which meets annually in Israel. She is past chair of Hadassah magazine and was responsible for initiating the Insurance and Visa credit card programs for Hadassah. In 1981, she was elected president of the Jewish National Fund, the first woman ever to hold that position. She was co-chairman of the Steering Committee for the World Conference on Soviet Jewry which first met in 1975 and is now a member of the International Steering Committee which continues to meet on behalf of Soviet Jewry. In 1987 she was named World Patron of Youth Aliyah.

Charlotte Jacobson has traveled throughout the world for Jewish and Zionist causes. She also finds time for civic involvements as a member of the League of Women Voters, a former chair of the Bronx division of the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society.

During the afternoon session, our guest speaker, Dr. Ralph D. Nurnberger, will address the Conference with an update on the current Middle East situation with emphasis on the American/Jewish and the Israeli perspectives. A question and answer period will follow his talk.

Winner of New York Hadassah's 1989 "Myrtle Wreath" award as its "Man of the Year," Dr. Nurnberger is a widely acclaimed lecturer on American Jewish affairs. He has traveled throughout our country speaking on American Middle East policy, the role of Jews in the American Political process and other important issues relating to political and international affairs.

He was active in garnering support for Israel while serving for over eight years as a legislative liaison for the American Israel Public Affairs Com-

mittee (AIPAC). Before joining AIPAC, Dr. Nurnberger was on the staff of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and was a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Dr. Nurnberger, an executive with a Washington, D.C. public affairs firm, is an adjunct professor of diplomatic history and international relations at Georgetown University. He is an author of numerous articles and studies as well as a book on Congressional leadership.

Also highlighting the agenda will be a retrospective of Henreitta Szold's life and her founding of Hadassah, installation of the new Region president and officers by Charlotte Jacobson. Ruth Blum of Durham, Southern Seaboard Region education chairman, will lead the Post Conference Education Seminar entitled "*Israeli and American Jews—Understanding and Misunderstanding.*"

For further information, please contact your local Hadassah president.

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah News

by Johanna Lurie

The Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah held its February General Meeting on Feb. 26 at Beth Meyer Synagogue. Featured was an enlightening book review and discussion with Jackie Eisen on *The Jews in America: Four*

Centuries of an Uneasy Encounter by Arthur Hertzberg. It was a lively presentation on a work of special significance given the current situation in the Middle East.

Our March meeting was a combined Open Board Meeting and General Meeting held on March 12 at Beth Meyer Synagogue. The evening's program was a video, "With Liberty For All," the story of early Jewish immigration to the United States. A discussion followed led by Ilana Janovich, education vice president; and Sharon Glicksman and Nancy Rocamora, co-vice presidents for programming. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Co-chairladies Betty Deutsch and Sandy Deckelbaum announced that Hadassah's Donor Luncheon will be held April 23, 1991 at noon at the North Ridge Country Club, 6612 Falls of the Neuse Road in Raleigh. Featured speaker will be Jaci (Mrs. Walter) Segaloff of Newport News, Va., a member of the National Associate Committee of Hadassah with the portfolio of liaison to the United Kingdom-Hadassah International. She is also the first chairman of the newly created portfolio Career Women, and co-chairman for Young Leaders. Mrs. Segaloff is a former president of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah, of which the Raleigh Chapter is a part, and a former president of the Newport News

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Chapter. Born in Newcastle on Tyne, England, Mrs. Segaloff came to America in 1957. She has made over 40 trips to Israel in the course of her many years of involvement with Hadassah, UJA and other community projects. Mrs. Segaloff will speak on Hadassah International.

With 385,000 members in 1,500 chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico, Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's volunteer group in the nation. Hadassah International, the newest part of the Hadassah family, born with a desire to help maintain the Hadassah Medical Organization in all its aspects, saw its beginning a scant six years ago. Enthusiastically, Hadassah decided to reach out to new friends all over the world and ask them—men and women, Jews and non-Jews—to join it in keeping the hospital in the forefront of medical progress, to promote international cooperation in public health education, research and training, to channel financial and volunteer support to the Hadassah Medical Organization from countries outside the United States, and to foster special relationships between Hadassah and scientific institutions in the respective countries all over the world where Hadassah now has a presence. Active groups in 20 countries are presently functioning in Israel, Europe and South America.

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

by Lisa Wohl

It's time for one year to end and another to begin. With that thought, Halailah BBW sincerely thanks everyone who helped make 1990-91 a great success. Whether you donated clothes or canned goods, helped with the Soviets, served at the Seniors' hot lunch, baked for Rachel House, helped our foster family, joined Halailah BBW, donated toys, delivered books, or became more involved, we couldn't have done it without you.

On April 11 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a shower for Hunter House. We are accepting donations of diapers and new, or nearly new, baby clothes

from sizes "newborn" to "2 toddler." If you would like to come, call Eileen Darholdt at (704) 364-3897.

Installation

The new officers for 1991-92 will be: president, Jan Weiner; administrative vp, Eileen Darholdt; membership vp's, Kay Yaffe and Cheri Tittlebaum; programming vp, Marianne London; CVS, Randi Defilipp and Maddie Joffe; bulletin, Janet Gorelick; communications, Rachel Rosenfeld; recording secretary, Claire Lind; corresponding secretary, Amy Synder; treasurer, Jane Marcus; and financial secretary, Lisa Wohl.

Installation of new officers is always an exciting event. Our installation meeting will be April 17 at the Park Hotel. We begin at 6:45 p.m. Dinner is \$15.50. If you need further information, please call Eileen Darholdt (704) 364-3897.

Halailah has completed its six-week commitment to the project "Read Up Books to Families." Since it has been so successful, we have decided to continue working with one day-care center.

Our newest members are Diana Mescon Cantor, Nancy Marsh Levine, Bette Linderman, Andrea Wilson, Brenda Manes, Patricia Bedrick, Marcia Saltz and Roz Cooper. New life members are Jane Marcus, Helen Roth and Deborah Jaffe.

BBYO Israel Summer Institute—Full Stream Ahead

With the end of the War in the Persian Gulf, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) announced that it's "full steam ahead" for the BBYO Israel Summer Institute (ISI).

Every summer since 1956 BBYO has sent hundreds of North American teenagers to Israel on a six-week program combining touring, experiential learning and educational seminars. This summer will be no different.

BBYO's Israel Summer Institute is nationally recognized as one of the finest Israel summer programs. Open to Jewish youth age 15 and older, this six-week program is designed to be both educational and exciting for the

200 teens who participate each year. A unique feature of the ISI is the opportunity to choose from four special focus groups: ISI Archaeology, ISI Sea-To-Sea, ISI Great Outdoors and ISI Eastern Europe.

In addition to the special focus group activities, ISI participants attend a two-day orientation prior to departure for Israel, a distinctive feature of the BBYO Israel program. All ISI itineraries include travel to all of Israel's historic sites in Jerusalem, Galil/Golan Heights, Tel Aviv and the Negev, and most incorporate into the program a week on a moshav or kibbutz and a home hospitality weekend with the family of an Israeli member of BBYO.

For more information about the BBYO Israel Summer Institute, call (202) 857-6633 or write: Registrar, BBYO Israel Summer Institute, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations in North Carolina

by Hal Greenwald

Director of Student Activities

Project Chai has landed, and Jewish college life will never be the same.

Excuse the hyperbole, but the students of North Carolina Hillel staged a monumental happening this semester whose effects will be felt far and wide. The event was "Chai Week," but it actually involved a week and a *half* of Jewish programming, day and night, at Duke University, UNC-CH and NC State Feb. 23-March 4. The Hillel staff witnessed an outpouring of Jewish expression and discussion of Jewish identity rarely seen before on these normally sedate campuses.

The idea for "Chai Week," a program conceived at Yale University, came from the notion that certain portions of the Jewish student population were not being reached by traditional means. It was thought, then, that if the student would not come to Hillel, Hillel would go to the student! As such, most of the "Chai Week" programming took place at the Carolina Union, or in classrooms at Duke and NCSU. By reaching out in this

way, "Chai Week" was able to attract large, heretofore unaffiliated blocks of Jewish students.

Appealing Programs

The programs themselves, however, were the major draw. There truly was something for everyone; the variety of the programming appealed to students who might have previously felt that Hillel failed to address their specific Jewish needs. The result was Jewish students literally "coming out of the woodwork."

Social and political issues were the first concern. Riki Friedman led a group of Duke students through a discussion of current topics in *Jewish Feminism*. UNC led off with Dialogue Day: first, an immensely successful and enlightening *Black/Jewish Dialogue* which, in addition to receiving heavy press coverage, was also the biggest non-Holiday crowd of the year; the evening brought an engaging *Jewish/Catholic Encounter* led by Father Ron and Rabbi Fischer.

The Jewish culture-oriented programs turned out to be some of the most popular on the "Chai Week" agenda. Both campuses got a closer look at Yiddishkeit; at Duke it was in a *Languages Luncheon* while at UNC, Duke professor Sheva Zucker enlightened a University crowd with *Yiddish, Shmiddish: A Beginner's Guide*. As part of the Committee's attempt to educate the non-Jewish campus population as well, "Chai Week" included two screenings of *Weapons of the Spirit*, the inspiring tale of the Huguenot village of Le Chambon and its sheltering of 5000 Jews from the Nazis. Non-Jewish students later joined us in a rollicking-good *Purim Bash*, which included the premiere performance of the Jewish trivia game show *Jerusalem Squares*.

Rabbis Speak

Traditional religious programming took on a new twist during "Chai Week." Rabbi Frank Fischer, the Hillel director, gave a lunch time address on *Jewish View of Life After Death*. Meanwhile, a large crowd heard Rabbis Friedman, Ornstein, Sager and Barry Bender pontificate on *The 4 Movements in Judaism* in a fascinat-

ing discussion which lasted well into the Durham night. The first week ended with two Shabbat programs, an *International Shabbat* at UNC and a *Beginner's Shabbat* at Duke.

Finally, the week included the arrival of special guests, the first being a group of Yeshiva University students who call themselves "Kiruv." Typical of the type of Jewish student outreach they do were the extremely well received sessions they conducted on *Campus Interdating and Inter-marriage* at NC State and Duke. Their style is hands-on and very interactive, and they struck quite a chord with the students.

Keynote Speaker

Finally, the committee was fortunate to have as its keynote speaker Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Rabbi Telushkin is the co-author of *The 9 Questions People Most Ask About Judaism*. The book has served as a guide for Jews who are seeking a return to their religion and people, a subject he addressed at Duke in *Making the Case for Leading a Jewish Life*. This was followed the next night by a hilarious and educational look at *The 50 Best Jewish Jokes and What They Show About the Jews*. The students, many of whom had recently read *9 Questions*, were able to spend a lot of time in informal learning sessions with Joseph in the time he was here.

"Chai Week" Successful

"Chai Week" was a daring experiment, the likes of which haven't been seen in the Triangle for a long time. Student coordinators Mark Livingston, Rochelle Epplein and Jackie Hershkowitz recognized the challenges.

"We weren't sure we could hold the attention of such a small Jewish audience for such a long period of time," said Epplein. "It was either boom or bust."

Livingston cited an extremely intense publicity campaign and diverse programming as reasons for "Chai's" success and observed, "The response was amazing. We attracted different crowds for each function and the common reaction among newcomers

was 'Thank You! This was long overdue!'"

"Chai Week" could not have been possible without the gracious help of the UNC Religious Studies Department and the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Jewish Community Center Charlotte, N.C.

The Jewish Community Center of Charlotte invites the public to attend the following events at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road:

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"JEWISH COMPOSERS OF TIN PAN ALLEY" FEATURING ALLEN KAUFMAN & COMPANY, Sunday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. Discussion and performance of popular music from 1920s to present. JCC members: \$10 (\$7.50 students, seniors); non-members: \$15 (\$10.50 students, seniors).

GOLDEN CIRCLE THEATRE SERIES: "RASHOMON" by Faye and Michael Kamin, Thurs., April 11, Sat., April 13, Thurs., April 18, Sat., April 20 at 8:15 p.m.; Sun., April 21 at 2 p.m.

"PRIVATE LIVES" by Noel Coward, Thurs., May 2, Sat., May 4, Thurs., May 9, Sat., May 11 at 8:15 p.m.; Sun., May 12 at 2 p.m.

Single ticket fees are \$9 each JCC members, students, seniors; \$10 each non-members. Tickets will be available in advance at JCC front desk or at the door.

"ARTS SMARTS LECTURE SERIES" given by Adult Institute of Jewish Studies (sponsored by Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple Israel, Lubavitch of North Carolina, Charlotte Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte.) Three lectures on the Jewish contribution and involvement in the arts, including music, art and drama: JEWISH MUSIC-ESPECIALLY KLEZMER, April 25, 7:30-9 p.m. Speaker, Gene Kavadlo of Charlotte Symphony

Orchestra and Viva Klezmer! **JEWISH INFLUENCE IN THEATRE AND FILM**, May 9, 7:30-9 p.m. Speaker, Joseph Golden, President and C.E.O. of the Spirit Square Center for the Arts. **JEWISH ART AND ARTISTS**, May 16, 7:30-9 p.m. Speaker, Kenneth Bloom, Curator of Exhibitions at Spirit Square Center for the Arts.

Coffee and dessert will follow each lecture. \$5 per lecture or series for \$10.

Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Holiday Activities

Jewish holidays always bring a sprinkle of joy to Jewish homes as families gather to celebrate the festivals together. At Lubavitch the goal is to advance the celebration from a sprinkle to a full shower of activities. And so it was this year as we celebrated Purim and prepared for Passover. The joy and happiness enveloped children and parents and brought a deeper sense of meaning to Jewish pride.

Over 200 people gathered at the Chabad House on the night of Purim to hear the reading of the Megillah and to celebrate the festival with food, drink and extraordinary costumes.

Nicely decorated food baskets were exchanged among friends. Many of the baskets contained freshly baked Hamantaschen and delicious red wine. This exchange was in order to perform the Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot which is essential on the Purim holiday. Parents took pride in their children all dressed up in colorful costumes and playing the role of Mordechai, Queen Esther and King Ahasuerus.

On Purim day, a Purim Carnival was held at the school. Children and teachers wore special Purim costumes. Some were dressed as Queen Esther, Mordechai, clowns, a Hamantasch, etc. The carnival was the highlight of the day as the children participated in many fun filled activities, including the special Mitzvot of the day.

Also on Purim afternoon, a full course Purim feast was served at the



Children all dressed up on Purim at the Chabad House, Charlotte.

Chabad House, where day school and Talmud Torah students assembled to listen to the Megillah and spent the rest of this joyous holiday together.

During the month of March, children were busy learning about the Pesach holiday. In addition to the regular curriculum, which encompasses a multitude of subjects in Judaica, children at the school were given extra time to concentrate on the history of Passover and its many laws and customs.

On Sunday, March 17, a Children's Pesach Expo was held at the Chabad House. Children of the Charlotte Jewish community were invited to learn more about the holiday with many hands-on activities.

The event featured the now famed "Model Matzah Bakery" where children actually entered a simulated Matzah factory and baked Matzah from scratch. The children also made their own Maror (Horseradish) and Charoses (a mixture of apples, nuts and wine), and other food items used at the Seder.

The children entered a Matzah Ball Contest, and participated in an Afikomen Treasure Hunt. What made this event extra special was the parental participation. In a sense it accomplished what Passover is all about—to bring Jewish families closer.

Lubavitch in Raleigh

by Rabbi Pinchas Herman

The Lubavitch Center of Raleigh has been offering some very unique programming to the Jewish Community of Raleigh. During the weekend of February 23, Professor Velvl



"Teacher Shirley" entertains children on Purim at Lubavitch school.

Greene of Ben Gurion University in Be'er Sheva, Israel was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Sha'a-rei Israel.

The professor's three lectures during the weekend explored the Jewish views of science and medical ethics. During the Saturday evening program, Professor Greene shared his experiences of "Life Behind the Gas Mask," how he coped during the Iraqi Scud attacks. Everyone who attended enjoyed the professor's insights as well as his personal experiences and anecdotes.

On Purim, Lubavitch hosted a Megillah reading and masquerade. The synagogue was filled to capacity. Rabbi Herman, complete in his Arab Sheik costume to celebrate the Persian Gulf Victory, distributed raffle tickets and prizes for all who attended.

The second-annual Matzah bakery was held Sunday, March 24. It was open to the community.

Plans for Camp Gan Israel of Raleigh are also underway. The response from last year's two-week camp has convinced us of the growing need for Jewish activities in Raleigh. This year we plan to offer a three-week camp for children ages 3-12.

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Jewish Family Services, a social work and counseling agency, affiliated with the Charlotte Jewish Federation, has launched a non-denominational care management and homemaker program designed to serve all the frail elderly of the Charlotte area.

"The purpose of this program is to prevent premature institutionalization by making available subsidized care management and homemaker care services for those who could not otherwise afford them," stated Adrienne Rosenberg, director of Jewish Family Services. "Everyone will pay something for the services, but it will make available affordable care for many who want to remain in their own homes. A full-time care coordinator, Susanna Horton, has been hired by Jewish Family Services to do the screening," she said.

"Jewish Family Services has always provided geriatric services. Now this program means expanded service for seniors and their families, thanks to partial funding provided by seed monies from the United Way of Central Carolinas, the Blumenthal Foundation, and the Foundation for the Carolinas," stated Moses Luski, chairman of the Jewish Family Services Committee. Other funding to operate this program will come from donations and fees for services.

All older persons in the Charlotte area will be eligible for screening assessment and referral services. However, in order to qualify for a subsidized fee, the senior must be in an income bracket where there is not eligibility for county and state programs and where private homemaker care is not affordable. Jewish Family Services will pay the difference between what a client can afford to pay and what a home health agency charges. "The purpose is to help those seniors who cannot receive care in the home because of income limitations," stated Rosenberg.

The program activities will include assessment of an older person's social, emotional, physical and home

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To learn more about this program or to make an appointment for services, call Jewish Family Services Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (704) 364-6594 or (704) 364-6596.

Personals

In Memory of Seymour I. Solomon Pfafftown, N.C.

Mr. Seymour I. Solomon, 66, of Pfafftown, N.C., died on March 11, 1991 at his home, after an extended illness. He was born June 1, 1924 in New York City to Joseph (Jerome) and Rose Klein Solomon.

He spent all of his life in Winston-Salem, and was a graduate of R. J. Reynolds High School. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill, and after serving in the U.S. Navy-2nd Marine Division Medical Corp during World War II, attended Salem College. He was retired owner and operator of Better

Home Furniture Company, Furniture Flea Market, and Solomon Antiques.

He served on the board at Temple Emanuel and taught religious school. He was an early life member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Mr. Solomon had been active in the National Home Furnishings Association, Southern Home Furnishings Association, and American Merchants Association. He had served on the board of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, and had been instrumental in starting chess clubs in the Forsyth County Schools.

Surviving are his wife, Anne F. Solomon of the home; one daughter, Joy S. Triplett of Winston-Salem; two sons, Samuel Solomon and David Solomon both of Winston-Salem; two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Elaine S. Zerden of Hickory and Mrs. Blanche S. Morgan of Winston-Salem.

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For further information, call Fran Rosenberg at JCC, (704) 366-5007.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) Sets New Building Dedication for Sunday, April 21

Please join us on Sunday, April 21, 1991 for the Grand Opening/Dedication of the new Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) building at Shalom Park at 11:45 a.m. The affixing of the Mezuzah to the door of the education annex building housing the CAJE Resource Center will mark the official ceremonial grand opening.

CAJE will host an open house from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on that day, highlighted by a brief ceremony at 11:45. Drop by; share in this communal recognition of Jewish education; enjoy some delicious desserts.

Become a CAJE member on April 21 and enjoy a bonus of two additional months' membership *absolutely free*—a \$10/year annual membership good through June 1992 giving you and your family access to the best in Jewish movie videotapes, music audio cassette tapes, Jewish games, slides, posters, maps and other wonderful creative Jewish learning materials. A whole world of quality Jewish culture can be yours by joining CAJE.

We look forward to your sharing this event with us.

What is CAJE?

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is the central agency for Jewish education in the Carolinas. Located in Charlotte, housed in the new Jewish education annex building at Shalom Park, CAJE provides a range of Jewish educational services to a network of Jewish schools, congregations, Jewish community centers and individual members across the Carolinas, southern Virginia and West Virginia. Like the spokes of a wheel emanating from Charlotte, CAJE materials and programs reach from Wilmington in the east to Asheville in the west, from

Charleston, S.C. in the south to Lynchburg, Va. in the north.

The cornerstone of the agency is the multi-media Jewish Education Resource Center which provides quality Jewish learning materials in person and through the mail to its affiliated members. With a completely computerized access catalogue, the Resource Center houses well over 3000 individual items. The most popular materials include over 200 available videos that may be borrowed—that's why CAJE is sometimes called the "Blockbuster video of Jewish Charlotte"! Other materials include games, music audio cassettes, computer software, posters, slides, filmstrips, arts and crafts kits, resource boxes (on Israel, Jewish travel and music, for example), books, teachers' guides, curricular materials, publishers' catalogues and other print and non-print media materials. Everything in the Resource Center may be borrowed on loan—including the art work on the walls!

Other central services provided by CAJE include

- Jewish teacher Inservice and Preservice Workshop programs.
- "M & M's: Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah," Community-wide Jewish family education program (co-sponsored with synagogues).
- Charlotte Jewish Historical Society.
- Kids' CAJE Page—regular educational activity feature for children published in the Charlotte Jewish News, Wake County Federation News, Greensboro Federation News.
- Creative Project of the Year Awards—cash prize awards to Jewish teachers annually.
- Scholarships for Jewish teachers to pursue professional growth through Conference attendance.
- Laminating and button-making services.
- Jewish Teachers' Outlet Store—a resource for teachers and others to obtain specialized supplies for creating original learning materials for classrooms and homes.
- Charlotte Jewish Principals' Council.
- The CAJE PAGE—a networking newsletter for Jewish teachers.
- Joint sponsorship of Jewish educational workshops, series and programs with other Jewish organizations (speakers, storytellers, forums, etc.)—such as Women's Division of Federation, the Joint Adult Institute, the JCC.
- Jewish teacher advocacy.

- Educational consultation and outreach in the non-Jewish community with organizations such as the NCCJ, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Schools, local theatre groups, etc.
- Curricular consultation to CAJE member schools and organizations.
- Jewish teacher recognition programs.

Lenora Stein is the executive director of CAJE; Rabbi Robert A. Seigel is advisor.

CAJE is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), and is funded through grants from the Blumenthal Foundation, the CAJWM, the Charlotte Jewish Federation, the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation and is supported by member fees.

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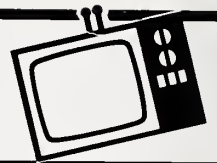


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Books, Arts and Media



Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

Talking to Israeli Writers

It is increasingly apparent that Israel today is in the midst of an unprecedented literary flowering. New works of poetry and fiction are in great demand and writers seemingly overnight become celebrities. Translation of their Hebrew works into other languages soon follows and on the basis of this world-wide exposure, some of these writers, Yehuda Amichai and Amos Oz, for example, have become internationally famous. Because we are impressed by their poems and stories and are attracted to them as personalities, we crave information about their lives, their origins, their craftsmanship, and we want to know their thoughts about events in Israel that concern us all.

The current post-Palmach generation, now in its prime, is not yet into writing its memoirs or being the subject of full-blown biographies; and a new generation of still younger writers is just establishing itself. To satisfy our need to know about all of them, we can now turn increasingly to a relatively new literary genre, one that has become familiar only in the past fifteen years or so: the recorded interview or conversation between an authority on the writer's works and the celebrity.

Today, every literary journal features interviews or conversations, and book-length compilations of conversations by individual or different interviewers are becoming commonplace. One thinks off-hand of such compilations featuring Jorge Luis Borges, Robert Penn Warren, Philip Levine and Isaac Bashevis Singer. There are many others. Several writers (the late Walker Percy is a good example), in order to set the record straight about their lives and works have even interviewed themselves.

Haim Chertok, a transplanted American professor of literature and journalist, talked with eighteen Israeli writers between 1983 and 1988. These interviews, published separately, have now been gathered together in *We Are All Close: Conversations with Israeli Writers* (Fordham University Press, \$19.95). They include most of Israel's best known writers: Yehuda Amichai, A.B. Yehoshua, T. Carmi, Aharon Appelfeld, Amos Oz, Natan Zach, Yitzhak Orpaz and the late Dan Pagis and Aryeh Liphshitz. Among the women interviewed are Shulamith Hareven, Asenath Petrie, Rivka Miriam and Yael Medini. Other interviewees are Benjamin Tammuz, Elazar Freifeld, Yehoshua Kenaz, Haim Be'er and Yitzhak Ben-Mordechai. Nearly all of these writers have been published in translation in the United States. If I have one complaint about this fascinating compilation it is shared by the compiler himself; he, too regrets not having held conversations with some writers we would ordinarily expect to find here: Amalia Kahana-Carmon, Yoram Kaniuk, Chaim Guri, S. Yizhar, Aharon Megged and David Grossman.

While one of the virtues of informal discussion is the capacity for diversity, Chertok manages to impose in order of sorts on the interviews, introducing some standardized questions in each conversation which explore the respondent's views regarding Zionism (most consider themselves Zionists but feel that the movement's heyday is over); the Palestinian problem (most of them hold leftist, dovish political views and believe it is both appropriate and necessary to trade land for peace); the government (most are appalled at the small-mindedness and bureaucratic intransigency of the present leadership); the ultra-Orthodox (most categorically reject the fundamentalist strictures and restraints the religious fanatics would impose on the people and the

state, and several believe that unless the zealots are curbed civil war will be the end result); the increased messianism (most deplore it as unrealistic and destructive); and the Diaspora (some insist on universal *aliyah* while others maintain that Jews should be free to live wherever they please.)

With respect to craftsmanship, attitudes toward the translation of their work and feelings about their subject matter each writer, as would be expected, gives his or her own individual response. For readers familiar with the writers' works these responses provide illuminating insights, but because conversations often twist and turn in direction through associated ideas and occasionally insist stubbornly on going their own way, I found myself frequently clamoring for more on a specific topic long after it had been lost in the onrush of words. But what there is here is tantalizing, and in the wake of the flowering of contemporary Israeli writing, this compilation will help to fill a gap in our knowledge of the writers at the center of Israel's new literary renaissance.

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Joseph Cohen is the author of the recently published *Voices of Israel: Essays on and Interviews with Yehuda Amichai, A. B. Yehoshua, T. Carmi, Aharon Appelfeld and Amos Oz.*

The How We Celebrate Coloring Book

by Rabbi Eugene Levy, Executive Editor

Union of American Hebrew Congregations 23 pp. \$5

The How We Celebrate Coloring Book, just published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is designed to instill interfaith understanding and respect in religious school children while teaching them

the differences between Christian and Jewish symbols, religious objects and holidays.

The unusual publication was the outgrowth of interreligious programs organized by Temple Beth El in Tyler, Tex. and Congregation B'nai Israel of Little Rock, Ark., both affiliated with the UAHC, composed of 840 Reform congregations in North America. The coloring book can be used by clergy and professional educators in Christian and Jewish religious school classrooms. Representatives of 15 churches and synagogues served as religious and educational consultants during its preparation.

Copies of the *The How We Celebrate Coloring Book* may be ordered at \$5 each from the Department of Religious Education, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021. Orders should also include a postage and handling charge of \$1.50 for the first book and \$.50 for each additional copy.

Moyers/Beyond Hate PBS Television, May 13

On Monday, May 13 on PBS, Bill Moyers explores one of humanity's most basic instincts: hate. In *Moyers/Beyond Hate*, the prize-winning broadcast journalist looks at hate—from world wars to violence and discrimination against individuals and communities.

The 90-minute special takes viewers from Oslo, Norway, the site last summer of an international conference "The Anatomy of Hate," to places like Bensonhurst, New York; South Central Los Angeles; and Portland, Oregon. Here, Americans are grappling with some of the forms hate takes—racial intolerance, white supremacy and gang warfare—and with its tragic results.

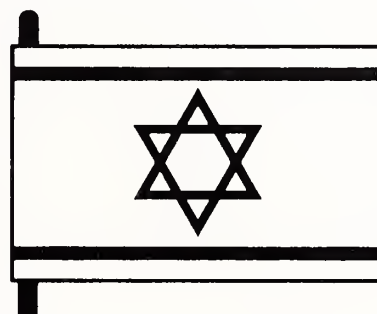
The program is filled with moving personal testimonies of those who have faced and triumphed over hate: Myrlie Evers, the widow of slain civil rights worker Medgar Evers, Nelson Mandela, Elie Wiesel and Vaclav

Havel, among others. Each recounts the journey to a place beyond hate.

Moyers also visits the future—schoolchildren's programs in Bensonhurst designed to foster understanding and end fear, and Arab and Israeli youths travelling to the international Legacies program in Virginia, from where they can bring home new tools to take them past hate.

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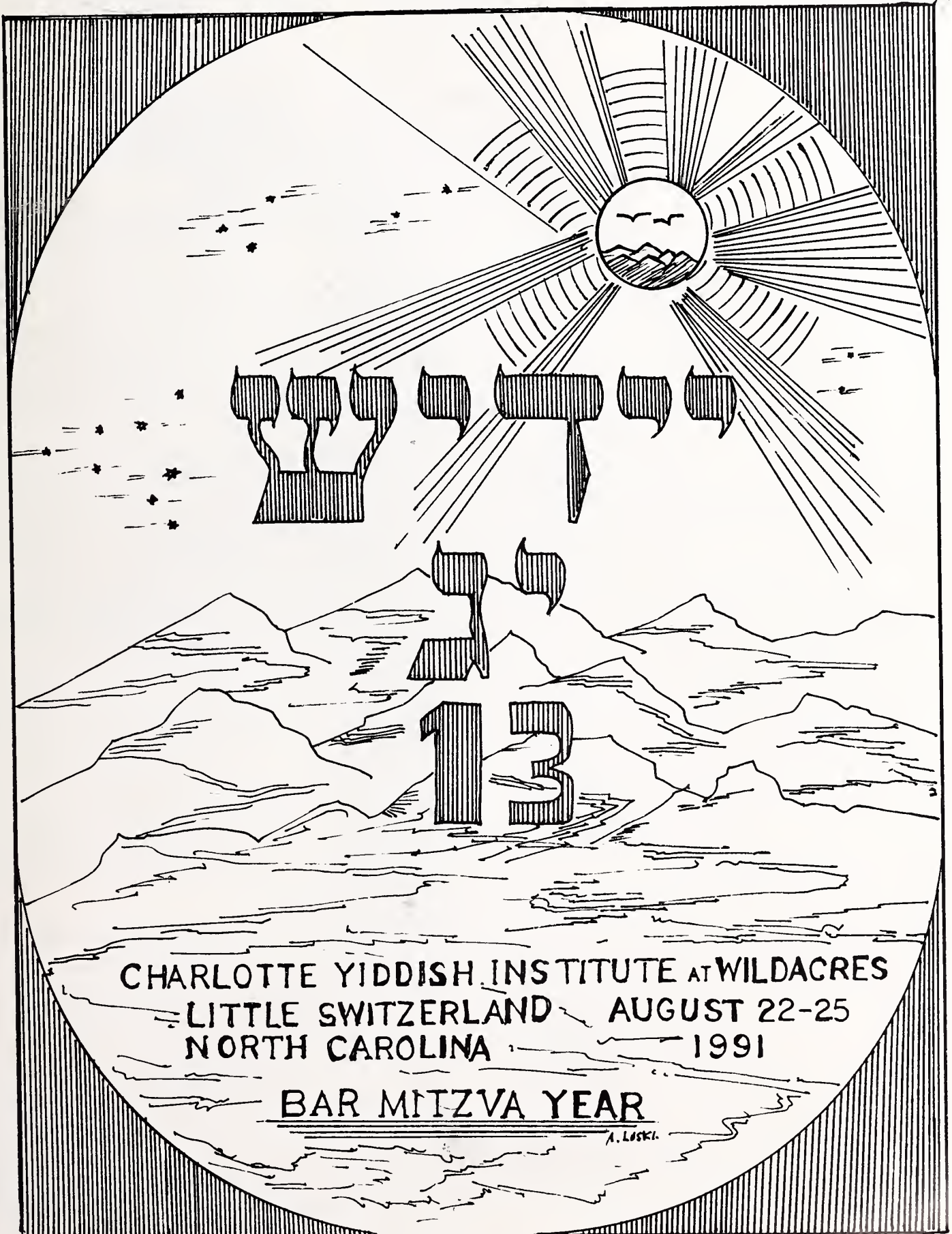
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Statement from the Leadership of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Council of Churches of Christ

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) issued a joint statement on April 15 related to the aftermath of the Gulf War. The text of that statement follows:

As part of a continuing series of meetings, on March 26, 1991, the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations met to share common concerns in the wake of the Gulf War. Though we recognize that within and between our communities there were divergent opinions regarding the Gulf crisis, and though we have differing theological and philosophical principles, there are a host of issues that bind us together powerfully on which we must speak out.

For decades we have stood together on questions of justice, and treasure the democratic system which guarantees us and others legal and moral right to speak our minds, regardless of opposition to, or support for, the United States' actions in the Gulf region. Together we welcome home the men and women of the United States' forces and renew our call to our churches and synagogues to support them and their families.

We are relieved that the armed conflict in the Gulf region has ended, but must state categorically that there is little cause for jubilation. Thousands of civilians have died as a result of Iraq's illegitimate aggression against Kuwait, the coalition's subsequent war against Iraq, and the Iraqi government's suppression of revolts by groups within that country. Thousands of people have been made homeless, and property has been destroyed not only in Kuwait and Iraq but also in Israel, Saudi Arabia and Baharain. Enormous economic dislocation has taken place. Damage to the environment will take years to heal. . .

Moreover, in light of new opportunities for peace in the region, the UAHC and the NCCC join together in expressing the hope that all the nations in the Middle East will be able to pursue peace through negotiation. We recognize that there are many discrete situations which cry out for sensitive and just resolution. And yet, all of these conflicts must be viewed in the context of the entire region.

- We pray that Israel's neighbors will recognize her legitimate right to exist within peaceful and internationally recognized borders, and enter into state-to-state negotiations under appropriate auspices.

- We pray that the Palestinian people and Israel will be able soon to enter into earnest negotiations for peace. We pray, too, that the Palestinian people may be afforded the opportunity freely and responsibly to choose their repre-

sentatives to such negotiations, though we differ as to which means to this end are appropriate. The UAHC supports a process of open elections in the West Bank and Gaza. The NCCC advocates the right of the widely dispersed Palestinian people freely to select their own representatives. We do agree that the Palestinian people and all others must be assured of their full human rights by all the states of the region.

- We hope that Israel's negotiations with her Arab neighbors and Israel's negotiations with the Palestinians will help to move the entire Middle East region towards democracy and human rights for all.

- We call for an equitable distribution of wealth in the Middle East and particularly for regional cooperation in economic development that will insure individuals and communities the means to live in dignity. Nation states that enjoy economic security should have a responsibility to aid developing nations in this region. We call upon our synagogues and churches to help meet the humanitarian and development needs of the region, including specifically massive efforts to alleviate the tragic plight of the Kurds and other refugees.

- We call upon the Governments of the world to end the arms race in the Middle East, beginning with a ban on sales or transfers of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

- We urge a redoubling of efforts to develop an economically and environmentally sound energy policy in our own country, thus ending our disproportionate reliance upon oil from the Middle East.

Finally, the realization that our Government was able to quickly finance and mount a campaign to turn back Iraq's aggression against Kuwait forces us to consider why the pain and suffering of our own land have not been addressed with equal determination and will. Homelessness and poverty, hunger and lack of adequate health care threaten to kill more people than weapons of war ever can. They must be eradicated before they completely devastate our nation. Our contribution to the establishment of a new world order, based on justice and filled with hope, begins in our own land.

As leaders of two great religious traditions, we call upon our respective communities to join hands, study these issues together, and work to make this world into the world that God commanded it could and should be.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In his review of *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, by Thomas Friedman of the *New York Times*, Jerome S. Fox (*Times Outlook*, March 1991) seems to take at face value Friedman's claim that he was someone who "comes from a committed Jewish background" and was strongly pro-Israel until he went to the Middle East as a reporter and was "shocked" when he witnessed Israel's behavior in Lebanon. This "disillusionment" story is one of the central themes of Friedman's book.

Friedman's claims of "disillusionment," however, do not square with the historical record. The truth is that Friedman was an outspoken critic of Israel long before the *New York Times* sent him to cover Beirut and Jerusalem. As a student at Brandeis University in 1974-1975, Friedman was one of the leaders of an extremist campus organization called the "Mideast Peace Group." He and his colleagues signed a letter, which was published in *The Brandeis Justice* on November 12, 1974, demanding that Israel negotiate with the PLO and blasting American Jewry for opposing Yasser Arafat's appearance at the United Nations that year. (Keep in mind that this was fifteen years before Arafat's Geneva press conference in which he supposedly renounced terrorism.)

Friedman owes the public an explanation about why there is such a glaring discrepancy between his own account of his personal political evolution and the actual public record. As Dr. Daniel Pipes recently wrote in *Commentary*, "In the absence of a satisfactory answer to these questions, readers are forced to reconsider Thomas Friedman's continued credibility as a correspondent."

In the meantime, the public is left to wonder whether Friedman's critical reporting from the Middle East (and now from Washington), and the slant of his book, reflect the political bias of his college days rather than his actual experiences as a reporter.

Sincerely,
Gary Wolf, Executive Director,
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Response from Rabbi Jerome S. Fox who wrote the review referred to above:

I found the information about Thomas Friedman's anti-Israel phase of life to be interesting. I was unaware of this information.

However, I still believe that the analysis that he presents in *From Beirut to Jerusalem* to be sound and useful.

Shavuot 5751 May 19-20, 1991

by Estelle Hoffman

An idea in my mind at the end of the Gulf War burst forth like a ray of light in a darkened room. Subsequently, it appeared in countless articles written by wiser minds and spoken with great eloquence by commentators all over our country. The thought was that now, at last, perhaps there might be an opportunity for renewal.

At this writing, spirits seem to be still high in the belief that Americans are what we long supposed them to be, and that there is still American know-how, which appeared dead in recent years. After a succession of disappointments, failures and misfortune, something has been accomplished which is acting like a tonic to our ailing society.

A few thousand years ago, the wandering Israelites, in a desert similar to that on which Allied troops were stationed in Operation Desert Storm, were disheartened and apprehensive of the future. Then the great divine gift of The Ten Commandments was bestowed upon those refugees, and as our history tells us, those laws grew into the basis of laws throughout the western world. They were to insure a modicum of tranquility in society.

It was a beam of hope which shone upon humanity. The struggle to achieve compliance was to begin, and is not yet completed. We are at another threshold now, and only with wise and skillful leadership will we emerge truly victorious. Much is at stake.

Like the rainbow at the end of a storm, like the two tablets Moses held, which his people gradually accepted as their own, there is an opportunity for a fresh start.

Can we dare to hope that peace may be achieved for Israel and Arab nations in the Middle East? Will Americans "gird up their loins" and engage in the sacrifice and hard work necessary to regain our moral and financial integrity and recently diminished respect in the world community?

As we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot this year, our resolve should be to do what is best for the common good, for each of us is affected by that which is good or bad for the entire human race. We may get by with selfishness in the short run, but in the long run, the sins of the citizens are, indeed, visited upon their children.

By tradition, all of us were present when the law was accepted. Let us do our best to uphold it and to teach its meaning to our children.

That Hungarian's in My Kitchen

by Linda F. Radke
Five Star Publications 179 pp.
\$9.95 paper and \$10.95 spiral
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

There are 125 recipes in this new cook book, *That Hungarian's in My Kitchen*. All of them are originally Hungarian, or they are adapted to American ingredients and directions with which we are familiar.

Born in Gary, Ind., Linda Radke is a member of the Jewish family in Hungary which came to America. Her grandparents brought nine of their children, including the author's mother, who was seven years old.

From the cuisine of that family, this compilation of recipes evolved, with credit given to the person who furnished each one.

The first 30 pages include recipes for soups and meats. The rest of the book contains tempting recipes for fish, casseroles, vegetables, salads, breads and many desserts and sweets, all of which are uncomplicated. Many recipes today are either intricate, with long lists of ingredients, or they tend to be a mixture of packaged, prepared foods.

The word that comes to mind to describe these recipes is "genuine." Some of the following are particularly appropriate for the week of Shavuot, when dairy meals are customarily served.

That Hungarian's in My Kitchen may be ordered from Five Star Publications, P.O. Box 3142B, Scottsdale, Az. 85271-3142. Send \$9.95 for paperback or \$10.95 for spiral, plus \$2 post-

age and handling for first book and \$.75 for each additional copy.

Hungarian Fish Soup

3 onions, diced
6 slices cod, carp or red snapper
Water
3 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. salt
Green pepper, chopped (Optional)
1/2 tomato, cut into pieces (Optional)

In a dutch oven, put onion and fish. Cover with water, add paprika and salt, add pepper and tomato if used. Cook about 15 minutes. Serve with boiled or baked potatoes or with noodles. Serves 6.

Vegetarian Delight

Vegetable oil
3 medium carrots, sliced
1 large onion, diced
Seasonings of choice (cayenne pepper, dill, garlic powder, oregano, thyme, or other)
3 Tbsp. parsley flakes
1 medium zucchini, sliced
3 stalks celery, sliced
3 stalks broccoli, broken into flowerets
2 cups sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup sunflower seeds
3 cups cooked brown rice (1 cup before cooking)
Alfalfa sprouts (optional)
Grated cheese (optional)
Soy sauce

Use large cast iron skillet. Use enough oil to lightly cover skillet. Add carrots, onion and seasonings and cook over medium heat 3 minutes. Stir. Add zucchini, celery, broccoli, and cook with lid on skillet for 4 minutes. Stir. Add mushrooms and sunflower seeds and cook 3 minutes. Stir. When the mushrooms are cooked, arrange the vegetables over the cooked rice. A nice touch is to surround the dish with sprinkles of alfalfa sprouts or grated cheese. Add soy sauce to individual servings. Serves 4.

European Kolacky

2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 lb. butter
1/2 lb. Philadelphia cream cheese
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg yolk
1 cup favorite filling

Sift flour and baking powder together. Cream butter, cream cheese and sugar, then add egg yolk. Add flour mixture. Pat into smooth dough. Roll out 1/8 inch thick. Cut into 2-inch round cookie cutter. Make impression with spoon in center of each cookie and place 1/2 teaspoon filling into center. Bake kolacky at 350° for 10 to 12 minutes or until light brown.

24th Anniversary, Jerusalem Day, May 12, 1991

Jerusalem as a Religious City

Abridged from an article by
Professor Yehoshua Ben-Arieh

(WZPS) Jerusalem is well known as the Holy City of the three world faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, but was never an important economic center. The city lacks important mineral resources; the vicinity around it is not a rich agricultural region and the location of the city was almost always far away from the main important trade routes.

Jerusalem served as a capital and administrative city during several periods but this does not account for the great importance the city attained aside from strategic considerations. It is the religious and the spiritual status the city has had for millennia that provided the basis of its universal role.

A Jewish Religious City

Jerusalem first reached a special political and religious position during the reign of King David (10th century B.C.E.). David initially ruled his kingdom from Hebron, the capital of the tribe of Judah, but after seven years he decided to move the capital. He conquered Jebus (Jerusalem) and made it the capital of his united kingdom as it was located in a central position on the boundary between Benjamin and Judah.

In addition to giving Jerusalem a political function, David decided to develop the city as a major religious center. The Holy Ark was brought to the city in several ceremonies personally supervised by David. He also conceived the idea of building a large new temple on a hill north of ancient Jebus, an idea which was fulfilled by his son Solomon after David's death.

Jerusalem retained its role as the most holy Jewish city throughout the First Temple period. The destruction of the First Temple (586 B.C.E.) and the exile of the Jewish people to Babylon did not reduce the religious importance of the city: fifty years later, when the Babylonian Jews

started to return to their country, they settled mainly in Jerusalem and its vicinity; the ancient walls of the city were repaired and the Temple was rebuilt.

The attempt by Seleucid Greeks to change the nature of the Jewish Temple and to put Greek statues in it led to the Hasmonean revolt. The Jewish King Herod later rebuilt the Temple in a more impressive fashion by creating a majestic quadrangular terrace. The platform court and the retaining walls of the platform form the enclosure of the Temple Mount area in Jerusalem today. A section of the western support wall of the court forms the Western Wall, the holiest place for Jews the world over.

During the period of the Second Temple (583 B.C.E.-70 C.E.), Jerusalem flourished as a center of pilgrimages and continued to be the religious and spiritual center of the Jewish people.

The destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in 70 C.E. did not lessen the holy quality of Jerusalem in the eyes of the Jews. When Emperor Hadrian started plans for building a Temple to Jupiter in place of the Jewish one, a new Jewish revolt (led by Bar-Kochba) broke out. Although it was crushed by the Romans, Jerusalem from this time onward became the most important symbolic nodal point for Jews. It was the place to which they dreamed of returning, and the place where their messianic prophecies would be fulfilled.

Even after the destruction of the Temple a Jewish community often succeeded in existing in the city. During some periods, as in the early Crusader period, they were often massacred, but remarkably, a Jewish presence existed continuously in Jerusalem.

To the Jews, the Land of Zion and Jerusalem have always been home, either as an apocalyptic vision or as a reality. Thus immigration to Israel is termed "ingathering." A devout Jew will pray three times a day for the

rebuilding of the city and for the return of its former glory. Jews pray facing Jerusalem, and during many of their holidays close their ceremonies with the prayer: "Next year in Jerusalem." The city of Jerusalem holds many historical and religious sites of significance for Judaism. Indeed, there is hardly a square foot of Jerusalem where archaeological remnants of a Jewish character have not been found.

A famous psalm points to the extraordinarily strong emotions the Jews have always held towards this city: "If I forget thee O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget its cunning, Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I remember thee not; if I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest Joy." The words of the medieval Jewish poet Judah Halevi reaffirm this devotion: "Could I but kiss thy dust, so would I fain expire; As sweet as honey then, my longing my desire."

A Christian Religious City

After the destruction of the Temple and the suppression of the Bar-Kochba revolt in 135 C.E., Jerusalem began to fulfill holy functions for other people and religions. Emperor Hadrian rebuilt Jerusalem as a Roman city, "Aelia Capitolina." Destroying what remained of the Jewish Temple, he built a temple to Jupiter on the same site. In front of the temple he had a statue of himself erected looking eastward.

When Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine, the basilica of the



The Western Wall



The Dome of the Rock

Holy Sepulcher was built in Jerusalem, the most important and prominent building in the city at the time.

During the Byzantine era (330-640 C.E.) many other impressive Christian edifices were built in the city. The area of Hadrian's city was enlarged and the ancient wall reconstructed. Byzantine Jerusalem was a major Christian center, attracting pilgrims from all over the Roman Empire. Monks and clergy from the various sects started to settle in the city, and pilgrims from different countries filled Jerusalem's streets: Ethiopians and Armenians, Copts and Nestorians, Syrian Jacobites and Gregorians and, above all, Greek-Orthodox, who became the dominant Christian group in the city.

During the first Moslem period (640-1099 C.E.), relations between the new Islamic regime and the Byzantine Christian power that continued to rule from Constantinople were complex. There were some periods when the Moslems showed a liberal attitude; at other times they hardened and the Christians suffered.

At the end of the 11th century, Seljuk tribes invaded the country. The city passed from one ruler to another until the arrival of the Crusaders who ruled for about two hundred years: from 1099 to 1187, and again after a brief interregnum, from 1189 to 1291.

At the heart of the Crusader ideol-

ogy was the concept of the sanctity of the Holy Land in general and of Jerusalem in particular. Thus, Christianity accepted the Jewish idea that Jerusalem stands at the center of the world and is the focal point of creation.

Crusader rule in Jerusalem was extremely harsh, especially at the beginning of the period, and the conquest of the city was accompanied by a massacre of most of the Jews and Moslems residing there.

A Moslem Religious City

Because of the incorporation of Judaic and Christian religious traditions into Islam, Jerusalem has been a Moslem holy city from the very beginning of Mohammed's prophetic call. In fact, the "giblah," or direction of prayer, was initially toward Jerusalem, not Mecca. Only a decade or so after Mohammed began preaching was the Moslem "giblah" switched from Jerusalem to Mecca.

At the end of the Crusader period, the city passed through many hands before it was conquered by the Ottomans (1417). It was the Mamelukes (1244-1517), however, who exerted the most marked and permanent influence on the city, turning it into a seat of religious learning.

During the entire Ottoman period, with the exception perhaps of the final two decades, the government neglected the development of Jerusalem. Until the beginning of the nineteenth century, Jerusalem remained a small and economically underdeveloped city, with a population varying between 5,000 and 10,000 people.

The chief force underlying the development of Jerusalem in the nineteenth century was its holiness and the unique cultural and religious position it had long held. The religious and cultural appeal of the city was particularly strong for Christians and Jews, as the city had remained essentially inaccessible to them. When opportunities arose for renewed contact, they gave full vent to their yearnings in practical and spiritual activity.

The role of the European powers

was important. The Ottoman reforms and the development of transportation facilitated their activities, their main motive undoubtedly being political. But they recognized that in a city such as Jerusalem their activity had best assume a cultural and religious character. The declaration of Jerusalem as capital of Israel with the restoration of Jewish statehood in 1948, the reunification of the city in 1967, and more recent developments in Jerusalem's history, are reflected in the city's religious life. The three major religions enjoy complete freedom of worship and equality in the Jerusalem of today.



Mayor Sue Myrick

Charlotte Mayor Participates in Jerusalem Conference

Charlotte Mayor Sue Myrick is seen at the historic Tower of David in Jerusalem. She was among 24 mayors from 13 countries who participated in the 11th Jerusalem Conference of Mayors in March.

On her first visit to Israel, Mayor Myrick was "very encouraged by the peaceful and comfortable atmosphere here." She expressed the opinion that, with the end of the Gulf crisis, many families from the Charlotte area will be visiting Israel on pilgrimages and private tours.

The theme of the week-long conference in Israel, hosted by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, was *The City of Tomorrow—Planning for the 21st Century*. It was sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the American Jewish Congress.

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

The annual rummage sale, the Sisterhood's only major fundraiser of the year, was held from March 3 to 5 in Unger Hall, and was a gratifying success. It is now felt that Chairperson Lillian Bieber could easily sell iceboxes to Eskimos; her helpers did a great job, too. They were: Irene Braun, Ellen Gilreath, Pauline Moser, Shirley Rapoport, Pat Reader, Rose Rose, Janice Rosenberg, Liesel Sullivan, Cindy Vandewart, Jan Vandewart and Ruth Weber.

The Brotherhood

The Brotherhood invites the congregation and guests to the sanctuary at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 13, to hear Dr. Israel Gerber discuss Elie Wiesel's book *Sunflower*. There will be a question and answer period following his talk. Dr. Gerber is an ordained rabbi, a practicing psychologist, and has lectured at such institutions as UNC Charlotte and Queens College and Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. He has a PhD in psychology, is the author of six books reflecting his fields of interest, and has contributed to *The Christian Century* and *The Reconstructionist* and other publications. He is an authority on the Old Testament.

The Twenty-Second Annual Clergy Institute for non-Jewish Clergy, sponsored by the Brotherhood, will be held in Unger Hall the next morning. Dr. Gerber will address the group on "The Centrality of Israel to Jewish Tradition."

The Religious School

Mrs. Helaine Greene, mother of Becky and Jenny, coordinated the Purim treat of Hamentaschen and

juice, both for the religious school and for the congregational Megillah reading on Feb. 27. Mrs. Greene's Sunday co-parent was Mrs. Anna Friedman, mother of Sarah. Phyllis Bluming, school principal, thanked both women and the committee of bakers who responded so deliciously to the request to help.

The focus of the studies for this year's confirmation class is on American Jewish History, Famous Jewish Americans, and Critical Jewish Issues. The members of the class frequently attend Friday night worship as part of their preparation for their confirmation service on Sunday, May 19.

Notes on our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming met with the students and teachers of the confirmation class of Central Methodist Church on Feb. 10. He showed them our sanctuary and explained the major concepts of Judaism.

On Jan. 19, Rabbi Bluming delivered a prayer for peace at a rally at City-County Plaza in support of our men and women serving in the Persian Gulf.

Adult Education

Rabbi Bluming's beginners' Hebrew class has been so successful that one of the students, Charlie Brewer, read the Torah blessings in Hebrew at the services on March 8. That he acquitted himself so well was a tribute not only to his conscientious study but also to the rabbi's talent for teaching.

This season's classes are over, but the rabbi plans to start them again in the fall, with the possible addition of an advanced class.

Our Musical Friends

Raphael Valerio, distinguished pianist and composer, played the Mozart Concerto in D minor and Beethoven's Fourth Concerto to a standing-room-only audience at St. Marks Lutheran Church on March 10. He was accompanied on the organ by his wife, Jean, organist and music director of Beth ha-Tephila.

Lunch and Learning with the Rabbis

On March 21, the third meeting of this series was held at Temple Beth ha-Tephila. Following the brown-bag lunch, Rabbi Bluming of Beth ha-Tephila and Rabbi Birnham of Beth Israel led a discussion on holiness from the Jewish point of view, which emphasizes the concept of community involvement—the idea that the individual cannot be holy, but only the community can.

Important Gifts

The trustees of the Endowment Fund are pleased to announce that Barbara and Donald Whittaker are Lifetime Members of the congregation.

The congregation is grateful to Morris Karpen for his generous donation of new safety doors for the entrance from the parking lot.

Parties of the First Part

What happens when the birthdays of four long-time Temple members fall on practically the same date, and when one of the long-time members reaches the age of 96? A party is what happens, and this splendid one was given by Earl and Rosalie Schreir in honor of Earl's 96 year old mother Gussie, a charmer who gives being elderly a good name, and who was active in the Sisterhood and in Hadasah for many years. There was a huge cake, and iced on it, besides Gussie's name, were the names of Herbert Schifftan and Fred and Hilde Hoffman, the other birthday people.

Mazel Tov

Muriel and Stanley Marks renewed their wedding vows in the sanctuary on March 22 on the happy occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Centennial News

A Centennial Brunch, prepared by the Brotherhood, was held on March 17. Everybody's favorite typical brunch menu—lox, bagels, eggs—was enjoyed by all. Muriel Marks, Centennial chairperson, introduced Arnold Sgan, chairman of the day. He, in turn, introduced Dr. Milton

Ready, professor of history at UNCA, who spoke on "The Jews of the South," and Bill Buchanan, the University's public service librarian, who presented Jewish artifacts from UNCA's collection.

Additions and Corrections

Members of the Centennial Committee whose names were omitted from the listing in the March *Times Outlook* are Frank Gilreath and Sid Schochet.

Reference was erroneously made to monthly Brotherhood Brunches. In fact the brunches are usually held four times a year.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Our Sunday School report reads: a huge Yashar Koach and thanks to Barbara Miller, Laurie Teich-Chess and Beth Reiser for volunteering to share the 1991-1992 principalship.

In Synagogue News, thank you to Jim Levinson for the beautiful coffee table he built for the Rabbi's Study. Congratulations to David Samuel Myers who made the Dean's List with a 4.0 average for the fall semester at N.C. State University. David is the grandson of Ruth Baer Cooley and is the son of Jo Ann and Charles Myers of Richmond, Va.

Congratulations to Adam Feingold and his dog, Katie, for taking fourth prize in her class at the Westminster Dog Show; to Alice Teich, for taking second place in the Jones School Geography Bee; and to the Slosman Corporation on their 56th anniversary.

The March calendar included: March 3, 10, 17, and 24—Jews by Choice Class; March 6—Rabbi's Study Group; March 13—Shabbat Class; March 15—Rabbi spoke on the Jewish Views on War; March 16—Junior Congregation; March 19—Passover Preparation Class: "How to Make Your Seder New and Exciting"; March 20—Yoram Peri (details below); March 21—Rabbis' Lunch Class on Ethical Literature at the Temple Beth ha-Tephila; March 22—Principal and Teacher Appreciation Shabbat; March 24—Sunday School

Pesach Activity Day; March 26—Passover Preparation Class: "Getting Hip to the Haggadah"; March 29—Passover and Shabbat Evening Service; and March 30—Community Seder.

Holocaust Memorial Service

This year at the Holocaust Memorial Service on April 10 at Beth Israel, in addition to joining together for an evening prayer service, our community presented *Night Words*, compiled by Dr. David Roskies, professor of Jewish literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. *Night Words*, subtitled, "A Midrash on the Holocaust," is a powerful script, written for thirty-six parts. The entire program, indeed, was a very moving experience.

Liz Nigrosh, Sisterhood president, gives a run-down on Sisterhood events till the end of early June: Passover Community Seder, chaired by Barbara Laibson, with Barbara Lewin and Carol Deutsch on the committee, March 30.

For Sisterhood Shabbat Weekend, April 19 and 20, we had a guest speaker/scholar for the services. This event was chaired by Sara Birnham and Liz Nigrosh with the luncheon supervised by Roz Freedman, Lyn Dunn, Beatrice Gullotta and Freda Rubinstein. Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky, Scholar-in-Residence, author, teacher and poet, spoke Friday night and presented a d'var Torah at the morning service. She again gave a presentation after lunch. She was an exciting speaker. The congregation was indeed fortunate to have her grace our pulpit. Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky is the director of biblical studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, a fellow at the Annenberg Institute, a visiting professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and author of the upcoming books, *Wake of Goddesses* and *Mother Prayer*.

Also, the SPRING SISTERHOOD RUMMAGE SALE was held on April 3, 4, and 5, under the leadership of Arlene Schandler and all her volunteers. Finally, rounding out the Sisterhood year will be the CLOSING LUNCHEON, chaired by Sandy Cuba and Lillian Wellisch.

Yoram Peri Speaks

On March 21, Yoram Peri, editor-in-chief of the Israeli newspaper, *Davar*, spoke on the "NEW ISRAEL FUND" at Beth Israel. He also spoke at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. At the University, this program was sponsored by the World Affairs Council in cooperation with the Center for Jewish Studies at UNCA. His topic there was "Israel Update: Jews and Arabs Join to Strengthen Israel's Democracy."

Yoram Peri is a noted Israeli journalist and political scientist. Besides being an editor, he is a research associate at the Jaffee/Center for Strategic Studies of Tel Aviv University, where he is one of the co-authors of their famous recent study, "The West Bank and Gaza: Israel's Options for Peace." Peri is also editor of the quarterly journal, *Israeli Democracy*. This program was a part of a series presented by the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation.

The Mitzvah Committee is off to a great start. Thanks to Deborah Neimkin for scheduling us to bring dinner to Hospitality House monthly. Thanks also to the Neimkins, Richard Laibson, Sally Katz, and Rabbi and Sara Birnham for preparing the meal and joining the appreciative residents for dinner in January and February.

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

by Fran Hirschel

The Temple Passover Seder was held on March 29 at the Park Hotel, with about 200 members and guests attending. The Rabbi and Cantor officiated, several congregants participated, the staff was most accommodating, and it was a very meaningful celebration.

The moment we at Temple Beth El V'Shalom have all been waiting for will finally arrive on June 2, 1991, when we will combine our annual congregational meeting with the GROUNDBREAKING for our new Temple! We're planning for it to be a day to remember filled with fun, festivities, entertainment, fellowship and (of course) food.

The Temple has engaged Joel Goldman as our Educator/Youth Director. Joel, a native of Chicago, grew up in Israel and served in the Israel Defense Forces. He is a graduate of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and will receive a Master's degree in Jewish education this spring from the Hebrew Union College. We look forward to welcoming Joel and his wife Orli and their two sons to our community.

In addition, we welcome our newest B'nai Mitzvah as full fledged members of our congregation. Congratulations to Keith Frankel and Beth Goldfischer and their families.

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

The month of May marks the end of the first year in Winston-Salem for the Kapitanovski and Shtridelman families who emigrated from Russia with the help of the Jewish Community Council.

In this short time, both families have made great strides in establishing themselves in our community and are very happy to be here—happy to be in the United States, to be living in the beautiful State of North Carolina, and very grateful that so many people here have befriended and helped them.

The Kapitanovski Family

Their command of the English language is constantly progressing; however, Irina and Aleksandr Kapitanovski continue to attend English-speaking classes at Forsyth Technical School. Irina also attends classes three other nights a week in a nursing assistant course; she plans eventually to get her nursing license. Irina worked as a nurse in an outpatient clinic for 14 years while living in Russia. She presently is an assistant teacher at the new Bowman Gray Childcare Center.

Aleksandr, who studied for five years and received a degree in mechanical engineering, is working two jobs in Winston-Salem. He feels that language is still a barrier to his obtain-

ing a managerial job in his field and will continue to study to overcome that barrier.

Their children have adjusted very well. Denis is in the fourth grade and excels in his school work. Karina attends preschool at Temple Emanuel and has made many friends.

The Shtridelman Family

Zhanna and Leonid Shtridelman become very emotional when they attempt to express their feelings of happiness and gratitude. They look forward to getting better jobs and having a good future. Presently, Leonid is working for a computer company; he was educated as a programmer and technician. Zhanna works at the Highland Day Care Center.

The future education of their son, Yuri, is very important to them. They know that he will receive this in the United States.

Zhanna and Leonid will shortly be welcoming two other families to Winston-Salem—relatives from Russia. Their aunts, uncles and cousins applied for visas two-and-a-half years ago and have now received refugee status.

From Irina and Zhanna: "Thank you so much to all the people who have helped us."

Temple News

On April 11, the Fourth Annual Clergy Institute of Winston-Salem was held at Temple Emanuel, sponsored by the Jewish Community Council and the Wake Forest Baptist Church. The program was planned in observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Bishop Krister Stendahl, dean emeritus of Harvard Divinity School and the author of many books and articles, was the principal speaker. The Bishop was also the guest speaker at the Shabbat service on April 12. He spoke on "Our Common Humanity."

Celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, was held on April 19. Israeli dancing was led by Linda Hertz, a medical student at Bowman Gray.

Organizations

CAJWM Announces Scholarship Loans for College Students

by Irving Brenner

Education and learning have always been at the core of Judaism and Jewish culture. As immigrants in America and other countries Jews struggled to educate themselves and their children not only in Jewish culture but in the language and history of their new surroundings. Also, Jews understand that fear and prejudice are most often the result of ignorance and, accordingly, have always encouraged learning and education throughout society.

It was therefore natural that in 1921 when, under the leadership of Mrs. Sol Weill, the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women was organized, one of its early concerns was education. Among the association's many contributions to education was the creation in 1930 of the Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund by Edna Oettinger, Lionel Weill and Helene Weill Strauss for the purpose of providing interest-free loans to enable college students, regardless of race, creed or culture, to complete their education. The fund was named for Mrs. Sol Weill's mother, Sophie Einstein, a humanitarian who supported ideals furthering cooperation and understanding among people of different faiths and races long before such ideals became generally accepted.

The Sophie Einstein Memorial Fund Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Laura Cone was created to receive and evaluate loan applications, grant loans, and arrange for repayments. The committee is now under the direction of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men after the merger of the two associations in 1988. The committee is currently composed of Irving Brenner of Charlotte and Sylvia and Lou Silver of Greensboro.

Since 1930, many students have

received assistance from the fund. Although education costs have risen much more rapidly than available funds, the committee is pleased to announce the availability of loans for undergraduate educational expenses for the school year 1991-1992. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the fund or obtaining a scholarship application should write to: The Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund, c/o Irving Brenner, 510 Louise Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28204.

Applications must be received no later than June 15, 1991.

CAJE Says "Thanks"

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) would like to thank Lee and Alan Blumenthal for their generous donation of a VCR to the Resource Center. In-house video viewing is enhanced for all CAJE users because of their thoughtfulness.

CAJE 16 August 18-22, 1991

The Sixteenth Annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education will take place in New York, August 18-22 on the campus of Hofstra University. CAJE 16 will address critical issues facing Jewish education as we enter the next decade in an atmosphere of dramatic world changes.

Three thousand people, from North America and abroad, are expected to attend this event, making this the largest CAJE conference to date as well as the largest gathering of Jewish educators and Jewish learning ever to take place.

A huge selection of workshops are part of the broad range of Jewish studies from the nursery through the adult level, from the average student to those with special needs, from the large to the small congregational school, from the yeshiva to the day school.

For more information, contact the national CAJE office at 261 West 35th St., Floor 12A, New York, N.Y. 10001 or call (212) 268-4212; or call Lenora Stein at CAJE at Shalom Park in Charlotte, (704) 366-5007, ext. 139.

Hillel Activities at Clemson University

by Dr. Richard Klein
Faculty Advisor

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Spring 1991 semester with a Bagel Brunch on Feb. 10. It was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Klein.

The speaker for the brunch was Dr. Martin Slann, a professor of political science at Clemson University. Dr. Slann's area of expertise is Middle East politics. (He is also a member of the Faculty Advisory Board of the Hillel organization.) Dr. Slann led a very lively discussion about prospects for peace in the Middle East, as the brunch was held during the war to liberate Kuwait.

Rhett Berger was honored for serving as president of the Hillel group for the past four years.

Dr. Klein has once again assumed the responsibilities of being the volunteer Faculty Advisor for the organization.

On the first night of Passover, March 29, Congregation Beth Israel in Greenville sponsored a catered Community Passover Seder. Jewish students at Clemson University were invited to attend as guests of the Congregation. Rabbi Jodie Futornick officiated at this event. It was a lot of fun as the Clemson students in at-



Dr. Richard Klein with the group of Clemson Hillel students who attended the community Seder at Congregation Beth Israel in Greenville, S.C.

tendance wore their distinctive orange *kipas* (*yarmulkes*). Members of the Congregation expressed their pleasure at seeing this "sea of orange" and having the students attend the Seder.

The final activity of the semester was a Pizza Party at a local Pizza Parlor to commemorate the end of Passover. It was held on April 9. The students enjoyed the function very much and consumed a lot of pizza and soda. They are already planning a cookout for the Fall 1991 semester.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Spring 1991 brought a feeling of rejuvenation to the Carolinas with the pleasant weather and the spring Jewish holidays. At Lubavitch of North Carolina it was a time for families to grow closer and experience the joy of our heritage.

Beginning with the magnificent festival of Passover, although it required much preparation, the holiday truly brought the spirit of togetherness with the family Seders held at Lubavitch. Most conspicuous at the second Seder were several Russian families who are among the recent arrivals to Charlotte.



Shirley Levine listens with pride as her grandchildren, Alyssa (left) and Diana Levine, perform at the Model Seder at Lubavitch Day School.

Lag b'Omer which falls this year on May 2 will see a family picnic at the Chabad House complete with barbecue, music, fun and games. The annual Lag b'Omer festivities at Lubavitch have become a tradition in Charlotte, with excitement and activities for families and singles.

Shavuot, the holiday which commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, will be celebrated with great fanfare at the Chabad House. On Sunday, May 19, the first day of Shavuot, a major gathering is planned for families, parents and children to experience the reading of the Ten Commandments from the Torah scroll at the special holiday service. The service will be followed with a

holiday feast and a party for the children.

Congress Honors Lubavitcher Rebbe

Scores of senators and members of the House of Representatives attended a Capitol Hill Ceremony on Thursday, March 21, honoring the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, on his 89th birthday, and praising him for his "vision and leadership."

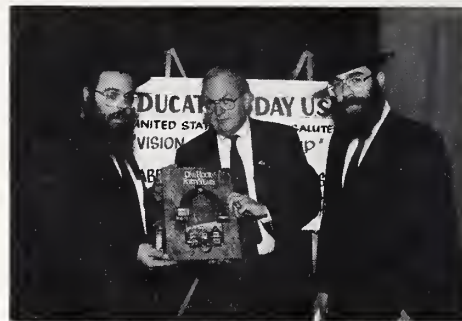
The Carolina delegation included Rabbi Yossi Groner from Charlotte, Rabbi Pinchus Herman from Raleigh, Rabbi Doron Aizenman from Myrtle Beach and Rabbi Hesh Epstein from Columbia. The delegation of rabbis and layman greeted their senators and congressmen at the special reception held on Capitol Hill.

Senator Jesse Helms, wearing a white Yarmulka, urged the Soviet Union to return to the Lubavitch movement a 15,000 book library confiscated after the Bolshevik Revolution. This prestigious library is currently held in Moscow. The senator pledged his help and will work with the State Department on this important matter.

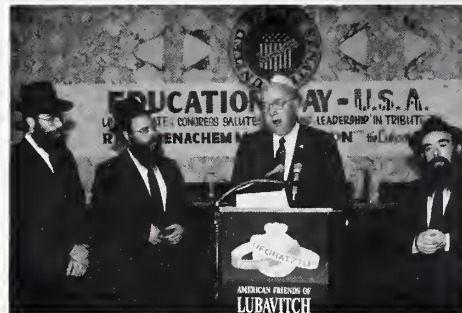
Representative Howard Coble, from the Greensboro district, shared his warm reflections of his visit to Israel. The congressman praised the work of Lubavitch in the field of education.

The theme of the program revolved around the reassuring statements of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in regard to the situation in the Middle East. The rabbis, who represent the Lubavitch movement throughout the United States, including a new outpost in Alaska, were reminded that the Rebbe had predicted that the Persian Gulf War would end by Purim, as it did, and that the Rebbe urged his followers not to leave Israel. The Rebbe also reassured Jews in Israel that there will be no more need for gas masks.

Both Houses of Congress passes HJ Resolution 104 declaring the Rebbe's birthday as "Education Day USA." The bill which was approved and signed by President Bush received major recognition for its call to humanity to live by the Seven Noahide laws.



Representative Howard Coble (Greensboro) accepts Lubavitch book from Rabbi Yossi Groner (left) and Rabbi Pinchus Herman.



Senator Jesse Helms addresses the congressional reception in honor of Lubavitch.

Carolinas Lubavitch Conference Held in Charlotte

On April 14, a conference for the six Lubavitch-Chabad Rabbis was held at the Chabad House in Charlotte. The conference focused on issues facing Jewish families today, especially in the area of Jewish education. The Rabbis had come up with positive resolutions which will serve to enhance Jewish family life in the Carolinas.

Lubavitch currently has Chabad Centers in the communities of Charlotte and Raleigh, N.C., Columbia and Myrtle Beach, S.C. Lubavitch of Charlotte and Chabad of Myrtle Beach also have flourishing day schools.

Participating in this conference were: Rabbi Yossi Groner and Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, Charlotte; Rabbi Pinchus Herman, Raleigh; Rabbi Hesch Epstein, Columbia; Rabbi Doron Aizenman and Rabbi Yossef Naparstek, Myrtle Beach.

In addition to sharing ideas, the Rabbis endeavored to implement new educational programs which will benefit their respective communities.

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

by Lisa Wohl

This past month Miriam Darholt and Jan Weiner became life members. Halailah thanks them for their support and commitment.

The Becky Shulimson Library Fund is low. This fund purchases books for the children's section of the Speizman Library at the JCC. Donations can be made by calling Amalia Warshenbrot at (704) 366-5505.

Halailah is beginning its 16th year. The new board will be planning during the summer for 1991-92. If you have any suggestions, please call Jan Weiner, president, at (704) 847-3999. Halailah looks forward to another exciting year.

NCCJ Annual Awards Banquet

by Estelle Hoffman

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews presented its 1991 Silver Medallion awards to Hugh L. McColl, Jr. and John T. Crawford at its banquet April 10 at the Omni Charlotte Hotel.

The awards are given to citizens who have contributed outstandingly to the NCCJ goals of breaking down prejudice and injustice which damage our society. Over 600 people attended the event to pay tribute to this year's honorees.

In the evening's program, emphasis was placed on the work with youth. *Green Circle* and *Anytown* are effective in motivating elementary school pupils and high school students. Besides the conventional Three R's, there are two more, which stand for *relationships* and *responsibilities*. The programs teach young individuals who they are, where they come from and where they are going.

Green Circle, working within elementary schools, teaches children to live and work together productively. It builds skills and teaches them to avoid pitfalls. The program started in Charlotte in 1989 and has been a wonderful success. Employees of

Southern Bell and other corporations who have joined are trained to help young people to understand their feelings and prepares them to work and love in an intercultural world and to develop self-esteem. Twelve elementary schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg have the program.

Anytown is open to high school students, offering the opportunity to come together in a search for educational development and teaching respect for people of different backgrounds. It operates a summer camp which exerts remarkable influence. Two counselors addressed the assembly, followed by eight participants in last summer's *Anytown* program. They attested to having gained a life-changing experience, and they have learned of the need to start now in order to become leaders.

In the presentation of the awards, it was noted that while the two recipients are different, they are alike in their determination.

John T. Crawford works with people in the inner city. He has served as youth services director for the Housing Authority, with particular interest in the Housing Authority Scholarship Fund. His fortune, he said, lies in his ability to help others, and he suggested that everyone should become a mentor and a role model for some child.

As a banker, Hugh McColl is known for directing a bank which has both heart and social conscience. He advocates removing barriers that separate people. NCNB has set an example of releasing employees to vol-

unteer and to participate in school activities on company time. Hugh McColl supports Habitat for Humanity, is known for generosity to Crisis Assistance Ministry, for his chairmanship of the board of trustees of Queens College and his vital interest in Families Reading Every Day (FRED) for school children.

These two men best represent the pursuit of the American dream, and the awards recognize a job well done by each of them. People like them, many of whom attended the banquet, contribute to the excellence of the community of Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

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Q. What does it cost?

A. The donation is minimal. Only \$36 (double *chai*) for J members and \$54 (triple *chai*) for non-J members. That's for up to an entire year of matchmaking!

Q. My job is sending me to Charlotte for a 6 or 7 month assignment. Can I join?

A. Of course! Any Jewish single who is going to be in the Charlotte area for a minimum of 3 months (12 or more weeks) can join. We will make a notation on your profile to notify your

prospective matches. Who knows? This may influence your decision to stay in Charlotte! The donation requirements remain the same.

Q. All my life I've wanted to be a matchmaker! How do I volunteer?

A. Matchmaking is a unique experience you'll never forget! Volunteers are needed for Tuesday nights 6-9 and Sunday afternoons 2-5. The requirements are simple. You must be a happily married member of the Jewish community and want the same for our Jewish singles! Call Fran Rosenberg at (704) 366-5007 for an interview.

Q. The Matchmaking Dating Service sounds great! How can I get more information?

A. It is great! For more information call Fran at (704) 366-5007.

Don't forget we now offer Matchmaking Dating Service gift certificates. They are available at the JCC front desk.

Anti-Semitism in the U.S.

A recent report from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported an increased number of anti-Semitic incidents in 1990, the fourth successive year of increase. The figure for harassment was the highest ever recorded since the survey began in 1979; the vandalism figure was the second highest, and together they represent an 18% increase over 1989's total of 1,432.

ADL expressed concern for the rise in campus bigotry. 95 anti-Semitic incidents of all types were reported at 56 institutions, compared to 69 incidents at 54 campuses in 1989.

Not to be overlooked is the fact that anti-Semitic incidents attributed to organized groups were down by 27% in 1990. Those groups are Liberty Lobby, the most effective anti-Semitic propaganda organization in the U.S., White Aryan Resistance, neo-Nazi Skinheads and the Ku Klux Klan. White Aryan Resistance is led by Tom Metzger of Fallbrook, Cal., who was ordered last October to pay a major share of a \$12,500,000 award for inciting neo-Nazi Skinheads in Oregon to murder an Ethiopian immigrant in 1988.

Those organizations attacked Jews in their publications for creating war hysteria through U.S. media, blamed "international Jewry" for the Gulf War and claimed that Israel demanded that the U.S. wage the war. An extreme left group, The Spartacist League, allied itself with Saddam Hussein and called for defeat of the U.S. in their press, *Workers Vanguard*. The New Alliance Party called the war "nothing less than an attempt by the U.S. ruling class to take control of the Arab world," and the KKK in its *Invisible Empire* publication called the war "another blood sacrifice on the altar of international Jewry," etc.

The ADL reported increased efforts by law enforcement authorities to apprehend the perpetrators. All states except Utah have statutes which can be used to address hate crimes.

Groups which have consulted with ADL on hate crimes include the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the National District Attorneys Association, the International Association of the Chiefs of Police, National Black Police Association and the National Conference of Anti-Asian Violence.



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Personals

Raleigh's Peter Fogarassy Inducted into the North Carolina Swimming Hall of Fame

by Robert N. Bander

Peter Fogarassy, a Raleigh resident and former N.C. State swimming All-American, was inducted into the North Carolina Swimming Hall of Fame on April 27 in a ceremony conducted at the North Carolina State University Faculty Club.

Peter is the first Jewish member of the 10 year old Hall of Fame. He was honored for years of outstanding swimming accomplishments. At State, he was an All-American each of his four years; he was twice named Athlete of the Year in North Carolina, beating such sports notables as Roman Gabriel, Art Heyman, Norm Snead and world-class sprinter Dave Sime of Duke. Peter set world records in the breaststroke and was a three-time NCAA champion as a member of State's medley relay team. Peter's swimming career also saw competition in the 1961 Maccabiah Games where he won a gold medal in the 200 meter breaststroke event and a silver medal as a power forward on the U.S. water polo team. He set a Maccabiah Games record in the 200 meter event that lasted for 12 years, itself a record for longevity!

He has continued his involvement in swimming as a competitor at the Masters' level. In 1987, he set a national age group record in the 50 meter breaststroke. He continues to compete and this May competed at the National Masters' swimming competition in Nashville.

All of the above accomplishments are all the more remarkable because Peter is a Hungarian refugee who escaped communist Hungary in 1957 as a 16 year old. He came to the U.S. with \$5 in his pocket, unable to speak English. Making his way to New Haven, Conn., he swam in age group

programs while working all sorts of odd jobs, ranging from security guard to steel mill worker. His swimming talent won him first a scholarship to Cheshire Academy and subsequently to N.C. State where his mentor was Willis Casey, long-time swimming coach and athletic director.

Besides escaping from Hungary, Peter and his family managed to live through the Holocaust. Born Peter I. Friedmann in 1939, Peter's father changed the family name to Fogarassy (after a mountain in Carpathia where he was raised) in 1944. Peter's father was active in the Underground and the Resistance; along with Peter and his younger brother, his father was the only male in their extended family to survive the war. Six months after Peter got to the U.S., the rest of his family escaped Hungary and made their way to join Peter in New Haven. While Peter's father passed away in the mid-70s, his mother lives in New York and his brother, Andre, is now an attorney and partner at Arthur Andersen in Washington, D.C.

Before coming back to North Carolina in 1986, Peter lived in Southern California. There he was a founder of the Laguna Beach Jewish Community Center in 1972. He was also active in helping organize U.S. Maccabiah Games teams. Nat Holman, the pioneer Jewish basketball and sports organizer, named Peter chairman of the 1977 water polo team. Peter recruited the dean of U.S. coaches, Bob Horne of UCLA, to coach the U.S. team which went on to win a silver medal.

For the last 25 years, Peter has been with Levi Strauss & Co., Inc. He is currently an Account Manager for North Carolina. He is married to the former Joan Shapiro of Brookline, Mass. They have two daughters, Lisa, a rising junior at the University of Georgia, and



Peter Fogarassy

Mara, a student at Raleigh's Millbrook High. In addition to his B.S. from N.C. State, Peter also earned an M.A. at Appalachian State University. He is a member of Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh and is active in Raleigh's B'nai B'rith Lodge.

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Dr. Latta Thomas Keynote Speaker at A Black-Jewish Dialogue

by Ruth Goldberg

Dr. Latta Thomas, chair, Division of Humanities at Benedict College, Columbia, S.C., and doctor of ministry from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Centre, Mass., was keynote speaker at A Black-Jewish Dialogue attended by 125 people at Shalom Park in Charlotte, N.C. on April 14. The topic for the Dialogue was "Blacks and Jews Appear to Walk Away from Each Other."

The Black-Jewish Dialogue was sponsored by Friendship Baptist Church, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple Israel, Charlotte Jewish Community Center and Charlotte Jewish Federation.

Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman, chairman of the committee for the Dialogue, serves as interfaith chairman for the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis. He introduced the speakers and thanked the sponsors as well as the committee: Rabbi Dr. Israel Gerber, Dr. Clifford Jones, Rabbi Hillel Millgram, Rabbi Robert A. Seigel, Herman Blumenthal, Jonathan Goldberg and Alan Kronovet. Dr. Jones gave the invocation.

Rabbi Hoffman's opening remarks set the tone for the afternoon's presentation and discussion groups:

With regard to Jews and Black Americans, the question is whether an old friend has become a new enemy. The historic alliance between Blacks and Jews in this country has been much remarked, and with good reason. Despite the tensions and the fallings out, despite the misunderstandings and the lingering stereotypes, it was a proud chapter in American group history. From the summer of 1964, the Jews were the Blacks' most dependable companions in the struggle for Civil Rights.

Now, we are told, the alliance is done, battered by the continuing disputes over Affirmative Action and Israel's relationship with South Africa, beaten by the wounds it suffered during the urban riots of the 1960s, during the New York City schoolteachers' strike of 1968, during the Andrew Young affair in 1979, gravely wounded by Jesse Jackson's "Hymie" in

1984 and by the failure of Black leaders to condemn Louis Farrakhan in 1980, when he first attracted national attention.

While the old alliance is plainly hurting, it seems to me a mistake to think it dead. It has suffered, no doubt, from all the issues and events I have recited and more, and it surely has not been helped by the fact that the liberal coalition was rudely knocked down during the Reagan years. But around the country, Jews and Blacks in local communities continue to try to work together, perhaps learning again that an alliance, like a community, is better nourished by working together on its shared agenda.

Dr. Latta Thomas

When Dr. Latta Thomas came to the podium, he said he had added to the title for the Dialogue: "Blacks and Jews Appear to Walk Away from Each Other—In Search of an Antidote for Amnesia of the Relationship of Blacks and Jews in America."

Dr. Thomas continued that in the last 20 years or so, Blacks and Jews have had amnesia. They have forgotten the meaning of the Passover Seder-Last Supper, the recollection of slavery and freedom. Both peoples have a similar history of genocide and pain; both have roots in similar convictions of the Bible; both worked for Civil Rights in America from the formation of the NAACP and Urban League to recent efforts.

The challenge that faces both groups now is how to counteract the "divide-and-conquer" idea which adversaries use to hurt both groups. Prejudice and discrimination against one group inevitably extends to other groups.

In order to clear the air, Blacks and Jews need to dialogue, not monologue, so that enemies of minorities cannot succeed in putting a wedge between us. Dr. Thomas hopes that each group will work to understand each other's fears and concerns, and then unite to combat the new forms of anti-Semitism and hatred for Blacks.

Causes of 'Amnesia'

In listing specific causes of amnesia, Dr. Thomas cited fears on both sides. The different attitudes toward Affirmative Action stemmed from the charge of alleged "reverse discrimination"; Jews fear the reintroduction

of quotas through Affirmative Action; Blacks see the opportunity for education and employment.

Some Jews fear the emergence of the Black Power movement as well as the support of Blacks for the Palestinians. They are upset by the speeches of Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan. However, it was pointed out by a Black that Jackson and Farrakhan are not the designated leaders of the Black people. Unfortunately, the White media have selected these individuals as the Black representatives without popular consent.

On the other hand, some Blacks perceive that Jews are becoming Conservative because of their support for Reagan and Bush, and some Conservative political acts have hurt Black causes. Blacks also perceive some kind of official tie between Israel and South Africa, even though Jews in South Africa have long fought against Apartheid.

Discussion Groups

Following a question period, the audience divided into three discussion groups. They were: (1) "Points of Connection, Points of Departure," led by Rabbi Robert A. Seigel of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, and Laurence Tolliver, a sociologist who works for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Jonathan Goldberg, Federation Community Relations Committee, was moderator.

(2) "Jews, Israel and the Palestinians," led by Rabbi Hillel Millgram of Temple Israel. Moderator was Dr. Clifford Jones, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church.

(3) "Affirmative Action, Quotas, Civil Rights," led by Rabbi Dr. Israel Gerber, educator and author, and Yvonne Mims Evans, attorney. Alan Kronovet, chairman of Federation Community Relations Committee, was moderator.

The Dialogue committee and participants look forward to future gatherings where Blacks and Jews can share ideas and work together for the betterment of the community.

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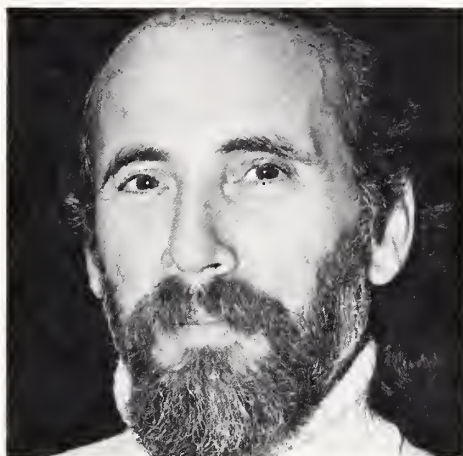
Shakespeare Festival to Produce "The Dybbuk"

The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival will produce *The Dybbuk* by S. Ansky as a highlight of its upcoming 15th summer season.

First produced in Warsaw in December of 1920, *The Dybbuk* is noted as the most famous of all Yiddish plays. It has been performed thousands of times in at least two dozen languages and on nearly every continent. In addition to its best known production by the Habima Theatre of Moscow (later to become Israel's National Theatre), *The Dybbuk* has had several major productions in New York, been made into two movies and featured on TV as part of the Play of the Week series.

The Dybbuk is set in Eastern Europe at the turn of the twentieth century. The story centers around the love between Khanan, a poor young student of the Kabbalah, the book of Jewish mysticism, and Leah, the young daughter of a town merchant. Their true love is blocked by the actions of Leah's father when he engages her to the son of another wealthy merchant. Khanan, filled with his great love for Leah, and with his deep feeling that their love has been destined and will triumph, falls dead when he is confronted by the reality of Leah's impending marriage to another. Plans for the marriage proceed, but at the very moment when Leah is to be married, Khanan's spirit, the Dybbuk, possesses her body.

The Dybbuk is a migrant soul unable to find rest in the other world because for some reason it has failed to fulfill its function in this world. Attempts at exorcism fail, and a rabbinic court tries to satisfy the Dybbuk's demands for justice. Apparently Khanan and Leah *had* been destined to marry by an arrangement that Leah's father had not fulfilled. Though all attempts to release Leah from the



Imre Goldstein

Dybbuk are tried, eventually Leah's spirit is united with the Dybbuk. Love triumphs over the obstacles of the material world.

The Dybbuk's main theme is that only love can repair a world gone astray. Love may be thwarted, delayed or even killed in the world we readily perceive, but ultimately it will triumph. *The Dybbuk* is a powerful love story that affirms our hope in a humane and just future. While based in Russian-Yiddish culture, *The Dybbuk* is universal in the emotional impact of its story, and in the power of its themes.

Pedro Silva, The Festival's producer, believes The Festival's production of *The Dybbuk* will be the first ever professionally produced in North Carolina. The production will be directed by Imre Goldstein, senior visiting professor of theatre at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Recently returned to America, Goldstein spent 14 years in Israel where he served as head of the acting/directing program at the University of Tel Aviv. He last worked at The Festival in 1988, directing *The Hostage*.

The Festival is producing *The Dybbuk* in an effort to culturally diversify its programming. According to Louis Rackoff, The Festival's artistic director, "Cultural diversity should be a significant priority for major arts

institutions like The Festival. *The Dybbuk* will be the first of what we hope will be many productions that reach out to various religious, ethnic and racial minorities in our state."

The Festival is hopeful its production of *The Dybbuk* will generate a great deal of interest among the Jewish population throughout North Carolina and lead Jewish families and groups to plan special excursions to High Point, The Festival's home base, to see the play. The Festival is also excited about the potential *The Dybbuk* has to appeal to a wide audience of theatre lovers who will not want to miss this extraordinary event.

The Festival was founded in 1977. It is based in High Point where it performs in repertory each summer at the modern High Point Theatre and Exhibition Center. Since its founding, The Festival has entertained one million North Carolina citizens with over 70 productions of the world's great classic plays, particularly those of Shakespeare. With an annual budget over \$1 million and a full company of Equity (union-affiliated) actors, The Festival stands today as North Carolina's premiere professional theatre and one of the state's major cultural resources.

The Festival's 1991 15th anniversary season opens on July 26 and runs through October 5. Along with *The Dybbuk*, The Festival's season will feature Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* and *As You Like It* and Thornton Wilder's comedy, *The Matchmaker*, upon which the hit musical *Hello, Dolly!* was based. *The Dybbuk* will open on August 24 and run in repertory through September 22 of the season.

For information about the season schedule, dining, accommodations and group rates, call The Festival at (919) 841-6273 or write: The Festival, P.O. Box 6066, High Point, N.C. 27262-6066.

Jews & Christians: A Troubled Family

by Walter Harrelson &
Randall M. Falk

Abingdon Press 208 pp. paper \$13.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In the March issue of the *Times Outlook*, there was a review of *Jews & Christians*, another book with this title. That was written by James H. Charlesworth, published by Crossroad, and its subtitle was *Exploring the Past, Present and Future*. It is strange that the title was used for two different books published recently.

The book by James Charlesworth was the record of a seminar. This *Jews & Christians* presents a Jewish and a Christian view of aspects of the two religions, particularly in the light of anti-Semitism throughout history.

Walter Harrelson is active in interfaith dialogue, and we met him in Chicago at the 12th National Workshop on Christian/Jewish Relations in November 1990. He will attend the Wildacres Interfaith Institute in August this year as the Christian Scholar in Residence.

Having read the book he co-authored with Rabbi Randall M. Falk, we anticipate his participation at Wildacres, feeling he will bring the benefits of his learning, experience and determination to contribute to the purpose. His purpose, clearly stated in this book, is to enlighten the Christian community about the causes of anti-Semitism, to repent and mend its behavior in the future.

Jews & Christians: A Troubled Family is an excellent book on the subject, honestly trying to set before Jews and Christians the challenge to examine the views and misunderstandings of each faith. Walter Harrelson is former dean and distinguished professor emeritus at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Randall M. Falk is rabbi emeritus at Congregation Ohabai Sholom in Nashville. The two are friends, able to discuss frankly their convictions.

Every Jew and Christian should read this book. It is heart-warming.

The Court-Martial of Jesus

by Weddig Fricke
Grove Weidenfeld 296 pp. \$21.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In recent years, subsequent to the Holocaust, extensive research has been conducted on the intertestamental period (between the Bible and the writing of the Christian scriptures.) The effort is difficult, because records are scant, and much deduction is employed from what exists in the history of Josephus and that of other peoples of the area of what was Judea.

Amongst biblical scholars and guilt-ridden Christians due to the Holocaust, there has been much rethinking as to causes of anti-Semitism. Needless to add, Jewish historians and writers have been engaged in like research. There are many books on the subject, but certainly not enough readers of them.

Those who have gained an interest in the research for the historical Jesus, as researchers define him, will find *The Court-Martial of Jesus* enlightening. Its sub-title, *A Christian Defends the Jews Against the Charge of Deicide* is praised for the careful analysis of existing evidence by its author, the Catholic Weddig Fricke.

He convincingly destroys the reports of the writers of the Gospels, by using what is known of the laws of Jews and Romans. Fricke was educated in Germany and is a lawyer. He relied mainly on German translations.

The fact that a Christian German lawyer has made this attempt to testify against the age-old charge of deicide against Jews speaks for itself. Learned Jews have long argued that the charge was false in the light of Jewish law, the Supreme Court (Sanhedrin) of the time and the political situation of the Romans. He states, "The charge of deicide raised against the Jews is historically false," distorted by the writers of the Gospels to avoid conflict with the Romans.

Weddig Fricke is not the first to voice this theory, but it will reach a

new audience, perhaps, as it is written in German. The translation by Salvator Attanasio is deemed excellent. Besides Fricke's education in Germany, he also attended the University of California as a Fulbright scholar. He currently practices law in Freiburg, Germany.

The Court-Martial of Jesus may not convince fundamentalists. The hope is that it may convince theologians, teachers and clergy who are in a position to influence laymen.

Race and Slavery in the Middle East: An Historical Inquiry

by Bernard Lewis
Oxford University Press 184 pp.
\$24.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Bernard Lewis, a noted historian who specializes in the Middle East, has written a detailed examination of the subject of slavery throughout the history of the Middle East.

He attempts to give an enlightened and objective perception of the practice of slavery since earliest times, particularly emphasizing the institution of slavery in Islam. Both the Koran and the Hebrew Bible permitted slavery, but counseled humane treatment of slaves. The reality in the Moslem world was not in conformity with its doctrine, however, and much slave trade was conducted by Moslems. Vestiges of slavery remain today in the Middle East.

So much has been written and so many claims made about human rights during the centuries when Islam was a dominant culture, that this well documented work helps to clarify some claims that have become legendary. The facts of history do not agree in general, and much confusion troubles seekers of truth today.

Current research is attempting to sort out the facts concerning the historic treatment of Blacks, and *Race and Slavery in the Middle East* assists the effort. African Americans are especially concerned with the subject, and unhappily they are frequently misinformed about the attitude of Moslems to Blacks throughout history.

America and I: Short Stories by American Jewish Women Writers

edited by Joyce Antler
Beacon Press 355 pp. \$19.95

Echad 5: The Global Anthology of Jewish Women Writers

edited by Robert and Roberta Kalechofsky
Micah Publications 429 pp. \$14.95
Reviewed by Cynthia Chapman

The summertime change in routine will soon be here for many. Things will slow down a bit, there may be time for a vacation, and there just might be time for a bit of reading. If you enjoy short stories or collections of short works, there are two anthologies you will want to see.

America and I: Short Stories by American Jewish Women Writers, edited by Joyce Antler, is a very readable collection. The stories in the book are grouped chronologically into thirty-year spans, beginning with the year 1900 and continuing up to the present. The 1980s are represented by more stories than any other period. Even so, each section manages to yield a sense of time and history.

Many of the authors represented are names with which readers will be familiar, such as Edna Ferber, Hortense Calisher, Tillie Olsen, Cynthia Ozick and Grace Paley. There are works by less well-known writers as well which gives the collection a well-rounded approach. The early writers included in the section called "From the Ghetto and Beyond: 1900-1929" are particularly interesting, especially coupled as they are in this well-edited book with an informative introduction and biographical notes on the authors at the end of the book. For readers who want to know something about the authors, this is an asset. The notes are helpful especially for the early writers. There is also a glossary of Hebrew and Yiddish words and phrases, some of which appear in spellings at variance with what one commonly sees today. *Had Gadya*, for example, appears in

one story as *Chad Gadyo*.

And what about the stories themselves? Some readers will encounter some works they have seen elsewhere perhaps, such as the short version of Ozick's searing story of the Holocaust "The Shawl." But there is enough that will probably be unfamiliar to make the collection exciting.

Mary Antin's story "Malinke's Atonement," for example, portrays the poverty of *shtetl* life as experienced by a bright young girl. When she questions the decision of the village *rav*, she is hungry for the chicken he has pronounced *tref*, and at the same time hungry for understanding. She then goes about, in her own way, performing an act of atonement. The story, one feels, must reveal something of what Antin herself saw in *shtetl* life before she emigrated to America.

"Seven Candles" by Fannie Hurst, printed in 1923, is a look at the pain an intermarriage causes to all involved. It is fascinating to read this story in light of today's higher rate of intermarriage.

There are stories that reflect a beginning awareness of the Holocaust, such as Jo Sinclair's "Second Blood: A Rosh Ha-Shonoh Story," first published in 1944. There are also stories very modern in style and subject matter, such as the one by Grace Paley, and Leslea Newman's "A Letter to Harvey Milk."

This collection contains stories broadly representative of American Jewish experience as seen from the female perspective. It is a solid book, one that is sure to please and one that deserves to become an addition to many libraries.

Echad 5: The Global Anthology of Jewish Women Writers, edited by Robert and Roberta Kalechofsky, is a very different compilation. This collection is a far-reaching amassing of Jewish women writers from all over the world. Many of the works presented have been translated. Most of them are much more unconventional, both in subject matter and style, than those included in Antler's book. It is a collection which is strongly feminist in orientation, with

a mixture of nonfiction, fiction and poetry.

Many of the works recall Holocaust experiences, memories of anti-Jewish prejudice to which the authors were subjected, and memories of growing up outside the American Jewish world. It is in that sense a broad collection and includes more writings than does Antler's collection. Some of the works read like sections of diaries, snatches of oral history, or letters. Some are essays.

There is a grittiness and honesty to these writings that cannot be ignored. There are pieces that are disturbing, such as Kalechofsky's "Meditation on an Animal," a fictional piece graphically depicting the brutal conditions in which laboratory animals live and die. There is a piece on the *dhimmi* status of Jews in Arab Lands by Bat Ye'Or. Marianne Walter describes life while the Nazis were in power, trying to continue her architectural studies with a storm trooper as an office mate. A selection by Emma Goldman addresses the role of women in the Spanish Revolution. Language, particularly female slang, is the topic of "Ladies Only."

Throughout the book the reader must jump back and forth with the authors. For example, a piece about a Holocaust survivor in Australia is juxtaposed against a piece on the Christian-European destruction of the indigenous people of Mexico. The contributor notes at the end of the book are not much help in this regard. Because of the way they are typeset with numerous authors described in the same paragraph, they are difficult to scan.

The book is marred by typographical errors and a difficult-to-read typeface. There is much to absorb in the collection and these problems make the task slower. Also, without any indication as to whether a work is fiction or nonfiction, it is sometimes easy to wonder just what one is reading. The thematic division and arrangement of the book would not be lost if such indications were included. It is a fascinating group of works, and even with the problems mentioned, is well worth investi-

gating.

Both collections serve to broaden the access to Jewish women's work and have been much needed. Pick them up if you get the chance. You'll expand your horizons beyond Roth, Malamud, Bellow and Singer. And you're sure to find the world as seen through the eyes of Jewish women writers very interesting.

How to Talk Jewish

by Jackie Mason with Ira Berkow
St. Martin's Press 137 pp. \$13.95

Jackie Mason has written *How to Talk Jewish* with co-author Ira Berkow. It is a book of 100 Yiddish words, phrases and expressions, including pronunciations, definitions and examples of each word's use.

Everyone knows that Jackie Mason studied for the rabbinate, and did once officiate for a congregation in North Carolina. Everyone also probably knows that he became a comedian who exercised shocking *chutzpah* in his choice of some of the targets of his humor.

Now, it seems he has been greatly mellowed, and we learn that England's Oxford University has named a fellowship in his honor! We laughed at his humor in his youth, in spite of his audacity. Now with Ira Berkow, a reporter for *The New York Times*, Jackie Mason is causing us to laugh again; to laugh, chuckle, or sometimes say tsk, tsk.

His selected words are defined correctly and the elaborations are funny, but the words and phrases he has chosen include some we didn't expect to find. He hasn't strayed far from the young Jackie Mason.

Jewish Literacy

by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
William Morrow and Co., Inc.
688 pp. \$24.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Jewish Literacy contains *The 346 Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and History*. That is its claim, and it is true.

The book is, in fact, a mini-encyclopedia, but the author succeeded in his purpose of writing in narrative style, so that it is intensely readable. Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's purpose is also to improve the knowledge of Jews about Judaism. He has been deeply concerned about the level of information which Jews have, evident to him in his teaching and lecturing in America.

Jewish Literacy may be used as a reference, as it is well indexed. The table of contents ranges through all biblical portions, Jewish history to the present, beliefs and rituals, holidays and religious observances.

This book will become one of the most important in your home, and you may save \$5.00 of the purchase price by ordering it from CLAL (The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership), 47 W. 34 St., New York, N.Y. 10001. Send \$19.95 with your request for *Jewish Literacy*.

Jonah, A New Translation with Introduction, Commentary and Interpretations

by Jack M. Sasson
Doubleday 368 pp. \$28.00
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Jack M. Sasson is chairman of the department of religion at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is an outstanding scholar, learned in languages of the Middle East both old and new.

In *Jonah*, Dr. Sasson uses the new Anchor Bible translation, written in modern English, which in no way demeans the poetry or implications of previous translations. The author refers constantly to Hebrew or Greek manuscripts, comparing and analyzing the meaning of words and exploring all possible interpretations. Transliteration of original languages is used throughout, and knowledge of Hebrew will give the reader increased understanding.

Those who have had the delightful experience of acquaintance with Dr. Sasson, or those who have been fortunate enough to have heard him speak will attest to his vast knowl-

edge, his wit and the sparkling quality of his intellect.

To gain all you will ever need to know about the *Book of Jonah*, avail yourself of the opportunity to become an authority on the subject by investing time in reading this *Jonah*, by Jack M. Sasson.

Response to the Plight of the Kurdish Refugees

Mazon Makes a \$100,000 Emergency Grant for Kurdish Refugee Relief

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger announced an emergency grant of \$100,000 for Kurdish refugee relief.

The grant—Mazon's largest single allocation since it was founded in 1986—will go toward the purchase of food supplements and vitamins, antibiotics to stem the outbreaks of pneumonia and measles, water purification tablets, oral rehydration packets to combat the dehydration and diarrhea that are the largest causes of death among the refugees and other essential items, according to Lee H. Javitch, chairman of Mazon.

Mr. Javitch said the \$100,000 grant would be translated into as much as \$1 million worth of relief materials, thanks to special purchases of food supplements, pharmaceuticals and other supplies by Operation USA, a past Mazon beneficiary, which will receive the Mazon grant. The emergency relief supplies will be distributed to Kurdish refugees in clinics and encampments now under construction near the Turkish border.

Support from Synagogues and Individuals Sought

To meet the cost of this emergency allocation, Mazon has asked its 660 "congregation-partners"—synagogues that support the work of Mazon—to call on their members for special gifts to support the Kurdish relief program, according to Irving Cramer, executive director.

Individuals wishing to participate in the effort may make contributions directly to the Mazon/Kurdish Relief Fund, 2940 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90064.

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THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME IS AN OPEN BOOK

The Lower East Side streets were colorful to young David Merrell, a 5-year-old Russian immigrant in the year 1895. "The policemen's uniforms had bright copper buttons on them, the source for the nickname 'cops or copper' as they were called," explained the now 100-year-old David Merrell to the young student.

Jewish history can be more than just stories on the pages of a history book. It can come to life as it did when students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro visited. Eight 5th and 6th grade students studying the immigration experience came to Blumenthal Jewish Home to interview residents and to learn firsthand the lessons of history. Residents of Blumenthal Jewish Home and Fair Oaks, who more recently have lived in nearby locales with familiar names such as Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, recalled memories of faraway places with unfamiliar names. Long ago experiences of ships at sea, Ellis Island and the Lower East Side were remembered



David Merrell, BJH resident, recalls the Lower East Side in 1895 for a student from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro.

by those who came from Russia and Poland as young children. Immigrants from Nazi Germany had a very different story to tell. Words off the pages of history books — Cossacks, Nazis, the Gestapo, ports of immigration — became real to students who listened with rapt attention.

Remembering our past and

assuring our future has been the mandate of the Jewish people. Through intergenerational programming and community involvement, the Blumenthal Jewish Home has become a classroom for learning. The residents are our teachers, the lessons are about life, relationships, our past and our

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present, our history and our future, the experiences we share.

There are students in four on-going programs at Blumenthal Jewish Home which cover the range of academic schooling and link different age groups with the elderly. Temple Emanuel Pre-School (see Times Outlook, March, 1991, article), B'nai Shalom Day School, West Forsyth High School Anchor Club and Wake Forest University students (see Sue's News, this issue) all enter the pages of Blumenthal Jewish Home to learn. Blumenthal Jewish Home is an open classroom, learning is fun and our teachers are treasured.



Karina Kapitanovski, a new immigrant from the Soviet Union, visits BJH monthly with Temple Emanuel Pre-School. Generations apart, she joins hands with immigrants of years ago.

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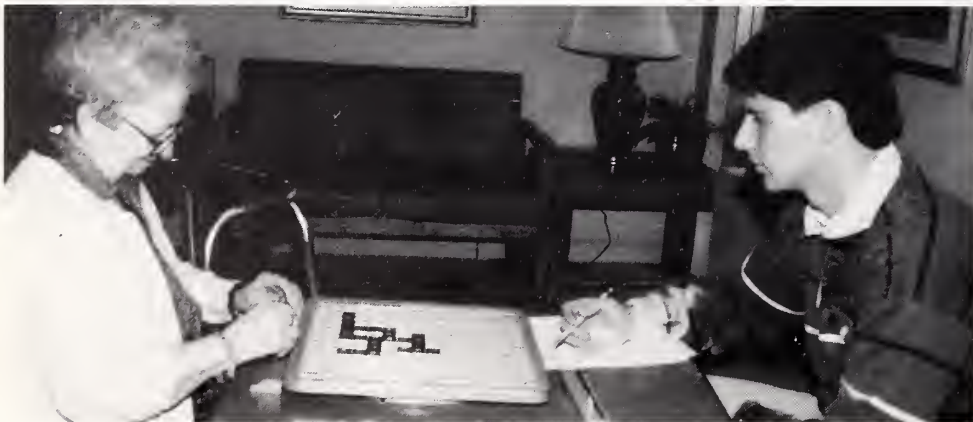
Mildred "Mickey" Samet
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George Tucker
Bermuda Run, NC



West Forsyth High School Anchor Club students bring enthusiasm and new projects to BJH each month. Lynda Abrahamson, activity therapist, is seen with BJH resident Ruth Rose.

Below, Helen Bloch challenges Wake Forest student Jim Beasley to a game of Scrabble.



IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

George Carter
Anni Frankl
Joel Harrison
Sigmund Meyer
Sally Miller
Edward Southern

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

FAIR OAKS

A WALK THROUGH TRADITION



Pearl Yachnin and Matt Miller have a reason to celebrate on Valentine's Day.



Lena Krieger enjoys a visit with Greensboro friend Jack Blum at the Friendship Circle meeting.

"A walk through Jewish history" includes just a short walk to the Commons to attend a discussion group led by Gail Ruthfield. Gail, well known to Fair Oaks residents, has recently joined the activities staff as a Recreation Therapist for Fair Oaks. The residents are enjoying studying Jewish history spiced with reminiscence and humor and, often, Gail's not-too-tame tales.

Tales or "tails" that are hardly tame were seen by residents who attended the Broadway production of "Cats" at the Winston-Salem Coliseum on March 22. This purr-fect show received rave reviews.

A different walk on the wild side led residents to Greensboro in February to see the Ringling Brothers Circus. This dazzling 3-ring extravaganza was a feast for the eyes.

To be dazzled by high steppers was a treat Fair Oaks residents enjoyed in February when they attended the New York road show of "A Chorus Line".

Many Fair Oaks residents enjoy stepping out themselves and have recently spiced up their lives while dining at Vincenzo's Italian and Fu Hsing's, favorite restaurants in Winston-Salem.

Favorite foods at Fair Oaks are holiday treats, best when they are made the traditional way. Fair Oaks residents donned their aprons and took a brief walk through personal Jewish history as they prepared hamentaschen, Fair Oaks style, for Purim. Favorite recipes were recalled and loving hands did the mixing.



Eva Kaplan meets her son, Stuart, on a visit to the Friendship Circle luncheon in Greensboro.



Chef Jim Burns receives instructions from a crew of Fair Oaks cooks.

The traditional way, with a loving touch, is the way we walk through every day at Fair Oaks.

SUE's NEWS

Short Term But Long On Love



Eleanor Altshuller enjoys time spent with Wake Forest University student Jane Harrison.



Theresa Goldstein has made a new friend of Wake Forest University student Amber Smith.

Wake Forest University students have joined BJH again this year as volunteers during their spring semester. Members of Dr. John Earle's sociology of aging class are gaining a broader experience than purely academic. Each week during the semester, six students have spent 2-3 hours at BJH participating in activities and visiting with residents. The residents have enjoyed the bright young faces, and warm friendships have formed. The students have gained greater understanding of the elderly and of nursing home care.

Learning and fun seem to go hand-in-hand when the classroom is one with diversity. The program has been varied for each student. Jamie, Sean and Jim have spent time with group activities such as bingo and sing-a-longs. Amber and Jane have learned residents' favorite foods as they helped with

menu selection. Chris has enjoyed a weekly game of billiards with Fair Oaks residents. Each student has spent time with residents on a one-to-one basis throughout the Home in A and B wings and Fair Oaks.

The students have brought us their enthusiasm, their interest, their help and their friendship. What we have given to them is yet to be measured. Chris says he plans to take another course studying the elderly and hopes to return to BJH next year. Amber found that the stereotypes she held of nursing homes were unfounded at BJH. Her perception of growing older and choosing to live in a nursing home has changed as she has viewed the positive effects on people's daily lives.

The term is short but the love is long and the learning is just beginning.



Learning is never ending as Anchor Club member Lindsay Rogers assists Bertha Lippman with the art of tissue paper flowers.

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On the Home Front . . .

FAMILY MEMBERS INVITED TO RESIDENT CARE PLANNING

Individualized care planning sessions are a regular part of the therapeutic team approach to resident care at Blumenthal Jewish Home. Responsible party family members are invited to attend sessions which are scheduled quarterly for each resident in the nursing home. The schedules are posted monthly along with other pertinent information in the Family Information Centers, the glass showcases located on each wing. Families are urged to check the showcases when they visit or to contact the social worker or unit manager for the schedule.

The responsible party family member may attend the session after making an appointment with the unit manager or social worker

on their wing. Social workers are Skinner McGee (A-Wing and B-2) and Janet Kindred (B-1); unit managers are Danny Furr (A-Wing), Libby Carter (B-1), and Lorraine Hetrick (B-2). Please call 919/766-6401 to make an appointment for the scheduled care planning sessions.

The Social Services Department is also involved in updating information for residents' medical charts as a part of the Home's Quality Assurance Program. Families have been asked to assist with information for this project. Please contact the Social Services Department if you have not been notified. The project is scheduled for completion in July, 1991.

BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME YAHRZEIT PROGRAM

The Yahrzeit Program is a service the Blumenthal Jewish Home has been offering both to Jewish community members in the Carolinas as well as to family members of residents at the Home. The Kaddish is recited weekly at Shabbat services Friday evening and Saturday morning and at the Yiskor service on major holidays. This prayer is said for residents of Blumenthal Jewish Home who have passed away, members of their families, and other members of the Jewish community who may request it.

Those wishing to utilize this service may contact the Development Office at the Home and participate through a donation to the Yahrzeit Program. Blumenthal Jewish Home will notify individuals requesting this service on the anniversary of the Hebrew date of death. The Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to be able to offer this program to those members of the Jewish communities in the Carolinas who desire it. For further information, please call the Development Office at 919/766-6401.



The Family Information Center showcases, located on A and B wings, contain pertinent information and schedules, an easy way for families to keep up with news, events and meetings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

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Anna Passman
Anna Schleicher
Theresa Schwartz
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Doris Sink
Lee Sweetbaum
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BJH BRIEFS — ON THE SCENE AT PASSOVER

• **PASSOVER AT BJH MEANS REMEMBERING**, remembering the first Passover over 3,000 years ago and Passovers more recent, for some a mere 75, 50, 25 or even 5 years ago. Remembering, re-telling and sharing those experiences with family and friends is what makes the Seder special. At BJH, the Commons was filled this year with residents, their families and friends, volunteers, and staff who gathered together for the first- and second-night Seders. Keeping with a BJH tradition, Sam Jacobson led the Seders each night with the assistance of Marcia Epstein (Board Secretary and family member) on the first night and Andrew Ettin (volunteer) on the second night. New to BJH each evening was

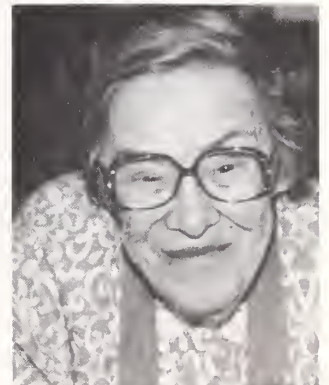
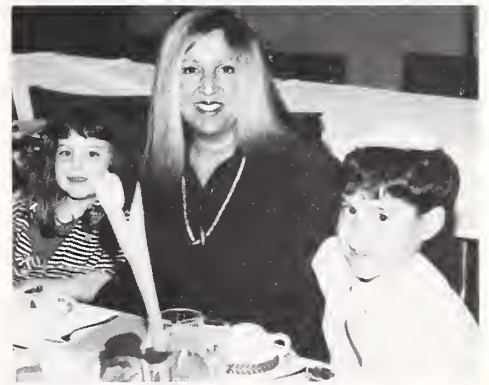
the addition of the beautiful cantorial singing of Barry Strulson, a new family member.

Members of the Department of Dining Services, under the direction of Wayne Dieser, are to be congratulated for the always elegant, delicious and enjoyable Seder meals they provide. We thank the Activities staff for their assistance to the residents. Passover is a holiday of memories and traditions; we look forward to continuing our traditions next year at BJH.

The BJH Seders included both new and familiar faces. Seen from the top, clockwise, are: Marcia Epstein, Barry Strulson, Andrew Ettin, the Dining Services servers, Don Morris & Sam Jacobson, and Activities Department staff, Lynda Abrahamson, Fredia Thompson, and Nancy Zinz.



Smiles seen
at the Seders





BJH resident Ira Gutman receives a visit from his daughter-in-law, Joyce Gutman, at the Friendship Circle luncheon in Greensboro.



Craft Shop instructor Catherine Smith and her husband, Bob, were heart stoppers as they twirled about the floor at the Valentine's Day party.

Celebrate with Mom & Dad Sunday May 12, 1991

**Parent's Day Brunch – 12:15 p.m.
Israeli Dance Troupe – 3 p.m.
Commons Auditorium**

Adults: \$8.00
Children: \$4.00

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CALENDAR FOR MAY/JUNE

MAY

- 1 Leave for Spring Celebration, Winston-Salem, 10 a.m.
- 2 Leave for Friendship Circle Meeting, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 8 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.
- 9 Theatrical Production "The Best of Broadway", Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.
- 10 Temple Emanuel Pre-School Visit, BJH Courtyard, 10 a.m.
- 12 Parents Day Brunch – 12:15 p.m.
- 12 Brenner Concert, Israeli Dance Troop, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 14 Senior Citizens Luncheon, Leave for Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.
- 15 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Chorny, Synagogue, 10:30 a.m.
- 17 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Starmount Country Club, Leave for Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Brenner Concert, Community Youth Symphony, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

JUNE

- 2 Razz Ma Tazz, Nickelodeon "A Celebration of 20th Century American Music", Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 3 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 5 Musical Performance, Sharps & Flat, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.
- 11 Senior Citizens Luncheon, Leave for Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.
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- 20 Starmount Country Club, Leave for Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Brenner Concert, Merri Robinson, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

BJH Is Happy To Announce The Selection For Employee Of The Month



ELLEN HUGHES
Allied Health Assistant
January, 1991

"I wouldn't trade it for any job," said Ellen Hughes in describing her work at BJH. Ellen's dedication to the Home began almost 12 years ago, in August of 1979, when she completed training as a nursing assistant and started work on B-2. Three years ago, Ellen assumed the position of Allied Health Assistant working with Betty Petticord primarily in the area of transportation to medical appointments and hospitals. She says her job is varied and requires the same skills she used as a nurses aide.

"I really enjoy working with people on a one-to-one basis," said Ellen. "I see them laugh and cry and I hold their hand. I have always liked older people, and I feel like I've got something to give."

Ellen's sensitivity, warmth and caring are vital aspects of her work and are, indeed, readily given by her. Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing, said that Ellen genuinely cares about the residents and has their well being at heart. She is reliable, dependable and agreeable, always willing to go the extra mile when

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in May and June:

<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 Years Pauline Allen, <i>Nsg. Asst., FO</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 Years Esther Peay, <i>Dietary</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 Years Vicki Lanning, <i>LPN, A-Wing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 Years Phillip Money, <i>Nsg. Asst., A-Wing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Years Patsy Petree, <i>Dir. of Nsg.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Years Lois Slater, <i>Nsg. Asst., A-Wing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Years Charles Dunn, <i>Maintenance</i> Lynn Naylor, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-1</i> Shirley Wilmoth, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-2</i> Genevieve Yankus, <i>Dietary</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Year Kay Dixon, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-2</i> Lynda Edmondson, <i>Administrator</i> Cynthia Ellis, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-2</i> Sonya Fulton, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-1</i> Janice Glenn, <i>Dietary</i> Sheila James, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-1</i> Virginia Martin, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-2</i> Roberta Padovani, <i>Development</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rachael Parker, Nsg. Asst., B-1 Kenneth Reid, Dietary Martha Smiley, RN, B-2 Afredia Thompson, Dir. Res. Activities Pat Webb, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing Carol Wilson, Dietitian</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 Years Gail Smith, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Years Lydia Sparrow, <i>Controller</i> Donnelle Vaughn, <i>Ofc. Manager</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Years Keith Elliott, <i>Maintenance</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Years Mike Kelly, <i>Dir. of Maintenance</i> Linda Smith, <i>LPN, FO</i> Arlene van de Rijn, <i>Mkt./Vol. Ser.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Year Christine Agejew, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-1</i> Edith Barbeaux, <i>Housekeeping</i> Sabrina Hairston, <i>Nsg. Asst., B-2</i> John McCarrell, <i>Housekeeping</i> Marlene Newell, <i>RN, Unit Mgr., FO</i></p>
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needed. "Ellen is especially deserving of this honor," said Patsy.

Finding personal reward in her work, Ellen says, "The residents know your face even if they don't know your name." BJH is proud to have Ellen Hughes on its staff and to reward her with this honor.

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Editorial

Announcement by Shoshana S. Cardin, Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Friday, May 24, 1991 *On the Historic Exodus of Ethiopian Jewry to Israel*

Two thousand years of prayers and hopes have been answered on this great day. A historic rescue operation has begun that will bring the 16,500 Jews remaining in Ethiopia to freedom in Israel. We are profoundly grateful that our generation has been given the opportunity to witness this magnificent achievement.

The first planes in this historic airlift have already landed with their precious human cargo. The entire operation should be completed within the coming days.

There are many individuals and organizations that deserve great credit for their roles in this magnificent achievement. We acknowledge with deep appreciation the leadership, the determination and the commitment of President George Bush, who for many years has been a stalwart advocate and participant in the great mission to rescue Ethiopian Jewry. Vice President Dan Quayle has been a powerful supporter of this effort. Senator Rudy Boschwitz, the President's special emissary who went to Ethiopia last month, deserves great thanks for the role he played.

We express our gratitude to Secretary Baker and the Department of State, through (among others) Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen, and to General Brent Scowcroft, chairman of the National Security Council, whose associate, Robert Frasure, has been central to this effort. The responsiveness of the interim government in Ethiopia must also be gratefully acknowledged.

The rescue operation has been an exemplary venture in cooperative effort within the American Jewish community. Primary responsibility has been filled by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which has been providing relief and untold other assistance for the Jews of Ethiopia over many years, made possible by United Jewish Appeal/Federation campaigns. It is important also to acknowledge the contribution of the advocacy groups—the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and the North American Committee for Ethiopian Jewry—to the success of the campaign to rescue Ethiopian Jewry.

We congratulate the Government of Israel, carrying out its historic mission of ingathering the exiles, in close cooperation with the Jewish Agency. Together, they have played a crucial part in bringing about this remarkable feat. We pay tribute to the work of Uri Lubrani, who was appointed by the Prime Minister to coordinate the effort on behalf of the government of Israel.

After 2,000 years of exile, the last remaining Jews of Ethiopia are coming home to Israel. It is a great moment in history, a superb accomplishment of cooperation among governments and people, a historic chapter in the relationship of Israel and the United States.



Israel's Newest Citizens—Two Ethiopian sisters get their bearings at Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport. They reached Israel thanks to the UJA/Federation Campaign. Both photos by Richard Lobell, UJA Press Service, May 1991.



Father and Son—Biriki embraces his father on arrival at the Jewish Agency absorption center at Mikhmoret in northern Israel. Biriki had not seen his father since he left Ethiopia as a teenager thanks to Operation Moses in 1984. He now works for the Jewish Agency helping Ethiopian Jews adjust to Israel.

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OPERATION SOLOMON—Just off the plane from Addis Ababa, Ethiopian Jews wait to board the special bus for a Jewish Agency absorption center. Their first home in Israel is funded by the UJA/Federation Campaign.—UJA Press Service Photo by Richard Lobell, May 1991.

(Also see Editorial on page 2.)

Back Cover:

CAJE Resource Center Dedication, April 21, 1991.

Photos (clockwise from upper left):

The new CAJE Resource Center is located at Shalom Park, adjacent to the Blumenthal Education Building; The crowd of students from the three religious schools along with teachers, parents and community leaders assemble for the Chanukat Ha-bayit (affixing the Mezuzah ceremony) at CAJE, April 21, 1991; Rabbi Robert A. Seigel was assisted by Temple Beth El V'Shalom students in affixing a Mezuzah to a door of CAJE; Roz Cooper and Temple Israel students also affixed a Mezuzah at CAJE; Chanie Weiss, Rabbi Groner and students from Lubavitch of N.C. gather for dedication of CAJE; Students from Temple Israel Religious School arrived at CAJE to assist in the dedication.

Photos by Audrey Madans, Seth Stein, Lenora Stein.

To the Editor

Having returned from my five month "visit" to Saudi Arabia, I wanted to say thank you to all of your readers who so generously supported our troops serving in Operations Desert Shield and Storm. Whether it was letters, food packages, sundry articles or financial assistance, all of it was greatly appreciated and put to good use.

The State of North Carolina has much to be proud of. We deployed more servicemembers than any state and also the largest number of Jewish personnel to the theater of operations. We are very thankful that all of our Jewish personnel came home uninjured.

A special word of thanks to the Blumenthal Foundation, Shaarei Israel of Raleigh, Beth Meyer of Raleigh, Agudas Israel of Hendersonville, and Beth Shalom of Cary for their extra special efforts on behalf of the troops.

As we take pride in our victory and the ensuing peace, let us not forget the hundreds of Jewish soldiers who still remain in the Gulf Region.

I look forward to thanking many of you personally in the near future.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Mitchell S. Ackerson
Chaplain (Captain), U.S. Army
XVIII Airborne Corps and
Fort Bragg Area Jewish Chaplain
May 7, 1991



FLEEING ETHIOPIA—More than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews gathered at the Israeli Embassy in Addis Ababa on May 24, 1991, to be bused to the airport for the secret airlift to Israel.—AFP Photo

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Tisha B'Av 5751

July 21, 1991

by Estelle Hoffman

As we observe Tisha b'Av this year on July 21, it will be good to consider what followed Tisha b'Av in the year 70 C.E.

Martin Gilbert, historian, has called the period from the year 70 until the early fifth century, "The Age of Prayer." The Pharisees had been working for reforms in Judaism when Titus, Emperor of the Roman Empire, believed he destroyed Judaism along with the destruction of the Temple. Though the Zealots persisted in fighting the Roman legions and held out for four years after the Temple fell, Rabbi ben Zakkai was a practical Jew who opposed the Zealots without influencing them. He labored under no delusions of divine deliverance or military triumph.

This far-sighted rabbi foresaw the outcome of confrontation with the mighty power, and he had himself hidden inside a coffin which was carried out of Jerusalem in 68 C.E. He gained permission from the Romans to establish a school at Yavne, thus keeping the flame of Judaism alive. That school became the first of the Yeshivot, Jewish seminaries. It remained the chief center of Jewish learning until the year 418.

Prophets had been protesting corruption in the Temple and hypocrisy in religious practice. Rabbi ben Zakkai, after his unsuccessful attempt to persuade his people to non-violence against Rome, helped direct Judaism to substitute prayer and study for sacrifices which could no longer be conducted. The implementation of the Oral Law, the Mishnah and Gemara which comprise the Talmud, was begun.

When the Roman soldiers hurled flaming torches at the Temple, setting the fires which destroyed all but its Western Wall, great depression settled upon the Jews. Never again would Jews rejoice anywhere without recalling the destruction of the Temple. Recollection might be demon-

strated by a charitable contribution, by the omission of something, or by crushing a glass during a marriage ceremony.

It is interesting to note that the date of Tisha b'Av is said to be the same as that on which the Jews were captured and removed to Babylon in 586 B.C.E. They did not react in the same way as after the destruction of the second Temple in 70 C.E. In fact, many became comfortable in Babylon and did not return to their own land when given permission seventy years later by Cyrus, the Persian king who conquered Babylon.

The date of the order to expel the Jews from England in the year 1290 was also on the 9th of Av. England did not allow Jews to return until the 1650s under Cromwell's rule. The expulsion of Jews from Spain was on the 9th of Av in 1492, the day Columbus set sail to the west.

Tisha b'Av is a good time to study our history and contemplate the improvements in Judaism which followed, the spirituality which superseded the Temple rites and the great sages and scholars who gave us a rich legacy of wisdom.

Since it is traditional to refrain from eating meat for the first eight days of the month of Av (except on Shabbat), and then to fast on the ninth of Av, we have selected a few vegetarian recipes and some desserts from the cookbook we reviewed last month, *That Hungarian's in My Kitchen* by Linda F. Radke.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Cabbage and Noodles

4 cups finely shredded cabbage
1 Tbsp. salt
1/2 cup butter or oil
1/2 tsp. sugar
3 cups cooked noodles
1/4 tsp. pepper

Mix the cabbage and salt together and let stand 30 minutes. Squeeze out liquid. Heat the butter or oil in a deep skillet. Brown the sugar for a few seconds, add the cabbage. Cook over low heat until the cabbage is browned. Stir frequently. Add to the noodles. Blend thoroughly with the pepper. Serves 6 to 8.

Vegetarian Spaghetti Casserole

1 lb. regular or thin spaghetti
1 large onion, finely diced
1 or 2 large green peppers, diced
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
1 can tomato soup
1 large can mushroom pieces
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/4 cup grated cheese (optional)
Water

Cook spaghetti as usual until almost done. Drain with hot water. Add the tomato soup, mushroom soup and mushrooms. Mix well. In sauce pan, saute onion and green pepper until translucent. Do not brown. Add this and seasonings to the spaghetti mixture. Place in well-greased baking dish or casserole. Bake at 350°. Add water if necessary for moistness after first half hour. Use only what is needed to moisten. Grated cheese can be put on top of the casserole the last half-hour of baking. Serves 8 to 10.

Apple Strudel

4 cups flour
Salt
2 egg yolks
Warm water as needed
1 Tbsp. Crisco (white vegetable shortening)
8 lbs. apples, peeled and sliced
Cinnamon
Lemon Juice
Sugar

Mix flour, salt, egg yolks and warm water as needed for the dough. Mix with hands for 20 minutes. Put on a floured cloth and mold to a round flat loaf. Spread shortening over the dough. Let stand for 20 minutes. Then roll out to desired thickness (It should be very thin.) and dry for a few minutes. Mix the apples, cinnamon, lemon juice and sugar just before use. Spread this filling on the sheet of dough, but not to edges, and roll carefully. Cut to fit pan, which has been greased with Crisco and floured. Bake in preheated 375° oven for about 40 minutes.

Crispy Crullers (Csoroge)

2-1/2 cups flour
6 egg yolks
1/2 cup sour cream
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. brandy
1 Tbsp. white vinegar
Vegetable oil for deep fat frying
Powdered sugar

Add all or enough of the flour to egg yolks and sour cream to make a soft dough. Add salt, sugar, brandy and vinegar. Knead until smooth. Roll out VERY thin. Cut into diamond shapes, make a slit in center and pull one end through the slit. Fry in deep fat until light brown. Drain on paper toweling. Sprinkle generously with powdered sugar.

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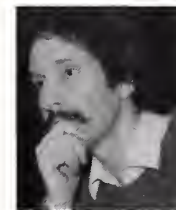
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Born in Poland, he emigrated to Israel at the age of two and has lived there ever since, though he travels extensively outside the country. Goldberg earned his bachelor's and law degrees at Tel Aviv University, then studied at Harvard where he received his doctorate in History and Middle Eastern Studies in 1978. Though he has been on the faculty of Tel Aviv University since completing his graduate work, Goldberg has taken leave at various times to serve as visiting professor at Cornell University, George Washington University, University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University. He has also lectured at numerous universities across the United States.

Goldberg's publications have focused primarily on the history of Saudia Arabia and Yemen, though he has also written widely on a variety of topics relating to Islam and the Middle Eastern states.

DR. ORI ZARAH SOLTES

- The Development and Basic Principles of Islam
- Judaism in Islam
- Conflicting Goals: Zionism, Arab Nationalism and European Imperialism, 1897-1947



Dr. Ori Soltes has divided his career between teaching Jewish Studies courses at the university level and serving as curator for exhibits at many Jewish museums.

He received his bachelor's degree from Haverford College, his master's from Princeton University, and his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in Classics. He has taught almost every kind of Jewish Studies course imaginable at Cleveland College of Jewish Studies since 1983, and as visiting lecturer at Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland State University. He has served as consultant or guest curator at Jewish museums in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Buffalo and Chicago, designing such exhibits as "*Spirit and Survival: The Jews of Eastern Europe*," "*The Jews of North Africa*," "*Symbols of Faith: Menorah, Icon, Prayer Rug*," and "*Betzal-El: The Birth of Israeli Art*."

Soltes was recently appointed director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C.

SCHOLARSHIPS: We encourage individuals and couples under 40 years of age to attend our Institute and offer a limited number of partial scholarships (\$75 per individual, \$150 per couple) to those interested. If you wish to apply for this partial subsidization, be sure to so indicate on the registration form and state your age. Scholarships will be offered on a first come basis.

DAY CARE PROGRAM: A Day Care Program will be conducted for those children attending with their parents. Children, of course, must be old enough to participate in such a program and **we must have enough children to make it worthwhile.** There will be games, arts and crafts, hikes and walks on nature trails, etc.

RESERVATION APPLICATION—District Five B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism II—August 15-18, 1991

Please enter my reservation for _____ persons listed below. I understand that the full payment will be remitted no later than July 9 and that no refund will be made after July 9, 1991.

I enclose deposit of \$ _____ (\$50 per adult, **\$15 of which is non-refundable.**)

I enclose full payment of \$ _____ (\$175 per adult which includes tuition, room, meals, gratuities and baby sitters; children 6-12 years, \$95; 3-5 years, \$62.50; 2 and under, no charge.)

Do you have special rooming needs or preference (e.g. can't climb stairs)? _____

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(NOTE: B'nai B'rith members receive preference in registration until June 10, 1991, in case the Institute is oversubscribed.) Please mail reservation and check payable to B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism Wildacres II to Todd L. Savitt, 3101 Ellsworth Drive, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, Phone (919) 355-6580. (You may leave message on answering machine after 4 rings.) After July 28, call (919) 551-2797 during working hours.

A Personal All-Time Jewish All-Star Baseball Team (And How They Compare to Today's All-Stars)

by Les Gordan

A couple of these athletes are household names in America and wherever baseball is played in the world, but the rest of them are names familiar only to those who follow the game closely. They are the members of my personal All-Time Jewish All-Star baseball team.

In addition to listing the all-stars and providing some of their career highlights, they will also be compared to the current crop of all-stars in the Major Leagues. Specifically, they will be measured against the 1990 National League All-Star team. The results may surprise you.

The Jewish All-Stars

First base is occupied by **Mike Epstein**, 1966-74. In 1966, *The Sporting News* named Epstein the "Minor Leaguer of the Year." This was only a prelude to a very successful Major League (ML) career. By the time he retired, he had hit 130 home runs (HR's). His best year was 1969 when he batted .278 with 30 HR's and 85 runs batted in (RBI's). He tied a ML record in 1971 by hitting four consecutive HR's over two games.

Buddy Myer, 1925-41, holds the following significant Jewish ML records: most games played (1923), most at bats (7038), most runs scored (1174), most hits (2131) and most triples (130). He also led the American League (AL) in stolen bases in 1928 with 30 and led the league in batting with a .349 batting average (BA) in 1935. He set those marks while playing second base.

Shortstop is the weakest spot on the all-star team. Many Jewish infielders have played the position from time to time, but only **Jim Levey**, 1930-33, played it as his primary defensive spot. His lifetime batting average (BA) was .230.

Al Rosen, 1947-56, who played third base should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. He led the AL in HR's with 37 in 1950. That was a rookie record that stood for almost forty years. He tied a ML record with 4 grand slams in 1951. In 1952 he led the AL in RBI's with 105. Then he came back with a monster 1953 season, leading the ML's in HR's (43) and RBI's (145) and leading the AL both in runs scored with 115 and in slugging percentage (SLG) with .613. To top off the year, he won the AL's Most Valuable Player Award (MVP)—the first player to win on a unanimous vote.

Known primarily as a defensive catcher, **Joe Ginsberg**, 1948-62, had his best offensive year in 1957 with the Baltimore Orioles when he hit .274.

No one but **Ron Blomberg**, 1969-78, could fill the designated hitter position on this all-star team, because he became, literally, the first designated hitter in ML history when he stepped up to bat for the Yankees in Boston's Fenway Park on April 6, 1973. His career BA was an impressive .293.

Although primarily known as a first baseman, **Hank Greenberg**, 1930-47, moved to the outfield in 1940. Greenberg was simply one of the greatest sluggers—Jew or Gentile—ever to play the game. During his career he led the ML's many years in HR's, RBI's, SLG, runs scored and doubles. He was the AL's MVP in 1935 and 1940.

But his achievements transcend annual records. We must look to all-time records to grasp the full measure of his greatness. His 58 HR's in 1938 have been surpassed by only Roger Maris and Babe Ruth. His 183 RBI's in 1937 have been bettered only twice in ML history. His lifetime SLG of .605 ranks fifth behind Ruth, Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig and Jimmie Foxx. Greenberg is a member of the Hall of Fame.

The second outfielder is **Goody Rosen**, 1937-46. In 1938 Rosen led the NL outfielders in fielding percentage. His best year at the plate was 1945 when he hit .325. His career batting average was an impressive .291.

Sid Gordon, 1941-55, completes the outfield. Gordon is second only to Buddy Myer in the number of ML games played by a Jewish athlete. Over those 1475 games, he batted .283 with 202 HR's, including 30 in 1948. In 1952 he led the NL outfielders with a .996 fielding percentage.

Ed Reulbach, 1905-17, earns a place on the team as the right handed starting pitcher. Reulbach has the distinction of pitching two complete game shut-outs in one day. On September 26, 1908 against the Brooklyn Dodgers, he earned two victories for the Chicago Cubs, 5-0 and 3-0. However, Reulbach was not a flash in the pan. He led the ML's in winning percentage in 1906 and 1908. In 1907 he led the NL in that category.

The left handed starting pitcher is, of course, **Sandy Koufax**, 1955-1966. In his 12 years with the Dodgers, Koufax led the ML's or the NL in 40 significant pitching categories such as wins, winning percentage, complete games, shut-outs, innings pitched, strikeouts, earned run average (ERA), and opposing batting average.

His numbers are awesome. For example, in 1963 he led the ML's in shut-outs with 11. Today, pitchers are stars if they can pitch 11 complete games, never mind shut-outs. His ERA that year was 1.88. Batters that faced him that year had a composite BA of only .189. In 1965 and 1966 he led the ML's with 27 complete games—each year.

As with Greenberg, one must look to all-time records to understand the full significance of Koufax's achievements. He ranks number one in all-time, life-time opposing batting average. This means that during his career, the hitters opposing him had a BA of .205. No other pitcher in the history of the game was better. He ranks number two in all-time, life-time hits allowed per game with 6.79. His record of strikeouts in one season of 382, set in 1965 stood

for 18 years until Nolan Ryan topped it by one strikeout in 1973. Koufax pitched four no-hitters (including one perfect game) and was voted the Cy Young Award as the league's outstanding pitcher three times.

Two interesting facts about Koufax: Firstly, because he was a "bonus baby," he never pitched in the minor leagues. Secondly, Koufax was the youngest player ever elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Rounding out the squad are two other Jewish hurlers who will serve as relief pitchers. Righty **Steve Stone**, 1971-81, led the ML's in wins and winning percentage when he went 25-7 in 1980. That same year he won the AL's Cy Young Award as the league's top pitcher.

Lefty **Ken Holtzman**, 1965-79, toiled in relative obscurity despite putting up some impressive numbers. Although he spent most of 1967 on active military duty, Holtzman finished the year with a perfect 9-0 record. He appeared in more games and pitched more innings than any other Jewish hurler. He also pitched two no-hitters.

The Comparison With Today's All-Stars

The above career highlights and statistics are fine, one might say, but those old-timers could never hold a candle to today's all-stars. What with modern training, nutrition techniques and with drawing on a talent pool that includes Blacks and Hispanics, those Jewish all-stars could never match up. But just hold on there, let's take a closer look at the players before we come up with any conclusions. Here are the lineups:

POSITION	ALL-TIME JEWISH ALL-STARS (JAS)	1990 NATIONAL LEAGUE ALL-STARS (NAS)
P	Sandy Koufax	Jack Armstrong
C	Joe Ginsberg	Benito Santiago
1B	Mike Epstein	Will Clark
2B	Buddy Myer	Ryne Sandberg
SS	Jim Levey	Ozzie Smith
3B	Al Rosen	Chris Sabo
OF	Hank Greenberg	Andre Dawson
OF	Goody Rosen	Lenny Dykstra
OF	Sid Gordon	Kevin Mitchell

Let the first stereotype fall: The two teams are virtually the same height and weight. The 1990 National League All-Stars (NAS) average 6 feet 1/2 inch and 184 pounds. The All-Time Jewish All-Stars (JAS) measure up at 5 feet 11-1/2 inches and 182 pounds. So much for modern training and nutrition. At least we know the 1990 National Leaguers are not taking steroids.

Excluding the pitchers (who will be discussed later) the JAS played in 8429 games during their careers while the NAS have played in 8438 games as of the end of the 1990 season. Since the NAS have not finished their careers yet, we cannot compare absolute numbers such as home runs or hits. But with virtually the same number of games under their belts, we can compare percentages such as home run percentage and hits per game.

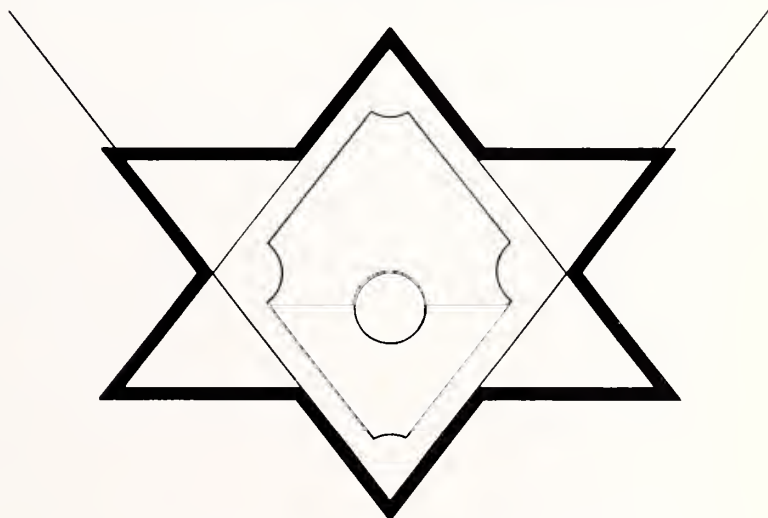
What we find is that the JAS come up superior as a team in virtually every offensive category. The JAS batted .285 versus .277 for the NAS. As for slugging percentage, the JAS at .454 was nineteen points better than the NAS at .435. As you may have deduced from this, the JAS were better home run hitters than the NAS, hitting a home run 3.25% of their at-bats against 3.00% for the NAS. The JAS also have more hits and runs batted in per game than do the NAS. The only category the NAS clearly dominate is stolen bases where they have one for every 6 games versus one for every 26 games for the JAS.

On an individual basis the comparisons are even more striking. The NAS's top batter is **Will Clark** with .302. That would place him only third on the JAS, behind Greenberg and Myer. Greenberg hit a home run every 15.7 at-bats. The best NAS is **Kevin Mitchell** who hits a home run every 17.6 at-bats. Unfortunately, he has only about one-third the HR's of Greenberg. Thus, Mitchell is going to have to keep hitting at his current pace for about twelve more years just to stay second to Greenberg. Does anyone really think he can do that?

The starting NAS pitcher was **Jack Armstrong**. His credentials are so poor that it would be embarrassing to compare him to Sandy Koufax. To be competitive, **Bob Welch**, the 1990 American League All-Star starting pitcher has been substituted for this statistical analysis. By coincidence, Koufax and Welch have appeared in virtually the same number of games, 397 and 396, respectively.

Although Welch has won 11 more games than Koufax, he has also lost 22 more. The result is that Koufax has a better winning percentage. In fact, Koufax dominates in every major category except one, walks per game. He is better in earned run average, strikeouts per game and hits allowed per game. No matter how long Welch pitches, he will never match Koufax's record of 137 complete games.

For those who feel that eras cannot be compared, would it be unfair to compare each team to its contemporaries? How superior are the JAS and NAS to the athletes they played and play against? There are 18 standard batting and pitching categories which have a league leader each year.



Jewish All-Star Team Logo by Les Gordan

BATTERS	BA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	YRS	HR%	RBI/G	H/G	SLG	G/SB
SANTIAGO	265	531	1906	215	506	81	12	58	246	52	5	3.04	0.46	1.05	412	10.2
CLARK	302	736	2700	452	815	150	27	117	447	34	5	4.33	0.61	0.90	507	21.6
SANDBERG	287	1389	5508	872	1583	256	57	179	649	275	10	3.25	0.47	0.88	452	5.1
SMITH	256	1926	7019	910	1798	297	52	19	600	464	13	0.27	0.31	1.07	321	4.2
SABO	268	367	1409	209	378	99	5	42	144	85	3	2.98	0.39	0.97	435	4.3
DAWSON	283	2018	7785	1130	2201	396	88	346	1231	300	15	4.44	0.61	0.92	490	6.7
DYKSTRA	281	783	2628	432	739	159	23	43	232	166	6	1.64	0.30	1.06	408	4.7
MITCHELL	278	688	2378	369	661	125	19	135	412	24	6	5.68	0.60	1.04	517	28.7

1990 NATIONAL LEAGUE ALL-STAR CAREER TEAM TOTALS (THRU 1990):

277	8438	31333	4589	8681	1563	283	939	3961	1400	63	3.00	0.47	0.97	435	6.0
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GINSBERG	241	695	1716	1716	414	59	8	20	182	7	13	1.17	0.26	1.68	320	99.3
EPSTEIN	244	907	2854	362	695	93	16	130	380	7	9	4.56	0.42	1.31	424	129.6
MYER	303	1923	7038	1174	2131	353	130	38	850	156	17	0.54	0.44	0.90	406	12.3
LEVEY	230	440	1632	162	375	61	14	11	140	23	4	0.67	0.32	1.17	305	19.1
A ROSEN	285	1044	3725	603	1063	165	20	192	717	39	10	5.15	0.69	0.98	495	26.8
GREENBERG	313	1394	5193	1051	1628	379	71	331	1276	58	13	6.37	0.92	0.86	605	24.0
G ROSEN	291	551	1916	310	557	71	34	22	197	12	6	1.15	0.36	0.99	398	45.9
GORDON	283	1475	4992	735	1415	220	43	202	805	19	13	4.05	0.55	1.04	466	77.6

ALL-TIME JEWISH ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM CAREER TOTALS:

285	8429	29066	6113	8278	1401	336	946	4547	321	85	3.25	0.54	1.02	454	26.3
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PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	G	CG	IP	H	ER	BB	SO	YRS	PCT	SO/G	H/G	BB/G	SHO
ARMSTRONG	18	19	4.17	52	2	274	254	127	118	178	2	486	5.85	8.3	3.9	1
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By this time it should not be surprising that the JAS has 40 statistical leaders versus only 27 for the NAS. (The NAS actually has only 10, but the number was: 1) doubled because the JAS drew talent from both leagues; and 2) multiplied by 1.35 because the JAS had 85 years of experience versus only 63 for the NAS.)

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 G - Games Played In
 AB - At Bats
 R - Runs Scored
 H - Hits
 2B - Doubles
 3B - Triples
 HR - Home Runs
 RBI - Runs Batted In
 SB - Stolen Bases
 YRS - Calendar Years Played in the Majors
 HR% - Percentage of At Bats Resulting in a Home Run
 RBI/G - RBI's per Game Played In
 H/G - Hits per Game Played In
 SLG - Slugging Percentage
 G/SB - Games Played for each Stolen Base

PITCHERS

W - Wins
 L - Losses
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 CG - Complete Games Pitched
 IP - Innings Pitched
 H - Hits Allowed
 ER - Earned Runs Allowed
 BB - Walks Allowed
 SO - Strikeouts
 PCT - Winning Percentage
 SO/G - Strikeouts per Full Game
 H/G - Hits per Full Game
 BB/G - Walks Allowed per Full Game
 SHO - Shutouts Pitched


News of Israel

Israel Has Been Forthcoming, Arabs Recalcitrant in Advancing Middle East Peace Process, Netanyahu Tells Conference of Presidents

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peace process, but no comparable steps have been taken by the Arab side, Benjamin Netanyahu, Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel, told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations here this week.

Terming the Persian Gulf War "a watershed event of seismic proportions for the Middle East," the Israeli diplomat said: "Israel has initiated a proposal to move the peace process forward and has made three consecutive concessions to accommodate the Arabs' perceived needs.

"The Arabs needed a fig-leaf to enter direct negotiations, so Israel agreed to a ceremonial opening conference. The Arabs pressed for Soviet participation, so Israel agreed on joint U.S.-Soviet sponsorship. The Arabs insisted on a European presence, and Israel agreed to this format as well.

"And what has been the Arab response to these concessions?" he

asked. "Saudi Arabia has agreed to discuss only procedural, not substantive matters. Syria, which benefitted the most from the Gulf War, has annexed Lebanon, refuses to participate and is exercising its veto over the participation of other Arab states. Jordan has thus far failed to give a definitive answer regarding its participation."

Demands that Israel make advance concessions on territory and settlements as a precondition for entering negotiations and then placing unwarranted blame on Israel for failure to get the peace talks moving "sends a signal to the Arabs that they don't have to make concessions," Minister Netanyahu told the Presidents Conference leaders.

"Arab ruses can no longer be accepted," Minister Netanyahu concluded. "Israel is ready and willing to negotiate. The Arabs must come to the peace table now."

A Major Move Toward Peace

by David A. Harris

Executive Vice President, American Jewish Committee

Considerable attention is being given these days to the so-called Arab Boycott, which for more than 40 years has constituted economic warfare against Israel and has been an intrinsic part of the ongoing Arab war effort against Israel's existence. Actually the boycott predates the establishment of Israel, having been started against the Jewish community in Palestine in 1945, and has continued unabated since then, and particularly since the boycott was officially mandated by the Arab League in 1951.

The primary element of the boycott is the refusal by the Arab states to engage in direct trade and economic relations with Israel. This deprives Israel of valuable nearby trading partners, the Arab states, but also deprives the Arab states of a valuable trading partner in Israel. The sad truth is that economic cooperation between Israel and the Arab states could contribute greatly to the entire region's economic development and productivity, and of course bring on a more peaceful climate in the region.

At the moment concentration is on the secondary and tertiary elements of the boycott. The secondary boycott penalizes those foreign countries and individuals who maintain economic ties with Israel or have holdings in Israeli companies and often those companies with Jewish leadership. The tertiary boycott penalizes those companies that have commercial ties with companies on the Arab boycott list. These elements of the Arab boycott violate international trade agreements barring discrimination through methods of economic blackmail.

Actions by the Arab states to relax the secondary and tertiary elements of the boycott would of course be an important confidence-building measure in the current peace process, although at the moment there have been few indications of such movement. Kuwait has shown some indications of a change in policy; ironically, the actual Kuwaiti office that monitored the boycott was plundered and looted by the Iraqis, and the Kuwaitis cannot at the moment bureaucratically continue their boycott practices. At the same time, the Arab League has blacklisted another 110 firms, and Saudi Arabia has shown no public willingness to reconsider its stance on the boycott.

Apart from other efforts, those interested in the peace process would do well to urge the Arab states, as a first step, to end their secondary and tertiary economic boycott of Israel as a move that would greatly bridge the gap of trust that now exists between them and Israel. Other industrialized countries interested in facilitating Arab-Israeli peace should adopt anti-boycott legislation along the U.S. model, which prohibits American companies from complying with such a boycott, and insure effective monitoring of compliance. The G-7, the world's seven leading industrialized nations, and the European Community should also take active steps to oppose the boycott.

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My Chance Meeting

by Peter S. Lowy

Last week, I had an experience that was unlike anything I had ever had—I came face to face with my family's past. To fully comprehend what happened, I need to put my life in perspective.

I am 32 years old, married and have two small daughters. I was born in Australia and am currently living in California. My father was born in Czechoslovakia and my mother in Australia. My father and my wife's father are both Holocaust survivors. I grew up in middle to upper class Australia and most of the kids I grew up with had similar backgrounds. As far as religion was concerned, we were what I would call "traditional Jews." Friday nights were spent together; we attended synagogue on the major holidays and some other times during the year. I was educated at a non-Jewish school, but attended religious school three times a week until my Bar Mitzvah. After that, my religious education stalled. My wife comes from a more religious background. After our marriage and then the birth of our child, a need to live a fuller Jewish life has become a priority for me. It was mainly due to this that my chance meeting was able to occur.

While growing up, I had some idea of what my father and others like him had been through during the war, but since we had never really been told about his experiences, my knowledge about what happened to his family was extremely limited. It was not until I was in my mid-twenties that my father decided to tell us about what had happened to him during the war. One day, he called my two brothers and me together and proceeded to tell us his own story of survival during the Nazi occupation of Hungary. Naturally, this was an extremely difficult and emotional time for both him and us. Amongst a number of stories, he told us of when he last saw his father. It was the morning of March 20, 1944, which I think was a Monday. My father and his family were in Budapest at the time and had decided that since the Germans had moved into

Hungary the day before, they would return to their home town of Fulek, located in the countryside near the border between Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

My Grandfather's Fate

My grandfather went down to the main train station in Budapest to buy tickets for his family to return home and was arrested when he entered the station. After spending a number of weeks in a holding camp, he was then sent to Auschwitz where he, along with millions of other men, women and children perished.

I, like (I would assume) most of the children of survivors, listened intently, let the facts sink into my memory and then went about my life. Until the week of Pesach which will be forever etched in my mind. Having no family in town during Pesach and being away from our home in Sydney, we decided to go to a "Kosher le Pesach" resort in Palm Springs. On the second morning of Pesach, I happened to go into the hotel store to get a newspaper. In front of me was a man in his mid 60s also waiting for his paper. When the shop assistant asked for his name, he answered "Lowy." As he had a Hungarian accent and thinking that we might be related, I introduced myself also as a "Lowy" and asked where he was from. As it turned out, he was from Hungary, but from a different town than my father's. Although we were not related, he asked me where my father and his family were during the war and what had become of them. I told him that they were in Budapest during the war and that most of the family had survived except for my grandfather.

Mr. Lowy then inquired as to whether I knew what had happened to my grandfather and where he was arrested. I then recounted the story my father had told me, but I did not remember the date that he was arrested. Mr. Lowy interrupted me and told me that he was also arrested at the station and that a Lowy from Fulek was arrested with him at the same time. He also mentioned that this man was a traveler or salesman of some kind (my grandfather was a trav-

eling salesman), and that he was trying to buy tickets for himself and his family to go home.

It was becoming clear that this Mr. Lowy, standing in front of me, had been arrested with my grandfather 47 years earlier, and had in fact spent 6 weeks with him in the holding camp. My mind was racing with questions. I was confused and not sure what to do next.

Later that day, after talking to my father by phone, telling him what had happened and checking some facts, we confirmed that Mr. Lowy was indeed arrested with my grandfather. It was also the first time since my grandfather left his house in 1944 that we have found someone who was actually (physically) with him and could tell us exactly what happened—at least over that six week period. Mr. Lowy's son and I are planning to document his memories of those six weeks. Mr. Lowy told us that he and my grandfather were separated when they arrived at Auschwitz, because as they were leaving the train my grandfather reached back into the boxcar to retrieve his Tallit and Tefillin, and as he was doing this, he was beaten by the guards. Mr. Lowy is not sure whether my grandfather survived the beating, but he suspects that he did not.

My Emotional Reaction

At first, after meeting Mr. Lowy, I was quite emotional. It was the first time I had come face to face with anything connected to my grandfather other than my father and his family. It was as if the past had stuck out a huge hand and grabbed me by the neck. Now that several weeks have passed, I am still not sure what it means or what I should do about it. To meet Mr. Lowy has opened up more questions for me than it has answered and some of these may never have an answer.

I feel an anger growing inside of me about what happened, about never seeing my grandfather, about traditions and lifestyles that were simply wiped out. The dilemma I currently face is on two levels, one religious and the other moral. The religious

side, I believe, I will in time work out, but it is the moral questions that I fear will never be answered.

Writing from an Australian viewpoint, most of my generation has been blessed with at least a comfortable way of life. We had wonderful educational, cultural and sporting opportunities. To date, a large part of our lives has been spent on furthering ourselves and while we worry about our local Jewish community and Israel, for most of us, this is either a financial or time commitment—but it really does not divert us from our main goal.

Israel and its survival is, I believe, the strongest protection we have against another Holocaust. This evidence is currently staring us in the face with the plight of Soviet Jews. If not for Israel, where would they go? If not for Israel, who would stand up and fight for their freedom and rights as Jews? What would happen to them if not for Israel? The answer for us is not just in history books, but is with our parents who survived the Holocaust.

This chance meeting with my past has made me look at myself and ask, should I and others like me do more? I currently work with and donate to Jewish organizations, but in the end always return back to the same lifestyle. There is the dilemma—as our generation, born out of such adversity slowly moves away from the past and while we involve ourselves in our community, we never really make a commitment—for us life goes on.

This meeting with Mr. Lowy has made me stop and think about the quality, not just quantity, of our lives, of other generations whose presence has been denied us and of future generations whose heritage we must protect and preserve.

The enormity and tragedy of the Holocaust is difficult to grasp, but when it touches you personally, its impact is dramatic. While we did not live through it, we were always reminded, but were to some extent protected by our parents from their worst memories, and only now can I begin to understand what my father went through.

In spite of my confusion, I believe there are a number of lessons to be learned from my experience. The parents of my generation must tell their children as much as possible, no matter how difficult it may be. The time for this is short—within 10-20 years the generation of survivors may no longer be with us. For my generation, we must know how to apply the lessons from the past to the future. Soviet Jewry currently faces grave danger and those who are waiting to emigrate to Israel must be helped. If the USSR disintegrates and there is anarchy or military rule, the lives of the Jews of Russia will be in great jeopardy. It is our duty to ensure that a situation cannot occur where in 30-50 years the son of a Jew who survived a second Holocaust meets a man who was with his grandfather in a camp somewhere in Russia.

I will end by presenting some interesting facts. Mr. Lowy was 18 when arrested in March 1944, my grandfather was in his 40s. Mr. Lowy moved to the U.S. in 1945 or 46 and currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. My father went to Israel in 1946 and arrived in Australia in 1951. I temporarily moved to California in 1990 and until then had never left home at Passover. Mr. Lowy decided to go to Palm Springs for Passover the first time this year; he usually spends Passover in the Northeast. It was 47 years and 11 days from the date Mr. Lowy and my grandfather were arrested (March 20, 1944) until the day we met in the hotel store (March 31, 1991).

Peter S. Lowy, originally from Australia, is now a business executive in Los Angeles, Cal. His article was distributed by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

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

by Fran Hirschel

Our Shavuot service on May 18 was the occasion for the confirmation of Jill Blumenthal, Jennifer Exelbierd, Leigh Foley, Amy Goldman, Scott Katowitz, Craig Kaufmann, Isaac Levenson, Seth Nore and Matthew Sanders. These young people have attended the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte and have fulfilled community service obligations as well as other requirements necessary to qualify as confirmands. Their parents and the rest of our congregation are proud of their achievement.

We are also proud of David Zelickson, Heather Shane, Cory Rose, Melissa Gottheim, Brian Blazek and Jill Freiberg who became B'nai Mitzvah during May and June. We welcome them as members of our congregation and congratulate them and their parents and families.

The groundbreaking ceremony for our new Temple took place on June 2 at 5 p.m. In addition to all of the festivities we have come to expect when our Temple has true cause to celebrate—fun, food and fellowship—we buried a Time Capsule filled with artwork and photographs from our Sunday School. The artwork, created by the children in the kindergarten through fourth grade classes of our Religious School, has been on display in Gorelick Hall. Congregants who attended the May 10 Friday evening service selected the pieces to be included in the Time Capsule, and the results were announced at the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

After the ceremony, at 7 p.m., the Annual Congregational Meeting was

held. At the meeting, the Board of Directors for 1991-1992 was elected and then installed. The slate included Douglas Gentile, president; Paul Paskoff, vice president-finance; Ethel Gordon, vice president-building; Lawson Bryan, vice president-membership; Sara Benfield, vice president-education; Iris Friedlander, recording secretary; Fran Hirschel, financial secretary; and Alan Shuart, treasurer.

Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, N.C.

by Elaine Zerden

We have just completed the second year in our new Temple Beth Shalom. Our first president, Albert Garrick, turned over the leadership to Marty Kallman who has directed our congregation through another great year.

Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon, who holds the title Rabbi Emeritus, Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim, Philadelphia, Pa., came to Temple Beth Shalom for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. His wife, Florence, accompanied him. Our high holiday services were beautiful with Rabbi Gordon's personal warmth, years of experience, and pleasant cantorial voice. During this holiday, all members of our congregation participated in "Operation Isaiah."

On special weekends, we had the services of Ms. Tamara Miller of Greensboro, N.C. and/or Mr. Julius Goldman from Charlotte, N.C. These were full weekends of Friday night services, Saturday morning services, and adult education programs on Saturday night.

Our congregation is also blessed with much talent among our members who give so much to our temple. Philip Datnoff and Michael Bauman conducted services every Shabbat, on Succot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover, and

even at a Brit Mila. Linda Guttler, Sue Cole, Liz Garrick and Eileen Cangelin lead the classes for our children in Sunday School and holiday celebrations. Ron Berndt and Amy Powell teach Hebrew.

We had a real first this year as we joined Greater Hickory in the Oktoberfest. Under the direction of Ron Berndt and Bob Friedman, we opened the "New York Deli" and a good time was had by all. Also, we participated in the Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service of Hickory, and Liz Garrick represented our temple.

Brian Mandle, son of Jane and Alan, made us all very proud as we shared his Bar Mitzvah celebration in November. On December 24 and 25, we did special holiday volunteer work at the hospital for our friends. Phil Datnoff read the Megillah for Purim, and our children entertained us with a delightful Purim play. We had a beautiful Community Seder with Freddie Schneider as the coordinator and Phil Datnoff leading the service.

We all shared the joy of and extended our Mazel Tov to David and Madeline Guy on the marriage of their daughter; to Gwen and Phil Datnoff on the birth of their third granddaughter; to Paul and Pauline Lavitt on the marriage of their son; to Drs. Faruque and Faruque on the birth of their son; to Esther Greene on the birth of her first grandchild; to Marc and Carol Stammer on the birth of their son. Welcome to our newest resident and member of the temple, Marilyn Barr.

At our annual meeting, a special tribute was presented to Dan and Judy Warren who have retired and are moving to Florida. Our president, Marty Kallman, was also honored and thanked as he passed the gavel to Ron Berndt and his new board. This marks the beginning of another productive year.

As always, the year ends on a wet, but wonderful note as we enjoy the

pool and picnic gathering at the home of Marty and Barbara Kallman—a treat much appreciated by all the members of Temple Beth Shalom.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The busy April calendar included the Rabbi's Study Group on April 3 and April 17; the Holocaust service on April 10 at Beth Israel; the joint Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration with Beth Israel's Sunday School, Beth ha-Tephila's Sunday School, the Jewish Community Center, Hadassah and Havurah participating, held this year at Beth Israel on April 14; "The Object and the Blessing—Jewish Art Forms," art show opening at the Blue Spiral Gallery on April 16; Lunch and Learn with the Rabbis at Beth Israel on April 18; "A Shayna Maidel"—a play by Barbara Lebow held at UNCA on April 18; Sisterhood Shabbat with Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky as the guest speaker, April 19 and 20; and on April 22, "Women in the Bible," a lecture by Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky at UNCA.

Congratulations to Amy Michalove, who was tapped sweetheart of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at the University of Georgia. Amy is currently a sophomore and a rising junior, a member of the Delta Pi Epsilon sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Freedman announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Beth Freedman to Robert Feirstein, both of Asheville. The wedding will be held in late October.

Carol Deutsch Honored at Convention

Beth Israel Sisterhood has the pleasure of announcing the selection of Carol Deutsch as its "Light of Torah Award" person. A gold leaf was put on our "Tree of Life" for her. The plaque signifying this honor was given at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Convention, Southern Branch, held in Columbus, Ga. on May 5-7. Norma Feingold, financial secretary and member of the executive committee of Southern Branch, and Lillian Wellisch attended the conference as Sisterhood representa-

tives. As chairman of cooperation/community relations of Southern Branch, Lillian Wellisch presented a report of the activities of the twenty-one members of Women's League, which was shown in the manner of a fashion show during the Torah Lunch program on May 5. At that time, she said, "Rabbi Pesach Krauss, chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, wrote in his book, *Why Me? Coping with Grief, Loss, and Change*: 'Giving service is a touchstone of Jewish philosophy.' Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, founder of AARP, best expressed the benefit we receive in return for volunteerism: 'What I spent is gone. What I kept is lost, but what I gave away will be mine forever.' "

At that time, Beth Israel Sisterhood community activities were portrayed in a poster indicating that Sisterhood members are involved in Meals on Wheels, working for the animal shelter, reading to the blind, and working in local hospitals. Some members are available for substitution at Christmas time. She also indicated that a "Mitzvah Committee" included many Sisterhood members. At present, committee members are cooking for and socializing with Hospitality House, a place for the homeless, once a month. It hopes to get involved with environmental problems later on down the road. As a representative of Sisterhood to the newly established Jewish Community Relations Council in Asheville, Lillian Wellisch presented a written document indicating the Objectives, Strategies and Goals of this organization, copies of which were distributed to the various Sis-

terhoods involved in the convention with the idea that it could be a model for them, if the Jewish communities feel that such a program can be feasibly organized in their respective cities.

The May calendar included on May 2, Lag B'Omer Day; May 3, our once a month Early Shabbat Service; May 5, Jews by Choice Class; May 8 and 22, Rabbis Study Group; May 10, Shabbat Study Class Dinner; May 12, Yom Yerushalayim; May 14 and 28, Jewish Biomedical Ethics Miniseries; May 18, 11:00 p.m., Shavuot Evening Service followed by all night "Shavuot Night of Study—Leyl Tikkun"; May 23, dessert for all Sunday School teachers and their families at the home of Rabbi and Sara Birnham; May 26, Sunday School Closing Picnic and Graduation at Lake Julian.

Rabbi Birnham tells us that the special Mini-Series on Jewish Bio-Medical Ethics was being held because, according to the fall Adult Education survey, Bio-Medical Ethics was the number one choice. Everyone has opinions about abortion, euthanasia, truth-telling to dying patients, fetal testing and related issues. "As we learn the Jewish positions on these issues," Rabbi said, "we will also learn how Jewish law responds to the times."

In Sunday School News, Sandy Winston and Janet Freedman, co-principals, would like to thank the following persons who helped make the Passover Activity Day so successful: Sara Birnham, Sandy Buskirk, Marina Fridlyand, Linda Harley, Elise Israel, Laurie Ivler, Marlene Joyce, Debi Miles and Ed Smolowitz.

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Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Follow-up on the rummage sale: Not only did the sisterhood benefit substantially from the sale, but so, in a minor way, did several local organizations: Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless, the Salvation Army and other charities were able to make use of the merchandise that wasn't sold.

A notice in the Temple Bulletin: "This month's special thank-you to Muriel Marks for her work in making a beautiful, successful Passover seder."

The Brotherhood

Brotherhood Sabbath and the installation of newly elected officers are scheduled for July 5.

Adult Study Retreat

Everyone is invited to attend the third annual summer Kallah of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations-Central Conference of American Rabbis Commission on Religious Living. The event is scheduled for July 17-21 on the campus of Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. The program promises an outstanding faculty, in-depth study of classical Jewish texts, discussion of contemporary Jewish issues, cultural activities, and an exploration of options for religious living.

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The Temple Centennial Seder

Following the twilight Passover service in the sanctuary on March 29, the congregation celebrated the holiday in Unger Hall with a traditional Seder, expertly catered, complemented by the famous Matza balls created by temple president Bob Janowitz. Centennial chairperson Muriel Marks greeted the sizeable crowd, and Rabbi Bluming delivered

the opening prayers, hid the Afikomen, and guided the evening's festivities.

The evening was enriched by the voice of choir-member contralto Pam Simmons, accompanied on the piano by Raphael Valerio, husband of temple organist and choir director Jean Valerio. There was the happy sound of children having fun, and there was even an appearance of Eliahu in the person of Allyn Weber, who had actually sneaked out for a quick cigarette and reentered the festivities as if on cue. It was a wonderful evening.

The Religious School

The school's model seder was held on March 24. School principal Phyllis Bluming commended all the participants and thanked the chairperson, Mrs. Jean Hansman, mother of Ashley Marder. She also thanked the committee for donating and assembling Seder plate food items, and Rabbi Bluming, father of Heidi, for conducting the Seder.

Beth ha-Tephila's school was invited to join Beth Israel's school at the Synagogue on April 14 to celebrate Israel's 43rd birthday. Details were worked out by Phyllis Bluming and synagogue coordinator, Mrs. Marlene Joyce. The Asheville-Hendersonville chapter of Hadassah invited everyone to stay for a box lunch.

Confirmation Service

As part of our Shavuot/Yizkor service on May 19, three Religious School students received their Certificates of Confirmation, after having been involved in a post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah program which led them to this important event. The students are Rebecca Greene, daughter of Leonard and Helaine Greene; Ryan Linn, son of Don and Susan Linn; and Geoffrey Schreiber, son of Dr. Max and Mary Ann Schreiber. The confirmands read and participated in the service, which was followed by a congregational covered-dish lunch.

Community Holocaust Memorial Service

This year's observance took place at Congregation Beth Israel on April 10. After Beth Israel's Rabbi Birnham and Beth ha-Tephila's Rabbi Bluming performed the evening's service,

"Night Words, a Midrash on the Holocaust" was presented. A moving and powerful "reading play," compiled by Dr. David Roskies, professor of literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary, it combines Biblical quotes, Yiddish songs and poems, pieces of liturgy from the High Holy Days, writings of Kafka, Hugo, Camus, Dylan Thomas and others.

Lunch and Learning with the Rabbis

On April 18, sex was the subject at the fourth meeting of this stimulating series. Held at Beth Israel this time, the discussion as usual followed a brown-bag lunch with dessert supplied by the host congregation. Rabbi Bluming of Beth ha-Tephila and Rabbi Birnham of Beth Israel led the group through an examination of the opinions on sexuality of the 13th-century rabbi and scholar Moses Ben-Nahman.

The fifth meeting was held May 23 at Beth ha-Tephila.

Mixed Marriage Support Group

An evening of dinner and discussion was held June 8 for "Mischpacha," our mixed marriage support group.

Notes on our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming gave the invocation and benediction at graduation ceremonies at UNCA on May 11.

Accomplishments

In connection with her candidacy for the MLA degree at UNCA, Leah Karpen instructed a course at North Carolina college for Seniors called *Agenda for the 21st Century: What Kind of World Do We Want?*

Congratulations to our organist, Jean Valerio, on her recent election to the Board of Directors of the American Guild of Organists, Western North Carolina Chapter.

Mazel Tov to Rebecca Greene who won first place on individual performance in the Buncombe County School History Day held March 1; to Even Gilreath, who won first place in group performance; to Dean Lerner for earning his Bachelor of Science degree with honors at Johnson Wels University; to Leah Karpen for earning her Master of Liberal Arts degree; and to Joshua Bernstein, grandson of Les and Marjorie Schachter and son

of Bill and Katie Bernstein, for earning his BA degree in science magna cum laude at UNCA.

CORRECTION: In the May issue, under "The Brotherhood" news, the book which Rabbi Gerber reviewed was *Sunflower* by Simon Wiesenthal (not Elie Wiesel). Please excuse the error.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Ruth Goldberg

Rabbi Scott White Arrives

Temple Israel welcomes Rabbi Scott White as its spiritual leader. Rabbi White, along with his wife Civia Ainspan White and their infant son, Jacob Samuel, arrived in Charlotte July 1.

A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Rabbi White received his bachelor of science in journalism from Kansas University in 1979. He attended Hebrew University 1977-78 with a Junior Year Abroad program. He worked as a journalist for the Kansas City *Jewish Chronicle* and the *Corporate Report Magazine* of Kansas City after graduation.

In 1981, Rabbi White entered the Jewish Theological Seminary of America from which he received his master of arts in rabbinics and his ordination in 1986. He spent the second and third years of his rabbinic studies at the Jerusalem campus of the Seminary.

After ordination, Rabbi White served for one year as assistant rabbi of Seminary Synagogue at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Then he assumed the post of rabbi of Temple Am David in Warwick, R.I. which he held until moving to Charlotte.

Rabbi White had been active in Jewish Federation work in Rhode Island, as well as interfaith activities. Within his synagogue, he instituted educational programs leading to full ritual participation for women, as well as outreach to prospective converts.

Sisterhood News

Audrey Madans received the "Light of Torah Award" at the Southern Branch, Women's League for Conser-

vative Judaism Convention, May 5-7 in Columbus, Ga.

Temple Israel Sisterhood nominated Audrey for this award because of all the work she has done and continues to do for Sisterhood and many other Jewish and community organizations.

Audrey is a past president of Temple Israel Sisterhood and Hadassah in Charlotte; was first woman president of Temple Israel in Salisbury, N.C.; was president of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men. She currently serves as first vice president of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, and is secretary of the Mecklenburg County Nursing Home Advisory Committee.

Confirmation Class 1991

Mazel Tov to the 1991 confirmands who studied with Rabbi Hillel Millgram: Dodie Brodsky, Geoffrey Gartner, Larry Heiman, Mara Jacobsohn, Peter Kavadlo, Alan Kirsch, Melissa Monosoff, Elizabeth Nordin, Mitchell Rolnick, Melissa Rosenberg, Mitchell Scharf, Julie Schneider, Lee Shapiro, Barry Speizman, Florie Straz and Harry Tepper.

Chabad of Columbia Columbia, S.C.

by Rabbi Hesh Epstein

Despite the title, "Happiness is a Serious Problem," the crowd of more than 110 who attended the first annual Chabad Benefit dinner left all smiles. Dennis Prager, the renowned author, lecturer and Jewish activist kept the entire gathering of community leaders at rapt attention with his amusing, insightful and often uncanny comments on the problem of happiness in our society.

The first Kosher catered affair of its kind ever in Columbia had all the guests astounded by the combination of elegance and Kashrut. The food was delicious and the table designs and cakes of all styles and shapes stole the show.

The Pre-Shavout dinner was the culmination of a year-long adult education program known as the Columbia Jewish Forum. This Chabad sponsored program has

become the most exciting and effective means of providing stimulating and inspirational adult Jewish education. The Forum meets monthly in one of its 80 member's homes and the subjects range from Jewish medical ethics, to philosophy, crime and punishment, Talmud, and misunderstood Mitzvas.

The event was sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch of South Carolina, and Dr. Stephen Serbin was the dinner chairman. This was the first of what is hoped to become an annual fundraising lecture series designed to attract the best speakers nationally and internationally to this event each year.

Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

As the Lubavitch Day School year came to a close, parents and children participated in the annual school picnic which was held at Idlewild Park. The picnic was an informal social event which allowed the parents, students and their teachers to mingle freely and share a good time together.

Fern Sanderson was named the new director of Lubavitch Day School. Fern has been with the school since 1986, and has proven herself an extraordinary educator.

Camp Gan Israel was in session from mid-June to early July. The camp's reputation for its high quality program attracted many new campers this season. The camp emphasized education through fun. The spirit and enthusiasm is unmatched as the campers enjoyed nature and Judaism.

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For additional information, please call (919) 272-3189.

Personals

Estelle and Leo Hoffman Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary at Wildacres by Ruth Goldberg

Estelle and Leo Hoffman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Wildacres on May 29, 1991 during the Senior Scholars of Charlotte, N.C.'s semi-annual retreat. A cocktail party was hosted by their children, Drs. Daniel and Dorothea Hoffman.

Estelle and Leo spend six months of the year as volunteer staff members at Wildacres where they enjoy the mountains and the stimulating groups which gather there. They help plan the programs for several of the institutes, including Senior Scholars. This session was devoted to a study of "Favorite Composers of the Classical and Romantic Eras." Lectures and discussions were led by Dr. George A. Stegner, Dana Professor of Music at Queens College in Charlotte. Concerts were performed by The Madrigal Singers and The Wildacres Camerata.

In addition to her work at Wildacres, Estelle Hoffman serves as associate editor of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*, writes several of the features and book reviews every month, and is a valuable consultant to the editor.

At the Golden Anniversary Celebration, Senior Scholars, family and friends of the Hoffmans joined to present "Golden Wishes" of congratulations and long life to Estelle and Leo. After toasts to the couple, Estelle recited a poem she wrote, "To Leo." Everyone was touched, and we asked Estelle for permission to print her poem. We want our readers to share the love and joy that were expressed after 50 years of marriage. Leo's tribute to Estelle was printed on the name tags everyone wore: "Many women have performed valiantly, but you have outperformed them all."
—Proverbs 31:29.



The Hoffman Family (L. to R.) Dorothea, Daniel, Estelle and Leo.

To Leo

You smiled at me across the room
At Montparnasse one Sunday night.
In Chicago's wintry gloom
Its grayness suddenly seemed bright.
You sang to me along the ride
Through Ozark's forested red hills,
And since I was your beaming bride,
You've been humming, singing still.

Not you, nor I, at twenty-five
Knew what the future had in store.
One thing was certain, love would thrive;
We'd be together evermore.
All of our sacred wedding vows
Remain unbroken till today,
Though all of youth's endearing charms
Have become wrinkled, old and gray.

We've weathered half a century
On the stormy sea of humankind.
Life's been a fragrant daiquiri
With just a twist of lemon rind.

To enjoy the best that life can hold,
The love of those who are most dear,
Seeing spring and autumn unfold
Twice in each of my golden years;
The trees, the cats, the books, yes, these,
And travels, mere dreams when I was young;
Now Wildacres, where still I sieze
Beauty before the last bell has rung;

All these among my memories
Count me as one of the fortunate few.
All this was realized, because
My life's companion has been you.
I thank you for these fifty years
Of your unfailing health and zest
For life, and for your loving, too,
The joys in life which I love best.

Estelle Hoffman

Frank Rosen Honored Charlotte, N.C.

by Ken Stern

The North Carolina B'nai B'rith Association is pleased to announce that Frank Rosen of Charlotte has been selected as the North Carolina B'nai B'rith Favorite Son for 1991.

Frank, a past president of the Asheville B'nai B'rith Lodge and the North Carolina State Association, is presently Third Vice-President/Treasurer of District Five. His accomplishments are many, both in B'nai B'rith and in other Jewish organizations. In 1986, Frank received the International B'nai B'rith Label A. Katz Young Leadership Award as one of the five outstanding young leaders in all of B'nai B'rith.

While living in Asheville, Frank was a member of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Israel, the Asheville Federation, and the JCC. In Charlotte, Frank served as a member of the Charlotte Federation Board where he served on the Allocations Committee and as Super Sunday chair. He is presently a board member of Temple Israel and Scholarship chair.

Frank will be honored at the 1991 B'nai B'rith District Convention in Orlando during the annual Commitment to Youth Luncheon.

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Eli N. Evans

Eli N. Evans, President of Revson Foundation, Honored

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture chose the Charles H. Revson Foundation, of which Eli N. Evans is president, to receive one of the 1991 Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards. Mr. Evans, formerly of Durham, N.C., was honored at a ceremony in New York on May 30. The Honorable Abba Eban made the presentation.

The Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards were initiated in 1990 to recognize outstanding artists and cultural institutions who have enhanced the quality of American Jewish life. This year, the Cultural Awards Committee added a Patrons Award category to recognize an individual or foundation with an established record of support for Jewish culture in America.

The Revson Foundation, under Mr. Evans' leadership, has supported many outstanding efforts, including "Shalom Sesame," "Civilization and the Jews," the YIVO video-disk project, the National Jewish Archives of Broadcasting, and the JTS Revson Fellowships. Mr. Evans is the author of *The Provincials* and *Judah P. Benjamin*.

In addition to Mr. Evans, the following people received Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards: Cynthia Ozick, Literary Arts Award; Milton Krents, Media Arts Award; Larry Rivers, Visual Arts Award. A Memorial Tribute was given for Leonard Bernstein. Theodore Bikel is chairman of the Artistic Advisory Committee which works with the Cultural Awards Committee.

Benjamin D. Sutker Graduates Charlotte, N.C.

Benjamin David Sutker graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine on May 12, 1991. He is a resident in orthopaedic surgery at UNC Hospitals.

Dr. Sutker is a 1987 graduate of UNC where he was a Morehead Scholar and received a BS degree in biology with honors and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is a 1983 graduate of Charlotte Country Day School

where he was president of the student government.

Dr. Sutker is the son of Stephen W. Sutker and Judith F. Sutker of Charlotte.

Devin Klein Wins Maccabi Medal

Devin Klein, 8 years old, won the Maccabi Medal for outstanding Jewish Studies from the Cub Scouts, Pack 214 in Matthews, N.C. Rabbi Yossi Groner examined Devin and passed him.

Devin is the son of Robert and Moira Klein of Matthews.

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Mrs. Mark L. Pinosky

Smiley-Pinosky Wedding Spartanburg, S.C.

Karen Beth Smiley of Rockville, Md. and Dr. Mark Louis Pinosky of Charleston, S.C. were married on March 23, 1991 at Temple B'nai Israel in Spartanburg, S.C.

Rabbi Robert Ungar officiated. A reception followed at the Greenville-Spartanburg Marriott Hotel.

Mrs. Pinosky is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Ray Smiley of Spartanburg and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Harry Smiley of Spartanburg and of Mrs. Irving Morton Margolis of Williamston, N.C. She was graduated from Spartanburg High School and received a B.S. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a computer programmer/analyst with I.B.M. Corp. in Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Pinosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ronald Pinosky of Charleston, was graduated from Porta Gaud High School and attended Tulane University. He received an M.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and is a resident in anesthesiology at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Suzanne Cheryl Smiley of Decatur, Ga., sister of the bride, attended as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Steven Jay Smiley of Spartanburg, sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. Myron Keith Perlitz of Charleston, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Jacquelyn Beth Fields of Philadelphia, Pa., cousin of the bride; Miss Lisa Maria Berkelhammer of Rockville, Md.; Miss Sally

Ann Faust of Raleigh; Miss Kimberly Carolyn Heavner of Alexandria, Va.; and Mrs. Russell Berchman Stapleton III of Sumter.

Daniel Scott Slotchiver of Charleston served as best man. Ushers were Myron Keith Perlitz of Charleston, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Dr. Steven Jay Smiley of Spartanburg, brother of the bride; Craig Wayne Gilston of New York, N.Y. and Dr. Samuel Todd Pinosky of Charleston, cousins of the bridegroom; Alec Ellison Berlin of Charleston; and Arnold Brett Tannenbaum and Mark Harris Wright of Tampa, Fla.

After a wedding trip to Virgin Gorda, the couple resides in Rockville, Md.

Organizations

Speizman Jewish Library Lends Books to Blumenthal Jewish Home

by Amalia Warshenbrot

Alan Sussman, an active member of Temple Israel (Charlotte) Men's Club, was visiting the Blumenthal Jewish Home to plan for a Men's Club Shabbat Service for the residents.

While at the Home, Alan noticed that there were some empty bookshelves in the Commons Room. He told me about this. Since neither of us likes to see vacant shelves, we thought that the Speizman Jewish Library of Shalom Park, Charlotte, which has a substantial collection of Judaic literature, could lend some books to the Home.

For me, this gesture is a Mitzvah of honoring the elderly. I feel that each one of the residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home could be my own parents. Each of those people deserves an easy way to read books of Jewish content or books written by Jewish authors.

Alan Sussman delivered the first shipment of books on loan from the Speizman Jewish Library to the Home the day the Men's Club conducted services for the residents in April. We

hope that this special lending arrangement will continue and that the books will provide the residents with the pleasure of reading varied Judaic materials.

Charlotte B'nai B'rith Women by Estelle Goozner

A Paid-up Membership Luncheon was held on April 22 at Shalom Park and featured a Fashion Show and Door Prizes. Abbe Bryan presided.

Image Unlimited located in Matthews presented the Fashion Show, hosted by Kay Cockman. Clothes were modeled by BBW ladies: Abbe Bryan, Paula Gentile, Fay Green, Honey Kridel and Kimberly Stone.

Paula Gentile and Rita Mond brought the members up to date about the Soviet Jews in Charlotte. Several new families arrived in April and May. Mature people, over 55, and grandparents as well as drivers and English tutors are needed to help these newcomers. Also needed are household goods, clothing for teenagers and people in their forties. Please call Sally Schrader at (704) 366-5007.

N.C. Council BBYO Elects Rachel Burton, Nate Meyer by Anita Meyer

Rachel Burton of Winston-Salem and Nate Meyer of Greensboro will head North Carolina Council BBYO for 1991-92. They were elected state BBG N'siah and AZA Aleph Godol (presidents) at the BBYO Spring Council Convention at Camp Hanes, April 26-28.

Rachel is the daughter of Katherine and Steven Burton of Winston-Salem. She recently completed her junior year at Mount Tabor High School where she was secretary of the Girl's Council.

Nate is the son of Anita and Stan Meyer of Greensboro. He recently completed his sophomore year at Grimsley High School where he was class president, a member of the Playmasters Drama Troupe and a reporter for the school newspaper. He also plays for the Greensboro Jewish Federation Basketball Team.

Other North Carolina BBYOers elected to state office in BBG and AZA, respectively, are Brett Cushman and Steven Shuman, both of Greensboro, vice presidents; Buffy Helbein of Charlotte and Mark Satsky of Raleigh, membership recruitment and retention; Rachel Furst of Rocky Mount and Rafi Goldberg of Charlotte, secretaries; Kerry Schwarz of Greensboro and Eric Bergson of Winston-Salem, treasurers; Melissa Monosoff of Charlotte and Robert Samet of High Point, Jewish awareness; and Tracey Samet of Greensboro and Jon Simon of Charlotte, newspaper.

Greensboro BBYO won recognition from International BBYO for the state-wide Judaism Institute held in March and co-ordinated by Brett Cushman and Steven Shuman. Advisor of the Year honors went to Bob Shuman of Greensboro's SSP AZA which won awards for Best Chapter, Best Fundraising Project, Best Athletic Program and Best Social Program.

Hadassah Charlotte, N.C.

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah held its Installation Luncheon on May 15. Guest speaker and installing officer was Jackie Woodland of Raleigh, National Board member and immediate past president of Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah.

Officers for 1991-92 who were installed were: Diane Schwartz, president; Roz Cooper, president elect; Lynda White, fundraising v.p.; Susan Rabinovich and Jo Minchew, membership v.p.'s; Ellen Dubin, education v.p.; Terri Kane, communications v.p.; Roberta Monosoff, treasurer; Nancy Blacker, financial secretary; Carol Shafranek and Johnnie Goldberg, corresponding secretaries; Ann Brandt, recording secretary; Seena Binder and Ana Resnick, directory editors.

Deane Boxer, past president, presented several different awards to women who excelled in their service to Hadassah. The Rosalie Ashendorf Award given only once before went to Gail Green for outstanding accom-

plishments throughout the years.

The 1991 Crown of Hadassah Award, given at the discretion of the president to a person who constantly assists her was presented to Lynda White. The Fifth Annual Hadassah Leadership Award was given to Elizabeth Klein, and a Special Service Award was presented to Berta Kaplan.

Arlene Karp and Barbie Weiner received plaques for outstanding service and achievement for their eleven years as advertising chairmen for the *Hadassah Telephone Directory*.

Programming Awards were given to Seena Binder and Sandra Hirsch. Hadassah Service Awards went to Shirley Gottlieb, Susan Rabinovich and Eve Stewart.

Greensboro Jewish Federation

Election and Installation of Officers and Trustees for the Greensboro Jewish Federation took place at the Annual Membership Meeting on May 22, 1991.

Guest speaker was Dr. Ralph Nurnberger, vice president for Federal Affairs and manager, Washington office of Conkling, Fiskum and McCormick, a public affairs firm specializing in international relations. Dr. Nurnberger served for more than eight years as a legislative liaison for AIPAC.

Federation honored Frank Brenner and Kathy Manning for their outstanding efforts as chairpeople of Operation Exodus.

Installed were the following officers: Joslin LeBauer, president; Tom Sloan, president elect; Dr. Gary Fischer, Ann Kabat, Sara Lee Saperstein and Robert Shuman, vice presidents; Sylvia Berkelhammer, secretary; Howard Silverstein, treasurer. Marilyn F. Chandler is executive director.

Trustees for two-year term are: Irene Cohen, Linda Fleishman, Lois Mezer, Jerrold Pinsker, Jerome Procton, Jack Schandler and Corky Segal.

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CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

CAJE Dedicates New Building at Shalom Park

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), central agency for Jewish education in the greater Carolinas, dedicated its new building at Shalom Park on April 21, 1991.

CAJE expresses deep appreciation to the following people and organizations who have helped to make this special event a reality: The Blumenthal Foundation, Herman Blumenthal, Irving Brenner, Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), Charlotte Jewish Federation, Roz Cooper, Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, Bill Gorelick, Rabbi Yoseph Groner, Barry Hantman, Cyril Jacobs, Charlotte Jewish Community Center, Sandi Rothman-Carlisch, Rabbi Robert A. Seigel, Michael Van Glish, Rabbi Binyamin Weiss, Western North Carolina Jewish Federation, and all of our CAJE members in the greater Carolinas region.

CAJE is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), and is funded by grants from the CAJWM, the Blumenthal Foundation, the Charlotte Jewish Federation, the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation, and is supported by member fees.

CAJE Announces Top Winners of the 1991 Creative Project of the Year Competition

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), central agency for Jewish education in the greater Carolinas, based in Charlotte, is pleased to announce the top winners of its 4th Annual statewide "Creative Project of the Year" award competition—a year-long contest to reward Jewish teachers in congregational religious schools for their successful contributions to creative Jewish teaching.



Rabbi Robert A. Seigel affixes Mezuzah at CAJE dedication.

Cash prizes of \$50, \$25, \$18 and \$10, respectively, were awarded to the following 4 top prize winners:

FIRST PLACE: Rabbi Robert Waxman, **B'nai Israel Synagogue, Wilmington, N.C.**, "Tu b'Shevat Ecology Weekend Experience."

SECOND PLACE: Denise Sussman, **Temple Israel Religious School, Charlotte, N.C.**, "Friday Night Shabbat Services."

THIRD PLACE: Sharon Diamond, **K.K. Beth Elohim Religious School, Charleston, S.C.**, "Ten Commandments Audio Visual Presentation."

FOURTH PLACE: Vicki Neumann, **Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte, Charlotte, N.C.**, "Tallit making."

HONORABLE MENTION certificates were awarded to the following:

Temple Emanuel, Gastonia, N.C., Rabbi David Zielonka, Teri Roberts, Dorothy Lodge: "Jewish Symbols Bingo"; Rabbi David Zielonka,

Teri Roberts: "Welcoming Shabbat at Home"; Rabbi David Zielonka, Dorothy Lodge: "Shabbat, Holidays and Festivals Wall Hanging."

Beth Meyer, Raleigh, N.C. Iris Sapir: "Jewish Bingo."

Beth David, Greensboro, N.C., Cookie Cohen, Lori Heimann: "Hebrew Box."

Judea Reform Congregation, Durham, N.C., Carol Kaplan, Holly Birnbaum: "Israel Cookie Project"; Carol Kaplan: "Captain Kipah, Our Class Hero"; Susan Salzberg: "Personalized Holiday Book."

Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Charlotte, N.C., Millie Canterbury: "Passover Symbol Book"; Julie Hawkens: "Candy Topography Map of Israel"; Carol Klein: "Purim Puppets"; Susan Coen, Andrea Wilson, Cheri Titlebaum, Pam Gerber: "Children's Forest for Tu b'Shevat."

Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C., Roz Cooper: "Chanukah Olympics," "Seder-Go-Round"; Gary Defilipp: "Etrog Marmalade"; Cynthia Melenson: "Purim Play with Music"; Wendy Rosen: "My Prayer Book"; Denise Sussman: "Hebrew Dice"; Wendy Rosen, Cheri Titlebaum: "Construction Paper Lulav and Etrog," "Havdalah Set," "Apple and Honey Dish," "D'var Torah Plays," "Papier Mache Apple Pushkes."

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 curriculum bank and may be borrowed by CAJE members.

Copies of all projects will be published in book form during the summer 1991. Call or write CAJE at: CAJE, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270, (704) 366-5007.

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Books, Arts and Media



Children With A Star

by Deborah Dwork

Yale University Press 354 pp. \$25.00

The historical literature on the Holocaust has virtually ignored one of the most wrenching aspects of the Judeocide—the experiences of Jewish children. In *Children With A Star: Jewish Youth in Nazi Europe*, Deborah Dwork gives voice to these silent children, providing a direct, powerful and poignant account of their lives during the Nazi era.

Over a six-year period, Professor Dwork recorded the oral histories of hundreds of now-adult child survivors of the Shoah now living in Europe and North America. Quoting from these interviews and drawing on a wide array of primary material (including contemporary documents, letters, diaries and photographs—much of which she uncovered), Professor Dwork provides the first comprehensive history of Jewish youth in Nazi Europe. Nearly 90 percent of these children ultimately perished at the hands of the Nazis and their allies. *Children With A Star* does not deal with the machinery of their murder, however, but with the circumstances and conditions of their lives, describing their activities and experiences at home, in hiding, in the ghettos, in the transit camps, and in the slave labor and death camps.

Children With A Star is a major new contribution to the history of Europe during the Nazi era. In addition to exploring the lives of Jewish children, it documents for the first time the extensive and heroic efforts of the resistance workers, primarily women, who worked through formal and informal networks to hide Jewish children. By focusing on children—the innocent and the powerless—it lays bare how European society functioned at its most fundamental level, and it strips away any rationalizations that the victims of Nazism somehow

“allowed” or “deserved” their punishment.

Deborah Dwork was educated at Princeton University, Yale University, and University College, London. She teaches at Yale University, where she has appointments in the Program in Judaic Studies in the Department of Religious Studies, and the Yale Child Study Center.

Holocaust Testimonies: The Ruins of Memory

by Lawrence L. Langer

Yale University Press 216 pp. \$25

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Holocaust Testimonies is a study of the effects of the experiences suffered by survivors of the Holocaust, as reflected in their memories.

Excerpts from interviews of survivors are quoted, then analyzed. Decades later, Lawrence Langer explores various facets of the memory in scholarly terms. An alumnae chair professor of English at Simmons College in Boston, he has written books on the Holocaust previously, including *The Holocaust and the Literary Imagination*, nominated for a National Book Award in 1976.

He reveals contradictions like pride in the indomitable human spirit and the destruction of the spirit with varying results in individual persons. He relates the reaction of victims to the horrors to which they were subjected, delving into the psychology of memory.

This book is not easy to read because of the subject matter and the scholarly language the author uses. It requires slow, careful reading and deep thought. The reader's reward is improved understanding of the Holocaust, its impact on the memories of those who survived and some of the specific forms of torment inflicted by other humans whose actions are almost as difficult to understand.

In Our Time: The Flowering of Jewish Catholic Dialogue

Edited by Dr. Eugene J. Fisher and
Rabbi Leon Klenicki

Paulist Press 161 pp.

\$8.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Dr. Eugene J. Fisher is the executive director, Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. This book, *In Our Time*, contains a number of documents issued by the Roman Catholic Church in the past 25 years, beginning with *Nostra Aetate* and continuing with documents issued by the Church with instructions on teaching and interpreting that declaration, which deals with the relationship of the Church to other religions.

Dr. Fisher gives a thorough review of the importance of the documents from the perspective of the Church. These guidelines from the Vatican include statements issued in 1974 and 1985 with “Notes on the Correct Way to Present the Jews and Judaism in Preaching and Catechesis in the Roman Catholic Church” in the second chapter.

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of the Jewish-Catholic Relations Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and liaison to the Vatican, gives the Jewish understanding of the documents. Both of these men have worked long and sincerely towards the improvement of the relationship.

The bibliography at the end of this book suggests dozens of books written recently and the contents of the books are described. It is a readable and enlightening chapter. Not only the American Catholic Bishops, but others in France, Germany, Italy, Sweden and Spanish speaking countries have written books on the subject of Catholic-Jewish relations, anti-Semitism and other pertinent subjects.

It is evident that the Roman Catholic Church (and many Protestant denominations) are at a turning point in the history of the attitudes of Christians to Jews. This is an essential book for understanding the movement.

Jewish Heroes of America

by Seymour "Sy" Brody
Shapolsky Publishers 202 pp.
Softcover: \$8.95

At the heart of all history are innumerable biographies of those who influence, inspire and help forge the destinies of the rest of us. *Jewish Heroes of America* offers vivid, fascinating stories of over 100 Jewish men and women who, for more than three hundred years, have played vital roles in the making of our nation. Some are famed; others are forgotten. All play a part in the rich legacy. This book is not only for Jews, but for all who are proud to be Americans.

Every aspect of the Jewish contribution to America is covered, including the fields of science, business, entertainment, politics, civil and women's rights, sports, war and much more. Many readers will be surprised to learn that some of their favorite personalities and heroes are Jewish.

Each two-page essay is further evidence of the Jewish contribution to American history. Each vignette serves as an excellent introduction to the many accomplishments of these individuals—just enough to whet your appetite for more. The reader will be motivated and encouraged to do further research and learn more about America's heroes.

The best-kept secret in America is the role of Jewish soldiers and civilians in the defense and development of our nation as it became the greatest country in the world.

Jewish Heroes of America recreates the lives and times of a unique collection of American Jewish personalities who brighten the pages of history from the earliest days of the Republic to modern times. It is a majestic chronicle spanning over three centuries, packed with valuable information for every reader.

Jewish Heroes of America informs Jews and non-Jews about the vital contribution Jewish-Americans have made to United States history. These 101 essays serve to educate everyone and offer 101 reasons why America really is "the greatest country in the world."

Seymour Brody, national executive director of the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Museum writes: "The importance of this book is that it is a document that refutes the lies and slanders that Jews didn't fight for their country. It also refutes the lie that Jews were only interested in making money. This book documents the contributions made both in war and peace by Jewish businessmen, professionals (including doctors), social workers, entertainers, etc."

A Soldier's Story

by General Raful Eitan
Shapolsky Publishers 388 pp. \$17.95

He is known to everyone as "Raful," and his experiences as an Israeli pioneer settler, brilliant and ambitious soldier, military leader and savvy politician, make one remarkable story.

From his birth on a small communal farm in northern Israel through fighting in all of Israel's wars, to his appointment as chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces in 1978 and election to the Knesset, Raful Eitan has devoted himself unflinchingly to the security of the State of Israel.

Besides having sterling credentials as a soldier in combat (he was wounded on the Sea of Galilee in 1955), Raful is also a pilot and paratrooper. He is a veteran of vitally important missions against Egypt in the 1950s, on the Jordanian front in the Six Day War, and in Lebanon in 1982, to name but a few.

He recounts all of his war experiences and more in *A Soldier's Story*. But besides a stirring and suspenseful battle memoir, in *A Soldier's Story* Raful also relates the personal side of his relationships with other Israeli generals like Moshe Dayan (they hated each other), Ezer Weizman and Ariel Sharon.

As chief of staff he raised a storm

by demanding that IDF soldiers all wear their official berets and insignias at all times, as a mark of honor. As a politician since 1983, he has led a small right wing party called Tzomet (Crossroads) which has made waves in the Knesset consistently on issues of vital importance in Israel.

The final chapter of the book deals, appropriately, with the Intifada, and traces the background of Arab violence within Israel from 1948 to the present. Raful also offers without apologies his own stern remedy for the problem. *A Soldier's Story* pulls no punches. It is a rich, colorful, controversial and personal saga about one of Israel's most prominent personalities. It is an invaluable contribution to the annals of Zionist history and Israeli politics, and a powerful personal memoir by an individual soldier of rare character and distinction.

Politics, Lies and Videotape: 3,000 Questions and Answers on the Middle East Crisis

by Dr. Yitschak Ben Gad
Shapolsky Publishers 479 pp. \$18.95

What is the real agenda behind Saddam Hussein's power-play? Who is fighting whom in Lebanon? What are the main dangers posed by a Palestinian State?

To sort out the facts from the flood of half-truths, we need a comprehensive authoritative handbook like *Politics, Lies and Videotape* by Dr. Yitschak Ben Gad. In thirty-seven informative chapters, *Politics, Lies and Videotape* systematically probes every important political issue surrounding the Mideast conflict.

Adding insightful analysis to this essential compendium of facts, Dr. Yitschak Ben Gad, a learned and articulate Israeli political scientist raises all the questions that any intelligent, concerned individual might ask about:

The PLO and the Intifada; Arab terrorism worldwide; the actual deeds of "moderate friends" like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; the threat of Moslem Fundamentalism; Saddam Hussein, Iraqi aggression and oil.

Dr. Ben Gad answers all the tough questions on the Middle East, drawing the line between myth and fact and uncovering the underlying truth behind the constant propaganda and distortion.

Key chapters in the book highlight: "Saddam Hussein The Slaughterer from Baghdad"; "PLO Terror: Double Talk and Brilliant Propaganda"; "The Arab Record of Bloodshed and Hostility Against Israel"; "The Islamic Attitude Toward Jews, Christians and other Minorities"; "About Lebanon, Jordan, Saudia Arabia and Israel's Security".

In addition, numerous maps, political cartoons, photographs and illustrations provide important backdrops and insights. *Politics, Lies and Videotape* is the in-depth guide we need to fully comprehend the hidden complexities of recent and ancient Mid-east conflicts, the present Gulf War and the inevitable aftershocks to come.

Born in Tripoli, Libya, Dr. Yitschak Ben Gad is the deputy mayor of Netanya, Israel. He writes commentary and analysis on the Middle East in general and the Palestinians in particular for several Israeli papers as well as for his columns in American Jewish papers.

Words to Live By

by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg
Jason Aronson Inc. 336 pp. \$30.00
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In this book are the finest writings of one of today's most highly regarded rabbis. Rabbi Sidney Greenberg understands people and possesses wisdom which endows the reader with a treasury for guidance through life.

These are indeed *Words to Live By*. Rabbi Greenberg has been called the topmost preacher of the American Rabbinate by Dr. Harry Essrig, editor and publisher of *The American Rabbi*. Reading this collection of his writings, one agrees that his essays are inspirational, while at the same time practical. The book is divided into eight chapters, ranging from counsel for daily living to dealing with difficult times in sorrow and tragedy. The

chapter entitled, "Living as a Jew" discusses organized religion, keeping Kosher, the value of the Bible and the meaning of the State of Israel, among various other subjects.

This is a book to keep at hand, to read over a period of time, and to dip into frequently. As a gift, it will be cherished by any adult. It speaks to everyone and reveals the sympathy and intelligence of the author.

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg is senior rabbi at Temple Sinai in Dresher, Pa., and he has taught homiletics at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is co-editor of several prayerbooks and has written or co-edited twenty other works. He was a columnist for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Jewish Exponent* and has contributed articles to various magazines and newspapers.

Appleblossom

by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.
28 pp. \$14.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Appleblossom is a delightful book for children aged six to twelve, but I enjoyed it thoroughly. The language is beautiful, and the colored illustrations are a delight.

Appleblossom is the name of a calico cat who needs a home. The cat has the gift of speech, and when Naphtali, an eight-year-old boy in a *shtetle* in Eastern Europe meets the cat, they plot together for the cat's adoption. The problem is that Naphtali's father has forbidden the adoption of any cat by the boy and his mother, both of whom love cats.

The story takes place in the days preceding Passover and during the Seder, and the preparation for the holiday and what it commemorates are interwoven in such a natural way as not to seem like a lesson.

The ending is a happy miracle. This book promises to please children and adults, with its lovely depiction of nature, family life, Judaism and the art of the talented illustrator, Joanna Yardley. A more lovely gift could not be found.

The Shrinking Circle

by Marion Freyer Wolff
UAHC Press 133 pp.
\$7.95 paperback

The Shrinking Circle, a poignant autobiographical account of a young German-Jewish girl's growing up in Berlin in the 1930s, has been listed among the outstanding books of 1990 by the Society of School Librarians International.

The author, Marion Wolff, a girl of eight when Hitler came to power in 1933, writes of growing to adolescence during this turbulent period when, as the title of her book implies, the circle of activities permitted to Jews in the Nazi capital drew ever tighter.

Based on reminiscences, documents and letters, Marion Wolff, now a retired mathematics teacher living in Bethesda, Md., tells how her family tried to maintain a semblance of normalcy in an atmosphere of ever-increasing discrimination, isolation and poverty. Through her eyes, the reader witnesses the deterioration of school and Jewish communal life, the violence of Kristallnacht, the disappearance of relatives and friends into concentration camps and the family's frantic—and ultimately successful—efforts to emigrate to America.

The 133-page soft-cover volume contains a glossary-index, chronology and bibliography that is a valuable aid to high school students of Holocaust studies.

The Shrinking Circle may be obtained for \$7.95 per copy, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling, from the UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

Author's Query for Book on Jewish Fraternities and Sororities 1895 - Present

Columbia University PhD candidate is seeking material for a dissertation/book on national Jewish college Greek-letter fraternities and sororities from 1895 to the present day. Wanted are memoirs, letters, clippings, documents, photographs, etc. as well as subjects for interview. Please contact Marianne Sanua c/o Dept. of History, Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027, (212) 854-4646.

Voices in Exile: A Study in Sephardic Intellectual History

by Marc D. Angel

Ktav Publishing House 237 pp.

\$25.00

"Anti-Semitism is not only bad for Jews: it is bad for the world. Those who foster hatred of Jews are themselves caught in a web of fear, hostility and superstition. The world cannot be redeemed until anti-Semitism is eliminated." So stated Rabbi Marc D. Angel, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, in discussing one of the chapters in his new book, *Voices in Exile: A Study in Sephardic Intellectual History*. It was Rabbi Benzion Uziel, one of the great Sephardic figures of the 20th century, who taught that only with the uprooting of anti-Semitism would the nations of the world be able to live in real peace.

"Anti-Zionism is a virulent form of anti-Semitism," Rabbi Angel continued. "It is obvious that those who hate Jews do not want to see them as authentic human beings, with genuine feelings and legitimate aspirations. Rather, they stereotype Jews, making them into caricatures. Their hatred blinds them from honest and sympathetic consideration of the Jewish people and the State of Israel." Rabbi Angel notes in his book a number of Sephardic thinkers who dealt with the role of the people of Israel among the nations: Rabbi Yehudah Alkolai, a forerunner of modern Zionism; Rabbi Eliyahu Benamozesh, who wrote books on Jewish ethics and universal Jewish teachings; Dr. Henry Pereir Mendes, who fostered the ideals of "Biblical Zionism" in America early in the 20th century. These and other Sephardic authors were troubled by the enigma of anti-Semitism. They explored the nature of the Jewish people, the role of Israel among the nations, the idea of ultimate redemption.

Rabbi Angel's book is a thoughtful and comprehensive study of major trends in Sephardic intellectual life from the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492 through the mid-twentieth century. It has chapters dealing with Jewish reactions to the expulsion

decree; the emergence of crypto-Judaism in the Iberian Peninsula and the return of conversos to Judaism in the Ottoman Empire and Western Europe; the era of Sabbatai Zevi, a pseudo-messiah who rocked the Jewish world. Other chapters relate to the teachings of Jewish law and kabbalah; messianism; ethical and pietistic movements; folklore; Judeo-Spanish literature. Several chapters explore Sephardic responses to the challenges of modernity.

"I wrote this book to retrieve these voices in exile, to reclaim them for those interested in truly understanding the fulness of the Jewish experience," said Rabbi Angel.

Texas Klez—A cassette tape

The Austin Klezmorim

B.A. Music Co., 210 Walnut, Dr., Austin, Texas 78753 (\$10 plus \$1 shipping)

Texas Klez is a group of musicians who have been together for eight years. They are professors, teachers and professional musicians.

The tape includes *Oifn Pripetshok*, *Yosel Yossell*, *Yidl Mitn Fiddle*, *Popi-rossin* and others. There are four vocalists and eight instrumentalists. This is good Jewish music, well performed.

Yiddish Is Forever—cassette tape

Jacqui Sussholz

Sweetwood Productions

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This is a tape of lively music of Yiddish, Hebrew and Chassidic style numbers. It was sent to us to audit, from the office of Sweetwood Productions, Schupstraat 15, B-2018, Antwerp, Belgium, with the information that Jacqui Sussholz is planning to perform in the United States and will accept interviews.

His is a one man show of Yiddish songs and humor, now performed in Europe. His show is two hours long on stage, and he is accompanied by five musicians, lighting crew and sound engineer.

To contact him, there is a toll free telephone: 1-800-527-3409.

William H. Willimon's Last Laugh

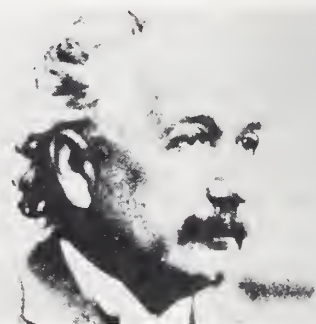
Compiled by William H. Willimon
Abingdon Press 160 pp. \$14.95

Willimon follows the success of *And the Laugh Shall Be First* with this second collection of humorous, religious pieces from C. S. Lewis, Will Campbell, Art Buchwald, Woody Allen, John Irving and others—including Willimon himself.

In his introduction, Willimon makes a case for laughter. He relates a claim by Norman Cousins (in *The Anatomy of an Illness*) in which Cousins says that he cured himself of a serious illness by watching old Groucho Marx movies, suggesting that laughter has therapeutic value. In Psalm 2:4 the Psalmist says, "He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision."

Readers who liked *And the Laugh Shall Be First* will love *William H. Willimon's Last Laugh*.

William H. Willimon is minister to the University and professor of the practice of Christian ministry at Duke Divinity School. He is also the co-author of *Rekindling the Flame*, with Robert Wilson, *Resident Aliens*, with Stanley Hauerwas, and *Sighing for Eden*, all published by Abingdon Press.



AMERICAN MASTERS explores the lesser-known side of Albert Einstein—that of humanitarian and philosopher—in *A. Einstein: How I See the World*. The program combines home movies and archival films with interviews featuring the famous physicist's friends and colleagues to present a picture of the total man. The one-hour documentary premieres Monday, July 22 at 9 p.m. E.T. on PBS (check local listings). The series is presented nationally on PBS by Thirteen/WNET in New York. (Photo: AIP Neils Bohr Library)

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DO JEWISH NON-PROFIT NURSING HOMES COST MORE TO RUN THAN THEIR NON-JEWISH FOR-PROFIT COUNTERPARTS?

Non-profit denominational sponsored Jewish Homes are complex organizations accountable to government (local, state and federal regulatory and standard setting agencies), to their own boards of directors, to the sponsoring communities, to the residents, families and responsible relatives, volunteers, consumer groups and the media. They are usually highly efficient representing a great many professional skills and disciplines and must compete for scarce resources, both human and financial.

A recent survey of representative nursing homes conducted for the Council of Jewish Federations Task Force on Jewish Home/Federation Relationships compares the daily costs of North American Association of Jewish Homes and Housing for the Aging (NAJHHA) affiliated facilities with those of other non-profit and for-profit homes. Survey results show a range of costs that are higher per day for NAJHHA



BJH residents enjoy a beautiful day in the courtyard. Seated, foreground, left to right: Marguerite Hughes, Maurice Rogovin and Henrietta Meltsner.

homes than for both other non-profit and for-profit homes.

Reasons cited for the higher cost demonstrated at Jewish community sponsored homes include the expense for operating two kitchens to provide a kosher facility along with attendant food expenses: more specialty foods (for Jewish holiday observances);

more extensive availability of snacks; use of licensed, highly educated staff; additional personnel required to respond to the community such as a volunteer coordinator.

Individualized nursing care along with a willingness to admit residents needing more intensive

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Volunteers and staff join together for a sing-a-long at the monthly birthday party.



Rabbi Harkavy, Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, Ruth Jacobs, Greensboro volunteer and Fair Oaks resident Rose Halpern enjoy lunch together at Starmount Country Club in Greensboro.

(Nursing Homes continued)

care are also responsible for the higher costs as is the fact that Jewish Homes maintain residents after private resources have been exhausted or when they develop psychosocial problems. The additional cost of religious services and community programming contribute to higher operating costs.

In general, the problem is not that Jewish Homes cost more than quality for-profit homes but rather that Jewish Homes have deficits created by the difference between daily costs and government reimbursements. Jewish Homes have a disproportionate number of Medicaid residents because of their historical commitment to serving the indigent.

One NAJHHA home administrator summarizes the cost differentiation by stating, "The goal of a proprietary operation is profit. **The goal of a voluntary facility is quality of life for its patients. The distinction in philosophy translates into dollars.**"

The Jewish community has always set standards in education, community centers and long term care facilities. In the Carolinas, Blumenthal Jewish Home is the only non-profit home for the Jewish



elderly. It meets the Jewish communities' high standards and fulfills the communities' responsibility to provide quality care for our aging.

This article is largely quoted from a NAJHHA publication and is based on information prepared by Herbert Shore, Ed.D., Executive Vice President of NAJHHA.

Left: Mark Hyman, a member of the BJH volunteer dental group, gets a "son's" eye view of the Home during the Greensboro Young Leadership picnic.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Dora Bierman
Miami Beach, FL

Harold Enders
Winston-Salem, NC

Ralph Fagg
Kernersville, NC

William Gibbs, Sr.
Mocksville, NC

Paul James
Winston-Salem, NC

Betty Levine
Charlotte, NC

Rose & Herman Nove
Hallendale, FL

Michael Romaniw
Winston-Salem, NC

Marie Saline
Winston-Salem, NC

Virginia Skeeter
Winston-Salem, NC

Nellie Strupe
Winston-Salem, NC

BJH NEWS

Editor - Sue Clein

FAIR OAKS

SOCIAL WORKERS JOIN FAIR OAKS STAFF



New Fair Oaks residents Herman and Rose Nove meet social workers Skinner McGee and Diane Cole at the social hour.



Hannah Ackerman and Eva Weinberg enjoy the social activities that living at Fair Oaks provides.

Diane Cole and Skinner McGee are two new additions to the Fair Oaks staff. Gail Ruthfield, Fair Oaks activity therapist, introduced the two new social workers to their residents at a social hour in the upstairs lounge. Residents had the opportunity to speak with each of the social workers and to learn a little bit about reasons for calling upon their personal social worker if the need arises. Diane, a recent addition to the BJH Department of Social Services, is responsible for the residents living on the lower floor of Fair Oaks and Skinner is responsible for residents on the upper floor. Keeping people as well as they can be emotionally, spiritually and physically are the goals of the entire BJH and Fair Oaks staff.

Socializing and a well-rounded activities schedule are major components of this program. Recent

offerings Fair Oaks residents enjoyed were an all-day trip to Boone with lunch at Shatley Springs, a shorter trip to Tanglewood Park, lunches out with staff and volunteers to Clemmons, Winston-Salem and Greensboro, and theater trips to see *Crossing Delancy* by the Winston-Salem Theater Alliance and *Madame Butterfly* by the Piedmont Opera Company.

A regular schedule of daily in-house activities is also provided by the Activities Department for those residents who choose to stay at home. The growing number of Fair Oaks residents have a variety of needs and interests. Qualified, dedicated and caring staff work together to provide a healthy environment for living at Fair Oaks.



Sarah Sherry is ready to go on an outing planned by activity therapist Gail Ruthfield.

SUE's NEWS

Volunteers Are Music To Our Ears

A musical tribute to our volunteers was a highlight of the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon on June 4. The BJH volunteers, men, women, teenagers and children, are music to our ears. Always in tune with us, they fill the Home with joyous sounds throughout the year. This yearly thank you to our volunteers is a time for BJH to give honor to those who give so much to us. The volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch, a musical medley of thanks by Pauline Cobdra of the Greensboro Community Theater and the opportunity to socialize and meet new volunteers.

Tony Schwertfeger of Clemmons was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of his dedicated service to the Home and the beauty he has brought to the lives of so many. Since 1984, the gardens of BJH have blossomed throughout the changing seasons and they have delighted the senses of residents, staff and visitors thanks to the green thumb of volunteer Tony Schwertfeger. Tony has made a difference in the lives of our residents. His dedication and caring are inspirational.

Volunteer service awards were also presented to Darrel Mandelstamm and Tony Schwertfeger for 1,500 hours, Eleanor Leverenz and Edna Temples for 1,000 hours, and to Janie Douthit and Arlene van de Rijn for 500 hours. Joining our 100-hour club and receiving BJH volunteer badges this year were Evelyn and Roy Bascomb, Harriet Cooper, Esther Frank, Marsha Glazman, Elbert Levy, Jeanne



Sue Clein thanks the volunteers for their dedication and service to the Home at the Appreciation Luncheon. Pictured here are: Above, Tony Schwertfeger, the recipient of the volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding volunteer service. Right, Esther Frank, a new volunteer, receives a 100-hour service pin. Below, Darrel Mandelstamm, the recipient of an award for 1,500 hours.



Reznick, Betty Roth, Sylvia Samet, Sara Lee Saperstein, Polly Strasser, Bill and Josi Swirin, Harriet Wallach, and Pamela Wolfman. Representatives of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club and the Clemmons Kiwanis Club accepted recognition for the monthly volunteer programs their organizations sponsored.

All volunteers were thanked for their commitment to the Home and to the growth of the volunteer program. The enthusiasm and care of each volunteer have made a difference in the lives of our residents and have been like music to our ears.



Our Volunteer "Notes" Create A Beautiful Melody



Pamela Wolfman, shopping volunteer.



Mary Sicheloff and Grace Allred, shopping volunteers.



Barbara Colchamiro, Greensboro party and luncheon volunteer.



Sara Lee Saperstein and Polly Strasser, Greensboro party and luncheon volunteers.



Kimrey and Mike Pollak, bingo and shopping volunteers.



Janie Douthit, gift shop and visiting volunteer.



Whitney and Linda Powell, critter cuddler volunteers.



Howard Friedensen, shopping volunteer.

**Learn a new skill
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BJH NEWS BRIEFS — REASONS TO CELEBRATE

- **TEMPLE ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB** brought a special joy to Shabbat on Saturday, April 20. Members of the Men's Club (in Charlotte) and their families conducted Shabbat services for the residents with a lovely kiddush following services. The intergenerational family Shabbat, a new project of the Men's Club, brought good feelings of old times to the residents.

- **THE BJH PARENTS DAY BRUNCH** on Sunday, May 12, was a popular spot for generations to meet and give honor to mothers and fathers. Families enjoyed the delicious brunch and an afternoon together with toe-tapping entertainment provided by the Israeli Dance Troupe.



- **SPRING CELEBRATION** on May 1 was a day for "good sports" as residents and volunteers gathered at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem for the annual fun day sponsored by the city's Recreation Department. Games of skill, prizes, bingo and a picnic lunch plus the smiling faces of volunteers, residents and staff guaranteed a good time.

- **THE BEST OF BROADWAY** was performed by three talented entertainers on May 9. This delightful hour-long musical review played to a packed house in the Commons and received a big ovation.

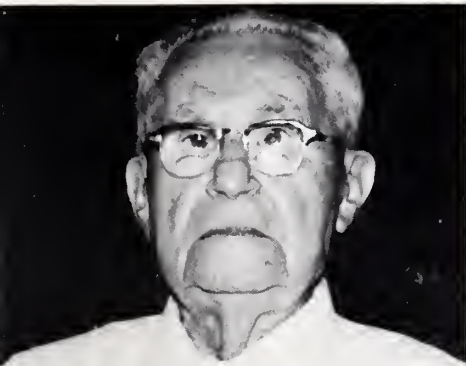
Left, Alan Sussman with young assistants prepares for the Kiddush following services conducted by families of Temple Israel's Men's Club, Charlotte.



Marie Saline enjoys the Mayfest festivities in the BJH courtyard with her grandson and great-grandson.



The stars of the "Best of Broadway" received a warm ovation and greetings from Fair Oaks residents Stella Wallace, Eva Kaplan and Anna Shapiro.



Fair Oaks resident Leo Schwartz celebrated his 100th birthday at a party for family and residents on June 12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

Beatrice Alperin
 Hattie Bodenhamer
 Agathe Corbach
 Mildred Gates
 Rose Golden
 Beatrice Hampe
 Pansy Hammond
 Thelma Hege
 Deborah Jaffe
 Rosa Kay
 Geneva Neal
 Sadie Parmet
 Sylvia Pressman
 Willie Reynolds
 Jane Rosenberg
 Mickey Samet
 Shirley Shane
 Evelyn Small
 Lilla Stallcup
 Florence Swirsky
 Ernest Whitehead

AUGUST

Hannah Ackerman
 Lela Harrison
 Minna Kurtz
 Addie Mikels
 Therese Serxner
 Emily Thomas
 Lena Zimmerman



Mayfest celebrations brought together the young at heart, parents, children, residents, volunteers and staff to share a good time.

- **MAYFEST** filled the courtyard on May 20 with BJH's best for an all-day extravaganza. A clown and a magician started the day on the right foot (or, watch closely, was it the left foot?) for the crowd of residents, staff, volunteers, and parents and children from Temple Emanuel Pre-School. The entertainers' antics delighted the children whose delight was extremely contagious. Lemonade, popcorn and balloons topped off the morning. Afternoon saw a return of the crowd to the courtyard for ice cream sundaes and bingo under the trees. Hats were on in the courtyard on this beautiful sunny day, but our hats are off to the BJH Recreation Department for this outstanding event.



A hug says it all for Bea Alperin and a pre-school friend.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



MAXINE NEWMAN
Dining Services
February, 1991

Maxine Newman begins her day early at BJH arriving at 6:15 a.m. to make the toast and coffee that residents enjoy at breakfast. Maxine has been a dedicated employee since 1976 when she joined the work force after her three children were grown. She began her employment at BJH in the Dining Services Department on A-Wing.

Maxine says she has enjoyed all aspects of the work in the Dining Services Department including ten years on B-Wing working closely with the residents and her present position as a Diet Clerk. "Working with the residents has always been my favorite part of the job," says Maxine, "and I now enjoy helping residents fill out their menus. I like the staff, we work well together, and I just like this job."

Wayne Dieser, Director of Dining Services, says that in the two years he has been at BJH, Maxine has been a most cooperative employee. "She is always willing to do whatever she is asked and to help out wherever needed. Maxine has been a key person in implementing our tray line and is responsible for helping our residents have the items they like on their meal trays." Wayne describes Maxine as close to retirement, and says that "after fifteen years, her leaving will surely leave a void that will be most difficult to fill." Maxine offers her recipe for success: "If you like something, you will try to be successful at it."

BJH congratulates Maxine Newman, a successful employee who is very deserving of this honor.



DEBORAH SZEWCZYK
Registered Nurse, B-1
March, 1991

Deborah Szewczyk can speak with broad experience of the nursing profession and of nursing homes throughout the U.S.. In her 24-year career as a nurse, she has lived and traveled in the Northeast, Midwest and the South with her husband and children. She has practiced nursing in such diverse areas as schools, clinics, camps and nursing homes including other Jewish nursing homes.

Debbie joined the BJH nursing staff in January, 1989, and has been a committed charge nurse on B-1 working second shift. Debbie speaks enthusiastically about working at BJH. Having worked in other nursing homes, she says, "I feel this is a home that gives the best care that I've ever seen. The quality of the care is better, the people I work with and the entire support staff are dedicated to the residents." Nursing home care has changed a great deal in 20 years,"

states Debbie. Nursing homes are much more medically-oriented now, everything is technical and nurses now have the opportunity to really use their training."

Libby Carter, B-1 Unit Manager and Debbie's supervisor, says that Debbie is a super "take charge" employee. "She handles difficult situations in an extremely efficient manner and is unflappable. Debbie is a devoted asset to BJH," says Libby.

Deborah Szewczyk is an employee BJH is proud to have on its staff and a deserving recipient of this honor.

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All Occasions



SUSAN HENDRIX

Laundry
April, 1991

“Smiling is good for people — if you greet them with a smile, they usually respond and they feel better,” said Susan Hendrix as she summarized her philosophy on life and work.

Susan has been employed in the Laundry Department since January, 1990. Although she enjoys working in all areas of this department, she says distributing residents’ clothes is the part of the job she likes best. Truly a people person, Susan says she enjoys getting to know the residents, talking to them and having them get to know her. “The job is the same, but it is different everyday as a resident will always have something to tell you,” says Susan. In describing her feelings about her job, Susan says, “I couldn’t ask for a better supervisor than Marie. I enjoy the activity and being around people. I try to do the best I can at everything I do, and I believe having a positive attitude is the most important thing.

Marie Doty, Susan’s supervisor, agrees that Susan’s attitude affects her fellow employees and the residents. “She is an exceptional employee, very efficient and

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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15 Years

Lena Wall, *Craft Shop*

9 Years

Penny Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

7 Years

Rory Blackwell, *Housekeeping*

5 Years

Sue Welch, *RN, B-1*

3 Years

Ann Canter, *LPN, A-Wing*

Nancy Hall, *Housekeeping*

Sam Hall, *Housekeeping*

2 Years

Lori Driscoll, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Melodee Rash, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Lessie Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

1 Year

Laura Chiles, *Housekeeping*

Donna Huffman, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

1 Year

Van McQueen, *Housekeeping*

Charlotte Simmons, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

AUGUST

14 Years

Marie Doty, *Dir. of Housekeeping & Laundry*

Betty Petticord, *Allied Health Coordinator*

12 Years

Jean Garland, *Nsg. Asst., FO*
Ellen Hughes, *Asst. Allied Health Coordinator*

11 Years

Lois Call, *LPN, FO*

8 Years

Vikki Donley, *Unit Secretary*
Kathy Williamson, *Staff Dev. Dir.*

7 Years

Mary McLaurin, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

6 Years

June Sealey, *RN, B-1*
Janet Sowers, *Dir., Computer Serv.*

4 Years

Jesse Clawson, *Maintenance*

2 Years

Marlise DaSilva, *LPN, A-Wing*
Wayne Dieser, *Dir. Dining Ser.*

1 Year

William Anderson, *Housekeeping*

Cathy Burrell, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Harry Cooley, *Maintenance*

Betty Honeycutt, *LPN, FO*

Gilda Martin, *Housekeeping*

Linda Mitchell, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Christine Pollard, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Cindy Shirley, *Adm. Asst.*

always goes the extra mile with the residents, making sure they have the items they want. She is very deserving of this honor, and I am proud to have her on my staff,” says Marie.

BJH is proud to have Susan on its staff. Her smiling face is good for us, and we are happy to congratulate her.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Claire Bernstein
Gertrude Freeman
Wilma Poplin
Anna Stemper

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

CALENDAR FOR JULY/AUGUST

JULY

- 2 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 4 July 4th Celebration, Society Swing Band, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.
- 9 Senior Citizens Lunch, Leave for Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.
- 14 Brenner Concert, Viva Klezmer, Yiddish Music, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 18 Starmount Country Club, Leave for Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Friendship Circle, Leave for Greensboro, 10:15 a.m.
- 28 Brenner Concert, Merri Robinson, Jewish Songs & Puppet Show, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

AUGUST

- 6 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 9 Hawaiian Luau, Hawaiian Dancers, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.
- 11 Brenner Concert, Lois Horton, Pianist, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 13 Senior Citizens Lunch, Commons Aud., 11 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Starmount Country Club, Leave for Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 25 Brenner Concert, Burton Jones, Banjo Music, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 30 Homemade Ice Cream Party, Courtyard, 2:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

- 8 Eve of Rosh Hashanah, Services in Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 9 First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Services in Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 10 Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Services in Synagogue, Shofar is Sounded, 9:15 a.m.
- 17 Eve of Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre, Services in Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 18 Day of Atonement, Yiskor Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- 22 Eve of the Feast of Tabernacles, Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 23 First Day of Sukkot, Services at 9:15 a.m.
- 24 Second Day of Sukkot, Services at 9:15 a.m.
- 26 Sukkot Celebration, Grand Sukkah in Central Courtyard, 2:30 p.m.
- 29 Sukkot Reception, Grand Sukkah in Central Courtyard, 3:00 p.m.
- 30 Shemini Atzeret, Services in Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Simchat Torah, Feast of Rejoicing of the Torah, Services at 9:15 a.m.



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Al Herman, Chairperson, and Bert Lynch, Co-Chairperson, of the men's sports night fundraiser are elated at the success of Greensboro's third annual Mensch Night. Everyone attending was treated to an entertaining talk by Gene Corrigan, Commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference, a deli meal catered by Lox, Stock & Bagel, and a chance to be a winner. The Home came out to be the biggest winner of all (in excess of \$15,000).

Watch for a Mensch Night in your community, support BJH and have a sporting evening. Better yet, offer to help organize an evening for the mensch of your town. Call Al Herman, Vice President of the BJH Board of Directors, at 919/299-3342 or Bert Lynch, 919/299-2026, to find out how. Be a mensch!



Young and "future" mensch enjoyed the Greensboro Federation's young leadership cookout and tour of the Home in June. Seen left to right: Ashley Wainer, Leslye Tuck, Kim Wainer, Anita Herman, Marilyn Chandler and Debbie Silber.



Members of the Board of Directors, Al Herman and David Rosenblutt, had the opportunity to visit and meet the volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on June 4.

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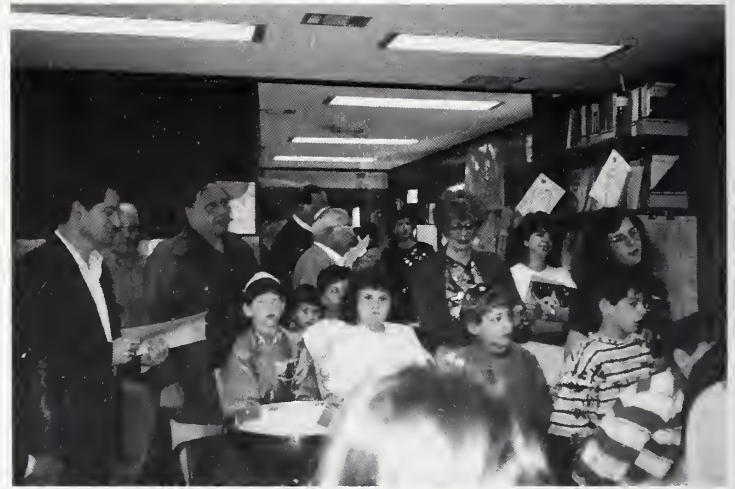
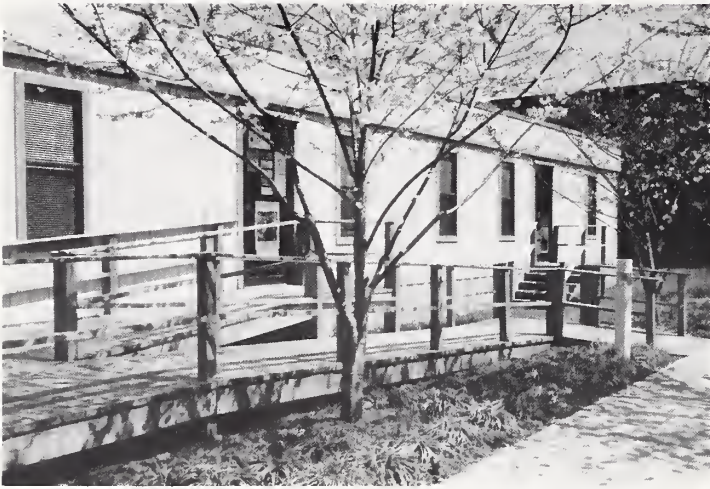
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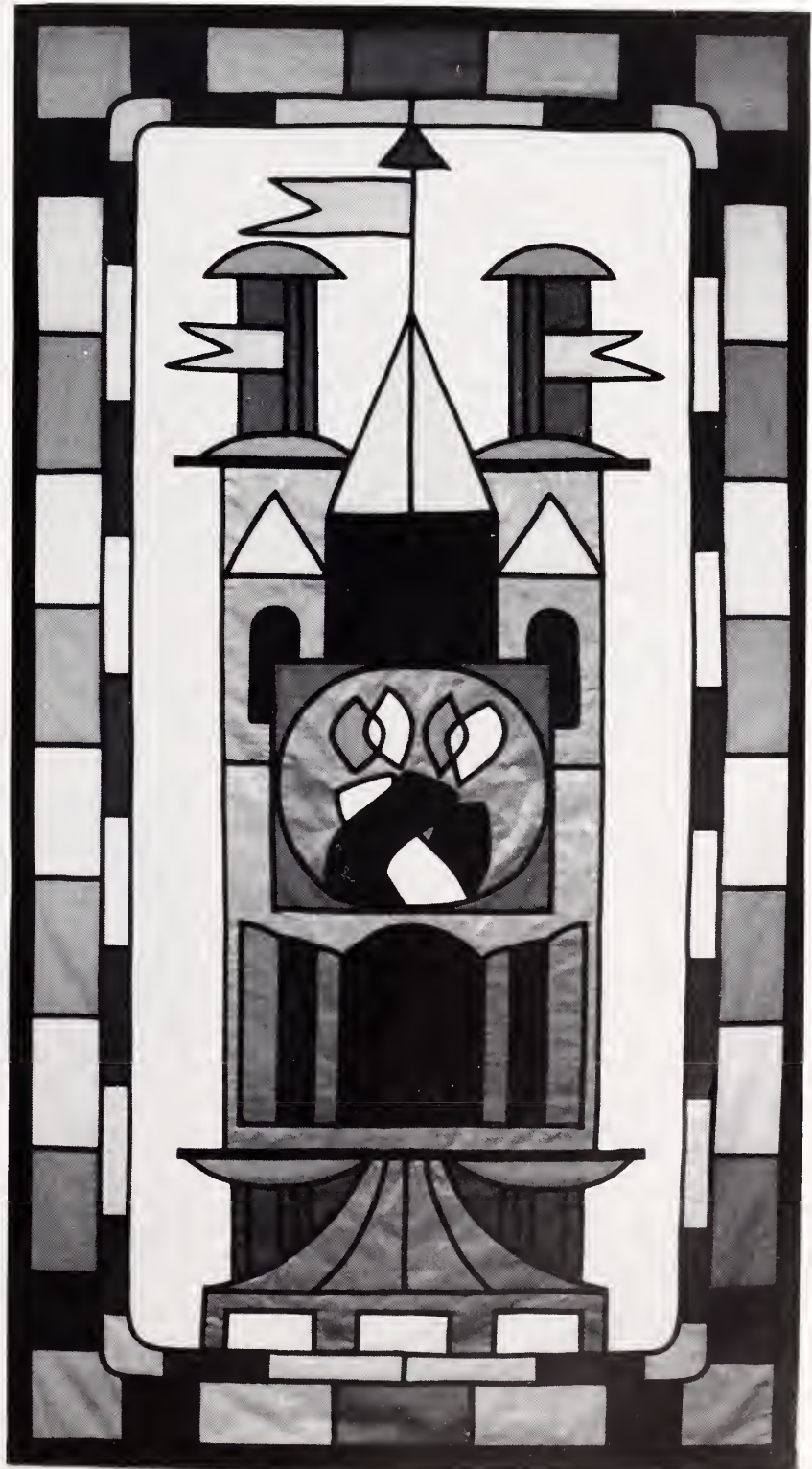
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President George Bush Addresses Simon Wiesenthal Center

President George Bush was the keynote speaker at the Simon Wiesenthal Center dinner for 1400 people in Los Angeles on June 16, 1991. Noted actor Arnold Schwarzenegger received the Center's National Leadership Award honoring him for his longtime support of the Center and its new Beit Hashoah-Museum of Tolerance, scheduled to open in 1992.

The Center presented President Bush with a unique Cup of Elijah for his singular efforts in securing the freedom of Ethiopian Jewry. In his remarks, President Bush gratefully said that he would, "cherish this sacred gift of this Cup of Elijah . . . I've heard that at Seder this Cup of Elijah is filled . . . with wine — and with the promise of redemption. I know the verse that says Elijah 'shall turn the heart of the parents to the children, and the heart of the children to their parents.' I really hope that this symbolic gift can challenge us to do the same — to reclaim our soul through the love of the human family. A love born of remembrance."

President Bush continued, "[Simon Wiesenthal] reminds us that we as a people must study closely the lessons of the concentration camps. And, yes, like many here, Barbara and I have been to Auschwitz. We've seen the images of human evil. And literally, when I left, I left part of me. But I took something away in its place — the determination not just to remember, but also to act.

"I say this to you as a World War II veteran — as an American — and now as President of the United States — the haunting images compel us to guard against tyranny and inhumanity. Remembering makes us strong. Remembering makes us act.

"But there's something else. We must also remember something more powerful than the horror — the triumph of the inextinguishable human spirit. Those who survived the Holocaust could have sunk into hate and revenge. Instead, they lifted themselves — and all of humanity — toward a greater goal. I believe that the ultimate lesson here is the transcendent glory of survival. Hope triumphed over horror. Life triumphed over death."

Soviet Jewry

"We've been acting for years to promote freedom in the Soviet Union, including the freedoms of religion and emigration. That action has paid off. Jews in the Soviet Union can now study Hebrew. Jews who choose to leave can do so. Some delays, admittedly, but they can leave. Hundreds of thousands have made *aliyah* to Israel. This is freedom in action.

"In the Gulf, Simon Wiesenthal was among the first to speak out against Saddam Hussein's brutality. He said: 'Silence is admittance. We cannot tolerate silence.' It was because of Saddam's aggression that we made our stand in the Persian Gulf. The world had ignored the brewing madness 50 years ago. We would not make the same mistake this time. It was a moral imperative to act.

"As I contemplated as Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces what action to take against Saddam Hussein's aggression, I thought of the world's inaction those many years ago when first the [German] army and then the SS marched into Poland. It was on my mind as I had to make this fateful decision to send our sons and daughters into combat in the Gulf."

Ethiopian Airlift

"And then there's [the] exciting and emotional freeing of the Ethiopian Jews that was referred to a minute ago. Rudy Boschwitz, a former United States Senator, a wonderful man, was our special emissary . . . Thanks in considerable part to the efforts of the United States — a lot of people in the United States — the Ethiopian Jews were delivered from harm's way within 30 hours — reunited with loved ones and given the opportunity to begin new lives in Israel. What a joyous, wonderful homecoming.

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President George Bush (center) receives Cup of Elijah from Simon Wiesenthal Center, presented by Rabbi Hier, dean of the Center (right). Mrs. Bush looks on.

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Herman Blumenthal
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of the "Leadership of the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations and
the National Council of Churches of
Christ." (May 1991) Now that I am
aware of it, I most certainly want to
disassociate myself from this decla-
ration. From it one would hardly
recognize that the State of Israel was
in mortal danger prior to the con-
clusion of the Gulf War; that not only
was property destroyed in Israel but
people were injured and killed, thank-
fully not many.

The UAHC has certainly chosen an
odd partner for its statement, since I
count the NCCC to be part of the
great "anti-Zionist" coalition. Evi-
dently even the Union had to hold its
nose and agree to allow the NCCC to
continue to advocate that Israel deal
with those of that roving band of
terrorists who live outside of the West
Bank and Gaza, known as the PLO.
This is such a great group that the
internal conflict it is fomenting among
the Palestinians is now threatening to
turn the West Bank into area as
chaotic as Lebanon. It is hard to
envision the subjugation of the Pales-
tinians to these terrorists as being a
contribution to their right to, "freely
select their own representatives." Yet
no condemnation of these "activities"
is included in the statement.

This proclamation was issued by
the "Union Leadership." It is at its
base a political statement. It certainly
doesn't represent the opinion of this
reform Jewish American. I am happy

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that our country took the lead in
putting down the threat to the Middle
East and in particular to Israel
represented by Saddam. It was cer-
tainly better than any of the alter-
natives. Evidently, the UAHC and the
NCCC "leadership" are sorry we won
and don't remember that Israel was
on our side and the Palestinians on
Saddam's.

Sincerely
Morton Lurie, Raleigh, N.C.

Rosh Hashanah 5752 Sept. 9-10, 1991 by Estelle Hoffman

A long time ago, there arose a belief which became Judaism. It prescribed a way of life that would govern human behavior. Since it was not a sudden development, some of its predecessors' characteristics and attitudes persisted, gradually changing. Jews acknowledge God as creator and ruler of a perfectly harmonious universe and as author of Torah, as well. Finally, in the Talmud was recorded all accumulated wisdom, our sages say. Its laws guide us to follow a way of life in harmony with nature, with humanity and with all creatures great and small.

Creatures have always had to deal with nature, sometimes victimized and sometimes benefited by it. Humans had attempted to explain nature according to their perception of it in their various cultures. Instead of merely reacting, people devised means which intended to bribe or propitiate the unseen forces in order to curry favor. Some of the exercises were extreme, even leading to sacrifice of life. Explanations, myth and ritual became religions.

The Jewish religion was to be a guide for living in society with consideration for humans, animal and vegetable life and the planet we inhabit. The Book of Psalms was included in the Bible, because it contains the entire realm of human emotions. By the time Psalms were written, the idea of one God as the controlling force of nature was recognized.

The Bible tells the history of human beings realistically portrayed, with their foibles and frailties. That history reveals that people lost sight of our relationship with nature and our dependency upon it. We forget we are stewards of the earth, that we have grave responsibility to consider each other and posterity. We have wrought havoc and destruction time and time again.

In *Yamim Nora'im - Sinai Sermons*, Eugene J. Lipman of Temple Sinai in

Washington, D.C. tells us that in the concept of Judaism, our ancestors adopted the notion that God was good, that He expects us to be good and that there is a quality of unity in the universe. Cause and effect operate in human life as in nature. He finds that the Book of Psalms are the complement to Torah, guiding us in our imperfection with the means to accept and deal with our failures.

We do not always obey the moral laws. We are defective, we disobey, we sin in arrogance and dishonesty and ignorance. However, our inadequacy is part of our human nature, and though we flounder, hope remains. We are given another chance.

Rosh Hashanah is the time each year when we are reminded that we have another chance. Though we have strayed from our teachings, we are admonished to recognize the ways wherein we have failed.

Jews confess collectively for all of the sins of our society. Indeed, do we not suffer as a community, the innocent with the virtuous? This is our fate. A person does not rejoice or suffer alone, unaffected by others.

On the High Holy Days we reflect upon our actions. We judge ourselves honestly, and if we think truly and clearly, if we intend to correct our errors, we believe that we are forgiven, and we begin the new year with a fresh chance.

The newspaper columnist, Richard Reeves, has written that only in America is one given a second chance after failure. After bankruptcy, after divorce, after punishment for legal offense, one is supposed to be able to start again.

In Judaism, we can be forgiven for mistakes. We are given an opportunity to do better, if we repent. If our actions have been disharmonious with the laws of nature and moral laws of Torah, the Psalms tell us we are creatures who need help. We can pray, as did the Psalmist, for strength and guidance. We can resolve to commit no deliberate errors, and may we benefit from our experience as we begin anew.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu!

Tradition in the Kitchen

There are more travelers than ever, now. Airports are crowded, and although Americans have been traveling widely ever since World War II, people of many other nationalities are satisfying their curiosity by travel, also. Our dollar has decreased so much in value that visits to the United States are affordable, and Americans traveling at home are mingling with foreigners of many origins.

In our kitchens, however, we tend to be less daring, and although cookbooks containing recipes from exotic places are published frequently, many of us hesitate to try them. This year, how about daring in our kitchens to follow some suggestions of Jews in distant lands? The following menu may encourage other new ideas for the New Year.

Menu

Provincial Eggplant Spread
Chicken Scallopine with Zucchini in
Avgolemono Sauce
Lubiya (Fijones Frescos)
Sunshine Carrot Coins
Green Salad
Poires Bourignonne

Provincial Eggplant Spread (Based on Mediterranean cuisine)

2 Tbsp. olive oil
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 medium-sized sweet green pepper, finely chopped
1 cup finely chopped fresh mushrooms
1 medium-sized eggplant (about 1 lb.)
unpeeled and finely chopped
1/3 cup dry red wine
1/4 cup finely chopped ripe (black) olives
1 to 1-1/4 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
1/2 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. dried oregano leaves
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. black pepper
2 Tbsp. pine nuts (or slivered almonds)

Heat the oil in a very large deep skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat; then cook the onion, garlic and green pepper until tender but not browned. Stir in the mushrooms,

eggplant and red wine. Cover the pan and lower the heat. Simmer, stirring often, for 10 to 15 minutes, or until eggplant is very soft and reduced in volume. Be careful that it does not stick to bottom of pan. Add remaining ingredients and cook, stirring often, for 15 to 20 minutes longer to blend flavors and textures. Adjust the seasonings, if necessary. Serve at room temperature or chilled, with Italian or French bread. The spread may be made in advance and frozen. Thaw it in the refrigerator. Makes about 3 cups.

Chicken Scallopine with Zucchini in Avgolemono Sauce
(Very popular with Greek and Turkish Jews)

1-1/2 lbs. boned chicken (or turkey) breast, cut into 3/8 to 1/2 inch thick cutlets
Salt and ground black pepper to taste
1 to 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
1 Tbsp. Pareve margarine (or additional oil)
3 medium-sized zucchini, washed well, ends trimmed, and cut into 1/4 inch thick cross-wise slices
3 large egg yolks
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup chicken broth

Put the chicken cutlets between sheets of plastic wrap and pound them gently with a rubber mallet or rolling pin until they are about half of their original thickness. Be careful not to tear the cutlets. Lightly sprinkle them with salt and pepper.

In a large skillet, over medium-high heat, heat the oil with the margarine. Quickly saute the poultry cutlets in batches, just until they are cooked through, about 2 minutes on each side. Do not overcook or the meat may toughen. Remove the cutlets to a warm platter. Using the fat left in the skillet, saute the zucchini slices until they are crisp-tender. Put the slices on top of the cooked cutlets. Discard any fat remaining in the skillet, but reserve the skillet.

In a small bowl, beat the egg yolks with the lemon juice. In the reserved skillet, bring the chicken broth to a boil. Very slowly pour the hot broth into the egg-lemon mixture in the bowl, while stirring constantly. Then pour the sauce back into the skillet and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until it becomes slightly thickened. Do not boil the sauce or it will curdle. Return the chicken and zucchini to the skillet and stir them in the sauce just until they are heated through. Serve immediately. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

Lubiya (Black-Eyed Peas in Tomato Sauce)
(A U.S. southern food customarily served on the secular new year, prepared in a style favored by Turkish Jews)

1 Tbsp. olive or vegetable oil
1 medium-sized onion, finely chopped
1 16-oz. can tomatoes, including juice, chopped
1 10-oz. package frozen black-eyed peas (cowpeas), slightly thawed
1/8 tsp. black pepper
Salt to taste

In a large saucepan, over medium-high heat, heat the oil, then cook the onion, stirring, until tender but not browned. Add tomatoes and their can juice, the black-eyed peas and pepper. Cover and bring to a boil; then lower the heat slightly, and lightly boil the beans, stirring often, for 15 to 20 minutes longer, or until they are tender and the liquid has reduced to a thick sauce. Season with salt to taste. If desired, serve over hot cooked rice. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Sunshine Carrot Coins
(Popular in Ashkenazic households)

1 lb. carrots, thinly sliced into circles
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup dark or light raisins
2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh spearmint leaves (or 2 tsp. dried)
Pinch of ground ginger
Pinch of ground nutmeg
1 Tbsp. shredded orange rind (colored part only)
1 medium-sized orange, peeled and cut into chunks
1 tsp. cornstarch (optional)
2 tsp. cold water (optional)

Put the carrots, orange juice, raisins, mint, ginger, nutmeg and orange rind into a medium-sized saucepan over high heat. Cover and bring to a boil; then lower heat and simmer the carrots for about 8 minutes, or until they are crisp-tender. Add the orange pieces and cook, stirring, about 1 minute longer, or until the orange pieces are heated through. To thicken

the sauce slightly, dissolve the cornstarch in the water; then add the mixture to the pan. Cook, stirring, until the sauce thickens and just comes to a boil. Remove from heat and serve. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Poires Bourignonne
(This simple, but elegant, French dessert is a perfect light ending to a holiday meal.)

6 medium-sized barely ripe pears, peeled
1-1/2 cups sweet red wine
1/3 cup honey (or generous 1/3 cup sugar)
1-1/2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. grated orange rind (colored part only)
2 3-inch cinnamon sticks (or 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon)

Remove the seeds from each pear by carving a small hole in the bottom. Leave the pears whole. In a large saucepan, combine the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add the pears and cover the pan. Lower the heat and simmer the pears for 15 to 20 minutes, basting them often with the wine syrup. The pears are done when they are tender but not mushy. The exact time will depend on the type of pear. Cool the pears in the wine syrup. Serve lukewarm, at room temperature, or chilled, with a little of the cooking syrup poured over each pear. Makes 6 servings.

All of the above recipes are taken from *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook*, by Gloria Kaufer Greene, Times Books, 1985.

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SEPTEMBER HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

- 8** Eve of Rosh Hashanah, Services in Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 9** First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Services in Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 10** Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Services in Synagogue, Shofar is Sounded, 9:15 a.m.
- 17** Eve of Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre, Services in Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 18** Day of Atonement, Yiskor Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- 22** Eve of the Feast of Tabernacles, Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 23** First Day of Sukkot, Services at 9:15 a.m.
- 24** Second Day of Sukkot, Services at 9:15 a.m.
- 26** Sukkot Celebration, Grand Sukkah in Central Courtyard, 2:30 p.m.
- 29** Sukkot Reception, Grand Sukkah in Central Courtyard, 3:00 p.m.
- 30** Shemini Atzeret, Services in Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 1** Simchat Torah, Feast of Rejoicing of the Torah, Services at 9:15 a.m.

International News

Operation Solomon — A First-Hand Account

by Barabara Ribakove Gordon

On May 14, 1991, I received a phone call in my office at the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ). The call told me that I was needed in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. I had been there eight times over the past nine years, but this time was different.

Negotiations involving the governments of the United States, Israel and Ethiopia over the release of the 15,000 Jews in Addis Ababa were reaching a climax. Simultaneously, rebel troops were closing in on the capital. If a mass *aliyah* were to take place, it had to happen soon.

Three days after the phone call came, I arrived in Addis, joining two other NACOEJ staff members there. A few days later, the head of the Ethiopian government, Mengistu Haile Mariam, fled the country. Rebel troops were within striking distance of the airport. We waited and prayed.

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 23, the three of us were summoned to the Israeli Embassy. After being sworn to secrecy, we were told that the airlift would begin the next day, Friday, May 24, and would continue into the Sabbath until every Ethiopian Jew in Addis was on a plane for Israel. Our assignment: help process the 15,000 Jews to be rescued.

The next morning we gathered a few essentials — we might not be able to return to the hotel — and left as soon as the nightly curfew lifted at 5 A.M. A few minutes later we were at the Israeli Embassy compound.

All over the compound, with its acres of rocky, hilly ground, registration stations had been set up. The Israelis had done a brilliant job of planning what might have been an impossible task: moving 15,000 men, women and babies out of their Addis



An Ethiopian-born sergeant in Israeli army cradles new immigrant from Addis Ababa.

dwellings, onto buses and planes and safely transporting them to Israel in 24 hours!

Starting at dawn, committees of Ethiopian Jews, carefully briefed, fanned out from the Embassy to reach each Jewish home. They told family heads: Dress yourselves. Take your papers, your photo identification cards (issued by the Israeli Embassy months before) and come to the Embassy grounds immediately. Bring your entire family. Do not leave anyone behind for any reason. You and your family are leaving for Israel. Don't bring any bundles or luggage. There won't be room on the plane.

All day long the families streamed to the Embassy gates. Inside, the tireless Israelis and the American volunteers worked 24 hours, round the clock, to process the Jews. Families moved along laid-out paths from one checkpoint to the next. Over and over, we made sure the family groups were complete — all children and relatives present and accounted for — and of course, made sure they were indeed our people and not others who wanted to leave the country.

As families completed their processing, they were directed to a "holding area" until they could board a bus and leave for the airport where blue-

and-white Israeli planes, unmarked, flew in and out all day. We could hear and see them roaring into the sky on their rescue missions as we worked.

The processing seemed to go on forever. There were hours in the sun, shooing away flies as we counted heads. There was a worrisome hour when the sky clouded and a wind came up, and we feared that a rainstorm would break on our all-outdoor process. And finally, we worked in the dark, struggling through the night to read ID cards on dimly lit hillsides. Like the patient, hopeful Ethiopian Jews, we ate boiled potatoes and hard boiled eggs brought out by the Embassy kitchen staff.

We knew we were racing against the clock, that we were helping write another chapter in the history of the Jewish people. What did it boil down to? — A lot of determined and dedicated Jews working together to get a job done as quickly and as thoroughly as possible.

There were some highlights that I will never forget. Micha Odenheimer, a journalist in Addis Ababa, and a former NACOEJ volunteer in Ethiopia, was covering the story for his newspaper. He filed his story Friday afternoon, before the beginning of the Sabbath. Then he came to me and said: "At sundown I stopped being a reporter. I am now a



Ethiopian Jews wait for family members to walk down ramp of Israeli cargo plane.

All photos by Zion Ozeri, UJA Press Service.

Jewish volunteer. What has to be done?"

Micha had a bottle of Kosher wine and bread he had brought from Israel. Together we welcomed the Sabbath with a *kiddush*, made *hamotze* and went back to work helping save Jewish lives.

Another incident: As the Ethiopian Jews came through our check point, they were asked to surrender any Ethiopian currency they had. We explained it would be used to help the estimated several thousand Ethiopian Jews still trapped in the isolated northern villages.

The Jews in Addis were very poor people. Any money they had was given to them by the Jewish relief organizations operating in Ethiopia. While they didn't know the money had no value outside Ethiopia, it was the only money they had.

Without any protest, without any hesitation, every adult emptied his or her pockets and dropped the Ethiopian currency — coins and crumpled bills — into a box. Some, having left our check point for the next, found another bill or two and came back to give it to us before moving on to their journey to Zion.

We worked through the chilly night on the dimly lit grounds without rest. By dawn on Saturday, we saw that almost no one was left. They had all gone. The Israelis told us, foreigners without diplomatic status, that for our own safety we had to leave on the last plane.

The circle was almost completely closed. Thanks to the incredible efforts of the State of Israel, the invaluable diplomatic support of the United States government, and the work of concerned Jews from all over the world, after millennia of exile, the Jews of Ethiopia, legendary descendants of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, keepers of Judaic tradition despite centuries of total isolation and oppression, were returning home.

We are all rejoicing, but we are also deeply concerned about those we had to leave behind. Even as we rapidly expand our programs in Israel, assisting Ethiopian Jews there

in obtaining education, vocational training, medical care and more, we must reconfirm our commitment to those who have not yet been rescued. For more information about NACOEJ and its programs, write to NACOEJ, 165 East 56th Street, New York, N.Y., 10022, or call (212) 752-6340.



Stein greets young Ethiopians.

An Eyewitness Report

by Martin F. Stein

UJA Honorary National Chairman

Jerusalem, May 21, 1991 — After two days of tense anticipation, I finally received the call that we would be leaving at 6:00 p.m. last Friday to witness the airlift of thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. At the same time, 14,200 people, without telephones, televisions or other electronic means of communication, notified each other in only eight hours that it was time to go. As if by some "divine intervention," the miracle of the ingathering had begun.

It began after we had arrived in Israel and were rushed to the military side of Ben-Gurion Airport. I reminisced of a past Ethiopian rescue from refugee camps, but little did I anticipate that this operation would be one of the most exhilarating and moving moments of my life. These refugees knew they were coming home and the warm greeting they

received from their Israeli brothers and sisters was incredible.

As the Ethiopians stepped off the planes with little more than the tattered clothes on their backs and their thirsty children in hand (more than two-thirds of the new arrivals were children), they bent down and kissed the ground, sighing, smiling and crying. Looking beyond their thin bodies and rags, these people were clearly regal and noble. As the Israeli soldiers led them to rest stations to wash and eat, a steady stream of Israeli citizens appeared with bags of clothing, shoes and toys. Israeli children played with the Ethiopian children, dancing and singing in joy at the miraculous homecoming. The pilots of the rescue planes danced on the tarmac and soldiers held babies and wiped their tiny faces. With compassion, sensitivity and genuine affection, the Israeli people attentively cared for each new arrival.

Many poignant moments occurred during these days of rescue. One in particular took place in front of the Diplomat Hotel. A young second year Hebrew University student, who was assigned to meet the buses at this stop, patiently awaited the arrival of the first bus. As the door opened, a miracle unfolded. The first people who emerged were his parents whom he had not seen for seven years. Tears and shouts of joy and relief spilled from their loving reunion.

As we bore witness to these indescribable days, the biblical truths of our faith revealed themselves with hypnotic clarity. After thousands of years, we are still our brothers' keepers. We are responsible one for the other — Jew caring for Jew. We are the chosen people, not because we are better than any others, but because we demonstrate in deeds, not just words, what ethical, moral conduct is all about. At this miraculous moment, we relived our Jewish mission to be "a light unto the nations." We renewed our faith in ourselves and in our hopes for humanity. This was a moment that will forever stand out in our history amongst the peoples of the world.

Albanian Jewry Arrives in Israel

by Ava Carmel

(WZPS) On April 11, 1991, as the last eleven Albanian Jews arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport, the Israeli press was finally allowed to publicize the mass exodus. Virtually the entire Jewish community of Albania — 300 people — had been airlifted to Israel over a period of six months in a top secret operation organized by the Jewish Agency and the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

The Albanian Jews, finally out from behind the iron curtain, are now eager to talk, and are hungry for information about the world.

At the Absorption Center in Carmiel, 120 of them, still confused and disoriented, are struggling with Hebrew in *ulpan* classes and curiously exploring the streets and stores of this northern Israeli city.

During their mid-morning break, I met with those among them who speak English. Animated and congenial, they kept asking me questions, turning the interview into a lively discussion. Several stressed that they do not want to be associated with the refugees leaving Albania for economic and political reasons. "The Albanians are good people with whom we have no quarrel," said 28 year old David Kantozi.

36 year old Niso Levy added, "Albania was the only country where Jews were safe from Nazis. It's true that Jews weren't allowed to practice their religion, but the 1967 ban on religious practice was applicable to everyone, including the Moslem majority."

There have been Jews in Albania since the 16th century, when exiles from Spain entered this Balkan state from Greece. In 1939, Albania was invaded and occupied by the Italians, at which time the Jews left the cities, taking refuge in the rural regions where they were protected and hidden by local citizens.

Operation Aliyah

In 1952, Reuven Nell of the Israel Foreign Ministry made contact with the Albanian Jewish community and

"was amazed to learn that despite the fact that there have never been synagogues in Albania or community institutions of any kind, the Jews were aware of their Jewishness and all wanted to leave for Israel." Nell arranged visas for them through the embassy in Moscow, but due to the Communist revolution in Albania, permission to emigrate was revoked. In the 1950s and 1960s, renewed attempts were made to establish contact with the Albanian authorities, but to no avail.

A year ago, a Jewish Agency official met secretly in Rome with Mani Kantozi, the head of Albania's Jewish community, and was informed that the Jews still wanted to emigrate to Israel. Many of the older people had been clutching the dream of *aliyah* since 1952, instilling it in their children and grandchildren. The *aliyah* plan was given top priority for fear that the new climate of freedom in Albania would disappear after the upcoming elections. The first immigrants arrived in Israel in November 1990, the older ones among them with the 1952 visas still stamped in their passports.

Jewish Identity

Mani Kantozi's son David, an economist, who arrived in Israel less than a month ago, spoke of the problems of adjustment. "Those of us who speak English or French are managing to make some contact with the outside world, but those who speak only Albanian, an Indo-European language unlike any other, feel totally isolated, especially as with so many Soviet immigrants in Carmiel, shopkeepers and bank tellers address all newcomers in Russian."

Niso Levy, an electrical engineer, came with his parents, sister, wife and daughter. When asked how the Jews had managed to retain their identity over the years, he explained that even though they were scattered throughout the country — with the majority living in Valona and Tirana — they visited each other often, and many of them are related by marriage.

Niso was recently invited by resi-

dents of Carmiel to attend a Friday evening meal. He was deeply touched and revealed that the Shabbat ceremony awakened in him childhood memories. "I recalled how we used to practice our religion before the 1967 ban," he said.

As regards Jewish culture in Albania, he continued, "There was once a Jewish cemetery in Tirana, but in 1944 the bodies were exhumed and reburied in a mixed Catholic and Moslem cemetery, and an institution was built on the site. In Valona, where my family lived, there was a synagogue. It had a *Sefer Torah*, which was taken to the Greek city of Yannina and is evidently still there. We would like very much to bring it to Israel. Very emotional about his *aliyah* and proud to be a *Levy*, Niso said, "This is the country of Abraham, Joseph and Moses. Many of us have biblical names, which have helped us keep in touch with the fact that we are Jews."

David Kantozi summed it up simply: "There is an aphorism which says, 'Every stone has its place.' If I were an Albanian, I would want to remain in Albania. But I am a Jew, so my place is in Israel."

Syrian "Anschluss" Ignored by Media

by Gary Wolf

Executive Director, Philadelphia office, CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America)

In some respects, the Syrian takeover of Lebanon resembles Hitler's absorption of Austria in 1938, known as the "Anschluss." But one crucial difference stands out: while the Nazis were denounced in many parts of the world, the Syrian aggrandizement has been greeted with virtual silence — and in many cases, outright approval — from governments, diplomats and more than a few journalists.

Syrian dictator Hafez Assad, like his predecessors, has publicly proclaimed his imperialistic dream of incorporating Lebanon into a "Greater Syria." In the mid-1970s, Assad used the Moslem-Christian civil war in Lebanon as an excuse to

dispatch 50,000 Syrian "peace-keeping" troops to occupy large portions of the Lebanese countryside.

Instead of "keeping the peace," however, the Syrian army was employed to advance Assad's political objectives. When it was politically expedient, the Syrians sided with the Christian forces. At other times, they allied themselves with Moslem groups. Gradually they became masters of the Land of the Cedars.

One thing soon became clear to the Assad regime: the occupation of Lebanon could be quite beneficial. The proximity of southern Lebanon to northern Israel made Lebanese soil the ideal location to set up bases for the various terrorist groups that Syria finances, leaving Lebanon to suffer the consequences of Israeli retaliation raids while Assad and his cohorts applauded from the relative safety of Damascus.

In the Beka'a valley of central Lebanon, the Syrians took control of a central production point for the global drug trade. A great deal of intelligence data on this development has surfaced in recent months. For example, the 1991 report by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics Matters notes that Syria is a "transit point" for Lebanese-produced hashish and heroin, most of it produced in the Syrian-occupied Beka'a, which is shipped for distribution in Europe and the United States. The report says that there are "numerous credible reports" of "higher level Syrian military officials" taking part in the drug trafficking.

The Bureau's report also revealed that "the tremendous financial profits possible through all phases of the drug business, including production, false documentation for travel, courier fees, and distribution" enable Syrian-sponsored terrorist groups in Lebanon "to pay for the weapons through which they maintain their political power." One might think that this report would be regarded as newsworthy, especially in view of the Bush Administration's recent warming with Damascus. Yet the report has been ignored by all of the major American media-organs —

with the notable exception of a rising star of U.S. print journalism, **New Dimensions**.

Scant attention has likewise been paid to Assad's most recent attempt to consolidate his grip on Lebanon. The "treaty of cooperation" that Syria last month forced the Lebanese to accept compels the Lebanese government — already a virtual puppet of Damascus — to "coordinate" (read: receive advance approval for) its foreign, defense, political and economic policies with the Assad regime.

Oddly, this startling development merited just a four paragraph item in the **New York Times**, and only a single sentence in the "news briefs" section of the **Washington Post**. A follow-up story in the **Times** two days later allotted just three paragraphs to the issue, including a vague reference to "what (Israeli Defense Minister Moshe) Arens calls Syria's takeover of Lebanon" — without any explanation concerning Arens' thinking on the matter. One of the few American periodicals to accurately assess the Syrian takeover was the weekly **New Republic**, which pointed out that as a result of the treaty, "Lebanon is now Syrian property."

When the United States and its allies go to war over the occupation of a small Arab country by one of its larger neighbors, it is hard to understand why the ever-widening occupation of Lebanon by Syria seems to arouse so little interest. This mysterious apathy was directly challenged in a plea from Noha Lebbos, of the Council of Lebanese American Organizations, in a recent letter to the **New York Times**: "The international community needs to take up its responsibility for ending Lebanon's occupation. The puppet . . . regime on its own would not request the withdrawal of its puppeteer." — June 21, 1991

UJA Golden "Zahav" Mission to Israel

A 14-day National UJA mission to Israel, planned specifically for seniors, is scheduled for Oct. 2, 1991.

The Golden or "Zahav" Mission

provides a unique opportunity for those 60 years of age or older to experience history in the making, while enjoying the comfort of Five Star hotels and the convenience of 34 inclusive meals.

Accompanied by UJA staff and knowledgeable, experienced tour guides, the mission will put Israel's past, present and future into perspective through visits to historic sites, briefings by government officials and meetings with newly resettled Soviet Jews.

The mission itinerary, which provides ample time for relaxation, includes the Knesset, Masada, Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, a Kibbutz, an immigrant absorption center, museums and archaeological sites, and cultural activities with Israelis and Soviet *olim*. Mission members will also have an opportunity to participate in Shabbat at the Western Wall.

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Temples

Congregation Ahavath Sholom Bluefield, W.V.

by Susan Sapinsley

Dori Michelle Galumbeck, daughter of Robert and Annabelle Strulson Galumbeck, became a Bat Mitzvah on June 14/15. Benjamin Eliot Nelson, son of Stanley and Susanne Skinto Nelson, became a Bar Mitzvah on June 28. According to Rabbi E.L. Sapinsley, who's been with the congregation since December 1975, each was a pleasure to teach and their leading of the respective Shabbat services was a joy for congregants, families and friends.

The 1990-91 Religious School sessions closed on May 19 with a Shavuot luncheon sponsored by the synagogue's Board of Education and served by them and parents. This past year's 14 students each received a certificate designed by Board chairman Stanley Nelson. Ahavath Sholom's 1991-92 classes will begin in early September with a new Alef class of four, thus giving a total of five classes and 18/Chai students.

Religious School superintendent Susan Sapinsley recognized the following teachers at the last family night Shabbat service on May 17: Ellen and Harold Fineberg, Marjie Flanigan, Stanley and Susanne Nelson, herself, and Rabbi Sapinsley. Students have sung three times in 1990-91 for family night services and performed during the Sisterhood-sponsored family Chanukah dinner on December 14.

Of special note in the school year was a Jewish symbol research and art project by Mr. Nelson's Gimmel Class, grades 6-9. Each student chose a Jewish symbol or life cycle event to

research and created a papier mache object, display posters, and made her/his presentation at the May 19 Shavuot luncheon: Dori Galumbeck, Bat Mitzvah; Paula Galumbeck, Torah; Benjamin Nelson, the Ten Commandments; and Michelle Platnick, the Magen David.

The weekend of March 22-24 the congregation hosted its first Temple Youth Group conclave in about 25 years; some 60 youth and adult leaders were in attendance from the Southern Virginia region of the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth, with an environmental theme. Sarah Raskin, daughter of Suki and Dr. Steve Raskin, was vice president of that area but has since been elected president of MAFTY. She also served as Bluefield TYG president but has been succeeded by Jennifer Fineberg; other local TYG officers are Ben Nelson, vice president; Joseph Fineberg, secretary; and Lewis Borrero, treasurer. Suki Raskin has been TYG advisor, but is being succeeded by Ellen and Harold Fineberg.

Congregation officers for 1991-92 are: Fred Gilbert, president; Calvin Deitz, first vice president; Dr. David Grouse, second vice president; Dr. Joel Schor, secretary; and Harry Finkelman, treasurer. Other congregation Board members are Vickie Epstein, Dr. Bruce Freedman, Doris Sue Kantor, Dr. Robert Miller, Marsha Platnick, Dr. Ted Werblin, and Rabbi Sapinsley, ex officio.

Working with Sisterhood president Vickie Epstein through 1992 are officers Sandra Lisagor Deitz, vice president; Estelle Manilow Finkelman, treasurer; and Susan Sapinsley, secretary. Mrs. Sapinsley also serves on the NFTS District Eight Board as historian, 1991-93, and has been an NFTS National Board member since 1987, with her term concluding at the NFTS Biennial in Baltimore this coming November.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom is a Reform synagogue founded in 1904; present membership is about 70 families, with members living as close as a block away but also as far as 40 miles. It is the only congregation with a full time rabbi within 100 miles of major cities like Charleston, W.V., Roanoke, Va., and Tri-Cities, Tenn./Va.

In August, Rabbi Sapinsley will begin his preretirement contract which continues through November 1992. Since beginning service in Bluefield in 1975 he has, in addition to congregational duties, been active in the non-Jewish community and the Mid-Atlantic rabbinic region. He says he treasures the continuity of life cycle events, some of which have been "Brit Milah and Naming to Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation." During his West Virginia work he's served as president of the Bluefield Ministerial Association, a board member of Rotary, secretary of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, and president of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Sapinsley also has taught philosophy and Jewish subjects at all three local colleges and, on numerous occasions, was a Jewish Chautauqua Society speaker at one. He and Mrs. Sapinsley are looking into North Carolina communities for retirement possibilities.

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

by Fran Hirschel

We at Temple Beth El V'Shalom are looking forward to our last High Holy Day services to take place before our new sanctuary is completed. Our Rosh Hashanah services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. and on Monday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. at Myers Park Baptist Church. Yom Kippur

services will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. and on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. at Providence Baptist Church. The afternoon, memorial and concluding services will begin at 3:30 p.m. Both churches have beautiful sanctuaries, and we are indeed grateful to them for allowing us to conduct our services in such lovely surroundings.

Our congregational retreat at Wildacres will take place on Labor Day weekend. The topic will concern "Moments in Jewish History," and the speakers include our Rabbi Robert Seigel, our new educator and youth director, Joel Goldman, and Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz, a member of our congregation who is a Holocaust survivor and also a professor at UNC-Charlotte. It promises to be an interesting and challenging weekend.

On behalf of the members of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. We also extend our congratulations to the most recent B'nai Mitzvah in our congregation, Brian Ostrower, Sharon Ostrower and David Shuart.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Sisterhood Sabbath, held on May 10, was organized and coordinated by Shirley Berdie, and was an outstanding success from start to Oneg. Those who took part were Fran Aaron, Shirley Berdie, Lillian Bieber, Phyllis Bluming, Irene Braun, Sara Goldstein, Judy Haller, Jeanette Klein, Muriel Marks, Sylvia Meyer, Pauline Moser, Shirley Rapoport, Rose Rose, Marjorie Schachter and Ruth Weber. Many of the participants did double duty, both reading from the service on the Bima and supplying refreshments. All in all, a noble effort.

The closing luncheon and installation of officers was held at McGuffy's Restaurant on May 20. Rabbi Bluming delivered the invocation. The new officers are Ruth, Weber, president; Irene Braun, vice president; Judy Haller, financial

secretary; Ruth Chicurel, treasurer; Rose Rose, recording secretary; Marjorie Schachter and Sylvia Meyer, corresponding secretaries; Shirley Berdie and Barbara Jarmel, programming; Lillian Bieber, fundraising.

Shirley Rapoport reported at the luncheon on her attendance at the First UAHC Small Congregations Conference held in Nashville, Tenn. on April 5-7. She said there were almost 400 participants, among them 66 rabbis, 2 cantors, 12 student rabbis and congregants from all over the United States and Canada. She fur-

ther noted that the enthusiasm "far exceeded UAHC's fondest expectations and indicated that there is great interest in the problems of small (less than 250 members) congregations . . . Women rabbis and women cantors were well represented and featured in the Shabbat Morning Service and throughout the Conference." Regular meetings are planned for the future.

The Brotherhood

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May 13: the audience he addressed was, as our Temple bulletin says, "an enthusiastic group of 23 clergy and laity from Catholic, Protestant, Bahai and Society of Friends denominations, including Rabbi Bluming of Beth ha-Tephila and Rabbi Birnham of Beth Israel . . . This Institute, as well as the congregational Holocaust program of the previous evening, was sponsored jointly by the Temple, its Brotherhood, and the Jewish Chautauqua Society."

On July 5, the following Brotherhood officers were installed by the Rabbi, and participated in the services: Arnold Sgan, president; Larry Rapoport, vice president; Dick Braun, treasurer; Jeff Dave, secretary. On the same occasion, Sidney Schochet was presented with a Torchbearer plaque by the Brotherhood in recognition of more than 20 years of faithful service as chairman of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

New Members Sabbath

On June 7, in a program conceived by Muriel Marks, membership chairperson, members who joined the congregation since the new administration was installed appeared on the Bima and each family was presented with a copy of the *Shabbat Manual*.

The Religious School

Phyllis Bluming, school principal, thanks substitute teachers, Ellen Gilreath, Cindy Vandewart, Henry Nathan and Betsy Katell for their help during the past season.

She also notes that Mrs. Ellen Braverman will be leaving the faculty "after a successful year of teaching the second and third grades," and that Jean R. Hansman, mother of Ashley Marder, will be rejoining the faculty next season after a hiatus of about three years.

Notes on our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming attended the Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis on June 24-28 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Lunch and Learning with the Rabbis

In the season's last session of this rewarding series, on May 16 at Beth ha-Tephila, "Success" was the subject of discussion, which was based

upon the writings of 11th century poet and philosopher Bahya Ben Joseph Ibn Paquada. The meetings have been held alternately at Temple Beth ha-Tephila and Beth Israel Synagogue, guided by Beth ha-Tephila's Rabbi Bluming and Beth Israel's Rabbi Birnham.

Mixed Marrieds/Outreach/Jews by Choice

The group held a buffet supper on June 8 in Unger Hall, followed by a discussion, "Family Values Clarification." Group participation was led by Rabbi Bluming.

Future meetings are planned for every other month, to be held at members' homes.

Mazel Tov

Wiley Daniel Robinson, son of Mary and David Robinson and nephew of Leah and Morris Karpen, graduated from UNC Asheville with a B.A. degree in economics.

From the Temple Bulletin: "Reynolds ended Asheville's 14-year stranglehold on the Mountain Athletic Conference tennis championship . . . by nipping the Cougars, 39-38. Reynolds was led by Evan Gilreath, who won the No. 2 singles championship and teamed with Chris Bartlett to win the No. 1 doubles crown . . ."

Morris Karpen Honored

From the Monday, June 24 *Asheville Citizen*: "UNCA officials will name their newest classroom building Friday in honor of businessman and UNCA Foundation member Morris Karpen. Opened last fall, Karpen Hall provided much needed classroom space for the departments of economics, mass communication, literature and language. Asheville Graduate Center, UNCA honors and the master of liberal arts programs also are housed there . . . As founder and president of Karpen Steel Products and Laser Precision Cutting, Morris I. Karpen has been honored by his peers for his involvement in the community . . ."

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Liz Nigrosh gives a special thanks to all participants who organized the Sisterhood Shabbat Service and those who prepared the delicious Kiddush luncheon. Committee members were: Sara Birnham, Rabbi Birnham, Morry Tenenbaum, as well as the President of Sisterhood. Shabbat Luncheon Committee members were: Lee Schandler, chairwoman, Elaine Bronstein, Carol Deutsch, Arlene Doloboff, Lyn Dunn, Roz Freedman, Beatrice Gullotta, Michael Rhea, Freda Rubinstein, Frances Tell, Pauline Tenenbaum, who helped with both organization and Shabbat luncheon, and Lillian Wellisch.

Sara Birnham, Laurie Teich Chess and Carol Deutsch each read a portion of the Torah. Liz Nigrosh chanted the Haftorah.

Andy Deutsch, Lauren Miller, Miranda Richmond and Alice Teich, second year Hebrew students, wrote the following poem:

THE SHEMA

I say the Shema
When I wake up
To get me through the day
My heart is listening for a sign
To show me the way.

And during the day,
I say it again
As God commands me to do.
It picks me up
With energy
'Cause what God says is true.

And late at night
I say the Shema
When I go to bed
I feel so safe
I go to sleep
with sweet dreams in my head.

In Sunday School news, the following persons helped make our Passover Activity Day so successful: Sara Birnham, Sandy Buskirk, Marina Fridyland, Linda Harley, Elise Israel, Laurie Ivler, Marlene Joyce, Debi Miles and Ed Smolowitz. Rabbi commends our Sunday School staff

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with a huge "thank you" to principals Janet Freedman and Sandi Winston, and teachers: Bob Deutsch, Cliff Feingold, Robert Feirstein, Michael Friedman, Michael Garner, David Gaynes, Sally Katz, Caren Kessler, William Lewin, Deborah Neimkin and Beth Reiser.

Community Relations

The WNC Federation Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) has defined objectives, goals and strategies and is now ready to initiate a three-pronged campaign: 1) to establish and maintain an ongoing dialogue between the Jewish and general community (contact with government officials, bettering Black-Jewish relations groups); 2) to increase Jewish participation in community efforts (letters to editors, public relations, documenting and recording); 3) to create an anti-bias educational program within school systems (work with school boards, monitor school activities, encourage affirmative education programs).

The following people from the Synagogue are on the committee: Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, Laurie Teich Chess, Ann Cross, Ken Schapira and Lillian Wellisch.

Sandy and Ben Slosman announce the birth of their first grandchild, Justin Ross Snyder, on April 27. He is the son of Dr. Larry and Rene Slosman, of Atlanta, Ga. The proud great-grandmother is Mrs. Nettie Slosman. Mazel Tov to the whole family.

Congratulations to Amos Gaynes and Mandy Lewin who placed first and third, respectively, in the Hill Street Middle School Math Project Contest. Each has gone to regional competition. Congratulations to Shari Patterson on her graduation from the University of Tennessee. She is the granddaughter of Ben and Isabel Shulimson. Congratulations to Ruth Gaynes who was recently installed as president of the Asheville/Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah.

We are lucky to have Morry Tenenbaum, an experienced Hebrew teacher, lead us in our Hebrew studies. Though this is technically a follow-up to our Hebrew Marathon(s),

anyone is welcome. The only prerequisite is an ability to read all letters and all vowels. We will be using Rabbi Golinkin's *Shalom Aleichem*.

In Appreciation.

Bob Deutsch, president of Beth Israel, says "thanks very much" to several people, without whom the past year would not have been possible. He said, "Beth Israel expresses its deep appreciation to the following people: Joe Gullotta for chairing the Ritual Committee; Eric Wellisch for chairing the House Committee, which supervised the parking lot paving, new security system and partitions; Liz Nigrosh for being Sisterhood president; Arlene Schandler for being Grounds Committee chairperson; Janet Freedman and Sandi Winston for being co-principals of the Sunday School; Carol Deutsch for chairing the Youth Group Committee; the Beth Israel Board of Directors, who have truly been supportive in my first year in office; Sara Birnham for helping with Sunday School, Sisterhood and everywhere else; and Rabbi Birnham for giving so much of himself to Beth Israel; and special thanks are owed to our professional staff, Kay and Betty, who are truly dedicated to their work, and without whose help the president's life would be truly difficult."

Thanks to Sherrill Knight, we now have two beautiful signs for our Oneg and Kiddush food. The signs tell us which is Parve and which is dairy.

Congratulations to Eugene and Arleene Goldstein who wrote the words (and Ami Feldman, the music) to "Be Proud of Your Country." This song, selling as a cassette tape, is dedicated to the U.S.A. and the personnel of Desert Shield. All proceeds go the needy families of Desert Storm through the American Red Cross.

Adult Education

The mini-series on Jewish Bio-Medical Ethics was held May 14, May 28 and June 11.

Rabbi sez: "Shabbat Class Dinner a success! After studying about Shabbat (philosophy of, how to observe it, etc.) for a period of three months, the class got together on a Thursday night to cook a meal and make Chal-

lah. It was fun and educational (especially the kneading). The next night was Shabbat, and at six, we got together to sing, make blessings, eat, laugh, and have a sense of wonder as we celebrated the Sabbath. Congratulations to you all."

The Rabbi also adds: "Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, anyone? In response to many requests, we are already planning for next year. Growing up, did you somehow miss the opportunity of deeply learning about our tradition along with a good grasp of Hebrew? Do you want to learn over a period of two years how to read the Torah? Chant a Haftorah? Lead the prayers at service? Are you interested in studying with Rabbi Birnham and other teachers, and at the same time developing a close bond with your fellow students, too? Please call us and join in making the 'voyage.' "

Beth Israel also announces the following teachers made the Tikkun Leyl Shavuot (Saturday night, May 19, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.) intellectually and spiritually enlightening: Rabbi Birnham, Sara Birnham, Dr. Rick Chess, David Gaynes, Ruth Gaynes, Frank Goldsmith, Dr. Ileana Grams, Dr. Ron Manheimer and Debi Miles. A big *yashar koach* for teaching with such passion. Thanks to Dr. Norman Sollod for organizing food for the hungry students. We began with twenty-five people in the small chapel, and many of these stayed quite late into the night. A final *yashar koach* to Joe Gullotta and Sylvia and Harry Epstein who came to our sunrise service and made the Minyan!

A very lovely end of the year Sisterhood Brunch, chaired by Sandy Cuba and Lillian Wellisch, was held at the Rollin' Pin. The program consisted of a Convention report by Lillian Wellisch. Carol Deutsch composed a farewell poem for Liz Nigrosh, who is the outgoing President. Liz rounded out the program with a thank-you speech to all who assisted her this year and to the incoming chairmen.



Organizations

Anne Bander Receives Hadassah Leadership Award

Raleigh, N.C.

by Johanna Lurie

Mrs. Anne Bander of Raleigh, N. C. (Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah, Southern Seaboard Region) has been named a recipient of the Fifth Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award, it was announced by Hadassah National President Carmela E. Kalmanson.

"As an active, dedicated and effective leader in her community, Mrs. Bander reflects the unique example set by our founder, Henrietta Szold," Mrs. Kalmanson said. "It is indeed a privilege to present the Hadassah National Leadership Award to Anne Bander in recognition of her commitment to our mutual goals for our people and our nation," she added.

Award recipients are selected by their peers within the chapter, and represent a wide range of age groups and achievements. These annual citations were established to honor outstanding members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations, reflect Hadassah's dedication of the principles of the volunteer ethic.

Anne Bander is an example of the

best qualities of today's Hadassah woman," said Mrs. Irene Silverstein, Raleigh Chapter president. "With this kind of leadership, we can make a difference in our local communities, and we share a sense of pride with Anne and her family.

Mrs. Bander has been active in Hadassah both in the Raleigh Chapter and at the regional level. In Raleigh, she has served as president, vice president of programming, bulletin chairman and chairman of the nominating committee. She is currently big gifts chairman for the Raleigh Chapter and American Affairs chairman for the Region. Temple Beth Or Sisterhood (Raleigh, N.C.) is fortunate to have Anne as its president. Anne, a management engineer with the State of North Carolina and a past board member of the National Management Association (local chapter), lives in Raleigh with her husband, Robert (president of Wake County Jewish Federation), and two daughters, Lizzie and Ari.

N.C. Hadassah Women Attend Convention In Jerusalem

by Johanna Lurie

Eight North Carolina women of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, were delegates to its 77th National Convention held July 22-29 in Jerusalem, reported Mrs. Dovie Melnick of Danville, Va., president of the Southern Seaboard

Region. The Convention theme was "United in History, United in Destiny."

The delegates were: National Board members Emma Retchin of Wilmington, Linda Fleishman of Greensboro, and Jackie Woodland of Raleigh (immediate past president of the Region); Region Board members Janice Foleck of Wilmington, Carol Haynes of Chapel Hill, and Susan Hansell of Pittsboro; and Chapter presidents Florence Cohen of Fayetteville and Carolyn Lanzkron of Durham.

Barbara Tirschwell of New York City, convention chair, announced that more than 1400 delegates rejoiced with the people of Israel that the Gulf War had ended and that the Ethiopian airlift was so successful.

The gala opening ceremonies at Jerusalem's Convention Center coincided with the Congress of Hadassah International, which brought representatives from 22 countries to Israel.

Convention delegates participated in festivities marking the 30th Anniversary of the Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem. They witnessed the ceremony marking the start of construction of Hadassah's new Children's Pavilion where a time capsule containing the names of those who wish to be linked forever with the forces for healing in Jerusalem was placed into a corner stone.

At the Hadassah University Hospital at Mt. Scopus, the group saw first-hand the newest medical equipment and diagnostic tools and met with staff. They traveled to the Hadassah College of Technology to observe retraining of immigrants and the facilities for programs including printing, photography and computer sciences.

A dramatic service at dusk followed a visit to the new and moving Valley of the Destroyed Communities and the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem.

Hadassah leaders traveled south to enjoy an unusual Bedouin dinner followed by a spectacular sound and light show at Masada. There were special visits with the Israel Defense Forces at selected bases, and tours of housing sites for the newest immi-

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The closing session featured a musical program and fireworks at the Sultan's Pool, an ancient amphitheater which has been excavated near the Old City

Hadassah's coveted Henrietta Szold Award was presented to Zubin Mehta, director for life of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. It is the organization's highest honor, bestowed annually upon the individual whose contribution to society best exemplifies the humanitarian values of Hadassah's founder.

In addition to this intensive schedule and up-to-date briefings by Israel's top political leaders, the delegates conducted business meetings, passed resolutions, established budgets, and elected a new president and National Board. There was a formal installation of the new president, the first to be held in Israel. Within the general scope of the Convention, there was a reunion of Young Judea members and a special dinner for Founders.

Hadassah is the largest employer in Jerusalem, after the municipality itself, Mrs. Tirschwell explained. "Therefore, it is most important that we make periodic visits to the Land of Israel, to be in touch with the people and the institutions for which we are responsible," she added.

"By attending Hadassah's 1991 Convention, our delegates demonstrated their moral and financial support — and most important, they expressed this commitment by their physical presence in Israel at a challenging period in history."

Women's American ORT — Crown City Chapter Charlotte, N.C.

by Peggy Rowan

On Aug. 27, 1991, the installation of officers will launch Crown City Chapter's second year. The Chapter now has more than 100 members. If you would like to join, please call Peggy Rovman at (704) 552-2010, or Ana Resnik at (704) 846-4431.

ORT'S 31st Biennial National Convention will take place in Los Angeles, Oct. 13-16, 1991. The convention theme, "Responding to the Challenge of Change," will be reflected on all levels of the convention program. The more than 1,000 delegates and guests who attend will visit the Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute (LAOTI). Delegates will learn about ORT's growing role in Eastern Europe and the USSR. The national directors of ORT operations in Israel, the United States, South America and France will report on their programs. Special emphasis will be placed on the acculturation and job training programs for Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants.

There are more than 1,000 ORT chapters across the United States, and they have been the vanguard of social and humanitarian action for more than 60 years, building schools and training students in Jewish communities around the world.

Charlotte Jewish Pre-School by Marcia Stern

As the school year closes for the Charlotte Jewish Pre-School, the excitement of the parents and children continues on.

Our four year old classes and Pre-K class went on an imaginary trip to Israel recently. Our wonderful, creative teachers transformed their classrooms, hallways and the Luski Activity center into an EL AL jet, a museum, a Shuk (marketplace), an archeological dig, the Western Wall, and a restaurant where they enjoyed Israeli-style food. It was evident how much energy and creativity our teachers have.

Our three year olds became little scientists participating in experiments which sharpened their observation skills. In preparation for summer fun they continued to talk about safety.

The two year olds joined everyone in their participation in the "Muffins for Mom" program. All of our moms were able to join their children for a special Shabbat and snack gathering.

A special "Beach Day" was enjoyed by all. The children were able to frolic in the sun, splash in the water, and enjoy ice cream sundaes.

Our graduation ceremony, both a happy and tearful time, brought a close to another wonderful year of learning at the Charlotte Jewish Pre-School.

Reynolds Grant Aids Jewish Family Services Charlotte, N.C.

Jewish Family Services, a branch of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, has received notification of a \$20,000 start-up grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust. This grant will be used for the agency's new non-denominational case management and homemaker program designed to serve the frail elderly of Charlotte.

The purpose of the program is to help people remain in their own homes by making available affordable case management and homemaker care for those who cannot afford it. All older persons in the Charlotte area, 60 or over, will be eligible for screening assessment and referral services. However, in order to qualify for a subsidized fee, the senior must be in an income bracket where there is not eligibility for county and state programs and where private homemaker care is not affordable. Jewish Family Services will pay the difference between what a client can afford to pay and what a home health agency charges.

Other funding sources for this program include monies from the United Way of Central Carolinas, the Blumenthal Foundation, the Foundation for the Carolinas, donations and fees.

To learn more about this program or to make an appointment for services, call Susanna Horton, case coordinator, at Jewish Family Services, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (704) 364-6594 or (704) 364-6596.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society

The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, a project of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, Charlotte, N.C. is a new program to gather, collect, record, document and preserve the history of the Charlotte Jewish community. The Historical Society is housed at Shalom Park. The archives include written records, documents, photographs, and oral and video histories of both individuals and institutions.

Materials presented to the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society are gratefully received. Your addition to the collection enhances the importance of the Historical Society as documentation of the history of the Charlotte Jewish community.

We hope you will consider depositing organizational, community or business records; personal papers, photographs, any oral or video materials and records.

What Happens Today Will Be History Tomorrow

In 1989, the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society began a videotape oral history project. To date 50 oral histories of longstanding Jewish Charlotteans have been completed. Copies of the videotapes are housed in the archives of the Historical Society in the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park and are available to those doing legitimate historical research.

Richard A. Klein is chairman of the Historical Society; Sam Eneman is vice chairman. The Historical Society meets on Sunday mornings. For further information, please contact Lenora Stein, executive director of CAJE at (704) 366-5007. We invite you to join the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society.

"Historic Walking Tour of the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery," a 20-minute

(VHS) videotape hosted by Hilbert Fuerstman and produced by the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, is available for \$18 including shipping. To order, please send check payable to CAJE for \$18 and mail to CAJE, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270. Be sure to include the name and address for shipping. Please allow 4 weeks for delivery.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Camp Gan Israel

Every summer, Jewish children in Charlotte enjoy the privilege of joining Gan Israel Day Camp. The camp which operates from mid-June through early July has earned a fabulous reputation due to its high quality programs.

The camp is composed of several divisions each with its own theme, which educate the children on a particular Mitzvah. The themes are generic and practical; they may be Shabbat, Mezuzah, Torah, etc.

The campers with help from their counselors build activities and songs on their theme. This not only teaches the children of the division about the Mitzvah, but the rest of the camp learns about it through shared presentations.

Activities in camp include daily trips to local attractions, park days

and daily swimming. A special thank you goes to Mary and Simon Wojnowich, Elizabeth and Walter Klein for the use of their swimming pools.

One of the high points of the summer of '91 was the trip to Columbia, S.C. It was extra special this year, since a joint program was arranged with the Gan Israel Day Camps of Columbia and Myrtle Beach.

All Lubavitch-Chabad Centers in the Carolinas operate a Gan Israel in their respective cities. For the children and their counselors it was exciting to share and to compete.

Gan Israel of Raleigh, which was very successful this summer both in quantity and quality, did not attend the Joint Program due to the distance from Columbia.

Rabbi Binyomin Weiss and Chanie Weiss, co-directors of Camp, expressed their satisfaction with the exceptional staff this year. In addition to local staff, the camp had six coun-

selors from the Beth Rivkah-Lubavitch Teaching Seminary in New York. They greatly enhanced the quality of camp and generated enthusiasm in the camp.

The camp ended with a grand finale on July 5 — a carnival and picnic in honor of July Fourth. It began with an outdoor musical performance by each group, centering on its theme. The children were dressed in beautifully designed costumes, and performed before a large audience made up of parents, grandparents, family and friends. The parents "kveled with naches" (filled with pride) as they watched their youngsters perform.

A carnival followed the performance. There were many booths and activities for the campers and their siblings to enjoy. A delicious picnic followed the activities. As in the tradition of a July 4th Picnic, there were Kosher burgers and hot dogs with plenty of fruits and vegetables.

The children were rewarded with beautiful prizes for their efforts, especially for their learning accomplishments.



Campers of Gan Israel at morning line-up in Charlotte.



Some of the singing performers at Gan Israel Day Camp in Charlotte.

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Lubavitch Day School

Lubavitch Day School is expanding with the addition of a fourth grade in the new school year beginning this fall. The kindergarten, first, second and third grades have an increased enrollment for the new year. The additions will bring new excitement to the entire school.

Lubavitch is hiring a new husband and wife team to teach Judaica at the school. Rabbi Mendel and Chaya Feigenson from the Lubavitch Community in New York will relocate during this month to Charlotte.

Mendel Feigenson graduated from the United Lubavitcher Yeshiva in New York. He also spent 2 years in Morocco as an emissary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita with a group of fellow Yeshiva students. He has been teaching the past few years at a Yeshiva Day School in Brooklyn.

Chaya Feigenson, a native of Lud, Israel, graduated from the famed Teaching School of Beth Rivka in Kfar Chabad Israel. Chaya's specialty is early child development, and she will be teaching at Lubavitch Preschool.

The Preschool at Lubavitch has also seen a large increase in its enrollment. Additional staff has been hired to help with the teaching and day care.

Project Talmud

Imagine a Talmudical Academy in the Piedmont, a place where young and old seriously study the age-old wisdom contained in the Talmud. That is exactly what happened in Charlotte on July 28 and 29 with the arrival of Lubavitch Rabbinical students from New York.

For many, this would be their first taste of the Talmud. The Talmud which has been the source of the Oral Torah is built on discussion and the debate of issues ranging from legal to religious. The text used was the recent edition by Rabbi Steinsaltz, published by Random House.

The project was initiated in response to the recent call from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, to utilize the time of

this extraordinary year, a year of revealed wonders, with the increased study of Torah.

The Rebbe has also called on Jews worldwide to maximize their efforts in hastening the coming of the miraculous era of Moshiach. He asks that people find genuine fulfillment in Jewish life, with heart, thought, speech and action.

The program began on Shabbat, July 27, with a grand Kiddush at the Chabad House. The Kiddush coincided with the holiday of Tu b'Av, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Av, which is traditionally associated with matchmaking and the increase in Torah study.

In addition to many Charlotteans in attendance, a sizable group arrived from Columbia to partake in the study sessions.

Lubavitch of Myrtle Beach

by Rabbi Doron Aisenman

Camp Gan Israel

As the school year came to a successful conclusion at the Chabad Academy in Myrtle Beach, it was time to begin with the Gan Israel Day Camp. There are about 70 children enrolled at the Chabad Academy which goes through third grade.

The day camp, which is currently in its fifth season, has an enrollment that exceeds 90 including the tiny

tots. Some are from out state as far as New Jersey and Miami. The camp also attracts tourists who are vacationing in Myrtle Beach, and are pleasantly surprised to find a high quality Jewish day camp in town.

The camp is directed by Rabbi Yossi Naparstek and his wife, Chanie. They have brought in an international staff which has greatly enhanced the quality of the camp. Some of the counselors are from London, Milan, Israel and California.

The camp lasts seven weeks, and has earned an excellent reputation in Coastal Carolina.



Youngsters march in Myrtle Beach on Lag b'Omer.



Chabad Academy gathering in the park on Lag b'Omer in Myrtle Beach.



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Members of National Jewish Girl Scouts watch Rabbi Joel Zaiman, Baltimore, Md. blow Shofar for Rosh Hashanah.



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Jewish Religious Extremism: A Threat to the Future of the Jewish People

by Isi Leibler

World Jewish Congress and
Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs
41 pp. (Obtainable from World
Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Ave.,
N.Y. 10022)

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Because of his concern for Jewish unity, Isi Leibler, a major figure in the Australian Jewish community and the World Jewish Congress, has written this booklet about Jewish extremism.

In all religions today, there is a surge of extremism. It is affecting Judaism profoundly. The author is concerned with all of the segments of Orthodox Judaism, mostly in opposition to what is called the Modern Orthodoxy. His major fears relate to the division which threatens to prevent marriage between Jews of different "sects," and the political influence of religious leaders. The effect on the Israeli government has been to give inappropriate power to small groups of right wing Orthodoxy.

Isi Leibler pleads for *halakhic* solutions to these major problems. He argues that through the millenia, rabbis reinterpreted the law in accordance with time and place, without striking out traditional codes. He believes that contemporary rabbis must do likewise, to deal with some of the human problems of the modern Jew which he considers tragic.

Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits is quoted as saying, "Halakhah is in exile in the Land of Israel as it was before in the lands of Jewish dispersion. It is still the Halakhah of the *shtetl* not that of the State . . ."

The trend away from moderation seems to be accelerating. He sounds this alarm: "If Orthodox rabbis who are opposed to extremism fail to assert the importance of moderation; if they fail to emphasize the imperative

of unity over division; and if, by default, they allow the *kana'im*, the zealots, to split the Jewish people, then the disunity and enmity which led to the loss of Jewish independence in the time of the Second Temple could threaten us again."

You may obtain this publication free of charge from the World Jewish Congress. It spells out the characteristics of the facets of Orthodoxy.

Jewish Stories of Fun and Adventure

by David Sokoloff

Shapolsky Publishers 96 pp. \$5.95
softcover

Jewish Stories of Fun and Adventure is a creative and fun-filled collection of original, highly imaginative and very humorous stories for children, ages 5-8. Young readers will have a good time while learning about some Mitzvot.

Educational as well as entertaining, this book is certain to appeal to the most difficult-to-please child.

David Sokoloff is a freelance cartoonist, painter and illustrator of children's books. Previously he worked on the creative staff of Hallmark Greeting Cards and as a syndicated comic strip artist.

The Religious World of Jesus: An Introduction to Second Temple Palestinian Judaism

By Frederick J. Murphy

Abingdon Press 352 pp. \$21.95
paper

The Second Temple period was from 520 B.C.E. to 70 C.E., the year in which the Temple was destroyed. The period was the background for the appearance of Jesus. Understanding the history of the time makes the beginnings of Christianity more clear.

Frederick J. Murphy is associate

professor and chair of the Department of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. In *The Religious World of Jesus*, he relies on original sources, the Bible, the Pseudepigrapha, the Dead Sea scrolls and the writings of Josephus. He gives an excellent account of the development of Judaism and its concepts, which prepared the scene for the events of the first century of the Common Era.

This book contains many suggestions for further readings, but stands by itself as an enlightening exploration of the Jewish roots of the Christian faith.

Klutznick Museum Presents JEWS IN SPORTS Exhibit

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C. has a new exhibit, *STARS OF DAVID: JEWS IN SPORTS*. It highlights the careers of outstanding Jewish American athletes, while noting, as well, the accomplishments of Jewish athletes the world over during the past two centuries.

STARS OF DAVID features luminaries representing the pinnacles of endeavor in the world of sport: Sandy Koufax, Al Rosen and Hank Greenberg (baseball); Dolph Schayes, Eddie Gottlieb and Red Auerbach (basketball); Sid Luckman (football); Dick Savitt (tennis); Mark Spitz (swimming); Benny Leonard (boxing); Shirley Povich (journalism); Mel Allen (broadcasting); and Abe Pollin (basketball and hockey). These thirteen legendary figures are the first inductees into the B'nai B'rith Jewish American Sports Hall of Fame, which will open one year from now.

The exhibit continues through November 1991. Located at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., the Museum is open Sunday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For further information, call (202) 857-6583.

Brochure on Domestic Violence Now Available

More than 50 percent of women are battered at some time in their lives, and nearly 66 percent of all married women experience physical violence in their marriages. These are just two facts noted in a brochure developed by B'nai B'rith Women (BBW) as part of the organization's effort to heighten awareness of domestic violence in this country, and to help the women and children who are its victims.

The brochure, "Facts About Domestic Violence," is available to the public for \$1.00 per copy by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to BBW Central Services, 1828 L St., N.W., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20036. The brochure describes the typical victims of domestic violence, profiles their batterers, explains why women stay in violent homes, and offers recommendations to help break the cycle of domestic abuse.

Crimes of the City

by Robert Rosenberg
Simon & Schuster 288 pp. \$18.95
Reviewed by Phil Joffe

Two nuns residing in the Red Russian Orthodox mission in Ein Kerem die violently and trigger a fast-paced suspense thriller by Robert Rosenberg. Rosenberg, who has reported for *Time*, *The Jerusalem Post* and *Playboy*, introduces Detective Avram Cohen, a tough former street cop who has risen to the position of head of Jerusalem's Criminal Investigation Department. Cohen utilizes every resource at his disposal to reenact the savage knife murders of the nuns, who turn out to be mother and daughter.

While developing leads, he and his staff are under constant and increasing pressure from superiors, all the way up to the Begin-like Prime Minister. The confusion of Israeli politics compounded by the ongoing *intifada* and the timing of an important peace

conference further serve to frustrate Cohen's efforts.

Once he is able to place an undercover agent inside the Mission, critical information begins to surface — information which leads Cohen into every corner of both modern and ancient Jerusalem in search of the killer. It is here, in the geographic exploration, that Rosenberg's personal experience of living in Jerusalem truly enhances the narration.

Shabak, KGB, Arab terrorists, double agents, a self-proclaimed prophet, a blind beggar, murder and drugs all come to bear in this well-written novel. "Armageddon and salvation, apocalypse and purification," are just a few of the reasons any mystery reader would need to follow the many twisted trails which lead to the very last page.

Crimes of the City is a fictional work based upon a true double murder which shocked Jerusalem.

Additional Avram Cohen mysteries are being planned.

PRESIDENT

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"These events remind us that Israel was created as a refuge for Jews who face or flee persecution. So our challenge is to make Israel truly secure. We learned the hard lesson that geography alone cannot guarantee security for Israel. We've learned that military power alone cannot guarantee her security. Israel and her neighbors will enjoy true and lasting security only when they achieve genuine reconciliation. And that's the goal behind the peace initiative that I launched three months ago.

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"There is no room — no room at all — in America for bigotry. And we will stand firm against intolerance, racism and discrimination in any form or any place — in our cities, in our media, in our minds, in our hearts. And we pledge to expose the corrosive hatred of bigotry wherever it festers and to rid our land of it for our children's sake.

"There is no room in our America, in our world, for anti-Semitism. The insidious ugliness of this cancer destroys the human spirit. We must root it out and conquer it wherever it may start to grow.

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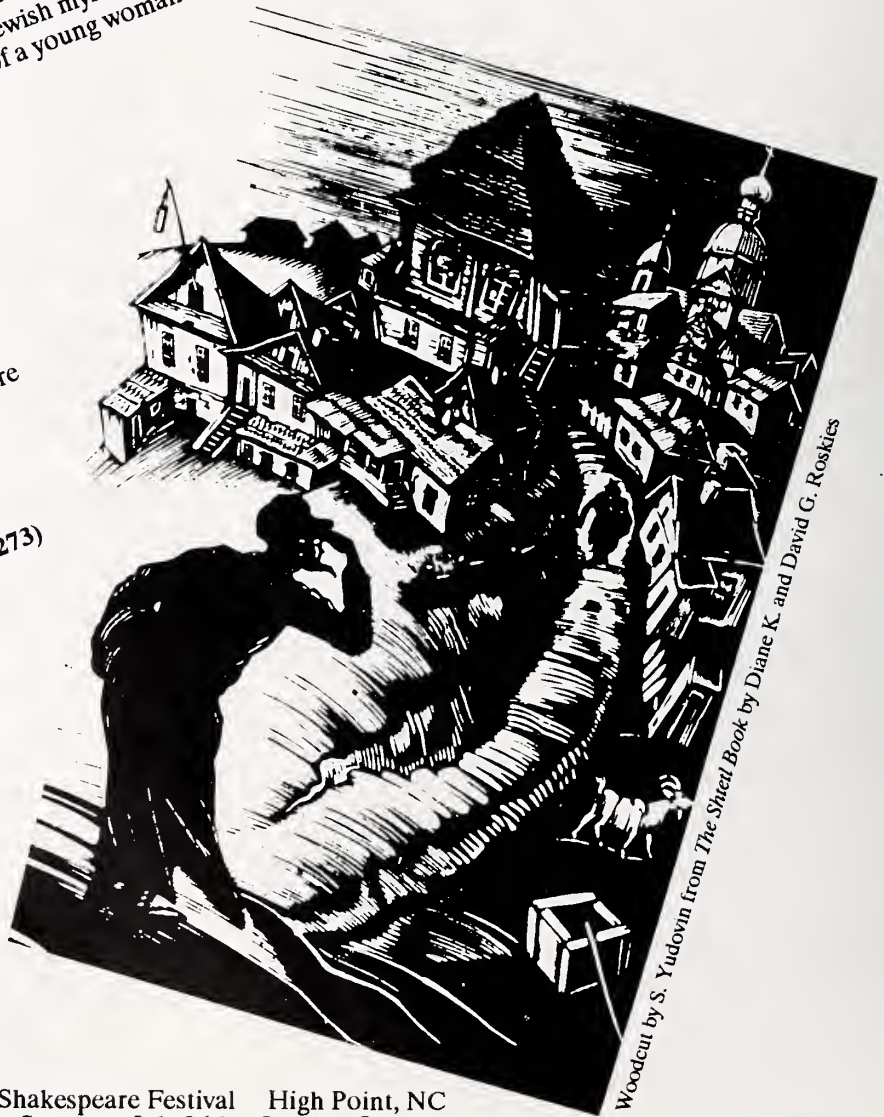
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Arab-Israel Peace Negotiations

It may be said that the world awaits with bated breath the outcome of the imminent negotiations for peace in the Middle East.

The threat of escalated hostilities in that area of the world is of universal concern, given the potential for the possible spread of conflict and use of nuclear arms.

Jewish organizations are issuing statements on the situation. If true peace could be negotiated, each of the nations in the region could devote itself to its internal problems. All would be relieved of the tension of the arms race. It is Israel alone, however, whose existence and survival are threatened.

To acquaint our readers with views of leaders of the American Jewish community, we are publishing some of their statements.

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We warmly welcome Israel's courageous and positive response to the terms proposed by the American Administration for the forthcoming Middle East peace talks. We salute as well the productive efforts of President Bush and Secretary of State Baker in bringing the parties together for a brief opening conference and for the bilateral and regional negotiations that will immediately follow.

Israel's people have sought face-to-face talks leading to a just and lasting peace with their neighbors from the very moment of the state's founding in 1948. A dozen years ago, in signing the historic treaty with Egypt, Israel took great risks to its security. Today Israel is again putting its security on the line. Because of its determination to make the negotiations meaningful and fruitful, Israel sought to clarify the fundamental principles under which the discussions would be held. And to help make the talks possible, the Government of Prime Minister Shamir made many concessions.

As we look forward to the negotiations, we pray that they will be successful and that, at long last, Arabs and Jews may know an end to the horrors of war and the beginning of a new era of harmony.

Alfred H. Moses, President, and David A. Harris, Executive Vice-President
American Jewish Committee

The American Jewish Committee welcomes the news that Prime Minister Shamir has announced Israel's readiness to take part in the October Middle East peace conference called for [July 31] by Presidents Bush and Gorbachev. We expect that this acceptance will lead to direct individual negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and ultimately to lasting peace in the troubled area.

We particularly urge that Israel's position on Palestinian representation be fully appreciated—that no Palestinian from East Jerusalem be invited since this could put into question Israel's eternal sovereignty over united Jerusalem; that no member or one otherwise linked to the terrorist PLO participate since this is a group whose very covenant calls for Israel's destruction; and that Diaspora Palestinians be excluded since Israel is dealing only with Palestinians in the territories, not with those whose claims are to Israel proper.

We also record with pleasure reports that the Soviet Union is about to resume full diplomatic relations with Israel, broken in 1967, as a further step toward stabilizing the Middle East.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Israel's acceptance of the American terms for the beginning of Arab-Israel negotiations marks a historic milestone on the long and arduous road to peace, proving again that patience is not only a virtue but also an essential requirement in the world of diplomacy.

The people of Israel have yearned for peace from the moment they achieved independence. Since the nation's founding 43 years ago, Israel's governments have worked unceasingly for the opportunity to sit down with the Arab states to reach a negotiated settlement.

Jerusalem waited 29 years until President Sadat of Egypt acknowledged Israel's legitimacy, flew to Jerusalem and, two years later, made peace. It has taken another 12 years since that first Arab-Israel treaty to reach agreement on new talks to widen the circle of peace. The government of Prime Minister Shamir enters them with understandable caution, but also with the hope that what appears to be a new attitude among its Arab neighbors may indeed prove to be the historic change that Secretary of State Baker has described it to be.

Israel has displayed endurance and tenacity in holding out the hand of peace to its Arab neighbors, a hand that now appears to have been grasped. We salute the people and the Government of Israel for their commitment to the process, as we commend President Bush and Secretary Baker for their unceasing efforts to bring the parties together.

May peace, God's most precious gift, come as a blessing to all the peoples of the Middle East, that they may dwell in concord together.

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From the Editor

The year 5751 is coming to a close with the world waiting for the release of Western hostages, Israeli captives and Arab prisoners. 5752 promises to be the year of Arab-Israel Peace Negotiations with a Middle East Peace Conference scheduled by Presidents Bush and Gorbachev for October. See the editorial on page 2 and "Highlights of the Year" by Lisa Samin on page 6.

As we are observing the soul-searching High Holy Days and then the joyous festivals of Succot and Simchat Torah, let us pray that hostages and prisoners will be freed and returned to their homes, and that peace will become a reality in the world.

Ruth Goldberg

To the Editor

If Israel, the Arab states and Palestinian representatives agree to begin negotiations, it will be the all-important first step to achieving peace in the area. Immediately following the ceremonial opening, the United States has a commitment from the Arabs that they will proceed with face-to-face negotiations with Israel. The United States will then assume the role of "honest broker" and will not attempt to inflict its viewpoints regarding the issues that will be debated and, hopefully, resolved by the parties directly involved.

It is assumed that the objective of the negotiating process is for the Arabs to set aside its 43 years of belligerency, war and terrorism, by recognizing Israel as an independent, sovereign and permanent state in the area. To do this will require the following: the Arabs states must revoke their declarations of war against Israel; sign treaties of peace; exchange Ambassadors; terminate the economic boycott of Israel; stop the vicious propaganda attacks against the Jewish State; remove themselves as signatories to the PLO Covenant; support action in the United Nations to revoke the infamous resolution

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These are formidable challenges. But, this is what is expected if Arabs' proclamations that they desire peace with Israel are to be believed. Question: which Arab State will be the first to follow Sadat and visit Jerusalem? This is the Litmus Test facing all the Arab states.

If the Arab nations fulfill their commitment to accept the principle of face-to-face negotiations with Israel, there is every reason to believe that all of the Middle East, and indeed the world, will face a promising future.

*Paul Flacks, Executive Vice President,
Zionist Organization of America*

Succot - Simchat Torah 5752

September 23 — October 1, 1991

by Estelle Hoffman

Succot is the holiday which commemorates the dwelling in the desert of our ancestors after their departure from Egypt. It begins on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Tishri and continues for eight days, this year September 23 to October 1 of the modern calendar.

The Bible tells us that Jews are required to leave their homes and reside in Succot to remind themselves of the life of our ancestors in the desert. They had gained freedom, but paid with the sacrifice of their houses, such as they were. They had lived in Egypt for centuries and had known good times, so that they might have accumulated a degree of comfort, although hard times finally fell upon them. Shelter in the desert was vital, with the dangers of exposure to the severities of the climate undoubtedly taking a heavy toll on the wanderers.

To afford such shelters, they built Succot, or booths, with whatever they could gather from the oases they found. During the month of Tishri, the water pools were dry, and they moved to the occasional oasis, as Bedouins customarily have done in modern times. Although today various materials are used to construct the Succot, which we call booths or tabernacles (hence, the use of the name *Tabernacles* for the holiday in English), the Biblical people used the branches of olive, myrtle or palm trees.

The holiday is one of the three festivals when Jews were commanded to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and on the last day to "Rejoice before the Lord . . ."

After thousands of years, the history of that time seems remote. Most of us have lived in homes of at least relative comfort all of our lives, and even our progenitors who immigrated to the United States managed to have some kind of living quarters. Some-

times a family member or *landsmen* gave them a place of temporary refuge; many lived in squalor, but none lacked shelter.

Small wonder that the building of a Succah has seemed quaint to us American Jews. A flimsy frame covered with leafy branches, decorated with fruit, forms a tiny enclosure big enough for a table and chairs in which family and sometimes guests eat their meals during the holiday. The autumn season in which Succot occurs often means inclement weather, and in such circumstances there is further reminder of harsh weather our ancestors had to endure.

Homelessness

This year it is less difficult to envision dire need of shelter. Daily reports tell us of the plight of the homeless, who may find little consolation in the fact of their freedom, given the conditions of their homelessness. It appears outrageous amidst widespread, unprecedented affluence.

What is going on and what can we do? Habitat for Humanity is one of the few positive actions currently supplying homes for people. Government programs, temporary shelters and sermons have been less effective.

All of us need to care more than we do. Whenever our path has seemed headed for disaster, someone has come to our rescue throughout our two hundred years of history in this country. When everyone shouts at the same time, we surmount our problems. Repeatedly, a remedy has been provided by inspired leadership.

The last day of Succot is the special holiday of **Simchat Torah**, rejoicing in Torah, the celebration of our receiving the Law. We conclude the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy, the fifth Book of Torah, and commence the reading of Genesis in the prescribed service of the day.

Perhaps the sermon of that day this

year should stress the responsibility we have for each other, specifically the plight of the homeless. Many pertinent references are available in the Bible, and should elicit serious thought during Succot.

Our society cannot remain unaffected by so great an ill as homelessness in this land. As we reflect on those who dwelt in Succot in the desert long ago, we need to think of those who have even less to protect them in our cities today. Our representatives in Washington should be told that we care, and the administrative branch of our government should be convinced that the trickle-down theory does not penetrate beneath the top layer.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Recipes for Succot

Succot is early this year, and weather in the Carolinas may still be warm. If so, you might want to serve some of these cold soups. We found them in Long Island's *Jewish World*.

To serve with afternoon tea, the Orange Spiced Scones below are a delicious treat.

COLD TOMATO SOUP

3 cups peeled, seeded, and chopped ripe tomatoes, or 3 cups canned Italian plum tomatoes, with juice.

1 medium onion, chopped

1 cup vegetable broth (recipe follows)

3 Tbsps. lemon juice

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1 cup yogurt

2 Tbsps. chopped fresh basil

2 Tbsps. chopped fresh parsley

2 Tbsps. olive oil

Place the tomatoes and onion in a saucepan, bring to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the vegetable broth and remove from the heat. Allow to cool for 15 minutes, then place in a blender and puree until smooth. Add the lemon juice, salt and pepper, blend for a second, and transfer to a mixing bowl. Depending on the capacity of your blender, you may prefer to do this in batches. Whip the yogurt until smooth and add to the cool tomato mixture. Combine well. Stir in the basil, parsley, and olive oil, and chill until ready to use. Serves 6.

VEGETABLE BROTH

- 3 celery stalks
- 3 carrots
- 2 leeks, both white and green parts
- 1 onion stuck with one clove
- 2 tomatoes
- 1 zucchini
- A handful of lettuce leaves
- 2 garlic cloves
- A large handful of fresh parsley, leaves and stems
- A very small quantity of fresh herbs, whatever is available
- 2 bay leaves
- 5-6 peppercorns
- Salt

Peel and wash the vegetables and cut them into pieces. Put them in a large stockpot with the herbs and the peppercorns. Cover with 2 quarts cold water, add half a tablespoon of salt and bring to a boil. Simmer slowly for at least 2 hours. Strain and leave to cool, then place in the refrigerator or freezer. Yield: 1½ quarts.

GAZPACHO

- 1 cucumber, seeded and peeled
- 1 green pepper
- ¼ cup parsley
- 1 large clove garlic
- 2 peeled and seeded tomatoes
- ½ large red onion
- 24 oz. tomato juice
- 1½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup olive oil
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 4 drops tabasco sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine first 6 ingredients in processor and liquefy. Pour into large bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Blend well, chill. Before serving add garnish:

- ½ cucumber, diced and seeded
 - ½ green pepper, diced
 - ½ tomato, seeded and diced
 - 1 cup garlic croutons
- Serves 6

VICHYSOISE

Adapted from *Cold Cuisine*
by Helen Hecht

- 3 large leeks (10-12 ounces trimmed or 2½ cups chopped)
- 2 Tbsps. butter
- 1 lb. potatoes (approximately 2 large)
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt
- Fresh-ground white pepper
- ¼ cup chopped chives (for garnish)

Wash the leeks well. Trim off and discard the dark green ends and slice the white part and some of the tender light green portion into ½ inch lengths. Cook in the butter, covered, until soft; do not let them brown. Peel and slice the potatoes into ½ inch pieces and simmer them, covered, in the vegetable stock until tender. Drain and reserve the broth. Puree the leeks and potatoes in batches, in a food processor or

blender, adding the vegetable stock in a thin, steady stream. Cool to room temperature. Stir in the cream, season to taste, and chill. To serve, garnish each bowl of soup with a sprinkling of chopped chives. Yield: approximately 5½ cups.

ORANGE SPICED SCONES

- ¼ cup flour
- 3 Tbsps. sugar
- 2½ tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- Small amount of milk or half-and-half

ORANGE BUTTER

- ½ cup butter, softened
- 2 Tbsps. orange marmalade

Heat oven to 400°. In medium bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder and orange peel (only the colored part). Cut 1/3 cup butter into flour mixture till it resembles fine crumbs. Stir in raisins, egg and enough milk or half-and-half so that dough leaves sides of the bowl. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead lightly 10 times. Roll into 9" circle. Cut into 12 wedges. Place on cookie sheet. Brush with beaten egg. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, till golden brown.

Immediately remove from cookie sheet. Stir together orange butter ingredients. Serve with scones.

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News of Israel

Highlights of the Year

by Lisa Samin

(WZPS) 5751 has been a year of dramatic change for Israel. The Gulf War drastically changed the delicate military and political balance in the Middle East and the Bush administration tried to turn its military victory into political gains. The *intifada*, once darling of the international media, faded from the spotlight. But the question of an independent Palestinian state continues to divide the Middle East.

Nationally, Israel has seen the arrival of the greatest number of immigrants since the mass *aliyah* of the mid-1950s. Russian immigrants continue to come in their thousands and the vast majority of the Ethiopian Jewish community arrived in the "Operation Solomon" airlift.

With the euphoria caused by Israel's swelling population came the harsh realities of providing housing and jobs for the new citizens. More than 97,000 new housing units are already planned and foreign investors are being sought to help spur the awakening economy even further.

The Gulf War

On Friday, January 18, at 2:00 a.m., two days after President Bush's ultimatum to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait, eight Scud missiles were fired at Israel. President Bush personally appealed to Israel to act with restraint, and for the first time in its short history, Israel refrained from a retaliatory strike.

For six weeks, Israelis lived under the threat of chemical missile attacks, donning gas masks and protecting themselves in sealed rooms. They weathered a total of 39 Scud missile attacks.

4,094 buildings were destroyed in the attacks. One person was killed as a result of a direct hit. 12 died of heart attacks and suffocation, due to im-

proper use of gas masks and protective tents. 200 people were injured and 1,644 families in the Tel Aviv area were left homeless.

The Baker Shuttle

Trying to transform its military victory into a diplomatic coup, U.S. President George Bush sent Secretary of State James Baker to the Middle East on six separate occasions, in what became widely known as the "Baker Shuttle." His mission: to bring about a Middle East peace agreement between Israel, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Shuttleing between all the partners in this complex, highly volatile region, Baker's initiatives are making progress.

The tenacity of the Bush administration and its refusal, thus far, to lose hope, may result in the beginning of real peace in the Middle East in 5752.

Ethiopian Aliyah

With the arrival of 14,162 Ethiopian Jews in "Operation Solomon," a large percentage of the community has been reunited with immediate and extended families who have been tragically separated for years, and will be celebrating the New Year together.

Negotiations between Israel and the new Ethiopian government are now taking place regarding the remaining Jews, as well as the 3,000 Ethiopians who have congregated outside the Israeli Embassy in Addis Ababa, who claim they are Jewish but were forceably converted to Christianity. Meanwhile the new immigrant Ethiopians have been officially registered as Israeli citizens. Most of them will remain in absorption centers and learn Hebrew during their first year in Israel. Their cultural and social absorption will depend upon the government's ability to provide appropriate housing and employment, and the ability of the Ethiopian community to integrate into Israeli society while maintaining their own unique culture.

Soviet Aliyah

On July 1, 1991, a new law went into effect in the Soviet Union stating that Russian Jews who immigrate to Israel are entitled to retain their Russian passports. Sounds like good

news, but not in actuality for the approximately 60,000 Jews who had finally obtained exit visas to Israel. Most of them do not have passports and therefore will be prevented from leaving the Soviet Union until they go through the long, bureaucratic process of obtaining one.

Under the family reunification law, one million Soviet Jews have invitations to come to Israel. Despite Soviet government assurances that passports will be issued within a few days of applying, many fear that it will take infinitely longer.

The housing shortage and unemployment may be causing some Russian Jews to delay coming to Israel, but an average of 16,000 continue to arrive each month. In a recent survey conducted by the "Jerusalem Report" magazine, 82% of the population think that *aliyah* is vital to the State of Israel, and 56% have a favorable impression of the Russian Jews.

Sports

Whereas 1990/1 was hardly a vintage year for Israeli sport, the arrival of a number of top Soviet athletes and the emergence of some fine local youngsters bode well for the future.

The best achievement came from unseeded, felicitously-named ex-Muscovite Anna Smashnova, 14, who won the French Junior (under-18) Open Tennis Championship in May '91 and reached the quarter finals in Junior Wimbledon in July '91.

Successes on the waves were notched up by surfer Amit Inbar, 19, who won the Olympic-class Spa championship in Holland, and Yoel Sela and Eldad Amir, who came in third in the World Flying Dutchman sailing championship. Back on dry land, Yael Arad won a bronze medal at the European Judo championship, and Israel's perennial representatives Maccabi Tel Aviv came third in the European basketball championship.

The best news for Israel's most popular sport, soccer, came off the field. After many years of lobbying, Israel was finally accepted into the European fold. Teams will qualify for the three UEFA club competitions from 1992/3, while the national team

will compete in a European qualifying group for the 1994 World Cup.

Foreign Investment

Israel is in a unique position to attract foreign investors, having signed a free-trade agreement with the United States and the European Community (EC), and with prospects of a similar agreement with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), comprising Sweden, Finland, Norway, Austria, Iceland and Switzerland. The Israel government is also offering generous incentives to foreign investors, including covering two thirds of a project's initial cost and exempting them from income tax. And the local stock exchange has altered its methods of operation to facilitate foreign listings and investment.

Given these economic advantages, foreign investment in Israel is still relatively low, mainly due to the region's political instability and the country's inflation.

British publishing magnate Robert Maxwell, however, one of Israel's major foreign investors, this year alone purchased major shares in *Ma'ariv*, Israel's second largest daily newspaper, and Scitex, a leading international computer company. Despite Maxwell's clear affinity with Israel, it is unlikely he would invest here if he did not consider it a sound business move. And in a move seen as important to expanding Israel's market to Japanese investors, Namik Lambda recently received approval to establish a subsidiary in Israel to produce and develop power generators for industrial, computer and office uses.

As Israel continues to liberalize its market economy, foreign investors are sure to play a major role in expanding the local economy.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Ethiopian Jewish Tradition

by Lisa Samin

(WZPS) "And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation: you shall do no work; it is a day of blowing

the Shofar unto you" (Numbers 29).

Although the Jews were dispersed for over 2,000 years, most of the communities were informed of the addition of laws and customs to Judaism and included them in their daily observance. The Ethiopian Jewish community, however, had no knowledge of these additions and continued to practice Judaism exactly as written in the Torah.

The Torah is the embodiment of Judaism, which over the centuries has come to include laws and customs handed down by the great rabbis: Halacha (the laws of Judaism), the Mishna (a collection of Jewish traditions), the Talmud (the authoritative body of Jewish tradition) and a vast realm of textual interpretations.

Kesim, the religious leaders of the Ethiopian community held a similar role to the High Priests during the First Temple period, being responsible for the Jewish community's religious observance. The Torah and all other religious books were written in Ge'ez, an ancient semitic language in which prayers and blessings were also recited. As the kesim were the only ones who knew Ge'ez, it was customary for them to perform the religious ceremonies and rituals.

The Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur traditions were practiced much as they are celebrated in Israel today, although some have not been observed here since the destruction of the First Temple.

Former chief Kes of the Gondar region of Ethiopia, Kes Rafael Hadane, whose son Yosef is now the chief rabbi of the Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel, came to Israel six years ago in Operation Moses. A distinguished spiritual leader, he describes Rosh Hashanah in Ethiopia: "The holiday was called 'Barachan Tzarka,' which means 'remember Abraham,' in memory of the sacrifice of Isaac. It was a very special time when all work stopped and the whole community rejoiced. "We began our prayers at the synagogue at sunrise and people came from all over, sometimes walking great distances to our village



Ethiopian family happy to be at Israel hotel.

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where there was a kes to perform the rituals and practices. We (the kesim) read from the Torah and from a book about the life of Abraham called 'Gadala Abraham.' "

Added Danny Abebe, 18, who arrived in Israel six years ago, "I remember that when we came back from the synagogue we ate and drank and the kes told us many stories from the Torah. But I know nothing about the religious aspect. You'll have to ask a kes."

"We would talk all day," says Danny's father, Yehuda, fondly remembering the holiday in Ethiopia. Our village didn't have a kes, so my father travelled to another village in order to participate in the religious rituals and we stayed at home. We made a lot of food: anjara—Ethiopian bread; "dabo"—similar to Challah, and a drink much like beer, used for the Kiddush instead of wine, which does not exist in Ethiopia. We blessed the "dabo," made Kiddush and ate honey. In the great synagogue we had a Shofar which was brought from Israel by Dr. Yaacov Faitlovich 60 years ago. In the larger villages, where the kesim lived, the Shofar was blown, but not in many of the smaller villages."

The High Holy Days

The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were very solemn ones for the Jewish community, especially for the kesim. "We prepared ourselves for God's judgment," said Kes Hadane, "and we knew the great responsibility we had for our communities."

Yom Kippur, called "Asteria," was a time of fasting and purifying one's soul. Children aged seven to 12 fasted as long as they could, while those over 13 were obligated to fast all day. The entire community dressed in white, went to the synagogue, and, following the kes's blessing, embraced and asked each other's forgiveness. "Prayers continued far into the night and the kesim and the elders slept in a room adjacent to the synagogue so they could continue praying and fasting all the next day," says Kes Hadane. Everyone went to the river to purify themselves and, according to renowned anthropologist Shalva Weil, "On the evening of Yom Kippur a white sheep, free from imperfections and impurities, was sacrificed, roasted and distributed amongst the people." "It was traditional to go to a mountain where the kes would make a sacrifice," recalls Kes Hadane. "When we came to Israel it was no longer acceptable to do this. It was very difficult for us to stop observing the commandment as it is written in the Torah."

During the day the kesim read from the books of Abraham, Isaac, Moses and Jacob. Traditional stories, passed down from generation to generation, were told, similar to the 'spoken Torah' (Torah B'al Pay), which eventually developed into the Mishna and the Talmud. "Nowadays," says Danny, "We celebrate the holidays like the Israelis do."

"It is a blessing that we are in Israel," says Kes Hadane, "but many things have changed." No longer, for example, does the kes head the community, for the Ethiopian community, as such, no longer exists. Greatly revered in Ethiopia, the kesim were part of a culture in which respect was

based on age. And now, it is the children who have quickly absorbed the Israeli way of life and are teaching their parents and grandparents.

"I was very honored in Ethiopia and treated with great respect, not only by the Jews, but by the Ethiopian government," reflects Kes Hadane. "Here, it is different."

Celebrating the New Year in Israel, the Ethiopian Jewish community will also be celebrating a new way of life, both religious and social. Time will tell if their ancient forms of Jewish observance, which they so loyally preserved for centuries, will stand the test of modernity and add a unique flavor to Israeli society.

Nationwide Drive Underway to Win Support for Loan Guarantees to Help Israel Integrate New Immigrants

A nationwide drive in support of U.S. guarantees for bank loans that Israel will take out to help Soviet and Ethiopian refugees become productive, self-sustaining members of Israeli society has been launched by the country's leading U.S. Jewish groups, coordinated by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the Presidents Conference, called the campaign "a major humanitarian effort and our top priority for the next few weeks."

National Leadership Action Day, Sept. 12 on Loan Guarantees for Israel

On Sept. 12, hundreds of local and national Jewish leaders from across the United States will converge on Washington, D.C. to spend a day meeting with members of Congress to encourage them to support U.S. guaranteed loans for Israel. The formal request from Israel is expected in early Sept. for loan guarantees totalling \$2 billion a year over a five year period for the absorption of hundreds of thousands of Soviet, Ethiopian and other immigrants who have been arriving in the Jewish state.

The 48 national Jewish organizations in the Presidents Conference are actively participating in this effort, spearheaded by a steering committee that includes the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Council of Jewish Federations and Hadassah. They, along with other organizations, also serve on various committees dealing with specific aspects of the program.

Legislation to authorize U.S. guarantees for loans that Israel would make from private U.S. banks will be introduced in Congress early in September and final legislative action is expected by the end of the month.

"President Bush and Vice President Quayle, along with most members of the Senate and House, played leading roles in the great effort to 'let our people go' from the Soviet Union and to rescue Ethiopian Jewry," Mrs. Cardin said. "I believe they, like the American people, will want to see the job through by supporting this legislation and thus make it possible for Israel to borrow the funds so vital to helping make these new immigrants productive citizens of their new homeland."

What Israel Will Do With the Credit Guarantees

"Israel is not asking the U.S. government for a loan, only a *guarantee* for bank loans that it is seeking," she explained. "Israel wants a hand, not a handout. Relying on its outstanding credit history — the country has repaid every cent it ever borrowed from the U.S. or from individuals and institutions in this country and around the world — it now seeks to borrow funds for four essential purposes:

"1) To expand opportunities for employment that will utilize the skills of new immigrants in both the private and public sectors and create new industries.

"2) To build new housing units for hundreds of thousands of immigrants.

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"3) To provide essential water, roads, electricity and communications facilities for the new arrivals.

"4) To build schools, hospitals and other institutions required by the immigrant population."

While this help from the United States is vital, Mrs. Cardin said, "the people of Israel and the world Jewish community will shoulder most of the responsibility for covering the annual \$5-10 billion cost of absorbing the new immigrants.

"The Israeli people — already among the most heavily-taxed people in the world — will shoulder increased tax burdens. They have already absorbed a 5 percent income tax increase and face a 16 to 18 percent sales tax on most goods and services and a 20 percent tax on interest earned on savings accounts.

"American Jews raised \$2 billion in voluntary contributions for Israel last year and are raising additional sums this year. Moreover, Jewish federations in North America, through the Council of Jewish Federations, agreed in April to underwrite its own \$900 million loan program for aid to new immigrants.

Citing Israel's "outstanding and remarkable credit record," the Presidents Conference chairman — who also heads the National Conference on Soviet Jewry — said:

"Of the more than 80 nations that have borrowed funds from the United States, only two — Israel and Norway — have never missed a payment.

"Israel will repay the loans to the banks based on future economic growth, thanks to the use that its immigrant population will make of the housing, the jobs, and the essential services that will be made possible by the bank loans."

Mrs. Cardin also noted that the credit guarantees are likely to generate new business opportunities for American banks, construction companies and heavy equipment industries. At the same time, the continued arrival of hundreds of thousands of immigrants to Israel will expand the need for consumer goods and services.

The Free Trade agreement between the U.S. and Israel, which eliminates tariffs and import duties between the two countries, will also boost commercial opportunities for U.S. suppliers.

Recommendation for Action

A letter-writing campaign to members of Congress has been launched. Please send letters to your Senators and Representative immediately urging them to vote "yes" for loan guarantees for Israel.

Mrs. Cardin said: "The successful integration of the new wave of Soviet, Ethiopian and other Jewish immigrants into Israeli society is not only a current pressing challenge for Israel. It is one of the most vital and noble tasks ever undertaken by the State of Israel together with the Jewish people," she continued:

"The values shared by the U.S. and Israel underscore the humanitarian and moral aspects of this historic

effort. In addition, the U.S. will derive significant material advantages from the expansion of investment and trade arising out of Israel's future economic growth and stability. More than 200 major American companies already have subsidiaries or affiliations there and can only benefit from the expansion of Israel as a market and as a skilled labor source."

**Children Teaching Children:
Lessons in Coexistence**

by Carol Novis

(WZPS) Current events have made Arabs and Jews in Israel understandably mistrustful and fearful. Indeed, many now wonder if the two peoples have any chance of achieving a degree of understanding and cooperation in this land that both desire.

Stanley Ringer knows they have. **Shattering Stereotypes**

Ringer heads an innovative program called "Children Teaching Children" at the Givat Haviva Institute near Hadera, which aims to lessen mistrust and fear through integration. Inspired, in part, by the experience of civil rights workers in the United States, it has been labelled no less than a revolutionary approach to improving Jewish-Arab relations.

Some 1,000 children are involved in the program and studies show that it works. Now in its fourth year, the number of participants has almost doubled in spite of recent tensions. Most important, both Arabs and Jews have come to feel a demonstrable lessening of fear and dislike for the other.

Ringer, a Reform rabbi from the United States who made *aliya* five years ago, is director of Program Development for the Givat Haviva Institute, the national educational center of the Kibbutz Artzi federation.

Among the programs he runs are a Jewish-Arab human relations youth program which brings high schoolers together for three-day sessions. This was the precursor of the "Children Teaching Children" program.

"Studies showed us that there has been a deepening of ill-will between the two communities. One reason is that they live in separate geographi-

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cal areas. Arabs go to Arab schools, Jews to Jewish schools and there is virtually no opportunity for young people to meet one another. The result is ignorance, stereotyping, even hatred," said Ringer.

"The *intifada* has exacerbated all this. Many Jews tend to generalize about Arabs; they see them as threatening and a fifth column within the country, while many Arabs see Jews as forcefully denying their rights.

"After careful preparation, we bring school classes together for three days, after which they are talking freely about how they feel. It comes as a revelation to Arabs, for example, how heavily the Holocaust weighs on the Jews, and the Jews, for their part, are surprised to hear about the experience of growing up as a minority."

A study conducted by the Guttman Institute for Allied Social Science Research one year after the start of the *intifada* concluded that the program "effectively shattered stereotypes, diminished feelings of fear and hatred and gave participants a sense of optimism over the possibility of finding a way to coexistence," though it did not change basic political attitudes.

"That's all we aim to do. We have no political line, other than our interest in having them communicate as citizens of the same state who must find a way to live together in a constructive manner."

That success led to the "Children Teaching Children" program.

Mutual Understanding

The program lasts a full year and consists of groups of junior-high-school age Arabs and Jews regularly joining each other for school lessons in Hebrew and Arabic. Twenty-six classes, with 1,000 children from 16 schools, are now registered in the program. Such towns and cities as Um el-Fahm, Bat Yam and Nazareth are bused to each other's schools. The program has, among others, the support of the Ministry of Education, the Jewish Agency and the Ford Foundation.

Both teachers and children are well-prepared. Teachers take part in an intensive live-in training period, during which they learn how to pre-



Israeli Arab and Jewish students from the Galilee meet one another at Givat Haviva Institute. UJA Press Service Photo by Richard Lobell.

pare the teaching materials and themes which will take the backbone of the course.

One such theme is "fear." At a typical first meeting, the children might, for example, hear an Arab myth about a monster and talk about it. At the next meeting they might discuss the fears they have in common, such as fear of the dark, loneliness, walking down the street alone. Then they use arts and crafts to create a monster. Integrated teams compete with one another and the ugliest, scariest monster might be chosen by vote. The idea is that the competition is not between Arab and Jew, but between integrated teams. At other lessons, the children might discuss group fear such as being hurt or having stones thrown at them in order to show how people can be different and yet have the same feelings.

Of course all has not gone completely smoothly. At first, schools which were geographically contiguous were paired, but organizers found that didn't always work. "Socio-economic similarities are more important than geography, we discovered," said Ringer. "For example, one of the reasons for the success of the program in Afula and Um el-Fahm was that children from both towns were of lower-middle class backgrounds. Kib-

butz children, on the other hand, who were paired with children from another Arab town were perceived as elitist because they were socially and economically at a higher level, and resulted in a less than successful meeting."

Surprisingly, perhaps, the current troubled atmosphere in Israel has made little difference. There have been few dropouts and much enthusiasm. In one Sephardic community, which tends to hold traditionally right-wing views on the Arab-Jewish conflict, parents originally only allowed their children to take part if the parents themselves were allowed to attend sessions. This is no longer the case.

It would be naive to think that the program could solve the problems existing between Arabs and Jews living in Israel, but Ringer is convinced that reaching even a few thousand children a year can make a significant difference.

Says Ringer, "some people feel that it's hopeless—a drop in the ocean. But we believe in peace, and that energizes us. We feel that there has to be an effort to create tolerance and mutual understanding. There must be an effort to build a better future."

Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men

by Irving Brenner, President

On behalf of the Board of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, I want to wish all of our members, their families and the entire Jewish Community a happy and healthy New Year. As the New Year approaches and I reflect on the year ending and the year ahead, my thoughts, like many, inevitably turn to my family. I remember the Rosh Hashanah meals at my grandmother's—beautiful tables filled with *blintzes* and *lukshen kugel* or brisket, squash casserole and potato *kugel* (the corners of which the grandchildren were not allowed to eat because they were reserved for my father). Also, I remember sitting as a family in the synagogue (when my brothers and I weren't running around) and listening in humbled awe as the Shofar was blown. Each person has his or her own special memories, both recent and long remembered.

The rekindling of these fond memories each New Year serves as a reminder to us of the importance of our families to our Jewish culture and personal faith. In this sense, our "families" extend far beyond our immediate relatives to include the whole of the Jewish community. Indeed, without the extended family of the Jewish community, much of the special quality of life in our immediate families would be lost. Our community family provides formal Jewish education for our children, synagogues and temples for worship, help to the needy among us and care for our elderly, just to mention a few essential services.

The Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men is an important member of this extended community family. The Association, through its support of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, which provides a comforting home for our elderly; the Carolina Association for Jewish Education (CAJE), which provides educational services and support for Jewish

learning throughout the Carolinas; and the Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund, which provides scholarship loans to allow students to attend college, helps enable each family, regardless of its means, to experience the full range of Jewish life.

The Association is proud of its past role in the community, a role made

possible only by the continuing and generous support of its members. I look forward, with the help of each of our members, to fulfilling, and even expanding, the Association's important role in the New Year.

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Carolinas Group to Tour Spain, March 4-16, 1992

Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus of Tree of Life Congregation in Columbia, S.C., is leading a tour, "Explore the Jewish Heritage in Spain," from March 4 to 16, 1992. This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Sephardic Diaspora.

In preparation for the thirteen-day tour, Rabbi Marcus is planning a monthly seminar in Sephardic culture. Anyone interested in joining the tour which is open to all should contact Rabbi Marcus (803) 787-2182 or Meta Miller at Carol Glass Travel (803) 736-2036 for further information.

The tour which costs \$2699 per person features roundtrip airfare from Columbia, S.C. or Charlotte, N.C., roundtrip transfers and portage, superior first class hotels, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 3 lunches, sight-seeing and tours.

The itinerary includes a visit to Toledo to see the original synagogue buildings and places bearing the name of famous medieval Jews. In Granada the group will see where the Edict of Expulsion was signed and in Seville where the former Jewish quarter still bears the marks of a once-flourishing community. At the Costa del Sol there will be time to relax on the beautiful beach before a visit to Gibraltar. Then it's off to Barcelona and Gerona where they'll try to envision the great Nahmanides and his team of Jewish scholars who debated the most talented Christian minds of those times.

What makes this tour different from others that will go this year is Rabbi Marcus' friendship with a colleague who spent the last two years living in

Spain. The rabbi has significant contacts in the Jewish community who speak English and are willing to share with the tour group their impressions of contemporary Jewish life in Spain. Most other groups depend solely on a guide for interaction with Spanish citizens, but this group will benefit from Americans and other English-speaking residents now living in Spain.

1492-1992

The 500th anniversary of the diaspora of Spanish Jewry arrives in 1992, which coincides with Columbus' voyage to discover America. While the two dates coincide, that fact is no coincidence. After decades of turmoil between warring political factions in Spain, and the development of a frightfully bigoted Inquisition determined to root out heresy, Queen Isabella, in an effort to fashion an entirely Christian domain, expelled all Jews and Moslems from Spain.

They were given one month to dispose of their property and get out. The Jewish community panicked. People rushed to book passage on a ship, entrusting their lives to oftentimes greedy sea captains who demanded outlandish payment, and even then found it more convenient to drown their human cargo in the sea than transport them.

Many made it to safety in lands bordering the Mediterranean. Accompanied by their cultural acquisitions, these Sephardic immigrants enriched the lands that welcomed them.

Jewish Life in Spain

As acrimoniously as this era of Jewish life in the Iberian peninsula ended, Spain was the crucible of Jewish culture for a 600-year period in the Middle Ages, when the "Dark Ages" had settled over the rest of Western Europe. Jews flourished along side their Moslem countrymen, and even with their Christian neigh-

bors in the North for a while. But as Islam weakened and the Catholic Church became firmly entrenched, their position became precarious.

Spain was the only enlightened country in Europe. Greek philosophy was discussed in the halls of learning. Art, poetry and science flourished there while it was held suspect by Christian Europe where learning was only allowed to take a decidedly Christian slant.

In Spain our Jewish forbears were involved in science, medicine, trade, law, crafts and literary pursuits. Some served as highly placed governmental officials. They occupied synagogues of great splendor and beauty. They studied Hebrew classics — Bible and Talmud in magnificent halls of learning. They wrote poetry and philosophical treatises in Hebrew and Arabic, compiled Hebrew grammar texts and dictionaries and edited prayer books. They created maps and nautical charts and kept the ledgers of kings. They lived comfortably in neighborhoods whose Jewish sites are still in evidence. Our Sephardic forbears left an indelible imprint on the culture of the Spanish Golden Age.

Agudas Israel Hendersonville, N.C.

by Richard Aronson

Agudas Israel had one of the most exciting summers in recent memory. Hendersonville's year-round Jewish population is growing rapidly and the number of our summer visitors is keeping pace. The synagogue is filled to overflowing for both religious services and social events.

Under the leadership of President Morris Kaplan, Agudas Israel Congregation is a thriving Jewish center promoting the moral and spiritual values we all share as Jews. Agudas Israel of Hendersonville tries to serve all who wish to use the facilities —

members and non-members, full-time residents and those who are only with us part of the year.

The weekend of July 25-28 will long be remembered for these events: the lovely reception given by the children of Morris and Anne Kaplan on Thursday, July 25 at the Cedars and the joyful Oneg on Friday evening, both in honor of Morris' 80th birthday; on Sunday at Rubin's Osceola Inn, the wonderful second Annual Agudas Israel Dinner-Dance honoring Anne Kaplan for being "The Woman behind the Man." Those who were unable to participate missed an exhilarating weekend.

Mention has to be made of Stewart Rubin, who extended himself on the Dinner-Dance. He not only served an excellent meal, but outdid himself on the entertainment. Daniel Delmont, with Paul Fuchs at the piano, sang in French, Russian, English and Hebrew. It was a marvelous finale to a special day.

Other Synagogue News

Paul Prosky was elected president of the Agudas Israel Brotherhood and is actively planning a host of activities, both fund raising and purely social, for the membership.

The Jewish Ladies Auxiliary has been very successful in its fund raising activities. President Miriam Zucker has been fortunate in having an excellent board to assist her in its efforts.

Our educational activities have increased, from the adult Hebrew Classes led by Gladys Diamond to our Wednesday evening discussion group chaired by Audrey Rubin. The discussion group covers a wide range of Jewish subjects from the history of the Jews of western North Carolina, Jewish humor, and Jewish schools of thought on various social issues facing us today.

Mazel Tov to Lee and Fred Lewin who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Congregation Beth Israel Greenville, S.C.

by Joyce Fishman Klein

The 1990-91 year at Congregation Beth Israel was one of changes and

progress. Rabbi Jodie Futornick, a 1989 graduate of The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, moved to Greenville from Florida last August and has settled well into her new hometown. In addition to having a new rabbi, the congregation also has a newly renovated building. Architectural and cosmetic changes were made Succot and Purim, including new ceilings, a redesigned Davis Social Hall, new carpeting, new interior of the ark, etc.

Rabbi Futornick inaugurated weekly Shabbat morning services, and they have successfully continued all year. After the service, the congregants are invited to a Kiddush and a sit-down Torah study session. She also started "Nosh and Drosh" sessions, a series of lunchtime learning gatherings. Congregants brought their lunches and discussed topics such as the *Jewish View of Euthanasia, Organ Transplants, Other Religions*, etc. There is also an opportunity to discuss topics of current interest at a monthly "Sermon Talk-Back" session following a Friday evening service.

The Men's Club has been reactivated and held a few Sunday morning brunch meetings with invited speakers. The first event of the New Year will be a combined picnic with the comparable group from the Temple of Israel (Greenville).

The Kadima Chapter at Beth Israel hosted the Ein-Gedi sub-regional convention in the Spring and about 120 students came from Atlanta, Charlotte, Birmingham and Charleston. Betsy Kahn, the advisor, has agreed to let the USY chapter at Beth Israel volunteer to be the host for the 1992 Regional Convention. Having a supportive congregation really helps. The Congregation's youth groups lead Shabbat morning services on the second Shabbat of each month. Their ability to lead services is well recognized throughout the Southeast, thanks to the USYers from the South bragging about "the Greenville USYers."

The congregation is looking forward to a busy and exciting New Year.

Temple Emanuel Gastonia, N.C.

by Dorothy Lodge

Temple Emanuel of Gastonia is celebrating the New Year with two kinds of renewal: a major renovation of the Temple and the arrival of the new rabbi, Rabbi Leah Benamy.

Structural and cosmetic renovations were carried out during the summer under the direction of Estha Picciotto and Shirley Koshak. The results of the work will be shown to the congregation at a special Open House and Oneg Shabbat following services on Sept. 6.

Rabbi Benamy has lived in Israel and is particularly interested in all aspects of education. The rabbi and the congregation look forward to a year of growth in the new surroundings.

Temple Beth El Rocky Mount, N.C.

by Lois M. Winnick-Chapman

Temple Beth El is saddened by the loss of two of our members, Minnie Baker and Louis Raskin.

Minnie Baker passed away June 25, 1991. She was in her early 90s. She was an active member of the Sisterhood for many years.

Louis Raskin passed away June 29, 1991. He was 87 years old. Louis and his wife, Bess, opened up Robert's Jewelers in Tarboro, N.C. over 50 years ago. Their son, Robert, owns and operates the store. Lou was an active member of Temple Beth El for years, having been one of the members instrumental in the building of our present day synagogue in 1949. He also served on the Temple Board.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, NC

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Although we're deep in the heart of summer at this writing, the heart of Sisterhood is beating strongly, remembering the successful annual meeting and other pleasant events of the past

and looking forward to an even brighter future.

The Brotherhood

Follow-up on the Brotherhood Sabbath service on July 5: The focus of the evening was the installation of the Brotherhood's officers, all of whom were incumbents: they are Arnold Sgan, president; Frank Gilreath and Larry Rapoport, vice presidents; Jeffrey Dave, secretary; Dick Braun, treasurer.

The Religious School

Phyllis Bluming, school principal, said, according to the Temple Bulletin, that the students decided to split the year's *tzedakah* monies "between two very worthy organizations: the Asheville-Hendersonville chapter of Hadassah, and Save the Children (for Children in Crisis). You may be proud of your children and their thoughtful decision this year."

Opening day of the '91-'92 religious school is Sunday, Sept. 8, when parents and children will meet for orientation and registrations, and school calendars will be distributed.

Congregational Officers and Trustees Installed

On Friday, July 12, Rabbi Bluming presided over a special installation ceremony, during which the rabbi gathered the new officers around him on the floor of the sanctuary in front of the *bima*; each officer lit an individual candle, and incoming president, Scott Lebensburger, spoke to the congregation about his goals for the coming year.

The new officers, besides Scott Lebensburger, are Buddy Riesenberger, first v.p.; Frank Gilreath, second v.p.; Barry Katell, treasurer; Larry Rapoport, secretary. Trustees for a 3-year term: Kerry Friedman, John Fligel, Jerry Haller; for a 2-year term: Joe Karpen, Muriel Marks, Claire Orenzow; for a 1-year term: Barbara Whitaker, Les Schachter, Rose Rose.

Hamburger Time

The annual temple picnic was held on Sunday, July 28 at Lake Julian.

Newsworthy

As one of the volunteers giving his energy and the benefit of his expertise to the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement at UNCA, Larry

Rapoport, a retired nuclear chemist, was pictured in the July 4 edition of the *Asheville Citizen Times*. He is one of many temple members who contribute their time and talents to various community causes.

Centennial News

The culmination of a year's planning took place the weekend of August 9, starting with Heritage and Centennial Sabbath evening services, conducted by former presidents of the congregation, the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood, and featuring an augmented choir. The guest speaker was Rabbi Norman Kahan, director of small congregations for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Fol-

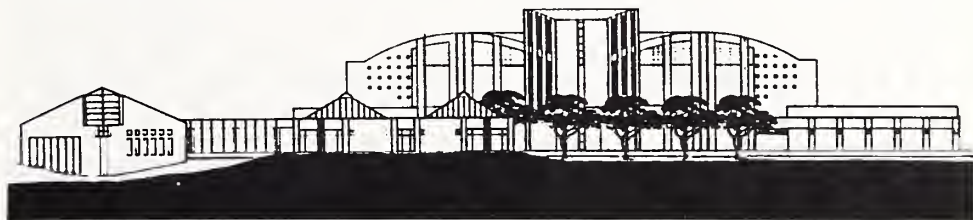
lowing, on Saturday night, were the gala cocktail reception and Centennial dinner, held at The Great Smokies Hilton.

Double-Barreled Mazel Tov

Evan Gilreath not only finished his sophomore year at A.C. Reynolds with the highest grade point average in the school — a repeat of his freshman year achievement — but is tops at tennis, too. On July 11, he won the Boys 16's singles championship in the City of Asheville Tennis Championship. Evan is the son of Frank and Ellen Gilreath.

Welcome

Warm greetings to new member, Ms. Catherine E. Shastri.



Architect's rendering, East Elevation, new Temple Israel at Shalom Park.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Florence Jaffa

Temple Israel began construction of its new synagogue at Shalom Park in mid-June with a scheduled completion date for the summer of 1992. The site has been graded and the concrete foundations are being poured. Because of its close proximity to the J.C.C., the building process is easily viewed. Excitement grows with each stage of construction.

The innovative design of the temple has won several awards for the Charlotte architecture firm of Lee-Nichols. The building contract has been awarded to D.C. Turner Construction Co.

The new synagogue will contain a main sanctuary seating 650, including a balcony, and can be expanded to accommodate 1,500 people. The seating curves around the Bima which is flanked on either side by very large stained glass windows depicting "Creation" through the giving of the 10 Commandments. A smaller

chapel seating 100 will face a grove of trees.

The building will also house large reception areas, offices, meeting rooms, a Mikvah, kitchens and many other amenities. The religious school is already located at Shalom Park in the Blumenthal Education Building.

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Beth Meyer Synagogue Raleigh, N.C.

by Charlotte Litwack

Members of the Beth Meyer Synagogue family in Raleigh participated in a great project this summer. We helped build two new houses in a single week under direction of Habitat for Humanity.

There are about 40 new houses in the Raleigh area that have been built by Habitat volunteers. Local churches and businesses have an active history with Habitat, but this was Beth Meyer's first contact. The turn-out was impressive.

This summer, in recognition of Habitat's fifteenth anniversary, 15 volunteer crews (each with about 30 people), criss-crossed the United States for 15 weeks, building new houses with the help of local volunteers.

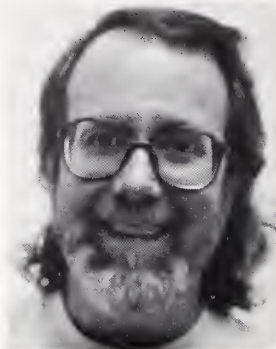
Beth Meyer signed up as construction workers and refreshment-suppliers. I hope someone got a picture of Rabbi Ornstein hammering away. One Beth Meyer parent, delivering food, brought her two small children so they could participate in the Mitzvah. (Husband and two friends took time off from work in order to be builders for a day.)

I wish you could have been on site on the first day. At 7 a.m., one house had a concrete slab; by 8:45, in spite of rain and a sea of red mud, the house was fully framed and inspected; by 11 a.m., it had siding, roofing, doors and windows. The new owner and her two children, whose former house was a shack in the country, without running water or indoor plumbing, worked alongside the crew. It's called "sweat equity."

These are the Beth Meyer participants: Rabbi Ornstein, Sue Karish, Patti Tennenbaum, Robert Hubal, Susan and Eric Brookman, Sharon Baumgarten, Leon Shapiro, Rachel and Sid Strauss, Vivian Bagatelle, Rosalie Hersh, Sylvia Ruby, Nancy Gordon, Helen Weinstein, Muriel and Stan Gantman, Charlotte Litwack, Lois Mosessohn and Sharon Mayer.

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Personals



David
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David Schulman, Writer, Lives in Asheville, N.C.

David Schulman resides in Asheville, N.C., having lived for many years in the small town of Sylva, N.C. Schulman, recently semi-retired, is closing his six store chain of clothing and shoe stores, BOO BOOS and DAVID'S FASHIONS, to devote time to fiction writing and children's storybooks. He has two children and his wife, Denissa, is a porcelain doll artist.

David Schulman is the grandson of the late Samuel and Anna Schulman of Bessemer City, N.C. and New York, and the son of Sol Schulman and the late Lillian Schulman of Sylva. Over the last sixty-five years and three generations, the Schulman family had independently owned stores in more than fifteen towns in North Carolina from Winston-Salem to Franklin.

Arnold Schulman, formerly of Bessemer City, is a screenplay writer, having written the scripts for "Good-bye Columbus," "Chorus Line" and "Tucker" among others. "A Hole in the Head," produced with Frank Sinatra in the 1960s, was based partially on the Schulman family.

WRITER, who is researching the movement of Jews from Europe to the Southeast United States during 1900-1950 period, wants to interview people with interesting and funny anecdotes.

Please contact David Schulman, 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804, or call COLLECT (704) 254-9250.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Newman

Crane-Newman Wedding Kinston, N.C.

Jennifer Ann Crane and Michael Benjamin Newman were married on June 23, 1991 at Temple Israel in Kinston, N.C.

Rabbi David Rose officiated. A reception followed at the Kinston Country Club.

Mrs. Newman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crane of Greenville, N.C. She was graduated from J.H. Rose High School and received a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Newman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Newman of Charlotte, N.C., was graduated from Charlotte Latin School. He received a B.S. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Marjorie Sue Crane of New York, N.Y., sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Other bridal attendants were: Ellen Crane Kipnis of Portland, Or., sister of the bride; Paige Blackburn of Atlanta, Ga.; Kim Carraway of Raleigh, N.C.; and Christina Monroe of Richmond, Va.

Dr. Randall I. Newman of Atlanta was best man for his brother. Ushers were: Michael Crane of Charlotte, brother of the bride; Michael Blackburn of Atlanta; Gary Lerner of Washington, D.C.; Joseph Luter and David Strause of Charlotte.

After a wedding trip to Antigua, West Indies, the couple resides in Atlanta.

Organizations

Southern Jewish Historical Society Conference

Alexandria, Va. will be the place for this year's Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS) conference, to be held Oct. 25-27 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Mark Center. The location is 15 minutes from Washington National Airport and the synagogues where Sabbath services will be held.

Since Alexandria is surrounded by many historic sites, there will be a post-conference tour to points of Jewish interest, beginning Sunday, Oct. 25 after the conference and concluding Oct. 30.

Delta Airlines will provide special rates for SJHS members for travel to Washington. For further information, write to Saul Veiner, 3545 West Cary St., Richmond, Va. 23221.

Women's American ORT Crown City Chapter Charlotte, N.C.

by Wendy Fabes

ORT-Israel to Train and Hire 1,000 Soviet Immigrant Teachers

ORT answers the needs of our fellow Jews once again. ORT-Israel, the network for technological and scientific education, will train and hire 1,000 Soviet immigrant engineers and scientists in the coming years as teachers for its technical schools, announced Reese Feldman, national president of Women's American ORT.

Substantial numbers of Russians are currently attending the program, which is training them to teach mathematics, physics, electronics and mechanics.

Graduates have already been placed in schools in Jerusalem, Bat Yam, Kfar Saba, Natanya, Karmiel and Kiryat Bialik. ORT has 120 secondary and post-secondary schools teaching a variety of technical subjects to children, teenagers and adults.

The Soviets bring with them high levels of math and science skills. In order to enter the program, an applicant must at least have an engineering degree, but most of those currently enrolled have doctorates in the subjects in which they are being trained to teach, according to Israel Goralnik, director-general of ORT-Israel.

The Russians "are tremendously motivated and work hard to succeed."

As you can see, Women's American ORT plays a vital role in this project, since the majority of money raised for ORT education comes from our very own ladies. We speak for students around the world when we say, Thank You to everyone who supports "ORT."

ORT in Charlotte

Now, on the local front — Crown City Chapter of ORT celebrated its installation services at the Park Hotel, by inviting its members and guests to spend an evening with the stars — the stars being ladies who will be serving on the executive board, as well as the dedicated chairpersons: president, Peggie Rovman; vice presidents, Lorraine Klemons, Honey Kridel and Ana Resnick; treasurer, Ellen Wismuller; financial secretary, Florence Sperling; Kimberly Stone, bulletin; Wendy Fabes, publicity; Gert Rosenberger, donor; international issues, Susan Spatz; membership, Margie Liebsstein, Lynda White and Shirley Kaplan; ORT Sabbath, Iris Friedlander; cards for teacher training, Janet Smith and Faye Rubin; parent to another, Sara Coryn.

If you would like more information about Women's American ORT and

the activities of the Crown City Chapter, please contact: Peggie Rovman, (704) 552-2010; Honey Kridel, (704) 527-4903.

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

by Rachel Rosenfeld

Halailah's new board got off to a great start in August with a board meeting on Aug. 6 at the home of Lisa Pharr. Many exciting plans are in the works for this year, including a special fundraising event, a Mystery Theater evening, which will be open to the entire community. Look for details in future issues of the *Times Outlook*.

Our first membership social was held on Aug. 8 at the home of Claire Putterman. Our final August event was a Family Shabbat Picnic on Aug. 23 at Baucom Park. Members and their families enjoyed a lovely evening, while helping a good cause. A clothing drive for crisis assistance ministry was held at the picnic. Halailah members then spent time on Aug. 25 at the home of Penny Eisenberg, sorting the donations.

Our next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Janet Gorelick, 2524 Ballencourt Lane, Charlotte. As always, members and prospective members are welcome at board meetings.

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Halailah is gearing up for an exciting Personal Giving event this year. Susan Bruck will be our guest speaker on the evening of Sept. 26. Look for your invitation to arrive soon, and please plan to come out and support our worthwhile causes.

This year's national theme is "The Emotional Well-being of Children." Halailah needs many volunteers to serve on committees or respond to "one-shot" needs. Please get involved and help make this Halailah's best year yet!

B'nai B'rith Opens Registration for 1992 ARI Program

Registration has begun for the next 10-week session of the B'nai B'rith Israel Commission's award-winning Active Retirees in Israel (ARI) program. The dates for ARI 9's volunteer-study-travel experience are January 13 - March 23, 1992, encompassing the celebrations of Tu b'Shevat and Purim in Israel, and returning home for Passover.

The ARI program — based in the lovely Mediterranean resort city of Netanya — provides the opportunity to volunteer mornings in a school, hospital, park, Kibbutz, military installation or other facility, 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. Participants in 1992 will also be directly involved in the exciting and moving "ingathering of the exiles," through encounters and volunteer work with new immigrants from Ethiopia and the Soviet Union.

Sightseeing in the Promised Land

is also an important component of ARI: comprehensive but leisurely guided tours of Jerusalem, the Negev, the Galilee and the Golan Heights are an integral, enjoyable 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 \$3800 (U.S.) per person (double occupancy). This price includes round-trip airfare from New York via El Al Israel Airlines, meals, lodgings, tours, gratuities, and other program expenses. Israel Bonds are accepted as partial payment. The World Zionist Organization and the Jewish National Fund are co-sponsors of ARI.

To learn more about ARI, an informative videotape "The ARI Experience," 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, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036; phone (202) 857-6584; fax (202) 857-1099.

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Hadassah Charlotte, N.C.

by Terri Kane

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah will hold a brunch on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Park Hotel to honor its paid-up members and to welcome new members.

The speaker will be Joel Goldman, educational director of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, who will speak about his experience with Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry.

Sandra Hirsch and her committee have been working hard to make this event a lovely morning. Cost of the brunch is \$12.50. A 13" color TV will be given away as a door prize.



Dovie Melnick of Danville, Va., president of Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah, (center) made a major gift to the Hadassah Medical Organization during the 77th National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, held in Jerusalem in July.

She is seen at the Convention's "Founders Dinner," at which more than \$3 million was donated to expand the Hadassah network of medical institutions in Israel, including construction of a new Children's Pavilion. It was termed the largest single gift-giving event in Hadassah history.

At her left is the outgoing National President of Hadassah, Carmela E. Kalmanson, and, at the right, Professor Shmuel Penchas, Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Centers in Jerusalem.



Young leaders of Hadassah are seen in Jerusalem during the 77th National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, July 28, 1991.

From left to right, seated are: Denise Gottesman of Spokane, Wa.; Suzanne Pomeranz of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Jody Persky of Rye, N.Y., and standing: Pat Duvow of St. Cloud, Mn. and Sheryl Rosenthal-Shai of Rockaway Park, N.Y.

They joined 1,800 delegates to the convention which dealt with the challenge of expanding Hadassah's medical, educational and training facilities to meet the needs of the recent massive immigration to Israel.

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Reaching the Unaffiliated

by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President, Union of American Hebrew
Congregations

An essential challenge facing organized religion today is how to reach out to the unaffiliated—those who see little or no value in a congregational connection. This dilemma is not limited to Judaism. It is common to all major religions. Indeed, although Reform Jewry is now the largest branch of *organized* Jewry, we are nevertheless outnumbered by the largest and fastest growing group in the American Jewish community—the unaffiliated. Half of all American Jews are not synagogue members.

"Enlarge the size of your tent," wrote Isaiah. "Extend the size of your dwelling, do not stint!" Even so must our tent of outreach be enlarged to enfold intermarried families as well as the many Jews-by-birth who are unaffiliated. It may be hubris for us to say that the absence of synagogue affiliation indicates an utter lack of Jewish identity; there are many other pathways of identification open to American Jews: philanthropic, communal, literary, political, focusing extensively though not exclusively on Israel.

However, the fact remains that not only are synagogue-affiliated Jews more involved Jewishly, but they visit Israel more often, devote more volunteer time to other Jewish organizations, give more to Jewish causes, insist on better Jewish education for their children and, of course, are more likely to participate in communal worship and home observances. Ultimately, the pathways to Jewish identification must lead to a center—a center where Jews can meet and form community. That center is the synagogue.

A Revolutionary New Program

To reach out to the unaffiliated, to encourage them to participate in synagogue life, the UAHC has launched a revolutionary new program. The idea came from one of our lay leaders—Melvin Merians of Larchmont, N.Y., the treasurer of UAHC who is also the chairman of the Com-

mission on Reform Jewish Outreach and its Task Force on Reaching the Unaffiliated. He proposed a nationwide program aimed at bringing young people—those in college and those under 30 who are now in the business and professional world—into the synagogue. Once these young men and women have experienced the spiritual and communal benefits of congregational affiliation, we believe many will want to continue to enjoy an environment enriched by the religious, cultural, social and educational heritage that has sustained the Jewish people for four millennia.

Outreach is hardly a new concern in Reform Judaism. For longer than I can remember, we have stressed the importance of establishing bonds with those whose ties to congregational life are weak or non-existent.

A dozen years ago, for example, we recognized that the growing phenomenon of intermarriage would have a powerful impact on matters of Jewish identity and communal life. A Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach was established to anticipate and deal with issues arising from those demographic changes and to institute programs welcoming intermarried families and Jews-by-choice into synagogue life.

Through the North American Federation of Temple Youth, we developed a formidable agenda of programs for youngsters that included a network of summer camps and study-and-travel tours to Israel, in the hope and belief that ties established in early youth would remain securely in place during maturity.

As we carefully reviewed and debated the role of the synagogue in contemporary Jewish life, however, we discovered an important "affiliation gap." It exists among young adults, beginning during the college years and persisting through the post-graduate period and the onset of family life. In many cases, this pattern of non-affiliation lasts a lifetime and carries into the next generation, with significant impact on congregational membership. Recognition of this reality has impelled us to develop

a number of new strategies to close the affiliation gap.

- College students away from home are often isolated from their local Jewish communities. Once the connection is severed for a period of several years, there is a strong likelihood that it can be restored only with difficulty and against great odds. Accordingly, we have introduced the concept of an "Access Card" for undergraduate and graduate college students to enable them to enjoy cost-free or reduced-cost membership benefits, including attendance at high holiday services, at local Reform synagogues.

- For those singles and young people between the ages of 22 and 30, we have developed a "Privilege Card," offering free or low-cost membership benefits at participating Reform synagogues. The individual congregation sets the charges for card holders. In many cases, membership fees are waived entirely; in others, the dues are sharply reduced. One of the impediments to synagogue affiliation is the belief among those starting on their careers and raising young families that synagogue membership is expensive.

To simplify the process of applying for these cards, we have even provided a toll-free number: 1-800-359-UAHC.

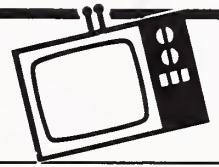
More Than Numbers

These initiatives are the beginning of what we anticipate will be a major thrust by the Reform movement to reach the unaffiliated. But our goal is not simply one of numbers, of devising ways and means to bring more families and individuals into synagogues for its own sake. We in the Reform movement are very much aware of the relationship between religious affiliation and patterns of communal involvement.

The 1980s were a decade when political and business leaders sang the virtues of self-interest and material gain. The '90s must be a time when society once again encompasses the moral precepts of compassion, generosity and communal concern on which human survival depends in the long run.



Books, Arts and Media



Chutzpah

by Alan Dershowitz

Little, Brown & Co. 378 pp. \$22.95

Reviewed by Abe Warshenbrot

Funny that a book called *Chutzpah* is about silence. Or maybe it's simply "Chutzpah"—silence of the Jews in awe of the Christian majority in this country, the fear to upset the delicate balance of equality they seemed to have achieved. Only, to paraphrase George Orwell, in the USA, land of equality, some are more equal than others.

Alan Dershowitz, who has been involved in famous court battles, has taken it upon himself to shake the Jews in the USA. Are we guests in other people's land? According to Dershowitz, we certainly behave like guests. The thesis is entwined in the book with his public and not so public struggles for Jewish causes. Throw away the self praises (as a religious Jew, Mr. Dershowitz forgot the saying of Solomon, "Let the mouth of another praise you, not your own.") and one faces the tough issue, making this book a *must read* for every Jew in this country.

Jews are still the object of discrimination, though not so overtly as in the past, but are afraid to rock the boat. Jews keep silent seeing themselves as second class citizens in what is supposedly a Christian society. As evidence for his indictment, Mr. Dershowitz presents the lack of Jews on the Supreme Court (Might Mr. Dershowitz have a candidate in mind?, one wonders.), the Cabinet, leadership of the Congress, the Pentagon, the CIA, etc. What might seem only circumstantial evidence is accumulating weight because of the overwhelming amount of evidence. While other minorities complain when they are discriminated against, Jews keep silent.

While the indictment is against most Jews, its main target is natur-

ally the formal leadership of the Jewish organizations in the USA who are blamed by Mr. Dershowitz for not standing up in certain cases because of, "What will the Goyim say?" ("Shanda for the Goyim"). If the leadership were to lead, it would be the bearer of the flag against discrimination and against attempts to define the USA as a Christian country (as opposed to a country with a majority of citizens who are Christians). No wonder that a turmoil started broiling in the American Jewish Congress over an accusation by Mr. Dershowitz that the AJC was too timid and not supportive in the fight against the establishment of a Convent on the grounds of Auschwitz.

The voice of the Jewish leadership (Incidentally, who actually elected them to be leaders?) was absent during the Pollard affair, and is sometimes divided in relation to Israel. While the Pollard affair was a stupid Israeli mistake, the punishment was out of any proportion to his deeds; but no protest was heard from the Jewish community who let Pollard rot in jail. As for Israel, some Jews are trying to be holier than others, demanding of Israel standards not requested of any country on the globe. All for the "Shanda" syndrome.

Mr. Dershowitz has lived most of his life in communities with relatively large Jewish populations. His observations apply even more to areas where the Jews are scarce (like the southeastern USA), following the old rule that anti-Semitism prevails more where there are fewer Jews.

The solution, according to Mr. Dershowitz, is "Chutzpah." Raise the voice and stand on your rights as citizens of this country. Jews contributed to this country many times over in relation to their percentage in population. In return, they can ask for what's due them. Not less.

Dancing on Tisha B'Av

by Lev Raphael

St. Martin's Press 231 pp. \$16.95

Reviewed by Gail Green

Lev Raphael's collection of short stories in *Dancing on Tisha B'Av* is not light, pleasant reading. His characters and themes provoke questions and an awareness of people who exist outside of the mainstream of more conventional society — gay Jewish men, Holocaust survivors, and gay children of Holocaust survivors. Graphic descriptions of homosexual lifestyles, which will make some readers uncomfortable, do not sensationalize; they underscore the torment and anguish of thoughtful young men trying to reconcile a myriad of conflicting forces in their lives. Sadly, most of Raphael's characters remain locked in their lonely roles, trying to function in a world which does not fully understand nor accept them. Only rarely does a character gain understanding from a person unlike himself.

Lev Raphael is a powerful writer. His stories are well-constructed and will have impact. "Fresh Air," a story of a Holocaust survivor who recognizes and tries to run over a concentration camp guard who murdered members of her family, is particularly stunning.

The Shaping of the Jewish Identity in Nineteenth-Century France

by Jay R. Berkovitz Wayne State University Press 309 pp \$34.95

Recently published, *The Shaping of Jewish Identity in Nineteenth-Century France* by Jay Berkovitz is the first contemporary work to treat the story of Jews in post-revolutionary France in a comprehensive fashion. This important study reveals the complexities inherent in the

process of Jewish emancipation and modernization and focuses on the efforts of French Jewish leaders to come to terms with the social and religious implications of modernity.

The French Jewish intellectual elite promoted their version of the modern Jew in French society through their ideology of *régénération*. In their attempts to modernize educational and religious institutions the *régénérateurs* still maintained a strong allegiance to Jewish tradition. Writing for a general audience, Berkovitz presents a compelling challenge to the assumption that German Jewry represents the exclusive model for European Jewish emancipation.

The Jews of France, including the ethnically conscious *régénérateurs*, all persisted in a deep patriotic loyalty to the country which had granted them civic equality. In *The Shaping of Jewish Identity in Nineteenth-Century France*, Berkovitz skillfully weaves together the diverse threads of the dual quality of French-Jewish intellectual life.

Jay Berkovitz is chairman of the

Judaic and Near Eastern Studies Department at the University of Massachusetts where he is associate professor. He previously taught Jewish history at Spertus College of Judaica in Chicago. Professor Berkovitz has received numerous awards, including a recent fellowship from the Rothschild Foundation. Berkovitz frequently lectures on Jewish history and law and is writing a new book about the Jews of Alsace-Lorraine.

Love in Your Life: A Jewish View of Teenage Sexuality

By Roland B. Gittelsohn
UAHC Press 110 pp. \$9.95
paperback
(838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021)

This book was written for teenagers 13 to 15 years old. It gives a Jewish view of teenage sexuality. It intends to provide young adults with a Jewish perspective on paramount issues today.

Some topics included are: infatuation, love, premarital sex, birth control, the anatomy and physiology of sex, AIDS and other sexually

transmitted diseases, abortion, homosexuality, dating and mating, intermarriage, sexual abuse, maturity and the spiritual aspects of sex.

Roland B. Gittelsohn, rabbi emeritus of Temple Israel in Boston, holds an honorary D.D. degree from HUC-JIR and an honorary Sc.D. from Lowell Technological Institute. He is the former president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and is the author of several UAHC Press titles, including *Wings of the Morning*, *The Extra Dimension*, *Partners in Destiny*, and *Love, Sex, and Marriage*.

One, by One, by One
by Judith Miller Simon & Schuster
319 pp. paperback \$10.95

One, by One, by One is a report of the ways in which the Holocaust is remembered. From her travels in six nations, Judith Miller demonstrates reactions to memories of the Holocaust, and attempts to find ways to transmit truths of that period to future generations.

Newly published in paperback, this book was reviewed after its original edition in *American Jewish Times Outlook* (July-August 1990)

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TANNENBAUM FUND BRINGS DR. HERBERT SHORE TO BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME

A look at the world through cellophane-covered goggles offers quite a different perspective than seeing the world through “rose-colored glasses.” This exercise was one that the audience experienced at a seminar, “Sensitizing People to the Problems of Aging,” held at Blumenthal Jewish Home on June 17. Dr. Herbert Shore, an internationally recognized figure in the field of aging, spoke at the seminar sponsored by the Tannenbaum Memorial Fund. Dr. Shore, Vice President of the Dallas Home for the Jewish Aged for over thirty years, taught long-term care administration at the Center for Studies in Aging of the University of North Texas for seven years. He is currently the Executive Vice President of the North American Association of Jewish Homes and Housing for the Aged.

A diverse audience of professionals in the field of geriatrics, staff from BJH and other nursing homes as well as BJH volunteers attended.



Dr. Herbert Shore, well known in the field of aging and guest speaker for the Tannenbaum seminar, visits with Leah Tannenbaum (left) and her daughter, Jeanne.

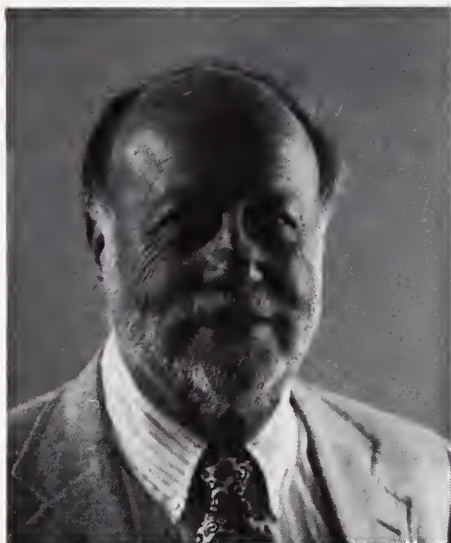
Dr. Shore explained the role that perceptual losses — hearing, vision and touch — can have on the functioning of the aged. He stressed the importance of empathy and an understanding of an individual’s environment by those who work

with the elderly.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home was fortunate to be able to bring Dr. Shore to the Home through the auspices of the Tannenbaum Memorial Fund. This fund was established by Leah Tannenbaum

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ellis Berlin.

On October 1, 1991, the Blumenthal Jewish Home will complete its 26th year of service to the Jewish communities of the Carolinas. As we face a new year of challenging

and compelling issues, we look back on the old year with a sense of pride and accomplishment. None of this could have been achieved without the dedicated services of your staff, the caring of your volunteers, the cooperation of your Board of Trustees and officers, the financial support of the Jewish communities and the active participation of the residents.

As we begin the New Jewish Year, we are faced with many challenges; however, with innovation and response, we will survive! The greatest danger we face is to remain static and become so caught up in today's difficulties that we fail to plan for tomorrow.

In the New Year, we will continue to maintain a Jewish caregiving institution working together for cultural survival within economic

constraints. As in the past, we will provide a home for the elderly that stresses Jewish family identity, values and practices!

In this season of the New Year, we reaffirm our dedication to our mission to maintain and embrace Jewish life care for our elders. This is not just a New Year's resolution, to soon be forgotten; it is our commandment to honor our fathers and our mothers!

May the year ahead be filled with the special joys the New Year brings:

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Ellis Berlin

GERTRUDE BRENNER — A FRIEND TO BJH



Gertrude Brenner.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home mourns the passing of a long-time friend, Gertrude Brenner of Winston-Salem, who passed away in June. Mrs. Brenner, along with her husband Morris, had been an active friend and supporter of the Home since its inception in 1960. A former member of the Board of Directors, Gertrude Brenner

served on the 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee in 1985.

In memory of her husband Morris, Gertrude, along with the Brenner family, established the Morris Brenner Memorial Fund to provide cultural enrichment and educational programming for the residents. The Brenner Concert Series brings an array of professional musical performances to the Home monthly and for special occasions. The Brenner Lecture Series provides for speakers and educational programs at the Home. Enrichment and the beauty of the arts are available for many who would not have the opportunity to enjoy them otherwise.

Gertrude Brenner, a woman of grace and elegance, brought beauty to whatever she touched in life and leaves a legacy of providing beauty to those touched by her thoughtfulness and generosity.

Tannenbaum Fund (continued)

in memory of her husband, Dr. Jack Tannenbaum, a physician from Greensboro, North Carolina, who had special interest in the care of the elderly. Dr. Tannenbaum was a longstanding member of the Board of Directors of the Home, and Mrs. Tannenbaum has carried on this interest with her provision for a fund which would provide events with a focus on gerontology as a means of furthering the field of health care for the aging.

**BJH
NEWS**

Editor — Sue Clein

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE



Donald J. Morris.

Every month I receive newsletters from other homes around the country and, as a matter of interest, always look to see what my counterparts are commenting on. Mostly the focus concerns funding, principally the effects of federal and state cutbacks. When I first contemplated my New Year's message I considered outlining the impact of the proposed reclassification of our skilled Medicaid residents to intermediate care, as this is the issue that currently is our greatest concern. However, as the new year begins I would like to comment on how we have addressed the challenges of the past year.

At one point we had thirty (30) vacant positions in nursing and were having to staff with considerable overtime and contract labor. Contract labor is very costly and far less efficient than our own personnel. Dining Services was not meeting our expectations. Our census was down. Today all staff positions are filled, Dining Services is substantially improved, we have a full house with a waiting list, and we received the highest possible rating from the State on our annual survey.

Six years ago when I joined the Home we had a well established program. Marian Sosnik had served as Interim Director and had done an outstanding job. I joined a program that was a premier provider of care. During my six years with the Home we have confronted many challenges and it has been my privilege to work with what I consider to be the most outstanding group of individuals that I have been associated with in my entire tenure in healthcare. Our staff has compassion, skill, humor, and they work tirelessly. Our Board of Directors is dedicated to excellence and our community is supportive. We are also uniquely fortunate to have involved and committed family members. As a consequence we have effectively met all challenges posed. While the measure of our effectiveness is not determined by having a survey that is free of deficiencies (which I have never observed in 14 years of healthcare), it does indicate a commitment and attention to detail that is very important. It is a source of

pride for all of us associated with the Home.

On reflection at the New Year, while the threats of diminished federal and state reimbursement loom over us, I am optimistic that the resources of staff, family, leadership, and community will carry us above the new challenges we face. These challenges are formidable; however, clear thinking and intelligent application of all of our resources will see us through 1991-92. We will retain our pride and, most important, continue our tradition of providing an enriched and dignified living alternative for our aged parents.

My best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Don Morris

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SUE'S NEWS

The New Year, A Time Of Reflection and Thanks



Fair Oaks resident Ben Fox enjoys lunch at Starmount Club with Greensboro volunteers Susan Robinson and her daughter, Julie.



Above, Fair Oaks resident Nelly Schwarz (left) chooses a book from the weekly library cart with the aid of library volunteer Lydia Thabet.

Rosh Hashanah is both a time to pause and reflect and a time to offer greetings in the form of wishes, to family and friends. We send cards with good wishes for health and happiness and we greet people with the words of Happy New Year or L'Shanah Tovah. This Rosh Hashanah, my sixth at Blumenthal Jewish Home, celebrates my fifth anniversary as the Director of Volunteer Services at the Home. It is a time for me to reflect on the growth of the program and to be grateful for the many wishes which have come true for us. Each New Year has been sweeter as new volunteers have joined and more residents have benefited from the new opportunities and friendships. I am grateful for the volunteers who have been with us these past five years and for those who have recently joined. I am grateful for the youngsters who stroll, the teens

who push wheelchairs, the volunteers who talk and those who listen, those who shop and those who sell, those who take residents to lunch and those who nurture their spirit at BJH.

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 those of you who are not yet volunteers with us, I wish you the courage to try and the satisfaction from caring.

We welcome the new volunteers who have joined us this past year from Winston-Salem, Clemmons, Greensboro and Charlotte:

Kelly Bellin
Joan Biller
Jack Blum
Zelda Breslow
H. M. & Jeanette Dillabough
Warren Emerson
Don Freedman
Bootsie Gutterman
Sheila Herman

Jerome Howard
Ruth Jacobs
Shirley Lynch
Eric Pirchesky
Ellen Samet
Rose Solomon
Barry & Leah Strulson
Lydia Thabet
Jill Wyatt

Below, a trip to Hanes Mall is a treat made possible by shopping volunteer Arlene van de Rijn for BJH resident Yvette Pearlman.



Volunteers to be thankful for



Above, Kelly Bellin calling bingo on B-Wing.



Right, Mary Sicheloff, shopping volunteer, with Clara Wilkerson at Hanes Mall.



Right, Greensboro volunteer Josi Swirin at the country club luncheon with Fair Oaks resident Syd Kastel.



Below, Fair Oaks resident Rae Glickman (left) shops at Hanes Mall with volunteer Harriet Wallach.

Right, BJH resident Marian Glasser (left) enjoys the luncheon with Greensboro volunteer Sarah Louise Pearlman.

Below, Don Freedman calling bingo on Wednesday night at Fair Oaks.



BJH NEWS BRIEFS — THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER



Jason Moff.

- **MUSICAL NOTES TOUCHED CHORDS TO PLEASE** everyone's tastes this summer. Sounds ranged from the soulful and joyous tunes of klezmer to upbeat and American show music and jazz swing rhythms. Residents enjoyed performances by such groups as Viva Klezmer, Sharps & Flats, The Society Swing Band, and Razz-Ma-Tazz.

- **TAPPING HIS WAY INTO THEIR HEARTS** was the sound of veteran BJH performer Jason Moff. For the June birthday party, Jason entertained with his annual and better than ever self-choreographed dance numbers.



Greensboro volunteers Sylvia Samet, Joey Strasser and Barbara Colchamiro sound good for the July party.



Above Right, Jerome Howard leads "Jewish Trivia" group.

Above Left, Fair Oaks resident Herman Nove sings Hatikva at the July birthday party.



- **JEWISH NOT SO "TRIVIA"** were the sounds of answers shouted out by residents at a new discussion group begun this summer. Jerome Howard of Charlotte, creator of a Jewish trivia question and answer game for the Home, provides a fascinating addition to BJH programming. Residents look forward to his visits and to providing the answers to tough questions.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Miles Bryant
Winston-Salem, NC

Violet Durham
Kernersville, NC

Helen Labell
Greensboro, NC

Alfred & Elsie Lubetsky
Boone, NC

Joseph Miller
Mocksville, NC

Ruth Moff
Greensboro, NC

Ruby Moran
Winston-Salem, NC

Vera Morrison
Caldwell, NC

Dorothy Myers
Winston-Salem, NC

Elaine Simons
Winston-Salem, NC

Rachel Thompson
Raleigh, NC

Charles West
Winston-Salem, NC

- **FASHIONS OF THE DAY** brought the sounds of applause to the auditorium on July 15. Gail Ruthfield was moderator and producer for a show featuring the latest styles in casual wear, business clothes, party dresses, and even wedding attire modeled by our own BJH fashion plates, staff members and staff daughters. Worth seeing that day were: staff — Lynda Abrahamson, Tara Callaghan, Anne Craver, Dannie Furr, Roberta Padovani, Arlene van de Rijn, and Fredia Thompson; daughters — Amber Craver, Laurie Furr, Brooke Jackson, Colleen Neace, and Salem, Taylor and Devin Shirley.



Taylor, Devin and Salem, daughters of Executive Secretary Cindy Shirley, stole the show, dressed for a wedding, at the BJH fashion show.



Anne Craver, Pharmacy Assistant, dazzled the eyes in her evening attire.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Brenner Concert, Blades of Grass, Bluegrass Music, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 4 Greensboro Women's Joint Opening Luncheon, Leave for Greensboro 10:30 a.m.
- 5 Friendship Circle, Leave for Greensboro 10:15 a.m.
- 15 Brenner Concert, Ron Rudkin, 5-Piece Combo, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 20 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 8 Senior Citizens Lunch, Leave for Clemmons 10:15 a.m.
- 13 Brenner Concert, Rhinestone Dancers, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 17 Friendship Circle, Leave for Greensboro 10:15 a.m.
- 17 Muriel's Comfort Clothing, Friendship Room, 3 p.m.
- 18 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Starmount Country Club, Leave for Greensboro 10:30 a.m.
- 27 Brenner Concert, Alan Kaufman, Popular Songs, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Party, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.



L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATAVU -



From Esther Pearson:

Health and happiness for the New Year to my family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Minnie and Moe Leder.

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 daughter and children.

From Anna Schleicher:

Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.

From Ruth Menins:

Happy New Year to my grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Nancy and Howard Schwartz.

From Lena Krieger:

To my family, all the best for the New Year.

From Bertha Marrus:

To my family, all the best for the New Year with my deepest appreciation.

From Miriam Gingold:

To Dr. and Mrs. Martin Lakin and children, 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:

Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Teddy Serxner:

Best wishes and love to Mr. and Mrs. Eisen and Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Serxner.

From Bebe Bennison:

Many happy returns for the New Year and many blessings from heaven be given to all people.

From Karl Cahn:

Happy New Year to my family and 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 Leo Schwartz:

Happy New Year to my whole family and all my friends.

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 Anna Shapiro:

To Jerry and Helene and their family, a happy and healthy New Year.

From Sarah Sherry:

To my family, all my love and best wishes for a happy New Year.

From Syd Kastel:

Happy New Year to my children and friends.

From Nelly Schwarz:

Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.

From Matt Miller:

To my grandchildren, Kacie and Leigh, and my son and daughter, Jeff and Lois, all the best wishes for the New Year with good health and happiness.

From George Carp:

To my niece in Miami, best wishes for the New Year.

From Fay Kalson:

To Jack and Seema and their family, best wishes for the New Year.

From Pearl Yachnin:

Happy holidays to my family.

From Virginia Brown:

To all my dear ones, may all your years be blessed.

From Ben Fox:

Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.

From Shirley Shane:

Good health and best wishes for the New Year to all my family and friends.

From Rose Golden:

Good health and best wishes for the New Year to all my family and friends.

From Else Guthmann:

Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Dora Bierman:

Best wishes for the New Year to my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

From Ethel Sutton:

Best wishes for the New Year to Sheila, Mike, Mike Jr., and Michele.

From Rae Glickman:

Best wishes for the New Year.

From Herman and Rose Nove:

Health and happiness for the New Year to all our friends and our daughter, Eva, our grandson, Andrew, and our sister-in-law, Cathy, and to her daughter and granddaughter.

From Ruth Moff:

Best wishes for the New Year to all my family and friends.

From Eva Kaplan:

Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Ruth Rose:

Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Lee Sweetbaum:

Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Elsie and Al Lubetsky:

Health and happiness for the New Year.

From Mickey Samet:

Happy New Year to all my friends and family.





- HAPPY NEW YEAR!



- From Helen Labell:
Helen and Nat Labell wish all of our friends and family a happy New Year.
- From Lilly and Adolph Marx:
Health and happiness for the New Year to our family.
- From Janet Wechsler:
Best wishes for the coming year to my family and friends.
- From Yvette Pearlman:
Good health and happiness to my family and friends.
- From Ida Temko:
Good health for the coming year to my family and friends.
- From Rose Germain:
Happy holidays to my children and grandchildren.
- From Sarah Cohen:
To my children and their families, wishing you a happy and healthy New Year.
- From Theresa Goldstein:
To my family, wishing you good health and happiness for the coming year.
- From Anna Levine:
Good health and happiness for the coming year to my family.
- From Mary Cohen:
New Year greetings to my family and friends.
- From Barnet Goldberg:
Good health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.
- From Lena Zimmerman:
Good health and happy holidays to my family.
- From Fannie Shandolow:
Good health and happiness for the coming year to my family.
- From Fay Wexler:
New Year's greetings to my family and friends.
- From Bea Alperin:
All my love and much happiness to my family and friends for the New Year.
- From Marian Glasser:
To my daughter, Joan, and her husband, Emil, my grandchildren and great-grandchildren, I wish you a healthy and happy New Year.
- From Florence Weiner:
Good health and happiness for the coming year to my entire family.
- From Bertha Lippman:
To my son, Fred, and family, wishing you good health and happiness for the coming New Year.
- From Fannie Benson:
Best wishes and love to my family and friends.
- From Helen Bloch:
To my family, all the best for the New Year.
- From Anna Passman:
Wishing my family and friends the best for the coming year.



- From Helene Baruch:
To both my sons and their families, may you have good health and happiness for the coming year.
- From Eleanor Altshuller:
Best wishes to my son and his family and my good friends for the coming year.
- From Martha Mayer:
Happy New Year to all my relatives and friends.
- From Noah and Dorothy Kaplan:
To our daughter and her family and our friends, may your lives be filled with happiness, contentment and good health.
- From Bernice Goldfinger:
Best wishes to my friends and family.
- From Sarah Blau:
Best wishes to Stanley and Audrey Horowitz.
- From Florence Swirsky:
Happy New Year to my brother, Sam Swirsky, and his wife, Irma.
- From Esther Wampler:
To all my friends, happy New Year and much love.
- From Henrietta Meltsner:
To my son, Charles Meltsner, and by brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blumenthal, happy New Year and much love.
- From Jane Rosenberg:
Happy New Year and much love to Mr. and Mrs. David Schell and Mrs. Catherine Schell.
- From Irene Mendelson:
A happy, healthy New Year to my children, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mendelson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schulman and daughter.
- From Clara Steiner:
I send love, hugs and kisses to all members of my family and best wishes for a happy New Year.
- From Ben Bruck:
To my granddaughter, Ellen Roberts, happy New Year and much love.
- From Ira Gutman:
Best wishes to all my friends and family. Happy New Year!
- From Mae Kornbluth:
Happy New Year to my friends and family.
- From Betty Levine:
A very happy New Year to all my friends and family.

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BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



Melodee Rash.

MELODEE RASH

Nursing Assistant, A-Wing
May, 1991

"I feel like Queen for a Day," exclaimed Melodee Rash expressing her excitement on being chosen Employee of the Month for May. "It never dawned on me that I'd be chosen. I love coming to work and I feel very honored." Caring for people is something Melodee says she has done all her life, but it didn't become a career for her until a little over two years ago. Melodee began working on A-Wing in July of 1989 after receiving her nursing assistant certification through training provided by the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Melodee says she is grateful that the certification program was available for her at the Home. Although her job is difficult, with both physical and mental strain, she says the work is worth it for the rewards it brings. "The residents are like my family, they notice the little things about you and they care about you," says Melodee. "I look forward to coming to work. I know that I'm helping somebody and that I have something to give."

Melodee was born and raised in

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Karen Wyatt.

KAREN WYATT

Administration
June, 1991

The opportunity to help and to learn are two things Karen Wyatt likes about working at Blumenthal Jewish Home. Karen's smile has been seen in the front office since January, 1988, when she began working as an Administrative Secretary. Karen says she realized the importance of working as a team with her early responsibilities as the front office receptionist. This position helped her to learn the functions of staff members and the organization of the facility.

"The friendly atmosphere and physical beauty of this setting are what I like best about working at BJH," says Karen. "People are genuinely concerned about the well being of their co-workers both professionally and personally. I feel lucky to work in this spacious setting and to be exposed to people the ages of our residents. Seeing this facet of life helps to prepare you for your own life." Pleased and surprised to be chosen, Karen says, "I am honored that someone thinks I do a good enough job to be recognized."

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Martha Shinault.

MARTHA SHINAULT

Licensed Practical Nurse, B-1
July, 1991

Martha Shinault's soft smile, gentle demeanor and quiet manner are an invitation to stop, reflect and soothe one's soul. The residents on B-1 have had the opportunity to do this since December, 1979, when Martha began working at BJH.

Martha Shinault is a native of Davie County and a graduate of the LPN program at Forsyth Technical School. Most of her career as an LPN has been at the Blumenthal Jewish Home which Martha describes as the most organized and the best place she has worked. "Working at BJH has been a learning experience for me," says Martha. "I have learned patience and how loving the residents can be. They are my friends and my favorite part of the job is talking to the residents. If you are open with them, then they are open with you and they know you care about them."

Surprised and pleased at being chosen Employee of the Month, Martha says, "I couldn't work at a better place. My co-workers are

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Elgin, Illinois. She moved to North Carolina twelve years ago and now lives in Mocksville with her two sons. In her leisure time, she says she enjoys photography, cake decorating and traveling — especially to Illinois to see her family.

Working at BJH is important to Melodee Rash. She says that it is her “family away from home,” the residents are like her “grandparents,” her co-workers are a great team and she feels respected and welcomed by everyone on the staff. Dannie Furr, A-Wing Unit Manager, says, “Nursing is a new career for Melodee but she has adapted to it very well. She is a good worker and always willing to work extra. Her sense of humor and her patience are her two outstanding qualities.”

BJH is proud to have Melodee as a member of its team and congratulates her on this honor.

Karen Wyatt (continued)

Karen, a native of Davie County, attended Winsalem College, a business school, and Appalachian State University in Boone. Her first job in the nursing home field was in Sarasota, Florida, where she says she received excellent training for her present position and an understanding of how administrative and medical ends tie together.

Donnelle Vaughn, Front Office Manager and Karen’s supervisor, describes Karen as a dedicated employee who is willing to go the extra mile as situations present themselves. She says, “Karen is a dependable and responsible individual who we are proud to say is a part of the BJH team.”

When she is not inside working, Karen enjoys being outside. A

member of the Sierra Club, she enjoys hiking, gardening and landscaping.

BJH congratulates Karen Wyatt, a deserving recipient of this honor.



BJH resident Robert Little enjoys the company of UNC-G student intern Carlos Bull.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in September and October:

SEPTEMBER

14 Years

Betty Johnson, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

12 Years

Judy Petty, *Dietary*

11 Years

Jim Byerly, *Maintenance*

5 Years

Sue Clein, *Dir. of Mktg./PR/Vol. Ser.*

4 Years

Evelyn Hamlin, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

3 Years

Cindy Brewer, *Laundry*

2 Years

Kathy Jay, *Dietary*

Kathy Koons, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

1 Year

Vaniel Danzy, *Dietary*

Michelle James, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

OCTOBER

22 Years

Lorena Durham, *LPN, A-Wing*

15 Years

Maxine Newman, *Dietary*

9 Years

Libby Carter, *Unit Mgr., B-1*

6 Years

Teresa Jackson, *Dir. of Pharmacy*

4 Years

Hazel Brock, *Dietary*

Jane Brown, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

3 Years

Dannie Furr, *Unit Mgr., A-Wing*

Lorraine Hetrick, *Unit Mgr., B-2*

Camilla Loftin, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Creola Nichols, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

Pat Oberle, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

2 Years

Susan Blalock, *Accounting*

Shawn Hicks, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

1 Year

Teresa Cook, *Dietary*

Margie Watts, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

Martha Shinault (continued)

always supportive in hard times and good times.”

When not at work, Martha, true to her nature, says she enjoys quiet activities, reading, biking, fishing and just being out in nature.

Libby Carter, B-1 Unit Manager, says that Martha does a wonderful job in a very quiet, unobtrusive manner. “She is one of the most gentle people I have ever known,” says Libby, “and Martha is a favorite of the residents because of her obvious kind and caring manner.”

BJH is pleased to present this honor to Martha Shinault. It is a privilege to have her on our staff.

On the Home Front . . .



Maureen McCullough.

MAUREEN McCULLOUGH RETURNS FROM SAUDI ARABIA

"I was glad to go and I'm glad to be back," said Maureen McCullough speaking of her four-month experience serving in the Persian Gulf War. Maureen, a visiting dental hygienist for BJH, was in the Army Reserve Unit which was activated November 21, 1990. After training at Fort Bragg, she served in Saudi Arabia from January 1 to May 1, 1991. Maureen was sent to a neutral zone fourteen miles from Iraq where her unit established a 400-bed field hospital with six operating rooms, four intensive care, five intermediate care and four minimal care units. "Being responsible for the Patient Admission Division meant twelve to eighteen-hour days on your feet, seven days a week," said Maureen. Her department did all admissions, discharges, evacuations, orders to pick up wounded and medical records and statistics on those entering the hospital. During her four-month stay, there were 11,960 people treated including

some prisoners, Iraqi civilians and children injured by the bombs.

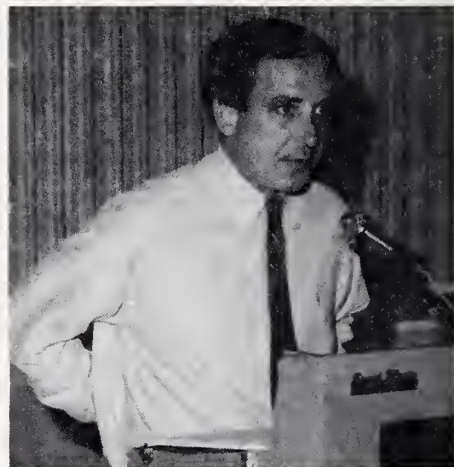
Maureen said she learned to sleep in her chemical suit and gas mask, and although she never felt frightened, she is glad to be back home. A reservist for ten years, Maureen said, "You know someday you will be called as 75 percent of the Army's medical capabilities are in the reserves. I was glad to have had the experience. It certainly makes you appreciate what we have."

Blumenthal Jewish Home is happy to welcome Maureen back home and back to her work at BJH. We appreciate her work both here at the Home and abroad and we thank her.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME STAFF

Employees of the Home deserve a special note of congratulations on their excellent job performance as evidenced by the results of the recently completed State survey. "No program deficiencies were noted during the survey," states the recent survey report. From July 23-25, a seven-person survey team spent three days at the Home conducting the annual survey for continued participation in the Medicare and/or Medicaid program. This survey is conducted annually by the N. C. State Division of Facility Services. BJH is proud of its zero deficiency rating and of its staff which made it possible. Congratulations!

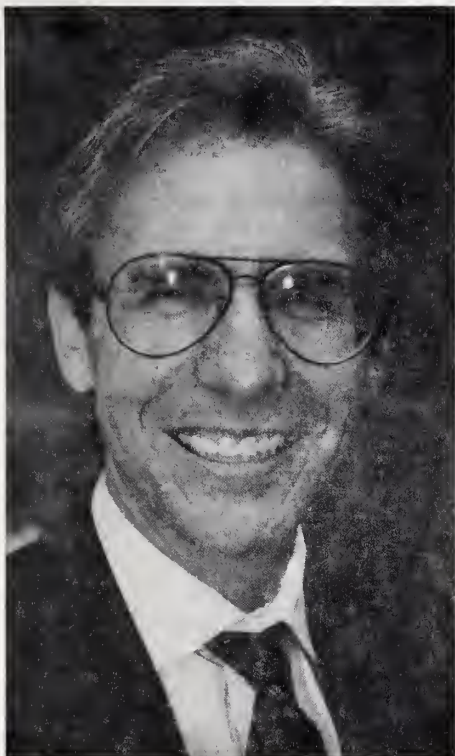


Bob Merenbloom of the Sticht Center on Aging, and a member of the BJH Board of Directors, serves as moderator for the Conference on Geriatric Services held in Winston-Salem.

BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME PARTICIPATES IN CONFERENCE ON GERIATRIC SERVICES

Don Morris, Executive Vice President, and Bob Merenbloom, a member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Board of Directors, were on the faculty of a two-day conference focusing on aging services held recently in Winston-Salem. BJH, along with the Appalachian Geriatric Educational Center, the Sticht Center on Aging at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, the Northwest Piedmont Council of Government Area Agency on Aging and Senior Services of Winston-Salem sponsored the conference. The program focused on the challenge of community-based geriatric services and provided an opportunity for professionals in geriatrics to come together at a critical time in aging services and to share the newest trends, ideas and approaches in this fast-moving field. BJH staff members, Sue Clein, Director of Public Relations & Volunteer Services, and Diane Cole, Social Worker, also attended the conference.

BRUCE SCHLOSBERG JOINS BJH AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Bruce Schlosberg.

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to announce the appointment of Bruce Schlosberg as Director of Development for the Home. Mr. Schlosberg brings to BJH an extensive background in fundraising, planning, organizational management, and community leadership development. He comes to us from Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Social Service Agency. In this position, he saw a successful Operation Exodus Campaign, an increase in the Federation's current campaign, and the resettlement of 45 refugees.

Before moving to Fort Worth, Mr. Schlosberg developed experience in community relations and plan-

ning as Director of Strategic Planning for the Atlanta (Georgia) Jewish Federation. His broad background in community planning and leadership development includes positions with the Centralina Council of Governments in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Chamber of Commerce in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Bruce Schlosberg is happy to be returning to North Carolina and is looking forward to meeting BJH friends and supporters. Recently married in August, Bruce and his wife Karen are now living in Greensboro, N.C. We welcome Bruce Schlosberg to the Blumenthal Jewish Home, and we invite you to welcome him to visit your communities.

The FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

This list includes names of contributors for June 3, 1991 – July 27, 1991. We want to know if there are any errors or omissions. Please call the Development Office at (919) 766-6401 if you have any corrections or questions.

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We regret the following omission in the May Times Outlook Fair Oaks Capital Campaign:

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SUKKOT RECEPTION

Sunday, September 29, 1991 – 2:30 p.m.

Refreshments in the Sukkah

Musical Entertainment by Barry Strulson

We invite you to bring your family and friends and join the celebration in our beautiful, grand Sukkah.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

Beatrice Bennison
 Juanita Brown
 Miles Bryant
 Rose Germain
 Eva Kaplan
 David Merrell
 Lucy Miller
 Matthew Miller
 Lucinda Moser
 Maurice Rogovin
 Abraham Schwartz
 Eva Weinberg

OCTOBER

Dora Bierman
 Mary Chandler
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 Gale Rorer
 Ruth Rose
 Nelly Schwarz
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 Stella Wallace
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 Fay Wexler
 Clara Wilkerson

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Ola Chappell
 Pauline Kartus
 Julius Neumarkt
 Michael Romaniw
 Evelyn Small
 Naida Tyo

May their cherished
 memories bring comfort
 to their loved ones.

Volunteering brings generations together.

*Shopping at the mall
 are, clockwise from
 lower left, Fair Oaks
 residents Mickey Samet
 and Ida Feinberg, volun-
 teers Millie Slatkoff,
 Betty Roth, Kerry
 Slatkoff and Elena
 Strauss (Millie's grand-
 daughters).*



HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 8

Eve of Rosh Hashanah, Synagogue 6:15 p.m.

Monday, September 9

First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Synagogue 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, September 10

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Syagogue
 (Shofar is Sounded) 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, September 17

Eve of Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre, Synagogue 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18

Day of Atonement, Yiskor Services,
 Synagogue 9:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 22

Eve of the Feast of Tabernacles, Synagogue 6:15 p.m.

Monday, September 23

First Day of Sukkot, Synagogue 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, September 24

Second Day of Sukkot, Synagogue 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, September 26

Sukkot Celebration, Grand Sukkah, Central Courtyard 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 29

Sukkot Reception, Grand Sukkah, Central Courtyard,
 Music Performance by Barry Strulson 2:30 p.m.

Monday, September 30

Shemini Atzeret, Synagogue 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, October 1

Simchat Torah, Feast of Rejoicing of the Torah,
 Synagogue 9:15 a.m.

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